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ARUBA ONE HAPPY ISLAND

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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 kite boarders 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 at any of dozens of beach bars. For dinner, enjoy a taste of authentic Aruban cooking or various ethnic and international cuisines prepared by talented chefs. Afterwards, casinos, trendy clubs, glittering shows, pub crawls, party boats, or just a quiet nightcap await you.

Need more reasons to travel to Aruba? Our One Happy Island invites vacationers from all over the world to experience its full 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.

# GETTING TO *know us*

## 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 a total area of 70 square miles. 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 a variety of 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 about 108,000 inhabitants on 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. Most Arubans are fluent in English and Spanish as well. Papiamentu is a lilting, melodic language, evolved over the centuries from an eclectic mix of Spanish, Dutch, and Portuguese with a sprinkling of English and French.

## 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 Queen 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 VISITORS

Aruba attracts close to one million international visitors annually and enjoys the highest return rate in the Caribbean. Perfect weather, hospitable people, and world-renowned beaches are the most compelling factors for return visits. 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 Island's 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 having drawn people from around the world. The star also represents the Island itself, surrounded by the beautiful blue sea. The horizontal yellow stripes denote the free and separate position Aruba enjoys in the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

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



pois, which contain 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 product of superior quality, Aruba would ultimately become the largest exporter of aloe in the world.

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.

After many challenges, the refinery closed down in 1985, opening a window for tourism, which has now 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.*

# TIPS FOR Tourists

## DRINKING WATER

Aruba's water meets the highest quality standards of the World Health Organization and is as safe as bottled water. The process of desalinating seawater takes place at WEB Aruba NV, located in Balashi. This plant produces an average of 8 million gallons of fresh water per day, which flows directly from the tap. For more information visit [www.webaruba.com](http://www.webaruba.com)

## CELL PHONES

- Your cell phone will work here but check on roaming charges. Contact your local service provider before traveling to Aruba.
- Cellular phones can be rented at the Setar and Digicel kiosks in the airport's arrivals terminal. A deposit and proper identification are required.
- Repeat visitors 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, as well as at many convenient locations throughout the island, including gas stations and supermarkets.

## INTERNET ACCESS

Wi-Fi is available in the public spaces and rooms of most hotels, 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 house doctor who can provide you with a local prescription for your medicine or, if not available here, an equivalent.
- All hotels have a doctor on call 24/7; contact your hotel front desk for more information.

## MONEY

- US dollars are widely accepted.
- 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. Super markets, 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.

## ATM FACILITIES

ATMs are conveniently located throughout the hotel areas and throughout the island, dispensing local currency and US dollars. Amount of cash per withdrawal varies by bank and by card issuer. Below, a list of ATM locations in the hotels: Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino (lobby and casino), Brickell Bay Beach Club & Spa Boutique Hotel (in the Arawak Garden complex), Divi Aruba All-Inclusive (lobby), Divi Aruba Phoenix Beach Resort (lobby), Divi Dutch Village/Divi Village (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 (casino and lobby), 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. If there is a service charge, a tip is not obligatory, 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.

**TIME**

Aruba is on Atlantic Standard Time year-round.

**SPECIAL NEEDS**

- Accessible rooms can be provided by the hotel reservations staffs.
- 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](http://www.labcoaruba.com)
- Adapted 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](mailto:adaptedhappywheels@hotmail.com)
- Lite Life Medicals provides vans with hydraulic lifts and a ramp. [www.litelifemedicals.com](http://www.litelifemedicals.com)
- Essential Health Supplies NV specializes in the retail and rental of home health products, [www.essentialaruba.com](http://www.essentialaruba.com)

**TAXES**

Room tax and service charges vary at each hotel, adding an additional 19-22% to the room bill. Government taxes totaling 6% are either added to or included in the price of all goods and services on the island.

There is an additional \$3 Environmental Levy Fee added per room night to the current room rate and charges. The revenue generated from the levy will be used to contribute to the advancement of green technology, environmental awareness, and sustainable practices in order to reach the government's vision to fully transition off of fossil fuels in the near future.



**US PRE-CLEARANCE IN ARUBA**

- Aruba provides the service of The Department of Homeland Security/US Customs and Border Protection to pre-clear all passengers departing on flights to the US. For the most part, passengers have only one stop during the inspection process. Some, however, may have to pay duty, report currency, or have their bags or documents inspected, which will require a second stop.
- In March of 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.
- To allow sufficient time to clear both Aruban and US procedures, which include Transportation Security Administration (TSA) mandated screening, passengers are requested to be at the airport 3 hours prior to 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 \$800 exemption, as long as one of the liters was produced in Aruba. Duty free purchases beyond \$800 will be taxed at a flat 3%. There is no duty charged for original art.

**DOWNTOWN PARKING**

Paid parking has recently been implemented as a solution to the lack of available parking spaces. The paid parking spaces are centralized around the Caya Betico Croes, also known as Mainstreet, and made visible by white registration numbers. The yellow lined parking spaces are for employees only and are not available for regular parking. The rate is Afl 1.00 for 30 minutes and Afl 2.00 for 90 minutes with an additional Afl 0.50 for each additional 15 minutes. In lieu of cash, a rechargeable SmartCard with Afl 10.00 credit can be purchased at most hotel gift shops and car rental companies.

# TRAVEL TO *Aruba*

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Upon arrival in Aruba, a tourist must have a passport that is valid upon entry and for the duration of stay in Aruba. If the tourist holds a passport from a visa-required country, he or she must have a valid visa sticker in the passport. The maximum period of time that a person can be admitted to Aruba as a tourist is, in principle, 30 days. In a few cases, a tourist may want to stay for more than 30 days. In such a case he/she will have to 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](http://www.dimasaruba.com).

## ARUBA CUSTOMS

Beside 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 against 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

The Online ED-Card now makes traveling to Aruba even easier. Currently you are requested to fill in the card en route to Aruba during your flight. But with the online version of the ED-card, you can fill in this form before embarking on your journey to Aruba, and can pass through customs with your printed out form. As soon you have booked your trip to Aruba, apply for your online ED-Card (must be filled out at least 48 hours prior to departure). For more information go to <http://www.aruba.com/travel-to-aruba/online-ed-card>.

## 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. Return cards, Awg. 7.00 (local currency) or US 4.00, can be used for two trips (for example, from downtown to the beaches and back). The card can also be used to travel to any other part of the island. A Baby Beach card is Awg. 14.00 or US 8.00 and can be used for transportation from Oranjestad to Baby Beach and/or Rodger's Beach and back. A day pass is Awg. 17.50 or US10.00 and is valid for one day of unlimited transportation on all the routes of Arubus across the island.

Visit [www.arubus.com](http://www.arubus.com) for more information.

## TAXIS

Taxis have no meters; fares are set by the government. Feel free to ask your driver to confirm the fare or show you the rate sheet. Rates are per ride and not per person. Minimum fare is US\$5. Current rates include airport to high-rise hotel area (\$25) and airport to low-rise area (\$22). Rates are subject to change. An additional \$3 charge is added on Sundays and holidays. See [www.aruba.com](http://www.aruba.com) for complete listing of taxi fares.

## CAR RENTALS

Many visitors rent a car for at least one day to see the sights beyond resort areas. Driving is on the right side of the road, no right turns on red. Vehicles on the right generally have right of way. It is wise to familiarize yourself with road signs that differ from those in the US; most car-rental companies provide maps with a key to the road signs. After a rain, drive cautiously because roads are slick. Foreign and international driving licenses are accepted.

