

Weather & Comfort (May)

- **Tropical Climate:** Puerto Rico is consistently humid (often above 80%). In **Mayagüez**, mornings are typically bright and sunny, but heavy afternoon showers are the norm. **Pro tip:** Always carry an umbrella or a light poncho.
- **Indoor Temperatures:** While it's hot outside, indoor A/C systems are often set to "frosty." It is highly recommended to wear light clothing for the outdoors but **bring a jacket or sweater** for meetings and indoor dining.

Maps

I've selected the most strategic points that combine the region's academic, historic, and natural value.



West coast of the main island

Host: University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez

1. The Mayagüez Campus is the central hub of western Puerto Rico, especially due to its impact on research and development. University of Puerto Rico - Mayagüez Campus (RUM): Known as "El

Colegio," it's one of the best Spanish-speaking technical universities in the world. Its civil, mechanical, and computer engineering programs are critical bridges to global corporations and federal agencies.

History and Heritage: San Germán

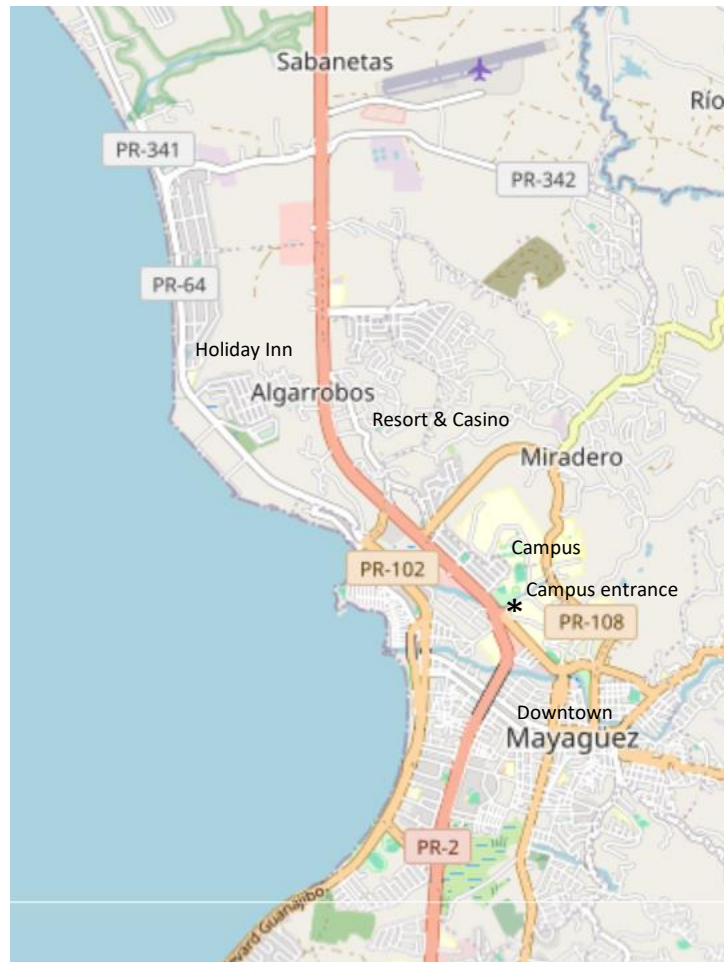
2. Porta Coeli Church: Located in "The City of Hills," it is one of the oldest chapels in the New World (founded in 1606). It is a symbol of cultural resilience and the historical heritage of the west, ideal for understanding the region's social roots.

Natural Attractions and Recreation

The west is famous for its contrasts between the sea and the mountains:

