Travel

Air Travel

*From mainland USA:* As of July 2011, there are 745 scheduled weekly flights, including non-stop and direct flights, from mainland USA to the San Juan airport, Luis Muñoz Marin International Airport (SJU). Airlines that fly to Puerto Rico include Air Tran, Delta, US Airways, Spirit, JetBlue, US Airways, American, United Airlines, Continental Airlines, and Piedmont Southern.

*From Europe:* There are 19 weekly flights from Barcelona, London, and Madrid on Iberia, British Airways, and US Airways.

*From South America:* There are 30 non-stop flights from various cities in South America to Puerto Rico. More detailed information on air access to Puerto Rico can be found [here](#). CIES attendees can receive a 5% discount off the lowest applicable published air fare on American Airlines. The promotion code is **7242BP**. To use the promotion code online, go to [www.AA.com](http://www.AA.com) and choose More Flight Search Options and insert the promotion code in the appropriate box. The percentage discount can be booked on-line at [www.AA.com](http://www.AA.com) for American Airlines and American Eagle flights only. Itineraries involving any oneworld or codeshare partner airline must be booked through American Airlines’ Meeting Services Department at 800-433-1790 if calling from the US and Canada. International attendees should call their local American Airlines reservations number with the above Promotion code. A ticketing service fee will apply for reservations made via the phone ($25) or in person at an AA counter ($35). If purchase will be outside the US/Canada, ticketing charge varies and will be in the currency of the country of purchase. At this time there is no ticketing fee for reservations made and ticketed on [www.AA.com](http://www.AA.com).

Visa Information

The information provided here is intended to assist participants who need to obtain a visa to attend the conference and is not an official invitation covering fees and/or any other expenses or financial support for attendance. CIES cannot be held responsible for travelers that do not confirm their visa requirements or obtain the

We strongly advise non-U.S. citizens who need visas to start the application process as early as possible.

The first source of visa information is the Department of State's website at [http://travel.state.gov/visa/visa_1750.html](http://travel.state.gov/visa/visa_1750.html). The best source for the specifics on the visa process in a particular geographic region is the US embassy or consulate in that locale, as the decision-making authority for any visa application lies solely with the consular officer abroad.

You may find the appropriate embassy's or consulate's website via [http://travel.state.gov/visa/embassy/embassy_4825.html](http://travel.state.gov/visa/embassy/embassy_4825.html) for additional information on procedures, including how to schedule an interview appointment, pay fees, and much more.
Visa invitation letters are available for download from the online submission site for participants who need to apply for visas to travel to the US. If any personal information, such as the address, needs to be updated, individuals must edit their information in the system using the "Edit Personal Contact Information” function on the submitter menu. Using the “Request an updated Visa Application Letter” function will generate a new letter with the updated information.

**Getting from the Airport to the City**

Airport shuttle vans offer rides from the airport to any hotel in the San Juan metro area with prices starting at $15 per person. Taxis are also available outside the airport to meet arriving flights, and there are set fares for destinations within San Juan. Rides from the airport to Condado, Ocean Park and Miramar are $14. Rides to Old San Juan, Tourism Piers and Puerta de Tierra are $19. Puerto Rico Shuttles is offering CIES attendees a 40% discount on their airport shuttle service, at $10 one way from the airport to hotel. Use this link to make your reservation: http://reserve.puertoricoshuttles.com.

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