On the hotel side, there are paved roads and highways. There is a public parking lot behind the central bus station in downtown Oranjestad, as well as along many streets (there is a fee for public parking, payable in local currency at convenient meters). While many tour in the comfort of an airconditioned motor coach, those more daring 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.



#### 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, and facilities, as well as live arrival and departure times, visit [www.airportaruba.com](http://www.airportaruba.com). An impressive roster of carriers and charters offer nonstop and direct service to and from the US, Canada, South America, Europe, and the Caribbean. US-bound passengers check in at their own terminal building and have the convenience of a US Customs pre-clearance facility (one of only two in the Caribbean). There is a separate terminal for private planes, with a recently added US Customs pre-clearance facility for private plane passengers.

The airport lists carrier, gateway, and flight information on [www.airportaruba.com](http://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 cruiseship passengers disembark at the 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 have been steadily increasing in number ever since. Aruba is now on the itinerary of 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. Included are Holland America Line, Princess Cruises, Royal Caribbean Cruise Line, Celebrity Cruises, and Carnival Cruise Line. Aruba is prepared to greet even more of the big ships with renovations and beautification plans scheduled by the Aruba Ports Authority.

For a complete cruise schedule, please contact Aruba Ports Authority by telephone at (297) 582-6633 or visit its website, [www.arubaports.com](http://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 you've ever had. Take advantage of Resort Day Pass offers for families and couples who visit our shores. Visit [www.aruba.com](http://www.aruba.com) for a listing of resorts offering cruise visitors day passes, along with pricing and descriptions.



# 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 an unsettled 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 adventure, rent a jeep, an all-terrain vehicle (or the new ultra terrain vehicles), or a mountain bike. Saddle up for a scenic or challenging horseback ride.

Wet 'n' wild fun awaits you right at your hotel beach, where you can rent, Sunfish sailboats, paddleboats, WaveRunners, banana boats, and motorized tubes. Walkers will enjoy a brick beachfront path along the high-rise strip. Beach tennis and volleyball are perfect for fun and fitness. Most resorts have their own tennis courts.

#### SAILING

Hop aboard a pleasure boat 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](http://www.aruba.com) for a listing of watersports activities, yacht charters, and cruises.

#### DIVING

Dive operators offer expert instruction and PADI and NAUI courses, including Open Water and Rescue Diver Certification, as well as basic bubble-maker and refresher courses. After learning how to deal with fins, mask, tank, and regulator, many go on to a shallow dive. Reef, wreck, and night diving can all be arranged. Be sure to bring your open-water dive 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.

#### SWIMMING AND SNORKELING

The water is calm and perfect for swimming anywhere along the seven miles of Palm Beach, in front of the high-rise resorts, and along Eagle Beach. Snorkeling locales include Boca Catalina, De Palm Island, Mangel Halto, and even some of the wreck sites where there is visibility of up to 100 feet. Watch out for very rough surf all along the northeast coast. Signs are posted at dangerous areas.

#### SEA BOB

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

#### JETLEV

Soar 30 feet into the air and hover over the water with the water-propelled jetpack of the JetLev. A custom-designed, 225-horsepower engine powers the system. A flight assistant on a WaveRunner will accompany each JetLev pilot to ensure a safe and uninterrupted flight experience.

### PARASAILING

Up, up, and away! Taking flight along the scenic coast of Palm Beach with one of the many parasailing excursions offered on the Island is a must for adventure seekers. Parasailers board a speedboat that whisks them from the shores of Palm Beach out a few hundred yards where they are launched into the sky over the azure Caribbean Sea.

### SNUBA

Snorkelers will love SNUBA, an underwater breathing system that combines snorkeling and scuba. Descend to a depth of 20 feet with your swim fins, diving mask, and breathing apparatus. Air is delivered through a long hose from tanks on pontoon rafts on the surface.

### SUBMARINE

For a tour of Aruba's spectacular, brilliantly-colored coral reefs, hop aboard the Atlantis Submarine, descending to a depth of 130 feet. In the Seaworld Explorer semi-submarine, you sit in air-conditioned comfort just five feet below the surface to behold an amazing underwater panorama.

### DEEP-SEA FISHING

For deep-sea fishing, half- and full-day excursions go five to seven miles offshore. Game-fish catch includes sailfish, blue and white marlin, dorado, wahoo, shark, barracuda, kingfish, bonito, amberjack, and blackfin and yellowfin tuna. Enjoy bottom fishing on a sports yacht provided with equipment and bait for reeling in snapper, grouper, triggerfish, and squirrelfish.



### 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 high 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, as well as equipment rental for those looking to experience this intense, exhilarating sport.

### KAYAKING AND PADDLEBOARDING

One of the Island's newer activities is paddleboarding—also known as SUP (standup paddleboarding). Adjusting to balancing on water is the hardest part, but once paddlers get the hang of it, it's like walking on water! Organized kayaking and paddleboarding tours are available at popular spots like Mangel Halto and the Spanish Lagoon.

### BIRDING

With some 236 registered species of birds—locals and visitors are captivated with "birding" opportunities. Visitors to Aruba can easily access the Bubali Plas Bird Sanctuary—with a bird-watching tower overlooking marsh areas—located across from The Mill Resort & Suites in the high-rise hotel area of Palm Beach.

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**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 Tropicana Resort Aruba and Moomba Beach Bar. Every November, Aruba's hosts one of the most popular international beach tennis events, attracting hundreds of professional and amateur players from around the world.

**YOGA**

There are a variety of yoga classes offered on the Island, with early morning and sunset yoga classes on the beach among the most popular. Many Island resorts now offer yoga classes, programs, and even complete yoga/wellness vacation packages. Yoga takes to the water as well with SUP yoga, held on the boards used for paddleboarding.

**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 designed by leading architects; golfers play on paspalum grass, over water and beautifully landscaped lagoons.



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# 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 and undeveloped areas. There are coves 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 and 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 candle-lit, 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 and jogs, wedding ceremonies and celebrations, and its wide-open spaces are great for families to picnic and play beach games. Most lowrise hotels adjacent to this beach provide cabanas and lounges for their guests. 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. At this particular spot,

about 150 meters offshore, a coral reef guarantees great snorkeling and diving, while a smaller reef sits just off of 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 halfmoon 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. Where the lagoon opens out to the sea, snorkelers should watch out for strong currents.

## **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 steps away from the relatively calm Caribbean waters. Though not too far from 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 barranca 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.

#### **MANCHEBO BEACH**

Just past the low-rise resorts is Manchebo Beach, a very private, undisturbed area named after an Arawak chief. This very wide 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 rocky strip out past the Ritz-Carlton, is a popular spot for windsurfing and kitesurfing enthusiasts. It serves as the venue for many sporting events and tournaments throughout the year.

#### **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, be sure to 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 as well as 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. Twenty-one 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. Sand 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 kododo blaw (whiptail lizard) are among the park's residents. Iguanas and many species of migratory birds live in the park as well, 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 mud 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 snowwhite sand 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 in the ceiling provide natural light for the 500-foot-long cave; bats residing here are quite 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.

#### **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 both 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 that was 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. Meandering 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 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) built 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 still.



# Cultural PURSUITS

## BON BINI FESTIVAL

The Bon Bini Festival takes place every Tuesday at 6:30 pm in the outdoor courtyard of historical Fort Zoutman in downtown Oranjestad. An engaging emcee introduces traditionally costumed folkloric dancers, local musical genres such as the mazurka and the waltz, and instruments such as the cuarta, wiri, raspu, and caja 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 touch of 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 steel-pan drum performances, a tumba contest, a calypso and roadmarch contest, and king and queen elections round out the Aruban Carnival season.