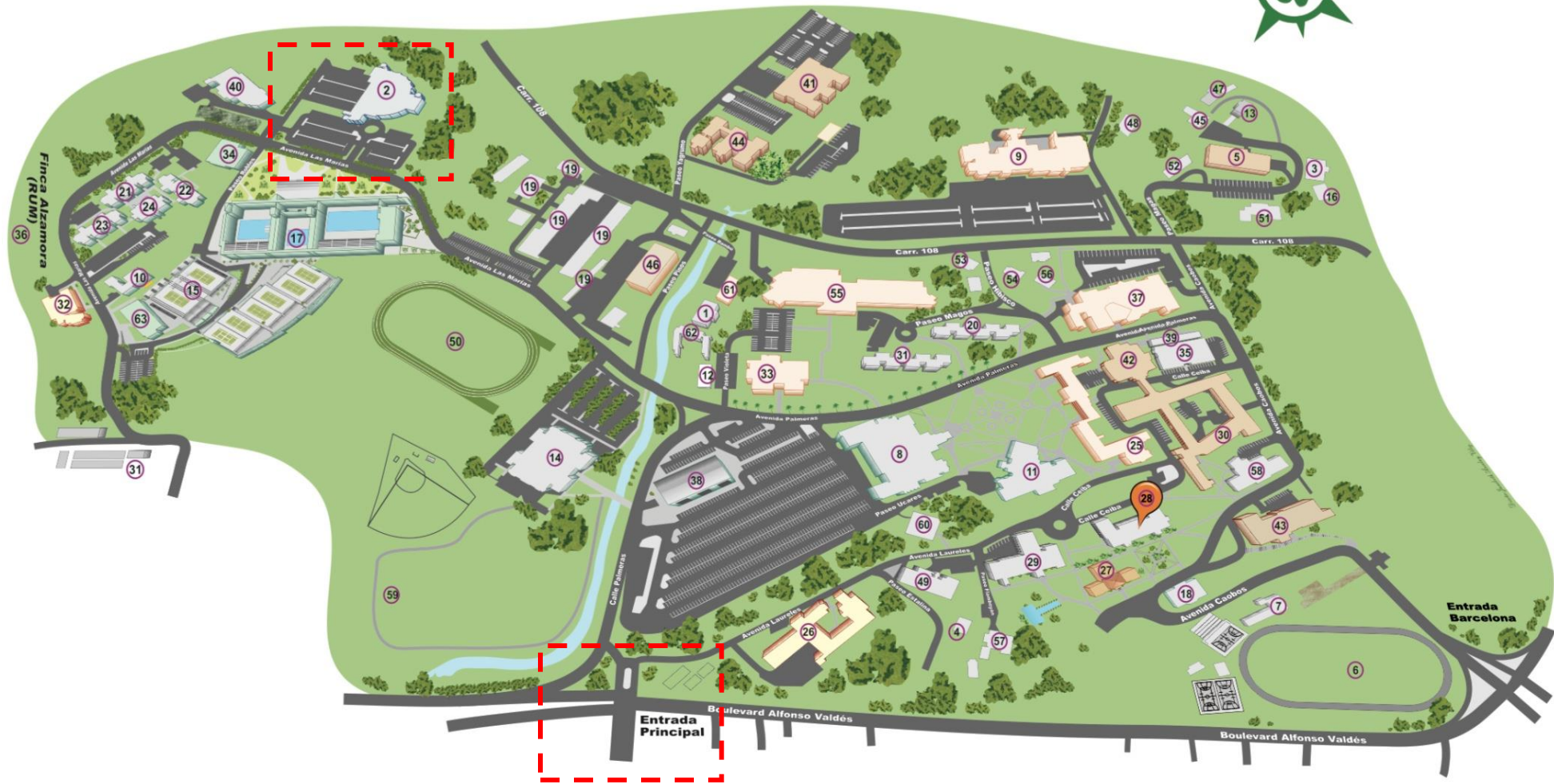
3. Los Morrillos Lighthouse and Las Salinas (Cabo Rojo): An iconic spot for birdwatching and the salt industry, which holds historical economic importance for the municipality.
4. La Parguera (Lajas): A center for marine research and sustainable tourism, famous for its bioluminescent bay and cays.
5. Crash Boat Beach (Aguadilla): Known for its crystal-clear waters and historic pier, it is a landmark tourist destination in the northwest.
6. Rincón: The surf capital, essential for understanding the flow of foreign investment and luxury tourism in the area.

I have zoomed the map to highlight the two main hotel districts near the **UPRM Campus**.



Mayaguez area hotels map

- **Campus Access:** The main entrance is marked with an asterisk (*).
- **North of Campus:** You will find the **Holiday Inn** and the **Mayagüez Resort & Casino**. (Note: The towns of Añasco and Rincón are located further north and are not shown on this map). I recommend renting a vehicle, as many areas lack consistent sidewalk access.
- **South of Campus:** This area features **Downtown Mayagüez**, with three hotels located within walking distance of the main town square (**Plaza Colón**).



Campus Map