

**El San Juan Hotel
Opening Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
Friday, December 14th / 1:30 pm**

EL SAN JUAN HOTEL CELEBRATES GRAND REOPENING

Puerto Rico's leaders and officials come together and rejoice to celebrate the landmark property's reopening after a full restoration

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (Friday, December 14th, 2018) – The Governor of Puerto Rico, Honorable Ricardo Rosselló; the Mayor of Carolina, Honorable Juan Aponte Dalmau; the director of the Puerto Rico Tourism Company, Carla Campos; the co-owner of El San Juan Hotel, Andro Nodarse-León and its Executive Director Martin Smith, officiated a reopening ceremony of the beloved, iconic hotel in Isla Verde.

Poised flawlessly between city and shore, El San Juan Hotel, is celebrating its grand reopening, just in time for the holiday season and winter travel. The 388-guestroom hotel is ready to offer new and returning guests a variety of luxury experiences, food and beverage offerings, along with its renowned entertainment program

“We’re thrilled to be a part of this milestone moment in Puerto Rico’s recovery, and for the destination’s hospitality industry, as El San Juan Hotel marks a premier luxury destination within the Caribbean,” says Martin Smith, Managing Director of El San Juan Hotel. “El San Juan Hotel has always been a first-class luxury destination in the Caribbean and we are thrilled to be experience-ready with a rejuvenated look, incomparable amenities and authentic, island hospitality.”

Guests can enjoy the iconic Chandelier Bar at the lobby, Chico Cabaret with live music from Thursday to Saturday, The Rum Bar with a sophisticated variety of rums and spirits, the Wine Bar with the widest selection of wines by the glass and El Bistro where breakfast and light lunches will be offered during the day and tapas during the evening. Caña by Chef Juliana González also returns with breakfast and lunch, as well as Meat Market, contemporary steakhouse, and Trattoria Nápoles.

The hotel also returns with, Well & Being Fitness Center, a three-level gym, four swimming pools and BRAVA, the island's premiere nightclub,

As part of the multi-million dollar restoration, all grand tower guest rooms, poolside and oceanfront villas and suites-featuring two signature suites, have been restored to El San Juan Hotel's classic aesthetic, while also being enhanced to accommodate the needs of today's guests looking to visit Puerto Rico, with a unique blend of historic and modern design.

“The reopening of El San Juan Hotel comes at a harmonious time during Puerto Rico's holiday season—which happens to be one of the most traveled times to our beloved island,” Smith added.

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About El San Juan Hotel's Spaces:

Guest Rooms

Re-opening with newly refreshed guest rooms and suites, thoughtfully designed by Jeffrey Beers, El San Juan Hotel's accommodations feature floor-to-ceiling windows, sensor-activated air conditioning, a large HDTV and complimentary WiFi. With 11 distinctive room categories, spanning ocean, city and pool facing guestrooms, suites, pool and ocean villas and two specialty suites, guests can choose from a collection of scenic accommodations.

Restaurant and Bar Experiences

El San Juan Hotel features live entertainment and creative mixology, fashioning a refreshing ambiance that vibrates with excitement:

Chandelier Bar:

Perfectly positioned beneath the exquisite main feature chandelier, Chandelier Bar is a staple of El San Juan Hotel's nightlife and is the lobby's centerpiece. It offers perennial favorites along with signature cocktails, bathing its patrons in the gleaming aura of its crystal Czechoslovakian centerpiece - which is also the third largest oval chandelier of its kind in the world. The unique piece of art weighs 4,000 pounds and has 185 lightbulbs and 7,000 pieces of glass. Chandelier Bar is legendary in Puerto Rico and strongly associated by locals with unforgettable moments spent at El San Juan.

The Rum Bar: An innovative new concept featuring an extensive rum collection of vintage spirits and elixirs can be enjoyed in specialty craft cocktails or neat.