## UNDER THE STARS LOCAL ART & FARMER'S MARKET

Strung with twinkling lights, the courtyard of the historic building that houses Cosecha and Taste My Aruba (Zoutmanstraat 1, Oranjestad) provides a charming venue for roughly 20 different vendors to share their wares with both the local community and island guests. Enjoy local art, food, music, and authentic ambiance. The festival is held on the last Friday of every other month from 6pm to 10pm.



# Museum

## 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 the Aruban History. Smaller, themed exhibitions are on periodic display. If visiting the museum on a Tuesday, stay in town for the Bon Bini Festival.

Open Monday - Friday, 9 am - noon / 1:30 - 4:30 pm.  
[museohistoricoarubano@hotmail.com](mailto:museohistoricoarubano@hotmail.com)

## ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM

(Schelpstraat, downtown Oranjestad)  
Cultural Pursuits 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. [archo@setarnet.aw](mailto:archo@setarnet.aw)





#### **FORT ZOUTMAN HISTORICAL MUSEUM**

Visit the oldest remaining building in Oranjestad, built in 1796 for coast line protection. The historical museum is located 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 historic collection of documents and developments from the past. Open Monday - Friday, 9 am - noon / 1:30 - 4:30 pm.  
museohistoricoarubano@hotmail.com

#### **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. Open Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
Saturday, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

#### **SAN NICOLAS COMMUNITY MUSEUM**

Step back in time and discover what life in the San Nicolas community looked like in yesteryears. The museum located in the heart of downtown San Nicolas is an invitation to explore deeper layers of culture on Aruba. Open Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
Thursday, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
Sunday, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM



**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. Advance reservations required. Wear closed shoes, a collared shirt, and trousers. For more information visit [www.webaruba.com](http://www.webaruba.com) or call (297) 525-4600.

**BALASHI PLANT TOUR**

Balashi is the island's national beer and the only beer that is produced in Aruba. You can take a tour of the fully-automated brewery with cutting-edge technology. Built in 1998 at a cost of 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. To promote recycling and help protect the environment bottles that are returned to the plant will be re-used after going through a pasteurization process. More information on tours and (group tour) reservations at (297) 597-6544.

**ARUBA ALOE FACTORY TOUR**

Tour the state-of-the-art Aruba Aloe Factory and see firsthand 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 tours every 15 minutes. [www.arubaaloe.com](http://www.arubaaloe.com)





# Art Galleries

## ART STUDIO - GALLERY INSIGHT

Paradera Park 215  
Open Monday - Friday, 10 am - 12:30 pm / 2 - 5:30 pm  
Weekends by appointment

## ATELIERS 89

Dominicanessenstraat 34, Oranjestad  
Tel. (297) 588-5776.  
Cell (297) 565-4613  
[www.ateliers89.com](http://www.ateliers89.com)

## ATELIER ELISA LEJUEZ

Malmokweg, Noord (across from entrance to Tierra Del Sol).  
Tel. (297) 592-3053  
Open Monday - Friday, 9 am - 12 noon  
[www.elisalejuez.com](http://www.elisalejuez.com)

## L'AMERICA GALLERY ART & FRAMING SPECIALIST

Italiestraat 24-A, Suite 3, Oranjestad  
Tel. (297) 585-0800.  
Open Monday-Friday, 8 am - 5 pm;  
Saturday, 10 am - 4 pm  
[www.lamericagallery.com](http://www.lamericagallery.com)

## TERRAFUSE

Ciro & Marian Abath  
Turibana 14, Noord  
Tel. (297) 586-7826  
Cell (297) 592-2978  
[www.arubaglassceramics.com](http://www.arubaglassceramics.com)

## UNOCA

Stadionweg 21, Oranjestad  
Tel. (297) 585-5681  
Open Monday - Friday, 9 am - 12 noon / 1:50 - 5:30 pm  
[www.unocaruba.org](http://www.unocaruba.org)

## STUDIO O ART SALON

Stadionweg 25, Oranjestad  
Tel. (297) 594-5031  
[www.osairamuyale.com](http://www.osairamuyale.com)

## COSECHA

Aruban Crafts, Heritage & Design Store  
Zoutmanstraat 1, Oranjestad  
Open Monday, 12pm to 6pm,  
Tuesday-Saturday, 10am to 6pm



CARIBBEAN SEA



**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. Guided tours are given every half hour from 9 am to 4 pm.

**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. Open daily from 9 am to 4:30 pm.

**DONKEY SANCTUARY**

Home to 138 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 fund-raising 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 high-rise hotel strip, is an important nesting site for many bird species. A tower located just 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 on Aruba. Phillip's Animal Garden has a variety of exotic and domestic animals, including a variety of 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 premises for refreshments. The zoo operates daily from 9am to 5pm, with tours offered every half hour.





# SHOPPING, *Nightlife* & CASINOS

Aruba is a nirvana for shoppers, with a greater selection of international brand-name products than anywhere else in the Caribbean or South America, and prices that are generally lower than in the United States! South Americans may save even more, and European brands are usually priced better here than in Europe. Oranjestad, the Island's original shopping mecca, is livelier than ever.

The year 2013 ushered in a new era for the Island's capital with the introduction of the Caribbean's first streetcar line. Three streetcars, designed in San Francisco and utilizing clean energy sources, take shoppers and sightseers through the heart of downtown (it's free of charge and you can hop on and off at several stops along the way), where both historic Dutch colonial architecture and worldclass shopping await. Whether you prefer international designer brands or quaint, one-of-a-kind boutiques, the downtown scene is a shopper's delight. Parking is available in the free lot behind the bus station; taxi and bus service will also get you downtown in minutes. Regular shopping hours are from 9 am to 6 pm, Monday through Saturday.

### *Downtown shopping*

#### **ROYAL PLAZA**

Located across from the harbor and adjacent to the main bus terminal, has become an iconic landmark in downtown Oranjestad. Its signature pink and white Dutch Caribbean architecture houses three levels of shops—featuring anything from fine jewelry and perfumes to cigars and souvenirs—as well as restaurants and an alfresco nightclub. The mall has an elevator and an escalator.

#### **RENAISSANCE MALL**

Is home to elite luxury retailers like Cartier, Louis Vuitton, Carolina Herrera, BCBG, David Yurman, Rolex, and Gucci, just to name a few. Duty-free perfumes and cosmetics, Cuban cigars, and beach and resort wear can also be found in this indoor/ outdoor mall. Upstairs, L.G. Smith's Steak & Chop House, Crystal Casino, and Crystal Theater can be found. Shopping hours are 9 am – 8 pm, with later hours for restaurants, bars, and lounges.

#### **RENAISSANCE MARKETPLACE**

Anchored by the downtown marina, 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 cafés, and an outdoor stage with live entertainment nightly. A state-of-the-art cinema complex and the Seaport Casino are also located here. Open daily, from 10 am to 9 pm. Enjoy extended hours at the dining and entertainment venues.

### *Eagle Beach Area*

#### **ALHAMBRA CASINO & SHOPS**

This breezy outdoor plaza invites visitors to stroll amongst an array of unique boutiques offering resort wear and swimwear, souvenirs, and gifts. A coffee shop; a food court with pizza, ice cream, and sandwich shops; a gourmet mini-mart; a restaurant featuring Cuban cuisine; a steakhouse; and a tapas bar make up the plaza's culinary offerings, while a chic piano bar infuses energy into the nightlife scene.

