

**REED COLLEGE ALUMNI & PARENT RELATIONS**

**CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO**

**BEYOND THE BEACHES:  
PUERTO RICO AND ITS COFFEE AND RUM HERITAGE**

**OCTOBER 20-26, 2013 (REVISED DATES)**

Reed College alumni and friends have a special opportunity to experience Puerto Rico in a way few visitors are ever able. Enjoy this rare opportunity to explore the Caribbean island of Puerto Rico and learn all about coffee and how it is produced, from picking and production to roasting and enjoying. We will learn about the economics at play, but also the biological, cultural, heritage, and political forces that blend to create a rich laboratory for examination and learning. And all the sights, smells, and sounds will be blended with a rich local flavor since this tour is organized by local residents especially for our group.

Program features:

- Learn from local experts who are working to protect a vanishing ecosystem and lifestyle.
- Enjoy indigenous meals carefully prepared by island residents especially for this travel group.
- Discuss with local residents the distinctive aspects of Puerto Rican heritage along with the unique challenges of being a U.S. protectorate.
- Stay in a historic coffee hacienda as well as an elegant and fascinating historic inn in Old San Juan.
- Fill up your senses with the sounds of birds, the smells of the beach and mountain air, and the tastes of the local fruits.

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## Your Itinerary

Please note: Times and/or order of activities may be subject to change depending on the opportunities provided by the host communities and/or unforeseen circumstances.

### Day 1: October 20, Sunday

Arrive in the San Juan Airport. Transport to hotel. Depending on arrival, enjoy a group happy-hour reception on the beach below our hotel, the Gallery Inn. Dinner on your own or no-host dinner with small group.

### Day 2: October 21, Monday

After a tasty breakfast at the hotel, the group will embark on a morning walk around Old San Juan. Led by the president of the Puerto Rican tour guides, the group will enjoy special access and insights into how San Juan developed. From the historic El Morro to intimate rare-book collections, we will get a sense of the forces at play in Puerto Rico's economy, politics, and culture. After lunch, the group will have a chance to explore the city on your own or with small groups. The day will conclude with a coffee tasting at the hands of the island's most prominent coffee grader and former secretary of agriculture of the island, agronomist Landy Fabre.

### Day 3: October 22, Tuesday

We will leave the relative density of the capital city behind and head into coffee country. But before that, we will visit a modern coffee-roasting facility that buys the coffee from the small farms of the region. Then we will climb the hills via a scenic byway. We will enjoy a regional overview at an educational center and prepare for coffee picking and production the next day! Dinner will be provided by members of the local community.

### Day 4: October 23, Wednesday

Just like the locals, we will rise in the morning and use the cool morning as picking time. Then we will head to a sorting and production facility to see how the coffee is weighed and processed. In the afternoon, it is time for optional activities including birding, hiking, or cooking classes. After dinner we will enjoy local music and dance.

Day 5: October 24, Thursday

The group will spend the morning at an agricultural station to learn about the forces at play in this area of the island. We will explore the questions about why an island with such riches still imports much of its produce. After lunch the group will visit the Monte Guilarte State Forest for light hiking, scenic vistas, and birding.

Day 6: October 25, Friday

Today is rum day. We will leave coffee country and head to the south shore of the island to visit a former sugar plantation and see how rum and sugar production affected this island. Then we will visit a distillery where sugar cane is turned into rum. The day will conclude with a return to San Juan in preparation for Saturday departures.

Day 7: October 26, Saturday

Departure day. Depending on departure times, we will offer a series of optional activities that include visits to local farms and to explore other agricultural production on this rich island.

Group Leaders:

Lisette Fas, founder and executive director of cafiesencia.\* With a rich background in both the travel industry and in the economics of Puerto Rican agriculture, Fas is dedicated to structuring an experience for Reed College in a way that enlightens both the visitors and local residents about their distinctive heritage.

