One happy day

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Anyone who's visited Aruba can tell you, it truly is one happy island. Stunning natural beauty, cooling Caribbean trade winds and the warmest people in the world are just a few of the reasons why so many people choose Aruba for their happy day.

You walk down an aisle made of pristine white sand surrounded by the crystal-clear waters of the Caribbean. You exchange vows bathed in the glow of a spectacular Aruban sunset, and celebrate all night long at one of our top-rated resorts.

The next morning, you wake up to your honeymoon in paradise, with nothing left to do but relax on the beach and make memories that will last a lifetime.



beaches





Planning your wedding

Aruba is home to world-class planners and wedding professionals who can help assist you with all the details of your big day.

You can choose an independent wedding planner or a planner from a hotel to handle everything—from hair and makeup to flowers, cake and music. They have the contacts and island expertise to help tailor a wedding to your style and budget, and arrange services for guests with special needs. See a list of wedding planners at aruba.com/planners





Getting here

Aruba's weather is beautiful all year long. We're located outside the hurricane belt and have very little rainfall, so you're practically guaranteed to have perfect weather on your big day.

Our happy island is easy to reach with direct flights from many major cities in North America. Queen Beatrix International Airport (AUA) is just a few miles from most hotels, and many packages offer airport transfers for guests. Once you're here, we have more than 30 top-rated hotels and resorts to suit every budget, with incredible restaurants, spas, pools and amenities.

See our flight schedules at aruba.com/flights



"How could I say no to getting married in Aruba?!"

Diana





A little something for everyone

From snorkeling to horseback rides to shopping, there are activities for every one of your guests in Aruba. The days leading up to your wedding, the bridal party can spend a relaxing afternoon at a spa, while your guests try their hands at paddle boarding. The groomsmen can play a round of golf, do some deep-sea fishing or ride dune buggies. As the sun goes down, everyone can meet up for a sunset cruise, followed by a casual dinner under the stars at a local restaurant. See our full list of things to do at aruba.com/activities



Papiamento phrases for your wedding

It's all about you

The day of, enjoy some private time before the ceremony with a massage, facial or treatment in one of our day spas—we have some of the best in the Caribbean. Then, complete your sun-kissed look with the help of professional hair stylists, makeup artists and nail technicians.

 $^{\it ff}$ You can be the bride you always wanted to be here. $^{\it h}$



Kara

The big day

It's here-the day you've been waiting for. The butterflies make way for excitement as you walk down your white-sand "aisle," with the glistening Caribbean as your backdrop. Your friends and family will be there, cheering, as you are pronounced Mr. and Mrs.

⁽I love the warmth and happiness I feel in Aruba.¹



Kara

The setting

The only requirement for a legal marriage in Aruba is a simple civil ceremony at Aruba's Town Hall. After that, couples can have a religious or nondenominational blessing on a scenic spot on one of our white-sand beaches or atop a picturesque vista.



Exchange vows barefoot on the white sand, or in one of our local churches.

Religious ceremonies

With some advance planning and submission of required documentation, you can have a religious ceremony in Aruba. For Jewish and Catholic weddings, you must first get married in our Synagogue or Church, respectively, and then you have the option of following with a blessing on the beach. For Protestant weddings, you can get married at the location of your choice, anywhere on the island. See details for each religion at aruba.com/religiousceremony



Civil ceremonies

If you didn't get legally married at home, you can have a small licensing ceremony at Aruba's historic Town Hall. There, you will say your "I Dos" in front of at least two witnesses as a court registrar says some kind words. Afterwards, you are free to exchange vows on one of our white-sand beaches at sunset, or a setting with a panoramic vista. See the full list of documentation required at aruba.com/weddingdocs

Documents Required

For brides and grooms, provide all of the following:

- Long-form birth certificates
- Negative statements of marriage
- Copy of passports or valid state-issued photo IDs
- Letter of intent for bride and groom
- Single status report
- Divorce decrees, if applicable
- Death certificates, if widowed

For witnesses, provide one of the following:

- Copy of birth certificate
- Copy of passport photo page
- Valid state-issued photo ID

The details

From the paperwork to the place settings, the flowers and the photography, our wedding professionals will make sure your wedding is personal and unforgettable. If you can't meet with a planner in person, they'll happily share ideas and photos with you via email or video chat to make sure your Aruba dream wedding comes to life. Find a wedding planner at aruba.com/planners







We hired a local Latin band that we found during our second visit. They were perfect—I couldn't imagine our wedding without them.

The reception

It's time to celebrate Aruba-style! We have a variety of outdoor and indoor special events spaces to host your ideal reception, from elegant ballrooms to intimate dinners to dancing on the beach under the stars. Your guests can dine on a menu prepared by a hotel, or have a local restaurant cater your reception. Bring the rhythm of the island to your party with a professional DJ or local steel drum band.





"Being in Aruba with the ones I love and sharing the island was the best wedding gift I could imagine."

The perfect honeymoon

The next day, the fun begins. Couples who want to unwind can relax on the beach with an Aruba Arriba (our signature cocktail) or get a couple's massage at one of our world-class spas. Adventurous couples can re-energize with kite boarding lessons, snorkeling our live reefs or a jeep tour of Arikok National Park.



Honeymoon perks

Newlyweds save with Aruba's One happy honeymoon promotion. In addition to a free night when you return for your first anniversary, happy couples can receive reduced rates, room upgrades, champagne, massages, dinner and more. Learn more at aruba.com/onehappyhoneymoon



Aruba Bridal Registry

To make your honeymoon on Aruba even more special, your friends and loved ones can pre-purchase parts of the honeymoon for you. Dinners, island excursions, car rentals, spa treatments...even after they leave, they'll be a part of your happy honeymoon.

Learn more at aruba.com/registry



A vow to return

Many couples who honeymoon in Aruba end up visiting again—just one of the reasons why our happy island is one of the most revisited destinations in the Caribbean. Book your destination wedding or honeymoon today and see for yourself why so many people return year after year.





In addition to our natural beauty and ambiance, Aruba also has the world-class facilities and expertise to eliminate the stress of planning a wedding.

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To find out more about weddings in Aruba, visit aruba.com/weddings or contact your local travel agent.

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