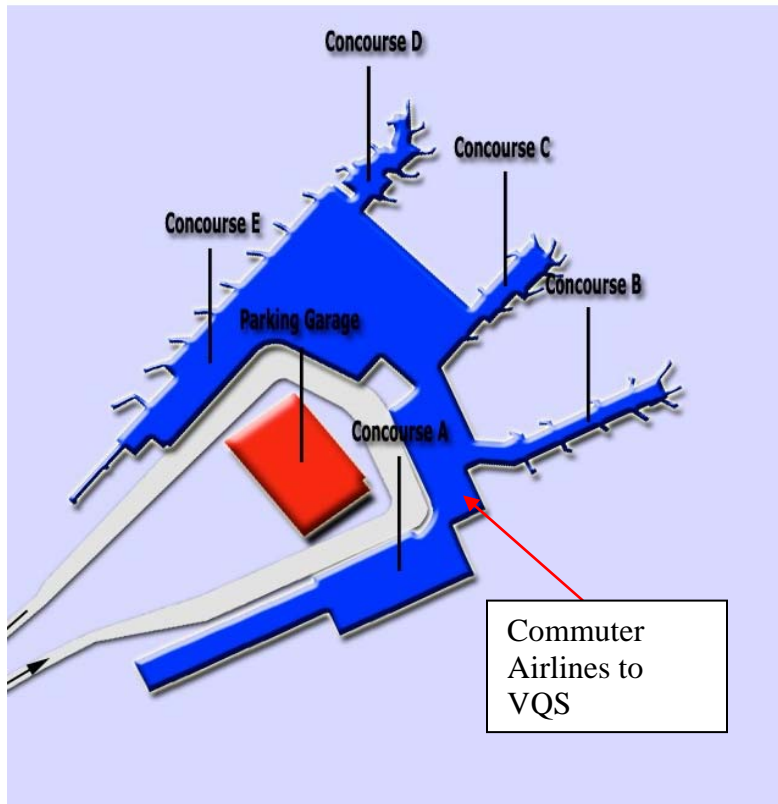


PURA VIDA. VIEQUES

Thank you for deciding to stay with us. We've provided some information to help you get to your house in Esperanza, Vieques. For the most up to date rental car, ferry, publico or airline schedules and contact information, refer to www.viequesevents.net

Once in San Juan International Airport:



Once you arrive in San Juan airport, you will head downstairs to pick up your baggage at the carousels. Make sure you keep your baggage receipt tags the counter agent staples to your boarding pass upon check in at your home airport. After you pick up your bags and head outside, a person at the door may check the tag affixed to the bag to the receipts on your boarding pass. Be careful, once you go outside baggage claim, you cannot re-enter baggage claim.

After exiting baggage claim, you need to go upstairs again to check into the commuting air section. The graphic to the left is where the commuter air counters are (next to US Air counters). The agent will ask your weight, and weigh your bags. After checking in with your charter airline, you will go through security again and head downstairs within the terminal and wait for your flight to board.

*Note...the commuter airlines have a stricter weight limit than commercial carriers, due to the smaller size of the aircraft. Check with them before your trip for the allowance.

If you are flying to Vieques from Isla Grande airport, exit SJU as stated above with baggage. Find the orange taxi stands in the parking loop. The attendant will ask for your destination, simply say Isla Grande airport. The fare is regulated and approximately \$20, the transit time is about 15 to 20 minutes away. There i After checking in, there may be a small café open where they serve the local favorite, Medalla Light beer. You've earned one after a long day of travel, welcome to San Juan.

Driving to the passenger Ferry in Fajardo:

- The ferry is the least expensive option, especially if you have a party of more than 2 or 3 people. The passenger ferry is located in Fajardo, about 40 miles East of San Juan. Travel time to Fajardo is about an hour to hour and a half depending on traffic. We have used Sra. Ilca Rivera who runs a very prompt and easy to access van service. Ilca speaks perfect English and promptly responds to email inquiries. Her rates are as follows (updated summer 2011):
Sra. Ilca Rivera vconpadin_04@hotmail.com
Office: 787-355-6746 Mobile: 787-644-3091
All prices one way, All rates include luggage.
 - 1 person is - \$65.00
 - 2 to 4 people - \$70.00
 - 5 to 6 people - \$75.00

