

COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO

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The Island of Puerto Rico is 100 miles long and 35 miles wide, and has a population of 2,350,000.

Christopher Columbus discovered Puerto Rico called Borinquen by the Indians, on November 19, 1493.

The people of Puerto Rico were made citizens of the United States in 1917. Since 1948 elect their own governor.

Puerto Rico became a possession of the United States as a result of the Spanish American War in 1898.

Puerto Rico is the best per capita customer of the United States in Latin America with purchases amounting to more than \$800 million annually.

Old San Juan contains some of the finest examples of Spanish colonial architecture in the Western Hemisphere.



Spanish is the predominating language of Puerto Rico, but English is also spoken by most Puerto Ricans.

Puerto Rico became a self-governing Commonwealth freely associated with the United States on July 25, 1952.

Puerto Rico's temperature averages 75 degrees in the winter and 80 degrees in the summer.

The first governor of Puerto Rico was Juan Ponce de Leon, discoverer of Florida, whose remains are in the old Cathedral in San Juan.

Puerto Rico has all year round sports — baseball, tennis, golf, swimming, horse racing, dog racing, basketball, cock fighting, yachting, fishing, etc.

The largest cities of Puerto Rico are San Juan, Ponce and Mayaguez.

The city of San Juan was one of Spain's most strongly fortified places in the New World.

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