

Bayamón



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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Welcome to Bayamón! Throughout this informative material, we want you to be familiar with the different places of interest that can be found in our city. From Art and History Museums, places for families to enjoy, up to the most modern recreational parks. In addition, you will learn some brief historical facts about our places of interest. Bayamón is a city rich in history, culture and tradition, for the enjoyment of our visitors.

OUR HISTORY

Bayamón was founded in 1772. The origin of our city's name is still unknown. Nevertheless, it is believed that its source is Taino and relates to the name of some cacique. The city's economy has strengthened since its beginnings, with the production of various fruits, cattle and other agricultural products. Industrial, commercial and service activities began in the 20th century, and are now a major component of Bayamón's economy. Our city consists of 12 boroughs: Barrio Nuevo, Buena Vista, Cerro Gordo, Dajaos, Guaraguao Abajo, Guaraguao Arriba, Hato Tejas, Juan Sánchez, Minillas, Pájaros, Pueblo and Santa Olaya.

THE SEAL

The symbols on Bayamón's seal reflect historical data of the city. Blue represents Río Bayamón. The guajana flowers refer to sugarcane cultivation. The five towers recognize the villages that were transformed into the city under the Spanish sovereign. The cross refers to the first church of the city. The latin phrase "IN HOC SIGNO VINCES" is a slogan that in Spanish means "En este signo vencerás". Its design was created by Roberto Biascochea Lota.



THE FLAG

The flag consists of a blue cross with yellow borders, over a white background. It was elaborated by Gloria M. León de Rodríguez and was officially approved by the Municipal Legislature on March 29, 1977. The colors signify the same as the seal.



PLACES OF INTEREST

BAYAMON ART MUSEUM



Located within the Luis A. Ferré Science Park. It consists of nine exhibition rooms that include paintings of Puerto Rican artists, such as Antonio Martorell, José Campeche, Lorenzo Homar, Carmelo Sobrino,

Félix Bonilla Norat, Olga Albizu, Noemí Ruiz, Andy Bueso, among others.

FRANCISCO OLLER MUSEUM



Among its permanent collection, there are paintings of Consuelo Gotay, María Emilia Somoza and Rafael Tufiño, along with others. It consists of two itinerant rooms and an interior patio with sculptures and workings from Tomás Batista. The structure

where the Museum is located was constructed in 1907 and was originally Bayamon's Town Hall.

HOUSES OF RESIDENT ARTISTS

A modern project that serves as residence and workshops for local artists. This project was created with the purpose of promoting art in the city and is a part of the town's restoration plan.



The resident artists offer seminars and conferences. The

houses are located on Barbosa Street.

Historical Archive Museum



An interesting stroll through our city's past. Inside you will enjoy browsing throughout housing models, photographs and documents that illustrate Bayamón's historical development. It is located at #14 Degetau Street.

José Celso Barbosa House and Museum



It is a 14th century wooden structure typical of that era in Puerto Rico and is also the birthplace of the doctor for whom it is named after and where many of his awards, certificates, books and other

artifacts of interest are on exhibit. Its large balcony, shutter windows, mountains carved in wood and its midpoint, are a clear illustration of the Puerto Rican architecture of that period in time

Santa Cruz Church



It is located in the town's Recreational Plaza and its construction distinguishes Bayamón's establishment. It was originally located at Hacienda Santa Cruz, until 1770 when the people of Bayamón requested

permission for its relocation. In 1772, Father José Martínez de Matos conducted the service where the land was blessed and he laid the foundation stone for the construction of the temple.

Town Hall



It holds the record for the first air building in the Caribbean. It was inaugurated in 1980 by then mayor, Ramón Luis Rivera Rivera and was named Angel Rivera Rodríguez, who was

Bayamón's mayor during the years between 1934 and 1944.

ENTERTAINMENT

North Star (Estrella del Norte)



A Pablo Rubio Sculpture which enhances the area facing State Road PR-5, and is the largest sculpture in the world (610' long and 60' high, in its highest peak), within its category. This plaza offers cultural and artistic events to

the general public.

Luis A. Ferré Science Park (Parque de las Ciencias Luis A. Ferré)



The Luis A. Ferré Science Park offers its visitors an educational experience full of entertainment. It has various attractions for the entire family, such as the planetarium, archeological exhibitions and a mini golf,

among others. The Bayamón Art Museum is located inside the park.

The Market (El Mercado)



This modern market plaza combines the traditional with the contemporary. You can purchase fruits and vegetables, and Puerto Rican candy and handmade crafts, among others. In addition, you can

enjoy coffee, chocolate and ice cream, as well as local and international food. The market has a green roof that provides shelter for an orchard.

Childrens Central Park (Parque de los Niños)



A large centric park which is an ideal place to enjoy a day with the family. It is located on State Road PR-2 and is famous for its artificial lake and its attractions.

Eugenio María de Hostos Recreational Plaza



It is located where the Church of the Holy Cross and the parish cemetery had been since 1772. This area has been destined as a meeting place and commercial exchange since the 1840s. It is constructed similar to the

Spanish plazas and wherein there is a Dominican mahogany tree which was planted by the famous scientist, Agustín Stahl, in the early twentieth century.

Carmen Delia Dipiní Coffee Theater



Dedicated to the memory of the immortal singer. Cultural, educational and social activities are held in this cozy place.

Braulio Castillo Theater



It was inaugurated in 1984 and is located on the mail level of the Town Hall. It was named in honor of the famous Bayamón actor. Various plays, symphony concerts, among other artistic performances

are held on its stage.

SPORTS

Honda Tennis Center



A modern complex with 16 courts with excellent conditions to practice tennis. This Center offers basic tennis lessons and holds tournaments on regular basis.

Río Bayamón Linear Walk



A modern park, ideal for exercising in a friendly environment. It has two lanes, one for pedestrians and the other for cyclists. The Linear Walk starts on State Road PR-177 and ends at the beach in Levittown, Toa Baja.

Río Bayamón Golf Course



The golf course has 4,600 yards, of which two holes are par 5, four are par 3 and the remaining is par 4 with narrow fairways and gusts of wind all the time. It consists of a bi-level putting and driving range. Golf

lessons are also offered here.

Bayamón Soccer Complex



Official headquarters for the Bayamón Football Club. The complex consists of three professional courts, one of them with artificial turf. Soccer lessons are available for children and teens of

both genders, between the ages of 4 and 17.

Onofre Carballeira Sports Complex



Dedicated to the memory of the legendary basketball player, Onofre Carballeira Umpierre. Within the complex are the following: the Rubén Rodríguez Coliseum, the Juan Ramón Loubriel Stadium, the Civil Defense and the Miguel J.

Frau Gymnasium.

Professional Sports Teams

Bayamón Cowboys

The team belongs to the National Superior Basketball (BSN) and currently holds 14 championships. Its beginnings date back to 1930 and in 1955 they were given the name Bayamón Cowboys (Vaqueros de Bayamón).

Bayamón FC

The first division of the Puerto Rico Soccer League is incorporated in 2009. It has a reserve club in the national league, second division. Its headquarters is the Bayamón Soccer Complex.

HOTELS

Bayamón has two excellent hotels for you to stay at and each one will give you the rest and relaxation that you need. We are certain that you will be as comfortable as you would be at home.

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