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Aguada	AB/1	Carolina	AB/9	Guánica	AE/3	Lajas	AE/2	Naranjito	AC/7	San Sebastián	AC/2
Aguadilla	AB/1	Cataño	AB/8	Guayama	AE/8	Las Marías	AC/3	Ocean Park	BC/11	Santa Isabel	AE/6
Aguas Buenas	AC/8	Cayey	AD/8	Guayama	AE/4	Las Piedras	AC/2	Orocovis	AC/6	Santurce	BE/9
Aibonito	AD/7	Cayey	AC/11	Guaynabo	AB/8	Loiza	AD/10	Patillas	AE/9	Toa Alta	AB/7
Añasco	AC/1	Cidra	AC/6	Guarabo	AC/9	Loiza	AB/10	Peñuelas	AE/4	Toa Baja	AB/7
Arecibo	AB/4	Cidra	AD/8	Hatillo	AB/3	Luquillo	AB/11	Ponce	AE/5	Trujillo Alto	AB/9
Arroyo	AE/8	Coamo	AD/7	Hormigueros	AD/1	Manatí	AB/6	Quebradillas	AE/3	Utuado	AC/4
Barceloneta	AB/5	Coamo	AD/7	Humacao	AD/10	Maricao	AD/2	Rincón	AC/1	Vega Alta	AB/7
Barranquitas	AD/7	Condado	BA/7	Humacao	AA/2	Maunabo	AE/10	Rio Grande	AB/10	Vega Baja	AB/6
Bayamón	AB/8	Corozal	AC/7	Isabela	BC/14	Mayagüez	AD/1	Sabana Grande	AD/3	Viejo San Juan	CA/1
Boquerón	AE/1	Culebra	AC/13	Isla Verde	AC/5	Miramar	BC/6	Salinas	AE/7	Vieques	AD/13
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Camuy	AB/3	Fajardo	AC/11	Juana Díaz	AE/6	Morovis	AC/6	San Juan Metro	AB/8	Yauco	AE/3

QUICK FACTS

Information

Banking and Currency

Puerto Rico is a Commonwealth of the US and uses the US dollar. Most major US banks have branches here. Banking hours are 8:30-2:30 (though some have extended hours). Credit cards & travelers checks are widely accepted. Automatic teller machines are easy to find.

Electricity

A modern electrical grid following US standards: 110 volt AC.

Emergencies: Dial 911

Events

Puerto Rico has a long history of cultural events built around the Patron Saint Festival in each municipality. In addition, a number of world-class events as well as local celebrations are held throughout the year.

Ferry Service

Ferries run between Old San Juan and Cataño, Cataño and Hato Rey, Fajardo and Culebra, Fajardo and Vieques, Vieques and Culebra. Check the area directories for the schedules.

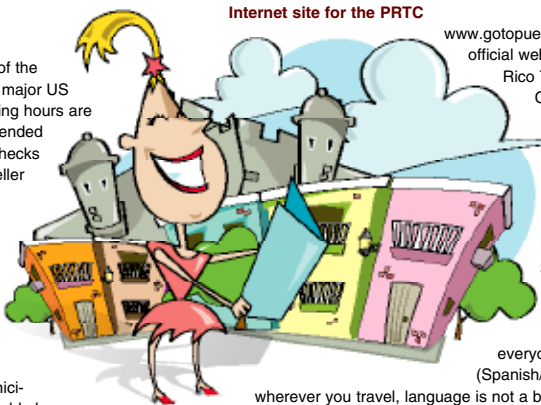
Immigration

There are no passports or visas required for US citizens. For citizens of other countries, call your local US Embassy to determine entry requirements.

Information Centers & Brochures

800-866-7827

Call toll free for bilingual information and free brochures. Check this planner or the website for the list of the PRTC offices world-wide. Daily 8am-midnight.



Internet site for the PRTC

www.gotopuertorico.com is the official website of the Puerto Rico Tourism Company.

Check for special offers and more information on Puerto Rico.

Languages: Spanish & English

Puerto Rico is a Spanish-speaking country. In the major tourist areas most everyone is bilingual (Spanish/English). However, wherever you travel, language is not a barrier.

Population

The population of Puerto Rico is 3.5 million with 1.4 million living in the San Juan Metropolitan Area.

Puerto Rico Tourism Company

787-721-2400

The Puerto Rico Tourism Company (PRTC) is the official government agency responsible for promoting travel and tourism to Puerto Rico.

Special-Needs Travelers

All the hotels have facilities for travelers with special needs. Some operators, such as tour operators, offer unique services for the special-needs traveler (which are part of their description). The Sea Without Barriers area of Luquillo Beach is designed for use by those with special needs and seniors.

Taxes and Tipping

A hotel tax is added to your bill. The tax for hotels with casinos: 11%. Paradores: 7%, all other accommodations: 9%. The standard tip is 15%. Sales Tax purchases 7%.

