



Explore America

Community & Conservation in Puerto Rico

6 days

8–10 estimated service hours

Sustainability in Puerto Rico

Experience the island's lush, tropical landscapes as you help restore and protect the valuable natural resources of Puerto Rico.

On this Service Learning Tour, you'll support initiatives such as:

- Environmental sustainability
- Reforestation
- Agricultural restoration

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6-day San Juan itinerary

Day 1

- Arrive in San Juan.
- Enjoy free time to relax at the hotel during the afternoon.

Day 2

- Get an introduction to your first Service Learning project.
- Enjoy an included lunch.
- Take a guided sightseeing tour of Old San Juan, where you'll see San José church, La Fortaleza, Cathedral of San Juan Bautista, Capitol Building, and Paseo de la Princesa.
- Visit El Morro, a 16th-century fortress and UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- Experience the beauty and colonial charm of Old San Juan during dinner tonight.

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Day 3

- Begin your environmental Service Learning work for the day. (Tasks could include removal of invasive species, reforestation of mangroves, or coastal clean-ups.)
- Enjoy an included lunch.
- After dinner, find your rhythm during an authentic salsa lesson.

Day 4

- Continue your Service Learning projects.
- Enjoy an included lunch.
- Learn to make a traditional Puerto Rican dish for dinner in San Juan.

Day 5

- Participate in an educational program at Hacienda 8A. At this family-run ranch, you will learn how to care for the on-site horses, create crafts out of local materials, and engage in agricultural activities such as planting, composting, and more.
- Travel to Fajardo.
- Spend the afternoon relaxing on the shores of Luquillo Beach.
- Kayak along a bioluminescent bay in Fajardo.
- Travel back to San Juan.

Day 6: Depart for home



What's included:

- Full-time Field Director
- Expert-led sightseeing tours
- Entrance fees
- Service hours
- 5 overnight stays in hotels
- Round-trip flights
- Local transportation
- Breakfast and dinner daily



What to expect on EF's Service Learning Tours

On a Service Learning Tour, you and your students work side by side with locals on community-driven projects. We partner with established nonprofits and NGOs to ensure your support is both meaningful and sustainable. Through hands-on work and authentic connections to the local culture, students learn vital collaboration and problem-solving skills. And they return home inspired to make a difference in their own communities.

Students who travel on our Service Learning Tours will experience:

Meaningful service

Working side by side with locals, you'll gain insight into the challenges they face and build lasting solutions to help empower the community.

Cultural immersion

Live in the communities you serve—celebrating the area's customs and forming lasting connections with locals.

Leadership development

Your Field Director takes your service experience even further, strengthening leadership skills through activities and workshops.