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An aerial photograph of a large wooden sailboat with two masts and white sails, floating on vibrant turquoise water. A small white motorboat is nearby. The water's surface is textured with ripples. A large, semi-transparent geometric shape, resembling a stylized 'A' or a compass rose, is overlaid on the image. The text 'Welcome TO ARUBA' is centered over the lower part of the image.

Welcome TO ARUBA

Envision pristine beaches, turquoise waters, and lazy, sun-kissed days. Picture yourself on this idyllic island where our culturally diverse and multilingual people welcome you with gracious smiles and a proud tradition of warm hospitality...

World-class resorts, fabulous culinary experiences, action-packed casinos, exciting nightlife, duty-free shopping, rejuvenating spas, and a bevy of land and sea activities and adventures combine to create the perfect Caribbean vacation experience. Expansive beaches line the picturesque waters of the Caribbean, where sailing, kayaking, water sports, and deep-sea fishing are in limitless supply. Windsurfers and kiteboarders come from near and far to catch our famous trade winds in their sails, while vibrant coral reefs and sunken wrecks mesmerize divers and snorkelers with a dazzling parade of marine life.

Arikok National Park is a natural preserve of cactus-studded landscapes, rugged trails, fascinating historical sites, and indigenous wildlife. Make time for some off-road adventure; our divi-divi trees will always point the way home!

Downtown Oranjestad and the high-rise strip boast bustling malls and shopping centers with entertainment and eateries. Sunset is the perfect time to enjoy a tropical cocktail. There are dozens of beach bars to choose from. For dinner, enjoy a taste of authentic Aruban cooking or various ethnic and international cuisines prepared by talented chefs. Afterward, you will be awaited by casinos, trendy clubs, glittering shows, pub crawls, party boats, or just a quiet nightcap.

Need more reasons to travel to Aruba? Our One Happy Island invites vacationers worldwide to experience its entire lineup of some of the Caribbean's most exciting celebrations, festivals, and sports competitions throughout the year. From foodies and wine enthusiasts to music and live entertainment aficionados, travelers of all types are guaranteed to find the perfect event on Aruba's unique and fun-filled calendar.



OUR LAND

Aruba is located in the heart of the southern Caribbean, approximately 16 miles from the South American coastline. The Island is 19.6 miles long and 6 miles across at its widest point, with 70 square miles of total land. Aruba's topography and vegetation are unusual for a Caribbean island. On the south and west coasts, there 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 100 feet. The northeast coast along the windward shore is rugged and wild. The interior is desert-like, with various cacti and dramatic rock formations. The Island's most famous trees are the watapana (divi-divi) trees, all permanently sculpted into graceful southwest—bending shapes by the constant trade winds.

OUR WEATHER

Except for a few scattered weather events annually and perhaps some limited showers on some days (welcomed by our tropical plants!), the sun does indeed always shine here. The average temperature is 82 degrees Fahrenheit. The greatest likelihood of precipitation is from October through January.

OUR PEOPLE

There are over 108,000 inhabitants in Aruba, representing more than 96 different nationalities—all living peacefully together. Hospitality remains a strongly ingrained Tradition. Our official languages are Dutch as well as the native tongue of Papiamentu. Papiamentu is a lilting, melodic language that evolved over the centuries from an eclectic mix of Spanish, Dutch, and Portuguese with a sprinkling of English and French. Most Arubans are fluent in English and Spanish as well.

OUR GOVERNMENT

On January 1, 1986, Aruba became a separate entity within the Kingdom of the Netherlands. The Dutch government is still responsible for defense

and foreign affairs. Aruba's system of government is based on democratic principles. The Governor, appointed by the king of the Dutch Kingdom, acts as the sovereign's representative on the Island. The legislature consists of a 21—member Parliament elected by popular vote every four years. The Council of Ministers presided over by the Prime Minister, forms the executive branch.

OUR GUESTS

Aruba attracts more than one million international guests annually, with more than half returning again at least once. The most compelling factors for return visits are perfect weather, hospitable people, and world-renowned beaches. Also important are the Island's mix of luxury high-rise and casual low—rise resorts, unique natural beauty, a rich and diverse culture, abundant land and sea activities, safety and security, and enduring friendships.

OUR FLAG

Our national flag was officially adopted on March 18, 1976, along with the official anthem, "Aruba Dushi Tera." The four colors each have significance: blue represents the sea that surrounds Aruba; yellow is the color of abundance, representing the Islands past and its industries of gold, aloe, and oil; red is for the love each Aruban has for the country and the ancient industry of Brazilwood; and white symbolizes the pristine, white beaches as well as the purity of the hearts of Aruba's people.

The symbols on the flag consist of a red star and two yellow stripes. The red star represents the four points of the compass, with the island drawing people from around the world. The star also represents the island, surrounded by the beautiful blue sea. The horizontal yellow stripes denote Aruba's free and separate position in the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Arubans celebrate all that the flag and anthem have come to signify with the national holiday



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Flag and Anthem Day every March 18, the same day that, in 1948, Holland accepted Aruba's right to autonomous status within the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

OUR HISTORY

Aruba's earliest inhabitants arrived in small vessels about 4,000 years ago from the South American mainland. These first Indians were hunters and gatherers who lived in small, scattered groups. The crop—growing Caquetio Indians of The Arawak tribe arrived around 1000 AD and settled in three large villages. The first European to land on Aruban shores was the Spanish explorer Alonso de Ojeda, who is thought to have arrived around 1499. The Spanish exported the Indians to Hispaniola, putting them to work in the copper mines.

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 Aruba, but it was returned to Dutch rule in 1816.

In 1824, gold was discovered in Rooi Fluit on the north coast. Mining was done by hand until machinery was imported. In 1872, a large smelting work was built in Bushiribana, followed by another site 25 years later in Balashi. Gold mining ended in 1916 when World War I broke out.

Phosphate mining began in 1879, and Aruba exported the raw material until 1914. Other commercial endeavors have included the breeding of cochineal, a cactus insect that produces a coloring agent; the processing of watapana tree pods containing tannin; minor cultivations of silkworms, tobacco, cotton,

and peanuts; and most importantly, aloe cultivation and oil refining. At the beginning of the twentieth century, Aruba's economy was largely dependent upon aloe, and one—third of the Island was devoted to plantations. With moisture—retentive clay soil yielding a superior quality product, Aruba would ultimately become the world's largest aloe exporter.

In 1928, Royal Dutch Shell built the Eagle Oil Refinery, followed by Lago Oil and Transport Company Ltd. in San Nicolas. In 1932, The Standard Oil Company of New Jersey (Esso, now known as Exxon) took over Lago. There were more than 8,000 employees at the peak of refinery production in 1949. The refinery closed in 1985, opening an opportunity for tourism, which has become Aruba's principal industry. Coastal Oil Company (now known as Valero Energy Corporation) of Houston, Texas, reopened the refinery in 1991. In 2012, refinery operations were halted, and today the facility operates as a terminal for tankers.

A glimpse of Aruba from Indian inhabitation through colonial times and into the modern era can be seen at historical homes, cultural sites, and museums.

Aruba began to mark its mark in tourism in the 1950s with some 300 hotel rooms, increasing to over 2,000 rooms in 1985, to over 9,000 as of 2022. The resounding success of its tourism product has made Aruba the benchmark in Caribbean hospitality. The Island's formula for success lies within Aruba's most valuable resource—the Aruban people, reputed for their genuine friendliness and uncanny willingness to share their "One Happy Island" with guests. These warm-hearted, gentle people are the decisive factor in winning the loyalty of guests who return to Aruba year after year.





Tips for GUESTS



DRINKING WATER

Our water is potable, refreshing, and delicious. It's so good, we call it paradise on tap! Aruba's tap water meets the highest quality standards of The World Health Organization. The process of desalinating seawater occurs at WEB Aruba N.V., located in Balashi. This plant produces an average of 8 million gallons of fresh water daily, which flows directly from the tap. For more information, visit www.webaruba.com. Help us reduce plastic waste by using a refillable water bottle during your stay. Small but meaningful actions make a big impact towards preserving the One happy Island for generations to come!

CELL PHONES

- Contact your service providing on roaming charges before traveling to Aruba.
- Cellphones can be rented at the Setar and Digicel kiosks in the airport's arrivals terminal. A deposit and proper identification are required.
- Repeat guests may consider purchasing an inexpensive cellular phone instead of renting one.
- Teleshops are located in the hotel area.
- Phone cards can be purchased at Digicel and Setar shops and at many convenient locations throughout the Island, including gas stations and supermarkets.

INTERNET ACCESS

Wi-Fi is available in most hotels' public spaces and rooms, as well as at many "hot spots" throughout the Island. For more information, please check the profile page of your resort or contact Setar at (297) 525-1000.

MEDICAL FACILITIES

- We have a fully equipped hospital just a few minutes from the hotel sector.
- Be sure to bring all your prescription medicine with you. Foreign prescriptions cannot be filled in Aruba. It will be necessary to make an appointment with a general practitioner who can provide you with a local prescription for your medicine or, if not available, an equivalent.
- All hotels have a doctor on call 24/7; contact your hotel front desk for more information.
- Several walk-in clinics, including MedCare,



Urgent Care, and Walk-In Doctor's Clinic, are located in or near the hotel areas.

- It is recommended to purchase travel insurance in your home country prior to your visit.

MONEY

- US dollars are accepted everywhere.
- Local banks buy US dollars at an exchange rate of AFL 1.77 for cash and AFL 1.78 for traveler's checks; banks sell at a rate of 1.80. Supermarkets, retailers, and restaurants exchange anywhere from AFL 1.75 to afl 1.80.
- All major credit cards and traveler's checks are accepted.
- Personal checks from abroad are not accepted.
- Some shops will not accept US\$50 or US\$100 due to worldwide counterfeiting.
- Keep in mind that your change from purchases may be in Arubans Florins.

ATM h Resort (lobby), Divi Dutch Village/Divi Villa (lobby), Holiday Inn Resort Aruba (lobby and casino), Hyatt Regency Aruba Resort, Spa & Casino (lobby and casino), Gold Coast Villas Aruba, La Cabana Beach Resort & Casino (lobby and casino), Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa, Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort at Alhambra Casino next door, Marriott's Aruba Ocean Club (lobby), Marriott's Aruba Surf Club (lobby), Hilton Aruba Caribbean Resort & Casino (lobby and casino), Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino (marketplace and casino), RIU Palace Antillas (mini market), RIU Palace Aruba (casino), Tamarijn Aruba All—



inclusive (lobby), The Ritz—Carlton Aruba (casino, laundry, and lobby), Tropicana Aruba Resort & Casino (casino).

**Most of the Island's major shopping malls, plazas, and grocery stores also have ATMs on site.*

SERVICE CHARGE AND TIP

The service charge at a restaurant is shared among servers and kitchen staff. A tip is not obligatory if there is a service charge, but a token amount left for excellent service is greatly appreciated. If there is no service charge, a tip is appropriate as in The US (+/- 15%).

