

Some Important Things To Remember In Vieques

- Bug spray on your legs and ankles is often all it takes to keep the mosquitoes away. Take some to the beach and use it on the back deck early in the morning or in the evening.
- Plastic “grocery” bags have been banned in Vieques. Take a non-disposable or fabric shopping bag with you when you go shopping. You will find non-disposable bags in both apartments or you can purchase them in some of the stores.
- Make dinner reservations early and show up on time.
- Leave your valuables at home so you will not be tempted to leave them in your car or at the beach.
- At the beach, leave your car unlocked with the windows open. In town, lock your car and roll up the windows.
- Horses and cows (as well as cats, dogs, iguanas and people) roam the streets day and night. Always be on the lookout for them. It is proper to wait for horses to cross the road.
- Driving in Vieques can be tough. Be prepared to stop at a moments notice and while people chat. Do not honk or be impatient; just sit back and relax. Not all intersections have signage, so slow down when approaching every intersection. There are a lot of STOP signs missing on Vieques.
- There are many small and large businesses located on curves and cars frequently park on the street and sidewalk.
- If you rent a car, fill it up and keep it filled up. There are two gas stations on the island and sometimes they run out of gas. If you are here for an extended stay, invest in a can of Fix-a-Flat.
- It is almost impossible to find food after 9:00 p.m., especially at the better restaurants. You can often find “bar food” after 9:00 p.m. but it is best to eat before you 9:00 p.m.
- Avoid discussing “What Vieques Needs” if you are a new visitor. What it needs is often what makes it special!
- Nude sunbathing is illegal in Puerto Rico.

- Most places take ATM and credit cards. Many of them have a minimum charge limit that ranges from \$5 to \$15 dollars. Some places only accept cash.
- If you need cash, the ATM machines in the grocery stores and colmado's (i.e., little grocery stores) have ATM fees as low as \$1.85. The ATM fee at Banco Popular is the most expensive in town, at \$5.00 per withdrawal.
- Things here have their own pace and rhythm. Nothing really moves fast, so slow down and enjoy the island. Don't have your heart set on a baked potato with sour cream and chives unless you have the potatoes, the sour cream and the chives in the refrigerator long before you think of starting dinner!
- Most of all, enjoy Vieques... the people, the history, the culture and the beauty.

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