

Journey to Puerto Rican Culture



Journeys to Cuba and Puerto Rico

Your Journey

An exclusive, private and personalized journey for couples with stories of a rich culture and history, exceptional food, majestic mountains and welcoming Puerto Ricans — all packed into one sun-kissed Caribbean journey to paradise. Here, as you engage with local people, you'll feel like you are family instead of just a visitor. Around every corner, in this off the beaten path journey, you'll find a celebration of life, a vibrant cultural experience, food for the soul, and a captivating rhythm. Discover Puerto Rico through encounters with local experts and people while exploring the history and culture inside and outside the walls of Old San Juan and the southern majestic City of Ponce.

Inclusions Package

- Five nights accommodation at Marriott Rumbao or El Convento Hotel in Old San Juan
- All breakfasts
- Ground transportation in San Juan
- Private guided tour to the City of Ponce
- Private guided tour in Old San Juan
- Admission to all venues guided by experts: Morro Castle, Las Americas Museum, Art Museum of Puerto Rico, Capitol Building, Governor's Mansion and Serralles Castle
- Gratuities for all docents guiding tours in selected venues
- Pre Travel online or face-to-face orientation
- Culturally sensitive-bilingual Puerto Rican Journey Leader traveling with the couple and coordinating all activities before and during the journey

What is Not Included?

- Round trip airfare to San Juan, PR
- Taxi transportation Airport - Hotel - Airport
- Meals: 4 lunches and 5 dinners. Dinner restaurants will be suggested
- Gratuities for hotel staff
- Travel Insurance (strongly suggested)

Price of Inclusions Package (see hotels pages 5-8)

Days - Monday to Saturday

March - April - May, 2026

Dates - to be decided by the couple



Arms Plaza in Old San Juan



Las Delicias Plaza in Ponce

Itinerary



Old San Juan Architecture



Puerto Rico Museum of Art



Ponce Cathedral and Fire Hose



The Capitol

Day 1 Welcome to Your Journey to Puerto Rico!

As your plane descends toward the Luis Muñoz Marín International Airport, you catch glimpses of Puerto Rico's diverse landscapes—the deep blues of the Atlantic Ocean, and the golden sands of its many beaches. The anticipation builds as you realize that you're about to experience an island where old-world charm meets vibrant modern culture. Upon landing, the warm Caribbean breeze greets you, carrying hints of sea salt and tropical blooms.

Day 2 Inside the Walls of Old San Juan

After breakfast, we will start the journey with an expert in Puerto Rican patrimony and art history who will lead a walking tour through the narrow streets of Old San Juan to experience five centuries of Spanish Caribbean history and colonial architecture. Called "La Ciudad Amurallada," (The Walled City), Old San Juan was founded in 1521. San Juan is one of the biggest and best natural harbors in the Caribbean and is the second oldest city in the Americas. After lunch we will visit the Governor's Mansion, "La Fortaleza de Santa Catalina".

Day 3 Art and Culture in Puerto Rico

After breakfast we will visit the Art Museum of Puerto Rico. Inaugurated in July 2000, the museum is a modern neoclassical building built in a 1920. At the Museo de Arte de Puerto Rico (MAPR) you'll find extensive collections of Puerto Rican art, from historical to contemporary, set in a beautiful building with lush gardens. After lunch we will visit Las Americas Museum. Museo de Las Américas, founded in 1992 by anthropologist and historian Ricardo Alegría Gallardo, focuses on the history, anthropology, and art of the Americas, emphasizing on the preservation and promotion of Puerto Rico's cultural and historical legacy.

Day 4 The Majestic City of Ponce

After breakfast we will begin our transfer to Ponce, birthplace of our Journey Leader, over the Central Mountains into the Valley of Cayey, then south to Ponce. Our visit to the City of Ponce will expand our understanding of Puerto Rican history and culture, when we explore its unique architectural venues and culture at Plaza of Delights and its surroundings. The architectural splendor and detailed neoclassic and art deco style of the city makes Ponce an essential part in our journey. The city's buildings such as the City Hall, Cathedral and Fire House demonstrate more than 300 years of an elegant tradition. Lunch, will be followed by a visit to the Serrallés Castle, former estate of the wealthy Serrallés family, which were sugar industry barons and the owners of Don Q rum.

Day 5 Beyond the Walls of Old San Juan

Our day will start with a visit to the Capitol Building of Puerto Rico. On our way to the Capitol we will explore the evolution of new San Juan after the walls of the city came down in late 19th century. Neoclassical, Spanish Revival and Beaux Arts architecture flourished outside the old city. For Puerto Ricans, El Capitolio de Puerto Rico stands as a powerful symbol of self-government. After lunch we will visit El Morro Castle.

Day 6 Hasta Luego Puerto Rico!

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your return flight home. 2

Your Journey Leader



Pedro Schuck is an educator and our Program Coordinator, program leader, and founder of PuertoRicoCubArtEdu.

Born in Puerto Rico, Pedro is a graduate of the Inter American University of Puerto Rico, Harvard and Boston Universities and is Professor Emeritus of Education, art in education and applied social sciences in Cambridge College, Massachusetts.

Pedro is not just bilingual (Spanish/English) but deeply culturally sensitive, acting as a coordinator and guide to authentically

connect visitors with

Puerto Rican history, traditions (like Taino, African, Spanish roots), and daily life, ensuring respectful, meaningful experiences before and during the journey.

