

# ARUBA

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Bonbini! Welcome to Aruba. The word is ours, but we like to think the meaning is universal.

As you explore, as you get to know Aruba, you'll soon begin to notice the smiling faces everywhere. Aruba, as any traveler here will tell you, must surely be among the most welcoming places on earth.

Aruba enjoys the highest repeat visitors rate of any Caribbean destinations at 40% as loyal visitors return year after year. Aruba also welcomes first time visitors by working very hard to offer the best hotels, activities, spas and the warmest smiles of anywhere in the Caribbean.



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adventure in Aruba is most often found in a discovery of the unexpected. Visitors to the island delight in the amenities of world class hotels while also taking advantage of the opportunity to plot their own road in Aruba. The sophistication of our leeward side is rivaled only by the dramatic natural and historic sites that can be found throughout the island and especially on our windward face. The backroads of Aruba take travelers past eerie rock formations, cacti and our famous divi-divi trees. Further along the rugged environs of the island's cactus-studded landscapes, past our world famous white sand, palm-fringed beaches, there also lies the rolling patch of green of golf courses that promise an adventure of a different sort. Dive under the sea, and you are transported to another world, one populated by numerous tropical fish, bountiful coral and even a shipwreck or two.

Complementing a day of discovery is a night of excitement with action to be found in the island's casinos, showrooms and nightclubs. Pair an evening escapade with a visit to one of our many fine restaurants and enjoy a gourmet dining experience in Aruba's relaxed atmosphere.

One of our greatest assets, however, is our people, whose warm, welcoming smiles greet visitors at every turn. Who gladly share their island and its unique culture, well displayed in folkloric festivals, art exhibits and especially during a very joyous carnival season.

The island has so much to offer you. We invite you to find out for yourself why Aruba remains one of the top tourism destinations in the Caribbean.

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# About Aruba

## OUR HAPPY ISLAND

Aruba is located in the heart of the southern Caribbean, 15 miles from the South American coastline. The island is 19.6 miles long, and six miles across at its widest point, with a total area of 70 square miles.

Aruba's topography and vegetation are unusual for a Caribbean island. On the south and west coasts are miles of pristine white beaches that rank among the most beautiful in the world, rimmed by calm blue seas with visibility in some areas to a depth of a hundred feet. The northeast coast, along the windward shore, is rugged and wild. The interior is desert-like, with a variety of cacti and dramatic rock formations. The island's most famous trees are the watapana, or divi-divi trees, all permanently sculpted into graceful, southwest-bending shapes by the constant trade winds.

It's always summer in Aruba, and almost always dry. The average daytime temperature is 82° F. The difference between median day and night temperatures, and between summer and winter temperatures, is just 3.6° F. The average rainfall is less than 20 inches a year, occurring mainly in short showers during November and December. Aruba is located safely away from the traditional path of hurricanes. Just one word of caution: The sun is at its strongest between 11am and 2:30pm, and the use of protective sun lotions, including locally made products such as Aruba Aloe, is highly recommended.

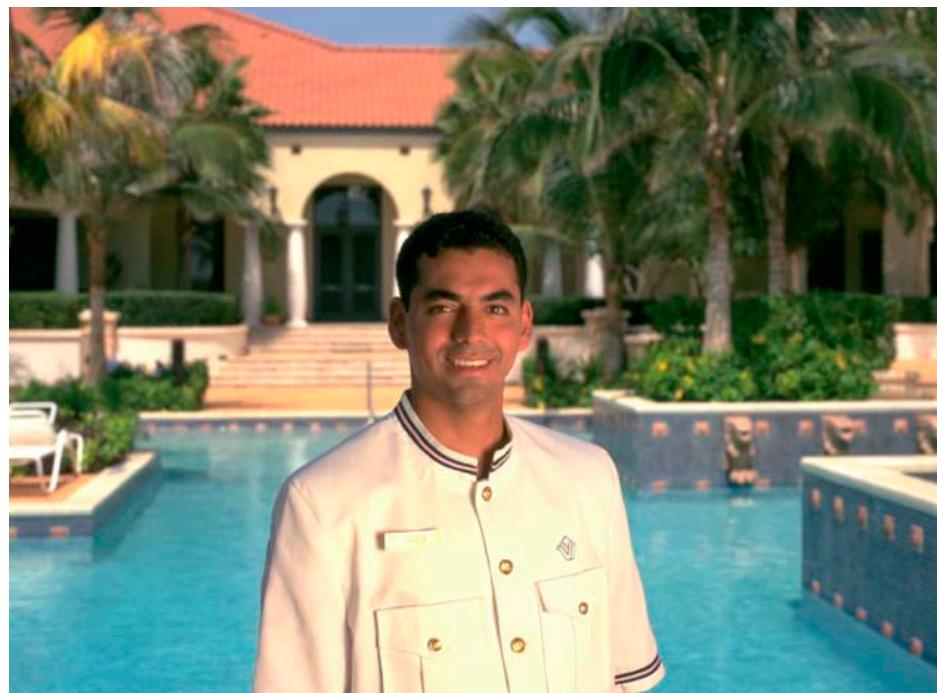
## OUR FRIENDLY PEOPLE

There are about 100,000 full-time inhabitants on Aruba, representing more than 40 different nationalities, living

peacefully together on Aruba. Hospitality remains a strongly ingrained tradition amongst the population.

The official languages of Aruba are Dutch as well as the native tongue of Papiamento, but most Arubans are fluent in several languages, including English and Spanish. The local Papiamento, a lilting, melodic language, has evolved over the centuries from an eclectic mixture of Spanish, Dutch and Portuguese with a sprinkling of Indian, English and French.

The schools of Aruba are subject to the same high standards applied to educational institutions in the Netherlands. Some 14.9 percent of the island's budget is devoted to education, resulting in a high level of education for the island's inhabitants.



Higher education goals are sought abroad or through local educational institutions that include a teacher's college, a law school, various technical and training establishments, and special-purpose schools such as the Aruba Hotel School.

## OUR SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT

On January 1, 1986, Aruba became a separate entity within the Kingdom of the Netherlands. With this new "Status Aparte," the Kingdom of the Netherlands now has three separate components: the Netherlands, the Netherlands Antilles, and Aruba. The government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands is still responsible for the defense and foreign affairs of the entire kingdom.

The system of government in Aruba is based on western democratic principles. The Governor is appointed by the Queen of the Dutch Kingdom for a term of six years and acts as the sovereign's representative on the island. The legislature consists of a 21-member Parliament elected by popular vote. The Council of Ministers, presided over by the Prime Minister, forms the executive power. Legal jurisdiction lies with a Common Court of Justice of Aruba and the Netherlands Antilles and a Supreme Court of Justice in the Netherlands.

## ARUBA AS A VACATION DESTINATION

Aruba welcomes visitors from all over the world. Of the over 600,000 stay-over guests that choose to come to our island annually, the majority are traveling from the United States, with numerous guests also visiting from Latin America and Europe.

## WHEN TO VISIT

There is no wrong time to visit Aruba. Cooling trade winds help to keep temperatures consistently mild. There is no rainy season, the island lies away from the hurricane path, and the sea temperature hovers around 82° F all year long.

January, February and March are the most popular times to visit. During Carnival, just before Lent, the island is hopping with parades, festivities and parties. If you prefer smaller crowds and a more relaxed atmosphere, plan your trip for mid-April through September. Or, if you can't stand another morning of scraping ice from your windshield, hop the next plane and come in the middle of December. In other words, choose your own time. Come just because you feel like it. Whenever you feel like it.





## Ports of Entry

### QUEEN BEATRIX INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Aruba's state-of-the-art airport facility is the result of a multi-million dollar renovation and expansion project that has established the Queen Beatrix International Airport as a hub in the Caribbean. The island is served by a number of airlines, and connections can be made to any part of the world. U.S.-bound passengers benefit from their own terminal building that houses a U.S. INS/Customs facility, allowing flights from Aruba to enter the U.S. as domestic flights.

The island is also a popular port of call. Each year about 500,000 cruise ship passengers disembark in Aruba.

*The following airlines offer nonstop and direct scheduled flights to and from Aruba:*

Aeropostal	Caracas (Venezuela); Santo Domingo (Dominican Republic), Bogota (Colombia) via Caracas
Aires	Baranquilla (Colombia)
American Airlines	Miami, New York (JFK), San Juan, Boston
Aserca	Caracas (Venezuela)
Arkefly	Amsterdam
Avianca	Bogota (Colombia), connecting flights through Bogota to countries including Argentina, Peru, Brazil, Ecuador, Chile
Avior	Caracas, Valencia, Maracaibo (Venezuela)
Continental Airlines	Houston, New York (La Guardia), Newark
Delta Airlines	Atlanta, New York (JFK)
Dutch Antilles Express	Curacao (Valencia, St. Maarten and Bonaire via Curacao)
JetBlue	New York (JFK)
KLM	Amsterdam (Netherlands)
Martinair	Amsterdam (April 2007)
Santa Barbara Airlines	Maracaibo
Sol de America	Las Piedras (Venezuela)
Surinam Airways	Paramaribo (Suriname) via Trinidad
Tiara	Punto Fijo, Caracas
United Airlines	Chicago (O'Hare), Washington D.C. (Dulles)
US Airways	Philadelphia, Charlotte, Boston, New York (LaGuardia)

*Many charters available throughout the year. For information contact your travel professional or airline website.*

Aruba is also served by charter flights from Boston, Chicago, and Detroit through companies including GWV, TNT Vacations, Apple Vacations, and Funjet Vacations.

In Canada, scheduled service from Montreal and Toronto is offered by Air Canada, American Airlines via Miami, Delta Airlines via Atlanta, US Airways via Philadelphia or Continental via Houston. Charter service is available through Air Canada, Sunquest and Signature Vacations.

From Brazil, scheduled service is offered through Varig Airlines, from Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paolo.

European charters include First Choice from the U.K., departing from London-Gatwick.

*For current schedules, check with the ATA office near you.*

## ARUBA CRUISE TERMINAL

Thousands of cruise ship passengers disembark at the Oranjestad port each week, with tourism representatives and activity companies ready to greet their arrival and help introduce them to Aruba's many pleasures.

Cruise tourism to Aruba started in the early fifties with the visit of the m.s. Libertador, a combination cargo/passenger ship belonging to the K.N.S.M. (Royal Netherlands Steamship Company, now the Nedlloyd Line). Regular visits by passenger ships, begun in 1958, have been steadily increasing ever since. Aruba is now on the itinerary of most cruise lines serving the Caribbean.



The height of the cruise tourism season runs October through April, however, numerous big ships and mega-liners visit the island year-round. Cruise lines including Holland America Line, Princess Cruises and the Royal Caribbean Cruise Line Celebrity Cruises and Carnival Cruises already make regular stops in Aruba, with the island prepared to greet yet more of the big ships with renovation and beautification plans scheduled for the port by the Aruba Ports Authority and the Cruise Tourism Authority. For a complete cruise schedule contact the Cruise Tourism Authority at Tel: (297) 583-3648 or [www.arubabycruise.com](http://www.arubabycruise.com). The Cruise Tourism Authority is located at Royal Plaza Mall, Suite 227, L.G. Smith Blvd. 94, Oranjestad, Aruba.

## Entry Requirements

### ARUBA IMMIGRATION

Visiting tourists should be in possession of a valid travel document, a return ticket or a ticket to travel elsewhere outside Aruba and the necessary documents for returning to the country of origin (valid permanent resident documents) or for further travel elsewhere (visa). On request by the Immigration Official, a traveler should be able to present sufficient financial means to support themselves during their stay in Aruba.

Nationals of countries necessitating a visa to enter Aruba must complete their application through a representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands (Embassy or Consulate). For more information on entry requirements and maximum length of stays on Aruba, contact the Department of Immigration

and Nationalization Aruba (DINA) at Tel: (297) 587-7444 or Fax at (297) 587-8828, c/o Bureau Visa Aruba, Reina Beatrix Airport, Aruba; Tel: (297) 582-8946; fax (297) 582-9126 or visit [www.aruba.com](http://www.aruba.com). A complete listing of countries exempt from visa requirements can be found under the section of General Information.

