



Puerto Rico

Swampscott School
April 15 - 23, 2022

OBJECTIVES & HIGHLIGHTS

- Service learning through home construction projects
- Explore Old San Juan with guided tour of El Morro
- Bioluminescent Bay Sea Kayak
- Puerto Rican culture and history
- Environmental Service

WHY GLOBAL WORKS

Since 1990, Global Works has provided students with purposeful programming that fosters learning through Service Projects, Cultural Exchange Activities, Language Immersion, and Adventure Travel.



ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival & Orientation

- Arrival to Luis Munoz Marin International Airport in the capital city of San Juan, Puerto Rico and meet your Global Works trip leaders.
- Van transfer to our group lodging at the Big Yellow House (45 minute drive)
- Quick safety briefing and settle into rooms.

Day 2: Old San Juan Tour

- Depart for Viejo San Juan, the colonial heart of one of the oldest European cities of the Americas
- Take a short stroll through the cobblestone streets of Viejo San Juan to meet Alvin Robles, owner of a local eco-tourism company who will inform the group of Puerto Rico's vibrant past from an insider's perspective with an interactive tour of the historic district
- Enjoy a traditional Boriqua lunch at one of Old San Juan's oldest eateries, El Jibarito
- Cool off from a warm day in the tranquil waters of the Caribbean
- Group reflection and first impressions of Puerto Rico. Viewing of a documentary film produced by a Global Works partner organization, which chronicles the tremendous impact of Hurricane Maria on the island

Day 3: Villa Del Rio Service

- Load in our vans and drive into the tropical hills above Cerro Gordo and enter the community of Villa del Rio .
- Projects will focus on rebuilding efforts with individual families whose homes were severely damaged by the high winds and flooding attributable to Hurricane Maria
- Traditional Puerto Rican lunch prepared by members of the community
- Service projects continue into the afternoon
- Return to Cerro Gordo for volleyball, basketball or simply downtime
- Group activity

Day 4: Villa Del Rio Service Continues

- Our vans return to Villa del Rio and we continue our hurricane relief efforts which are driven by needs identified by the community members themselves Lunch prepared by the community
- Service projects pick up momentum again in the afternoon
- Return to Cerro Gordo for volleyball, basketball and beach time
- Pizza night and/or Iron Chef competition at our Cerro Gordo home-base
- Salsa dance lessons

ITINERARY (continued)

Day 5: North Shore Excursions

- Tropical Breakfast at the Big Yellow House
- Drive to Manati and trek into the jungle until we reach a freshwater spring that was a site of importance to the Indigenous Taino people
- Swim in the clear waters of the spring and explore the ancient hieroglyphs carved into the rocks nearby.
- Enjoy a filling lunch at a nearby Boriqua restaurant
- Head inland to one of Puerto Rico's most pristine rivers where we will help preserve the area through light trail maintenance and removal of debris from the waterway
- Head home for a relaxing evening by the ocean, catered dinner, and some time for group reflection

Day 6: Villa Del Rio Service & Community Development Projects

- After a tropical breakfast we return to Villa Del Rio and get back to work alongside our friends in the community
- During lunch, we discuss the long term impact of our work and the concepts which inform our sustainable development projects
- We wrap up service for the day with some time to relax with the community members and spend some extra time getting to know one another
- Return to the Big Yellow house for catered dinner and reflection activities

Day 7: Final Service Day

- Arrival to Villa del Rio and dive back into our community rebuilding projects Lunch prepared by community
- Our community identified projects conclude
- Big Yellow House beach cook-out
- Time to pack our bags in preparation of tomorrow's departure to the eastern side of the island of enchantment

Day 8: El Yunque and Bio Bay Sea Kayak Tour

- A scenic excursion carries the group into the Caribbean Basin's finest example of tropical rain forest and wilderness area, El Yunque
- Ascend into the clouds and hike along El Angelito Trail
- Grab a beachside lunch at Los Kioskos de Luquillo before settling in at our lodging in the coastal community of Luquillo
- Dip our paddles into the spectacular bioluminescent bay on a sunset kayaking excursion
- Final group dinner out at a local restaurant in Fajardo
- Beach bonfire and time reserved for program reflections

Day 9: Departure

- Breakfast at the hotel, then pack our bags
- Depart for the airport according to your flight schedule



PRICING

12+ students: \$2,445

Tuition Includes:

- All meals, lodging, and scheduled activities
- An experienced Global Works leader to accompany your group
- Global Works Emergency Medical Insurance
- Two free Chaperones including airfare. A 3rd chaperone is included with 15+ students.

Due Dates:

Application & \$495 Deposit Due: 12/1/2021

Tuition Balance Due: 1/30/2022

Forms Due: 3/15/2022

Tuition Does Not Include:

- \$95 application fee
- Round trip airfare
- Passport and/or visa fees, as required
- Baggage fees and meals in airport
- Any activities not described in the itinerary
- Souvenirs or personal expenses

Refund Policy:

Deposits are fully refundable for 30 days following your group's deposit due date and when the trip does not meet the minimum participant requirements. Global Works is not required to provide any refund for late arrival, early withdrawal, or dismissal with cause. If a participant withdraws for personal reasons or a medical emergency or injury anytime after the tuition balance due date, refunds will be made at the sole discretion of Global Works. Global Works strongly recommends purchase of the Program Cancellation and Interruption Protection Plan. Additional trip cancellation insurance may be purchased through an outside carrier.

HOW TO ENROLL

Visit us online at www.globalworkstravel.com and click "Enroll" to access the Global Works application. Select your trip year, the Custom Group Travel program list, and choose your school/group from the list. Pay your \$400 deposit and \$95 application fee to finalize your enrollment.



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AIRFARE

Global Works partners with a travel agency and can provide group flight quotes on request. Quotes are available starting approximately 10 months prior to travel, when the airlines release their schedules.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Your group will stay in dorm style accommodations in our home base (Big Yellow House) in Cerro Gordo and/or in a hotel in Luquillo. We are careful to select accommodations that are appropriate and offer private meeting areas for our group.

TRANSPORTATION

Our primary mode of transportation is through private chartered buses or vans. We have been working with the same reputable companies for many years.

FOOD

All meals are included during the program and feature well-balanced local fare. We can accommodate allergies and dietary restrictions, as necessary. Our trip leaders will communicate any special dietary needs with our local providers, restaurants, etc. in advance so that they are prepared to provide for each participant accordingly.

STAFF

You will have one or more experienced and knowledgeable Global Works trip leader(s) with you 24/7 during your program. Global Works hires skilled, informed, fun-loving women and men who organize and lead trips according to high standards of quality, safety and, of course, fun. They are leaders chosen for their experience working with students, flexibility, organization, language skills, and responsibility. The majority of our staff also works as professional educators and the average age of our staff is 28.