SUN PROTECTION

The sun is strongest from 11 am to 3 pm. Please be sure to reapply sunscreen often and drink plenty of liquids. Sunglasses and a hat/cap are recommended. Please note that sunscreens with oxybenzone, a chemical harmful to our reefs, are banned. Only mineral-based sunscreens (look for active ingredient titanium dioxide or zinc oxide) are permitted. Mineral-based sunscreens are available for purchase in Aruba.

LEAVE THE SEASHELLS BY THE SEASHORE

Look, don't touch! As tempting as it is to collect lovely seashells and coral to take home as a reminder of your vacation in Aruba, it is against the law to do so, and a monetary fine can be imposed. Likewise, do not touch the coral or sea life when snorkeling or scuba diving.



TIME

Aruba is on Atlantic Standard Time year-round.

SPECIAL NEEDS

- Accessible rooms can be provided by the hotel reservations staff.
- Labco Medical & Home Healthcare sells, leases, and rents medical and home healthcare products, including wheelchairs, scooters, walkers, daily living aids, and oxygen delivery systems.
www.labcoaruba.com
- Adopted Happy Wheels offers products that afford accessibility and safety for those with physical limitations, including Mobi—Chair (amphibious beach wheelchair, Roll-a-Ramp, and Mobi Mat (for portable wheelchairs on sand). adaptedhappywheels@hotmail.com
- Lite Life Medicals provides vans with hydraulic lifts and a ramp, www.litelifemedicals.com.
- Essential Health Supplies NV specializes in retailing and renting home health products, www.essentialaruba.com.

TAXES

Room tax is the same at all hotels, while service charges vary. Government taxes are included in the island's price of all goods and services. An additional \$3 Environmental Levy Fee is added per room night to the current room rate and charges. The revenue generated from the levy will contribute to the advancement of green technology, environmental awareness, and sustainable practices to fully reach the government's vision to transition off fossil fuels in the near future.

US PRE-CLEARANCE IN ARUBA

- Aruba provides the Department of Homeland Security/US Customs and Border Protection

service (CBP) to pre-clear all passengers departing on flights to the US.

- In March 2014, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officially designated Reina Beatrix International Airport as an authorized pre-clearance location for general aviation (GA) aircraft transporting up to 19 passengers and crewmembers. The General Aviation terminal is located on the south side of the airport property.
- To allow sufficient time to clear both Aruban and US procedures, including mandated security screening, passengers are requested to be at the airport 3 hours before departure.
- Travelers are allowed duty-free exemption on up to US\$800 in products purchased while in Aruba. You may include two liters of alcoholic beverages with this US\$800 exemption as long as one of the liters was produced in Aruba. Duty-free purchases beyond 800 will be taxed at a flat rate of 3%. There is no duty charged for original art.

DON'T DRIVE ON THE BEACHES OR DUNES

The beautiful, soft white sands of our dunes and beaches seem like the perfect playground for a four-wheeling adventure. But our ecosystem relies on these areas to provide habitat for local flora and fauna. Driving on the dunes destroys the vegetation that stabilizes the dunes, creating a ripple effect that threatens more species, including endangered species.



Travel to ARUBA



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Upon arrival in Aruba, a guest must have a valid passport upon entry and for their stay in Aruba. If the guest holds a passport from a visa-required country, they must have a valid visa sticker in the passport. The maximum period that a person can be admitted to Aruba as a guest is 30 days. If a guest requires an extension over the initial 30 days, they must submit a special petition to DIMAS (the island's department of immigration and foreign admissions services). Information about applications for extensions of stay is found on www.dimasaruba.com.

ARUBA CUSTOMS

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

ONLINE ED-CARD

Travelers no longer have to physically fill out the ED card (embarkation-disembarkation card) en route to Aruba during their flight. This mandatory step for all passengers (including babies and children) is now done online and should be filled out prior to traveling to Aruba.

The online ED-Card Aruba helps verify that all the necessary steps were taken to board an inbound plane to Aruba.

Aruba also implements a \$20 Sustainability Fee for guests arriving by air to the island. This fee will support a number of projects aimed at enhancing and improving sustainability efforts on the island. The sustainability fee will be charged through the online (ED) Card platform while one is completing the ED card to enter Aruba.

Once your Aruba ED-Card application is approved, it will be a smooth ride to your Aruba vacation! For more information, visit <https://edcardaruba.aw/welcome>

GETTING AROUND

Getting around Aruba is quick and easy. Bus service to and from downtown Oranjestad and resort areas is reliable and inexpensive. Taxis are always available and have set rates. The downtown Street Car is free of charge.

BUSES

There is a daily bus service all along the hotel strip. A one-way trip is Afl 4.50 (\$2.60). Roundtrip tickets are Afl 8.75 (\$5.00) and can be used for two trips (for example, from downtown to the beaches and back). The ticket can also be used to travel to other parts of the island. A day pass is Afl 17.50 (\$10.00) and is valid for one day of unlimited transportation on all the routes of Arubus across the island.

Visit www.arubus.com for more information.

TAXIS

Taxis have no meters; the government sets fares. Feel free to ask your driver to confirm the fare or show you the rate sheet. Rates are per ride and not per person. The minimum fare is \$7. Current rates include airport to high-rise hotel area (\$31) and airport to low-rise area (\$28). Rates are subject to change. An additional \$3 charge is added after 11 pm and on Sundays and holidays. See www.aruba.com for a complete listing of taxi fares.

CAR RENTALS

Many guests rent a car for at least one day to see the sights beyond resort areas. There are a variety of well-known international and locally-owned car rental companies. Several car rental companies have locations at the airport, and some resorts also have car rental agencies operating on-property.

Driving is on the right side of the road; no right turns on red! Vehicles on the right generally have the right of way. It is wise to familiarize yourself with road signs that differ from US ones; most car-rental companies provide maps with a key to road signs. After rainfall, drive cautiously because roads are slick. Foreign and international driving licenses are accepted.



PUBLIC PARKING

In the hotel areas, there are paved roads and highways. There is a public parking lot behind the central bus station in downtown Oranjestad and along many streets. **Do not park in spaces marked with yellow lines**—these are not public parking spaces. Public spaces are marked with white lines. The tariff for paid parking in Aruba is mentioned on the parking machine in Aruban Florins (AWG), but you can also pay with American \$ cents: 30 min: 1 AWG=\$0.55; 90 min: 2 AWG=\$1.15; +90 min: AWG 0.50 cents for every additional 15 minutes = \$0.30.

While many guests take tours in the comfort of an air-conditioned motor coach, others may prefer a jeep or all-terrain vehicle. A four-wheel drive vehicle is a good idea when venturing off the beaten path in the interior of the Island and along the windward coast. Be aware that ATVs and UTVs are no longer allowed in Arikok National Park.

AIR TRAVEL

The gleaming state-of-the-art Reina Beatrix International Airport has won numerous international accolades. For a complete airport guide, including shops, restaurants, facilities, and live arrival and departure times, visit www.airportaruba.com. An impressive roster of carriers and charters offer nonstop and direct service to and from the U.S., Canada, South America, Europe, and the Caribbean. U.S.-bound passengers check in at the U.S. terminal building and have the convenience of a U.S. Customs pre-clearance facility (one of only three in the Caribbean). There is a separate terminal for private planes, with a recently added U.S. Customs pre-clearance facility for private-plane passengers.

The airport lists carrier, gateway, and flight information on www.airportaruba.com. Here you will also find live arrival and departure times. The phone number at the airport is (297) 524-2424.

CRUISE TRAVEL

Each week throughout the year, thousands of cruise ship passengers disembark at the recently beautified and updated Port of Oranjestad, where they are greeted by tourism representatives and activity companies positioned to introduce them to Aruba's many and varied pleasures. Cruise tourism to the Island began in the early 1950s with the visit of the M.S. Libertador, a combination cargo/passenger ship belonging to the Royal Netherlands Steamship Company (K.N.S.M.), now the Nedlloyd Line. Regular visits by passenger-only ships began in 1958 and had been steadily increasing in number ever since. Aruba is now a destination on most cruise lines serving the Caribbean.

The height of the cruise tourism season runs from October through April; however, numerous big ships and mega—liners visit the Island year-round. Including Holland America Line, Princess Cruises, Royal Caribbean Cruise Line, Celebrity Cruises, and Carnival Cruise Line.

For a complete cruise schedule, please contact Aruba Ports Authority by Telephone at (297) 582—6633 or visit the website at www.arubaports.com. Aruba Ports Authority offices are located at L.G. Smith Boulevard 23, Oranjestad, Aruba. Make your cruise visit to Aruba the most enjoyable and memorable Caribbean cruise experience ever. Take advantage of Resort Day Pass offers for families and couples who visit our shores.

Visit www.aruba.com for a listing of resorts offering cruise guests day passes, along with pricing and descriptions.



A person is surfing on a wave, and a kite surfer is visible in the background. The text "Land and Sea ACTIVITIES" is overlaid on the image.

Land and Sea ACTIVITIES

Sharp geographical differences create a unique combination of land and sea activities. Calm, glittering turquoise waters fringed by marshmallow-soft ivory beaches neighbor a national park encompassing a wild windward coast and a rugged interior.

Test your endurance hiking on 20 miles of rugged trails at Arikok National Park, climbing rocks at Ayo and Casibari, or climbing 500 steps to the top of the Hooiberg, one of Aruba's highest peaks. For off-road adventures, rent a jeep, an ATV/UTV (please note that these are no longer allowed in Arikok National Park), or saddle up for a scenic horseback ride. Aruba's mountain biking scene is on the rise, with several marked trails that traverse the countryside and coastline.

WET 'N' WILD FUN

Plenty of fun in the water awaits you right at your hotel beach, where you can rent Sunfish sailboats, standup paddleboards, wave runners, banana boats, motorized tubes, and parasailing.

SAILING

Hop aboard a pleasure boat, sailboat, or luxury catamaran for a day of sailing. The calm waters of Aruba's leeward coast are great for sailing, and the steady trade winds ensure favorable conditions for snorkeling adventures, sunset sails, or dinner cruises.

Visit www.aruba.com for a listing of watersport activities, yacht charters, and cruises.

DIVING

Dive operators offer expert instruction and PADI and NAUI courses, including Open Water and Rescue Diver Certification, basic bubble-maker, and refresher courses. After learning to deal with fins, masks, tanks, and regulators, many go on to a shallow dive. Reef, wreck, and night diving can be arranged. Be sure to bring your open-water certification. Aruba is known as the wreck-diving capital of the Caribbean. Along Aruba's entire south coast is a coral reef with over 20 dive sites and 11 diver-friendly wrecks, including a plane, tugboats, cargo ships, and historic vessels such as the Antilla and the Pedernales. Aruba's easily-accessible reefs and shallow formations of coral will fascinate snorkelers, while diving at reefs and wrecks reveals a brilliant underwater panorama of sea life. Shore dives are possible off De Palm Island, Pos Chiquito, and Baby Beach.