*As proof of identity, U.S. Citizens may submit one of the following:*

1. A valid U.S. passport
2. U.S. citizens born in the U.S. must have an original (official state issued) birth certificate with a raised seal and an updated photo ID (state issued, e.g. a driver's license)
3. Naturalized U.S. citizens must have an original Certificate of Naturalization and an updated ID (state issued)
4. A U.S. resident (non U.S. citizen) for whom no visa requirements are applicable for Aruba must have a re-entry permit to the U.S. or an Alien Registration Card (Green Card)
5. A U.S. resident (non U.S. citizen) for whom visa requirements are applicable for Aruba must possess a valid national passport (provided with a visa for Aruba), a U.S. government issued refugee passport, a re-entry permit (provided with a visa for Aruba) or an Alien Registration Card (Green Card)

*Canadian citizens must have one of the following:*

1. A valid Canadian passport
2. Canadian citizens must have a "Miniature Birth Certificate," a "Miniature Baptismal Certificate" or a "Miniature Certificate of Proof of Canadian Citizenship"

3. Canadian citizens born outside of Canada must have either an original Certificate of Naturalization or (a miniature) Certificate of Proof of Canadian Citizenship
4. Canadian residents for whom visa requirements are not applicable for Aruba must have a national passport, a Canadian Immigration Identification Certificate (CHC) with a landing stamp in the national passport or a Certificate of Identity
5. Canadian residents for whom visa requirements are applicable for Aruba must travel with a valid national passport with a landing stamp in the passport provided with a visa for Aruba or a Canadian Immigration Identification Certificate (C.I.I.C.) with a visa for Aruba

### **ARUBA CUSTOMS**

Besides articles for personal use, persons over 18 are allowed one fifth of liquor and 200 cigarettes, 50 cigars, 250 grams of tobacco. Aruba abides by CITES regulations in monitoring against the international trade in endangered species. Products, for example, made from sea turtles or conch shells, are prohibited from being brought into or out of the country.

### **U.S. PRE-CLEARANCE IN ARUBA**

Aruba is only one of three Caribbean destinations that provides for U.S. pre-clearance services, allowing flights from Aruba to enter the United States as domestic flights. The Department of Homeland Security merged the three Federal agencies (U.S. Customs, U.S. Immigration and U.S. Agriculture) into one agency: Customs and Border Protection (CBP). CBP is responsible for each specific mission of the three former agencies. The advantage of this merger is that passengers now, for the most part, have only one stop during the inspection

process. Some passengers, however, may have to pay duty, report currency, or have their bags or documents inspected, which will require a second stop. Some specific areas of responsibility are:

CBP is responsible for admitting persons, as well as foreign articles, into the United States. U.S. citizens must present a valid passport, or a birth certificate and picture ID to verify proof of citizenship. Several countries are on the "visa waiver" program. U.S. visitors with visas must participate in the U.S. VISITS program, unless specifically exempt (diplomas, children 13 and under, adults 80 and over). U.S. VISITS requires CBP officers to collect fingerprints and pictures of the visa holder. Both are done electronically and take approximately 1 minute to process. In October 2004, participants in the visa waiver program will be required to participate in the U.S. VISITS program. Direct questions concerning documents you will need prior to entering the United States to CBP officers at (297) 583-1316.

All articles acquired in a foreign country must be declared to a CBP officer. These articles include anything that was purchased or given to the individual as gifts. U.S. residents may acquire up to \$600 worth of merchandise without paying duty. If a resident acquires more than \$600 worth of merchandise, the next \$1,000 is dutiable at 3% of the value. Anything over \$1600 is subject to duties at various rates depending on the article. Included in the \$600 can be the value of 2 liters of alcohol (provided the resident is 21 years of age); one carton of cigarettes and 50 cigars. Cuban products (including cigars) are prohibited from entering the United States. Direct questions concerning merchandise to CBP officers at (297) 588-7240.

CBP is also responsible for food and plant products entering the United States. Because of diseases in other parts of the world that are not in the United States, CBP inspects meats, fresh fruits, vegetables, other food and fresh plant products carried by travelers. Most travelers will be required to throw away any plant and many food products prior to entering the gate area at the Queen Beatrix Airport. Direct questions concerning plant and food products to CBP officers at (297) 588-7640 prior to leaving the hotel.

#### ***U.S. Passport Requirements:***

The U.S. State Department and the Department of Homeland Security recently announced the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative, which will require all U.S. citizens and foreign nationals, to carry a passport or other accepted secure documents to enter or re-enter the U.S. from vacations or business travel anywhere in the Caribbean effective January 23, 2007. This requirement is applied to all air and sea travel. For more information on the new U.S. passport initiative, please visit [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov)

#### **CANADA CUSTOMS**

After 24 hours absence or more (any number of times per year), you may bring in goods to the value of \$50 (except tobacco products and alcoholic beverages). A written declaration may be required. After 48 hours absence or more (any number of times per year), you may bring in goods to the value of \$200. A written declaration may be required. After 7 days absence or more (one every calendar year), you may bring in goods to the value of \$750. A written declaration will be required.

Any person aged 16 or over may include up to 200 cigarettes, 50 cigars or 200 grams of tobacco. Of course, the dollar value of these goods forms part of your personal exemption. If you meet the age requirements set by the province or territory through which you re-enter Canada, you may include up to 1.5 liters of wine, 40 oz. of liquor or 24 cans of beer. Original works of art valued at \$20 or more are duty free.



# Calendar of Events\*



YEAR-ROUND	JANUARY/FEBRUARY	MARCH
<p><b>Bonbini Festival</b> Every Tuesday at Fort Zoutman from 6:30 to 8:30pm. Arts, crafts, local food and beverages, folkloric music and dance.</p> <p><b>One Cool Honeymoon/ One Cool Family</b> One Cool Family: Families visiting Aruba can take advantage of the OCF program which offers a family gift, children activities (can vary upon availability), free accommodations and daily breakfast for kids under 12 years old when sharing with one or two full paying adults.</p> <p>One Cool Honeymoon: Couples honeymooning in Aruba can be part of the OCH program and will receive a free bottle of champagne upon arrival, a souvenir gift, and a free night upon return on their anniversary visit.</p> 	<p><b>January 1: New Year's Day</b> This official holiday commences with a traditional midnight display of fireworks and firecrackers. Groups of musicians called "Dande" stroll from house to house singing good-luck greetings for the New Year.</p> <p><b>January/February or February/March: Carnival</b> During the month before Lent, the entire island participates in festive street parades with colorful costumes and floats, music and dancing, contests, and the election of the Carnival Queen. The final event is the Grand Parade, an all-day celebration held in the streets of Oranjestad on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. For additional information and activity schedule contact "Stichting Arubaanse Carnival" (SAC) by phone (297) 582-4214; fax (297) 588-2964 or visit the website <a href="http://www.sacaruba.org">www.sacaruba.org</a>.</p> <p><b>January 25: Official Holiday in Memory of G.F. "Betico" Croes</b> A celebration honoring the Aruban political leader who was instrumental in attaining Aruba's "Status Aparte" from Holland, introduced Aruba's own currency and established Aruba's national anthem and flag.</p>	<p><b>Aruba International Half-Marathon (21 KM)</b> For more information, please write or call I.D.E.F.R.E. at J.G. Emanstraat, Oranjestad. Tel: (297) 582-4987; fax (297) 583-6478, e-mail <a href="mailto:idfre@setarnet.aw">idfre@setarnet.aw</a> or e-mail: <a href="mailto:idfre@hotmail.com">idfre@hotmail.com</a>.</p> <p><b>March 18: National Anthem and Flag Day</b> On this official holiday, the Plaza Betico Croes in Oranjestad is the site of a traditional celebration that features the display of flags, national music and folkloric events.</p>  

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APRIL	MAY	JUNE
<p><b>Garage Centraal Extravaganza Drag Race</b> International competitors compete in a Drag Racing event organized by the Aruba Drag Race Foundations (ADRF). Contact Roland Arends at Tel: (297) 584-0322. Fax (297)587-3884. E-mail: <a href="mailto:draginaruba@hotmail.com">draginaruba@hotmail.com</a> or go to <a href="http://www.arubadrag.com">www.arubadrag.com</a> for additional information.</p> <p><b>International 10 km Boulevard Race</b> For more information, please write or call I.D.E.F.R.E. at J.G. Emanstraat, Oranjestad. Tel: (297) 582-4987, fax (297) 583-6478.</p> <p><b>April 30: Queen's Day</b> Official holiday honoring Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands, celebrated with ceremonies, national music and sporting events.</p> 	<p><b>Labor Day</b> Official Holiday</p> <p><b>Ascension Day</b> Official Holiday.</p> <p><b>3rd Aruba Food Wine &amp; Art Festival</b> This wine and food tasting event includes a pastry showcase by chef Pascal Cherance. Dinner cooked by a celebrity Chef served with Dom Perignon and a tribute to a well known artist or band. For information contact Franz Sydow at Tel: (297) 586-4466 ext 2104, fax (297) 586-9286 or e-mail <a href="mailto:franz.sydow@westin.com">franz.sydow@westin.com</a></p> 	<p><b>Hi-Winds Amateur World Challenge</b> Windsurfers from 30 countries compete for the prestigious Aruba Hi-Winds title. Events are open to amateurs of all ages and skill levels. For more information, please call ATA Special Events at (297) 582-3777 or visit <a href="http://www.aruba-hiwinds.com">www.aruba-hiwinds.com</a>.</p> <p><b>Aruba International Triathlon</b> An event consisting of a 1.5 km swim, 40 km bike race and 10 km run. For information or registration, please contact I.D.E.F.R.E. by phone (297) 582-4987, fax (297) 583-6478 or e-mail <a href="mailto:arubatriathlon@hotmail.com">arubatriathlon@hotmail.com</a>.</p> <p><b>June 24: Dera Gai (St. John's Day)</b> A folkloric celebration with dances and music.</p> 

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JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
<p><b>Aruba Reef Care Project</b> In this annual environmental awareness project, community members, certified divers and visitors participate in a weekend clean-up program to help preserve the island's fragile marine environment. For further information contact Aruba Tourism Authority at (297) 582-3777; fax (297) 583-7403.</p> <p><b>Youth International Bowling Tournament</b> Eagle Bowling Palace. For more information, please call (297) 582-6443; fax (297) 583-6310.</p> 	<p><b>Aruba International Pro-Am Golf Tournament</b> Professional and Amateur golfers team up in this annual tournament that includes gifts, prizes, special events and parties. Contact Tierra del Sol by phone (297) 586-7800; fax (297) 583-6310.</p> <p><b>August/September: One Cool Summer</b> Nationals to take place at the International Raceway Palo Marga. For further information contact Roland Arends at (297) 584-0322; fax: (297) 587-3884 or e-mail at <a href="mailto:draginaruba@hotmail.com">draginaruba@hotmail.com</a>.</p> <p><b>Turibana to Santa Cruz 10k Race</b> Open road race that starts at 6:00 am from the bakery of Panaderia del Campo in Noord and finishes at the Betico Croes Sports Complex in Santa Cruz. Registration starts August 1, 2007. Contact IDEFRE Tel: (297) 582-4987 or Fax: (297) 583-6478. E-mail: <a href="mailto:idefre@setarnet.aw">idefre@setarnet.aw</a> or <a href="mailto:idefre@hotmail.com">idefre@hotmail.com</a> for additional information or registration</p> 	<p><b>Ultimatebet.com Aruba Poker Classic</b> A no limit Texas Hold em poker tournament that brings together people from all over the world to compete for millions of dollars.</p> 

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## OCTOBER

### Aruba Music Festival

Internationally known musical artists perform in Aruba. Past headliners have included Pat Benatar, Chicago and Crosby, Stills and Nash, Jackson Browne and John Mayer. For more information, please call ATA Special Events at (297) 582-3777.

