

## Caves of Punta del Este

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The **Caves of Punta del Este**, located on the Isla de la Juventud, Cuba; They form a group that is well known for the cave paintings that have been found on its walls, left there by the aborigines in pre-Columbian times.

Punta del Este is located in the extreme south east of the Isla de la Juventud, it has 33 square kilometers of extension, where there is a rich biodiversity, in which the exuberant vegetation and diverse terrestrial and marine fauna stand out.

From a heritage point of view, the Site is renowned for the presence of a four-cave cave system, where No. 1 is located, with 213 pictographs, representing almost a third of those found throughout the country. reason that caused the Cuban sage [Fernando Ortiz](#) to call it "THE SIXTINE CHAPEL OF CARIBBEAN RUPTURE ART". Today a National Monument declared since [1979](#) by the National Commission of Monuments. The caves have gone through several restoration works that included new excavations, the washing of the walls and ceilings, the taking of photographs of the entire process, the restoration of the floors and the rest.