## 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 cinemas; a children's entertainment center with a playroom, activities, and a rock-climbing wall; a bowling alley; fine dining restaurants; and a multitude of shops and boutiques to peruse.

Located in the heart of Palm Beach, The Village is a colorfully captivating collection of stylish shops and restaurants. During the evening hours, 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 area set the pace a few years ago, establishing the Palm Beach area as a lively district for shopping, dining, and entertainment. Anchored by the Hard Rock Café Aruba, this outdoor plaza comes to life after dark. In addition to gift and souvenir shops and kiosks, South Beach Centre has a diverse dining scene, tempting palates with sushi, Dutch cafés, Chinese and Japanese cuisine, Indian fare, a sports bar, and a chic outdoor lounge with nightly live music. Parking is convenient and ample.

### ARAWAK GARDEN

Across from the Occidental Grand Aruba Resort, Arawak Garden is home to a variety of 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 tourists. Special events and festivals take place throughout the year.

### 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. Check with your concierge about shops at your resort.

## Supermarkets

In addition to a host of small markets found along every road, the Island offers three mega supermarkets—Ling & Sons, Super Food, and Certified Supercenter—all located outside of downtown Oranjestad near the low-rise area; they are generally open Monday through Saturday from 8 am to 8 pm, and Sunday from 9 am to 1 pm (Super Food and Ling & Sons from 8 am to 6pm). 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 hot sauces; Aruba Aloe products; and homemade baked goods and snacks.

## Nightlife

Aruban nights add excitement to the Island's quiet desert-island persona. Mingle with locals and tourists at one of the scores of casual beach and pier bars along the coast from downtown Oranjestad to the far end of the high-rise strip. Weekly managers' cocktail parties and daily happy hours are island traditions. Cruises depart from Palm Beach piers; hop aboard for a sunset sail, a romantic nighttime interlude, or a fun party. At resorts, Aruba Carnival shows boast talented dancers and brilliant costumes, while sumptuous outdoor theme-night buffets delight the palate. Twelve exciting resort casinos offer non-stop after-dark gaming action, lively house bands, and exhilarating ambiances.

Enjoy the latest films in air-conditioned comfort at The Cinemas at the Renaissance Marketplace and Paseo Herencia, as well as at the Caribbean Cinemas at Palm Beach Plaza. The high-rise area now rivals downtown Oranjestad for trendy venues and after-hours haunts, from karaoke and martini bars to upscale bistros and casual pubs. The strip comes alive after dark with shops, kiosks, cafés, restaurants, and bars.

## THE VILLAGE



## 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 as well as the host of professional poker tournaments, and offering everything in slots from progressive jackpots to nickel machines, Aruba welcomes both 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
- Cool Casino at RIU Palace Aruba
- Hyatt Regency Casino at Hyatt Regency Aruba Resort, Spa & Casino
- Crystal Casino at Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino
- Excelsior Casino at Holiday Inn Aruba Resort
- 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
- Trop Casino at Tropicana Aruba Resort
- Glitz Casino at La Cabana Beach Resort
- Orchid Casino at RIU Palace Antillas



# MADE IN *Aruba*

## ARUBA ALOE

Aruba Aloe, a family owned company, is 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 balm. Beside their own plant and main store, you will find Aruba Aloe on island in multiple shops.

## CIGARS

The Aruhiba is a cigar produced and cultivated in Aruba by Benjamin Petrochi. Grown from Dominican and Cuban strains, Aruban tobacco offers a full, distinctive flavor in both 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 part of a souvenir sheet with an Aruban design and map. (The Main Post Office is located in downtown Oranjestad and a new branch at Palm Beach Plaza.)  
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## MUSIC

What better way to relive your Aruba vacation than to take home a music CD? Popular Aruba Carnival tunes include the rhythmic and fast-moving road marches, the tumbas of African origin, and the commentary-laden calypsos. Traditional liting steelpan music has expanded its scope to include easy listening, classical, salsa, jazz, and reggae. Latin salsa and merengue and Aruban waltzes and boleros attract music fans of all ages.

## 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 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.

## WINE

Using various types of grapes and local fruits in several combinations, Vincente Kock has produced local wine for the past quarter-century. Shamu grapes, Mediterranean grapes, and coastal grapes are mixed with local fruits; European grape varieties are grown from cuttings. Visit the vineyard in Santa Cruz (Sombre 22-A). Tel. (297) 585-3995 or (297) 567-6623. Visits are generally scheduled for Monday and Thursday at 10 am.



### HOT SAUCE

Hot Delight's pica di papaya, light orange in color, is a hot sauce made with locally grown green papayas. It is less potent than Hot Delight's Madam hot sauce, made of Madame Jeanette peppers, which far exceed the jalapeno in intensity. These sauces are all natural and contain no preservatives. Hot Delight gourmet products have won national acclaim and are found in most homes and restaurants all over Aruba. These condiments are made by Aurelio Ruiz using a recipe that his grandfather developed in 1880.

### 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, a deep-fried halfmoon pastry with a savory filling (chicken, chop suey, tuna, beef, cheese, or ham). Aruba's "Balashi Cocktail" AWA (Papiamento: water) is a clear, refreshing liquid in the blue-labeled bottle. Aruba has some of the best-tasting drinking water on the planet, produced by a desalination process utilizing coral rock as a filter.



### 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.

### COEEOEI & PONCHE CREMA

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

### BALASHI BEER

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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, full flavor, and diversity of cuisines prepared by world-class chefs; fine international wines; casual, elegant, and creative ambiances; and attentive service combine to create very special 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, cafés, 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.

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

Indeed, the tiny island nation of Aruba provides an impressive world culinary tour rivaling the most cosmopolitan of cities. The Aruba Gastronomic Association provides a unique dine-around program as well as gift certificates valid at all member restaurants. Purchase online and your dinner coupons will be waiting for you at your hotel desk.

Visit [www.arubadining.com](http://www.arubadining.com) for more information.  
Visit [www.aruba.com](http://www.aruba.com) to discover our many restaurants, chefs, and recipes.

# Restaurants





Most resorts have their own spas on property. Invigorating mud wraps, hotstone 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.

**ETNIKA SPA** is located at the Tropicana Aruba Resort, Holiday Inn Aruba Resort, and The Mill Resort & Suites, providing a diverse menu of relaxing and rejuvenating massages, facials, scrubs, and wraps and a salon providing the best in beauty care.

**INDULGENCE BY THE SEA** has both spa and salon locations at Divi & Divi Tamarijn Aruba. With 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. [www.spaaruba.com](http://www.spaaruba.com)

**INTERMEZZO DAY SPAS** feature fresh aloe and mineral wraps; refreshing facials; coffee, fruity, and soothing body scrubs; and a full menu of massages, all provided by skilled aestheticians in a relaxing atmosphere. Locations at La Cabana Beach Resort & Casino and Alhambra Casino & Shops.

At **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 skincare therapies, therapeutic and integrated massages from around the world, exfoliating and detoxifying body treatments, and a full-service salon.

With Balinese-style design, **MANDARA SPA** at Marriott's Ocean Club features 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. [www.mandaraspaspa.com](http://www.mandaraspaspa.com)

It's time for the ultimate in relaxation at the **OKEANOS SPA**, located at the Renaissance Marina Hotel. The spa offers a full 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. [www.okeanosspaaruba.com](http://www.okeanosspaaruba.com)

Brikell Bay Beach Club & Spa's **ORCHID SPA** offers a variety of massages, facial and body treatments, and manicures and pedicures. Palm Li Spa, located at the Caribbean Palm Village, offers a wide range of specialty massages including deep tissue, Asian body, traditional Swedish, and even a massage designed specifically for pregnant women. European facials and masks, aromatherapy, hot stone facials, waxing, exfoliation, and manicures and pedicures are also part of this full-service spa's menu of treatments.