**Balashi Beer Finals Super Finas Drag Races**  
An international drag race event featuring competitors from the US , Puerto Rico,Venezuela, Curacao, Bonaire, St Maarten, and Aruba. Drag Races are held at Palo Marga International Racetrack Park in San Nicolas. Contact Roland Arends Tel (297) 584-0322/ Fax (297) 587-3884 or e-mail at [draginaruba@hotmail.com](mailto:draginaruba@hotmail.com)



## NOVEMBER

### Aruba Beach Tennis International Championships

Aruba is among the first to host an international tournament in the new sport of beach tennis. This competition is held on Eagle Beach.

### Aruba Heineken Catamaran Regatta

An annual international catamaran regatta competition with colorful sails of catamarans from Europe. For information call ATA Special Events Department at (297) 582-3777

### Tourist workshop by Aruban painter Gustave Nouel

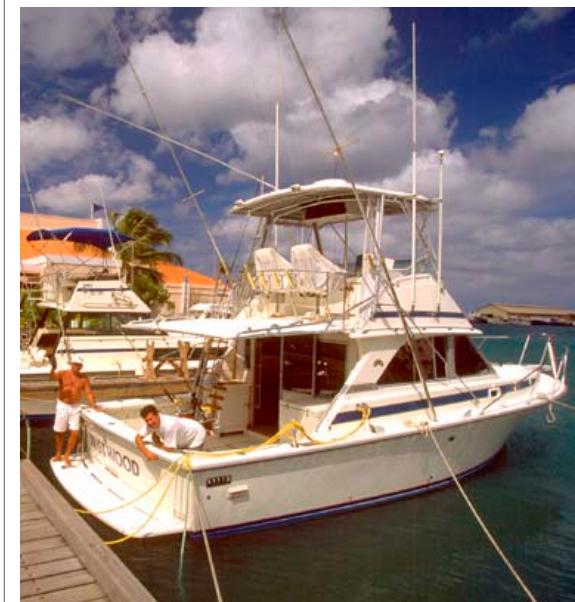
Series of painting workshops given by Aruba's international painter Gustave Nouel showing you the basics of painting and how to explore the secrets of mixing colors in a harmonious way. For information and registration contact Multi Media at Tel: (297) 583-9039/ Fax: (297) 583-0102 or e-mail [info@multimedia.aw](mailto:info@multimedia.aw)



## DECEMBER

### December 5: Saint Nicolas Day

A holiday celebrating the birthday of Saint Nicolas, who traditionally arrives at Paardenbaai Harbor just before his birthday to greet the children of Aruba and reward them with gifts for their good behavior.



\* Subject to change. For a complete and updated calendar, visit [www.aruba.com](http://www.aruba.com).

# Attractions

The attractions of Aruba extend well beyond the beaches. There are the coves of Andicuri and Dos Playa. The quaint countryside houses and the colorful birds at Frenchman's Pass. The chapel of Alto Vista. The graves of early settlers at Seroe Patrichi. Fort Zoutman, the old Protestant church, and the ornate, hand-carved neo-Gothic altar in the church of Santa Anna at Noord.

On the wild side are the old California lighthouse and the sand dunes of California and Boca Prins. The Natural Bridge our number one tourist attraction before it collapsed in August 2005. Visitors can still enjoy the Baby Natural Bridge right next to it. The grotto of Guadirikiri. The gold-mill ruins at Bushiribana and Balashi. The rock formations of Ayo and Casibari. The painted Indian petroglyphs in the cave at Fontein, on the rocks of Arikok National Park, and elsewhere.

## NATURALIST PURSUITS

### ARIKOK NATIONAL PARK

A day of discovery is as easy as a walk in the park, with the island's Arikok National Park providing a glimpse into the island's past and enjoyment of its natural beauty.

A rich blend of colors and textures are found in the awesome features of Aruba's untouched landscapes. The azure blue of the Caribbean Sea at the horizon is thrown in contrast to the rolling green of cactus-studded hills, the dark hues of pockmarked limestone plateaus and the stark white of undulating sand dunes. Its beauty, though raw, rivals the orderly environs of the carefully manicured gardens of the island's resorts.



Finding the park, a protected area that encompasses almost 20 percent of the island's landmass, is easy. Deciding on which trail to plot can be an overwhelming yet tempting task. Officially set aside as a protected area in 1997, the park foundation is now planning the construction of a Visitor's Center, which would help illuminate for the visitor the park's many natural, historic and cultural treasures.

Accompanied by the constant wind and the occasional cry of the Aruba's "prikichi" parakeet, hikers can appreciate the diversity of Aruba's native flora species with park rangers helping to point out examples of Aruba's 48 different types of native trees, some species of which are so scarce that they can only be found in the confines of the park.

Other discoveries can be found in the animal species that find refuge under the park system, including the "shoco," an endangered burrowing owl, and the tiny "blenchi" hummingbird.

Leisurely adventure is found in the 20 miles of walking trails that have already been blazed through the park and take travelers past the island's most interesting sites. Suggested trails include the Miralamar trail (translating literally as Sea View) as it is a place where you can appreciate Aruba from all sides, with views of the sea on both the north and southern coasts, and with the trail also leading past the remains of an old gold mine.

Other highlights include the picturesque Cunucu Arikok trail that leads visitors on a stroll past a hundred-plus year old "Cas di Torto" adobe home (one of only three examples of which still exist on the island) as well as huge tonalite boulders on which can be found Indian rock drawings.

Similar Aruban rock drawings can be found on the roof of the Fontein cave, the trail to which also leads to the Fontein plantation, site of a fresh water pond and the original weekend refuge for the island's early Dutch Lieutenant Governors.

Rangers are regularly stationed at different locations, including the Fontein cave, ready to explain the attraction for the curious visitor. Intrepid travelers can recharge at the snack shop found along the road to the Fontein cave.

Arikok National Park includes a number of important and diverse natural and historical areas including:

Arikok Center, the mid-section of the park with access possible from the main road through Santa Cruz, is an area that features the Arikok hilltop, which at 184.5 meters above sea level, is the second highest point in Aruba. The area also features examples of early Native Aruban art and artifacts, and domestic and farm facilities (traditional "cunucu" (countryside) houses and "cas di torto" mud-covered homesteads). The island's only fresh water source found here facilitated plantation farming of coconuts, aloe and fruit - with the remains of the Prins Plantation and the still-functioning Fontein Plantation as visual reminders of early agriculture. Fontein cave, which contains clear indications of Indian rock drawings, is also found in this area. Jamanota Center, located south of the Arikok Center includes the highest hilltop in Aruba (Jamanota at 189 meters), and the remains of an old gold mining operation at Miralamar.

The park is also home to other important natural areas including the beach cove of Dos Playa located on the coast of the island's windward side, south of which are the caves of Quadirikiri and Huliba (Tunnel of Love).

More information about the park can be obtained through the Arikok Park Foundation, Piedra Plat 42, Tel: (297) 582-8001, e-mail address: [pna@setarnet.aw](mailto:pna@setarnet.aw)

## ARUBA OSTRICH FARM

Located on the road to the Natural Bridge by the Bushiribana Gold Mill Ruins, this five-hectare large ostrich farm provides an educational experience with an incubator-cum-hospital on site. Guided tours provided every half hour from 9am until 4 pm. Features also include Savanna Lodge bar and restaurant, open for lunch and dinner, and Authentic African Art Store. Tel: (297) 585-9630

## BUTTERFLY FARM

J. E. Irausquin Blvd. Home to 32 different species of butterflies from around the world, visitors have the opportunity to appreciate and learn more about these fanciful winged creatures. Guided tours are given of this real working farm, where butterflies are raised from egg to caterpillar to chrysalis to butterfly. Open every day, 9am to 4:30pm. One payment – US\$ 10 for adults, US\$ 5 for children – ensures a free pass to the farm for the length of a visitor's stay. Tel: (297) 586-3656.



## BUBALI BIRD SANCTUARY

Or Bubali Plas, is an official nature preserve. This fresh water lagoon is located not far from the hotel strip and represents an important nesting site for the Blue Heron, Green Heron, Cattle Egret and the Snowy Egret. A tower, located just at the edge of the cattail marsh, across from the Mill Resort, offers a vantage point for viewing a variety of different bird species year round, especially during late fall when the birds migrate to the South.

## DONKEY SANCTUARY ARUBA

Once the island's main mode of transportation, donkeys are now cared for at the St. Lucia-based sanctuary by "Salba Nos Buriconan" (Save Our Donkeys) Foundation volunteers. The quaint environment of corrals offers a tranquil environment to spend the day, hear interesting facts on the island's donkey population from the on-duty volunteer, feed the donkeys or even enjoy a short ride. The non-profit sanctuary relies on the support of its volunteers and the generosity of the general public. Entrance is free but donations are highly appreciated. The sanctuary is open daily, Monday through Friday from 9am to noon, and on weekends from 10am to 3pm. For more information contact Desiree Eldering at Tel: (297) 584-1063 or Cell: (297) 568-4091.

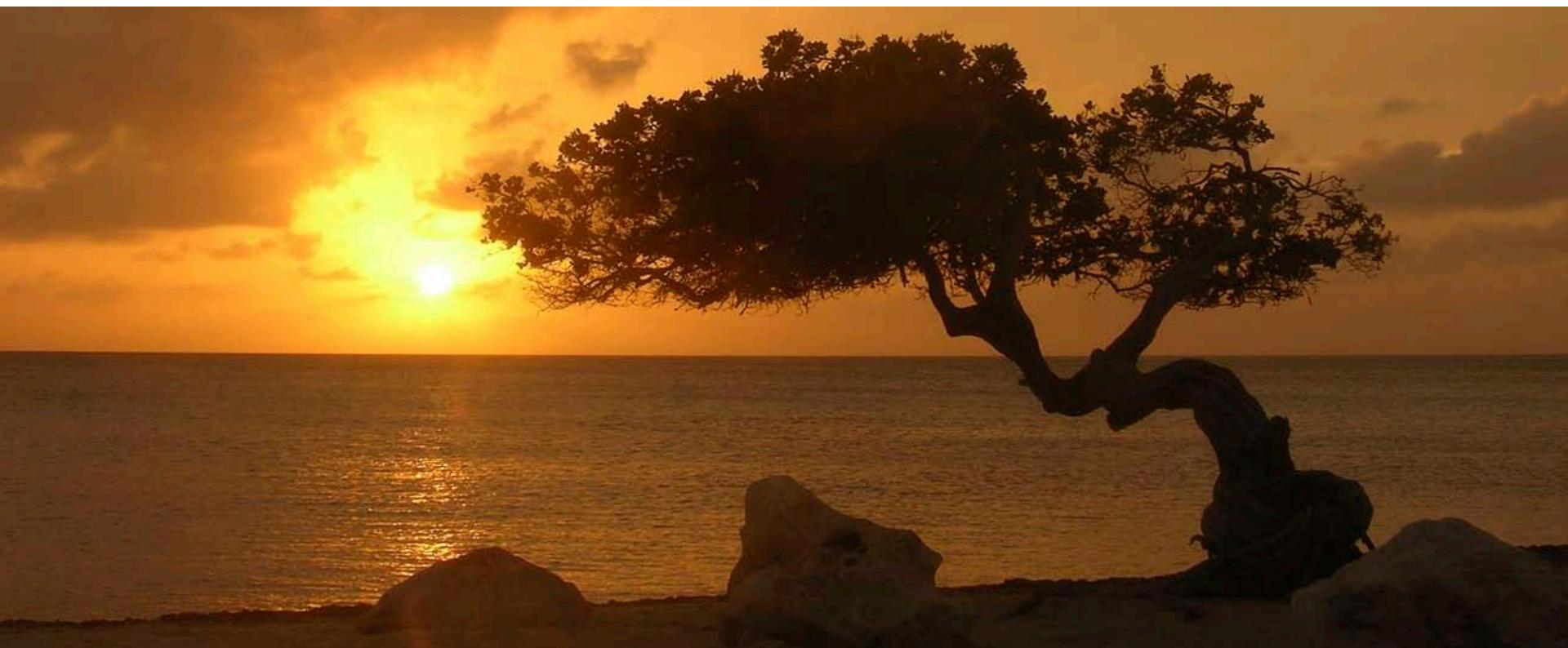


## TERN ISLANDS

Terns, also known as sea swallows can be found in breeding colonies along the reef inlets near the Valero Energy Corporation in San Nicolas. Seven different terns, including the Royal Tern, the Sandwich Tern, the Cayenne Tern, Common Tern and the Least Tern, can be found in this area.

