



Welcome to
PUERTO RICO

Golf



Adjuntas	AD/4	Canóvanas	AB/9	Florida	AB/5	La Parguera	AE/2	Naguabo	AC/11	San Lorenzo	AD/9
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	AD/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
Cabo Rojo	AD/1	Dorado	AB/7	Jayuya	AC/5	Moca	AB/2	San Germán	AD/2	Villaalba	AD/6
Caguas	AC/9	El Combate	AE/1	Joyuda	AD/1	Mona	AD/1	San Juan	AB/8	Yabucoa	AE/10
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.

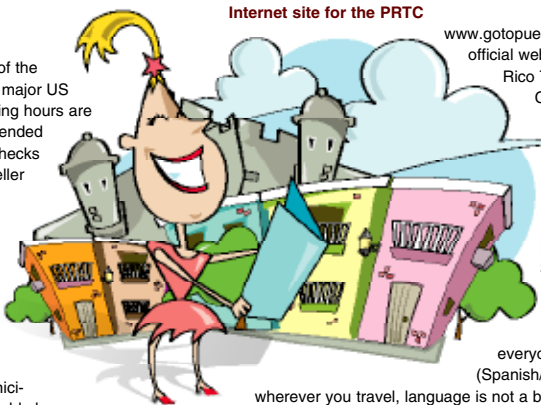
Immigration

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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Golfing in Paradise!

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There are places in the world where, come winter, polo shirts and shorts are traded for sweaters and overcoats, and golf clubs gather dust in the basement until the arrival of spring. *It doesn't have to be that way.* A direct flight from major cities in the Americas and Europe gets you to Puerto Rico, where summer lasts all year round, and golf clubs never gather dust.

While golfing may not be the primary reason most people visit Puerto Rico – soaking up the tropical sun and cooling off in the turquoise waters undoubtedly rank higher – it should be a major reason. Few places in the world offer golfers dependable warm weather, spectacular scenery and 22 challenging, championship-caliber golf courses a short drive from each other.

Even more impressive, most of these courses have been designed by golf luminaries. Drive out to Dorado and you can play on four legendary courses designed by Robert Trent Jones Sr. Jones designed or re-designed some 500 golf courses in 40 states and 35 countries in his illustrious career. In Puerto Rico, he built the Dorado Beach courses on little more than sand. Begun in 1958 as part of Laurence Rockefeller's resorts, they became the place to play golf in the Caribbean.

Just up the road is Dorado del Mar. Its 18 holes were designed by Puerto Rican golf great, Chi Chi Rodríguez. Chi Chi started his 45-year professional career at the Dorado Beach courses. He recently returned to Puerto Rico, designing his own course at El Legado Golf Resort.

Today Tom Fazio is known as "America's greatest living golf architect." More than 30 years ago, he was just starting out with his uncle, golfer George Fazio, and the ocean-facing course at Río Mar is said to have been their first project. Today, this course is complemented by the River Course, Australian golfing great Greg Norman's first project in the Caribbean. Norman was assisted by Bruce Besse, designer for the prestigious Willowbend Development. A very busy Besse also designed the 27-hole course at Costa

Caribe in Ponce and, along with renowned player Tom Kite, the four 9-hole courses at Coco Beach in Río Grande.

Robert Trent Jones Sr.'s two sons, Robert, Jr. and Rees, have become noted golf course architects in their own right. Rees is not only a golf designer but also an advocate for environmentally sound courses. Two of his projects are at Palmas del Mar Resort. The legendary South African golfer Gary Player designed the resort's Palm Course in the mid 1970s. Rees redesigned Player's course and went on to design the newer Flamboyán Course. Other designers of local courses include Authur Hills (El Conquistador Golf Club), John Sanford (Caguas Real Golf Club) and J. Burton Gold (Bahía Beach Golf Course).

All courses in Puerto Rico have golf pros, classes, driving ranges and clubhouses. With the exception of the military courses, virtually all welcome public play. Fees vary greatly, ranging from a low of \$50 or less (cart included) to a high of \$185 and up. High season is more expensive than low, mornings more expensive than afternoons, and there are often special rates for twilight play, groups, local residents and more. You can find out current fees and make reservations through your hotel concierge, or you can call directly.

NON-RESORT COURSES

In general, the golf courses that are not part of a resort offer fewer amenities, cost less, cater more to local golfers and, consequently, have more local flavor. Courses along the coast include Berwind Country Club in Río Grande;

Virtually all of Puerto Rico's golf courses are of championship caliber, created by some of the best-known architects in the golf world and host to local, national and international tournaments. Players of all levels are tested by an abundance of well-placed bunkers and water hazards, spreading trees, rolling hills and the ever-present trade winds.

