

Greetings Friends and Family,

We are very excited about our upcoming wedding in Vieques, Puerto Rico on June 4, 2011, and we hope that all of you will be able to join us to help celebrate.

Vieques is a tiny island, just 20 miles by 5 miles, located 7 miles off the Eastern tip of Puerto Rico. It has beautiful beaches, wild horses, and a bioluminescent bay that glows at night. Because Puerto Rico is a part of the United States, you don't need a passport to get there.

Due to the size of the island, there are a very limited number of hotels on Vieques, and even fewer rental car agencies. As a result, it's critically important that you make your hotel reservations and rental car arrangements **as soon as possible** in order to guarantee you'll have what you need in June. There is no reliable mode of public transportation on the island, so everybody needs to secure a rental car, or find someone who wants to share.

If you can arrive by **Thursday, June 2, 2011**, that will allow you to participate in all of the great activities we've got planned and enjoy the island a little. Plus, it will ensure that a cancelled flight doesn't mean missing our wedding! When booking your airline reservations to San Juan, try to arrive in Puerto Rico as early in the day as possible (there are no flights into or out of Vieques after dark). If you arrive too late in the day, you may have to spend a night in San Juan before traveling to Vieques (that's not necessarily a bad thing, since there is plenty to do in San Juan). We just don't want you stuck there if you didn't plan it. Likewise, try to book the latest flight home from San Juan to allow for time to get from Vieques to San Juan.

If you have questions or problems with your accommodations or transportation, please feel free to email our wedding planner Sandy Malone at info@weddinginvieques.com and she'll do her best to help.

We look forward to seeing you in Vieques in June!

Amy and Dave

Planes, Ferries and Automobiles

We have arranged for a 5% discount for all of our guests who choose to fly to San Juan on **American Airlines**. You may take advantage of this discount online or via telephone by using the code: **8251BP**. If you require further assistance, please refer to the Pearson/Copeland Wedding when talking to a ticketing agent.

There are a couple of ways to get to Vieques Island after you arrive at San Juan International Airport (SJU). The costs and travel times vary.

Getting to Vieques on a puddle-jumper flights

You can fly directly from San Juan International Airport (SJU) to Vieques. SJU is where all flights arrive from the 50 states and overseas. There are several puddle-jumper airlines that fly out of SJU to Vieques. It takes 20 minutes and costs about \$200 roundtrip.

Vieques Air Link	888-901-9247	www.viequesairlink.com
Cape Air	800-352-0714	www.flycapeair.com
Air Sunshine	800-327-8900	www.airsunshine.com
MN Aviation	787-791-7090	www.mnaviation.com
Air Flamenco	877-535-2636	www.airflamenco.net

You can save money by flying to Vieques from the little Isla Grande Airport in Old San Juan. You just hop in a taxi when you leave baggage claim at SJU and go over to the little airport. The taxi ride takes 20 minutes and is about \$20 for two people. Flight time to Vieques is 30 minutes and costs \$90 roundtrip. Vieques Airlink and MN Aviation fly this route (see numbers above). Seaborne Airlines also flies this route and can be a great alternative for people afraid of tiny airplanes, as their planes are larger.

Seaborne Airlines	866-359-8784	www.seaborneairlines.com
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Getting to Vieques on the Ferry

There is a passenger ferry from Fajardo to Vieques Island that costs \$2 per person. The ferry ride takes about 90 minutes. However, Fajardo is a one-hour taxi (called a "publico") ride to

Fajardo from SJU. You should arrive at the ferry dock in Fajardo about an hour before ferry departure because they do not take reservations.

On weekdays, the passenger ferry leaves for Vieques at 9:30 am, 1 pm, 4:30 pm, and 8 pm. On your return, it leaves Vieques for Fajardo at 6:30 am, 11 am, 3 pm, and 6:30 pm.

On weekends, the passenger ferry leaves for Vieques at 9 am, 3 pm, and 6 pm. It returns from Vieques at 6:30 am, 1 pm, and 4:30 pm.

You can jump in any “publico” at the airport and negotiate the rate to the Fajardo ferry dock (usually about \$60 for two people), or you can call and reserve a van in advance from Mary and Angel, a very nice couple with a few taxi-vans with A/C. They are very reliable but please be patient with their English. They can be reached at 787-863-8224 or 787-649-9155.

DO NOT ATTEMPT TO RENT A CAR IN SAN JUAN AND BRING IT TO VIEQUES. The cargo ferry is fully booked all the time and it's very difficult to get a slot, plus the car rental places do not want their cars taken to Vieques. Usually, the ferry won't permit rental cars on the cargo ferry.