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- 7 to 8 people - \$85.00
- 9 people and up - \$12.00 per person
- Another option would be to rent a car with a one way drop off. Avis allows you to pickup a car at either the International airport or at their location in the lobby of the Intercontinental Hotel in Isla Verde. Their drop off location is in Ceiba, note they close at 4:30pm in Ceiba so the car will need to be dropped off by then. They will then take you in a shuttle van to the ferry dock. The drive to Fajardo is easy, it's basically East on Route 3. It's nothing to worry about, the drive isn't bad at all. There are a few malls, Wal-Marts, and many restaurants on the way from San Juan to Fajardo.

Bring a copy of your state-side automobile insurance policy indicating coverage \$ amounts, or they may charge you for temporary per day Puerto Rico insurance. Yes, your credit card may provide this coverage in the States, but in PR they want proof of Liability coverage.

Arriving in Vieques via Airport or Ferry:

- Once you touch down in Vieques, and receive your bags, you'll exit the airport with a parking loop straight ahead. Here publicos, or taxis, will most likely be waiting. If not, they arrive throughout the day to pick up passengers. The publicos will be large vans vs. 4 door sedan type cabs, and they may drop off other passengers on the way to Esperanza. The same is true for the ferry, there most likely will be publicos waiting. All drivers will know where Esperanza is located. If not, maps and directions to Esperanza are below. Fares are roughly \$5 per person to Esperanza, plus a small fee per piece of baggage. Most guests take a publico to Pura Vida, where our care takers will meet you at the house after the Publico arrives. (Our care takers live only two blocks away in the small village).
- If you've arranged to have our caretakers pick you up at the airport or ferry, please let me know your airline and flight number (if flying to VQS), and arrival time, so I can relay that information to them. If your travel plans unexpectedly change or delayed, their contact information is: Joe and Mimi Popp. Mobile: (443)-310-6768. They charge \$35, paid directly to them upon pickup. They will give you a quick tour of town, explain where some sites are, grocery stores, gas stations, etc.

Regardless of how you arrive at Pura Vida, Joe and Mimi, our caretakers, **will need to know roughly what time to expect you**, to let you into your house. You can either email that to me (info@puravidavieques.com) or to Joe and Mimi (mimipop@aol.com).

Check-In Instructions:

- The majority of our guests take a publico to Esperanza. Joe and Mimi will contact you via to confirm your estimated arrival time on Vieques. They will either tell you to have the Publico driver take them to their house (which is only a couple blocks away in Esperanza) or directly to Pura Vida, where they will meet you and let you into the house, provide keys, explain the island, restaurants, Bio Bay tours, and answer any questions.

Items that we Supply:

- All bed linens, bath towels, and beach towels. (We do ask you wash the beach towels prior to departure for a courtesy to the next guest)
- Beach chairs, umbrella, cooler, floatie noodle, toys (sand castle items, buckets, shovels, etc.)
- Iron, small ironing board (please don't iron on bed), hair dryer
- We initially supply a couple rolls of toilet paper and paper towels. You will most likely have to purchase a package of toilet paper depending on usage and length of stay. The Green Store or Colmado Lydia are both a quick walk down the street and have all of these items.
- There may be shampoo leftover from a previous guest, or a small hotel size on hand. You may want to bring your own if you prefer a specific type, or buy some at the Green Store.
- TV and PS2, the master bedroom has a TV and Sony Playstation2 which doubles as a DVD player. We have a wide variety (approximately 50) of movies to satisfy small children to adults. There are also about a dozen PS2 games. We do not have Satellite TV reception.
- There is a Sirius Satellite radio and stereo system in the main room. You can tune into one of hundreds of music channels, Live news and sports including NFL football games. There is also an iPod dock within the stereo for iPod charging.

Items you may want to pack from home, or you may need to buy at the Green Store:

- The one thing I think is critical to bring with you is a refillable water bottle. I usually fill them ½ way with water, place them in the freezer overnight, and fill with water prior to leave for the beach. You'll have nice cold water all day to keep hydrated in the sun.
- Sun Tan lotion, the sun is brutal in Puerto Rico. I would recommend one bottle per person. You can buy lotion at the Green Store as well if you forgot to pack from home.
- Laundry detergent, we have a washer and dryer available for your use, but you will need to purchase detergent if there is none leftover from previous guest.
- We have a number of books at the house, but it's never a bad idea to bring one for the trip down. Island Time is much easier to pass with a book.

