Dear Spouses of Conference Attendees,

Welcome! This letter is intended to be an informal invitation to make the most of your time in lovely Puerto Rico. While this conference has no "spouse activity program" as such, there are several fascinating and very convenient tours/adventures that I'd like to highlight here. Transportation is included right from our conference hotel!

Options include guided walking tours, shopping, visits to historical & cultural sites, trips of particular environmental interest (bioluminescent bays, caves, rainforest hikes), water-oriented activities (fishing, snorkeling, sailing, scuba), and even a zip-line tour.

My own personal priority is to take a kayaking trip under mangrove trees into a bioluminescent bay. (I’m told it’s 2 people per kayak, and that it’s a bit strenuous.) The moon should be waning during the conference week, which means it’s a great time to see the creatures glowing underwater. [[http://www.moonconnection.com/moon-june-2012.phtml](http://www.moonconnection.com/moon-june-2012.phtml%20) ]

To sign up, call the Castillo Tours desk at the Ritz Carlton (787) 253-8092 or email them at [youmara@castillotours.com](mailto:youmara@castillotours.com). I’ve included a copy of the standard tour sheet on the next page. *I’m told that some of these fill up quickly, so it might be best to call or email for reservations BEFORE you get there, particularly for the kayaking, rain forest hikes, and catamaran trips.*

The tour desk can make recommendations and arrangements for all sorts of adventures that aren’t specifically listed here. Would you like transportation for a group of 10 to go shopping, then to dinner, and then back to the hotel? Just give them a call.

Also, here are some answers to very basic questions that I had - in case anyone else has the same questions.

* Puerto Rico is part of the United States.
* The legal currency is US dollars.
* If you ARE a US citizen, you do not need to bring your passport.
* Official languages are both English and Spanish.

I was able to visit San Juan and our conference hotel about this time last year. I knew it would be a beautiful tropical place, but I was surprised and fascinated at how much history has been preserved in the lovely architecture of old San Juan. The FOOD is great too!

Hope to see you there.

-Cathy Campbell (Don Campbell’s spouse)

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Activity Sheet Information 787-253-8092

Departure: Return:

Bacardi/Old San Juan $59.00 1:30 pm 6:30 pm

(Bacardi Distillery, San Cristobal Fort, Historical sites, 30 min. shopping)

Only Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday

½ Day Rainforest (El Yunque) $59.00 8:35 am 1:00pm

(La Coca Waterfall, Yokahu Tower, Baño Grande, 20 minutes Caimitillo trail)

Only Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday

Rainforest Hiking (El Yunque) $77.00 9:10 am 2:30 pm

(YOKAHU TOWER, HIKE TO LA MINA (35 MIN. ONE WAY), DIP IN FALL (20 MIN) NO CHANGING CABIN)

Only Wednesday and Sunday

Rainforest / Luquillo (El Yunque) $80.00 9:10 am 4:00 pm

(½ day Rainforest, stop for lunch (NOT included) 2-21/2 hour swimming at Beach)

Only Tuesday and Friday

Camuy Caves / Observatory $ 106.00 7:30 am 5:00 pm

(Subterranean Cave System, Largest Radio Telescope) entrance not included

Only Wednesday and Saturday

Catamaran Trip 74.00 *Meet Boat* 9:30 am 3:30 pm

(Sailing, Snorkeling, Lunch) $95.00 *Incl. Transp.* 8:30 am 4:30 pm

**Please bring $4 per person to pay for DNER charges at the Dock**

Horseback Riding, ATV , Amphibious rentals, Scuba or “Snuba”

Deep Sea or Light Tackle Fishing Please inquire

Zip line Canopy Tour $ 150 9:00 am 1:00 pm

(10 traverses, 24 platforms, one rappel) not including tax 1:00pm 5:00pm

Toro Verde Zip line $175

8 zip lines + The Beast (2nd longest zip line in the world) 8am-4 30pm

Kayak Bioluminescence Bay $85.00 (Verify Pick-up Time. Price does not include tax

(Transportation, Kayak, Professional guide through Bay and Nature Reserve, Chats)

**Tours conducted by Castillo Tours have tax included in price.** ALL TOURS REQUIRE A MINIMUM OF PASSENGERS. **Tours need to be cancelled 24 hours prior for refund.** Return times are approximate.