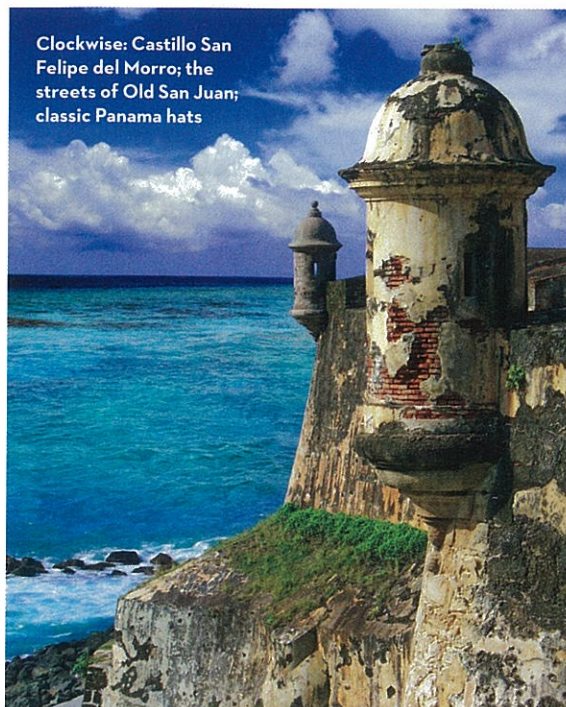


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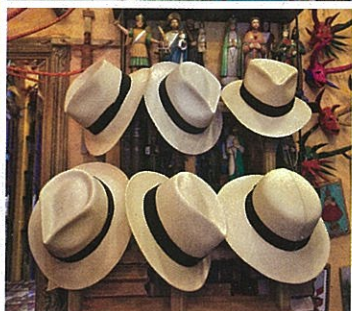
Big on taste, light on the 'nog, **GEORGIA'S SEA ISLAND** resort serves a milk punch with a smoky bourbon kick that is smooth, creamy, and just the right amount of sweet.

SEA ISLAND MILK PUNCH

Combine **2 cups heavy whipping cream**, **2 cups whole milk**, **1 cup Woodford Reserve bourbon**, and **3/4 cup sifted powdered sugar** in a metal bowl placed in ice water. Scrape seeds from **1/2 split vanilla bean** into cream mixture, and whisk until frothy. Pour into an 8-cup pitcher, and freeze 30 to 60 minutes, stirring occasionally. Pour into 4 rocks glasses or old-fashioned glasses, and sprinkle with **grated nutmeg**. Makes 4 servings.



Clockwise: Castillo San Felipe del Morro; the streets of Old San Juan; classic Panama hats



WATERFRONT WEEKEND

Old San Juan, Puerto Rico

➔ This 500-year-old island outpost feels more Córdoba than Caribbean, with Spanish-style architecture framing narrow, steep cobblestone streets, tiny iron balconies overflowing with potted palms, and a mighty statue of Christopher Columbus. That is, until you see the surrounding vistas of blue water just beyond the ancient curving stone walls of Castillo San Felipe del Morro, a 16th-century fortress-turned-national park at the tip of San Juan Bay. Covering about 25 square blocks, Old San Juan is a charming seaside medina of timeworn pastel facades where business and salsa dancing happen daily.

STAY Best encompassing the charm of Old San Juan is Hotel El Convento, located just up a gentle, sloping hill from the harbor's cruise ships and ferries. The butter-colored former Carmelite convent centers around an ornate, four-story, open-air courtyard dotted with Andalusian tile and wrought iron lamps.

SIP Puerto Rico is known for its coffee, and it's hard to find better than at trendy little Cafe Cuatro Sombras, which roasts its fresh beans from the Yauco region in house with a giant, bright red roaster. Baristas whip up perfect macchiatos with elaborate designs cleverly drawn in the steamed milk on top.

SHOP Among Old San Juan's tangle of touristy souvenir shops, wander down Fortaleza Street to Ole. The dimly lit boutique feels

like a bespoke tailor's atelier, with its slightly cluttered stacks of handwoven Panama hats perched on old-fashioned hat blocks amid colorful cultural figurines. They'll custom fit toppers with your choice of colored ribbon.

PLAY The palm tree-dotted beaches of Isla Verde, a 15-minute drive outside of Old San Juan, offer fat stretches of white sand for sunbathing and swimming, lined by lovely hotels like The Ritz-Carlton.

DINE Puerto Rico's modern fusion cuisine is served in tastes of snapper ceviche, yucca gnocchi, and sweet watermelon sangria at the Latino-Caribbean Aguaviva. It's set in a neighborhood that feels like a step back in time, but the hip blue jellyfish lamps bring you back to the present. —Brooke Showell