



Puerto Rico 2023

Take the trip of a lifetime to Puerto Rico! You'll get to visit a Caribbean island without the need for a passport. From beaches to tropical forests, this is a unique opportunity to learn about a Spanish Caribbean culture that has an American twist.

It is up to you and the rest of the group to plan your adventure. Whether visiting El Morro Fort at Old San Juan, hiking in El Yunque National Forest (the only tropical rainforest in the National US Forest System), taking a day trip to one of the smaller islands just off the coast, or exploring the Rio Camuy Caves—you'll be sure to make friends that last a lifetime! You will gain essential life skills and learn how to plan and travel together as a group.

Who:

Girl Scouts 13-18 years old (by July 2023)

When: July 2023

The trip will last 10 days between July 1-14 (exact dates based on airfare).

Trip Advisors and girls will meet monthly beginning in Oct 2021 to plan the trip, earn money to offset trip costs, and prepare to travel to Puerto Rico

Cost: \$2,500* plus airfare

*Includes ground transportation, food, lodging, trip activities, and pre and post-trip group expenses. The cost does not include airfare. The final trip cost is based on activities chosen by the group. Girls are responsible for personal expenses such as pre-trip physical and immunizations as well as personal spending on the trip.



Complete the trip application at
<https://tinyurl.com/we2hw3ew>.

The first meeting will be on October 23. Interviews will happen as applications come in and will be accepted until spots are full. A link will be sent to sign up for an interview timeslot once your application is received.



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Participant Requirements:

- Girl Scouts must be between the ages of 13-18 by July 2023
- Girl Scouts must register as a member of Girl Scouts of Western Washington.
- Girl Scouts must have an interest and be able to participate in group activities, including planning, preparation, cultural exchange, and service projects.
- Girl Scouts must be prepared for the physical demands of travel and all trip activities.
- Girl Scouts must be open to learning about other cultures and experiencing the unfamiliar.
- Girl Scouts must be able to attend all group meetings.



Travel Group Meeting Schedule

October 23 from 12-4 PM	May 14
November 13 from 10 AM-4 PM	June 25
No meeting in December–happy holidays!	July 29 evening cultural night
January 21-22 (overnight)	No meeting in August–happy summer!
February 26	September 24
March 26 - evening cookie celebration	October 15
No meeting in April enjoy spring break	November 19

All meetings and group activities will be held in the Monroe/Snohomish area.

Adult advisors for the Puerto Rico 2023 trip have skills and experience in travel, cultural exploration, emergency medicine, group development, and service projects.

Questions?

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