

GLOBAL EDUCATION ALLIES

Connecting educators and students through partnership programs that develop global awareness and foster innovative learning environments.

SPRING 2022
Educator Excursion:

Caribbean Adventure in the Land of Resilience

Puerto Rico



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Puerto Rico has recently been through a devastating hurricane, an earthquake, and is now dealing with the pandemic along with the rest of the world. Many schools are still dealing with the aftermath of the first two. We invite you to join GEA to hear the stories of resilience amid the recent catastrophes and to be inspired by how Puerto Rican educators have navigated these changes. Participants will have opportunities to have conversations with fellow educators about how to work in less than ideal situations, support each other as educators, and work towards better social-emotional health in the school environment and beyond. We will also learn about STEM projects done through public-private partnerships that celebrate the island's ecological diversity and sustainability. Click [HERE](#) to learn more.

CULTURAL HIGHLIGHTS

- ◇ Sea kayak adventure over a bioluminescent lagoon
- ◇ Hike in the El Yunque tropical rainforest
- ◇ Tour of historical Old San Juan
- ◇ Visit to the famous Casa Pueblo community project
- ◇ Visit to the Serrallés Castle and rum distillery
- ◇ Food tour of Caribbean delicacies

PROGRAM STAFF

Aino Larsen is the Director of GEA and has led hundreds of educators on programs on four continents. Her background is in international education and she is interested in innovation, educational reform, and school culture. She is originally from Finland and has experience teaching in K-12, community organizations, and higher ed.

Glenda Lozada is an elementary school teacher in Naranjito, Puerto Rico. She has participated in various programs and fellowships around the world. She has also co-hosted a PBS special on teachers in Puerto Rico. She is a lover of travel, meeting new people, and serving others.

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE PRICE: Shared accommodations in hotel rooms, most meals, all educational excursions, cultural activities, and local transportation other than airport transfers

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE: Flights in and out of Puerto Rico, upgrades to different rooms, some meals and snacks, possible additional activities, travel insurance, PCR tests, souvenirs and other personal items (Passports are not required for U.S. citizens.)

REFUNDS AND COVID SAFETY: Please read [HERE](#) about our refund policies, extensive Covid strategies, and how GEA intends to make travel as safe, fair, and comfortable as possible.

WHO

All interested educators and administrators are encouraged to apply. Non-educator guests will be considered based on availability.

WHEN

Beach decompress pre-trip: June 4-5
Main program: June 5-10

WHERE

Various communities in Puerto Rico (San Juan, Ponce, Naranjito, Adjuntas, Fajardo)

PRICE

Main program = \$1495
Beach decompress pre-trip = \$280

APPLICATION TIMELINE

Priority consideration: January 15th
Final deadline: March 1st (if spaces are still available)

Zoom interviews will be held January through March and all selection decisions will be made by March 15th. A program deposit of \$250 (refundable in case of Covid) will be due within one week of acceptance. Program balance must be paid in full by May 1st. Apply at globaledallies.org/puerto-rico-sign-up

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