Rental Cars on Vieques

We **strongly** recommend you rent a car for your stay on Vieques. Although the island is small, there is no public transportation and the “publicos” are unreliable. All of the beautiful beaches are inside Fish & Wildlife protected areas, and cannot be reached on foot. Having your own transportation will also be good for exploring the wildlife refuge and other "outback" areas of the island.

MAKE YOUR CAR RESERVATION SOON! The island has grown so fast that there are not enough rental cars available on the island for all the tourists who visit, especially in the busy season.

Car rental rates vary from \$35 to \$90 per day, depending on the agency and the type of vehicle you rent. At the time this was written, the following rental car companies still had cars available:

Acevedo's	787-741-4380
B&E Car Rental	787-435-6488 or 787-435-6020
Coqui Car Rental	787-741-3696
Maritza's	787-741-0078
Marco's	787-741-1388
Martineau Bay	787-741-0087
Island Car Rental	787-741-1666
Vieques Car Rental	787-741-1037

For those of you who may choose to vacation on the main island for a few days before or after our wedding, we have arranged for a discounted car rental rate with Avis Rental Cars. Please refer to the following code when booking your Avis car reservation: **D003737**.

Accommodations

This is only a partial list of hotel options. Trip Advisor can give you some good alternative options. Wherever you stay, you will be close to the festivities, since the island is so small!

W Retreat & Spa is a brand new "W" hotel that's just opened on Vieques Island. This hotel is walking distance from the villa where the wedding is being held.

787-741-4100

www.wvieques.com

The Crow's Nest Inn is a lovely guesthouse on the interior of the island. The rooms have kitchenettes (perfect for anyone with children) and come in a variety of configurations and prices. There is a great restaurant on the premises for dinners and a beautiful pool. This is the closest guesthouse to the villa where the wedding will be held.

787-741-0033

www.crowstnestvieques.com

Evamer is a beautiful private property on the north coast of the island with six individual guest units. Two studios and four villas make up this beautiful waterfront hideaway. Each unit has a full kitchen for your convenience.

Rooms range in price from \$175 to \$250 per night. The entire property can be rented by a group for \$6,500 for a week or \$3,820 for just four nights.

787-741-2303

www.evamer.com

Hacienda Tamarindo is an amazing bed and breakfast with fantastic views of the Caribbean. It has been named in the book "1,000 Places to Visit Before You Die," if you'd like to check it off your list. A fabulous breakfast is included each morning.

787-741-8525

www.haciendatamarindo.com

Villa Coral Guesthouse is a new accommodation on the island. The rooms are small, but very clean and very cute. It's very inexpensive. Walking distance to tourist areas in Esperanza.

787-741-1967

www.villacoralguesthouse.com

Casa de Tortuga is an adorable guest house in Esperanza, also walking distance from the Malecon. This is a very reasonably-priced, brand-new property with one, two and three-bedroom air-conditioned units and a swimming pool. Some units have flat screen satellite television and full kitchens.

303-345-7743

www.casadetortuga.com

Any questions or problems with reservations should be referred to our wedding planner Sandy Malone. She can be reached via email at info@weddingsinvieques.com or on her cell phone 202-486-7575.

Tentative Schedule of Events

Thursday, June 2nd – Welcome to Vieques!

8-10 pm Welcome Gathering

Friday, June 3rd

2-5 pm Beach Party at Sun Bay

Evening Tours of the Famous Bioluminescent Bay

- Vieques is home to one of only seven bioluminescent bays remaining on this planet. Mosquito Bay is widely thought to be the brightest of all. It is a must-do for all visitors to the little island. All tours permit you to swim in the water and experience the glowing effects firsthand. Information regarding reservations and tour options will be provided in a later mailing.

Saturday, June 4th

5 pm Wedding Ceremony and Reception at /

Other Activities

Vieques offers a variety of outdoor activities, but you need to book your reservations in advance. Here's a quick list of our recommendations:

Fun Brothers Jet Ski, Banana Boats, Kayaks and More	787-435-9372	www.funbrother-vieques.com
Vieques Adventure Company (fly fishing and biking)	787-692-9162	www.viequesadventures.com
Blue Caribe Dive & Kayak	787-741-2522	www.enchanted-isle.com/bluecaribe/
Abe's Snorkeling	787-741-2134	www.abessnorkeling.com
Wildfly Fishing	787-435-4833	www.wildflycharters.com
Kiani Tours – Experience Vieques!	787-556-6003	www.kianitours.com
Vieques Massage by Ingrid Bergman	787-435-1313	