**PURE INDULGENCE**, located at the Divi Aruba Phoenix Beach Resort, offers 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 décor. Luxurious treatment rooms and the spa's loft (dedicated to nail treatments) offer breathtaking views spanning from Eagle Beach to the California Lighthouse.



**SPA DEL SOL** is located both at the tropical gardens overlooking the beach at the Playa Linda Beach Resort and in the Caribbean-Balinese beachfront facility at the Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa, with open-air gazebos and air-conditioned treatment rooms. Yoga lessons also available. [www.spadelsol.com](http://www.spadelsol.com)

The **RITZ CARLTON SPA**, an oceanfront sanctuary tucked into 15,000 square feet of elegant tranquility, 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 and dry saunas, as well as two outdoor, private Jacuzzis.

Hyatt Regency Aruba Resort & Casino's renovated **ZOIA 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 allnatural treatments. The 5,200 sq. ft. ZoiA Spa boasts eight treatment rooms and a spa menu that utilizes native ingredients, including aloe.



# WEDDINGS & *Romance*



## **SIMPLY ROMANTIC**

Fall in love with our magical paradise of surreal seascapes, magnificent sunsets, and stary 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 they must take place at the Civil Town Hall. Visit [www.aruba.com](http://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 and legal matters as well as 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!

## **BEACH BRIDES WEDDING BLOG**

Looking for more information and inspiration about your dream wedding on Aruba? A vibrant and enchanting blog showcasing Aruba's destination-wedding scene is just a click away! Aruba's Beach Brides blog is a dynamic tool to help you during the planning stages, providing an online resource to help tailor a wedding that is as unique as the two of you. A listing of approved vendors—including wedding and event planners, caterers, musicians, makeup/hair professionals, and florists—is featured on Beach Brides. Visit [weddings.aruba.com](http://weddings.aruba.com) for more information.

## **HONEYMOONS**

Honeymooners will fall in love with 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](http://www.aruba.com) for details.



# Hotels



### 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.

[arubamarriott.com](http://arubamarriott.com)



### BRICKELL BAY BEACH CLUB & SPA

This Caribbean adults-only boutique hotel blends contemporary design, tranquil ambiance, comfort and style, 98 superior / deluxe rooms with a host of amenities. Located in Palm Beach, it's surrounded by shops, restaurants, casinos and clubs. Amenities include pool with swim-up bar, spa, restaurant, free Wi-Fi. Free unlimited calls and text messages to US and Canada. Free virtual concierge service. The perfect accommodation for small groups, business and leisure travelers alike.

[brickellbayaruba.com](http://brickellbayaruba.com)

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



### BOARD WALK SMALL HOTEL

The boutique-style Boardwalk Small Hotel offers 14 spacious casitas spread out 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, full air conditioning, and free Wi-Fi. The Boardwalk Small Hotel, with its palm-fringed gardens and cozy swimming pool, offers the ultimate setting for a relaxing and romantic vacation in Aruba.

[boardwalkaruba.com](http://boardwalkaruba.com)

PALM BEACH AREA



**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.

[cpvr.com](http://cpvr.com)



**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 beach side 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.

[diviarubaphoenix.com](http://diviarubaphoenix.com)



**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 their Discover Programs. Complimentary activities are structured to suit traveler of all types, from paddle boarding to yoga to wine tastings, and the signature Biba Aruba festival.

[hilton.com/Aruba](http://hilton.com/Aruba)



**HYATT REGENCY ARUBA RESORT, SPA & CASINO**

Recipient of the Four Diamond Award in 2014, 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 waterslide create a most enchanting environment. More than 350 inspiring deluxe guest rooms (including 24 suites) boast Hyatt signature Grand Beds, 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.

[aruba.hyatt.com](http://aruba.hyatt.com)



**GOLD COAST ARUBA**

This unique resort residential community, close to beaches and the Palm Beach strip, offers great 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.

[goldcoastaruba.com](http://goldcoastaruba.com)



**HOLIDAY INN RESORT ARUBA**

This 597-room beachfront resort is positioned on one of the most desirable locations on 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, attentive staff. Come and experience everything a resort can offer at the new Holiday Inn Resort Aruba.

[holidayarubaresort.com](http://holidayarubaresort.com)



**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 are included (except for the newly installed Adult Pool).

[marriott.com/auaa](http://marriott.com/auaa)



**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 have access to the stores and food and beverage outlets of Marriott's Aruba Ocean Club and the Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino.

[marriott.com/auaa](http://marriott.com/auaa)



**BARCELO 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 brand new gym and casino, your vacations at the Barcelo Aruba are guaranteed to last for lifetimes to come.

[barcelo.com/en-us/hotels/aruba/palm-beach/barcelo-aruba/](http://barcelo.com/en-us/hotels/aruba/palm-beach/barcelo-aruba/)



**PLAYA LINDA BEACH RESORT**

Rated internationally as a 5-star 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 as well as penthouse accommodations-located steps from the ocean on the island's best beach. Amenities include concierge services, activities program, kid's club, various restaurants and bars, watersports facilities, shopping arcade, fitness center, spa, lighted tennis courts, two swimming pools and Jacuzzis. Playa Linda Beach Resort has won the RCI Gold Crown Award for twenty-three consecutive years (1992-2014), and Interval International awarded the resort its Premier Status, each year, from 2005 through 2014. Playa Linda Beach Resort is also an ISO 14001-certified resort.

[playalinda.com](http://playalinda.com)



**RIU PALACE ANTILLAS**

[riu.com/en/Paises/aruba/palmbeach/hotel-riu-palace-antillas](http://riu.com/en/Paises/aruba/palmbeach/hotel-riu-palace-antillas)



**RIU PALACE ARUBA**

The Riu Palace Aruba (All Inclusive 24h) is situated on the vast strand known as Palm Beach. At this magnificent Palace you'll find two fresh water swimming pools, a jacuzzi, sauna, gym, solarium-terrace and the health and beauty centre with a range of treatments. All meals and drinks are included at the five theme restaurants an five bars (including a swim-up bar and sports bar) on the property.

[riu.com](http://riu.com)



**THE MILL RESORT & SUITES**

Perfect for an unforgettable vacation experience, this 200-room resort offers casual elegance and spacious comfort amidst lush tropical gardens. Enjoy the intimacy and ambiance of this small resort situated amidst high-rise hotel surroundings. The Mill has a children's playground and children under 12 years old stay for free per each paying adult. The Mill offers EP, AI, and meal plans.

[millresort.com](http://millresort.com)



**TIERRA DEL SOL, RESORT AND GOLF**

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 an awesome retreat for golf groups, couples, family and friends getaways and business travelers alike. Play golf or tennis, swim at the Club pool, or treat yourself to a massage or treatment. Savor a meal and enjoy unique and the spectacular views of the Caribbean Sea, the historic California lighthouse. Escape the crowds and enjoy a true stress-free getaway.

[tierradelsol.com](http://tierradelsol.com)



**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.

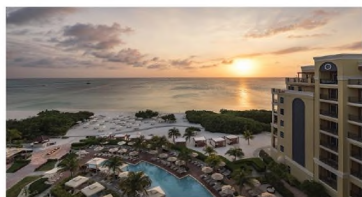
[amsterdammanor.com](http://amsterdammanor.com)



**BUCUTI & TARA BEACH RESORT**

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

[bucuti.com](http://bucuti.com)



**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 4 dining outlets, a luxurious 15-room spa, 2 swimming pools, and a 24-hour casino.