Drinking Water:

- The water in all of Puerto Rico must pass all U.S. Federal regulations for storage, transport and cleanliness. You do not need to worry about the quality of the drinking water as in places like Mexico or other South American countries. In fact, many people say the water taste and quality is better on Vieques than their home in the U.S.

Energy Conservation:

- We do ask you **please** turn off the Air Conditioners, lights and ceiling fans when not in use, such as when you leave for the beach. The majority of electricity in Puerto Rico is unfortunately generated from fossil fuels, the main one importation of fuel oil. Therefore the kilowatt hour rate varies each month to the price of oil. The average price is around .22 cents per kwh, which is 50% to 100% higher than what you probably pay in the States. We just ask you please turn off the AC units when not in use.

Internet Access:

- We do not have wifi or Internet access at Pura Vida (it's good to disconnect for a few days, liberates the soul!). However there are a few places on the island where you can get online with wifi. The first is in the town square of Isabel, there is free public wifi, just grab a bench in the square and hookup. The second is the small café right outside the airport. In Esperanza, the Vieques Conservation Historical Trust (right next to Duffy's) has a few computers available for

use, they ask for a \$1 or so donation to help with their public benefit programs. Finally, Roys Coffee Shop in Isabel (The bright pink building on the main street) has wifi. They do ask you help them and buy a good coffee or sandwich while you surf.

On island grocery shopping:

- Vieques main grocery store is Supermarket Morales, located on Route 200 on the north side of the island. The towns two gas stations are next to the supermarket. One tip we use, if two people are together, have one get gas (there may be a gas line) while the other one starts the shopping. This saves some time. You can buy just about everything you need food wise at Morales. Their selection of items has greatly improved over the years.

Gas

- The island's two gas stations are on Route 200 as stated above, in-between the airport and the town of Isabel. **Gas is cash only**, pre pay. So ensure you bring enough cash with you, there is an ATM in the gas station if you need cash. Gas is sold in liters. If renting our SUV, we ask you leave the tank with the same amount of gas as you found it. Generally, we have guests begin their stay with ½ tank, and ask you leave it with ½ tank full.

ATM

- There are a couple ATMs on Vieques. The main ATM is in front of Banco Popular in Isabel, next to the post office. Duffy's restaurant, on the Malecon in Esperanza, also had an ATM.

Credit Cards

- Visa and Mastercard are widely accepted at most restaurants, markets, Green Store, supermarket, etc. (Gas station is cash only!). American Express is not widely accepted on Vieques.

On your way home:

Checking out of Pura Vida:

- Check out time is 10AM, this time may be modified with the approval of our care takers.
- If possible, it would be greatly appreciated to start a load or two of laundry to include bed linens and towels.
- We rarely withhold funds from security deposits due to cleaning and turnover. We incur more expense than the cleaning fee we charge, and often absorb that as a cost of doing business. However, any excessive cleaning beyond a reasonable level required will be charged at our care takers hourly rate and deducted from the security deposit. A sink full of dirty dishes, overflowing garbage cans, every towel used in the house and other general nonsense will be considered excessive cleaning.

US Dept. of Agriculture baggage screen:

- BEFORE you go to your airlines check in counter you must send your bags through the US Dept. of Agriculture screening machine. This machine scans your luggage for any invasive plants which could affect mainland crops. There is a list of prohibited items at the screening station.

Duty Free:

- Upon leaving Puerto Rico back to the US mainland, you are allowed to purchase duty free items to take with you. Rum is a popular item to take back (Don Q – we like to call it Vitamin Q - is our favorite).

How to get to Esperanza.
There are two routes to Esperanza.

Via Airport:

East on 200
Right onto Rt. 201
Straight onto 996
Right onto 996 towards
Esperanza

Via Ferry:

West on 200
Left onto 997
Follow this all the way into
Esperanza.



How to get to Pura Vida
184 Calle Liria, Esperanza

The first landmark you will see, is the Green Store (1). Take a left at the fork in road at Green Store.

