

Island Transportation

For more (and perhaps more recent) information go to <http://vieques.com/getting-around/>

Walking

In Isabel, only your feet are needed, as everything you might need is within walking distance of Sal del Mar. If you are going to Esperanza, or the white sand beaches on the other side of the island, or any point in between, you will need to find a better mode of transportation!

Bicycles

Bicycles are available for rent on the Island. Try Black Beard Sports at (787) 741-1892 in Isabel. Please note that island roads are often steep, with blind curves, potholes and inferior shoulders, if they have shoulders at all. There are very few sidewalks. Exercising caution is critical!

Scooters

Scooters are available for rent on the Island. Try Fun Brothers at (787) 435-9372 or (787) 741-0151. Please note that island roads are often steep, with blind curves, potholes and inferior shoulders, if they have shoulders at all. Exercising caution is critical!

Golf Carts

Yes, you can rent a golf cart on Vieques. Try Vieques Car Rental (787) 741-1037. If you have never driven a golf cart before, please know that the ride will be bumpy and at times can be a bit scary (especially coming from a complete stop going up a steep hill). The experience, however, while tooling around the island at 25 miles an hour in a vehicle with no walls, windows or doors, can't be beat. Please note that you will need strong legs to put the brakes on if you go down steep hills!

Taxis or Publicos

For those who don't want the hassle or cost of a rental, you can take a publico or taxi. Publico's are shared vans or cars, and they go most places on the island. You can almost always find them at the Ferry Dock or on the Malecon in Esperanza. They cost \$3 to \$5 dollars per person, on average, and you simply pick up the phone and call (or wave one down) when you need one.

For general information you may call the office of Unión de Choferes Públicos at (787) 385-1925 or (787) 741-3246. The office is located on Muñoz Rivera Street in front of the Pier. For additional information go to: <http://vieques.com/publicos-taxis/>.

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You may also try these numbers, but there is no guarantee that they are current. Publico drivers are listed alphabetically for convenience.

- Alba – (787) 206-0456
- Ana – (787) 741-2318 or 313-0599
- Carlos – (787) 447-8697 or 644-7112
- Edna – (787) 630-4673
- Eric – (787) 741-0448
- Fernando – (787) 605-4100
- Henry – (787) 741-8621 or 649-3838
- Jorge – (787) 741-2116
- Jose – (787) 435-4277
- Julian – (787) 385-7604
- Luis – (787) 435-3805

Rental Cars

Unless you book online with Avis, the best way to make a car rental reservation is to do it the old fashion way. If the rental car agency does not answer, call back again (and again and again and again if needed). If you can leave a voicemail or send an e-mail please do so, but it's best to call, especially during the high season. Rental car agencies are listed alphabetically for convenience.

- Abreeze (787) 741-1856
- Avis Car Rental (787) 741-0284
- B&E Car Rental (787) 435-6488
- Chepito's Car Rental (787) 741-8691
- Island Car Rental (787) 741-8822 / 1-800-981-5181
- Marcos Car Rental (787) 741-1388
- Maritza's Car Rental (787) 741-0078
- Toni's Car Rental (787) 741-8135
- Vieques Car Rental (787) 741-1037

We have had good luck with Maritza's and Vieques Car Rental; we usually recommend Maritza's on the Island and Avis in Puerto Rico. Maritza's will pick you up at the Vieques airport if you make arrangements in advance. For additional information go to:

<http://vieques.com/island-car-rentals/>.

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Sailboats

While you can't get across the Island on a sailboat, you can get around the Island on one. Call Captain John (939-332-5778), Captain Sukey (631-903-4826) or Ababor Sailing (787-435-2841) for more information.

Gas Stations

If you didn't walk, bike, or take a taxi or publico, you are going to need gas. There are only two gas stations in Vieques and they are located on Route 200. Gas is brought in from the main island of Puerto Rico and there are times that the Island runs out of fuel for various reasons. Lines can get really long at times, so when you drive by and you don't see a line, fill it up. The gas stations have also been known to close for lunch, so the lines often move around. If you need gas, get gas when you can. If your rental car check in is at 1:00 p.m., don't wait until 12:30 as it could take as long as 45 minutes to an hour (on a bad day) to fuel up. The gas stations **only take cash**; no credit or debit cards are accepted.

Safety

While driving, watch out for horses, cows, iguanas, and other critters on the roads. Hitting a horse at any speed can really ruin your day, as well as that of the horse. Please drive 35 MPH on the Island; it is plenty fast enough (and probably the speed limit, too).

Remember the blind corners, the potholes, the cars that park in the road so their occupants can visit, and the cars that park only halfway on the road (both with and without people). Be prepared for surprises!

Don't take valuables to the beach. When parking your car at the beach, leave the windows rolled down and the doors unlocked. Leave nothing of value in the car. Take what you have to the beach and keep an eye on it. Petty theft is usually the result of easy opportunity. Don't leave your stuff unattended or within easy reach. Keep an eye on things and be aware of your surroundings!

Don't wander around where the signs say things like "Unexploded Ordnance". While it is not likely you will step on a 500 pound bomb, it is better to be safe than sorry.

Most of all, have a great time on Vieques!

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