

Puerto Rico Island Experience



Experiential learning allows students to take advantage of various educational opportunities while sharing powerful experiences with like-minded peers and trusted educators. This style of learning can be an important component in a student's education and we are pleased to offer such an experience to our students for the 2019-2020 school year.

Dates:

Travel will occur during winter break 2020 (Tuesday, February 18th to Tuesday, February 25th). Participants will be expected to attend ALL fund-raising, informational, and academic meetings before the trip to make it a success.

Accommodations:

Participants will be staying at the Hilton Ponce Resort. Fees are based on 4 students per room, although other options are available at an increased cost. Breakfast is included with the Hotel.

Description:

The Puerto Rico experiential learning trip will provide an island-based hands-on educational experience for high school students. We will incorporate a variety of activities bringing participants beyond classroom limits to embrace the ideals and values associated with team building, cooperation, and service learning.

The island offers a wide variety of ecosystems ripe for scientific investigation. In an effort to immerse ourselves in the diverse environments of the island commonwealth we will be hiking through the El Yunque rainforest, climbing through the Tanama River caves, snorkeling among the island's tropical reefs on Cardona Island, and night-swimming in the bioluminescent bay. Accompanied by school staff and local experts, students will furthermore be afforded the opportunity to get "up close and personal" with the unique flora and fauna of this Atlantic island while discussing conservation efforts and the impact of tourism.

During our time, we will study the blending of American and Spanish culture and explore the city of Ponce, all while interacting with the local population and learning/practicing conversational Spanish. The primary goals of this trip are to build on classroom understandings through an exploratory experiential learning excursion. Field study strengthens student learning through unique opportunities for in-depth cultural and academic investigation, greater student personalization, and reflective practice.

Chaperones:

There will be a ratio of 9:1 students to chaperones, and the adults will be a mix of teachers and parents. Parents are welcome to attend the experiential learning trip and if interested, should contact us for more information.

Puerto Rico Island Experience Permission Sheet

Costs:

- Flight, Hotel, Transportation: \$1295
- Activities: \$260

Total Estimated Cost: \$1,555

Breakfast is included each morning at the hotel. Recommend bringing spending money for lunch, dinner, snacks, souvenirs, and other incidentals.

Payment:

School Time Travel will take care of the logistical planning, payments, and billing.

Suggested payment plan:

June 3 / \$155 Deposit with Permission Slip	October 1 / \$200
July 1 / \$200	November 1 / \$200
August 1 / \$200	December 1 / \$200
September 1 / \$200	January 1 / \$200

Trip must be paid in full by January 15, 2020. Fundraising opportunities will be shared with the group after permission slips are in.

I fully understand the course contract and acknowledge the payment schedule as explained. I agree to comply with the above instructions and directions. Please submit a \$155 deposit along with this completed form as soon as possible to reserve your space on the trip (spaces are limited). Due to the nature of the trip, all monies are sent immediately and are non-refundable.

Please make all checks payable to **School Time Travel**.

Space is limited and spots will be honored on a first come first served basis. Forms will be collected starting **Monday, June 3** via email to david.t.murphy@icloud.com. To best ensure your spot on this trip, please return this completed form and \$155 deposit via check to **School Time Travel** promptly.

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Print Student's Name

Print Contact Email

Print Parent / Guardian Name

Print Parent / Guardian Signature

Date