Roles & Qualities of this Leader

- Bilingual Proficiency: Fluent in Spanish (and English) to bridge communication gaps seamlessly.
- Cultural Sensitivity: Deep understanding and respect for Puerto Rican heritage, including its Taino, African, and Spanish influences, moving beyond stereotypes.
- Journey Coordination: Manages logistics (before & during) for a smooth, well-planned trip. Restaurant reservations for dinners will be suggested, with or without the Journey Leader attending.
- Authentic Connection: Facilitates genuine interactions with locals and immersion into the *Boricua* way of life.
- Storytelling: Shares the island's rich history, traditions and unique identity

Activity Level

Our journey requires moderate physical activity combined with short travel time (max 1.5 hours). Activities may include city-walking tours (sometimes on uneven surfaces), stopping along the way, standing in museums and some stairs (some restaurants will require the use of stairs).

Documentation to Travel to Puerto Rico

Citizens of the United States traveling to Puerto Rico need only a government-issued form of photo identification. Acceptable forms of ID include a passport or a REAL ID-compliant driver's license issued by a U.S. Department of Motor Vehicles.

For foreigners entering Puerto Rico (a U.S. territory), you need the same documents as entering the mainland U.S.: a valid passport, potentially a U.S. Visa (depending on your country).



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Deadline for Reservations

Please contact us and provide your contact information and travel dates. As soon as we hear from you, we will email a registration packet with required forms and instructions.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

1ST PAYMENT

45 days before departure with reservation
50% of the Inclusion Package

2ND PAYMENT

30 days before departure
remaining 50% of the Inclusions Package

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Check or Zelle Transfer

Cancellation and Refund Policy

All cancellations must be submitted via email in writing and dated.
cubartedu@gmail.com

Cancel 45 - 30 Days Prior to Departure Date

100% Refund

Airfare refunds will depend on airline cancellation policy at the time of ticketing.

Cancel 30 - 15 Days Prior To Departure Date

100% Refund - Less \$500 administrative fee

Cancel 15 - 5 Days Prior To Departure Date

80% Refund



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Choose the Marriott Hotel Rumbao or.....



It's easy to unwind between meetings at the Sheraton Old San Juan Hotel. Enjoy a peaceful swim and skyline views from our rooftop pool, or relax in the soothing Jacuzzi®. You never have to miss a workout thanks to our complimentary Health Club complete with all of your favorite equipment.

Your stay at Marriott El Rumbao Hotel includes:

1. Double room with two queen beds or king bed
2. All buffet breakfasts
3. Daily food and beverage credit per room/night for on-site restaurants
4. Daily enhanced high-speed internet access
5. The Daily Grind (30-minutes barista coffee brewing class and tips / offered daily at 9:30 am at Rumbao Hotel Marketplace)
6. Bar Beats (20-minutes mixology class featuring local and signature Kueros drinks / offered daily at 3 pm at Kueros Restaurant at the Rumbao Hotel)
7. Flying Kite (per room, maximum 2) - a tradition at El Morro Castle grounds

AMENITIES

- Rooftop Swimming Pool
- Jacuzzi® Whirlpool
- Complimentary Health Club
- Concierge Service
- Business Center
- Wireless Internet Access in Public Areas & Guest Rooms
- In-Room Dining
- Valet/Laundry/Dry Cleaning Services
- Non-Smoking Rooms



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Deluxe Room - 2 Double Beds



Featuring two Queen beds, spaciousness beyond standard rooms, modern amenities like Free WiFi, AC, flat-screen TV, mini-bar, work desk, safety deposit box, private bathrooms with walk-in showers, coffee/tea makers, air conditioning, and goose-down pillows and soundproof walls and often includes better views (like bay views)

March 2026	\$4,600 per person To be adjusted based on dates selected
April 2026	price upon request
May 2026	price upon request



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..... El Convento Hotel



A landmark monument to the Conquistador Age and one of the most historic hotels in Old San Juan Puerto Rico, Hotel El Convento in San Juan, Puerto Rico showcases a timeless aura of Old World charm and splendor. Befitting its origins as a Carmelite convent more than 350 years ago, our splendid Puerto Rico luxury hotel is a loving restoration of Spanish Colonial architecture and design. All 58 elegant rooms are adorned with rich wooden beams,

handcrafted tiles, carved chairs, velvet settees, and antique chests. Our colorful past at El Convento in San Juan includes highlights such as:

- Named the premier "Small Luxury Hotel" in Puerto Rico
- Daily Manager's reception, serving a variety of wine and a variety of international cheeses on La Veranda terrace
- Plunge pool and heated jacuzzi, offering breathtaking views of San Juan Bay
- 24-hour fitness center, with free weights, treadmill, elliptical trainer, and stair climber, offering guests unlimited use
- One restaurant serving cuisine ranging from tapas to traditional Puerto Rican fare
- Library, with access to our business center

AMENITIES

- Free and fast WI-FI
- Plush bathrobes and slippers
- Goose-down pillows
- Flat-panel 37" LCD TV
- Bose radio
- ADA compliant rooms
- Cordless telephones
- Spacious work desk
- Hairdryer, iron, and ironing board
- In-room safe
- Refrigerator, with complimentary bottled water
- Premium Alto Grande coffee with a two cup coffeemaker
- In room dining available for breakfast, lunch, and dinner
- Aromatherapy, facials, and manicures available upon request
- Coin operated laundry; equipped with washer, dryer and soap dispenser
- Herb Garden with fresh herbs and fruit, used in delicious cocktails at the bar and in signature dishes



Double Vista Room - 2 Double Beds



Discover refined and spacious "accommodations with two Full-size beds, beautiful contemporary classic design, and Louver Doors opening to a Juliet balcony with a colorful view of the San Juan Cathedral and the bustling town square.

Includes a spacious work desk, in-room safe, refrigerator, and goose-down pillows.

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