



PUERTO RICO

With it's first settlement founded in 1508 by Ponce de Leon, Puerto Rico has a long history of colonization. Literally translated as "rich port", the island was historically know for it's transports of gold and silver from the new world to Europe. The city's capitol, San Juan, is depicted in Eric's painting of this caribbean island. Many walls and fortifications built by the Spanish government are still intact and surround the city. The vibrant culture is not only reflected in their art, food and music, but also the colorful architecture that abounds throughout the city.

1. Castillo San Felipe del Morro (*el Morro*)
2. Faro de Morro lighthouse
3. Roberto Clemente—many great baseball player have roots in Puerto Rico.
4. Pope John Paul II—first Pontiff to visit the Island—and Cardinal Luis Aponte Martinez
5. Water Sports in the Caribbean are awesome.
6. The Taino and Caribe cultures lived here for thousands of years.
7. Christopher Columbus claimed the island for Spain on his 2nd Voyage.
8. Juan Ponce de Leon—1st Governor of Puerto Rico, never found fountain of youth.
9. Jose Juan Barea—1st Puerto Rican on Championship NBA team.
10. Chi Chi Rodriguez—Pro Golfer, Touche'
11. Cementario Santa Maria Magelena de Pazzis
12. Castillo San Cristobal
13. The Puerto Rico Capitol Building
14. State Department Reception Center
15. Iglesia San Jose
16. Statue of Christopher Columbus—Plaza de Colon
17. Iglesia San Agustin—Puerto de Tiera School
18. San Juan Central Post Office
19. Cathedral de San Juan Bautista
20. Palacio de Santa Catalina
21. Paseo de la Muralla—what a gorgeous walk.
22. School of Fine Arts
23. Casa Blanca—home of Juan Ponce de Leon
24. Ballaja Barracks—Museum of the Americas
25. Quincentennial Fountain
26. Totem Telurico
27. Plaza de Armas
28. Flying chiringas (*kites*) in the ocean breeze at el morro, 5-star fun.
29. Eric was amazed by the San Juan cats everywhere.
30. Coquis'—they sing the song of Puerto Rico.
31. La Muralla