

Your Hosts

Hands-on owners, Nancy Escabi and Paul Borkowski have resided in Puerto Rico for over 25 years and have a thorough knowledge of the island. They have strong backgrounds in education, transportation, tourism, safety and security.

As the first elected female president of CAIS (Caribbean Association of Independent Schools), Nancy's credits include that of a teacher, school camp director, early childhood coordinator, school principal and chairperson of Middle States accreditations as well as CADIE, an island-based private educational accrediting agency. She is currently Head of School at a prominent independent school on the Island with an enrollment of 750 students (Pre-K to High School).

Paul is a retired New York City Department of Corrections Captain with nearly twenty-five years of experience in corrections, courts, safety and security. In addition to his Law Enforcement experience, he has a strong background in Puerto Rican Studies and has lectured on his extensive research in studies pertaining to Puerto Rican history. He has completed all requirements and class work for the Certified Tour Guide Exam and is a licensed tour operator.



Your Staff

Carol Buchanan, *Retired School Teacher*

PhD, Education

Chuck Buchanan, *Retired High School*

Principal, Musician, Band Conductor, Civil Engineer, Coach

Sra. Vicky Caquias, *Marching Band Director and Choreographer*

Victor "Papo" Rivera, *President*

Puerto Rico Tour Guides

Carlos Aneiro, *Historian*



In Puerto Rico, with its distinctive multicultural blend of African, Spanish and U.S. heritages, mainland visitors will feel both at home and as if they are somewhere *far, far away.*

PREP TOURS –
A TRUSTED COMPANY

- PEACE OF MIND—WITH PREP TOURS YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR CHILDREN ARE
- PREP TOURS uses insured vehicles licensed, regulated & inspected by the Puerto Rico Tourism Company (PRTC) as well as the Puerto Rico Department of Public Works.
- Our drivers/tour operators are licensed and certified by the Department of Public Works and PRTC.
- Our drivers/tour operators and tour guides are drug screened and possess good conduct certificates (background checks) issued by the Puerto Rico Police Department.
- PREP TOURS co-owner and founder, Paul Borkowski, is a retired N.Y.C. Dept of Correction Captain with nearly 25 years of experience in safety and security.

Let us begin to develop a tour that encourages a new world of adventure and opportunity for you and your students.

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Offering tours that are unique, educational, and oftentimes life-changing!



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What is a PREP Music Performance Tour?

A PREP Music Performance Tour is a combination of music performances, hands-on cultural immersion, and recreational activities that create the ideal mix of musical and educational excellence not found in any textbook, classroom, lecture or rehearsal hall.

PREP TOURS fulfills the musical and cultural goals demanded by today's music directors, educators and parents by giving students the opportunity to perform in a foreign country and exposing them to a culture other than their own.

PREP TOURS are educational, memorable, fun, and at times, life changing for astute travelers.

PREP TOURS offers students the opportunity to showcase their talents at local venues and musical exchanges, attend workshops, and interact with new friends in cultural exchange activities while immersing in the breathtaking beauty, history and culture of Puerto Rico.



Why go with PREP TOURS INC.?



We are island-based and only concentrate our efforts on Puerto Rico, not the whole world. We have numerous contacts with local experts, professional guides and historians, popular music venues, hotels, attractions, and restaurants. We arrange for organizational detail to be met so you can focus your time on music events. Every tour is customized to meet your specifications and ultimately, to exceed your expectations.

Imagine your students performing in front of local audiences, attending a workshop, learning native dances & music, performing meaningful community service, sampling local cuisine, sailing aboard a catamaran, snorkeling above coral reefs, hiking in a rain forest, experiencing a glowing bio bay, horseback riding along a secluded beach, learning and dancing to the Latin beat of the Salsa.

Where is Puerto Rico?

Located in the Spanish West Indies, east of the Dominican Republic and west of the U.S. Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico is a tropical paradise enjoying mostly warm, sunny days that are ideal for either outdoor or indoor performances.



Puerto Ricans are friendly Spanish and English-speaking United States citizens and high energy music enthusiasts living in a multicultural U.S. Commonwealth that's close to home; far from the expected.

Puerto Rico boasts spectacular beaches, a tropical rain forest, a well preserved 500 year-old city full of history, culture, and many recreational activities.

No passports for U.S. citizens are needed. Puerto Rico offers same day and direct flights from U.S. cities. No precious time is lost to traveling. It is a less expensive trip than European destinations. The U.S. dollar is the currency used.

Parents and participants can communicate with each other by simply dialing the area code + the phone number.



Only roughly the size and shape of the state of Connecticut, this island paradise of 4 million inhabitants has produced noted musicians of Puerto Rican heritage such as, Marc Anthony, Ricky Martin, Jennifer Lopez, Jose Feliciano, El Gran Combo Orchestra, Tito Puente, Chayanne.

The late great cellist, Pablo Casals resided on the island for many years.

Services Included: All performance arrangements and related fees, meals per itinerary, all ground transportation tours and transfers as per itinerary.

Visit us at www.preptours.com to view our sample itinerary.



Parents are welcome.

We serve clients directly, as well as acting as a subcontractor for large student group tour and travel companies. Airfare and accommodations can be arranged.

Not Included: Airfare, meals other than those listed, instrument rentals, personal expenses, insurances, alcoholic beverages, specialty drinks, and gratuities.