Continue for approximately ¼ mile or so. Do not take the first right, continue on, and very quickly you will need to take the next right, after Rainbow Realty. It almost does not look like a street, it is very narrow (2).

Follow this street, it will bend around, and you will come to our house, #184, on the right.

If you miss the turn and end up on the Malecon, you've gone too far.

How to get to Pura Vida.





Pura Vida as seen from Calle Liria

Our Care Takers:

Joe and Mimi Popp.

Mobile Phone: (443)-310-6768.

239 Calle Magnolia

Esperanza

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2:30 PM	2:55 PM	Daily
4:30 PM	4:55 PM	Daily

Vieques	St. Croix	
10:00 AM	10:25 AM	Daily
3:00 PM	3:25 PM	Daily
5:30 PM	5:55 PM	Daily

Vieques	St. Thomas	
10:00 AM	10:15 AM	Daily
5:15 PM	5:30 PM	Daily

San Juan Intl	Vieques	
9:30 AM	9:55 AM	Daily
1:30 PM	1:55 PM	Daily
2:30 PM	2:55 PM	Daily
5:00 PM	5:55 PM	Daily

St. Croix	Vieques	
8:00 AM	8:25 AM	Daily
11:00 AM	11:25 AM	Daily
3:30 PM	3:55 PM	Daily

St. Thomas	Vieques	
8:30 AM	8:45 AM	Daily
4:00 PM	4:15 PM	Daily

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4:40 PM	5:10 PM	Daily

Vieques	Isla Grande	
7:30 AM	8:00 AM	Mon-Sat.
9:00 AM	9:30 AM	Sunday
12:00 PM	12:30 PM	Mon-Sat.
2:00 PM	2:30 PM	Daily
4:00 PM	4:30 PM	Daily
5:45 PM	6:15 PM	Daily

Vieques	St. Croix	
7:40 AM	8:15 AM	Mon-Sat.
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2:00 PM	2:30 PM	Sunday
3:00 PM	3:30 PM	Mon-Sat.

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5:30 PM	6:00 PM	Daily

Isla Grande	Vieques	
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8:30 AM	9:00 AM	Mon-Sat.
9:45 AM	10:15 AM	Sunday
1:00 PM	1:30 PM	Daily
2:45 PM	3:15 PM	Mon-Sat.
5:00 PM	5:30 PM	Daily

St. Croix	Vieques	
8:30 AM	9:00 AM	Mon-Sat.
1:00 PM	1:30 PM	Sunday
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6:55 PM	Daily

Vieques to San Juan

7:35 AM	Daily
9:25 AM	Daily
11:50 AM	Daily
1:44 PM	Daily
3:59 PM	Daily
6:10 PM	Daily
7:40 PM	Daily

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Monday-Sunday

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3:00 PM	4:30 PM
6:00 PM	8:00 PM