DEEP-SEA FISHING

Beneath Aruba's beautiful turquoise water teems a bevy of fish to thrill and challenge the sport fisherman. Blue marlin, mahi-mahi, amberjack, kingfish, blackfin, and yellowfin tuna are ready to battle reel and rod. A variety of charter companies accommodate pros and beginners, offering half and full-day excursions in well-equipped boats skippered by experienced, reliable crews. Various fishing tournaments are also organized throughout the year.

SWIMMING AND SNORKELING

The water is calm and perfect for swimming anywhere along the seven miles of coast that skirt from Arashi Beach, Malmok, Palm Beach, and Eagle Beach. Popular snorkeling locales include Boca Catalina, De Palm Island, Mangel Halto, Baby Beach, and even some wreck sites with visibility of up to 100 feet. Watch out for very rough surf all along the northeast coast. Signs are posted in dangerous areas.

SEA BOB

For those seeking a thrilling experience in the water, one of Aruba's exciting activities is Sea Bob. This powerful, hydrodynamic underwater scooter allows the rider to enjoy Aruba's underwater world at speeds up to 15 kilometers an hour. Riders can dip below the water's surface and glide around vibrant coral reefs along the Malmok, Boca Catalina, and Arashi coastline areas, dodging schools of colorful tropical fish along the way.



WINDSURFING AND KITESURFING

Aruba ranks among the top five windsurfing destinations worldwide due to its flat-water locations, challenging wave conditions, extensive shallows, and constant trade winds averaging 15 knots year-round. Strong winds also attract kitesurfers who catapult themselves above the water, executing mid-air acrobatics. Hadicurari and Boca Grandi are popular spots for enjoying these sports.

WAKEBOARDING

Wakeboarders favor the Bucuti inlet just south of the airport, spending entire days perfecting tricks like surface 360s tantrums, whirlybirds, and batwings. The Aruba Wakeboarding School offers lessons for all levels and equipment rental for those looking to experience this intense, exhilarating sport.

KAYAKING AND PADDLEBOARDING

One of the locals' and guest's favorite activities is paddle boarding- also known as SUP (standup paddle boarding). Adjusting to balance on the water is the hardest part, but once paddlers get the hang of it, it's like walking on water! Organized kayaking and paddle boarding tours are available at popular spots like Mangel Halto and Spanish Lagoon.

BIRD WATCHING

With more than 250 registered species of birds- locals and guests are captivated by "birding" opportunities. Guests to Aruba can easily access the Bubali Plas Bird Sanctuary,



with a bird-watching tower overlooking marsh areas, located across from The Courtyard by Marriott and The Olde Molen in the high-rise hotel area of Palm Beach.

SKYDIVING

Tandem skydiving in Aruba guarantees an exhilarating experience at one of the most scenic drop zones in the world. Soaring from 10,000 feet up, brave souls are rewarded with a free-fall at 120 mph while harnessed to an experienced instructor.

BEACH TENNIS

Introduced to Aruba in 2002, beach tennis is inarguably one of the most popular sports on the Island. Players of all ages and levels of athletic ability are welcome to competitively or recreationally participate in weekly and monthly events. The easy camaraderie of the sport—plus the pumping music, cold beers, and sunny setting—guarantees a good time for everyone. Lighted courts and racket rentals are available at the beach tennis complex adjacent to Eagle Resort near Eagle Beach. Every November, Aruba hosts one of the most popular international beach tennis events, attracting hundreds of professional and amateur players worldwide.

YOGA

There are various yoga classes on the Island, with early morning and sunset yoga classes on the beach among the most popular. Many Island resorts offer yoga classes, programs, and even complete yoga/wellness vacation



packages. Yoga also takes to the water with SUP yoga, held on the boards used for paddle boarding.

GOLF

Golfing in Aruba combines the challenge of constant trade winds and tropical sun with the wonder of desert beauty and sweeping Caribbean views. Tierra del Sol is a unique 18-hole championship desert course (6,785 yards, par 71) with an ocean view designed by Robert Trent Jones II. The Links at Divi Aruba is a nine-hole course created by leading architects; golfers play on paspalum grass, over water, and in beautifully landscaped lagoons.

HORSEBACK RIDING

Tours include such destinations as the Natural Pool, Malmok Beach, and Alto Vista Chapel. The gait of the Paso Fino horse allows for a smooth and comfortable ride, taking this horse beyond the show arena and to the trails for leisure riding. The island has several ranches offering horseback-riding tours for experienced and beginner riders, with trails that hug the coastline or weave between the towering cacti.

LEISURE BIKE TOUR

Bike tours around the Eagle Beach and Palm Beach hotel areas are more popular than ever. Not as intense as an off-road mountain bike tour, a leisure bike tour allows riders to enjoy the sights and sounds of the island at a steady but relaxed pace. Several tour operators and



even some resorts offer daily excursions. Bikes and helmets are also available to rent for those who wish to journey off on their own.

MOUNTAIN BIKING

Aruba's rugged countryside is one of the most ideal playgrounds in the Caribbean for this sport. Along with the heart-pumping adrenaline rush that comes with this sport, mountain biking the trails of Aruba's countryside allows for an authentic, up-close encounter with the island's varied and unique landscapes. In 2024, a collaborative project between the Aruba Tourism Authority and the Ministry of Tourism added 29 miles of sustainably resourced trails that meander along the wave-battered north coast, through cactus and boulder forests, and around iconic and historic sites. Bikes and safety equipment can be rented from several outdoor adventure companies.

ELECTRIC SCOOTERS

Electric scooters with smart technology are available in the high-rise and low-rise hotel areas, with multiple spots for pick-up and drop-off with no fuss and easy QR code mobile access.



An aerial photograph of a beach with many thatched umbrellas and people. The word "BEACHES" is overlaid in large, teal, sans-serif capital letters.

BEACHES

Fringing turquoise Caribbean waters, Aruba's beaches include wide shaded expanses, quiet retreats, and busy sunbathing and watersports meccas. Much of the seven-mile strip along the west coast is lined with resorts and packed with activity.

Beachgoers relax on their comfortable lounges while swimming, snorkeling, kitesurfing, waterskiing, tubing, parasailing, banana boating, and all kinds of wet 'n' wild adventures are just steps away. In contrast, the beaches along the windward coast are in more secluded areas. Caves are carved out of limestone, inlets formed by pounding waves, unique natural phenomena, and craggy desert terrain. Because of strong undertows and crashing waves, swimming here is not recommended. Both coasts afford spectacular Caribbean views. All beaches are open to the public.

PALM BEACH

The renowned two-mile-long strip known as Palm Beach is home to glamorous high-rise resorts dotted by watersports concessions, piers, beach bars, restaurants, and shops. Calm waters make this a comfortable haven for swimmers and snorkelers. Enjoy a walk along the coast at dawn or sunset, and luxuriate in candlelit, barefoot dining on the beach.

EAGLE BEACH

Acclaimed as one of the world's most beautiful beaches, Eagle Beach is a long, uninterrupted stretch of glittering ivory sand with ample parking and palapas for shade. This beach is ideal for morning and sunset walks, jogs, wedding ceremonies, and celebrations, and its wide-open spaces are great for families to picnic and play beach games. Most low-rise hotels near the beach provide their guests with cabanas and lounges. During Easter week, tents dot the coastline as local families enjoy the tradition of camping out.

ARASHI BEACH

Far north along Aruba's western coastline, Arashi is touted for its crystal-blue water, sugary white sand, well-kept public palapas, and picturesque view of the California Lighthouse. The sea is typically calm at Arashi, but the occasional change in weather brings in a decent swell, prompting local surfers to flock to the break just north of the main beach. A coral reef guarantees excellent snorkeling and diving at this particular spot, about 150 meters offshore. In contrast, a smaller reef sits just off the rocky outcropping that separates Arashi from the next beach south, Boca Catalina.



BABY BEACH

Baby Beach is located in Seroe Colorado, at the southeastern end of the Island. It is a sandy half-moon expanse wrapped around a calm lagoon, with a refreshment stand and huts. The waters are shallow; swimmers can wade out for a long distance and still touch the sea bottom. Snorkelers should watch out for strong currents when the lagoon opens to the sea.

RODGERS BEACH

Rodgers Beach is a narrow strip of powdery white sand that hugs a small bay near Baby Beach. Local fishermen anchor their colorful boats within the bay, using its calm waters for protection.

MALMOK BEACH

Malmok Beach is a narrow sandy stretch in a neighborhood of sprawling homes and a variety of modest windsurfing residences. Its shallow, clear waters make it a popular snorkeling spot. Catamarans and sailboats stop for daytime snorkeling just off the shoreline. Reefs and sunken wrecks nearby afford excellent diving. Nearby, Boca Catalina is a small, secluded bay accessible by steps, perfect for a private swim.

DRUIF BEACH

Druif Beach, a long, narrow, oval-shaped stretch of ivory sand, is adjacent to Eagle Beach and is home to several casual, low-rise resorts. Here, rooms are just a step away from the relatively calm Caribbean waters. Though not too far from the bustling downtown Oranjestad, Druif Beach is a quiet and relaxing spot for sunning and socializing.

BOCA CATALINA

Heading south past the high-rise hotel area, the limestone baranca that characterizes the Malmok coastline gives way to a white sandy beach area



known as Boca Catalina. The beach yields easy, walk-in access to some of the best snorkeling on the island, with crystal clear underwater visibility of a chain of small reefs teeming with angelfish, needlefish, goatfish, starfish, and other colorful sea life. On shore, relax under one of the public palapas while the pelicans put on a show of diving mastery.

SURFSIDE BEACH

Across from the Talk of the Town resort, children love to swim in the calm waters of Surfside Beach as they hunt for crabs and watch the planes overhead. Waterfront restaurants add an exciting dimension.

PUNTA BRAVO BEACH

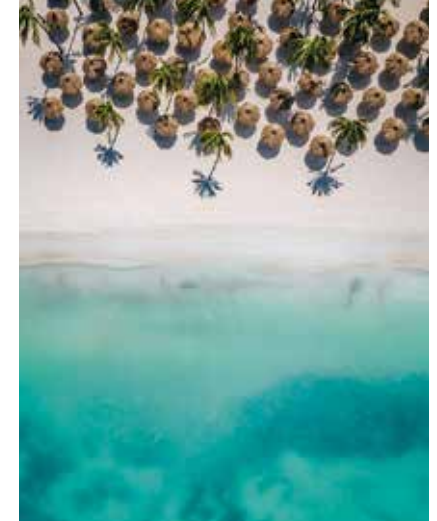
Just past the low-rise resorts is Punta Bravo, a private, undisturbed area named after an Arawak chief. The vast stretch of flat beach is dotted with swaying palms and the occasional beach lounge. Jutting out at the Island's most western point, it has some rough surf resulting from converging currents.

