



The Caribbean island of Puerto Rico, with its awe-inspiring geographic features, deep history, world cuisine, authentic Spanish language and culture is one of our favorite destinations. It's an American Territory so no Passport or foreign currency exchange is required, it's much closer than Europe so we don't lose two days to flights, and it's always warm!

This itinerary includes two overnights on the fortified island of Old San Juan, an overnight in Ponce on the South Coast, an overnight on Luquillo Beach, and an overnights on the Island of Vieques.

Highlights include the castles, plazas, avenues, and waterfront of Old San Juan, Yokahú Watchtower and La Mina Falls in El Yunque Rainforest, The Camuy Caves, Arecibo Observatory, The Taino Ceremonial Site at Tibes, a Barista-led tour of a Coffee Plantation, Professional Salsa Lessons, and night kayaking across the brightest Bio-Bay in the world.

Day	City	Highlights
1	Airborne Old San Juan	Meet your Program Director at the airport for your flight to Puerto Rico! Orientation - Find Hotel, Plaza Colon, Fort San Cristobal, Santa Maria Magdalena de Pazzis Cemetary, Plaza del Quinto Centenario, Fortaleza San Filipe del Morro, Plazuela de la Rogativa, San Juan Gate, Plaza del Immigrante, Raices Fountain, and Paseo de la Princesa. Dinner in Old San Juan overlooking the bay.
2	Old San Juan	Relaxed breakfast overlooking Old San Juan. Explore inside the 400-year old Castillo San Felipe del Morro, Casa Blanca (built for Ponce de Leon), La Fortaleza (the oldest governor's mansion in the western hemisphere), and San Juan Cathedral. Enjoy a relaxed lunch and spend some time exploring the famous shopping streets. Late afternoon exploring the Botanical Gardens.
3	Ponce	Board our private shuttle(s) for an all-day tour ending on the southern side of the island in Ponce. Along the way we'll learn about the worlds largest radio telescope at the Arecibo Observatory, enjoy a guided tour of the Camuy Caves (we'll visit the Cueva Ventana if weather closes the Camuy Caves), and tour a family owned Coffee Plantation with a champion barista. Check into hotel in the heart of Ponce and take a quick dip in the swimming pool before dressing up for Salsa lessons by instructors from Julie Mayoral's Dance Academy. Dinner on Plaza Las Delicias followed by dessert at King's Ice Cream.
4	El Yunque Luquillo	Board private shuttle with your luggage, we're heading to El Yunque Rainforest. Get oriented at El Portal Visitor Center, take in the panoramic view from Yokahú Tower, hike into the rainforest to La Mina Falls, take a dip in the swimming hole and then hike back out. Back on the shuttle, we're heading to Luquillo Beach! Lunch, then check into our hotel. Spend the afternoon at surf school or otherwise enjoying the warm turquoise waters.
5	Vieques	Morning ferry to Vieques. Shuttle to our beach hotel. Lunch/Shopping on the promenade. Visit a secluded beach with soft black sand and dreamy waves. Body surf / body board / swim / sunbathe / collect sea glass! Late afternoon horse ride (individual upgrade). Shuttle to the Bio-Bay at sunset, buddy up, and pick a kayak. Learn a lot about Dinoflagellate and a little about astronomy as we paddle out into the darkness across Puerto Mosquito, the brightest Bio-Bay on Earth.
6	Airborne	Early Ferry back to Fajardo. Churros Breakfast. Luquillo Beach (time permitting). Flight home.

