

## **Big Picture Transportation**

Unless you have all the time in the world, you will most likely fly to San Juan, Puerto Rico (SJU) for the first leg of your trip. Being an island, you can't take a bus or train, boats are usually pretty slow, and swimming would be exhausting (and somewhat dangerous, not to mention that your luggage would get all wet). So, by all means, fly to San Juan!

Once you get to San Juan, however, there are any number of ways that you can get to Vieques. We have listed the most common options below; if you find a better option or would like to comment (or make suggestions and / or corrections) on the options presented below, please let us know!

### **San Juan (SJU) to Vieques (VQS)**

The fastest and therefore the most expensive way to get to Vieques is to fly... again. You can fly out of Luis Munoz Marin International Airport (SJU) on a variety of commuter airlines directly to Vieques (VQS). The trip to Vieques is only about 45 minutes long and quite beautiful.

### **Isla Grande (SIG) to Vieques (VQS)**

You can also fly from the Fernando Luis Ribas Dominicci Airport (more commonly known as Isla Grande Airport, or SIG). Isla Grande is about a 20 minute taxi ride from San Juan International Airport. Plane tickets to Vieques may be less expensive than from San Juan, but you have to add the publico (taxi) fee and allow plenty of extra time to get to Isla Grande Airport.

Upon leaving the international airport, just look for the folks in the green shirts in the departure area and they will arrange a ride for you. The cost is about \$20 per trip, regardless of the number of people riding (limit of eight or so). There may be extra charges for your bags, but they will be nominal. You pay the driver upon arrival. The trip to Vieques is only about 30 minutes long and, again, quite beautiful.

### **San Juan (SJU) to Fajardo by Rent-a-Car to Vieques by Ferry**

We like to rent a car at the airport and drive to Fajardo, where we take the ferry to Vieques. We typically use Avis for this leg of the trip. If you call ahead, someone can usually run you back to the ferry from the Avis rental office in Ceiba. Plan on two hours for travel time, but it takes much less if there is no traffic and you don't get lost. The added benefit of renting a car is that you can stop in the rain forest (<http://www.fs.usda.gov/elyunque>) on the way there or back, as

well as take in some of the local flavor of Puerto Rico en route. We especially like to stop in Luquillo for lunch and to walk on the beach (<http://www.puertoricodaytrips.com/luquillo-kiosks/>).

### **San Juan (SJU) to Fajardo by Publico to Vieques by Ferry**

Large groups (or those unable or unwilling to rent a car) may wish to take a Publico to Fajardo. The cost is usually about \$90 per trip, regardless of the number of people who riding (again, that limit of eight or so). There may be extra charges for your bags, but they will be nominal. You pay the driver upon arrival. Plan on two hours for travel time.

### **San Juan (SJU) to Ceiba (RVR) by Rent-a-Car or Publico to Vieques by Air**

Basically, you get to Ceiba any way that you can, and then fly out of the old Roosevelt Roads Naval Station, now called the Ceiba Airport (RVR). The flight is fun and lasts a total of ten minutes or so. You will fly about 500 feet above the water so look fast, as what you will see is incredibly beautiful and blue! Plan on three plus hours for travel time.

### **Book an Air Charter**

Yes, you can even get a charter plane to take you to Vieques! I can honestly say that we have never considered doing this, as it is a bit spendy, but if you have the means and the desire, go for it!

### **Upon Your Arrival in Vieques**

Upon arrival, Freddy, our Property Manager and Greeter, will be happy to pick you up or arrange to have you picked up. Please make sure that you contact him well in advance of your arrival. This includes both the ferry dock and the Vieques airport (VGS). Freddy will give you a short “tour” of the island, as well as the house key.

### **For More Information, Check Out The Link Below**

<http://vieques.com/getting-here/>

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