

Puerto Rico

Travel Facts



Passport/Visa Requirements

A foreign national or alien entering the US is generally required to present a passport and valid visa issued by a US Consular Official, unless they are a citizen of a country eligible for the Visa Waiver Program (VWP), or are a lawful permanent resident of the US or a citizen of Canada. The VWP allows foreign nationals from certain countries to be admitted to the US under limited conditions and for a limited time without obtaining a visa. The foreign national must arrive on an approved carrier (if coming by air or sea), stay no more than 90 days (for pleasure, medical purposes, and/or business), and be able to prove they are not inadmissible. The foreign national is still required to have a passport. To obtain a list of VWP-eligible countries and VWP passport requirements, please visit <https://www.dhs.gov/visa-waiver-program>. Note: all travelers transiting the US are subject to US customs and/or immigration laws.

Types of Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the US Dept of State International Travel page. <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html>

Telephone Code

787, 939

Local Emergency Phone

911

Vaccinations

See WHO recommendations. <http://www.who.int/>

Climate

Tropical marine, mild; little seasonal temperature variation

Currency (Code)

US \$ (USD)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

120 V / 60 Hz / plug types(s): A, B



Major Languages

Spanish, English

Major Religions

Roman Catholic 85%, Protestant and other 15%

Time Difference

UTC-4 (1 hour ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

Potable Water

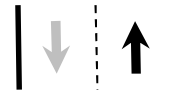
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International Driving Permit

Suggested for non-US citizens.

Road Driving Side

Right



Tourist Destinations

El Yunque National Rainforest; Old San Juan & El Morro Castle; Cabo Rojo Lighthouse; Coamo Thermal Hot Springs; Bioluminescent Mosquito Bay; Fort San Cristobal

Major Sports

Baseball, boxing, basketball, volleyball

Cultural Practices

A handshake, with direct eye contact and a welcoming smile is standard.

Tipping Guidelines

Tipping 15-20% of the total bill for restaurant staff is appropriate.

Souvenirs

Vejigante festival masks, cigars, coffee, rum, woven straw items, carved santos figures, stringed instruments, mundillo lace

Traditional Cuisine

Arroz con gandules — a one-pot dish consisting of yellow rice, pigeon peas, and sofrito (a sauce made with green peppers, onions, tomatoes, garlic, red pepper, cilantro, and coriander); may also be garnished with pork, bacon, chorizo, or olives

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