[ritzcarlton.com/en/Properties/Aruba/Default.htm](http://ritzcarlton.com/en/Properties/Aruba/Default.htm)



**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, baby-sitting services, laundry service, and a laundromat. The Alhambra Casino & Shops is located across from the resort.

[arubabeachclub.net](http://arubabeachclub.net)

EAGLE BEACH AREA



#### CASA DEL MAR BEACH RESORT


For a relaxing and exclusive vacation, 107 beachfront 2-bedroom suites and 40 privately located 1-bedroom suites are available on a pristine stretch of Eagle Beach. All units include full-sized kitchens and daily maid service. Dining options include a beachfront restaurant, bagel shop, ice cream parlor, and pool bar. Amenities include a complimentary wifi hotspot, two swimming pools, outdoor Jacuzzis, tennis courts, shopping arcade, a mini-market, professional spa, and a gym. A children's Activity Center with daily activities, kids' pool, and playground are located within view of the swimming pool. The Alhambra Casino & Shops, with 22 dining and retail outlets, is conveniently located across from the Resort.

 [casadelmar-aruba.com](http://casadelmar-aruba.com)



#### COSTA LINDA BEACH RESORT


Discover the perfect island hideaway, Costa Linda Beach Resort, located on Eagle Beach, one of the finest beaches on 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.

 [costalinda-aruba.com/](http://costalinda-aruba.com/)



#### 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 patio or balcony, A/C, and satellite TV. Amenities include seven dining options, seven bars, three freshwater wading pools, non-motorized 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.

 [diviaruba.com](http://diviaruba.com)



#### DIVI DUTCH VILLAGE

This newly renovated all-suite resort features oversized studio, one-, and two-bedroom suites perfect for families. Each suite offers a fully equipped kitchen and private patio or balcony. The Divi Dutch Village offers three swimming pools with outdoor Jacuzzi tubs and shares amenities with the neighboring Divi Village Golf and Beach Resort.

 [dutchvillage.com](http://dutchvillage.com)



#### DIVI VILLAGE ALL INCLUSIVE VILLAS

Aruba's all-suite, all-inclusive resort with luxury villas on the golf course allows for use of all the facilities and features of its own property as well as 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.

 [divivillas.com](http://divivillas.com)



#### 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.

 [webnova.com/laquinta](http://webnova.com/laquinta)



**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 on property. Other features include activities, a swimming pool with 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.

[lacabana.com](http://lacabana.com)



**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.

[webnova.com/laquinta](http://webnova.com/laquinta)



**MANCHEBO BEACH RESORT & SPA**

Experience your own personal 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 gardenview rooms are cool and comfortable, 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.

[manchebo.com](http://manchebo.com)



**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, free 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.

[mvceaglebeach.com](http://mvceaglebeach.com)



**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 café, a mini-mart, and two restaurants.

[paradisebeachvillas-aruba.com](http://paradisebeachvillas-aruba.com)



**TROPICANA ARUBA RESORT & CASINO**

Leave the ordinary behind and indulge in a world of breathtaking natural beauty. Stately palms gently sway in the breeze; cascading waterfalls create their own gentle rhythms. Enjoy unparalleled vacation excitement day and night at this resort located just a short walk from the pristine white sands of Eagle Beach.

[troparuba.com](http://troparuba.com)



**TAMARIJN ARUBA ALL INCLUSIVE**

This all-inclusive resort offers a total of 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 is included. \*Surcharge applies at Windows on Aruba, located at The Links at Divi Aruba.

[tamarijnaruba.com](http://tamarijnaruba.com)

# DOWNTOWN AREA



**RENAISSANCE 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 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 simply not found anywhere else.

[renaruba.com](http://renaruba.com)



**TALK OF THE TOWN HOTEL & BEACH CLUB**

Intimate, charming, and inviting, this casual boutique hotel is across the street from Surfside Beach and the Linear Park, and one mile from the international airport and the casinos, shops, theaters, and cruise port of the downtown area. The property has a total of 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 and two hot tubs as well as bar and restaurant service are 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.

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Find your wedding planner at [aruba.com/planners](http://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.

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*Jessica & Matt*

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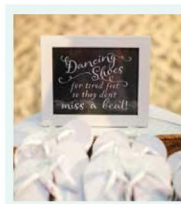


Jasmine & Julian

Got married in Aruba

"A destination wedding on a white sand beach has always been my dream...Aruba is a gorgeous island, the people are beautiful, warm and welcoming, food is amazing, the culture is rich, and to top it off, the humidity isn't outrageous...the ideal place for an exotic beach wedding", shared Jasmine.

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TREND: DIY décor!

Jasmine's family and friends collaborated with a few DIY projects to add a personal touch to the destination wedding.



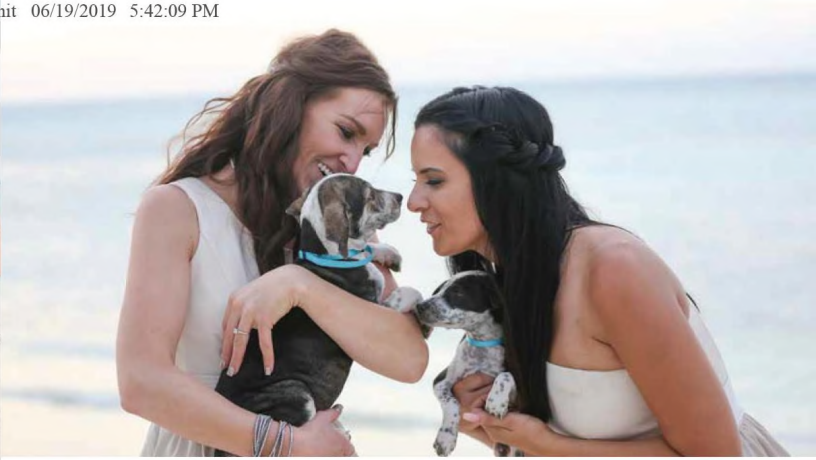
*Sabrina & Sasha*  
Got married in Aruba

Their wedding ceremony was held beachfront at a resort on Palm Beach and the reception was hosted onboard the Jolly Pirates sailboat. An unforgettable moment for sure was when many of the male guests took part in a little rope swing fun and did some snorkeling!

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"Aruba was not only our first vacation as a couple, but a place we both visited as children... additionally, both his parents and mine went to Aruba on their honeymoon. It has been a meaningful place in our lives and seemed the perfect choice", shared Sabrina.





## Jamie & Herb

Got married in Aruba

### TREND: Giving Back!

Bride Jamie Geesaman and groom Herb Johnson, from Gorham, Maine, chose to honor a cause near and dear to their hearts by sharing the spotlight on their wedding day with dogs and puppies from Animal Rights Aruba and New Life for Paws Foundation—both local, non-profit foundations that promote awareness and foster/adoption programs for stray dogs and cats.



Jamie's maid of honor sent her a Pinterest post with bridesmaids holding puppies instead of bouquets, and the bride was immediately sold on the idea. The newly-weds saw it as a perfect chance to be involved in some way on the One happy island, especially on their wedding day.



And the happily-ever-after is not just for the couple—four of the puppies traveled with guests of the wedding to the United States, where representatives from New Life for Paws Foundation picked them up to take them to their forever homes.