HADICURARI BEACH

Hadicurari Beach (Fisherman's Huts), a beach just past the Ritz-Carlton, is a popular spot for windsurfing and kitesurfing enthusiasts. It serves as the venue for many sporting events and tournaments.

MANGEL HALTO

Mangel Halto is located in Pos Chiquito on the southeast coast, just south of the Spanish Lagoon. It is a perfect picnicking, sunning, shore diving, and snorkeling spot with calm, shallow waters rich in sea life supported by an intriguing network of mangroves.





Arikok NATIONAL PARK



When exploring off the beaten path, bring plenty of drinking water, snacks, hats, sunglasses, and sunscreen. Sturdy shoes are recommended to protect against sharp corals, rocks, and uneven terrain. The sun's rays are especially strong from 10 am to 3 pm.

Arikok, a nature preserve covering almost one-fifth of Aruba's surface area, contains historical sites and Aruba's three geological formations that support unique, indigenous plants and wildlife that have influenced human settlement. It is on the great granite rocks of Arikok that the Island's earliest inhabitants left their mark. Painted by Caquetio Indians, the drawings are at least 1,000 years old. Twentyone-miles of well-marked trails await hikers.

The park encompasses Mount Jamanota (Aruba's highest point, reaching 620 feet), underground Indian caves, and everything in between. Dunes and limestone cliffs are found along the coast. Among the desert vegetation in the park are divi-divi trees, rare and exotic cacti, aloe plants, and colorful tropical flowers.

Wildlife includes the cascabel (local rattlesnake) and santanero (cat-eyed snake). The shoco (burrowing owl), prikichi (Aruban parakeet), and cododo blauw (whiptail lizard) are among the park's residents. Iguanas and many migratory birds live in the park, and goats and donkeys graze on the hills.

Cunucu Arikok is a restored farm that recreates life in the early days. The tiny, two-room house of muss and grass adobe, called a cas di torto, is surrounded by stone walls and cactus fences. Miralamar, a complex of gold mines and trenches, was active during the first decade of the Twentieth century. Masiduri served as an experimental garden in the 1950s. At Prins Plantation, now a complex of abandoned adobe structures, hundreds of coconut trees were cultivated as recently as the 1960s. Hofi Fontein

is the only place along the north coast with a freshwater spring.

Because of strong undertows and crashing waves, swimming on the windward side is not recommended, but the beaches on Aruba's wild coast are magnificent. Amazing natural bridges created about one million years ago are found along the north coast.

Boca Grandi is a semi-circular, reef-protected cove with onshore winds that make it a popular windsurfing and kitesurfing spot. Boca Prins is a small, secluded cove amidst rugged limestone cliffs fringed by snow-white dunes. Fuente is a rocky cove pounded by surf. Dos Playa features two coves carved out of the limestone bluff; a wide, sandy beach attracts sunbathers and is perfect for picnics. Protected from the rough sea by surrounding

rocks, the Natural Pool was once used to hold sea turtles.

The adventurous will enjoy exploring the caves along the northeast coast. In Fontein, the largest and most accessible, drawings left by Amerindians and graffiti etched by early European settlers ornament the walls and ceilings. Quadirikiri is a short distance away on a similar ancient sea cliff. Openings on the top provide natural light for the 500-foot-long cave; bats residing here are pretty harmless. The Huliba Cave and Tunnel of Love (Sabana Sulu), named for its heart-shaped entrance, are part of the same underground cave system.

**Please note that some of the caves are closed for periods of time to help conserve the residing bat populations.*





ALTO VISTA CHAPEL

Known as the Pilgrim's Chapel, the small, bright yellow Alto Vista Chapel is the picture of tranquility in its dramatic setting on a high coastal plain. The chapel was the Island's first Roman Catholic Church, built in 1750 by Domingo A. Silvestre and reconstructed in 1953. It is reached by a winding road lined with white crosses marking the Stations of the Cross. It is a special place for peace and contemplation in a magnificent natural setting. Please respect this chapel as its a sacred place and act accordingly while visiting.

SANTA ANA CHURCH

When it was constructed in 1776, Santa Ana Roman Catholic Church in Noord was the Island's second most important religious meeting place (the first being Alto Vista Chapel). It was rebuilt twice during the nineteenth century, and a final renovation was made in 1916. Its solid oak, hand-carved altar is a recognized work of art in classic neo-Gothic design.

FRENCHMAN'S PASS

French pirates attempted to invade Aruba during the first quarter of the seventeenth century. When an Indian tribal head and his group tried to stop them in this narrow passage, they were killed. Legend has it that their ghosts preside over this tranquil, scenic spot.

CALIFORNIA LIGHTHOUSE

More than 90 feet high, the imposing California Lighthouse overlooks a barren lunar landscape and a glittering Palm Beach panorama. It was built in 1914 of local stones and is named after an English steamship shipwrecked off the coast.

ROCK FORMATIONS

Rock formations are of mysterious origin. At Ayo, you can meander through stacks of giant boulders of curious/shapes and sizes. In the center of the Island is the Casibari Rock Formation. Zigzagging through piles of rocks, a narrow path leads up to the top, affording a beautiful panoramic view. A large desert rock garden is at ground level.

BALASHI AND BUSHIRIBANA GOLD MILLS

In 1824, gold was discovered on the north coast



Historical SITES





by a young boy named Willem Rasmijn. Ultimately, the search turned to gold-bearing quartz, and mines were created with dynamite. The Balashi Gold Mill was built at the tip of the Spanish Lagoon near Frenchman's Pass. In 1872, Aruba Island Gold Mining Company Ltd. (London) made a large smelting works at Bushiribana on the north coast. Though only in use for a decade, Bushiribana's construction was so solid that impressive ruins remain today. However, please use caution while exploring and do not climb around the windows, as it can be hazardous from falling rocks and crumbling walls. Also, please note that, contrary to what you might hear, stacking rocks is NOT an island custom and is prohibited, as it disturbs the natural environment and home of various wildlife and coastal marine life.

Cultural Pursuits

BON BINI FESTIVAL

The Bon Bini Festival takes place every Tuesday at 6:30 pm in the outdoor courtyard of Fort Zoutman in downtown Oranjestad. An engaging emcee introduces traditionally costumed folkloric dancers, local musical genres such as the mazarica and the waltz, and instruments such as the cuarta, wiri, raspa, and caha di orgel, a barrel organ affectionately called the "ting-a-ling box." The steelpan, originally developed in the English Caribbean from oil drums, also adds a local color. The works of talented artists and artisans are on sale, as are authentic culinary specialties.

ARUBA'S CARNIVAL

Carnival is the event of the year on the Aruban calendar. Beginning after the new year with the Torch Parade and ending at midnight on the eve of Ash Wednesday, Carnival serves as a last hurrah before the abstinent period of Lent. The Carnival schedule features a handful of parades characterized by colorful floats, extravagant costumes, and rolling sound trucks that fuel the dancing crowd with roadmarch songs. Jump—ups (street parties), impressive steelpan drum performances, a tumba contest, a calypso and roadmarch contest, and king and queen elections round out the Aruban Carnival season.





Our MUSEUMS



ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM

(Schelpstraat, downtown Oranjestad)

This state-of-the-art museum is housed in the restored historic Ecury family-home complex in downtown Oranjestad. Three periods of Amerindian habitation are documented through artifacts from various digs around the Island and presented through film and audio presentations, exhibits, and interactive technology. The museum sheds light on the cultural and religious practices of the Amerindians. Highlights include a reproduction of a maloca, a hut where natives lived 1,000 years ago, and an exposition of history-themed artwork by contemporary artists. Public programs include lectures, education projects, temporary exhibits, and workshops. Visit the website at archeo@setarnet.aw.

HISTORICAL MUSEUM

(Downtown Oranjestad between two of Aruba's oldest monuments, Fort Zoutman and the Willem III Tower). The museum houses a collection of artifacts acquired since its opening in 1983. There are audiovisual programs on topics related to Aruba's history and a permanent exhibition outlining the main events in Aruban history. Smaller, themed exhibitions are on periodic display.

Email: infomuseohistorico@gmail.com

FORT ZOUTMAN HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Visit the oldest reaming building in Oranjestad, built in 1796 for coastline protection. The historical museum is between two of Aruba's oldest monuments, Fort Zoutman and the Willem III Tower. Once inside, you're bound to feel the history seeping through the walls while enjoying the historical collection of documents and developments from the past. Open Monday.

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MUSEUM OF INDUSTRY

This museum, located inside the iconic Water Tower in San Nicolas, presents the history of gold, aloe, phosphate, oil, and tourism through elaborate displays and multimedia installations. The museum of industry offers a chance to learn of the incredible versatility Aruba has shown through history while experiencing the stories of those who were part of this history.

Email: infomuseumofindustry@gmail.com

SAN NICOLAS COMMUNITY MUSEUM

This charming museum stages collections curated to share a slice of the everyday lives of past generations in our island community. The museum houses the collections of memorabilia within the walls of the historic Nicolaas Store building. Local families have donated precious memorabilia and antiques passed down through generations that represent the daily life of a bygone era—from antique record players, sewing machines, and telephones to vintage clothing, and barber chairs.

STREET ART IN SAN NICOLAS

Since 2016, the island has enjoyed the artistic fruits of Art Fair Aruba, taking place annually in the heart of San Nicolas. One of the more lasting effects of this event is the ever-growing gallery of urban street art adorning the downtown area. Each year during the fair, renowned street artists from all stretches of the globe—including Portugal, Mexico, Kazakhstan, the Netherlands, Argentina, Curacao, Germany, and Aruba itself—are invited to use the architecture of San Nicolas as their canvas. Dozens of murals, with many of them centered around the Main Street area, can be enjoyed by all. Additionally, the Aruba Art Fair has given birth to a number of mosaic benches where guests can sit and admire the murals and the relaxed vibe of downtown San Nicolas.





Aruba's ATTRACTIONS



OSTRICH FARM

Located on the road to the Natural Bridge, a large ostrich farm provides an educational experience for all ages. Hand-feed the ostriches and visit the incubator, hatchery, and reserved areas for young ostriches and emus.

BUTTERFLY FARM

Step into a tropical garden teeming with butterflies from around the globe. Tour guides provide commentary on butterfly life. Your admission ticket gives you a free pass for the rest of your vacation. The Butterfly Farm is located in Palm Beach across from the Divi Aruba Phoenix Beach Resort.

DONKEY SANCTUARY

Home to close to 140 endangered donkeys, this guest-friendly sanctuary in Santa Lucia provides the opportunity to interact with these harmless animals in a fun environment. Stop for a snack and purchase a donkey-themed gift or souvenir; you can even adopt your own donkey! Volunteers care for the donkeys and organize activities and fundraising events.

