



Rincon's Villa Playa Maria half-acre estate is the perfect atmosphere for catching some breaks and making memories, with myriad spots for photo ops.

Ultimate SURF Weekend

SINCE HOSTING THE WORLD SURFING CHAMPIONSHIP IN 1968, RINCON, PUERTO RICO, HAS SOLIDIFIED ITS SPOT AS THE CARIBBEAN'S HOTTEST PLACE TO HANG TEN.

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CATCH A WAVE ➤ Rincon's shores are all the rage for baggy-clad board bearers from around the world, with dozens of breaks for surfers of all levels. See for yourself with a lesson from **Rincon Surf School**. Join a three-hour group lesson or get some one-on-one tips from a local expert. Once you've got a couple of crests under your belt, rent a board and head over to Domes Beach, site of the 1968 event, and where the Corona Extra Pro Circuit stops annually.

CATCH A BITE ➤ Get beached for your morning sesh at **La Rosa Inglesa**, a hilltop B&B with surfer fare like breakfast burritos and huevos rancheros. Come lunchtime, head to **Shipwreck Bar & Grill**, an open-air restaurant off Rincon's palm tree-lined Route 413. If you've spent your day hitting the heavies at Maria's Beach, then dry off with a drink at the **Calypso Cafe**. Just a few steps from the beach and packed with surfers at happy hour, the laid-back bar is the best spot in Rincon to watch the sunset.

CATCH SOME ZZZS ➤ Book a room at the **Horned Dorset Primavera**, a swank 16-room Spanish colonial-style boutique. Or lay your longboard where the surfers do by scoring an affordable beachfront room at **Tambooside the Pointe**, a no-frills hotel located directly on Sandy Beach — a break popular for its soft, sandy bottom and long "lefts," which peel down the reef. All nine rooms have air conditioning (phew!), but rooms 6, 7 and 8 boast private outdoor balconies with awesome ocean views. Bonus: **Tambooside Tavern**, serving cheap drinks until 2 a.m. on weekends, is right downstairs.

