OF all the beautiful islands which dot the limpid waters of the golden Caribbean, none have a stronger fascination for the tourist than Porto Rico. In natural endowments, the equal of any of its neighbors, Porto Rico has the delightful advantage of illustrating what American energy and intelligence can accomplish even in such an unfamiliar field as the Tropics. As an exposition of the vitalizing and transforming power of the American flag, Porto Rico is second only to the Panama Canal. Tourists who have visited every section of the West Indies say Porto Rico has more scenic beauty and greater fertility of soil than any of the other islands in that part of the world. The climate and temperature are unequaled. There is no dry season and no wet season, as those terms are usually understood. The temperature throughout the year averages about 76 degrees. The name Porto Rico means "Gate to Riches," and as given by the Spanish discoverers was not intended to mean riches in the sense of material wealth, but was the spontaneous outburst of enthusiasm experienced by the exploring Spaniards when they gazed upon the gorgeous and profuse vegetation from the vantage of their approaching ships.

To-day, in addition to scenic and climatic attractions, a quaintness is found in Porto Rico that comes only from centuries of domination by an old-time people—in this instance the
Spaniards. As a result a rare picturesque scenery prevails coupled with modern conveniences and facilities which make the Island a traveler's paradise.

To this Island of Enchantment the Porto Rico Line has established two popular cruises on the all-expense plan, each of which includes delightful motor side trips ashore. These cruises are described more in detail on another page of this folder.

The steamers in this service are splendidly appointed passenger ships, designed and built especially for tropical service. Built of steel, fast, seaworthy and completely equipped, they afford every comfort, safety and convenience. Everything is airy and well lighted, and the rooms are so homelike and well arranged that there is no discomfort in making the ship one's hotel during the time the vessel is in port. The music room and social halls are beautifully furnished and admirably arranged, and are as spacious and comfortable as similar apartments in one's own home. For those fond of music there is a phonograph and player piano; for those who wish to read there are books and magazines from the ship's well-stocked library. The most faddish of passengers will take no exception to the meals served by the Porto Rico Line. The cuisine is excellent and of surprising variety. One could not be better or more courteously entertained at a modern city hotel. Courteous attention to the passenger's every wish is the keynote of the company's service. A large force of dining room stewards insures promptness and individual attention. Furthermore the duties of the culinary department do not end with the closing of the dining room doors; every morning about 11 o'clock the deck steward and his assistants serve delicious bouillon to passengers and a buffet luncheon is served in the smoking room every evening at 10 o'clock. The ladies as well as the men are welcome at these little suppers, which offer a potent appeal to appetites sharpened by the sea air.

In Dining Rooms like these You Satisfy the Savories Appetite that only the Sea Air Can Awaken

A Corner of the Popular Music Room

Once the cold winds and winter weather of the north are left astern, passengers invariably seek the decks and enjoy the sunshine as the ship carries them swiftly into the balmy air of the Tropics. On the broad, smooth decks there is ample space for exercise and recreation. Here one may take daily constitutinals, play shuffleboard, deck golf or quoits, or may recline at ease while reading a book or magazine.

Just what do all these things which make for your luxury mean? They assure you of starting on a delightful cruise aboard the finest of steamers, Past Sandy Hook four or five days (according to steamer) of broad ocean stretch before you. By the throbs of powerful engines the steamers
Eleven and Twelve-Day All-Expense Cruises

The Eleven of Enchantment—what a world of delight is included in this suggestive phrase which so accurately describes the beautiful Caribbean Island of Porto Rico. Although conveyed in different words, this title is equally representative of the sentiment expressed by Columbus and every inventor after him, upon first beholding its emerald shores. There is no more delightful spot for a vacation and no more attractive and inexpensive way in which to enjoy it than on the 11 and 12 Day Cruises of the Porto Rico Line. These cruises have a special appeal to those seeking a comfortable and restful trip, yet one that affords opportunities for delightful sightseeing amid beautiful surroundings.

Each cruise enables the tourist to make the steamer his hotel for the entire journey from New York to San Juan and return, including the stay at San Juan, where delightful motor side trips and other interesting features are provided for his entertainment. For those who do not wish to remain aboard the steamer while in San Juan the option is given at slight additional cost of enjoying accommodations at the beautiful and commodious Condado-Vanderbilt Hotel, the finest resort hotel in the tropics. This option if exercised prior to sailing enables the Company to secure accommodations at the hotel in advance, thus avoiding any delay in the part of passengers in seeking or deciding upon quarters after arrival in San Juan.

A brief outline of the two cruises follows:

11-Day Cruise

Steamer San Lorenzo leaves New York alternate Thursdays, arriving San Juan following Monday morning. On the afternoon of arrival in San Juan passengers are entertained with sightseeing automobile trips around the city under supervision of an experienced conductor. Visits are made to the various points of interest, offering glimpses of many quaint and historic spots. The steamer over the Government House, commonly called the “Palace,” which houses the Governor and executive officers and court and executive officers and which was constructed in 1835. Then the old San Juan gate in the great wall which once completely surrounded the city and was intended to protect the inhabitants from the marauding English, French and Dutch admirals who provoked the Spanish Main centuries ago.

Up the hill is seen Casa Blanca, constructed about 400 years ago by the then Governor Ponce De Leon. Thence to the San Juan Cathedral, the old tower of which was repaired by Admiral Sampson’s shells when he bombarded the city in 1898. Visits are made to the convent of Santo Domingo built in 1528, to the Morro Bangalore and the famous Fort El Morro, which guards the entrance to the harbor. The tour includes visits to the picturesque forts, including the city market; and other points too numerous to mention. On the following day the cruise passengers will be taken on a fascinating 110-mile drive known as the "Loop Trip," which carries them through the most wonder-ful scenery of the Island. This journey includes part of the famous old Spanish Military Road, one of the most picturesque and beautiful highways in the world. Royal palaces, straight and symmetrical, can be seen everywhere, together with the splendid coconut palm laden with fruit.