Other birding locations on Aruba include the saltpans at Palm Beach and Malmok, the California lighthouse, Tierra del Sol Golf Course, Spanish Lagoon and, of course, Arikok National Park. Both resident and migratory species are abundant but, as one would expect, water birds are some of the most

plentiful on the island. Dainty sandpipers, dashing along the shoreline feasting on brine flies and other small insects, can be appreciated as can the sight of pelicans sitting together in small flocks. Aruba represents an important refuge for these birds, in particular for the brown pelican, which is found on all of the ABC islands, but is known only to breed consistently on Aruba. More colorful native species include the Yellow Oriole (Trupial) and the Barica Geel (Banaquit). Aruba is also home to birds of prey – the Kinikini (falcon) and the Warawara (vulture). The island's most ubiquitous inland bird species include the Mofi (Black-faced Grassquit), Chuchubi (Tropical Mockingbird) and the Totolica (Common Ground Dove).





Sea Turtle Nesting Season: Four species of sea turtles, the leatherback, green turtle, hawksbill and loggerhead, nest on Aruba each year, March through September. Aruba, as a member of WIDECAST (Wider Caribbean Sea Turtle Network), compiles data and works to protect nests and hatchlings. For more information, contact Tel: (297) 582-0400.

## HISTORICAL HOMES AND CULTURAL SITES

### ARUBA HISTORY

Aruba's earliest inhabitants came to the island from the South American mainland, in small vessels, about 4,000 years ago.

These first Indians were hunters and gatherers who lived in small, scattered groups. The crop-growing Caquetio Indians of the Arawak tribe, many of whose artifacts can be seen in Aruban museums today, arrived about 1,000 A.D. and settled in three large villages on the island.

The first European to land on Aruban shores was the Spanish explorer Alonso de Ojeda, who is thought to have arrived about 1499. The Spanish had exported the Indians to Hispaniola and put them to work in the copper mines, although many later drifted back to work in the island's cattle- and horse-

breeding industries. During the years that followed, ownership of the island changed hands several times. In 1636, near the culmination of the Eighty Years War between Spain and Holland, the Dutch took possession and remained in control for nearly two centuries. In 1805, during the Napoleonic Wars, the English briefly took over the island, but it was returned to Dutch control in 1816.

A picture into Aruba's different epochs, from its Indian inhabitation, through colonial times and into the modern era, can be appreciated at the island's varied museums:



### ARUBA HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Get an idea of how the island's first settlers lived and worked with numerous antique farm implements and household goods on display. The museum is housed in Oranjestad's oldest structure of Fort Zoutman, built in the 1700's. Small fee required for entry. Fort Zoutmanstraat z/n Tel: (297) 582-6099

### NUMISMATIC MUSEUM ARUBA

Provides a view of Aruba's first coins, including the "yotin" and "dipchi," as well as monetary tender from around

the world, and also features rotating art exhibits. The museum is housed in the historic yellow house found behind the Oranjestad bus terminal, and next to the Royal Plaza Mall. Small fee required for entry. Weststraat z/n Tel: (297) 582-8831 E-mail: [numisaruba@hotmail.com](mailto:numisaruba@hotmail.com) [www.museumaruba.org](http://www.museumaruba.org)

### ARUBA ANTIQUITY MUSEUM

Private collection display of island antiques. The museum is housed in a private home but is open to the general public on a regular basis

by appointment.

Timbalstraat 11, Tarabana

Contact the Numismatic museum for additional information

Tel: (297) 583-2039

### ARUBA MODEL TRAINS MUSEUM

Private collection display of model trains and memorabilia. The museum is housed in a private home in San Nicolas, near Costa Riba restaurant, just before Seroe Colorado. Koolbaaibergstraat 12, San Nicolas Tel: (297) 584-7321, E-mail: [vriesja@setarnet.aw](mailto:vriesja@setarnet.aw)

## ARUBA ALOE MUSEUM TOUR

Aloe is thought to bring good luck and health and can be found hanging from the ceilings of island homes. The plant was also the key to the island's early prosperity with Aruba once largely a collection of farms. Tours are offered throughout the day, Monday – Friday, 9am – 4pm and Saturday, 9am – 2pm.

Museo di Aloe, Pitastraat 115

Tel: (297) 588-3222

Website: [www.arubaaloe.com](http://www.arubaaloe.com)

## CITY HALL (STADHUIS)

Erected between 1922-1925, it was the former home and professional residence of Doctor Eloy Arends. In 1986, the property was purchased by the government and was later restored to its former glory. The salon of the house is where civil wedding ceremonies are carried out. The stadhuis is connected to the former Hotel Colombia, which forms the island's census and civil registry offices.

## FORT ZOUTMAN AND WILLEM III TOWER

The fort is the island's oldest surviving historical structure, built in 1796. The fort was named after Johan Arnold Zoutman, a rear admiral in the Fourth English War in which the English were

forced to retreat in August 1781. The former Dutch stronghold is now home to the Aruba Historical Museum.

## ART GALLERIES

Interpretations of modern times as well as Aruba's past can be appreciated through the eyes of the island's artists. The works of a vibrant, local art community can be viewed at numerous galleries:

### ACCESS ART GALLERY

Exhibits of both local and international artists, with a focus on design as functional art. A "cultural evening" is held each Thursday evening with lectures and presentations of the arts. Caya Betico Croes 16-18, Oranjestad  
Tel: (297) 588-7837

### ART STUDIO INSIGHT

Solo and group exhibitions of local and international contemporary artists, with an emphasis on all types of visual and theater arts. Artist Retreat - Artist in Residence. Paradera Park 215, Paradera  
Tel: (297) 568-9168

### OSAIRA MUYLE CONTEMPORARY ART STUDIO

Contemporary conceptual art by artist Osaira Muyale. Stadionweg 23, Oranjestad, Tel: (297) 582-1350

## SOUTH END ART GALLERY

Capitan Rodger Straat z/n, San Nicolas

Tel: (297) 584-6976

Cell: (297) 563-4574



## ISLAND INDUSTRIES

In 1824, gold was discovered on Aruba. The mines were worked for nearly a century, but by 1914 they had become unprofitable and mining was discontinued. Then, in the mid 1920's, two oil refineries began operations on the island, and soon the new "black gold" had helped give Aruba one of the highest standards of living in the Caribbean. One refinery, the Eagle Oil Company, was closed in the 1950's. Exxon closed the other refinery, the Lago Oil & Transport Company, in 1985, but it was reopened by the Coastal Corporation in 1991 and as of 2004 is run by Valero Energy Corporation.

After the refineries came the tourists: first by cruise ship, then to the island's new luxury hotels and resorts. Today, Aruba has 30 hotels, along with dozens of restaurants, clubs and casinos, and tourism has long since replaced oil as the major industry. While today tourism remains the island's largest industry, it is not its only endeavor. Tours of different island industries are currently available.

## DESALINATION PLANT TOUR

The island's renowned high quality water is distilled at the world's second largest desalination facility. Discover the process from the first step of the filtering of seawater through coral beds to constant quality testing at the lab on a free tour of the Water and Electricity Bureau (WEB), located in Balashi. Free tours offered on Thursdays. Reservations for the tour must be made in advance. You must wear long sleeves, trousers and closed shoes (no sandals) during the tour.

WEB Aruba N.V., Balashi 76

Tel: (297) 585-4600

## BALASHI BREWERY TOUR

See how Aruba's locally brewed beer is made. Reservations must be made in advance with free tours taking place each Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11am.

Brouwerij Nacional Balashi N.V.

Balashi z/n

Tel: (297) 585-4805; fax (297) 585-6144

E-mail: [aruba.brewery@setarnet.aw](mailto:aruba.brewery@setarnet.aw)

## SAN NICOLAS FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS (SINFA)

SINFA focuses on visual art forms as well as theatre, music, literature, photography and dance.

Van Zeppenfeldstraat 10

San Nicolas

Tel: (297) 584-2969

Rotating exhibits can also be appreciated at the Cas di Cultura, National Library of Aruba, Numismatic Museum Aruba and the Oranjestad branches of the RBTT Bank and the Aruba Investment Bank.

## HANDICRAFTS

**Bonbini Festival** Fort Zoutman, Oranjestad, every Tuesday from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. A variety of local handicrafts are available for sale.

**Creative Hands** Socotorolaan 5A, Oranjestad, just opposite the post office. Pottery, ceramic, paintings and other local handicrafts. Tel: (297) 583-4665.

# Sightseeing and other Activities

Your travel agent or hotel can help you arrange a number of excursions and activities, or you can make arrangements on your own. Your choices are as varied as the island itself.

There are full-day or half-day island tours. Side trips and island-hopping excursions. Nature tours. Kayak tours. Mountain bike tours. Four-wheel safaris. Submarine and semi-submarine tours. Cruises on glass-bottom boats.

There are water sports of every variety. Windsurfing. Scuba and snorkeling. Sailfish, Sunfish and Minifish sailing. Parasailing. Deep-sea fishing. Water skiing. There's golf. Tennis. Even "Gotcha" paintball survival games.

And, when you're ready to unwind, there are sunset cruises, moonlight cruises and party cruises. And of course, you can see both sides of the island at once, with the panoramic view from the California Lighthouse.

## GETTING AROUND ARUBA

### ISLAND TOUR AND TRANSFER OPERATIONS

#### **De Palm Tours**

L.G. Smith Blvd. 142, Oranjestad

(offices in all leading hotels)

Tel: (297) 582-4400 or (297) 582-4545, fax (297) 582-3012.

#### **Aruba Transfer Tours & Taxi**

Pos Abou z/n. Tel: (297) 582-2116 or (297) 582-1604.

**ABC Aruba Tours** Tel: (297) 582-5600

**Watapana Tours** Tel: (297) 583-5191

### DRIVING AND CAR RENTAL

Not only does Aruba offer a safe environment in which you are free to explore any part of the island, but also the island's size ensures that you are never lost for long. Friendly residents are also often happy to point out the way along sometimes-unmarked roadways.

Arubans drive on the right-hand side of the road. If you have an international driving license, or any valid driving license held for at least two years, you may rent and drive an automobile on the island. The minimum age of 21-25, and the maximum age of 65-70, vary slightly by company.

For a list of car, motorcycle and bicycle rental companies, please visit [www.aruba.com](http://www.aruba.com).

### BUSES

There is inexpensive and reliable daily bus service between all the districts and the hotel areas. Check at your hotel for schedules and hours.

### LIMOUSINE SERVICE

**Eagle Limousines**, Shotlandstraat 68, Tel: (297) 593-4761, Fax: (297) 593-2645, E-mail: [indirakelly@yahoo.com](mailto:indirakelly@yahoo.com)





## TAXIS

The dispatch office, which can also arrange taxi tours, is located at Pos Abou z/n in Oranjestad, behind the Eagle Bowling Palace on the Sasaki road.

Taxis do not have meters; rates are fixed and should be checked in advance. By law, taxis can carry no more than five passengers at one time.

Tel: (297) 582-2116 or (297) 582-1604

**Best Taxi Services Aruba** Tel: (297) 588-3232

**Taxi Address Service** Tel: (297) 587-5900

## SPORTS

Adventurous souls and serious sportsmen alike will find challenges on the wide open seas and through the rolling hills

of Aruba. The island sports that excite the senses often times range in difficulty from activities that elicit an occasional sigh to those sports where white knuckles are standard. So whatever your level of sports, whether weekend adventurer or consummate athlete, you are bound to find it in Aruba.

## BOWLING

**Eagle Bowling Palace**

Pos Abou z/n. Open 10am to 2am. Tel: (297) 583-5038.

## GOLF

**Tierra Del Sol**, at the island's northwest tip, is Aruba's first world-class golf course. The 18-hole, par 71 course was designed by Robert Trent Jones Jr. to take full advantage of its rugged natural surroundings. Reservations can be made at Tel: (297) 586-0978, fax (297) 586-0941 or through your hotel.

