

## PUERTO RICO-USA



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**Capital:** San Juan **Time:** GMT - 4

**Background:** Discovered by Columbus in 1493, the island was ceded by Spain to the US in 1898 following the Spanish-American War. A popularly elected governor has served since 1948. In plebiscites held in 1967 and 1993, voters chose to retain commonwealth status.

**Location:** Caribbean, island between the Caribbean Sea and the North Atlantic Ocean, east of the Dominican Republic

**Map References:** Central America and the Caribbean

**Area:** total: 9,104 sq km land: 8,959 sq km water: 145 sq km

**Climate:** tropical marine, mild; little seasonal temperature variation

**Terrain:** mostly mountains, with coastal plain belt in north; mountains precipitous to sea on west coast; sandy beaches along most coastal areas

**Natural Resources:** some copper and nickel; potential for onshore and offshore oil

**Population:** 3,915,798 (July 2000 est.)

**Nationality:** noun: Puerto Rican(s) (US citizens) adjective: Puerto Rican

**Ethnic Groups:** NA

**Religions:** Roman Catholic 85%, Protestant and other 15%

**Economy:** Puerto Rico has one of the most dynamic economies in the Caribbean region. A diverse industrial sector has surpassed agriculture as the primary locus of economic activity and income. Encouraged by duty-free access to the US and by tax incentives, US firms have invested heavily in Puerto Rico since the 1950s. US minimum wage laws apply. Sugar production has lost out to dairy production and other livestock products as the main source of income in the agricultural sector. Tourism has traditionally been an important source of income for the island, with estimated arrivals of nearly 5 million tourists in 1999. Prospects for 2000 are good, assuming continued strength in the tourism and construction sectors and continuation of the US boom.

**Industries:** pharmaceuticals, electronics, apparel, food products; tourism

**Railways:** total: 96 km narrow gauge: 96 km 1,000-m gauge, rural, narrow-gauge system for hauling sugarcane; no passenger service

**Highways:** total: 14,400 km paved: 14,400 km unpaved: 0 km (1996 est.)

**Waterways:** NA

**Ports and Harbors:** Guanica, Guayanilla, Guayama, Playa de Ponce, San Juan

**Airports:** 30 (1999 est.) **Airports - with paved runways:** total: 21 over 3,047 m: 3 1,524 to 2,437 m: 3 914 to 1,523 m: 9 under 914 m: 6 (1999 est.) **Airports - with unpaved runways:** total: 9 914 to 1,523 m: 2 under 914 m: 7 (1999 est.)

**Visa:** The visa requirements for entering Puerto Rico are the same as for entering the USA. See *Visa* in the USA section.

**Duty Free:** As for the USA. See the USA section

**Health:** no specific precautions.

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