

Ponce

Distance to town:

Around a 10 minute shuttle bus drive

Shopping:

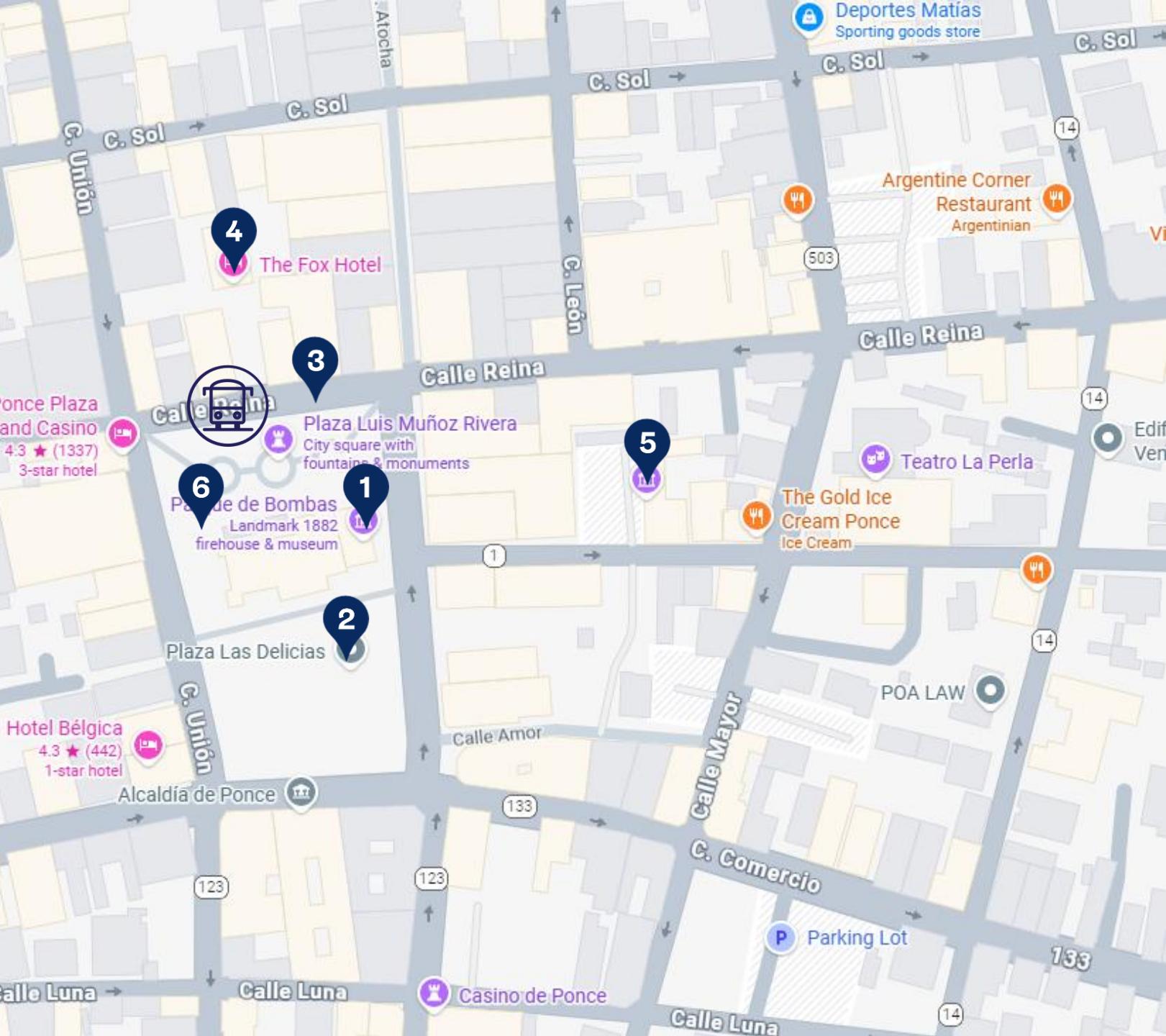
Head to Utopia Souvenir Shop for some retail therapy



Shuttle Drop Off Point

Top Sights:

- 1 Parque De Bombas
- 2 Plaza Las Delicias
- 3 Utopia Souvenir Shop
- 4 The Fox Hotel
- 5 Cultural Centre
- 6 Our Lady Of Guadeloupe Cathedral



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USEFUL INFORMATION



CURRENCY
US DOLLAR



LANGUAGE
SPANISH & ENGLISH



DISTANCE TO TOWN
AROUND 10 MINUTES VIA SHUTTLE



AT A GLANCE

Ponce is a major city on the Southern Coast of Puerto Rico and is known as the "Pearl of the South" famous for its rich history and vibrant architecture. Head to Plaza Las Delicias, the main square in Ponce filled with fountains, gardens and monuments honouring local heroes. At the centre of the square you'll also find Parque de Bombas fire station.

It's not possible to walk into the town due to the busy roads, so it's recommended to take a taxi or the port run shuttle bus to reach the town. Check out your Cruise News for more information.

OUT AND ABOUT

Parque de Bombas: An eye catching red and black striped unique building that was Puerto Rico's first fire station, built in 1882. For over a century it served as Ponce's firehouse and is now a museum dedicated to the cities firefighting history. It's free to enter, you'll just need to sign the visitors book.

Our Lady Of Guadalupe Cathedral: This striking cathedral is one of the cities best known landmarks and is still a working church today. Its elegant twin towers and neoclassical design make it easy to spot. Step inside, admire the stained glass and soak up a little of Ponce's history.

Ponce City Hall: You'll find the city hall overlooking the main square. Its elegant arches and historic charm make it a great spot for photos and a lovely place to soak up Ponce's rich heritage.

BEST BEACHES

Ponce isn't known for its beaches, so you'll need to head a little further afield. Playa Santa is around an hour's drive and offers soft sand, calm waters and a laid-back local vibe. There's a beach bar and restaurant, sunbeds to hire from local vendors, and watersports available to book locally if you fancy something more active.

SHOPPING

For shopping in Ponce, head to the main square where you'll find Utopia, a popular stop for those all important souvenirs. Around Plaza Las Delicias you'll find local markets and craft stalls selling handmade jewellery, artwork and traditional gifts.

DO IT LIKE THE LOCALS

Cool off the local way with a visit to one of Ponce's traditional heladerías. The city's known for its long-standing ice cream parlours, where tropical flavours take centre stage and families have been stopping by for generations.

JUST SO YOU KNOW

Shops and attractions often close for a short break around midday, reopening later in the afternoon, so plan your day ahead to make the most of your time ashore.

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