

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 770 students (Pre-K to High School).

Paul is a retired New York City Department of Correction 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

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.*



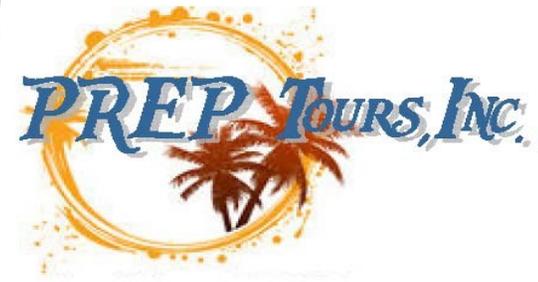
- PEACE OF MIND—WITH PREP TOURS YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR CHILDREN ARE
- PREP TOURS uses insured vehicles licensed, regulated & inspected by the Puerto Rico Tourism Company (PRTC) as well as the Puerto Rico Department of Public Works.
- Our drivers/tour operators are licensed and certified by the Department 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's begin to develop a tour that encourages a new world of adventure and opportunity for you and your students as visitors to Puerto Rico.

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What is a PREP Educational tour?

PREP Educational tours are cultural immersion-based student educational tours on the tropical island paradise of Puerto Rico that fulfill the educational and cultural goals of educators. Our tours are the combination of an instructor's specific focus and hands-on cultural, historical and recreational activities creating the ideal mix of academic excellence not found in any classroom, textbook or college campus.



Why go with PREP TOURS, INC.?

PREP tours offer young Americans the opportunity to be on the cutting edge of travel to a country that will broaden their cultural and Spanish language awareness through the enjoyment of customs and traditions, meaningful community service, geography and food, language and arts, while immersing in Puerto Rico's breathtaking beauty, history and culture. This practical background will serve students as they study and work together with the Latino population.



We are an island based company, having numerous contacts with local hotels, transportation, attractions, guides, guest speakers, historians, and restaurants. We arrange for organizational detail to be met so you can focus your time on immersion events. We customize every tour to meet your specifications and ultimately, to exceed your expectations.

Imagine your students practicing their Spanish skills with the residents, learning local dances, sampling native cuisine, snorkeling above coral reefs, hiking in a rain forest, experiencing the glowing bio bay...



Where & What is Puerto Rico?

Located in the Spanish West Indies, Puerto Rico is a tourist paradise enjoying warm and sunny days most of the year making it an ideal destination for engaging in cultural immersion activities.

Puerto Ricans are friendly Spanish and English-speaking United States citizens, living in a multicultural U.S. Commonwealth that's close to home; far from the expected. Trips to Europe are more costly and Spanish speaking Mexico currently poses safety problems.



Puerto Rico boasts spectacular beaches, a tropical rain forest, a well preserved 500 year old city full of history and culture and many recreational activities. Students will experience an island culture shaped by a blend of Spanish, Taino Indian, African, and North American influences.

No passports are required for U.S. citizens. Puerto Rico offers same day & direct flights from U.S. cities. No precious time is lost to traveling.

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

Cultural, Historical, and Recreational Highlights

Guided walking tours of history rich Old San Juan and Ponce
Evening Kayaking in Fajardo's Bioluminescent Bay
Tour of a restored 19th century coffee hacienda
Explanations on Puerto Rican culture and history, and the Puerto Rican Diaspora
Hiking and picnicking in El Yunque Rain Forest
Swimming at Luquillo Beach
Visit to the Camuy Caves and Arecibo Observatory
Puerto Rican cuisine including a typical island pig Roast
Meaningful Community Service



Only roughly the size and shape of the state of Connecticut, this island paradise of 4 million inhabitants has produced noted professionals of Puerto Rican heritage such as, Roberto Clemente, Marc Anthony, Ricky Martin, Jennifer Lopez, Benicio del Toro, Rita Moreno, Jose Feliciano, Sonia Sotomayor, Jose Ferrer, Chayanne. The late great cellist, Pablo Casals resided on the island for many years.

Parents are welcome.



Services Included: Accommodations at the Dorado Embassy Suites (www.embassysuitesdorado.com) based on 3/4 per room, meals daily as per itinerary, all ground transportation, tours, and transfers as per itinerary.

Not Included: Airfare can be arranged, meals other than those listed, personal expenses, insurances, alcoholic beverages, specialty drinks and tips.

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