BUBALI BIRD SANCTUARY

Also known as Bubali Plas, the Bubali Bird Sanctuary is an official nature preserve. This freshwater lagoon, located close to the highrise hotel strip, is an important nesting site for many bird species. A tower at the edge of the cattail marsh across from the Mill Resort offers a vantage point for bird watching, especially exciting during late fall when the birds migrate to the south.

DE PALM ISLAND

De Palm Island is a private, all-inclusive island retreat. In addition to unlimited food, beer, cocktails, and beverages, enjoy the excitement of the six slides and water obstacles at the water park, a zip-line, banana boat rides, Air Jumpers, snorkeling, salsa lessons, and much more. Additional activities at an extra fee include a full-service day spa and Sea Trek – a unique underwater adventure.

PHILLIP'S ANIMAL GARDEN

One of the Caribbean's noteworthy animal rescue and refuge zoos is located in Aruba. Phillip's Animal Garden has a variety of exotic and domestic animals, including monkeys and birdlife, miniature horses, zebras, an alpaca, kangaroos, and more. Kids visiting the zoo have the opportunity to feed some of the animals. There is also a cantina on the premises for refreshments.

Tours

DESALINATION PLANT TOUR

Aruba's high-quality drinking water is produced at Aruba's renowned seawater desalination plant; WEB Aruba N.V. Free tours are held every Thursday at 9:30 am. Reservations required. Wear closed shoes, a collared shirt, and trousers. For more information, visit www.webaruba.com or call (297) 525-4600.

ARUBA ALOE FACTORY TOUR

Tour the state-of-the-art Aruba Aloe Factory and see the production process that turns aloe vera leaves into finished products. The tour guides will explain all about the aloe plant and its uses. Free English, Spanish, Dutch, and Papiamentu tours are offered several times a day. Visit www.arubaaloe.com

PEPE MARGO DISTILLERY

Pepe Margo Distillery is a fully restored traditional Aruban home that houses Aruba's first craft distillery. This home was built at the end of the 19th century and remains as one of the few traditional homes in the historical district of downtown Aruba. Tour the distillery and taste their crafted rums and gin. Visit pepemargodistillery.com.

BODEGAS PAPIAMENTO DISTILLERY

Enjoy a rum and vodka tasting at Bodegas Papiamento, where award winning rums, like their Aruba Style Rum that won the gold medal at the International Spirits Competition in NYC in 2022, are featured. The distillery is located near the port in downtown Oranjestad. Visit papiamentorum.com/therum.

Art Galleries

TERRAFUSE

Ciro & Marian Abath
Turibana 14, Noord
Cell (297) 592-2978
www.terrafusearuba.com

ARTISA

Located in the heart of Aruba's art culture in San Nicolas, this gallery features works curated from local, regional, and international artists in a variety of disciplines and styles.
Email: info@artiaruba.com

UNOCA

Stadionweg 21, Oranjestad
Tel. (297) 583-5681
www.unocaruba.aw

STUDIO O ART SALON

Stadionweg 23, Oranjestad
Tel. (297) 594-5031
Book an appointment at
www.osairamuyale.com

ATELIERS '89

Dominicanessenstraat 34, Oranjestad
Cell (297) 565-4613
www.ateliers89.com

ATELIER ELISA LEJUEZ

Malmokweg 42, Noord
(across from the entrance to Tierra Del Sol)
Tel. (297) 592-3053
Call or email for an appointment
www.elisalejuez.com

L'AMERICA GALLERY

ART & FRAMING SPECIALIST

Italiestraat 24—A, Suite 3, Oranjestad
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www.lamericagallery.com



SHOPPING

Oranjestad, the Island's original shopping mecca, is livelier than ever.

Whether you prefer international designer brands at duty-free prices, or quaint, one-of-a-kind boutiques, the downtown scene is a shopper's delight. Parking is available in the lot behind the bus station; taxi and bus service will also get you downtown in minutes. Enjoy strolling the streets lined with Dutch colonial architecture, or take a ride on one of the free solar- and electric-powered streetcars designed in San Francisco, taking shoppers and sightseers through the heart of downtown—you can hop on and off at several stops along the way.

Downtown Shopping

MAINSTREET

This brick-paved street, with plenty of vintage architecture, is lined with quaint boutiques and international-brand stores, makeup and perfume shops, and charming street cafes and restaurants. Either stroll the street at your leisure or hop on and off the free electric- and solar-powered street cars that operate throughout the area.

ARUBA MADE

For locally-made gifts and souvenirs, be sure to browse through the new downtown open-air market, Aruba Made, where a variety of local artists and craftspeople sell their authentic work. Foodies will love the selection of baked goods, jams, hot sauces and more—all made locally with family recipes.

HARBOR HOUSE

Several of Aruba's favorite locally-owned shops and boutiques have relocated to the new Harbor House collection of distinct retailers. There are also several restaurants, including casual and fine dining, at Harbor House.

RENAISSANCE MALL

This upscale mall is home to elite luxury retailers like Cartier, Louis Vuitton, Carolina Herrera, David Yurman, Rolex, and Gucci, just to name a few. Duty-free perfumes, cosmetics, Cuban cigars, and beach and resort wear can also be found in this indoor/outdoor mall. Upstairs you'll find L.G. Smith's Steak & Chop House, Wind Creek Crystal Casino, and Aquarius can be found.

RENAISSANCE MARKETPLACE

Anchored by the downtown marina, Renaissance Marketplace is just across the street from Renaissance Mall. Here, a lively atmosphere prevails in an alfresco venue that features an array of shops, restaurants, outdoor cafes, and an outdoor stage with live entertainment nightly. A state-of-the-art cinema complex and the Seaport Casino are also located here.

Eagle Beach Area

ALHAMBRA CASINO & SHOPS

This breezy outdoor plaza invites guests to stroll amongst an array of unique boutiques offering resort wear and swimwear, souvenirs, gifts, international restaurants, and a casual food court.

Palm Beach Area

Here the streets are lined with shops and kiosks, bars, cafés and restaurants, and exciting new malls, providing an entertaining ambiance for high-rise shopping and dining.

PASEO HERENCIA

At the heart of the area's first large-scale outdoor mall, Paseo Herencia is a gorgeous fountain featuring nighttime liquid fireworks choreographed with colorful lights and music and an amphitheater that showcases a variety of themed events and performances throughout the year. Some 50 shops, a multitude of local and international restaurants, and a cinema complex with 6 movie screens fill this mall which is dedicated to Juan Chabaya "Padu" Lampe, the legendary composer of Aruba's national anthem. Parking garage on site.

PALM BEACH PLAZA

Located next to Paseo Herencia and a block away from the Holiday Inn Aruba is a striking three-level outdoor mall, the largest of its kind in the southern Caribbean. Positioned as more than shopping, Palm Beach Plaza is

a family entertainment venue with a children's entertainment center with a playroom, activities, and a rock climbing wall; a bowling alley, restaurants, and many shops and boutiques to peruse.

THE VILLAGE

Located in the heart of Palm Beach, The Village is a colorfully captivating collection of stylish shops and restaurants. During the evening, the courtyard bustles with a festive outdoor market selling souvenirs and local crafts. The Village has several popular bars and clubs that stay hopping into the wee hours. There is convenient parking, and taxis are abundant.

SOUTH BEACH CENTRE

This outdoor plaza comes to life after dark. In addition to gift and souvenir shops and kiosks, South Beach center has a diverse dining scene, cozy bars, and a chic outdoor lounge with nightly live music.

ARAWAK GARDEN

Across from the Hilton Aruba, Arawak Garden is home to various restaurants, including a Dutch bar/café, an Argentinian steak house, a pizzeria, and a seafood house. A piano bar, live outdoor entertainment, and kiosks for shoppers make this a lively and popular spot for locals and guests.

LA HACIENDA MALL

Across from Playa Linda Beach Resort, this lively area features a Brazilian churrascaria, an Italian restaurant, a row of kiosks along



the main strip, and interesting shops selling souvenirs, gifts, jewelry, and more.

Supermarkets

In addition to a host of small markets on every road, the Island offers three mega supermarkets- Ling & Sons, Super Food, and Do It Center. At the Island's supermarkets, you will find everything you have at home, plus international gourmet delights and unique local products. Enjoy the selection of Dutch cheeses, confections, exotic condiments, international wines and liqueurs, local spirits, produce, and more.

Nightlife

Aruban nights add excitement to the Island's quiet desert-island persona. Mingle with locals and guests at one of the scores bars and nightclubs across the island. Weekly managers' cocktail parties and daily happy hours are island traditions at many local hotels, and festive theme nights with live entertainment. Enjoy the latest films in air-conditioned comfort at The Movies at the Renaissance. Marketplace, Caribbean Cinemas at Paseo Herencia, The Movies at Gloria Imax, and The Movies at Principal in San Nicolas. The high-rise area and downtown Oranjestad feature trendy venues and after-hours haunts, from karaoke and martini bars to upscale bistros and casual pubs.

Casinos

Aruba's casino scene sizzles with expectation and exhilaration as bells sound with each win and lively crowds ring around each gaming table. As the originator and home of Caribbean Stud Poker and the host of professional poker tournaments, and offering everything in slots from progressive jackpots to nickel machines, Aruba welcomes veteran gamblers and casual players in courting chance. Whether pursuing luck with a roll of the dice or a spin of the roulette wheel, the atmosphere provides unforgettable thrills. Offering much more than familiar table games and machines, Aruba's casinos feature theme-night events, tournaments, bingo, entertainment, special offers, and prizes. Some have sports books for betting on the international sporting events of the day. No one under 18 is allowed in casinos.

- Alhambra Casino at Alhambra Casino & Shops
- Liv Casino at Barceló Aruba Hotel & Resort
- Hyatt Regency Casino at Hyatt Regency Aruba Resort, Spa & Casino
- Wind Creek Crystal Casino at Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino
- Xanadu Casino at Holiday Inn Aruba Resort
- Wind Creek at Seaport Casino at Renaissance Marketplace
- Stellaris Casino at the Marriott Aruba Resort
- The Casino at the Hilton Aruba Caribbean Resort & Casino
- The Casino at The Ritz-Carlton, Aruba
- Eagle/Doubledown Casino at Eagle Aruba Resort
- Glitz Casino at La Cabana Beach Resort
- Orchid Casino at RIU Palace Antillas





Local PRODUCTS



ARUBA ALOE

Aruba Aloe, a family-owned company, has been the leading producer of the world's finest aloe since 1890. Aruba Aloe's products range from shower gels and sun protection items to body lotions and lip balms. Besides their plant and main store, you will find Aruba Aloe on the island in multiple shops.

