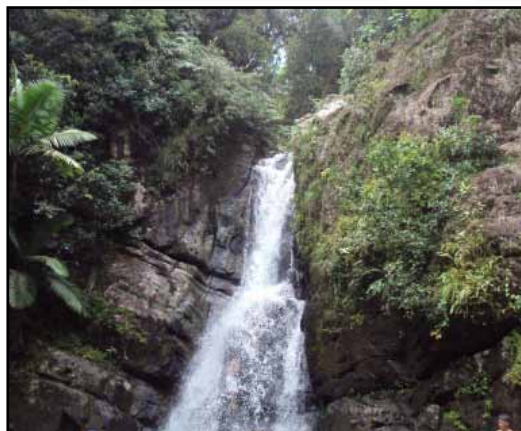




Puerto Rico: Discovering a Unique Culture



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4 DAYS

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INCLUDED IN PROGRAM FEE:

- Full Time Tour Guide
- Flights and Ground Transportation
- Accommodations
- All Taxes
- Fees For All Activities Not Listed As Optional
- 9 Meals
- T-shirts
- 1 Free Chaperone For Every 8 Paid Students

*Order itinerary occurs in may vary

Without a doubt, Puerto Rico is distinguished with one of the most unique cultures in the world. During the early 18th century, in order to populate the country, the Spaniard took Taino Indian women as brides. Long after Spain lost control of Puerto Rico, Spanish immigrants continued to arrive on the island, mixing many of their customs with the locals. Cuisine, eating habits, music, and family traditions are among the many Puerto Rican customs that define their unique culture. Additionally, this island has an abundance of adventure opportunities, including amazing rainforest waterfalls, bioluminescent kayak tours, and incredible coral reefs. Learn, explore, and help restore an orphanage in an impoverished section of San Juan.

Day 1 • Arrive in San Juan, Puerto Rico

Your group will fly to San Juan where an Appleseed Expeditions guide will meet you at the airport. You will have time to check in at your hotel and freshen up before the group sets out to explore the city. The group will have lessons in preparing Puerto Rican cuisine. After eating your creations for dinner, you'll take a nighttime tour of the historic sites.

Day 2 • History of San Juan

Today your group will dive further into the history and culture of San Juan. Begin with a guided walking tour of the Old World Spanish settlement founded by Ponce de León, seeker of the fountain of youth. San Juan's historic center includes many beautifully restored buildings and homes in the Spanish Colonial style, and you will also see the very forts that once protected the city from foreign

invasion. Throughout the day you will have opportunities to enjoy the sights, sounds, flavors, and shopping of this colonial city. At the end of this busy day, your group will head out for a traditional dinner and dance experience.

Day 3 • Hike the El Yunque Rainforest

This morning the group will travel to El Yunque Rainforest and have the chance to hike in the only tropical rainforest in the U.S. You will be amazed at the many species of



**“A life isn’t significant except for its impact on other lives.”
Jackie Robinson**

animals and plants found there! Later, you will head to a local children’s shelter or school on the outskirts of San Juan where you will have the afternoon to interact with the children, tell stories, sing songs, perform skits, or even put on a children’s fair. Your Spanish language will be put to good use as

you serve these children. After a fulfilling afternoon of service, the group will return to San Juan for a wonderful dinner.

Day 4 • Museo de Arte de Puerto Rico

Following breakfast, the group will have time to visit the Museo de Arte de Puerto Rico. This museum hosts a wonderful collection of Puerto Rican art ranging from colonial times to more present contemporary pieces. Puerto Rico is a complex place, and its contemporary art faces up to that, dealing with race, poverty, and other complexities – there is a lot of interesting work here. After your time here the group will grab lunch on the way to the airport to depart for home.





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