



St. Croix's The Buccaneer

Let Pleasant Holidays turn winter dreams into realities

Find perfect remedy for cabin fever in Caribbean

SUMMER IS THE MOST ANTICIPATED SEASON OF THE YEAR. Beautiful weather, swimming pools and the scents of outdoor barbecue and freshly cut grass break our cabin fevers.

It's a great time to get your vacation on! Extend your summer by rewarding yourself with a getaway to a tropical climate. And let a AAA Travel Advisor make this dream become a reality by assisting with your plans and making sure you take advantage of member benefits.

Perhaps the best option is a visit to a Caribbean island. Some don't even require a passport.

They greet you with open arms and treat you like family. These intimate nooks are slices of heaven. Resorts are unique but share similar settings – masterpieces, to say the least.

Puerto Rico, St. Thomas and St. Croix rank among the Caribbean's more popular islands – and they don't require a passport. Puerto Rico is a sovereign state of the U.S. and St. Thomas and St. Croix are part of the U.S. Virgin Islands.

AAA East Central and Pleasant Holidays are eager to make these trips become realities. Book a vacation at an all-inclusive Caribbean resort (Puerto Rico, St. Thomas and St. Croix are not all-inclusive) for seven nights or more and receive a discount of \$75 off per person double occupancy, if booked with a deposit between August 1 and September 15, 2023, for travel from August 15, 2023, through April 30, 2024. Prices include airfare.

It's difficult to ignore. Light breezes ruffle your hair under the beauty of clear skies dotted with puffy, white clouds. Sandy beaches nibble at your toes, and the crystal-clear water of the Caribbean Sea puts a bow on a well-earned prize.

These islands of the Caribbean help form a bracelet of shiny diamonds that brighten the days of millions of vacationers annually. Tranquility erases your daily concerns and the calming sounds of waves breaking on the shoreline allow time to stand still. It's a getaway few trips can match and one that won't soon be forgotten.

By the time your trip concludes, you won't ask yourself *will I return*, but rather *when*.

Bask in the glory of these palatial destinations. The finest restaurants are blessed with eclectic themes. Pools have swim-up bars. Pristine beaches are populated with comfortable chairs. Music and entertainment are plentiful. First-class lodging is a given. And a list of other amenities will turn this vacation into a blessing.

Discover the El Yunque rainforest in Puerto Rico. It's the only tropical rainforest in the United States Forest System. It encompasses 28,000 acres and reaches an elevation of 3,526 feet. The rainforest averages 200 inches of rainfall a year, as well as roaring waterfalls. The guides will lead you along well-marked trails through the lush woodlands, where you will be able to see the nest of the Puerto Rican parrot,

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flora and fauna of the Palo Colorado Forest and its other inhabitants.

The Sea Trek Helmet Dive at Coral World Ocean Park in St. Thomas allows you to experience the thrill of exploring the ocean without losing time for specialized training. It's the world's premier underwater helmet-diving experience. Imagine walking in zero gravity while surrounded by incredible aquatic life – that's Sea Trek. The helmet provides the air, weight and

stability to walk upright under water. Your head and hair stay completely dry, and you breathe normally inside the helmet. Fish and other sea creatures swim up to your visor.

Immerse yourself in the history and culture of St. Croix as told by a local guide. View magnificent architecture and peek out at a wondrous sea. Stroll its cobblestone walkways that are surrounded by arched galleries. The once prestigious residences and

mercantile shops of wealthy Danes have been transformed into a shopping-and-restaurant district.

Puerto Rico, St. Thomas and St. Croix ... That's quite a trifecta. Visit one or – what the heck! – try them all. You can't lose.

Winter doesn't have to be drab. Caribbean resorts keep Jack Frost at bay. Preferred attire includes swimsuits and sandals. And the only thing cold will be your drinks.

Featured Islands

Puerto Rico The Condado Plaza Hilton (roundtrip airfare, resort accommodations in a king room, and roundtrip shared airport transfers)

Dates: January 17-14, 2024

Member benefit: \$50 Pleasant Activities Voucher (per room)

Price: \$2,044 per person, based on double occupancy.

Add-on activity: Rainforest El Yunque (\$75 per person)

Airport: Philadelphia

St. Thomas Bolongo Bay Beach Resort (roundtrip airfare, resort accommodations in an ocean view room, and roundtrip shared airport transfers)

Dates: January 17-24, 2024

Price: \$2,904.50 per person, based on double occupancy.

Add-on activity: Sea Trek Helmet Dive at Coral World Ocean Park (\$119.00 per person)

Airport: Philadelphia

St. Croix The Buccaneer (roundtrip airfare and resort accommodations in an ocean view room)

Dates: January 17-24, 2024

Price: \$3,559.50 per person, based on double occupancy

Add-on activity: St. Croix Island Tour (\$160.26 per person)

Airport: Philadelphia