Bahía Beach in Río Grande (currently closed); Aguirre Golf Club in Salinas (the Island's oldest course); Club Deportivo del Oeste in Cabo Rojo, and Punta Borinquen Golf Course in Aguadilla. Walking is permitted on certain days at Deportivo and Borinquen. Golfing on the interior slopes of the Island is a recent phenomenon. Courses include the Coamo Springs Golf Club in

Coamo; Las Bambúas Golf & Country Club in Gurabo, and the Caguas Real Golf Club in Caguas.

RESORT COURSES

Courses linked to Island resort hotels pamper their golfers with well-stocked pro shops and well equipped clubhouses, some of which rival the courses in outstanding design. Upscale restaurants and other amenities of a luxury resort are close at hand. Northeastern Puerto Rico has the highest concentration of resort courses: Coco Beach Golf & Country Club next to Paradisus Puerto Rico; Westin Río Mar Beach Resort & Golf Club; El Conquistador Resort & Golden Door Spa, and Palmas del Mar Resort. There is also Dorado del Mar Golf Course at the Embassy Suites Resort; Costa Caribe Golf & Country Club at the Ponce Hilton & Casino, and Chi Chi's El Legado Golf Course and Resort.

The Dorado Beach Golf Club has the East and West courses, and the North and South courses, recently renovated and renamed Pineapple and Sugar-cane, pertain to the Plantation Golf Club. Both clubs have lovely clubhouses and most of the amenities of the resorts.

Golf

SPONSORS

Coco Beach Golf & Country Club 787-657-2000
 Río Grande (AB/10) www.cocobeachgolf.com Four 9-hole championship golf courses Palm, Lakes, Ocean and Mountain Courses designed by PGA Tour Professional Tom Kite in collaboration with Bruce Besse. Total holes: 36. 100 Clubhouse Drive

Costa Caribe Golf & Country Club 787-848-1000
 Ponce (AE/5) www.costacaribe-resort.com Designed by Bruce Besse of Willowbend Golf & Land Design, it features the first island green in Puerto Rico. Set on a former sugarcane field, it is set along views of the Caribbean and the Central Mountains. Holes: 27. Ponce Hilton and Casino

Palmas del Mar Flamboyán Course 787-285-2256
 Humacao (AD/10) www.palmasdelmar.com Championship golf course designed by Reese Jones and among the longest and most challenging in Puerto Rico. It features wide fairways, distinctive bunkering, challenging greens and the blue waters of the Caribbean Sea. Holes: 18. Palmas del Mar Country Club

Palmas del Mar Palm Course 787-285-2256
 Humacao (AD/10) www.palmasdelmar.com An enjoyable course designed by Gary Player and featuring a lush, tropical landscape, water hazards and panoramic views of the Caribbean Sea and Vieques Island. Holes: 18. Palmas del Mar Country Club

OTHERS

Aguirre Golf Club 787-853-4052
 Rt 705 Km 1.7, Salinas (AE/7)

Bahía Beach Resort & Golf Course 787-753-8455
 Rt 187 Km 4.2, Río Grande (AB/10)

Bambuas Golf & Country Club 787-712-0018
 Rt 189 Km 10.1, Gurabo (AC/9)

Berwind Country Club 787-876-3056
 Rt 187 Km 4.7, Río Grande (AB/10)

Caguas Real Golf Club 787-653-4653
 Bo. Turabo, Rt 52 exit 23 right after toll booth, Caguas (AC/9)

Club Deportivo del Oeste 787-851-8880
 Rt 102 Km 15.4, Cabo Rojo: Joyuda (AD/1)

Coamo Springs Golf Club & Resort 787-825-1370
 Rt 546 Km 1, Coamo (AD/7)

Dorado del Mar Golf Course 787-796-3070
 Urb. Dorado Del Mar, 200 Dorado del Mar Golf Club, Dorado (AB/7)

El Conquistador Golf Club 787-863-6784
 El Conquistador Resort & Spa, Fajardo (AC/11)

El Legado Golf Resort 787-866-8894
 Rt 52, Guayama exit past Salinas toll booth, Bo. Cimarrona, Guayama (AE/8)

Ft. Buchanan Golf Club 787-707-3852
 Building 171, Guaynabo (AB/8)

Hyatt Dorado East Course 787-796-8961
 Rt 693, Dorado (AB/7)

Hyatt Dorado West Course 787-796-8961
 Rt 693, Dorado (AB/7)

Pineapple Course 787-796-8915
 Rt 693, Hyatt Dorado Beach, Dorado (AB/7)

Punta Borinquen Golf 787-890-2987
 Rt 107, north of town, Aguadilla (AB/1)

Sugar Cane Course 787-796-8915
 Rt 693. Hyatt Dorado Beach, Dorado (AB/7)

Westin Río Mar Beach Ocean Course 787-888-6000
 6000 Río Mar Blvd., Rt 968 Km 1.4, Río Grande (AB/10)

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