

Puerto Rico: Island Ecology and Community

Prométour Educational Tours

Risk-Free Registration

Truly Custom Itineraries

Local Teams

Day 1

Arrival and Old San Juan

- **Welcome:** Board your flight from home and begin the journey to Puerto Rico. Bienvenidos a Puerto Rico! Meet your Puerto Rican Prométour Tour Director at the arrivals section of SJU airport. He or she will guide your activities and remain with your group for the duration of your time in Puerto Rico, including at the hotel.
- **Tour Manager:** You will also meet your Tour Manager, who assists your Tour Director by handling the behind-the-scenes tasks that help assure your trip runs smoothly.
- **Old San Juan:** Board your motor coach and head to Old San Juan. One of the oldest cities in the New World, it is a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- **Lunch:** On your own.
- **Discovery Walk:** Stroll through the narrow cobblestone streets with your Tour Director, taking in the colonial architecture and colourful historic quarters. Hear local legends, learn about island traditions, and explore the city from an insider's perspective.
- **Transfer:** End the day in the area of Ponce, the Pearl of the South and Puerto Rico's second largest city.
- **Welcome Dinner:** Enjoy a welcome dinner with your group at a local restaurant.
- **Overnight:** Ponce area.

Day 2**Vega Baja Caves and Canyons**

- Breakfast: Buffet breakfast at the hotel with your group.
- Transfer: Board your motor coach and head to Vega Baja, in the Porta Atlantico region on Puerto Rico's north coast.
- Field Science: Led by certified biologists and local guides, receive an introduction to the region's geology and ecosystems (guided).
- Caves and Canyons: Go spelunking and float through underground caves, then swim in hidden limestone canyons.
- Forest and River: Take forest hikes and river treks to waterfall viewpoints, spotting wildlife and tropical flora along the way.
- Lunch: Lunch with your group at a local restaurant.
- Beach Time: Enjoy fun-in-the-sun time at one of the region's beaches, known for limestone breakwaters that create calm, shallow natural pools ideal for swimming (non-guided).
- Dinner: Dinner with your group at a local restaurant.
- Overnight: Ponce area.

Day 3**Fajardo Reserve and Catamaran**

- Breakfast: Buffet breakfast at the hotel with your group.
- Transfer: Head out for a day of discovery in Fajardo, in the Porta Antillas region on Puerto Rico's east coast.
- Catamaran: Board a sustainably operated, locally owned catamaran for an educational excursion through the Northeast Nature Reserve and its surrounding uninhabited cays (guided).
- Marine Science: Your local guide shares insights into the region's marine ecosystems, coral reef conservation initiatives, and the role seagrass beds and mangrove forests play in protecting coastal habitats.
- Snorkelling: Make snorkelling stops to observe marine life in its natural habitat, including tropical fish, living coral reefs, and, with a bit of luck, sea turtles. All snorkelling equipment is provided.
- Lunch: A light eco-conscious lunch is served onboard, with local fruit, sandwiches, and unlimited snacks and beverages.
- Transfer: Return to shore in the early afternoon and transfer to Lajas and La Parguera, a small fishing village home to nature reserves, pristine cays, and one of Puerto Rico's three bioluminescent bays.
- Dinner: Enjoy a locally sourced dinner with your group at a family-owned restaurant.
- Overnight: La Parguera.

Day 4**Community Project and Cabo Rojo**

- Breakfast: Buffet breakfast at the hotel with your group, then board your motor coach for a new day of discovery.
- Community Project: Be a helping hand by taking part in a meaningful community project, selected based on the community's current needs and on the interests and abilities of your group (guided).
- Lunch: Lunch on-site with your group and members of the community.
- Cabo Rojo Salt Flats: Discover the Cabo Rojo salt flats at the Centro Interpretativo de las Salinas, learning about the historical and ecological significance of this landscape on a short, easy hike (guided).
- Playa Boqueron: Challenge your fellow travellers to a sandcastle building contest at iconic Playa Boqueron, renowned for its soft sands and crystal-clear waters (non-guided).
- Dinner: Dinner with your group at a local restaurant.
- Overnight: La Parguera.

Day 5**Ponce and the Bioluminescent Bay**

- Breakfast: Buffet breakfast at the hotel with your group.
- Ponce: Board your motor coach and head to Ponce, one of Puerto Rico's most historic cities.
- Walking Tour: On a walking tour, discover the vibrant Plaza Las Delicias, the iconic Parque de Bombas, and the Ponce Cathedral as you stroll past colourful street murals and take in the city's artistic flair (guided).
- Salsa Class: Step into the rhythm of Puerto Rico during a salsa dance class.
- Lunch: Lunch with your group at a local restaurant.
- Mangrove Cays: From La Parguera, take a boat tour of the mangrove cays. Navigate the intricate waterways to learn about the importance of these ecosystems and the local fishing culture (guided).
- Bioluminescent Bay: As the sun sets, prepare for the magical experience of the bioluminescent bay. Witness the extraordinary natural phenomenon of dinoflagellates illuminating the darkness. Optional: take a short swim in the bay.
- Dinner: Dinner with your group at a local restaurant.
- Overnight: La Parguera.

Day 6**Santurce Street Art and Departure**

- Breakfast: Buffet breakfast at the hotel with your group.
- La Placita: Board your motor coach and head to San Juan's Santurce district and La Placita, renowned for its vibrant local culture and some of Puerto Rico's best smoothies.
- Calle Cerra: Savour the refreshing flavours as you set out on an artistic journey with your Tour Director. Walk along Calle Cerra and admire the murals and street graffiti while learning about the artists and the inspirations behind artwork that reflects Puerto Rico's rich cultural heritage.
- Pinones Lunch: Enjoy an Afro-Caribbean lunch at Pinones, offering a variety of Puerto Rican snacks including alcapurrias, bacalaitos, and pinchos.
- Transfer: Transfer by motor coach to SJU airport and say a fond hasta luego to your Prometour Tour Director.
- Departure: Board your flight from San Juan and begin the journey back home.

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