Amidst all the puppy love, a gorgeous wedding did take place on Palm Beach. The couple opted for a natural color palette of champagne, burlap, white, and a touch of red. "I wanted to keep the decorations fairly simple for the most part because after all, we were already having a sunset beach wedding in Aruba—the scene is already beautiful!", shares Jamie.

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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

Requirements for witnesses:

- Two witnesses present at ceremony  
(Must be over the age of 18)
- Copy of birth certificate
- Either a copy of the passport photo page or a valid state-issued photo id



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# Quick Reference Guide

One happy island





## Bon Bini!

Located 15 miles north of Venezuela in the southern Caribbean, Aruba is home to beautiful white-sand beaches, cooling trade winds and some of the warmest people in the world—just a few reasons why our happy island enjoys one of the highest return visitor rates in the Caribbean. In this guide, we've provided some tips to help you get the most out of your visit and discover for yourself why so many people return to Aruba year after year.





## Our History

Aruba's earliest residents began sailing from the South American mainland 4,000 years ago, although it wasn't truly settled until the Caiquetio Indians of the Arawak tribe arrived around 1000 A.D. The Caiquetios grew crops and created a community on the island-building three large villages. Many of their artifacts can be seen in Aruban museums today. The first European to land on Aruba's shores was the Spanish explorer Alonso de Ojeda, who arrived in 1499. In the years that followed, ownership of the island changed hands several times. In 1636, the Dutch took possession after the Eighty Years War and remained in control for nearly two centuries. The English briefly held the island during the Napoleonic Wars in 1805, but control was restored to the Dutch in 1816. In 1824, gold was discovered on Aruba, and mining was a way of life for nearly a century. Soon after, an oil boom began on the island, with Aruba supplying petroleum products to the Allies during World War II. This helped Aruba achieve one of the highest standards of living in the Caribbean—a position our island still enjoys today. Today, we have about 110,000 Arubans, representing more than 90 nationalities, and tourism is the island's main industry. We welcome visitors from all over the world to more than 30 hotels and resorts to enjoy our restaurants, relaxation and beautiful beaches.

## Geography

Aruba is nestled in the warm waters of the southern Caribbean. Our island is 19.6 miles long and 6 miles across at its widest point, with a total area of 70 square miles. Unlike many islands in the Caribbean, our climate is dry, so we rarely have a rainy day. On the south and west coasts of Aruba, we have miles of pristine white beaches that have been listed among the most beautiful in the world. The water is calm and blue with visibility in some areas to a depth of 100 feet. In the interior part of the island, you'll find Arikok National Park, a desert-like preserve with a variety of wildlife, cacti and dramatic rock formations. Here you will find some of Aruba's most striking views, as the ocean crashes against the rocky shoreline. On the northeast coast, along the windward shore, you'll see our island's unofficial mascots: the fofoti and divi-divi trees. The constant trade winds have permanently sculpted them into graceful, southwest-bending forms.





## Getting here

Our happy island is easy to reach with direct flights on most major airlines from cities in North America. In four hours from New York City, and two and a half from Miami, you can be at Queen Beatrix International Airport (AUA), breathing in the tropical air as you breeze through USA Immigration and Customs' pre-clearance. Because routes and frequencies may vary by season, you can find the full list of airlines flying to Aruba at [aruba.com](http://aruba.com).

## When to visit

Our weather is consistently beautiful which makes Aruba a perfect escape anytime of the year. We are located below the hurricane belt, and the sea and air temperatures rarely dip below 80 degrees all year long.

In January, February and March, we welcome many visitors to our sandy shores. During Carnival, just before Lent, our island is animated with parades and parties. If you can't make it during Carnival, you can get a taste of the festivities at the lively Carubbian Festival held every Thursday evening in the town of San Nicolas. Beginning in mid-April through the rest of the year, Aruba becomes the ideal destination for family vacations, weddings, honeymoons, corporate meetings and watersport adventures. Throughout the year, Aruba is host to a multitude of must-see events like the Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival, Eat Local Restaurant Month and the Summer Music Festival. To plan your visit, see Aruba's complete calendar of events at [aruba.com](http://aruba.com).

## Entry requirements for Aruba

A current passport is required and must be valid through your stay here. American, Canadian, and EU citizens do not require visas, nor do most South Americans. If your country requires a visa, please see complete entry requirements and forms at [aruba.com/sigma/Entry\\_Reg-Eng.pdf](http://aruba.com/sigma/Entry_Reg-Eng.pdf)

## Currency

The official currency of Aruba is the Aruban florin (Afl), which is divided into 100 cents. Silver coins are in denominations of 5 cents, 10 cents, 50 cents and one florin. The 50-cent florin coin, which is square, is Aruba's best-known coin. The Aruban florin is pegged to the U.S. dollar, with an exchange rate averaging 1.79, however, U.S. currency is widely accepted throughout the island. Most establishments also accept major credit cards.

## What to wear

For the most part, casual summer clothing is the rule in Aruba. Women may want to bring along a scarf or hat-our trade winds, while refreshing, can wreak havoc on a good hair day. If you plan to eat at one of our more elegant restaurants, hit a nightclub or visit a casino, bring a couple of dressier outfits.

## Where to stay

Aruba is home to more than 30 top-rated hotels and resorts to suit all travel styles. Many offer deals, depending on the season, which can be found on most major online travel sites. Find one that is right for your stay on [aruba.com](http://aruba.com).

## Conference facilities

Aruba is a premier destination for meetings, convention and incentive travel. To plan a meeting, start with the official Meeting Planner's Guide, downloadable at [www.arubaconventionbureau.com](http://www.arubaconventionbureau.com).

## Travelers with disabilities

Most hotels offer ground-floor rooms and doors wide enough to fit wheelchairs. In many cases, wheelchairs and canes are available at your hotel. We recommend contacting your hotel in advance for availability.



## Getting around

**Car rental:** Arubans drive on the right-hand side of the road. If you have an international driving license, or any valid driving license held for at least two years, you may rent and drive an automobile on the island (some rental companies may have age restrictions). For complete transportation information, please visit [aruba.com](http://aruba.com).

**Taxis:** Taxis in Aruba have set rates so they do not have meters. The minimum fare is US\$6, and drivers only accept cash. Feel free to ask your driver to see the rate sheet in advance. For transportation questions in Aruba, please call (+297) 582-2116 or (+297) 582-1604.

**Bus:** There is a daily bus service along the hotel strip. Fare is US\$1.50 one way and US\$2.30 round trip. Check route and schedules at [arubus.com](http://arubus.com).

## What to see and do

Our main attractions are our beaches, but there is so much more to do beyond the hotel areas to satisfy everyone's level of adventure. Here are just a few of the things to do on our happy island:

**A horseback trek:** Ride horseback along Aruba's rugged coastline, dunes and beautiful beaches.

**Visit Arikok National Park:** Discover hidden beaches, coves and caves at Arikok National Park. It's also home to the Natural Pool, one of the greatest natural wonders in the Caribbean.

**Tour history:** Visit some of our most iconic sites, like the California Lighthouse, the Bushiribana and Balashi gold mill ruins and Alto Vista Chapel.

**Shop till you drop:** Aruba boasts the Caribbean's widest variety of luxury brands—from Louis Vuitton to Cartier. Duty-free prices will help you save 10-35% off U.S. prices.





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**Relax at the spa:** Aruba boasts some of the most well-appointed day spas in the Caribbean. Book a massage, facial or treatment at most major hotels, and on Renaissance and De Palm Island(s).

