2027 Caribbean Service: Puerto Rico 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 our quiet accommodations on the southwest coast, near the small town of town of Boquerón. We will spend the afternoon getting to know one another, playing fun games, and talking about the trip to come.

Days 2-3: We will spend our first morning together getting to work, as we start our volunteering with a community organization called Apoyo Mutuo Agricola (AMA) that provides aid to rural farmers. In addition to our work with the fine folks at AMA, we'll also spend a morning riding the waves with our professional instructors in nearby Rincon, one of the Caribbean's hottest surfing destinations. We'll take the afternoons to enjoy the beautiful beaches on the west coast and explore the nearby National Wildlife Refuge's spectacular coastal trails.

Days 4-7: On Day 4, we'll say "adios" to the southwest coast and transit into the rainforest of central Puerto Rico, high above the town of Utuado. Over the next couple of days, we will continue our work with AMA, this time with their farm partners in the hills and valleys that surround Utuado. In the afternoons, we will get to explore beautiful canyons and unique swimming holes nestled within the stunning canopy of the Puerto Rican rainforest.

Days 8-10: After a few days of good work in the central hills, we'll pack up again and head to our next home: beach-side accommodations near the vibrant town of Luquillo on Puerto Rico's northeast coast. We will spend our next couple of mornings volunteering in the Luquillo area, focusing on service projects in the nearby Northeast Ecological Corridor Nature Reserve. Our afternoons will be spent exploring the area: we will hike in El Yunque National Forest and spend time exploring the expansive, beautiful town beach. After our action-packed days, we'll take the evening to relax on the beach, watching the sun disappear to the west as we play games, prepare dinner, and continue to bond as a group.

Days 11 & 12: On our last full day as a group, we'll break "camp" and head over to the marina in Fajardo for our snorkeling excursion with professional guides! We will spend four hours out on the boat and in the water, doing our best to catch glimpses of tropical fish and sea turtles. After our time on the water is up, we'll set out for the colonial hub of Old San Juan, where we'll explore the 500 year-old walls and cobblestoned streets of the historic center and enjoy our last afternoon together. 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 final night steps away from the ocean before transiting to the airport for flights home and one more ¡adios!

Please note that all itineraries are subject to change.

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