

Directions to Ponce, Puerto Rico
From San Juan International Airport (1/07)

Note:

Road sign distances are in kilometers, whereas speed limit signs are in mph.

From the San Juan Airport after you obtain your rental car; exit the airport and continue straight across the *toll bridge* that is marked along its edge with *flags*. After stopping at the toll booth (\$2.00) located at the far end, exit the bridge toward the right side. You are looking for **Rt. 17** which will take you about 3 miles to an underpass (stay to right) to enter **Rt. 18** for **Caguas**. After entering Rt. 18 (usually heavy traffic), you will eventually want to work your way over to the left where Rt. 18 will merge into **Rt. 52** heading toward Caguas. (*Do not* take Hwy 1!)

Rt. 52 is a multi-lane toll road (autopista) that will take you to Ponce. There are 3-4 *toll booths* and the total will be about **\$4.00 to \$5.00** depending on where you exit and which direction you are traveling.

If your destination is the **Howard Johnson's**, proceed to Ponce (about 1.5 to 2 hours) and exit at the **Hwy. 1** interchange which is after the big curved *Ponce sign* and the Aeropuerto Mercedita (Ponce Airport) exit. At Hwy 1, go *left* (sign says Santa Isabel) about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile around a sharp left turn. The hotel is on your left around this corner.

The **Melia Hotel** is reached by exiting Hwy. 52 at Hwy 1 as above, but turn *right* toward Ponce and proceed to the intersection of *Hwy. 1 and Hwy. 2*. Turn right on Hwy 2 and proceed about a couple miles to the *fountain and the lion statues*. Make a left on *Isabel Street* and drive down to the old *red and black firehouse* on the square. The Melia is located on *Christina Street* across from the fire station, but you will need to drive around the square (left turns) and turn right on Christina to the hotel entrance.

For the **Ponce Hilton Hotel and Casino**, stay on Hwy 52 (after the Hwy 1 exit) which will make a broad right turn toward the west. After about 2-3 miles, exit at **Hwy. 12** toward *Ponce Playa* (2nd exit) and proceed south about a mile to the stoplight. Make a left turn; watch for the *Ponce Hilton signs*.

To reach the **Ponce Holiday Inn and Casino**, keep going on Hwy 52 past the above exits to the point where Hwy 52 ends at **Hwy 2**. Proceed west on Hwy 2 about 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles to the Holiday Inn which is on the *right* up a long lane on a hill. There will be an additional toll of 75 cents on Hwy 52.

To reach our **ICIA Farm**; proceed east on Hwy 1 from the Hwy 52 and Hwy 1 exit though the town of **Arus** approximately 5 miles to **Rd 594**, the prison road. Make a left from Hwy 1 and go about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile to a farm lane on the left that will take you to our facilities which are white buildings with orange equipment. After passing though Arus, our farm is on the north (left) after the *large diesel storage tank*. Rd 594 is approximately a mile east of here.