Telephone Service (Area 787 & 939)

A modern, reliable US-style telephone service. Numbers with area code 800, 888, 877 or 866 are toll free from Puerto Rico or the US. Most hotel systems are compatible with dial-up modems. Some properties have high-speed Internet connections. Puerto Rico has area codes: 787 and 939. To call outside San Juan Metro from the metro area, dial 1, the area code and then the number.

Time of Day

787-728-9595

Atlantic Standard Time (AST): the same as Eastern Standard Time (EST) +1 hour. Daylight savings time is not observed. May to October: AST = EST, November to April: AST = EST+1.

Tours and Trolleys

Quite often, you will be able to arrange a free tour of local attractions and sights through the mayor's office or tourism office of the local municipality. This is particularly true of the smaller communities on the Island. You will also find that a number of the municipalities offer a trolley service (either scheduled or by appointment) that will take you by all the local attractions and sights. If you want to get the inside story from locals, this is a good place to start.

Weather

787-253-4586

Puerto Rico enjoys an average temperature of 82°F (28°C) from November to May. The average beach temperatures are 80°F in summer and 76°F in the winter. The mountains tend to be 20° colder in the winter. Call this number for current weather report.

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Fishing and Boating Paradise

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From the dugout canoes of the Taino Indians and the sailing ships of Columbus to the cruise ships of our time, Puerto Rico and boating have always gone hand in hand. For centuries, fishing boats and trade ships kept islanders alive. Today boating is mostly a recreational activity with people taking to the sea for the sheer fun of it.

Visitors who want to explore the waters around Puerto Rico have a wide range of choices. If deep-sea fishing is your passion, take a powerboat trip to the nearby ocean trenches. If you prefer shallow water fishing, board a skiff and head into the coastal mangroves. If you are looking to combine sailing and snorkeling, hop on a sailing catamaran. If you prefer a hands-on activity, power your own ocean kayak.

Deep-sea Fishing

To get the most out of deep-sea fishing, you need to have the right equipment and be in the right place at the right time.

If you brought your own boat to participate in one of the island's prestigious billfish tournaments held at this time of year, you will find major marinas in San Juan, Fajardo and Ponce. If you plan to charter a boat for deep-sea fishing, keep in mind most charters offer either half-day or full-day outings and take one-to-six passengers. Cost is based on the length of the outing, and the charter normally provides all the necessary fishing gear and crew. Some charters provide food and drinks, but not all, so be sure to ask.

Most charters operate out of San Juan, Fajardo and Arecibo, which lie mere minutes from the Puerto Rico Trench in the Atlantic. Nicknamed Blue Marlin Alley, this location is renowned for the size and numbers

of blue marlin found in its waters. Today, most caught marlin are tagged and released back into the ocean: the fishing enthusiast experiences the challenge of the catch; the scientist gets migratory data; and the fish lives, a win-win situation.

Other regions around Puerto Rico also provide excellent fishing. The deep waters off Humacao hold large numbers of wahoo, and boats docked in Rincón, Mayagüez, Cabo Rojo and La Parguera on the western and southwestern coasts head out to the traditional tuna grounds of Mona Passage.

As for the right time, different fish run at different times of the year. August and September are best for catching blue marlin. Other local fish – yellow and blackfin tuna, mahi mahi, sailfish, wahoo, and bonito – have their own seasons. Based on when and where you will be in Puerto Rico, the local operators can tell you what to expect on your excursion.



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Skiff-fishing for Tarpon

A flat-bottomed boat, a rod and mangrove-fringed waters are all you need for a memorable day of salt-water fly or reel fishing. This is most accessible in the San Juan metro area, among the mangrove lagoons of Piñones and San Juan Bay. The excellent tarpon fishing found in Puerto Rico is a recent discovery that has received wide coverage in sport-fishing magazines.

Fishing

SPONSORS

Castillo Tours & Watersports 787-791-6195
San Juan Metro (AB/8) www.castillotours.com Deep-sea fishing. Just a short boat ride to premier waters for blue marlin, wahoo, tuna and mahi-mahi on 48' Hatteras. Also, enjoy a sailing and snorkeling trip, including equipment and lunch aboard Barefoot IV Catamaran. 2413 C Laurel, Punta Las Marías

Osva Deep Sea Fishing & Snorkeling Tours
787-547-4851
Fajardo (AC/11) www.deepseafishingpr.com Deep sea fishing off the North coast, excursions to Vieques, Culebra. Villa Marina

OTHERS

Adventures Tourmarine 787-375-2625
Rt 102 Km 14.1, Cabo Rojo: Joyuda (AD/1)

Benítez Fishing Charters 787-723-2292
Club Náutico de San Juan, San Juan Metro (AB/8)

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Rt 187, Cangrejos Yacht Club, San Juan Metro (AB/8)

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Poblado de Boqueron public pier (Cabo Rojo), Hormigueros (AD/1)

Parguera Fishing Charters 787-382-4698
Rt 304 Km 3.8, Lajas: La Parguera (AE/2)

PR Magic Tarpon 787-644-1444
Cangrejos Yacht Club, San Juan Metro (AB/8)

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