**Divi Golf and Beach Resort** features “The Links,” consisting of 9 holes, 2 at 5 par, 2 at 3 par and 5 at 4 par. Golf school includes facilities such as a Video Swing and driving range with professional instruction for individuals and groups.  
J.E. Irausquin Blvd. 47 Tel: (297) 583-5000.

**The Aruba Golf Club** presents the challenge of the Caribbean’s most unusual golf course, with oiled sand greens, the ever-present trade winds, and an occasional goat as a live hazard.

**Adventure Golf**, a miniature golf course, is located on L.G. Smith Blvd., near La Cabana All-Suite Beach Resort & Casino. There are also paddleboats, gameroom and other amenities.

#### HORSEBACK RIDING

Aruba's topography offers a variety of exotic locations for adventurous visitors. Several ranches offer horseback tours and adventures.

**Rancho Daimari** Trips to Aruba's natural pool.  
Tel: (297) 586-0239.

**Rancho Del Campo** Sombre 22E. Trips to the Aruban countryside and the natural pool. Tel: (297) 582-0290.

**Rancho El Paso** Washington 44. Trips to the Aruban countryside and along the coastline. Tel: (297) 563-6253 / (297) 562-5759.

**Rancho La Ponderosa** Papaya 30. Trips to windward side, including Natural Bridge. Tel: (297) 587-1142.

**Rancho Notorious** Boroncana 8E. Trips to the beach and countryside. Tel: (297) 586-0508.

#### TENNIS

The Aruba Racquet Club, Aruba's first world-class tennis center, is located at Rood Santo 21 in the Palm Beach area. It features eight lighted courts, an exhibition center court, pro shop, swimming pool, aerobics classes, fitness center, and a bar and restaurant. Opening hours are 8am to 9pm.  
Tel: (297) 586-0215.

Most leading hotels also have tennis courts and tennis instructors, and there are many courts at private clubs where visitors are welcome.

Other popular sports: Squash, soccer, baseball, softball, basketball, jogging and mountain biking are also available. Please ask your hotel for details.





## Interactive Map

Click on any area of the map to enlarge.



## **WATER SPORTS**

### **DEEP-SEA FISHING**

In the temperate waters around Aruba, a variety of Atlantic game fish can be caught year-round. Sailfish, white and blue marlin, wahoo, shark, barracuda, amberjack, kingfish, bonito, and blackfin and yellowfin tuna are abundant.

You can sail for either a full day or a half-day. Excursions can be arranged through your hotel activity desk or De Palm Tours, or directly with the captain of the boat of your choice. Location: Renaissance Marina's small wharf.

### **CRUISES AND SAILING TRIPS**

Aruba's cruise and sailing operators offer cruises and excursions of every variety.

### **PARASAILING, SUNFISH AND SPEEDBOAT RIDES**

Please ask your hotel for more information.

### **SCUBA DIVING AND SNORKELING**

The waters of Aruba offer some of the best diving in the world. Go reef diving. Explore wrecks sunk during World War II. Rodale's Scuba Diving Magazine has named Aruba the number #1 destination for wreck diving.

Or snorkel closer to the surface and still enjoy the beauty of the coral formations and the adventure of the wreck sites.

If you're a novice, you can take a Resort Certification scuba diving course, either before your trip or after arriving on the island. If you already have your Open Water Certification, Aruba is ready and waiting. Just call 1-800-TO-ARUBA to request your "Watersports" brochure.



## KITESURFING

A thrilling experience that utilizes the island's tradewinds for a ride across the water and up into the air. Capture the wind and skim along the water while your feet are strapped into the kiteboard, catapulting up with the aid of the inflatable kite attached to about 90 ft. of flying line. Aruba is one of the top locations for this fast-growing sport.

## KAYAKING

No experience necessary to explore Aruba in an adventurous way (tours by De Palm Island). For more information, contact Aruba Kayak Adventures at Tel: (297) 582-5520.

## SEA TREK

No snorkeling or even swimming skill required. Walk underwater wearing the specially designed Sea Trek helmet and enjoy the marine environment. Contact De Palm Tours at Tel: (297) 582-4545.

## SNUBA (SNORKELING + SCUBA)

A water sport that allows underwater explorers as young as 8 years old to descend to depths up to 20 feet by using the breathing apparatus of the regulator. Contact De Palm Tours at Tel: (297) 582-4545.

## SWIMMING

The clear, calm waters of Arashi Beach, Palm Beach, Eagle Beach, Druif Beach, Baby Beach and Rodgers Beach are safe to swim any time of day, any day of the year. There are also several hidden little bays around the island. Please ask your hotel about safety before planning to swim anywhere other than the main beach areas.

## WATER SKIING AND JET SKIING

The smooth seas of the south and west coasts are perfect for both beginners and experienced skiers. Jet skis are restricted to certain areas.

## WATER SPORTS ACTIVITIES

The Blue Parrot Fish water slide park on De Palm Island that entertains kids and adults with a shallow pool and over 70 fun filled water activities from net climbing, crawl tunnels, spinning trays and bubble jets. And for those who prefer to stay dry, the sea is still accessible: enjoy the underwater sites on the Atlantis Submarine ride.

## ATLANTIS SUBMARINE

The two hour adventure begins with a 30-minute cruise to the submarine dive site. Once aboard the Atlantis VI Submarine, a one-hour dive follows



with a trip past the sunken wrecks of Mi Dushi I and the Morgenster, and near coral reefs brimming with marine life. Trip is fully narrated. Contact Atlantis Submarine at Tel: (297) 583-6090.

## WINDSURFING

The constant trade winds, along with the variety of flat-water locations and challenging wave conditions, have made Aruba one of the most popular spots on earth for windsurfers. Whether you're a beginner, an expert or anywhere in between, you can find a suitable location for your skill level.

Activities for a variety of watersports can be arranged through activity companies including:

#### **De Palm Tours**

Tel: (297) 586-9134  
(1-800-766-6016 in U.S.)

#### **Pelican Adventures**

Tel: (297) 583-1288

#### **Red Sail Sports**

Tel: (297) 586-1603  
(1-877-255-6425 in U.S.)

#### **Unique Sports of Aruba**

Tel: (297) 586-0096, ext. 864

### **FITNESS CENTERS**

Keep to your regular workout while on vacation by visiting the island's fitness centers located throughout the island and in most resorts. Personal trainers and staff will help guide you through routines on cardiovascular equipment, weight machines and free weights. Classes and activities such as pool aerobics, beach volleyball and tennis clinics are also often available.

### **SPAS**

Whether recovering from a day of non-stop activity or simply searching for an afternoon of spiritual serenity or even

romance, the island's spa options offer a bountiful array of ways to pamper every aspect of body and soul. Highlights of the Aruba spa experience include treatments outdoors with the island's ever-present winds and warming rays of the sun contributing to the overall sense of wellbeing. Treatments, including massages, body scrubs, body wraps and facials, are given with homegrown ingredients such as fresh aloe as well as renowned spa products.

Almost every resort on Aruba has a spa, each offering its own distinctive experience and menu of treatment options. At the **Okeanos Spa** at the Renaissance Marina Hotel specialty treatments include the "chocolate embrace," with scented oils added to a unique chocolate bath and chocolate massage. The spa experience is taken one step further at the **Spa Cove** at Renaissance Island, where an open-air setting, secluded serenity and picturesque views add to the enjoyment.



of an hour or, better yet, an entire day of luxury. Signature treatments on Renaissance Island consist of options such as a sunset massage for two, including champagne, cocktails and fresh, sliced fruits.

**Larimar Spa** at Radisson Aruba Resort & Casino is a 13,000 sq ft spa featuring a state-of-the-art fitness center facing the Caribbean sea, nine indoor treatment rooms, five patio gardens for open air treatments utilizing Aruba's calming trade winds and a full service nail and hair salon. There is also 2 Swiss shower rooms, one couple's suite, one wet-room with Vichy shower and two facial rooms. Larimar Spa also offers private men's and women's lounges, each complete with sauna, steam room, two plunge pools, as well as separate and co-ed relaxation areas with Cathedral ceiling.

**Intermezzo Spas** are featured at locations including the Holiday Inn Sunspree Aruba, Allegro Resort, The Mill Resort, La Cabana Beach Resort, De Palm Island and Westin Aruba Resort. A relaxing massaging, aromatherapy, acupressure, sports or deep tissue massage can be experienced with wraps including the

Fango wrap or scrubs that utilize pumice or are accented with fruity essences. Facial choices include the standard, Piccolo or Di Iusso facial.

A true tropical departure is found in the island's different Balinese-inspired spas such as the **Mandara Spa** at the Marriott Ocean Club, Spa del Sol at the Playa Linda Beach Resort and the Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa. The long spa tradition of Indonesia is successfully transplanted in Aruba with the use of teak woods providing a tranquil setting in which to indulge in age-old treatments.

For yet another type of spa experience take a trip to Tierra del Sol, where views of the golf course and the California lighthouse can be enjoyed before taking advantage of options such as hydrotherapy at the **Body & Soul Spa**. For further pleasures, pampering treatments can also be found in the welcoming environment of the different spas of Tara Suites, Hyatt Regency and Radisson Aruba Resort. Relax your body and quiet your mind as you are attended by professional therapists and estheticians in beautifully-appointed surroundings.

## MOVIES

Most movies shown in Aruba are American films. You'll find a variety of choices playing on the six screens of **Oranjestad's Renaissance Cinemas**.

A different American film is featured weekly at the **Drive-In Theatre** in Balashi.

## ARUBA PANORAMA

A 22-minute movie on Aruba's history, culture and sites is shown on five huge screens forming a 155° semi-circle and resulting in a 3-D effect that is combined with special sound effects. The film is shown daily in the **Crystal Theater** of the Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino every hour from 11am to 5pm.





## Weddings and Honeymoons

### **WEDDINGS AND HONEYMOONS**

Aruba's romantic environment of sunset-lit beaches and private beach coves has long endeared the island as a honeymoon destination. Now both the celebration of the honeymoon as well as the actual wedding ceremony and reception can also take place on the island. As one of the hot spots for both weddings and honeymoons in the Caribbean, couples seeking romance in Aruba find they come away with their fair share of memorable moments to accompany the wedding and honeymoon photos that will soon be carefully pasted in the albums back home.

Civil marriages are performed in the salon of the historic City Hall building in downtown Oranjestad. (A virtual tour of

the City Hall building is available through [aruba.com](http://aruba.com)). After the legal marriage, couples may also wish to enjoy a religious ceremony, either in one of Aruba's churches or synagogues, or even with a blessing held right on the beach.

Visitors wishing to carry out their civil marriage in Aruba must provide an "apostille" report (a statistical search from the Bureau of Vital Statistics proving that both are single) from their country of citizenship. If either party has been divorced, he or she must submit a copy of the divorce decree; if one has been widowed, a death certificate must be produced. Other documents necessary for the ceremony to be carried out include copies of birth certificates, with the raised seal, and valid passports from the couples' witnesses. All documents must be faxed for review and then submitted by courier at least one month prior to the desired wedding dates.