BALASHI BEER

Balashi is Aruba's national beer, produced in a fully automated brewery with cutting-edge. Built in 1998 for about US \$12 million, the state-of-the-art facility is equipped with special computer software from Germany that controls the quality of the brew during the entire process. The brewery produces the signature brew, Balashi, as well as the Caribbean's beach beer, Chill, and the refreshing tropical lager Magic Mango.

COECOEI & PONCHE CREMA

Playa Liquor & Bottling Company produces coecoei, a deep-red alcoholic beverage used in many tropical cocktails. The recipe for Ponche Crema is centuries old, originally made by an Indian tribe in Venezuela and introduced in Aruba some 60 years ago. Ponche crema is a creamy, smooth, refreshing beverage made of egg yolks, cream, rum, and various spices.

CIGARS

The Aruhiba is a cigar produced and cultivated in Aruba by Benjamin Petrochi. Aruban tobacco is grown from Dominican and Cuban strains and offers a full, distinctive flavor in its mild and strong varieties. The cigar case has the Aruhiba logo and "Made in Aruba" stamp. Aruban cigars are sold at local shops and kiosks and are permitted in the US.

STAMPS

Aruba's colorful and artistic stamps celebrate Aruba's unique history, culture, and nature and also have international themes. Post-Aruba provides year packs of first-day covers and postage stamps with new and innovative

features. A stamp can be created from your own digital photo as a part of a souvenir sheet with an Aruban design and map. (The Main Post Office is located in downtown Oranjestad and has a new branch at Palm Beach Plaza.) Browse stamp collections at <https://www.postaruba.com/stampshop>

MUSIC

What better way to relive your Aruba vacation than to update your playlist with some local music like our Carnival tunes, steelpan music, and local reggae, Latin, and rock artists. Many of our local musicians' songs can be downloaded through sites like Apple Music and Spotify.

HANDICRAFTS, ART, AND PHOTOGRAPHY

Local artisans create unique and decorative items made of clay pottery and natural materials such as shells, sand, driftwood, and kwihi wood. These souvenirs can be found at flea markets, stores, resorts, and weekly craft festivals. Local artists utilize canvases and various media to interpret the Aruban culture and landscape. The Island's friendly people and natural beauty are captured through the lenses of talented photographers.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE

Delicious traditional Aruban products are sold at local supermarkets.

HOT SAUCE

Made by Aurelio Ruiz using a recipe that his grandfather developed in 1880, Hot Delight gourmet products have won international acclaim. These hot sauces are made of Madame Jeanette (Scotch bonnet) peppers far exceeding the jalapeno in intensity. The pica di papaya version, made with locally grown green papayas, is somewhat less potent than the original version, but it still packs a punch! These sauces are all-natural and contain no preservatives.

SWEETS & SNACKS

Arubans prepare treats such as cocada (coconut candy) and tamarind balls, as well as rich desserts such as pan bollo (bread pudding) and cashew cake. Piet's Ice Cream, a family tradition for decades, is non-fat and available in delectable tropical flavors. Try a pastechi, the national snack that is a deep-fried half-moon pastry with a savory filling (chicken, chop suey, tuna, beef, cheese, or ham).

PALMERA RUM

Palmera Quality Products imports raw materials for rum and other alcoholic beverages and uses its own formulas for blending. It has the most extensive line of locally bottled alcoholic products sold on Aruba and seven different flavors of liqueur, including the Palmera, Bon Bini, and Taste of Aruba labels.

PAPIAMENTO RUM & VODKA

Enjoy an elevated, award-winning rum or vodka experience with these premium, smooth liquors, great as mixers or simply sipped.

ALTO VISTA WINERY

This countryside winery offers tours through its vineyards and tastings of its wine and their own crafted rum, Red Star. Visit www.altovistawinery.com.

PEPE MARGO RUM & GIN

Distilled locally in a renovated historic home in downtown Oranjestad, Pepe Margo crafts artisanal gin, rum, and whiskey. It's a great gift idea to bring home to friends. Visit pepemargodistillery.com

LOCAL PRODUCE

Aruba has an impressive local farming community, utilizing both traditional soil farming, as well as hydroponic technology. Our larger supermarkets generally carry many local produce products including a variety of lettuce, tropical fruits, microgreens, and gourmet mushrooms.



CULINARY

With so many restaurants to choose from—many in walking distance and others accessible by taxi, rental car, and bus—Aruba is a foodie's paradise!

The abundance, flavor, and diversity of cuisines prepared by world-class chefs, fine international wines, intriguing ambiances, and attentive service create exceptional dining experiences.

The high-rise strip is now home to about 150 restaurants. This bustling area is dotted with an eclectic patchwork of shops, malls, cafes, and restaurants. But do venture downtown and off the beaten path to discover local favorites and trendy new establishments. No matter where you go, you will find warm island hospitality and a unique menu of tasty ethnic and international delights.

Classic delicacies such as frog legs, duck, venison, foie gras, and chateaubriand join fresh Caribbean catches like mahi-mahi and wahoo, Argentinian churrasco, Middle Eastern shawarma, Japanese sushi and teppanyaki selections, Spanish tapas, Indian curries, Caribbean jerk ribs, homemade pasta, USDA choice steaks, and Maine lobster. Be sure to also sample hearty and healthy traditional home cooking at local restaurants, including soups, fresh island catches, and authentic dishes such as goat stew, keshi yena, funchi, pastechis, Johnny cakes, and pan bati.

For plant-based sun seekers and beach lovers, Aruba has become an oasis for vegan-friendly travel. The Vegan Review calls Aruba the Caribbean's most vegan-friendly island. Currently, there are around 20 dining options with dedicated vegan menus and more than 50 that have vegan items on their menus. The Aruba Gastronomic Association provides a unique dine-around program and gift certificates valid at all member restaurants. Purchase online, and your dinner coupons will be at your hotel desk. Visit www.arubadining.com for more information.

In October 2024, the Aruba Tourism Authority launched its first-ever Autentico Culinary Festival. The festival is a week's long celebration with various opportunities to experience highlights of the island's foodie scene, including Restaurant Week, Bucket List Dining Experiences, a weekend street food festival at The Pavillion and Main Stage events, the Bartenders' Brawl and Iron Chef Aruba.

Visit www.aruba.com to discover our many restaurants and culinary happenings.



Weddings & ROMANCE

Fall in love with our magical paradise of surreal seascapes, magnificent sunsets, and starry nights.

Go off on your own to have a picnic lunch surrounded by staggering natural beauty. A sunset sail, a moonlight dinner for two, an outing to a secluded cove, sizzling Latin dancing, a quiet nightcap, and a couple's massage are among the many romantic moments to be shared. What better than an Aruba vacation to kindle love, pop the question, enjoy a honeymoon, celebrate an anniversary, or even get married?

DREAM DESTINATION WEDDINGS

Getting married in Aruba is a dream come true! Civil marriages are now possible in Aruba but must occur at the Civil Town Hall. In 2024, LGBTQ civil marriages were legalized in Aruba. Visit www.aruba.com and click on "Weddings" for legal and religious requirements. If the two of you have already tied the knot at home, Aruba is the ideal destination for a beach blessing, vow renewal, honeymoon, or anniversary.

Planning a destination wedding can seem daunting, but you don't have to do it all yourself! Aruba's experienced independent and resort wedding planners provide valuable advice about documentation requirements, legal matters, and coordination on the day of your wedding. Every minute detail about the ceremony and reception can be arranged—from officiator, witnesses, flowers, mementos, gifts, and wedding certificate to limousine service, photography and videography, rehearsal dinner, wardrobe, and personal attendants ...even a butterfly release! For more information, visit weddings.aruba.com.

HONEYMOONS

Honeymooners will love our One Happy Honeymoon program, featuring value-added specials like room upgrades, complimentary champagne, discounts on couples' massages, dinners, and more!

Visit www.aruba.com/weddings for details



SPAS



Most resorts have spas on the property. Invigorating mud wraps, hot stone massages, soothing scrubs, aromatherapy baths, and refreshing facials and masks await you. Treatments feature local aloe and cactus, desert mud, essential oils, plant extracts, sea salts, fruits, and other restorative substances provided by Mother Nature. Spa venues include luxurious treatment rooms and airy private gazebos.

VIVANT SPA

This spa is located at the Holiday Inn Aruba Resort and Eagle Beach Resort, providing a diverse menu of relaxing and rejuvenating massages, facials, scrubs, wraps, and a salon providing the best in beauty care. Visit www.spa-aruba.com.

INDULGENCE BY THE SEA

Located at Divi & Divi Tamarijn Aruba, enjoy an extensive list of relaxing, signature treatments like the Mango Papaya Salt Glow (derived from natural products including delicious mango and papaya immersed in sea salts and pure essential oils). Spa owner Angie Wallace has handpicked and tested all of the organic and natural products used in the spa's treatments. Visit www.spaaruba.com

EFOREA SPA

Located at the Hilton Aruba Caribbean Resort & Casino, a tranquil oasis of bamboo and water features creates a soothing environment that boasts ten treatment rooms where guests can enjoy a full menu of services, including advanced skin care therapies, therapeutic and integrated massages from around the world, exfoliating and detoxifying body treatments, and a full-service salon. Visit www.hilton.com/en/hotels/auahhhh-hilton-aruba-caribbean-resort-and-casino/things-to-do/spa/

MANDARA SPA

Located at Marriott's Ocean Club and featuring a Balinese-style design, this spa has four VIP treatment rooms with extra-large Jacuzzis and Vichy showers, eight individual treatment rooms, indoor

and outdoor relaxation areas, a steam room, and a beauty salon. Visit www.mandaraspas.com.

OKEANOS SPA

Located at the Renaissance Marina Hotel, the spa offers a complete line of signature treatments, destressing massages, and a full-service hair salon. For a secluded tropical experience like no other, guests can choose to enjoy a massage or specially designed treatment at the Spa Cove located on the resort's private Renaissance Island. Visit www.oceanosspaaruba.com.

PURE INDULGENCE

Located at the Divi Aruba Phoenix Beach Resort, indulge in the ideal balance between state-of-the-art facilities and organic, island-inspired treatments utilizing fresh fruits, vegetables, flowers, and herbs. Thoughtful details include natural stone and marble finishes, wood tiles, handcrafted cedar wood elements, and hydrotherapy features throughout the decor. Luxurious treatment rooms and the spa's loft (dedicated to nail treatments) offer breathtaking views from Eagle Beach to the California Lighthouse. Visit www.spaaruba.com.

SPA DEL SOL

This Caribbean-Balinese beachfront day spa is at the Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa and offers open-air gazebos and air conditioned treatment rooms. Yoga lessons are also available. Visit www.spadelsol.com.

The RITZ CARLTON SPA

Relax in an oceanfront sanctuary tucked into 15,000 square feet of elegant tranquility. This elegant spa offers a novel and original spa ritual and an extensive, unique menu of services. The spa includes 13 luxurious treatment rooms divided into two wings, serving both men and women in their own separate, stylish, and comfortable areas. Spa guests can also enjoy two his and hers steam rooms, dry saunas, and two outdoor, private Jacuzzis. Visit www.ritzcarlton.com/en/hotels/auart-the-ritz-carlton-aruba/spa.

