



María del Puerto Rico Fulfills her Dream of Visiting Puerto Rico

Discover Puerto Rico, the Tourism Company, and El Conquistador Resort, among other tourism entities, joined together to make lifelong wish come true

San Juan, Puerto Rico, January 12, 2023 – María del Puerto Rico, the contestant on the Spanish TV gameshow El Cazador that bears the name of the Island, fulfilled this week her lifelong dream of visiting and having an authentic Puerto Rican experience with her family.

The group arrived in the early hours of Monday. Since then, they've stayed on El Conquistador Resort, visited the Palomino Isle, had a gastronomic tour of Old San Juan, a cocktail experience at the Caribe Hilton Hotel, and participated in an excursion to Culebra's beaches.

"Visiting Puerto Rico has been a dream come true. Everything has been wonderful since we arrived and started visiting the beautiful beaches and seeing the beautiful landscapes of the Island. Having known about Puerto Rico for so long and now being able to see the streets, the coasts, and this Caribbean paradise is a unique experience that my family and I will never forget," said Rico.

At the end of last year, she participated in the TV show and expressed her desire to visit Puerto Rico because of the curiosity that, since childhood, has generated having the same name as the Island. In early December, Discover Puerto Rico, the Puerto Rico Tourism Company, and El Conquistador Resort, among other local partners, invited the woman and her family to fulfill their dream.

Her peculiar name, María del Puerto, was inherited from one of her grandmothers and came as a homage to Our Lady of the Port, patron of Plasencia, a town in the Cáceres Province in Spain. His last name is Rico.

"Since she participated in the TV show, we have been intrigued, honored, and curious about her name and story. Our desire is that her experience in our destination is so wonderful that she becomes a natural ambassador for our Island and all the wonders we offer visitors," said Brad Dean, Discover Puerto Rico's CEO.

The Puerto Rico Tourism Company executive director, Carlos Mercado, said, "it's of great satisfaction to have collaborated with our commercial partners so that Mrs. María del Puerto Rico achieves her dream of visiting the Island. We hope that her stay with us has been memorable and that, with the positive energy and charisma that characterizes her, when she returns home to Spain, she shares her experiences and motivates her family, friends, and community to plan their next vacation in Puerto Rico. Here we will always be ready to welcome our visitors with the hospitality and warmth that distinguishes our people."

"Since we saw the story of María del Puerto Rico on social media, we wanted to be part of the effort to bring her to Puerto Rico with her family. We immediately contacted the DMO and offered our resort to welcome them. We are more than happy with the visit and to be part of this moment that touched the hearts of thousands of Puerto Ricans. In addition, we recognize the strength of social networks and how her story inspires visitors to our Island," said Luis Méndez, Director of Sales and Marketing of El Conquistador Resort.



The woman visited the Island with her husband and two daughters. Before their return to Madrid on Saturday, it is expected that the woman and her family will have additional experiences on the Island.

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