

PUERTO RICO 2016

GS Troop 66530's Travel Adventures

STEPS TO SUCCESS

Two years of planning for 5
days of glory

Step 1: Determining goals

Step 2: Establishing a
budget and plan

Step 3: Fundraising

Step 4: Selecting our
destination

Step 5: Detailed research
and travel preparations

STEP 1

Determine Goals

- » Adventure
 - » Bond as a Troop
 - » Learn about a new culture
 - » Language “immersion”
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STEP 2

Budget and Plan

- 1/3 Paid by the Troop
- 1/3 Paid by the Family
- 1/3 Paid by the Girl

RESPONSIBILITY



STEP 3

Fundraising
(Lots and lots of
fundraising...)





... and still more fundraising!



STEP 4

Destination

Iceland?



Costa Rica?

Decision: Puerto Rico!

STEP 5

Final Planning

Activities

Paperwork

Packing List



THE TRIP!

Thursday, August 11 to
Monday, August 15





DAY 1



- » Flew from Boston to San Juan
- » Arrived at Posada San Francisco
- » Cafe Berlin for lunch
- » Supermarket, settling in
- » Castillo de San Cristobal, National Historic Site
- » SoFo Festival

POSADA SAN FRANCISCO



OLD SAN JUAN



CASTILLO DE SAN CRISTOBAL, NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE





DAY 2



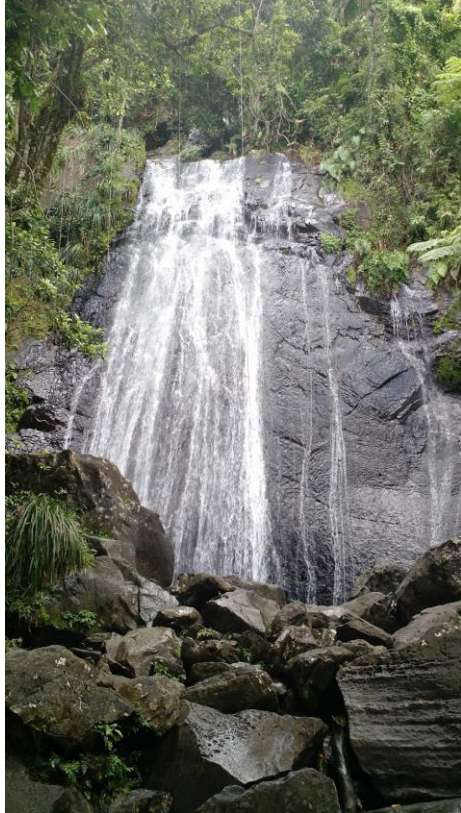
- El Yunque Rainforest Hike
 - Waterfall Swimming
 - Bioluminescent Bay Tour
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EL YUNQUE



- Only tropical rainforest in National Park system
 - Visitor Center
 - Hike to La Mina Falls for a swim
 - Yocahu observation tower
 - La Coca Falls photo op
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EL YUNQUE NATIONAL FOREST



REST OF TOUR



- Lunch/dinner at Asadura
 - Swimming at beach in Loquillo
 - Bio Bay Kayak Tour
 - Paddling through mangrove channels
 - Laguna Grande bioluminescent bay
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LOQUILLO BEACH



KAYAKING THE BIOLUMINESCENT BAY, LAGUNA GRANDE



DAY 3



Meet Tropa 159!

TROPA 159



- Drive to Krispy Kreme in Dorado to meet Tropa 159 leader
- Local park to rendezvous with Tropa 159
- Laguna Tortuguero Nature Reserve in Manati
- Nido di Aguila observation platform
- Photo at Laguna Tortuguero
- Mountain bike park

LAGUNA TORTUGUERO NATURE RESERVE, MANATI





TROPA 159



- Drive to beach in Manati
- Cueva de las Golondrinas (cave of the swallows)
- Poza del Mujeres (beach of the women)
- Tropa 159 leaders cook lunch on the beach

[Video](#)

POZA DEL MUJERES (BEACH OF THE WOMEN)



CUEVA DE LAS GOLONDRINAS (CAVE OF THE SWALLOWS)



FUN AT THE BEACH

Our lifeguard, Orlando



Cooking hot dogs!





TROPA 159



➤ Dariana's grandmother's house for fruit ices called "limbers"

➤ Laura's parents' house for showers and dinner (alcapurrias, avocados, roast pork, rice, beans, flan)

➤ Olympic gold medal tennis match (Monica Puig)

➤ Gift giving

➤ Old San Juan together, Paseo de la Princesa

MONICA PUIG WINS GOLD AT WOMEN'S SINGLES TENNIS!!



DAY 4



Catamaran Spread Eagle II
day trip

CATAMARAN AND SNORKELING



- Catamaran Spread Eagle II Day Sail
- Off-shore island to snorkel and swim
- Buffet lunch on board
- Sail to coral reef off Palomino Island for more snorkeling
- Sail back to Fajardo

SAILING AND SNORKELING, CATAMARAN SPREAD EAGLE II



END OF DAY 4



➤ Souvenir shopping in Old San Juan

➤ Dinner at ChocoBar de Casa Cortes



DAY 5



- 4 am pick up at Plaza Colon, outside hostel
- Flight home to Boston
- Back in Groton by noon!

REFLECTIONS