TIPS ON TRIPS Puerto Rico—Exotic Island

(NAPSA)—As a popular Caribbean getaway, Puerto Rico is famed for its plush resorts, miles of white sand beaches and lush rainforests. But as Pleasant Holidays likes to point out, visitors should also explore the island's rich history in Old San Juan.



Ponce de Leon, Puerto Rico's first governor and seeker of the Fountain of Youth.

Old San Juan's churches, plazas, museums, restaurants and shops are amazing, with "must-sees" that include El Morro Fortress, which withstood repeated invasions by pirates, the English and Dutch for three centuries; massive Fort San Cristobal; Museo de las Americas, a 100,000 square foot museum of art and anthropology; and San Juan Cathedral, oldest church in the U.S., where Ponce de Leon is buried.

As a commonwealth of the U.S., Puerto Rico welcomes you with open arms. And though Spanish is the official language, English is spoken by nearly everyone.

For affordable travel packages to Puerto Rico, log on to PleasantHolidays.com; or call your travel agent or Pleasant Holidays at 800-448-3333. Bring your swim suit, casual wear and your Nikes—Old San Juan, with the most fascinating history in the Caribbean, begs to be explored.