



Puerto Rico

Community Development & Disaster Relief

Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy

April 2 - 12, 2022 11 days / 10 nights

OBJECTIVES & HIGHLIGHTS

- Service learning through home rebuilding projects
- Immersion in the tropical climate through hiking and visits to secluded natural wonders
- Hands on, multi-day environmental service projects in the rain forest
- Beaches, coves, waterfalls, and local markets
- Exploration in the vibrant, historic district of Old San Juan

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
- Transfer to our group lodging at the Big Yellow House (45 minute drive)
- Take a short walk to Playa Cerro Gordo to dip into the Caribbean ocean and begin our Orientation and acclimation to Puerto Rico
- Dinner is catered at the Big Yellow House

Day 2: Viejo 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 and El Morro fortress
- 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, followed by a catered dinner

Day 3: Villa Del Rio Service Projects Begin

- 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: Service Projects Continue

- 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
- Reflection activities focused on our service and its implications, and the impact of Hurricane Maria

Day 5: Villa Del Rio Service Projects Conclude

- Our final day of hurricane relief projects continue alongside community organizer, William and the families of Villa Del Rio
- Community prepared lunch in the cancha offers time to rest and refuel for our final afternoon of work
- Collaborative home and relationship building continues following lunch
- Return to the Big Yellow House for rest and an opportunity to cool off in the sea Catered dinner at the Big Yellow House
- Group activity and discussion on the day's service work and our role as outsiders in the multifaceted dynamics of community development

ITINERARY (continued)

Day 6: San Juan Exploration and Surf Lessons

- Today we have earned a relaxed morning. We eat a catered tropical breakfast, group up in the vans, and head into Viejo San Juan for a stroll through the shopping and culinary hot spots of the charming city
- After we've had our fun, bought some souvenirs, and enjoyed lunch in the city, we hit Isla Verde Beach for afternoon surf lessons and casual games on the beach
- In the evening, we transfer to our next home base in the Patillas rain forest. There we will settle into our jungle cabanas and meet our hosts for the next 2 days

Day 7: Tropic Ventures Service Continues

- In the morning, we discuss our environmental service project goals with Thrity, a passionate naturalist and longtime steward on the private nature reserve
- In the morning, we roll up our sleeves and get to work helping preserve the endemic flora of Puerto Rico
- After a home cooked lunch, we take the afternoon to explore the homestead and its trail systems, biodiversity, and magical atmosphere
- Dinner will be served in the jungle homestead amidst the sounds and sights of the rain forest
- Overnight in our rustic bunkhouse cabanas

Day 8: Wrap up Environmental Projects and Bonfire Celebration

- Today we return to our conservation projects along Thrity and her fellow volunteers
- We put in a full day of service, leaving a positive footprint behind us as we conclude our final day of preservation work at Tropic Ventures
- After work concludes for the day, we will hike to a nearby freshwater swimming hole
- We celebrate with Thrity and her team with a bonfire and delicious home-cooked dinner

Day 9: EL Yunque and Luquillo Beach

- After a final breakfast served at Tropic Ventures, we transfer to the east coast of the island, where we approach the foot of El Yunque National Rainforest
- We explore both the famous highlights and the hidden gems of El Yunque. The day's journey brings us to tropical swimming holes, lush hiking trails, waterfalls, and incredible views of much of the eastern coast
- The day concludes at our hotel in the beach side town of Luquillo, where we enjoy a catered dinner and a chance on the white sandy beach of the Eastern coast

Day 10: Ecosol Restoration and Bio-luminescent Bay Kayaking

- Wake up, eat a tropical breakfast in view of the ocean, and head out to join our partners from the grassroots conservation org., Ecosol
- The passionate environmental guides from Ecosol will bring us into the Northeast Ecological coordinator, nestled between El Yunque rain forest, and the Luquillo sea turtle nesting zone
- Our work will help to protect the land from misuse and to make it a safe and habitable space for all native wildlife species to thrive
- When work concludes, we enjoy a catered dinner in Luquillo then head out to the famous Bio-Bay. Here we can see the incredible phenomena of naturally occurring bioluminescents right underneath us as we kayak through the mangroves
- We return at the end of the evening to Luquillo for final reflections and a conclusion to our adventures

Day 11: Departure

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



PRICING

Price Per Participant:

- 19+ participants: \$2,495
- 16-18 participants: \$2,595
- 13 - 15 participants: \$2,645
- 10 - 12 participants: \$2,795

Tuition Includes:

- All meals, lodging, and scheduled activities
- An experienced Global Works leader to accompany your group
- 2 Free Chaperones
- Global Works Emergency Medical Insurance

Due Dates:

Application & Deposit Due: 1/24/2022

Balance Due: 2/17/2022

Forms Due: 3/1/2022

Tuition Does Not Include:

- Round trip airfare
- \$95 Application Fee
- Passport and/or visa fees, as required
- Baggage fees and meals in airport
- Any activities not described in the itinerary

Refund Policy:

Deposits and Application Fees are refundable for 15 day following the application due date and nonrefundable thereafter. Global Works reserves the right to cancel a program that does not enroll to a minimum level. In such an occurrence, deposits and application fees will be refunded. For tuition protection, the Program Cancellation and Interruption Protection Plan is available for purchase. Please note that airfare is not considered part of the tuition, cannot be refunded, and is not covered by the Program Cancellation and Interruption Protection Plan (PIP). Global Works is not required to provide any refund for late arrival, early withdrawal, or dismissal with cause. 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 local travel agency in Boulder, Colorado and can provide group flight quotes on request. Quotes are available starting 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.