Ceremonies are performed Wednesday through Friday from 10am - 4pm and on Saturday by special request. For more information contact: Civil Registry, Schoolstraat 2, Oranjestad Tel: (297) 583-4400, fax (297) 583-9160 E-mail: [pivaruba@setarnet.aw](mailto:pivaruba@setarnet.aw)

After the wedding comes the unforgettable honeymoon, and Aruba perfectly fits the bill for this very special occasion. The majority of Aruba's resorts participate in the One Cool Honeymoon program where couples receive the red carpet treatment right from the start with the resort providing a complimentary bottle of champagne or wine, complimentary souvenir gift,

complimentary honeymoon doorknob hanger and a certificate for a Free Night during the following year's return stay. For more information on OCH program please visit [www.aruba.com](http://www.aruba.com)

Let Aruba's qualified wedding planners help provide for a worry-free wedding and honeymoon experience:

**• Aruba Weddings For You**

Pearl Lake; Office located Tamarijn Aruba All Inclusive, Tel: (297) 525-5200, fax(297) 525-5203; e-mail: [www.arubaweddings@megaresorts.com](mailto:www.arubaweddings@megaresorts.com); website: [www.Arubaweddingsforyou.com](http://www.Arubaweddingsforyou.com)

**• Aruba Fairy Tales**

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## ONE COOL HONEYMOON YEAR ROUND

### Hotel features:

- Bottle of champagne upon arrival
- Souvenir Gifts
- Free night upon return anniversary visit

For a list of participating hotels and on island offers please visit [www.aruba.com](http://www.aruba.com)

## AN ISLAND FIRST: ARUBA ONLINE BRIDAL REGISTRY

Gift giving just got easier and full of new possibilities. Aruba's visiting brides and grooms can now sign up on the Aruba Bridal & Honeymoon Registry at [www.aruba.com](http://www.aruba.com) and be assured of the perfect gift, ranging from the everyday needs of car rental to extraordinary fine dining experiences, from energetic activities to romance-laden event packages, and even a shopping spree. Friends and family will enjoy the convenience of being able to provide their best wishes with exactly what the lucky couple is looking for in making the wedding or honeymoon a memorable event. Couples can register, choose from among diverse activity and service options, check the status of their registry and redeem gifts just by accessing the website.

## FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Aruba is also "One Cool" destination that doesn't forget the family. Each May through September, families traveling with children 12 years and younger benefit from a variety of special offers. Participating resorts in the One Cool Family Vacation program provide kids (12 and under with a maximum of two per room) bed and breakfast free, free enrollment in the daily kids activities and a complimentary family gift for kids. For more information on the OFC vacation please visit [www.aruba.com](http://www.aruba.com).

### ONE COOL FAMILY VACATION JUNE 1 – SEPTEMBER 30

#### Hotel features:

- Kids under the age of 12 years old get free accommodations when sharing with one or two full paying adults
- Kids under the age of 12 years old get free breakfast daily at the designated hotel restaurant, using children's menu
- Children's activities (can vary and is upon availability)
- Family Gift

For a list of participating hotels and on island offers please visit [www.aruba.com](http://www.aruba.com)

## MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

Meetings, conferences and incentive groups enjoy a packed schedule of specialty activities in an environment that keeps participants fresh and ready to meet new challenges.

### CONFERENCE FACILITIES

The **Renaissance Convention Center** is a 40,000-square-foot facility with more than 22,000 square feet of meeting and function space. The conference center offers state-of-the-art audiovisual equipment, the assistance of a professional staff, and other amenities. For more information contact Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino. L.G. Smith Blvd. # 82, Group Sales Dept. Tel (297) 583-6000; Fax (297) 582-3820.

Many Aruban resorts also offer fine indoor and outdoor meeting and banquet facilities, totaling 100,000 square feet of event space, with excellent support services through the Aruba Meetings and Incentive Partnership (AMIP).

For more information on group meetings, or to request a Meetings & Incentives guide, please call the Aruba Convention Bureau at (954) 767-3395. E-mail: [ja.croes@aruba.com](mailto:ja.croes@aruba.com). Website: [www.meetingsaruba.com](http://www.meetingsaruba.com)



## DESTINATION MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Multilingual representatives assist in the full range of services for meetings, incentives, conferences and convention groups.

### De Palm Tours

Tel: (297) 582-4400, Aruba,  
1-800-766-6016, USA

### Eco Destination Management Services of Aruba

5410 SW 130th Ave., Ft. Lauderdale,  
FL 33330 USA  
Tel: (954) 689-4092, Fax: (954) 689-4826  
E-mail: [aruba@ecodms.com](mailto:aruba@ecodms.com),  
Website: [www.ecodms.com](http://www.ecodms.com)



### Eco Destination Management Services of Aruba

Mazurka #15, Oranjestad, Aruba (D.W.I.)  
Tel.: (297) 587-2921, Fax: (297) 587-2973,  
E-mail: [aruba@ecodms.com](mailto:aruba@ecodms.com),  
Website: [www.ecodms.com](http://www.ecodms.com)

### Every Aruba Events Specialists

Ponton 36 F, Oranjestad, Aruba  
Tel: 582-6034 Fax: 583-1078  
E-mail: [eae@setarnet.aw](mailto:eae@setarnet.aw)

### SPECIAL NEEDS TRAVELERS

Aruba's airport as well as a number of its resorts meets American Disability Act (ADA) standards. Specific hotels can offer ground-floor rooms and doors wide enough to accommodate wheelchairs. In most cases, wheelchairs and/or canes are available. Please check in advance with the hotels you are considering.

### MEDICAL SERVICES

**Hospital** Dr. Horacio Oduber Hospital, L.G. Smith Blvd., Oranjestad. The hospital is modern and well equipped. Hemodialysis and oxygen tanks are available. Tel: (297) 587-4300.

**Doctors and dentists** All hotels have medical doctors on call. There are also excellent dental facilities. Appointments can be made through your hotel.

**Air ambulance service** Contact Mr. Rupert Richards at (297) 582-9197.

**Centro Medico, San Nicolas** Dr. Rudy Engelbrecht, Bernardstraat 75, San Nicolas. Consulting hours are Monday through Friday, 8am to noon and 3pm to 5pm. Emergency assistance is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Tel: (297) 584-8833.

### Labco Medical and Homecare Service

NV Fergusonstraat 52, Oranjestad. Rental of wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, bedpans and other medical equipment. This service is available 24 hours a day, and delivery is free. Tel (297) 582-6651, fax (297) 582-6567.  
Website: [www.labcomed.com](http://www.labcomed.com)

**Posada Clinic Aruba** L.G. Smith Blvd 14. Center for hemodialysis. Eight stations equipped with modern Fresenius 2008H machines. Each station has a TV, VCR and telephone. The treatment schedule is flexible, and the staff is multilingual. One person is allowed to accompany the patient during treatment. Reservations must be made three months in advance. For more information, or to make reservations, please call the clinic at Tel: (297) 582-0840, fax (297) 583-5664.

# Shopping

The stores of Aruba are stocked with well-priced imported merchandise. Perfume, liquor, linens, jewelry, watches, cameras, designer fashions, crystal and china are among the luxury items available at excellent prices. Many stores also feature local handicrafts.

Most stores and boutiques are located in Oranjestad. There are also shops at the major hotels and at the airport. In Oranjestad, the major shopping centers are Royal Plaza, Renaissance

Marketplace & Mall, Alhambra Shopping Bazaar, The Atrium, Midtown Mall, Port of Call Marketplace, Aventura Mall and Sun Plaza Mall. Other major shopping areas are Centro Commercial, in Noord, and the San Nicolas Shopping District.

Stores on the main streets are open from 8am to 6pm. Monday through Saturday, although some are closed for lunch between noon and 2pm. Shops in the malls and shopping centers are open from 9:30am to 6pm. Some stores are open on Sundays and holidays when cruise ships are in port.

# Nightlife

## CASINOS AND NIGHTCLUB SHOWS

There are about a dozen casinos on the island. A few are open 24 hours a day. However the opening hours varies seasonally, so please check before making plans. You must be 18 years or older to be allowed in the Casino.

### CASINOS

#### Alhambra Casino & Aladdin Theatre

J. E. Irausquin Blvd. 93  
Tel: (297) 583-5000

#### Occidental Grand Casino

Occidental Grand Aruba  
Tel: (297) 586-4500

#### Casablanca Casino

Westin Aruba Resort  
Tel: (297) 586-4466

#### The Casino

Radisson Aruba Resort & Casino  
Tel: (297) 586-6555

#### Copa Cabana Casino

Hyatt Regency Aruba Beach Resort & Casino  
Tel: (297) 586-1234

#### Crystal Casino

Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino  
Tel: (297) 583-6000



**Excelsior Casino**

Holiday Inn Aruba Sunspree Resort & Casino  
Tel: (297) 586-3600

**Seaport Casino**

Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino  
Tel: (297) 583-5600

**Stellaris Casino**

Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino  
Tel: (297) 586-9000

**Key Largo Casino Bar Restaurant**

Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino  
Tel: (297) 587-1500

**LOCAL HANG-OUTS****Cafe Bahia**

Weststraat 7  
Tel: (297) 588-9982

**Cafe The Paddock**

Tel: (297) 583-2334

**Carlos 'n Charlie's**

Weststraat 3A  
Tel: (297) 582-0355

**Chaos Cafe**

Marisol Building L.G. Smith Blvd. 60  
Tel: (297) 588-7550

**Charlie's Bar**

San Nicolas  
Tel: (297) 584-5086

**Garufa**

Wilhelminastraat 63  
Tel: (297) 582-7205

**Karma Lounge**

Klipstraat

**Mambo Jambo**

Royal Plaza Mall  
Tel: (297) 583-3632

**The Plaza Cafe**

Renaissance Marketplace  
Tel: (297) 583-8826

**Tropical Grand Cafe**

Renaissance Marketplace  
Tel: (297) 582-8577

**Aruba "Bar Hopper" Tour**

For reservations and information, please check with your hotel activities desk.



## Cuisine

Aruba's culinary traditions were born out of the abundance of the sea. From the time that the first people populated Aruba, conch, tuna, wahoo, mahi-mahi, grouper and snapper were staples brought home by island fishermen and shared amongst the community with a sense of celebration. Today fresh seafood still comprises a favorite dish, with traditional meals accented by native herbs and spices.

As the beauty and opportunities of the island drew many different visitors to the island's shores, so came a multitude of gastronomes and talented chefs. The small island of Aruba has, as a result, become big on international cuisine. Dozens of restaurants offering every type of specialty, from Argentinian to Italian to Indonesian, rival some of the best dining establishments in the world. On the next page find a number of selected quality Aruba restaurants to get you started on your delectable journey through the island's diverse culinary landscape.

