

How do I get there..... and where do I stay?

Many of you whom have contacted HGSNY about the trip have family they can stay with and others who would rather stay in hotels in the vicinity. Some have also expressed different preferences for flights leaving and returning from the island.

In order to avoid any restrictions or limitations to your stay in Puerto Rico, it was agreed that travelers would plan their own flights and accommodations. This would enable everyone the freedom to move around independently before and after the planned activities. It also allows travelers coming from all over the U.S. to plan and meet the rest of the group there.

Transportation to the venues is being worked out since people will be spread out among homes, and hotels in the area. Central meeting places are being considered. Costs will be shared amongst travelers.

Many are making their plans to fly in Saturday, Oct. 30th and do a little pre-event exploring, and site-seeing, on the weekend.

On the afternoon of October 31st, a Sunday, we plan to get together for a meet and greet dinner where we will distribute itineraries to everyone. Our program begins next morning.

The archive tours and presentations have been arranged to take place on **November 1, 2 and 3**, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, so that travelers have the afternoons to themselves. You can use the archives for research, do a little shopping, or stay in Old San Juan and do a little sightseeing. It's all up to you!

Now you know what they say about the "best laid plans of mice and men". We are still working on venues and talks, but we are definitely going to Puerto Rico!

If you are interested in joining us, please contact **Events Coordinating Committee** at hgsny@aol.com



Archivo Militar at Castillo San Cristobal

If you want to read more about these important sources of historical and genealogical information. Here's a listing of websites you can visit.

El Archivo Arquidiocesano de San Juan
<http://www.preb.com/geneal2/adasj.htm> (in Spanish)

El Archivo General de San Juan
<http://www.preb.com/devisita/jflores.htm> (in Spanish)

El Registro Demografico
<http://users.etbyte.net/departamento/ingles/divisiones/DEMOGRAFICO.html> (in English)

El Morro Archives
<http://www.nps.gov/saju/archive.html> (in English)



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Visit some of the most important
genealogical archives and
museums on the island.
Planned tours will include:

El Archivo Arquidiosesano,
El Archivo General,
Registro Demográfico,
El Archivo Militar,
Historical Museums
and more....

Week of
November 1st, 2010

Visit some of the places where the history of your family is kept!

The **Archivo Arquidiocesano** houses the *Archivo Histórico de la Catedral*, containing a diverse collection of church records, including applications, edicts, certifications, etc. *El Archivo Histórico Diocesano* has records on church government and judicial correspondence, circulars, etc. and *El Archivo Histórico de las Parroquias*, containing sacramental and disciplinary documents from parochial churches all over the island.

The **Archivo General de Puerto Rico** houses municipal records for most towns on the island. These archives include many Spanish censuses, Spanish military, civil case, contributory applications and other records.

The **Registro Demográfico**, the civil registry in Puerto Rico, is one of the oldest governmental archives on the island. The records housed here became the official form of identification since its basic function was to provide the citizens a place to inscribe births, deaths and marriages. The Central office holds all the originals for the Registry and copies of some civil books from around the island as each town keeps the original book of entries.

The **Archivo Militar**, the Military Archives is an information center on Caribbean Spanish colonial military history. The collection is composed of approximately 5,000 maps and plans, 2,000 reference books, 200 accessioned rare documents, 100 microfilms of over 10,000 volumes of primary source documents related to Spanish colonial military history of Puerto Rico, the Caribbean and Latin America.

Some groups may break off and visit other archives after activities are over. Stay tuned for details in the coming months.



While in Old San Juan...

Before or after the activities scheduled, you can visit many interesting places nearby, in the almost 500 year-old city of Old San Juan.

There is, of course, the San Felipe del **Morro** fortress, built over a period of 241 years from 1539 to 1783, its walls extend out and around the outlet, almost enclosing the old city.

You can also take a walk across the scenic promenade **Paseo La Princesa** which leads to one of the original city gates still standing, **La Puerta de San Juan**. There's also the oldest governor's residence in use, in the western hemisphere, **La Fortaleza** nearby.

There is also, **Casa Blanca**. The residence of the descendants of Juan Ponce de León, the first governor of Puerto Rico, for 250 years is now a museum of family life from the 1500 and 1600s.

Then there's shopping, restaurants and many souvenir shops along the way.

You can easily walk all of the old city, walking on some of the oldest narrow cobblestone streets in the Americas.

Wear comfortable shoes!

IMPORTANT: A \$75 registration fee is requested of attendees to help pay for meals and activities planned.

Hotels in Old San Juan & El Condado

If you are not staying with family in the area, here is a listing of some hotels in Old San Juan, near the archives we are visiting. Some of these may **not** be near the beach or have swimming pools, check websites or call for information. Hotels in nearby Condado do have beaches, and are a short bus ride to Old San Juan, for those who are *not* driving.

El Milano
307 Fortaleza Street
Old San Juan, P.R. 00901
787-729-9050
www.hotelmilanopr.com

The Wyndham Hotel
100 Braumbaugh Street
Old San Juan, P.R. 00901
787-721-5100
www.wyndham.com

El Caribe Hilton
San Geronimo Grounds
Los Rosales Street
San Juan, P.R. 00901
787-721-0303
www.caribe.hilton.com

El Convento
100 Cristo Street
Old San Juan, P.R. 00901
787-723-9020
www.elconvento.com



San Juan Beach Hotel
1045 Ashford Ave,
San Juan, PR 00907,
787-723-8000
<http://www.sjbeach.com/>

Conrad SJ Condado Plaza
999 Ashford Ave
San Juan, PR 00907,
787-721-1000
www.condadoplaza.com

NOTE: We are trying to negotiate group rates. Please let us know if you are interested.

San Juan Marriott Resort
1309 Ashford Avenue
San Juan, PR 00907
787-722-7000
<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/sjupr-san-juan-marriott-resort-and-stellaris-casino/>

You can use the following sites to find good deals on hotels in the area.

www.hotels.com
www.expedia.com
www.travelocity.com

Radisson Ambassador Plaza Hotel & Casino
1369 Ashford Ave.
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