Wine Bar:

Located beneath the seductive glow of an exceptional modern lighting sculpture in the lobby, Wine Bar offers an incomparable selection of wines by the glass, including excellent vintages from the most renowned vineyards along with more specialized varietals from artisan wineries.

El Bistro:

Located in the lobby, it is a coffee shop by day and tapas bar at night. Offers locally-roasted Alto Grande coffee, a daily offering of breakfast and lunch and a ceviche and taps menu.

Caña by Juliana González: A local islander born and raised in Puerto Rico, who for the last 15 years has worked in and led some of the finest restaurants in Spain and Miami, Juliana González' restaurant offers a new wave of socially and environmentally mindful ways of eating. Sourcing ingredients from local farmers, fishermen and small businesses, Caña by Juliana González is an original concept that bonds island tourists with Puerto Rico's refined culinary heritage. The restaurant features a lively in door space and lush outdoor terrace overlooking the pool. Outdoor bar and pool service will also be available.

Meat Market San Juan: As a truly contemporary steakhouse boasting a sophisticated ambiance and sizzling with Miami and New York City style energy, Meat Market is a happening bar scene and features a pioneering menu with a variety of prime cuts of meat, exceptional seafood and other cutting-edge gastronomy. Meat Market also offers a variety of amazing sides, appetizers and a top-notch Wine Spectator award-winning wine list –all infused with an artful, contemporary spin.

Celebrations, Meetings and Entertainment

El San Juan Hotel is a place where locals, visitors, and groups gather for special events. Alive with energy and entertainment, the hotel brings people together to drink, dine and delight. From first-class entertainment to jovial celebrations and serene relaxation, the traditions that form El San Juan Hotel are infused in every experience.

Meetings & Events Spaces: With nearly 40,000 square feet of space, including a newly redesigned 11,000 square-foot grand ballroom, the hotel is available for hosting a wide array of meetings, conferences, business events and social celebrations.

BRAVA Nightclub: Combining the high-energy exhilaration of a nightclub with the immersive atmosphere of an upscale lounge, BRAVA is a hallmark of Puerto Rican nightlife. Recently redesigned by Mark Lehmkuhl, BRAVA, spanning two floors, combines elegant décor evoking a luxurious chandeliered library with cutting-edge lighting, sound and projection systems.

Chico Cabaret: Chico Cabaret features captivating live cabaret entertainment and innovative cocktails in an alluringly intimate setting. Just off the main lobby, it is a vibrant local favorite and a unique discovery for in-house guests that offers an unparalleled VIP experience. Chico Cabaret offers live music Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 8:00 pm. On Saturdays El San Juan Big Band entertains led by Charlie Sepúlveda.

Wellness

The hotel approaches wellness with a vigor that mimics the energy of the lobby. Guests can find active, energetic experiences at the pool or at the state of the art tri-level Well & Being Fitness Center. Well & Being provides expanded fitness services with robust offerings, including Pilates, vertical wall yoga, TRX and CrossFit, group cycle, and more. The center is surrounded by lush landscape and pool views and features an open air rooftop with punching bags and training equipment for workouts alfresco.

For more information on El San Juan Hotel or to book a reservation, please visit elsanjuanhotel.com or call 1-787-791-1000.

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About El San Juan Hotel

El San Juan Hotel is an iconic 388-room destination resort situated on two miles of the pristine Isla Verde Beach, recently voted the Best Urban Beach in the U.S., within Puerto Rico. The property features nearly 40,000-square feet of meeting space including a newly redesigned 11,000-square foot grand ballroom, along with four pools, multiple food and beverage offerings including BRAVA, the island's premiere nightclub. Additional amenities include the tri-level state-of-the-art Well & Being Fitness Center, tennis courts, water sports, and poolside luxury cabanas. The hotel is easily accessible, located just two miles from Puerto Rico's Luis Muñoz Marín International Airport, and 15 minutes from San Juan Cruise Port. For more information on El San Juan Hotel, visit elsanjuanhotel.com