



In 1993, Puerto Rico celebrated the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its discovery by Columbus. Settled by explorer Juan Ponce de Leon, the island was a Spanish possession for over four centuries. Puerto Rico came under United States sovereignty by the Treaty of Paris signed on December 10, 1898, terminating the Spanish-American War. Puerto Ricans have been US citizens since 1917.

Puerto Rico is part of the US and measures 100 miles by 35 miles with an area of 3,464 square miles. Topography varies from coastal flat lands to mountainous central highlands. There are 3.8 million people in Puerto Rico- the great majority of which are US citizens.

During your visit with ***MANNING BUILDING SUPPLIES***, April 12 - 16, 2012, you will be staying the Fajardo ((fah-HAHR-do) region which is a small but popular city located in the east region of the island, bordering the Atlantic Ocean. Fajardo is the hub of the majority of recreational boating in Puerto Rico and a popular launching port to Culebra, Vieques and the American and British Virgin Islands. It is also the home to the largest Marina in the Caribbean.

Your visit will also include 4 nights at the El Conquistador, a part of the Waldorf Astoria collection. Your package will also include breakfast and two cocktail receptions and final night dinner.

***MANNING BUILDING SUPPLIES*** is looking forward to hosting you again in Puerto Rico and the El Conquistador.