\* From Jane Goodall:

“During my visit to Puerto Rico in November last year, I had the chance to meet Cafiesencia and witness their commitment to improving the standard of living of the coffee belt communities. Their ability to engage young people, coffee farmers, adults, seniors, and people from all walks of life could only come from an intense and profound conviction that life is a celebration of our existence, and what makes it possible – planet and spirit – should be cherished, nurtured and protected.

We are very pleased that Cafiesencia has worked hand in hand with Jane Goodall’s Roots & Shoots program in Puerto Rico since the beginning. Cafiesencia have been good partners for Roots & Shoots and have helped us disseminate information about the programme and its resources. We look forward to expanding our joint projects throughout the coffee belt and beyond.”

Mike Teskey, director of alumni relations since 2001, has leveraged his expertise and connections as a founding member of the National Trust for Historic Preservation’s Heritage Tourism Program to provide Reedies and friends a chance to experience travel destinations in a way that few ever can.

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Participants should be comfortable in both urban and rural settings. The program involves moderate walking, including optional hiking. The coffee region is steep and hilly, but we will offer opportunities for enjoying the area with only moderate exertion. Not all areas are handicapped accessible. The lodging will be in either hotels or historic coffee haciendas with modern accommodations. Should guests not wish to stay in the historic haciendas (more rustic setting and amenities), we are pleased to offer alternate accommodations in a nearby guest house complex.

### **COST:**

starting at \$1,595 per person (double occupancy). This includes all ground transportation, lodging, all meals (except where noted). Not included: airfare, travel insurance, alcohol, personal items, tips, and upgraded hotel accommodations.

Deposit: \$500 per person with registration, balance due within 30 days of departure.

Refunds available if requested more than 30 days prior to departure

## INCLUSIONS

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- Accommodations in San Juan and Castaner
- Breakfast daily, most other meals (except where noted)
- Entrances to all attractions
- Ground transportation (including hotel transfers)
- All applicable hotel and lodge taxes

## EXCLUSIONS

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- Round trip air transportation
- Excess baggage charges levied by airlines
- Meals and beverages, other than specified
- Laundry and other items of a personal nature
- Personal and baggage insurance
- Cost for anything not specifically mentioned in the listing above

*Please note: The itinerary sequence is correct at the time of writing  
but is subject to change.*

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## **CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL:**

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**HOW TO BOOK:** Fill out the reservation form below and send it to Office of Alumni & Parent Relations, Reed College, 3203 SE Woodstock Blvd, Portland, OR, together with a deposit of \$500 per person by September 15, 2013. Upon receipt of your signed reservation form and deposit, we will, subject to availability, reserve your place on your tour. When we send off your confirmation invoice, your booking is confirmed and accepted by us. Final payment is due not later than 15 days prior to departure: October 5, 2013.)

**WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN THE OPTIONAL INSURANCE POLICY.**

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** We have worked to obtain the best reasonably priced accommodations available.

**MEALS:** All meals as specified in the itinerary.

**TRANSFERS:** Roundtrip transfer of travelers between airports and hotels are excluded.

**TRIP INFORMATION:** Upon receipt of your application, instructions will be sent to you concerning all aspects of your trip, such as itinerary, photographic equipment, documents, clothing, insurance, etc.

**INVOICING:** Final invoicing of your trip will be done approximately three weeks prior to departure. Final payment is due 15 days prior to departure (October 5, 2013.)

**CANCELLATIONS:** Cancellations are only effective on receipt of written notification. The following per person fees are applicable on this tour:

- Full refund of deposit is made up to 30 days prior to departure.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Excess baggage charges levied by airlines; laundry and other items of a personal nature; optional personal, baggage and tour-cancellation insurance policy; cost for anything not specifically included in listing above.