ZOIA SPA

Hyatt Regency Aruba Resort & Casino's spa is a peaceful escape that rejuvenates your body and soul. Zoia-the Papiamentu word for balance and poise-is reflected in the spa's all-natural treatments. The 5,200 sq. ft. Zoia Spa boasts eight treatment rooms and a spa menu that utilizes native ingredients, including aloe. Visit www.hyatt.com/en-US/spas/Zoia-Spa/home.html

CITRO SPA & SALON

Citro is located at La Cabana Beach Resort & Casino, offering a wide variety of massages, facials, body treatments, and a hair salon. Visit citrospa.com.





HOTELS

Aruba's world-class resorts offer a diverse selection of accommodations, each with its unique signature. While options range from grand highrise hotels to more intimate boutique-style resorts and all-inclusive resorts to timeshares and vacation ownership resorts, warm island hospitality and a wide range of amenities are sure to complement every stay.

AMSTERDAM MANOR BEACH RESORT

This unique Dutch-colonial-style resort, located across from the white sands of Eagle Beach, has 72 spacious and recently renovated studio, 1- and 2-bedroom suites complete with kitchenettes or full-size kitchens. Rooms feature flat-screen TVs, direct telephone lines, and free high-speed Internet services. Amenities include Horizons Bar, Passions on the Beach restaurant, Mangos restaurant, Passions Beach Bar & Lounge, a concierge desk, a swimming pool with a waterfall, and a mini market.

ARUBA MARRIOTT RESORT & STELLARIS CASINO

This beachfront resort features 411 spacious guest rooms with large private balconies overlooking the ocean. Nine bars and restaurants provide fare from light to elegant, while the eighth floor offers the Tradewinds Club, an exclusive lounge serving upscale services and deluxe amenities. An award winning spa, a 24-hour casino, a free-form pool, a bi-level health club, an Adult Pool, and shopping facilities are also available on the property.

BARCELÓ ARUBA

Set amidst the pristine white sands of Aruba's famed Palm Beach, the Barcelo Aruba offers the best high-end, all-Inclusive experience for couples and families visiting Aruba. Featuring five restaurants, four bars, day and night entertainment, 368 rooms and suites, a fitness center, and a casino.

BUCUTI & TARA BEACH RESORT

An adults-only, romantic oasis with 104 rooms and suites (nonsmoking), situated on a spacious and beautiful beach. Bucuti is perfect for couples seeking a tranquil and intimate environment. Wellness and personal service are the emphases, with an oceanfront restaurant specializing in diners' dietary needs, a beautiful fitness center, and a day spa. Complimentary Breakfast, Free WIFI. TripAdvisor's "Top 10 Most Romantic Resorts" and Conde Nast's "Top 10 Hotels in the Caribbean"

BOARDWALK BOUTIQUE HOTEL

Boardwalk Boutique Hotel offers 46 spacious casitas in the peaceful gardens of a historic coconut plantation, just steps from popular Palm Beach. Each casita is tastefully decorated in fresh Caribbean colors and features a large living room, a

fully equipped kitchen, a modern bathroom, a separate bedroom(s), a private patio equipped with your own hammock and BBQ grill, a TV, fully airconditioned, and free Wi-Fi.

CARIBBEAN PALM VILLAGE

Caribbean Palm Village Resort is a low-rise resort featuring a friendly atmosphere with Aruban hospitality. It offers deluxe accommodations: 170 lavishly decorated rooms, including 1- and 2-bedroom suites that feature balconies overlooking lush tropical gardens. The resort is located about a mile from Palm Beach.

CASA DEL MAR BEACH RESORT

107 beachfront 2-bedroom suites and 40 privately located 1-bedroom suites are available on a pristine stretch of Eagle Beach for a relaxing and exclusive vacation. All units include full-size kitchens and daily maid service. Dining options include a beachfront restaurant, coffee shop, ice cream parlor, and pool bar. Amenities include a complimentary WIFI hotspot, two swimming pools, outdoor Jacuzzis, tennis courts, a shopping arcade, a mini-market, a professional spa, and a gym.

A children's Activity Center with daily activities, a kids' pool, and a playground are located within view of the swimming pool. The Alhambra Casino & Shops is conveniently located across from the Resort.

COSTA LINDA BEACH RESORT

Discover the perfect island hideaway, Costa Linda Beach Resort, located on Eagle Beach—one of the finest beaches in Aruba. The resort offers 155 luxurious 2- and 3-bedroom suites with fully equipped kitchens and ocean-view balconies. Amenities include various restaurants and bars, a tropical pool, whirlpool spas, a children's pool, a playground, tennis courts, a fitness center, a gift shop, a jewelry shop, and a spa.

COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT ARUBA RESORT

Located just steps from Palm Beach, make yourself a home in rooms boasting contemporary design, ultra-comfortable bedding, and spacious, ergonomic work areas. Allegra Bistro is your destination for a great breakfast, lunch, dinner, or drinks in an inviting and relaxing atmosphere; sip a refreshing drink from our swim-up pool bar while you're here. Additional hotel perks include a well-equipped fitness center, open 24 hours a day for your convenience, and versatile venue space for business and social events.

DIVI ARUBA PHOENIX BEACH RESORT

This newly expanded resort offers studio, one-, and two-bedroom suites with deluxe amenities. Guests enjoy fully equipped kitchens, private balconies, freshwater swimming pools, romantic beachside dining, a fitness center, watersports, and a new hot spot, Pure Beach Lounge & Restaurant. The best amenity is the quiet white sand beach dotted with hammocks under swaying palms.

DIVI ARUBA ALL INCLUSIVE

Enjoy the ultimate white-sand beach and breezy, sunny days at this charming low-rise resort with 203 rooms, each with a patio or balcony, A/C, and satellite TV. Amenities include seven dining options, seven bars, three freshwater wading pools, nonmotorized watersports, and a sports center with a 30-foot rock climbing wall and fitness center. Additional charges apply at the day spa and nearby golf course and casino. Use of all services and facilities at the adjacent Tamarijn Aruba All Inclusive is included.

DIVI DUTCH VILLAGE

This freshly renovated all-suite resort features an oversize studio, one- and two-bedroom suites perfect for families. Each suite offers a fully equipped kitchen and a private patio or balcony. The Divi Dutch Village provides three

swimming pools with outdoor Jacuzzi tubs and shares amenities with the neighboring Divi Village Golf and Beach Resort.

DIVI VILLAGE ALL INCLUSIVE VILLAS

Aruba's all-suite, all-inclusive resort with luxury villas on the golf course allows for the use of all the facilities and features of its property and those of the Divi & Tamarijn Aruba All-inclusive, both a quick shuttle ride away. This premier choice offers 13 restaurants, 11 bars, 7 freshwater pools, and a variety of sports and activities on the beach. Additionally, golf is included with your stay after 3 pm.

DIVI VILLAGE GOLF & BEACH RESORT

This all-suite resort features spacious studio, one-, and two-bedroom suites surrounded by freshwater swimming pools and a challenging nine-hole golf course, The Links at Divi Aruba. Resort amenities include three restaurants, lighted tennis courts, a watersports center, a fitness room, and more. Complimentary transportation is provided to the Alhambra Casino.

EAGLE ARUBA RESORT AND CASINO

This freshly renovated resort is just steps away from pristine Eagle Beach. Choose from one-, two-, and three-bedroom suites with kitchens, balconies, or patios. Kids can enjoy an exciting waterslide pool, while adults can relax at the adults-only pool.

EMBASSY SUITES BY HILTON ARUBA

Slated to open in January 2023, the Embassy Suites is located steps away from Aruba's renowned Eagle Beach, annually voted one of the most beautiful beaches in the world, and connected via an underground tunnel walkway. Our 330 spacious non-smoking suites are equipped with a separate living area, private bedroom and wet bar fitted with a microwave, mini-fridge, coffee maker, and offers scenic ocean and island views, serving as the perfect beach escape for the whole family.





Additionally, there's an expansive pool, free made-to-order breakfast, complimentary evening reception, and a 24-hour fitness center. From rehearsal to reception, destination wedding guests will love it, too, as it features nearly 9,400 square feet of indoor and outdoor event space for a seamless beachside wedding weekend.

HILTON ARUBA CARIBBEAN RESORT & CASINO

The rooms at Hilton Aruba are designed with Caribbean touches and modern amenities. Each of the 355 rooms has a private balcony or patio, iHome® radio, and complimentary Wi-Fi. The Hilton Aruba Caribbean Resort & Casino is dedicated to bringing guests new vacation experiences through its Discover Programs. Complimentary activities are structured to suit travelers of all types, from paddle boarding to yoga to wine tastings and the signature Biba Aruba festival.

HOLIDAY INN RESORT ARUBA

This 597-room beachfront resort is positioned in one of the most desirable locations in Palm Beach. Fresh renovations have been made to all guest rooms, restaurants, bars, leisure areas, and more. Enjoy trendy shopping, dining, and sizzling nightlife right across the street. Whether you're here for a romantic retreat, a family vacation, or just a little downtime, you'll find refreshing accommodations and attentive staff. Come and experience everything a resort can offer at the new Holiday Inn Resort Aruba.

HYATT REGENCY ARUBA RESORT, SPA & CASINO

Hyatt brings sophistication and an inviting blend of casual Caribbean elegance and "Authentic Island Chic" to Palm Beach. The magnificent open-air lobby, tropical gardens, and sparkling three-level pool complex with a waterslide create an enchanting environment. More than 350 inspiring deluxe guest rooms, 24-hour room service, and contemporary design. Other impressive features

include four world-class restaurants, six bars/lounges, a spa, a 24-hour fitness center, an exhilarating casino, meeting facilities, basketball and tennis courts, Camp Hyatt, and a romance planner. There is a new adult-only pool experience as well.

HYATT PLACE AIRPORT

Enjoy Aruba's natural beauty minutes after you arrive at Hyatt Place Aruba Airport. Conveniently located near some of Aruba's best attractions—from pristine beaches to the famous Arikok National Park—you can spend more time exploring without the worry of a commute to and from the airport. Whether your stay is for vacation or business, please make the most of your stay in Aruba with our thoughtful amenities, spacious and contemporary guest rooms, and unique island views.

JOIA BY IBEROSTAR

Discover the ultimate resort experience at the pristine shores of Eagle Beach, Aruba's most idyllic destination. This new 5-star resort on Eagle Beach offers a perfect blend of natural beauty and top-notch amenities, ensuring a memorable stay for every guest. From stunning oceanfront views to world-class service, this resort promises an unforgettable vacation in the heart of the Caribbean. Experience a true tropical oasis at our exclusive resort on Eagle Beach and make unforgettable memories that will last a lifetime.

