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WAUWATOSA WEST HIGH SCHOOL BAND
GUY KAMMERER and KARA METZER, DIRECTORS
DESTINATION: PUERTO RICO
DATES: MARCH 23-29, 2019

SUGGESTED ITINERARY AS OF
JANUARY 8, 2018

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

MILWAUKEE/CHICAGO-SAN JUAN

(Meals included: L, D)

AM **Wauwatosa West High School Band** arrives at **Milwaukee or Chicago Area Airport**
(Group to provide transportation to and from the airport)

Upon arrival Begin check-in process and head through security. EVERYONE needs to bring a picture ID along with their ticket. Any traveler 18 yrs or older, will need a state issued id. Keep them handy throughout check-in and security processing.

AM Passengers depart for **San Juan Airport**

PM Arrive at **San Juan Airport** PM Meet your **Tour Manager** near the baggage claim.
Puerto Rican Snack/ Meal provided

PM Transfer to your hotel for check in and to freshen up and enjoy the facilities
Approximately 40 minutes' drive time

We will make a short stop at a market close to hotel, if you wish to purchase refreshments, snacks etc. for your suite's refrigerator and to practice your Spanish Language skills.

PM Enjoy a **Welcome Dinner** at the hotel



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SUNDAY, MARCH 24

SAN JUAN to JUANA DIAZ EXCURSION

(Meals included: B, L, and D)

7:00 AM Fully cooked-to-order breakfast buffet

8:00 AM Depart for **Juana Díaz**. Approximately 2 hour trip. The ride takes you across the islands central mountain range towards the island's much drier southern coast.

10:00 AM Arrive in Juana Díaz. Juana Díaz Pueblo is known as "La Ciudad de los Reyes y los Poetas" (city of kings and poets). Juana Díaz produces sugar cane and beige marble--one of the finest marbles in the world.

AM Meet Mr Victor Torres and his students upon arrival at Escolar de Juan Diaz

1:00 PM **Music Performance Exchange**

After the concert, there will be time for students to meet, interact, socialize, share and exchange ideas, enjoy lunch at the school

PM Narrated tour of Juana Díaz prior to departure

4:30 PM Time to bid Adiós to your newly found friends and the Juana Díaz Pueblo.

Depart for the Resort.

6:30 PM Enjoy dinner en-route to Resort



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MONDAY, MARCH 25

EL YUNQUE RAIN FOREST-LUQUILLO BEACH-BIO BAY EXCURSION

(Meals included: B, L, and D)

- 7:00 AM Fully cooked-to-order breakfast buffet at the resort
- 8:00 AM Depart for **El Yunque Rain Forest** for a guided walking and hiking tour and swimming in the **Rain Forest** also known as El Yunque, home to over 240 plant species receiving billions of gallons of rainfall each year.
- AM There will be stops at **Coca Falls** and **Yokahu Tower** which commands a view of the entire northeast coast of Puerto Rico followed by a picnic style lunch. Recently, El Yunque became one of the nominees for the Seven Wonders of the World Contest.
- AM For the physically fit, there's a downhill hike to **Las Minas Falls**. The hike is approximately 45 minutes going downhill and a 55-minute return hike – all uphill. There is a beautiful waterfall and swimming hole at Las Minas, so bring along your bathing suit because you'll have a chance to wade in the cool refreshing water. **Note: For those wishing a less moderate workout, there is an optional leisurely 20 -30 minute walk on the Bano Grande Trail.** (Notification must be in advance).
- PM **Picnic lunch** in the Rain Forest
- 1:00 PM Depart for **Luquillo Beach**
PM Enjoy the afternoon at **Luquillo Beach** one of the most enhancing beaches in the Caribbean. Its stunning coconut-lined palm trees make it one of the most picturesque beaches in all of Puerto Rico. Curved around a beautiful bay, the beach is known for its usually calm waters.
- PM **Boxed dinner** en route to **Las Croabas**
PM Enjoy an **evening kayak** through **Laguna Grande**. Your guides will instruct you on the safety and protocols of kayaking. They will guide you through the mangroves to the bioluminescent bay, one of only several bio bays in the world where the phenomenon can be observed. They will guide you through the mangroves to Laguna Grande where you'll see the water begin to sparkle when disturbed. Laguna Grande is one of only several bio bays in the world where this spectacular illuminating phenomenon can be observed
- 9:00 PM Load motor coaches to return to the hotel



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TUESDAY, MARCH 26

(Meals included: B, D)

PERFORMANCE AT AN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL / OLD SAN JUAN

- 7:30 AM Full cooked-to-order breakfast
- 8:30 AM Meet your guides and buses and depart for a music performance in a **local independent school** in front of a receptive audience composed of approx. 850 students and teachers.
- 10:00 AM After the music performances, students and teachers are invited for a **hands on cultural exchange** hosted by honor society students
- 11:30 AM Transferred to Old San Juan for lunch on your own (student cost)
- 12:30 PM Meet with your Tour Directors and board coaches bound for a **narrated walking tour of Old San Juan**, the oldest settlement within Puerto Rico and the U.S.
- 1:00 PM Begin guided, narrated, walking tour of **Old San Juan**. This narrated tour will be led by licensed bilingual tour guides who will introduce you to San Juan and its 400 years of Spanish Colonial history. Declared a “World Heritage Site” by UNESCO, this beautifully preserved area comprising of seven square blocks is a blend of both the Old and New Worlds. There will be stops at Fort San Cristobal, Puerto Rico’s Capitol Building (El Capitolio), El Morro, Antiguo Casino, San Juan Museum, Convento de San Tomás, Iglesia San José, Catedral de San Juan, Pablo Casals Museum*, Casa Blanca and more.
- PM At the conclusion of your guided walking tour of Old San Juan, there will be time for strolling and shopping in the “Old City”
- 5:00 PM Depart for your Resort. **Buffet dinner** at the Resort



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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

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8:00 AM Full cooked-to-order breakfast

8:30 AM Depart for a **music clinic**
Suggested topic: Latin Jazz

AM Lunch in the area (student cost)

PM Head to **Camuy Caves**, one of the largest underground river and cave systems in the world. You'll trolley down on a guided tour through the massive cave system and walk down a spiral sinkhole.

3:00 PM Return to the hotel for **dinner and Salsa Lessons** at the resort

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

(Meals included: B, L, D)

CATAMARAN EXCURSION, SNORKELING, FAREWELL DINNER

7:00 AM Fully cooked-to-order breakfast buffet at the resort

7:45 AM Meet your tour director, board buses for the catamaran excursion

9:30 AM Board your **catamaran and enjoy lunch**. You will enjoy the beautiful views of Puerto Rico's east coast, including stunning views of the "El Yunque" mountains and the Fajardo coastline. You will sail to the paradise island of Icacos, an uninhabited Spanish Virgin Island, where sparkling beaches and crystal clear snorkeling waters await your arrival.

3:30 PM Return to the resort

7:00 PM After you have freshened up board the coaches and transfer to nearby **Nabioas Restaurant**

7:30 PM Enjoy a **farewell dinner buffet** at Los Naborias Restaurant with live DJ.



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9:30 PM Return to your resort after dinner.

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

SAN JUAN – MILWAUKEE/CHICAGO

(Meals included: B)

Morning Full cooked-to-order breakfast buffet at the resort and some time to pack and relax before we transfer to San Juan International Airport

AM **Wauwatosa West High School Band arrives at San Juan Airport**

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AM Passengers depart for **Milwaukee/Chicago airport**

PM Arrive at **Milwaukee/Chicago**

Welcome Home



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