**RESPONSIBILITY:** Neither Reed College nor any person or agent acting for, through or on behalf of Reed College shall be liable for any loss or damage whatsoever arising from any cause whatsoever and without restricting the generality of the foregoing shall particularly not be responsible for loss or damage arising from any errors or omissions contained in its brochure or other literature, loss or damage caused by delays, sickness, theft, injury or death. The college may at its discretion and without liability or cost to itself at any time cancel or terminate the guest's booking and in particular without limiting the generality of the foregoing it shall be entitled to do so in the event of the illness or the illegal or incompatible behavior of the guest, who shall in such circumstances not be entitled to any refund. The person making any booking will, by the making of such booking, warrant that he or she has authority to enter into a contract on behalf of the other person included in such a booking and in the event of the failure of any or all of the other persons so included to make payment, the person making the booking shall by his/her signature thereof assume personal liability for the total price of all bookings made by him/her.

**PHOTOGRAPHY:** The college reserves the right without further notice to make use of any photograph or film taken on the tour by our photographers without payment or permission. We guarantee that no photographs of a compromising nature will be used.

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**CHANGES TO SCHEDULES:** Although every effort is made to adhere to schedules it should be borne in mind that the college reserves the right and in fact is obliged to occasionally change routes and hotels as dictated by changing conditions.

**REFUNDS:** While the college does its best to ensure that all anticipated accommodations are available as planned, there shall be no claim of any nature whatsoever against the college for a refund either in the whole or part, if any accommodations or excursion is unavailable and a reasonable alternative is not found.

**DELAYS:** We cannot be held liable for any delays or additional costs incurred as a result of airlines not running to schedule.

**CONSENT:** The payment of the deposit OR any other partial payment for a reservation on the program constitutes consent by all guests covered by that payment to all provisions of the conditions and general information contained in this brochure whether the guest has signed the booking form or not. The terms, under which you agree to take this program, cannot be changed or amended except in writing signed by an authorized director of the college.

**INSURANCE:** It is a condition of booking, that the sole responsibility lies with the guest to ensure that they carry the correct comprehensive travel and medical insurance to cover themselves, as well as any dependents/traveling companions for the duration of their trip to Puerto Rico. This insurance should include cover in respect of, but not limited to, the following eventualities: cancellation or curtailment of the program, emergency-evacuation expenses, medical expenses, damage/theft/loss of personal baggage, money and goods. Reed College, including its representatives, employees and agents will take no responsibility for any costs, losses incurred or suffered by the guest, or guest's dependents or traveling companions, with regards to, but not limited to, any of the above mentioned eventualities. Guests will be charged directly by the relevant service providers for any emergency services they may require and may find themselves in a position unable to access such services should they not be carrying the relevant insurance cover.

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RESERVATION FORM: *Puerto Rico and its Coffee Heritage*

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Enclosed is my deposit for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$500 Per Person) to hold \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) on the journey to Puerto Rico. Cost is \$1595 per person, double occupancy, land only). Final payment due date is: October 5, 2013

Please make check payable to REED COLLEGE or charge deposit to:  MasterCard  Visa  American Express  Discover

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1) NAME (*As appears on passport*):  Mr.  Mrs.  Ms. \_\_\_\_\_  
Reed Class Year \_\_\_\_\_

2) NAME (*As appears on passport*):  Mr.  Mrs.  Ms. \_\_\_\_\_  
Reed Class Year \_\_\_\_\_

NAME FOR NAME BADGE IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE: 1) \_\_\_\_\_  
2) \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_  
STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONES: HOME: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ OFFICE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
MOBILE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that I have not recently been treated for, nor am I aware of any physical or other condition or liability that would create a hazard to myself or the other members of this tour.

The two of us above are sharing a room and, where possible, would like a room with:  ONE  TWO beds (Make one selection only)

I am sharing with \_\_\_\_\_ (form sent separately)

I need assistance in securing a roommate. I understand if REED COLLEGE cannot locate one for me by final payment date, I agree to pay the additional single supplement. I prefer to share with:  Smoker  Non-smoker

I/WE HAVE READ THE GENERAL INFORMATION SECTION OF THIS BROCHURE AND UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS STATED HEREIN:

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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(We recommend that you keep a copy of your selections as noted above for your files)