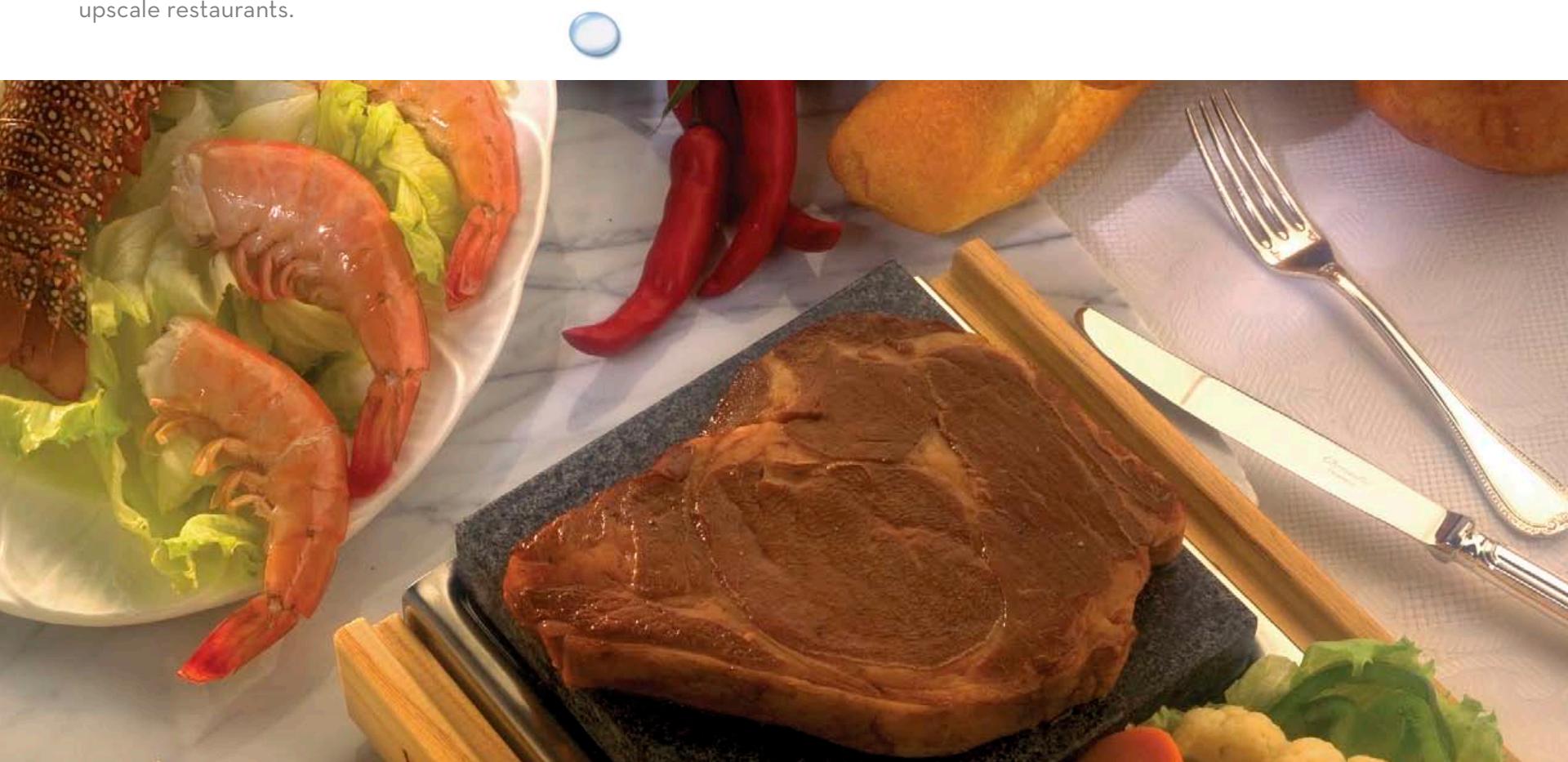


## ARUBA GASTRONOMIC ASSOCIATION

Discover our island's culinary pleasures as you Dine-Around and Wine-Around with the Aruba Gastronomic Association. Thirty fine restaurants offer a superior selection of international and ethnic specialties. Dine-Around programs feature 3,5 and 7 dinner plans as well as various breakfast, lunch and dinner combinations. For leisurely world-class dinning, the Wine-Around program features exquisite 5-course menus paired with special vintages at seven upscale restaurants.

### In Aruba:

Aruba Gastronomic Association  
Saliña Serca 39 E-3  
Noord, Aruba  
Tel: (297) 586-1266, fax (297) 586-3797  
E-mail: [aga@arubadining.com](mailto:aga@arubadining.com)  
Website: [www.arubadining.com](http://www.arubadining.com)



# Restaurants with Special Features or Serve Aruban Food

## BRISAS DEL MAR

Popular casual seafood restaurant located in a former fisherman's hut; fisherman still bring in their catch of the day right under your nose.

## BUCCANEER

Seafood specialties served in an environment surrounded by huge aquariums.

## CHARLIE'S BAR

Decorated with Aruban memorabilia and world-wide souvenirs; famous for its fresh jumbo shrimp platter.

## NOS CUNUCU

Located at Tanki Leendert serving authentic Aruban Cuisine.

## COCO PLUM

Located in a patio setting right on Main Street, with thatched umbrella tops over tables.

## DRIFTWOOD

Charming atmosphere in which to enjoy fresh seafood.

## EL GAUCHO

Located in a remodeled old Aruban house; renowned for their steaks and Argentinean specialties.

## GASPARITO

Restaurant and art gallery with ongoing exposition of Aruban artists; local specialties.

## LA NUEVA MARINA PIRATA

Enjoy seafood specialties with seaside views.

## MATILDE

Located in one of the very true "monumental" 19th century buildings in a newly designed relaxed "Island Chic" setting.

## PAPIAMENTO RESTAURANT

Situated in the Ellis family home, an authentic Aruban house and old plantation located in the country; specialties served on a hot stone, sizzling while you dine; international cuisine.

## PROMENADE

Casual Aruban elegance found on the Promenade in San Nicolas and Oranjestad (Close to the low rise hotels).

A variety of fast food restaurants are also available throughout the island, from amongst internationally-known franchises to Aruba's own snack shops and snack trucks.



## AUTHENTIC ARUBAN CUISINE

Aruba offers a variety of authentic dishes that are exotic and delicious.

### APPETIZERS

Sanger yena (Aruban sausage, known as black pudding in England) or scavechi (marinated fish).

### SOUPS

Sopi di pisca (fresh fish), bestia chikito (mutton), giombo (okra, Aruban style bouillabaisse), marisco (seafood) or mondongo (tripe).

### MAIN COURSE

Balchi pisca (fish balls), keri keri (grated stewed fish), keshi yena (filled cheese

shell), komkomber stoba (stewed Aruban cucumber), mochi di pisca estilo arubano (fish Aruban style) or stoba di bestia chikito (stewed lamb or goat), papaya stoba (stewed papaya), calabas stoba (stewed calabash).

### SIDE DISHES

Pan bati (Aruban pancake) or funchi (Aruban polenta).

### SNACKS

Bolita di keeshi (cheese balls), cala (black-eyed pea puffs), calco (pickled or stewed conch), croquette (meat or fish), pastechi (filled pastries) or suls (pickled pig meat).

### DESSERTS

Cocada (coconut candy), dushi di tamarijn (sweet and sour tamarind), quesillo (Aruban flan), pan bollo (bread pudding) or sunchi (meringue kisses).

### LIQUEURS

Coecoei (Aruban liqueur) or Ponche Crema (Aruban eggnog), Pink Panther is a mixture of these two liqueurs.

### TAKE HOME A TOUCH OF ARUBA...

Coecoei and Ponche Crema are available at local supermarkets or liquor stores.

*Cookbooks with Aruban recipes are available at local bookstores. Please check with your hotel for the nearest bookstore, supermarket or liquor store.*



RESTAURANT	ADDRESS	PHONE	CUISINE	HOURS
Amazonia*	J.E. Irausquin Blvd. 374	(297) 586-4444	Steakhouse	6 - 11pm
Azurro	Playa Linda	(297) 586-1000	Italian	5:30 - 10pm
Aqua Grill*	J.E. Irausquin Blvd. 374	(297) 586-5900	Seafood	6 - 11pm
Bella Luna*	Palm Beach Road	(297) 586-0644	Italian	-
Benihana*	J.E. Irausquin Blvd 370-A	(297) 586-6789	Japanese	12 - 2pm, 5:30 - 11pm
Bingo Restaurant	Palm Beach 6D	(297) 586-2818	International	4 pm - 2 am
Brisas Del Mar	Savaneta 222-A	(297) 584-7718	Aruban, Seafood	12 - 3pm, 6:30 - 11pm
Buccaneer*	Gasparito 11-C	(297) 586-6172	Seafood	6 - 11pm
Cafe Verona	Weststraat 7	(297) 588-1113	International	6 - 11pm
Chalet Suisse	J.E. Irausquin Blvd 246	(297) 587-5054	French, Int'l	6 - 10:30pm
Charlie's Bar	Zeppenfeldstr. 56	(297) 584-5086	Int'l, Creole	12 - 10pm
Costa Riba	St. Cristoffelbergweg 9	(297) 584-4088	-	11am - 11pm
Crustaceans & Steaks	J.E Irausquin Blvd 228	(297) 587-8024	Steaks, Seafood	6 - 10:30pm
Cuba's Cooking*	Wilhelminastr. 27	(297) 588-0627	Cuban	12 - 2:30pm, 6 - 11pm
Don Carlo	L.G. Smith Blvd. 83	(297) 583-6246	Italian	12pm - 11:30pm
Driftwood*	Klipstr. 12	(297) 583-2515	Seafood	5pm - midnight
El Amir	Playa Linda Beach Resort	(297) 586-1000	Lebanese food	11am - 2pm, 6 - 12pm
El Gaucho	Wilhelminastr. 80	(297) 582-3677	Argentine Steak	Varies - Please call
Flying Fishbone	Savaneta 344	(297) 584-2506	Seafood	-
Gasparito*	Gasparito 3	(297) 586-7044	Aruban, Seafood	6:30 - 11pm
Hostaria da Vittorio	L.G. Smith Blvd. 380	(297) 586-3838	Italian	11am - 3pm, 6 - 11pm
Iguana Joe's*	Royal Plaza	(297) 583-9373	Caribbean	11am - 2pm
King Ribs	Belgie straat 6	(297) 594-1094	Roas, Grill BBQ	11:30 am - 11 pm
Laguna Pier	Bucutiweg #50	(297) 588-4441	Seafood, Int'l	5 - 11pm
L.G. Smith Steak & Chop House	Renaissance Mall	(297) 583-6000	Steakhouse	6 - 11pm
La Dolce Vita*	L.G. Smith Blvd.	(297) 586-5241	Italian	6 - 11pm
La Trattoria*	California Lighthouse	(297) 586-0787	Italian	11am - 3pm, 6 - 11pm
Le Dome*	J.E. Irausquin Blvd. 224	(297) 587-1517	Belgian, French	12pm - 3pm, 5:30pm - 10:30pm
Le Petit Cafe	L.G. Smith Blvd.	(297) 582-6577	Specialty Dish	11am - 11pm

RESTAURANT	ADDRESS	PHONE	CUISINE	HOURS
Madame Janette	Cunucu Abao 37	(297) 587-0184	International	6 - 11pm
Marandi	L.G. Smith Blvd. 1	(297) 582-0157	International	5:30 - 10:30pm
Matilde*	Havenstr. 23	(297) 583-4968	French	Varies - Please call
Moomba	J.E. Irausquin Blvd. 230	(297) 586-5365	Int'l, Caribbean	8am - 11pm
Nos Cunucu	Tanki Leendert 145K	(297) 582-7122	Aruban food	11am - 12pm
Paparazzi	Seaport Marketplace	(297) 583-5966	Italian	6pm - 1am
Papiamento Restaurant	Washington 61	(297) 586-4544	Continental	6 - 11pm
Pelican Nest Bar & Rest.	J.E. Irausquin Blvd. 230	(297) 586-2259	Seafood, Grill	12 noon - 10pm
Pinchos	L.G. Smith Blvd.	(297) 583-2666	Grill	4 - 12pm
Promenade	Zeppenveldstr. 15	(297) 584-3131	Int'l, Seafood	11:30am - 2pm, 6 - 11pm
Promenade Oranjestad	Sun Plaza	(297) 583-8899	Int'l, Seafood	11:30am - 2pm, 6 - 11pm
Rumba*	Havenstraat	(297) 588-7900	Int'l, Euro Grill	11:30am - 11pm
Que Pasa?	Wilhelminastr. 18	(297) 583-4888	Italian, Int'l	-
Salt & Pepper*	J.E. Irausquin 368	(297) 586-3280	International	7am - 11:45pm
Scandals*	Renaissance Marketplace	(297) 583-4488	International	11:30am - midnight
Smokey Joes	L.G. Smith Blvd. z/n	(297) 586-2896	Carib., Mexican	5 - 11pm
Sole Mare*	Palm Beach Road	(297) 586-0077	Italian	6 - 11pm
Taj Mahal*	Havenstraat	(297) 588-4494	Indian	11:30am - 11pm
Texas de Brazil*	Palm Beach	(297) 586-4686	Steakhouse	-
The New Marina Pirata	Pos Chiquito z/n	(297) 585-7150	Seafood	6pm - 11pm
The Old Cunucu House*	Palm Beach	(297) 586-1666	Aruban	-
The Plaza Cafe	L.G. Smith Blvd. 9	(297) 583-8826	International	6 - 11pm
The Waterfront Crabhouse*	Renaissance Marketplace	(297) 583-5858	Seafood	12 - 4pm, 5:30 - 10:30pm
Tony Roma's	J.E. Irausquin Blvd. 230	(297) 586-7427	American, Ribs	12 - 11pm
Varadero	Bucutiweg	(297) 588-3840	-	-
Ventana's Del Mar*	Tierra Del Sol	(297) 586-7800	International	Varies - Please call
Villa Germania	Renaissance Marketplace	(297) 583-6161	German	8:30am - 10:30pm

\* Restaurants part of the Aruba Gastronomic Association (Also includes resort restaurants of Blossoms and Pago Pago @ Westin, Captain's Table and E Piscado @ La Cabana, French Steak House @ Manchebo and The Pirates Nest @ Bucuti).