Visits are made to Caguas, a quaint city of 90,000, with its long avenue of flamboyants, a tree of flaming beauty. From here a thrilling ascent takes the tourist to the valley of Caguas, with its miles upon miles of tobacco fields. Then another long and beautiful climb through the mountains reaching Aibonito, more than 2,000 feet above sea-level and the highest town in Porto Rico. From here one can see the Atlantic Ocean to the north and the Caribbean Sea to the south. Following the rest of the mountain through interesting coffee and banana plantations the car arrives at Barrov intimidating, tucked away in the rugged coves of the mountains and known as the “Switzerland of America.” Here the traveler feels that he is at last on the top of the world and he can look down upon gorges so deep that their bottoms are lost in gloomy shadows.

After a long and beautiful descent Caguas is reached with its great dam and tumbling waters, the gateway to the prosperous fruit-growing section, thence through the quaint city of Bayamon across the bay from San Juan, and then over a long and straight boulevard home.

The following day (Wednesday) the passengers are given the opportunity of sightseeing in such fashion as may prompt them. There is so much to see and enjoy that provision is made for giving this time to the passenger for his own disposal. That evening a dinner and dance is included for the tourists at the famous Condado-Vanderbilt Hotel, and on Thursday at noon the steamer sails for New York, arriving the following Monday morning, making eleven days.

12-Day Cruise

Steamer Porto Rico sails from New York alternate Thursdays, arriving at San Juan the following Tuesday morning. On afternoon of arrival in San Juan the same
Eleven and Twelve-Day All-Expense Cruises

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sightseeing trip is enjoyed as already described in the 11-Day Cruise, and on the following day the "Loop Trip" is extended to the passengers, followed by a dinner and dance at the Condado-Vanderbilt Hotel. On Thursday at noon the steamer leaves San Juan for New York, arriving the following Tuesday morning, making a total of twelve days.

When engaging passage for the Eleven and Twelve-Day Cruises passengers may arrange either to live aboard the steamer or at the Condado-Vanderbilt Hotel while at San Juan. In this connection the rates for the trip are arranged under two headings, Tour No. 1 and Tour No. 2.

Sailings, rates, steerage diagrams and descriptive literature will be sent on application to M. Sackerdorff, General Passenger Agent.

THE NEW YORK AND PORTO RICO STEAMSHIP COMPANY
28 Broadway, New York City

GENERAL INFORMATION

RESERVATIONS

When applying for reservations, notice of cabin and date should state whether the trip is intended for round trip or single trip only. In case of latitude to be met, notice of reservation should be received by the Condado-Vanderbilt Hotel at least 48 hours before sailing.

DEPOSITS

A deposit of $50 will be held from two days to one week after which balance of charges may be paid in full before sailing. Should passenger cancel trip and re-engage in a different class of accommodation the difference may be transferred to the Condado-Vanderbilt Hotel.

RATES DO NOT INCLUDE

Government revenue tax, personal items such as beverages not ordered in advance, laundry, baggage and other items, taxes, tips, and gratuities.

ROUND TRIP TICKETS

Round trip tickets are issued only when accommodation is on a single trip basis.

BAGGAGE

Each cabin adult passenger is allowed twenty-five pounds of baggage. Baggage in excess of this limit is charged at $1 per pound over the limit. Personal effects may be taken as baggage, i.e., voyage, sheepskin, etc., except that this privilege may not be used for the transport of merchandise.

LUGGAGE TAGS AND LABELS

Baggage tags and labels are obtainable at the Office of the Company or at any of the branches authorized to issue same.

AUTOMOBILES

Special rates on automobiles accompanied by passengers will be quoted upon application.

BIRDS, DOGS, AND OTHER PET ANIMALS

Dogs, cats and other pet animals will be allowed to accompany passengers at own risk and at their own expense. A charge of forty dollars per animal will be made for each pet animal accompanying the group. Pet animals must make their own arrangements for accommodation during the trip, and they must be provided with necessary food and water. Notice of intention to carry pet animals should be given to the Passenger Agent in advance.

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GENERAL INFORMATION—Continued

CHILDREN

Half fare is charged for all children two and under twelve years of age, and for passengers accompanying any child, adult or grandparent. Each child over one year to be counted as two; each additional child to be counted as one. For all children over twelve years of age, see rate schedule. 

LOST TICKETS

The Company is not responsible for any lost tickets. Such losses should be reported to the nearest officer of the Company, and a duplicate ticket will be issued upon payment of an additional fee, which shall not exceed the amount paid in advance for the ticket lost. No duplicate ticket will be issued free of charge.

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STEAMER CHAIRS, CUSHIONS AND RUGS

Steamer chairs, cushions and rugs for the Steamer are either made or may be obtained at the following prices: Steamer chairs, $6.00 each; $6.50, cushions, $30 cents.

MEAL HOURS

Breakfast is served by the steamer leaving San Juan at 6:00 to 6:30 a.m. Lunch served from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m.; Dinner served from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

ENTERTAINMENT

Amusements on board the steamer are furnished by a dancing orchestra, a men's club, and a women's club.

LIBRARIES

Each steamer is equipped with a small library containing a selection of the best books of fiction, mystery, and non-fiction.

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