

Puerto Rico Photography Tour
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October 30-November 3, 2010

On or before October 30: Participants arrive at the Luis Muñoz Marín International Airport in San Juan (SJU). The airport is serviced by a number of airlines like American, Delta, and Spirit Air. There are no customs or immigration to go through. The 25-minute taxi ride from the airport to Old San Juan will cost about \$25 (the prices are set by the government and are based on distance, number of people, and pieces of luggage).

PRE-TOUR LODGING NOTE: If participants are not able to arrive at SJU airport in time for the tour's first meeting on Saturday, they will be able to book the night before (Friday, October 29) at the special rate of \$100/night/double occupancy plus tax. Just call the Hotel Casablanca directly at (787) 725-3436, and tell them you are with the Padró Images Photography Tour.

Lodging: Casablanca Boutique Hotel in OSJ (<http://www.hotelcasablancapr.com/>)

**IMPORTANT
SCHEDULE, TIMES AND EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

Saturday, October 30:

4:30p-5:30p Meet in the lobby of the Casablanca Hotel.

Welcome, introductions, headcount, brief discussion of schedule, and Q&A

6:00p Dinner on your own.

Sunday, October 31

8:00a-12:00p El Morro Castle. We will photograph the exterior and interior of this historic castle (UNESCO World Heritage Site). The castle opens at 9:00a.m. Afterwards we will walk back to Old San Juan and photograph people and Spanish Colonial architecture (doors, historic buildings, etc).

12:00p-4:00p Time off to photograph, shop, and explore. Lunch on your own.

4:00p-6:30p San Cristobal Castle in late afternoon. Will photograph exterior during late afternoon/sunset.

7:00p Dinner on your own

Monday, November 1

7:30a-9:30a Drive to Ponce. On the way will stop at Monumento al Jibaro.

9:30a-11:30a In Ponce we will photograph around the Plaza las Delicias, featuring the Ponce Cathedral, historic firehouse and Spanish Colonial architecture (different style from Old San Juan). While on the plaza, we will photograph a "vejigante", a colorful character dressed with a devil-like mask and billowy costume.

11:30a-1:30p Time off to photograph, shop and explore. Lunch on your own (either in Ponce or at the seaside village of Salinas on our return trip to San Juan).

1:30p-3:30p Return to Old San Juan

3:30p-5:00p Free time

5:00p-7:00p Late afternoon/twilight stroll and shoot along historic walls, seaside promenade, San Juan Gate, Cathedral, La Rogativa Statue, etc.

7:00p Dinner on your own.

Tuesday, November 2

Dawn-10:00a Dawn/twilight shoot at El Morro Castle and San Juan Cemetery. Afterwards we will walk back to Old San Juan and visit the Plaza de Armas and the Paseo de la Princesa promenade.

10:00a-2:00p Time off to photograph, shop and explore. Lunch on your own.

2:00p-4:00p Individual Photo Reviews

4:30p-7:00p San Cristobal Castle interior and Le Lo Lai Festival, featuring colorful, fast-moving folkloric dances in the fort's courtyard.

7:00p Dinner on your own.

Wednesday, November 3

7:30a-9:00a Drive to El Yunque Rain Forest.

9:00a-11:30a El Yunque is the only tropical rain forest within the jurisdiction of the National Forest Service. Will photograph lush vegetation, waterfalls, bamboo stands, fog and mist, etc. Optional, two-mile (round trip) hike to beautiful La Mina Falls.

11:30a Picnic lunch at El Yunque (included). Afterwards we will drive 45 minutes to the Las Cabezas de San Juan (San Juan Headlands) Natural Preserve, home of the historic Fajardo Lighthouse.

2:00p-4:00p Fajardo Lighthouse. By-reservation-only tour starts at 2pm, and will feature a visit (via trolley) to mangrove forest, lagoon, and the lighthouse.

4:00p-6:00p Return to Old San Juan

6:00p-7:00p Free time.

7:00p **Group farewell dinner in Old San Juan Restaurant** (included).

Thursday, November 4

Departures