# Where to Stay

Aruba's resorts are exceptional examples of the very best in a diverse selection of accommodations. Set amongst lush landscaping, complemented by the beauty of the nearby coast and swaths of beautiful beaches, each resort also offers its own special charm. Options include hotels with hundreds of rooms to the more intimate setting of boutique-style resorts, but each one boasts outstanding service and is laden with a number of amenities. Choose according to your taste and enjoy the luxury of spending your vacation exactly as you'd like to from the comforts of your ideal home away from home.



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**Aruba:** (297) 586-4500, **Fax:** (297) 586-3191

**USA:** (800) 858-2258

**Website:** [www.occidentalhotels.com](http://www.occidentalhotels.com)

**E-mail:** [avcaruba@aw.occidentalhotel.com](mailto:avcaruba@aw.occidentalhotel.com)

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**Aruba:** (297) 527-1100, **Fax:** (297) 527-1112

**USA:** (800) 932-6509

**Website:** [www.amsterdammanor.com](http://www.amsterdammanor.com)

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**Aruba:** (297) 586-3900

**Fax:** (297) 586-1941

**USA/Canada:** 800-345-2782

**Website:** [www.ArubaGrand.com](http://www.ArubaGrand.com)

**E-mail:** [arubainf@arubagrand.com](mailto:arubainf@arubagrand.com)

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413 guestroom - the most spacious on island beach with large, private balconies overlooking the ocean. The resort offers island excursions from scenic relaxation on Palm Beach to offbeat adventure including windsurfing, diving, snorkeling, and rugged jeep safaris through rocky terrain. On property, seven restaurants and cafes provides fare from light to elegant, The Marriott Stellaris Casino- the largest casino in Aruba. A 6500 square foot spa, free from swimming pool with cascading waterfalls, a health club and on site duty free shopping.

**Aruba:** (297) 586-9000

**Fax:** (297) 586-0649

**USA:** (732) 302-5273

**Res:** (800)-223-6388

**Website:** [www.marriotthotels.com/auaar](http://www.marriotthotels.com/auaar)

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## ARUBA MARRIOTT OCEAN CLUB RESORT

218 one- and two bedroom villas with private balconies, luxurious whirlpool spa in master bath, color TV with cable and VCR, full service kitchens. On-site amenities include 2 lighted tennis courts, ocean view swimming and toddler pool, beach grill and bar. Village center with convenience store. Champion's Sports Bar and newly opened Mandara Spa. Full access to the Aruba Marriott Resort and Stellaris Casino. L. G. Smith Blvd. 99

**Aruba:** (297) 586-9000

**USA:** (800) VILLAS-9

**Website:** [www.marriotthotels.com](http://www.marriotthotels.com)

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**Aruba:** (297) 586-9000

**Website:** [www.arubasurfclub.com](http://www.arubasurfclub.com)

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Just across the street from the largest resorts in the Palm Beach area, within walking distance from miles of sandy sugar-white beaches and a couple of steps away from the restaurant corridor. 94 superior rooms and 3 suites with hotel facilities including a restaurant, two bars and swimming pool.

J.E. Irausquin Blvd. 370

**Aruba:** (297) 586-0900

**Fax:** (297) 586-4957

**USA:** 1-800-324-6965

**E-mail:** [info@brickellbayaruba.com](mailto:info@brickellbayaruba.com)

**Website:** [www.brickellbayaruba.com](http://www.brickellbayaruba.com)

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**Aruba:** (297) 583-1100

**Fax:** (297) 582-5272

**Website:** [www.bucuti.com](http://www.bucuti.com)

**E-mail:** [info@bucuti.com](mailto:info@bucuti.com)



### CARIBBEAN PALM VILLAGE

144 luxurious 1- and 2-bedroom suites with fully equipped kitchens. Lush tropical gardens. 2 pools and Jacuzzis. Tennis court. Pool Bar/Rest. "Valentino's" Gourmet Restaurant. One mile from beach with complimentary transportation to the beach.  
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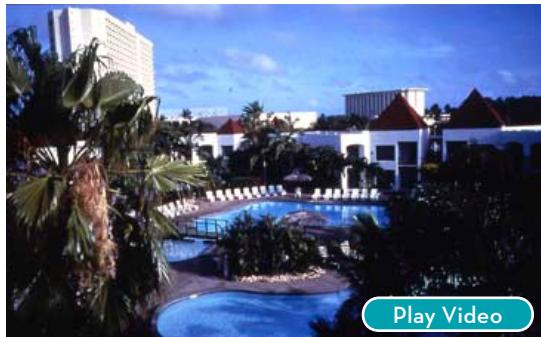
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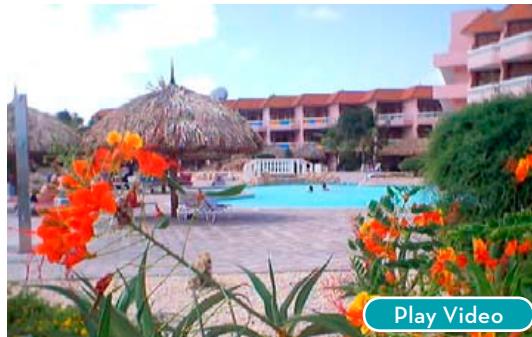
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### TIERRA DEL SOL RESORT & COUNTRY CLUB

Luxurious 2-, 3- and 4-bedroom condos and private villas – some with private pool – located on Aruba's championship 18-hole golf course. Fully furnished and equipped with all modern amenities. Daily maid service. Two restaurants and bars. Tennis. Full service health spa and fitness center. Golf packages available.

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### CASA DEL MAR BEACH RESORT

107 beachfront 2- bedroom suites and 40 privately located 1-bedroom suites, family-oriented resort, adults' and children's activities, restaurants, shops, mini-market, gym and casino across from the resort.

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*Most accomodations charge an additional 10-15% over the room rate in service charges and other fees, while government tax is 6% over the complete roomrate including additional charges. The service charge on food and beverages is typically 10-20% in lieu of gratuities at the hotels. Tips for exceptional services are appreciated*

# Aruba Facts



## CURRENCY

The official currency of Aruba is the Aruban florin, which is divided into 100 cents. Silver coins are in denominations of 5, 10, 25 and 50 cents, one florin and 5 florins. The 50-cent and 5-florin coins, which are square, are probably Aruba's best-known coins.

The florin fluctuates with the dollar on the world market. Current exchange rates are Afl. 1.78 to the U.S. dollar and Afl. 1.34 to the Canadian dollar. U.S. dollars are widely accepted in Aruba, and banks may exchange other foreign currency. Please call or stop by the individual banks, such as Aruba Bank, Banco di Caribe, Caribbean Mercantile Bank or RBTT for further information.

**Banking hours** Monday through Friday, 9am to 4pm. The Caribbean Mercantile Bank branch at the airport is open daily from 8am to 4pm, except on official holidays.

**ATM machines** Travelers with ATM cards bearing the CIRRUS or Plus System network logos can withdraw cash in U.S. dollars (at some locations) or Aruban florins. Home bank accounts will be debited in dollars at a favorable exchange rate, and a service charge will apply. Before departing for Aruba, it's important to verify whether your PIN number will work in Aruba by calling 1-800-4-CIRRUS or 1-800-THE-PLUS.

ATM machines are available throughout the island.

**Money transfer** Western Union Money Transfer Service offers fast, secure and convenient money transfer service to more

than 60 countries. For more information, please call Tel: (297) 582-4400.

## COMMUNICATION

**Telephone** If you are calling Aruba from abroad, the area code and country code is (297). If you are calling abroad from Aruba, there are a number of options for making international telephone calls: hotel operators, Setar Teleshop offices at locations including: Palm Beach, in front of the Hyatt Regency Aruba Resort; Strada Complex II, at the beginning of the main street in Oranjestad; and Royal Plaza.

**Telegraph offices** in the Post Office buildings in Oranjestad and San Nicolas.

**Telephone booths** throughout the island with a phone card, available at the Setar Teleshops and at most refreshment centers, gas stations and retail stores.

**Cellular** If you plan to rent a cellular phone in Aruba, contact ICRENT: Tel: (297) 583-8607; fax (297) 838-630; e-mail: [ICRARUBA@hotmail.com](mailto:ICRARUBA@hotmail.com). Cellular phones are also available through the Telecommunications Company of Setar N.V.: Tel: (297) 582-0005, and through [Arubafastphone.com](http://Arubafastphone.com)

**Internet cafes** E-mail and Internet access is possible through several of the island's Internet cafes found in locations downtown and near the hotel section. Several hotels also offer access to the Internet through their business centers.

## DRINKING WATER

Aruba has pure, refreshing water, distilled in the world's second largest saltwater purification plant. Water is safe to drink direct from the tap.

## ELECTRICITY

The electrical voltage is 110 A.C. (60 cycles), the same as in the United States.

## PETS

No pets from South and Central America are allowed. Otherwise, dogs and cats are permitted entry to the island when accompanied by a valid rabies and health certificate issued by a recognized veterinarian. Pets are not allowed at most hotels, however, so please check in advance with your hotel to ask about its policy.

## POSTAGE STAMPS

As of January 1986, the island has its own postage stamps. Collectors can subscribe for new issues in person or by writing to Philatelic Service, Post Office, Oranjestad, Aruba.  
Tel: (297) 582-1900, fax (297) 582-7930.

## RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Visitors to Aruba are welcome at all religious services. The Anglican, Baha'i Faith, Baptist, Catholic, Church of Christ, Dutch Reformed, Evangelical, Jewish, Jehovah's Witness, Methodist and Seventh-Day Adventist faiths all hold services on the island. Please ask your hotel for more information, or check directly with the church or synagogue.

## TIME

Aruba is on Atlantic Standard Time, which is the same as Eastern Daylight Savings Time except that it is effective year-round.

## TIPPING

A service charge of 10% to 15% is usually included in your bill. A tip of 10% to 20% is appreciated depending on the service you received.

## WHAT TO WEAR

For the most part, casual, informal summer clothing is the rule in Aruba. Women may want to bring along a scarf or hat; the constant trade winds, while refreshing, are not compatible with a carefully arranged hair style.

You'll need to bring a couple of dressier outfits for visits to the island's elegant restaurants, nightclubs and casinos. As for bathing suits, please remember that they're acceptable only on the beach, and not on the streets or in restaurants.





## Top Ten Reasons to Visit Aruba

**1.** With an average rainfall of less than 20 inches a year, an average daytime temperature of 82° F with low humidity, a location away from the path of hurricanes and the constant cooling influence of the trade winds, Aruba is one of the most temperate islands in the Caribbean.

**2.** Aruba's people are the friendliest in the world! A long history of hospitality pervades the local culture, with island residents offering a warm smile and welcome to visitors.

**3.** Seven miles of white sandy beaches have put Aruba in a class by itself, with many prestigious publications rating our beaches as some of the best in the world.

**4.** Accommodations on the island range from renowned names in high-rise resorts, with all the amenities, to the more intimate environs of low-rise and boutique hotels.

The type of resort experience you choose is up to you!

**5.** No hassles! Aruba offers a cosmopolitan air and all the comforts of home, while still retaining its small town charm. The island's quality infrastructure boasts the world's second

largest desalination plant and a top-notch airport, home to U.S. Customs and Immigration services, allowing flights from Aruba to enter the U.S. as domestic flights.

**6.** Aruba's "One Cool" programs offer custom-made vacations in areas including family, wedding and honeymoon (you can tie the knot in Aruba as local laws permit visitors to be legally married on island). Visit [www.aruba.com](http://www.aruba.com) for more information.

**7.** Pristine landscapes and historical sites abound, especially in Arikok National Park, the boundaries of which protect 17% of the island's landmass.

**8.** Gourmet adventures await with the island featuring international chefs specializing in several different types of cuisines. Aruba is home to over 100 fine restaurant choices.

**9.** Aruba is a shoppers paradise. Numerous shops specialize in luxury watches, designer clothing, scents and jewelry.

**10.** Aruba allows you to do exactly what you want to do. With so many choices, you can pursue your favorite activities or simply luxuriate in doing nothing at all.

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