



THE HOUSTON SEMINAR

*An Art and Architecture Adventure in
Old San Juan*

Wednesday – Sunday, March 3 – 7, 2010



Highlights

- Four nights in the heart of Old San Juan, in a historic 350-year-old former convent converted to the exquisite, fully renovated **Hotel El Convento**, one of the Small Luxury Hotels of the World, and the oldest member of Historic Hotels of America www.elconvento.com
- Guided walking tour of Old San Juan
- Private tours of *Castillo de San Felipe del Morro*, a fortress started in 1539 and completed in 1787, **La Fortaleza**, the official residence of Puerto Rico's governor since the 16th century, and **Casa Blanca**, originally built in 1523 as a home for the island's first governor, Juan Ponce de León
- Lecture on Puerto Rican history and politics
- Private tours of art collections and art galleries, including **Espacio 1414**
- Private tours of the Museo de Arte de Puerto Rico and Museo de Arte de Ponce
- Day trip by luxury motor coach to Cayey to visit the ceramics artist **Toni Hambleton** and to Ponce to visit the artist **Antonio Martorell**
- Dinner under the legendary shell of the waterfront Hotel La Concha, in the stunning white dining room—*Perla*—presided over by famous chef Dayn Smith www.perlarestaurant.com
- Private reception at the Old San Juan home of **Agustín Arteaga**, Director of the Museo de Arte de Ponce



Cost The total cost of the trip is \$2850 per person, double occupancy, with a deposit of \$750 per person required at the time of registration. The single room supplement is an additional \$660 (limited availability.) Room reservations must be made through the Houston Seminar and the HS reserves the right to assign specific rooms within the hotel in order to accommodate the group.

In addition to the roundtrip airfare from Houston via Continental Airlines, the trip cost includes baggage fee for one piece of luggage per person each way (Continental Elite Onepass members may take two bags for free); baggage handling at the airport and hotel; private bus transportation; admissions fees, taxes and gratuities, including tips for busboys, chambermaids,

drivers and guides. Daily continental breakfast will be included, as well as a welcoming sangria cocktail hour on Wednesday evening, and daily wine and hors d'oeuvre evening receptions at the hotel, and four elegant dinners and three lunches. Except for the hotel cocktail hours and private receptions, alcoholic beverages are not included. Room service or other charges not included in the trip price are payable to the hotel and restaurants by credit card.

The price does not include travel insurance, medical, hospitalization, or evacuation costs. **It is highly recommended that all travelers purchase travel insurance.**

Transportation Group reservations have been made with **Continental Airlines** on the direct flight from **Houston George Bush Intercontinental (IAH) to San Juan, Puerto Rico (SJU)**.

Depart **IAH**, 10:10 a.m., March 3 on flight **CO 212**, arrive **SJU** 4:20 p.m.

Depart **SJU**, 4:30 p.m., March 7 on flight **CO 1712**, arrive **IAH** 7:04 p.m.



Payment schedule Your place will be reserved upon receipt of a **\$750 deposit** and the signed waiver of liability. Following is the schedule for payment:

January 19, 2010 Date by which you can receive a \$500 refund should you withdraw from the trip. If you withdraw after this date, you will not receive any of the deposit back.

January 29, 2010 **Non-refundable balance due.**

Reservations will be accepted in the order received and must be accompanied by payment of the deposit and the signed waiver of liability. Please register early to secure a place. Registration may be made by mail or fax.

Payment may be made by check or by AMEX, Visa or MasterCard.

Mail to: The Houston Seminar, P.O. Box 22764, Houston, Texas 77227-2764

Fax to: 713-666-9000

Questions Contact our Executive Administrator, Mary Lowery, at registrar@houstonseminar.org or 713-666-9000.



Requirement All participants should be in good health and capable of walking over rough, uneven, or steep terrain. By forwarding the deposit, the passenger certifies that he/she does not have any physical or other condition or disability that might create a hazard for him/herself or other group members.

Please note that Old San Juan is a hilly, cobblestoned, colonial Caribbean port.

The Houston Seminar reserves the right to cancel the trip due to inadequate subscription. If we should cancel the trip, all payments will be refunded.



Please reserve a place for me on The Houston Seminar's

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I enclose \$ 750 in payment of the deposit.

Name _____

To comply with airline security, please provide your full name as shown on passport or identification.

I will room with _____

I request a single room (limited availability, single supplement of \$660)

Please Note: The Houston Seminar requires this reservation form and the waiver form for each and every participant.

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **ZIP** _____

Phone: H _____ **B** _____ **C** _____

E-mail _____

Continental One Pass Number _____

Emergency Contact Name _____ **Phone (day)** _____

Address _____ **Phone (eve)** _____

Relationship _____

Doctor's Name _____ **Doctor's Phone** _____

My check for \$ _____ is enclosed.

Please charge \$ _____ to (Visa, MC or AMEX) account # _____

Exp. date _____ **Name on card** _____

I understand that my place will be reserved upon receipt of both the deposit and the signed waiver of liability. The last date to cancel and receive a partial refund is Tuesday, January 19, 2010, and the deadline for full payment is Friday, January 29, 2010.

Signature _____



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WAIVER OF LIABILITY

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RESPONSIBILITY: THE HOUSTON SEMINAR gives notice that it is an independent contractor and not an employee, representative or agent for the owners, contractors, and suppliers providing travel services and accommodations, and assumes no responsibility or liability for injury, loss or damage to person or property or otherwise, in connection with any service supplied or not supplied resulting directly or indirectly from any occurrence beyond the control of The Seminar. Participants waive any and all claims against The Seminar. In the event it becomes necessary or advisable for the comfort or wellbeing of the passengers, for any reasons whatsoever, to alter the itinerary or arrangements, such alterations may be made without penalty to the tour operators. Additional expenses, if any, shall be borne by the passengers. Also, the operators are not responsible for strikes; thefts; medical problems encountered before, during or after the trip; force majeure, failure of any means of conveyance to arrive or depart as scheduled; civil disturbances; acts of terrorism; government restrictions or regulations; discrepancies or changes in transit or hotel and other services (including prepaid single rooms not available upon arrival) over which it has no control. Baggage is at owner's risk at all times.

CANCELLATIONS: Any cancellation received by January 19, 2010 will result in a cancellation fee of \$250.00. After January 19, 2010, no deposit refund will be given. The Seminar reserves the right to cancel the trip due to inadequate signups. All payments will be refunded should we cancel the trip.

AIRLINE CLAUSE: The airlines are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their planes or conveyance. The passage contract in use by the airlines concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and such purchasers of these tours and/or passengers. Such conveyance, etc. is subject to the laws of the countries involved.

I have read the Waiver and understand its purpose and terms. I intend this to constitute my consent to the terms of the Waiver and I fully intend it to be binding on my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns.

Participant Signature

Date

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