

# APOGEE ADVENTURES

## 2022 Caribbean Service

### Summarized Itinerary

**Trip Begins:** San Juan, Puerto Rico

**Trip Ends:** San Juan, Puerto Rico

- Day 1:** Our group will meet at the San Juan International Airport this afternoon. Once everyone has arrived, we will transfer by van to Casa Sabana, our lodging in the rainforest of central Puerto Rico, high above the town of Utuado. This day will be spent getting to know one another, talking about our trip, and playing games.
- Days 2-4:** We will spend our first couple of mornings volunteering around the Utuado area – principally, clearing trails in the lush Tanama Valley and volunteering at a local community center. In the afternoons, we will get to explore some of Puerto Rico’s historical and cultural sites, including Caguana Indigenous Ceremonial Park (home to some of the Caribbean’s oldest artifacts and petroglyphs).
- Days 5-7:** On Day 5, we’ll break “camp” and transit over the mountains to the western side of the island. We’ll settle in to our lodgings near the small town of Boquerón and get ready for our next volunteer project. We’ll be working with a non-profit environmental organization that organizes the conservation efforts at the National Wildlife Center’s Cabo Rojo Salt Flats. Our afternoons will be spent enjoying nearby beautiful beaches in Boquerón and exploring the colonial city of Mayaguez. We’ll spend one morning riding the waves at our surfing lesson with our professional instructors in Rincon, one of the Caribbean’s hottest surfing destinations.
- Days 8-10:** After exploring all that the west coast has to offer, we’ll transit to Vieques Island, a short ferry ride off of Puerto Rico’s eastern coast. Over the next few days, we’ll volunteer with the island’s humane society and we’ll assist with a mangrove reforestation project run by the Vieques Conservation & Historical Trust. In the afternoons, we’ll get acquainted with some of the Caribbean’s most beautiful beaches, snorkel in the clear Caribbean waters, and spend time in the coastal village of Esperanza. One evening, we’ll even shed our work boots for dancing shoes as we soak up the local culture with a salsa dancing class. To top off our amazing three days on Vieques, we’ll spend another evening sea kayaking in Vieques’ world famous bioluminescent bay!
- Days 11 & 12:** On our last full day together, we’ll return via ferry to the main island of Puerto Rico. We’ll head for the colonial hub of Old San Juan, where we’ll explore the 500 year-old walls and cobblestoned streets of the historic center. Tonight, we’ll cap off our trip with a traditional Puerto Rican meal out on the town to celebrate our accomplishments. We’ll spend our last night together steps away from the ocean before transiting to the airport for flights home and one more jadios!

*Please note that all itineraries are subject to change.*

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