Visit www.iberostar.com/en/hotels/eagle-beach.

LA CABANA BEACH RESORT & CASINO

This resort offers the complete vacation experience with full-service amenities, including an outside bar with live entertainment, a health & fitness center, a spa, a beauty salon, a shopping arcade, and a car rental company. Other features include activities, a swimming pool

with a waterslide, a kiddie pool, a playground, a supervised kids program, Free WIFI and a concierge. Enjoy the excitement of the resort's new Glitz Casino. The Owners Services department offers a list of repossessed fixed weeks at the most affordable prices available on the island. Don't miss out on the opportunity of a lifetime.

LA QUINTA BEACH RESORT

Located across from beautiful Eagle Beach, this tranquil resort offers all the comforts of home. Its offerings include 84 luxury apartments, 2 swimming pools, an intimate poolside restaurant, BBQ grills, Internet facilities, a laundromat, and car rental. Island activities are available through the front desk.

MANCHEBO BEACH RESORT & SPA

Experience your Caribbean paradise at this intimate, two-story boutique resort on the shores of majestic Eagle Beach, an ideal place for romantic and rejuvenating getaways. Seventy-two fully appointed and renovated deluxe Oceanview and garden view rooms are cool and comfortable, with bathrooms with waterfall showers and thoughtful amenities. Optional All-inclusive program. Resort amenities include free Wi-Fi, a fitness room, daily yoga & Pilates classes and Spa del Sol, an exotic outdoor spa on the beach.

MARRIOTT'S ARUBA OCEAN CLUB

This beautiful oceanfront resort offers 218 spacious 1- and 2-bedroom villas with private balconies or patios, luxurious whirlpool spas in master baths, color TVs with cable and DVD players, fully equipped kitchens, and separate living and dining areas. On-site amenities include two lighted tennis courts, ocean view swimming and a toddler pool, a beach grill and bar, Champion's Sports Bar, the full service Mandara Spa, and the Village Center, which includes a convenience store. Access

to all amenities of the Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino is included (except for the H2Oasis Adult Pool).

MARRIOTT'S ARUBA SURF CLUB

This tropical oceanfront retreat offers 450 spacious 1-, 2-, and 3-bedroom villas with fully equipped kitchens, large separate living and dining areas, private balconies or patios, and in-villa washers/dryers. Enjoy the beachfront swimming pool featuring a slide, lazy river, and whirlpool spa; a health club; a pool bar and poolside restaurant; and the MarketPlace convenience store.

Guests can access the shops and food and beverage outlets of Marriott's Aruba Ocean Club and the Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino.

MVC EAGLE BEACH

With only 19 guest rooms, MVC Eagle Beach offers an intimate environment for you to relax to the fullest while on Aruba. Facilities include a small freshwater pool, a large garden terrace for sunbathing, complimentary wireless Internet access, a tennis court, Tulip Caribbean Brasserie, a laundry room, free parking, and concierge services. Rooms were recently renovated, and it is located just across Eagle Beach.

PARADISE BEACH VILLAS

This exclusive 80-room timeshare hideaway is located across from Eagle Beach. Tastefully decorated and comfortable suites offer all the comforts of home, including fully equipped kitchens, cable TVs, central A/C, large balconies, and Wi-Fi access. Outdoor facilities include two free-form swimming pools and Jacuzzis, a BBQ area, an exercise room, an Internet station, a beauty salon, a cafe, a mini-mart, and two restaurants.

PLAYA LINDA BEACH RESORT

Playa Linda boasts 214 well-appointed, full-kitchen units, spacious studios, and a variety of luxury suite options (one-bedroom, two-bedroom, townhouse, lanai, spa lanai, and penthouse accommodations), located steps from the ocean on one of the island's best beaches. Amenities include concierge services, an activities program, a kid's club, various restaurants and bars, watersports facilities, a shopping arcade, a fitness center, a spa, lighted tennis courts, two swimming pools, and Jacuzzis.

RADISSON BLU

The ideal destination for your Caribbean adventure, the Radisson Blu Aruba places you within easy walking distance of the white sands of Palm Beach, a hub for snorkeling, diving, and other water sports. When you've had your fill of sun and surf, discover the high-end shops, eclectic restaurants and bars, and vibrant nightlife right outside our hotel. For a taste of authentic local culture, plan an excursion to Aruba's pedestrian-friendly capital, Oranjestad, which hosts colorful festivals throughout the year. Whether you want to sip a tropical drink by one of our sparkling pools or plan a sailing trip with the help of our concierge, we've designed our amenities to give you the perfect island vacation. And because we're LEED-certified green, you can feel good about choosing Blu.

RENAISSANCE WIND CREEK ARUBA RESORT & CASINO

Live in luxury in either of our two newly renovated distinct hotels. The adult exclusive Renaissance Marina Hotel is the perfect blend of chic style. And island comfort for both singles and couples alike. The Renaissance Wind Creek Ocean Suites offers spacious one- and two-bedroom suites, resort-style pools, and a beach area with a private lagoon. Discover

Aruba's only private beaches on Renaissance Island, a popular destination wedding location. Its pristine, secluded beaches give you a sense of peace and solitude that is not found anywhere else.

RIU PALACE ANTILLAS

This 24-hour all-inclusive resort is an adult's-only resort located in beautiful Palm Beach. Amenities include a gym, watersports, spa and salon, casino, daily entertainment, and a wide variety of restaurants, bars, and lounges.

RIU PALACE ARUBA

The Riu Palace Aruba (all-inclusive 24 hours) is situated on the vast strand known as Palm Beach. At this magnificent palace, you'll find two freshwater swimming pools, a Jacuzzi, a sauna, a gym, a solarium terrace, and a health and beauty center with various treatments. All meals and drinks are included at the property's five theme restaurants and bars (including a swim-up bar and sports bar).

SECRETS BABY BEACH ARUBA

The first Hyatt Inclusive Collection resort in Aruba opens in March 2025. Nestled along the serene Baby Beach Bay, just beyond the charming town of San Nicolas, this picturesque adults-only resort invites you to its warm, clear turquoise waters and pristine white sands. Enjoy a unique and exceptional natural setting with Unlimited-Luxury® inclusions, 304 elegantly designed suites, and a world-class spa for the ultimate relaxing escape. Visit www.hyattinclusivecollection.com/en/resorts-hotels/secrets/aruba/baby-beach-aruba.

TALK OF THE TOWN HOTEL

Intimate, charming, and inviting, this casual boutique hotel is across the street from Surfside Beach and Linear Park, one mile from the international airport and the casinos, shops, theaters, and cruise port of the downtown area. The property has 51 rooms and 11 suites (1- and





2-bedrooms). Meeting rooms, a business center, complimentary breakfast, and Wi-Fi internet are available. A palm-fringed courtyard with a beautiful pool, two hot tubs, and bar and restaurant service is also on the premises. The lobby bar offers happy hour events. Diving, watersports, a great restaurant selection, and beach services are available just across the street at Surfside Beach.

TAMARIJN ARUBA ALL INCLUSIVE

This all-inclusive resort offers 236 oceanfront rooms with patios or balconies, A/C, and satellite TVs; 3 freshwater pools, 7 dining options, 7 bars; non-motorized watersports, bikes, and a sports center with a 30-foot climbing wall and fitness area. Additional charges apply at the day spa and nearby golf course and casino. Use of all services and facilities at the adjacent Divi Aruba All-Inclusive. Surcharge applies at Windows on Aruba, located at The Links at Divi Aruba.

THE ST. REGIS ARUBA

Opening in early 2025, this beachfront resort with spectacular views and infinite sunsets nestled in the Caribbean Sea features 252 rooms including 52 suites. Be lulled in one of their private cabanas at the infinity pools, soak in the sun or just pamper yourself with a custom experience at The St. Regis Spa, a sublime retreat to sooth and nourish.

Visit www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/auaxr-the-st-regis-aruba-resort/overview/?scid=f2ae0541-1279-4f24-b197-a979c79310b0

THE RITZ CARLTON, ARUBA

Just steps away from the powdery white sands of Aruba's famed Palm Beach, The Ritz-Carlton, Aruba offers a stunning oasis revealing a new level of elegance. More than 300 beautifully appointed rooms and suites boast private balconies with sweeping views of the Caribbean Sea and design elements that blend the Island's relaxed aesthetic with incomparable Ritz-Carlton character. The resort also offers four dining outlets, a luxurious 13-room spa, two swimming pools, and a 24-hour casino.



TIERRA DEL SOL BY IBEROSTAR

This resort offers world-class luxury lodging amidst 600 acres of unspoiled beauty. Accommodations include 2 and 3-bedroom luxury condominiums and 2 to 4-bedroom private villa homes fully furnished and equipped with all modern amenities. This property creates a fantastic retreat for golf groups, couples, family and friends getaways, and business travelers. Play golf or tennis, swim at the club pool, or treat yourself to a massage or treatment. Savor a meal and enjoy spectacular views of the Caribbean Sea and the historic California lighthouse.

TRYP BY WYNDHAM

(formerly BRICKELL BAY BEACH CLUB & SPA)

This Caribbean adults-only boutique hotel blends modern design, tranquil ambiance, comfort, and style, 96 superior/deluxe rooms with a host of amenities. Located in Palm Beach, it's surrounded by shops, restaurants, casinos, and clubs. Amenities include a pool with a swim-up snack bar, ample courtyard, spa, gym and with buffet breakfast every day. Concierge service. The perfect accommodation for small groups, business, and leisure travelers alike.

VACATION RENTALS & TIMESHARE PROPERTIES

Aruba is recognized as one of the premier timeshare destinations in the world. Also referred to as vacation ownership, there are 15 timeshare resorts on the island. To find out more about these properties and vacation ownership in Aruba, visit the Aruba Timeshare Association's website at www.aubatsa.com.

For travelers seeking a more private or secluded accommodation, Aruba has hundreds of private homes, villas, and condominiums available as vacation rentals. Most are listed on various international vacation rental booking sites.

ARUBA BEACH CLUB

This family-oriented resort features 131 comfortable beachfront suites with kitchen facilities. Amenities include activities for adults and children, swimming pools, shops, a day spa, tennis courts, a mini-market, and restaurants. Services include daily maid service, babysitting services, laundry service, and a laundromat. The Alhambra Casino & Shops is located across from the resort.

GOLD COAST ARUBA

This unique resort and residential community, close to beaches and the Palm Beach strip, offers excellent vacation rental values on furnished two- and three-bedroom townhomes and private three-bedroom villas. Amenities include a clubhouse with a breathtaking zero-entry swimming pool with expansive island views, a world-class restaurant and bar, relaxing community lounge areas, fitness facility, and tennis courts; two additional community swimming pools; 24-hour security within a fully gated complex; and hospitality and concierge services.



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