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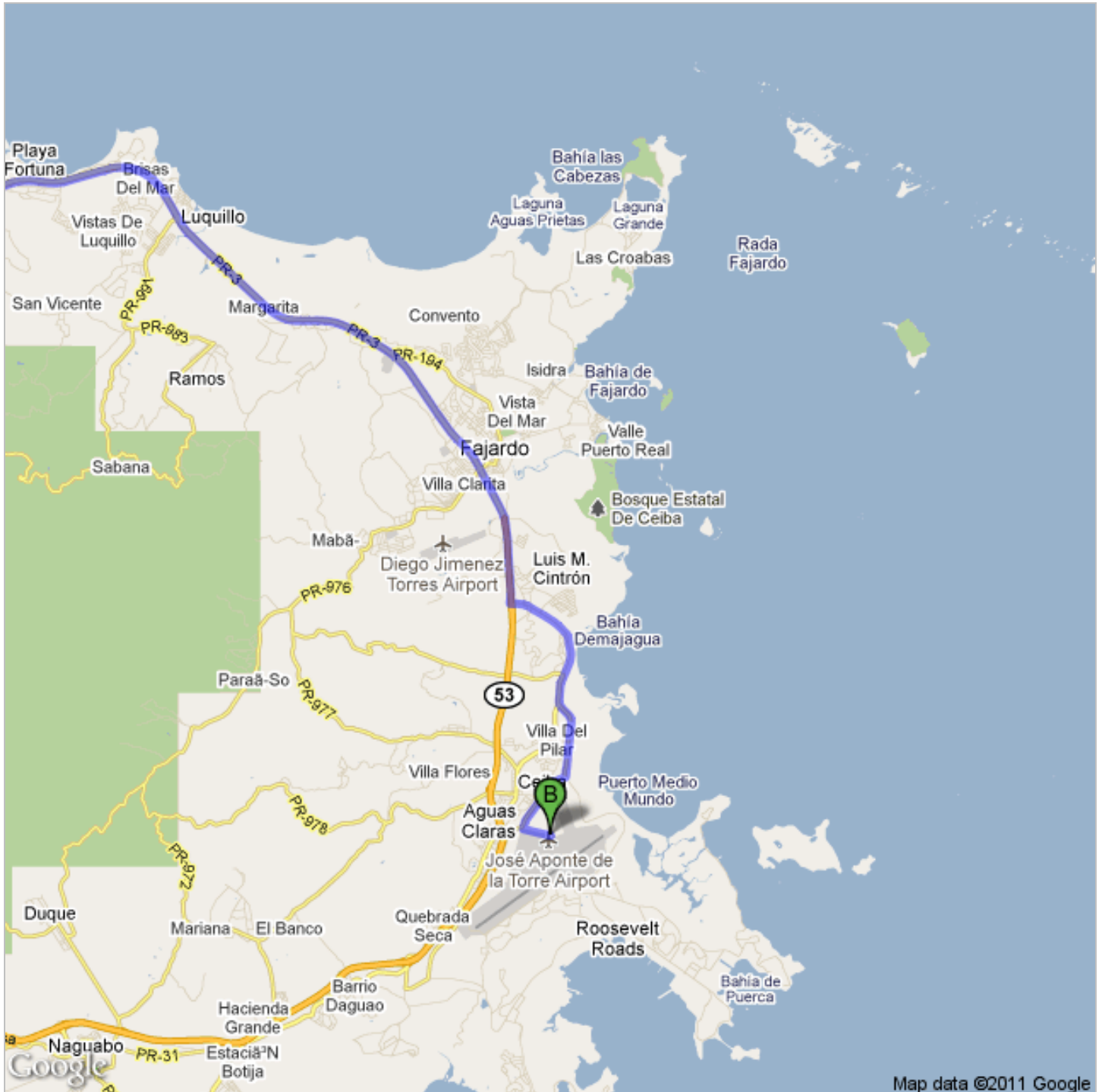
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Directions to José Aponte de la Torre Airport

Ceiba 00735, Puerto Rico - (787) 534-4101

61.1 km – about 56 mins

Directions from SJU to Ceiba airport and Avis rental car return. Avis may have a shuttle to take you to Fajardo ferry dock, if not a taxi can be hired.



A Luis Munoz Marin International Airport
Carolina 00983, Puerto Rico - (787) 729-8805

1. Head **north**
About 2 mins go 1.2 km
total 1.2 km
2. Continue straight onto **PR-17/Puente Teodoro Moscoso**
About 1 min go 700 m
total 1.9 km
3. Take the ramp to **Expreso Baldorioty De Castro/Expreso Loiza/PR-26**
go 350 m
total 2.2 km
4. Keep left at the fork to continue toward **Expreso Baldorioty De Castro/Expreso Loiza/PR-26**
go 260 m
total 2.5 km
5. Keep left at the fork and merge onto **Expreso Baldorioty De Castro/Expreso Loiza/PR-26**
About 4 mins go 7.0 km
total 9.5 km
6. Continue onto **PR-66/Roberto Sánchez Vilella Expy**
About 8 mins go 14.1 km
total 23.6 km
7. Turn right onto **PR-3**
About 29 mins go 30.6 km
total 54.2 km
8. Take the exit toward **PR-3**
go 200 m
total 54.4 km
9. Turn left onto **PR-3**
About 5 mins go 2.9 km
total 57.3 km
10. Slight left toward **Boxer Dr**
About 2 mins go 1.7 km
total 59.0 km
11. Slight right onto **Boxer Dr**
About 2 mins go 1.5 km
total 60.5 km
12. Turn left
About 1 min go 600 m
total 61.1 km

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