**Play a round of golf:** Challenge our trade winds to a round of golf. Aruba has three golf courses, including the PGA Championship course at the Tierra del Sol Golf & Country Club.

**See nature up close:** Kids and adults will love to visit our Butterfly Farm, Ostrich Farm and Donkey Sanctuary.

### Try your luck at a casino

There are 11 casinos on the island for adults 18 and older. Hours vary seasonally, but in general, opening hours are 11 a.m. for slots and 1 p.m. through early morning for table games.

### Spend a day in the water

If the sea calls, take a dip at one of Aruba's world-famous beaches, or set sail on an aquatic adventure.

Fishing the warm waters of the Caribbean makes for excellent game fishing. A variety of charter companies offer half and full day deep-sea fishing excursions in well-equipped boats manned by professional crews. Cast your line for kingfish, amberjack and tuna. You might even catch a sailfish or a blue marlin!

If you prefer to enjoy the water without a rod and reel, try a sailing excursion. With our trade winds and sunny skies, just about every day is a good day for sailing in Aruba. Go on a snorkel or sunset cruise for a fun and unique experience, or put your own sailing skills to the test by renting a Hobie Cat.

### Snorkeling and diving

Just off Aruba's shores, snorkelers and divers alike can explore numerous reefs and wrecks and discover a huge variety of underwater creatures, including tropical fish, Caribbean lobster, sea fans, brain coral, eels and much more. A number of resorts have classes to give non-certified individuals the opportunity to experience scuba diving.



## Windsurfing and kitesurfing

The 15-knot trade winds have made Aruba one of the most popular spots in the world for windsurfing and kitesurfing. Beginners can take advantage of the instruction and rental equipment offered by several board sports operators located at the Fisherman's Huts.

## Visit a museum

History buffs can see the people, places and events that have shaped the island of Aruba over the last 500 years.

### **Archaeological Museum • Schelpstraat 42**

Exhibits and artifacts from the island's prehistoric period. Open Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Telephone: (+297) 582-8979

### **Aruba Aloe Museum and Factory • Pitastraat 115, Hato**

Tour the factory and farm that produce Aruba's famous aloe products. Open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon. Telephone: (+297) 588-3222

### **Historical Museum, Fort Zoutman/Torre Willem III • Oranjestad**

Exhibits and artifacts from the early Spanish and Dutch periods. Open Monday through Friday, 8:30a.m. to 4 p.m. Telephone: (+297) 582-6099

## Try authentic Aruban cuisine

Foodies rejoice! Aruba's melting pot of nationalities have created an exotic menu of cuisines and beverages that you won't find anywhere else. Here are a few of our favorites:

**Ayaca:** A traditional Christmas dish from South America that includes ingredients like cornmeal, raisins, olives, pickles, chicken, pork, prunes and spices, boiled to perfection.

**Coconut Water:** Sipped from a coconut that has had its top freshly cut off; vendors commonly sell coconut water on the streets.

**Funchi:** A thick, cornmeal porridge that is Aruba's own version of polenta, served as an accompaniment to rich stews and fish platters.

**Keri-Keri:** Prepared with drier types of firm white-flesh fish, such as barracuda and shark, keri-keri is a fish fillet that has been boiled in salted water and sauteed in butter with tomato, bell pepper, onion, fresh basil, black pepper and annato spice.

**Keshi yena:** Meaning "stuffed cheese," this Aruban dish is made by filling the leftover rind of an Edam or Gouda cheese wheel with ingredients like spiced meat, olives, raisins and capers before being baked in the oven until hot and bubbly.

**Pan bati:** Like flatbread and pancakes, this Aruban treat is made from corn flour and cooked in a traditional clay baking dish from Spain, called a Casuela.

**Pastechi:** This national snack of Aruba is made by stuffing a pocket of slightly sweet dough with savory fillings like cheese, ham, beef and chicken, then deep-fried.

**Stoba:** Stews that are enjoyed with beef, goat, or conch.

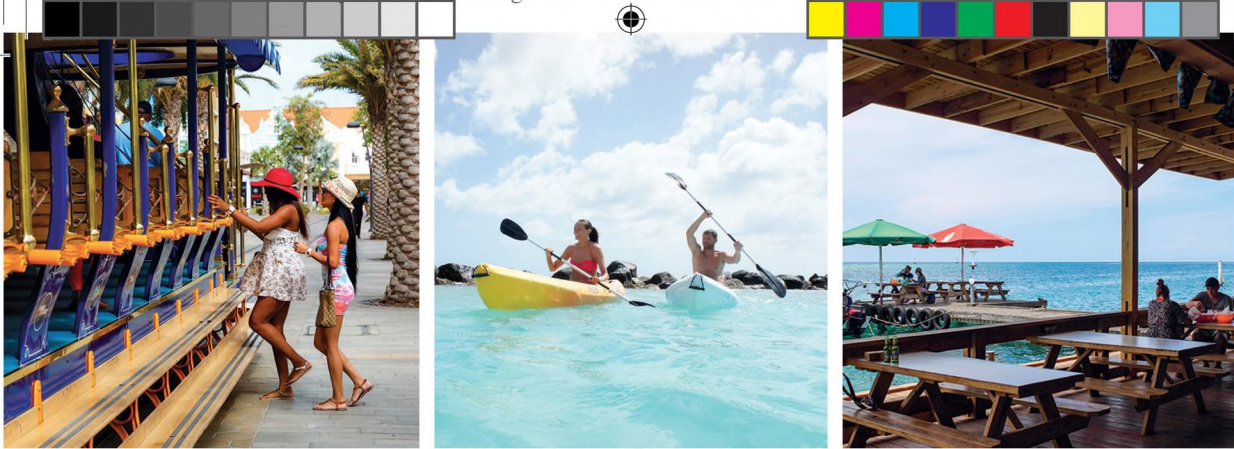
**Hot sauce:** Aruba has an all-natural hot sauce that blends the exceptionally hot Madame Jeanette pepper with a variation of spices.

**Coeicoie:** This dark-red liquor, combining rum, cane sugar and the sap of agave leaves, is used in a variety of local cocktails.

**Ponche Creme:** Aruba's own version of Caribbean eggnog-made with egg yolks, cream, rum and a variety of spices-popular during the Christmas season.

**Balashi beer:** The only beer brewed in Aruba, it's perfect after a day at the beach.





## Tipping in Aruba

A service charge of 10%-15% is usually included in your bill, and is shared among servers and kitchen staff. If there is a service charge, a tip is not obligatory, but is greatly appreciated. If there is no service charge, a tip of 15% is appropriate.

## Language

The official language of Aruba is Dutch, but most Arubans are fluent in several languages, including English and Spanish. You'll also hear the local Papiamentu, a language that has evolved over the centuries from an eclectic mixture of Spanish, Dutch, Portuguese, Arawak Indian, English and French.

### Papiamentu phrases to know

**Bon bini** Welcome

**Bon tardi** Good afternoon

**Bon nochi** Good evening

**Bon dia** Good morning

**Ta bai hasi solo** It will be a sunny day

**Tur cos ta suave** Everything is alright

**Di nada** You are welcome

**Mi por a hanja un cerbes?** Can I have a beer?

**Un sunchi** A kiss

**Felis** Happy

**Mi ta stima bo!** I love you!

**Con ta bai?** How are you?

**Mi ta bon** I am fine

**Hopi bon** Very good

## Drinking water

Our water is safe to drink right from the tap. Aruba has pure, refreshing, distilled water from the world's second largest saltwater purification system.

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As in the United States and Canada, the electrical voltage in Aruba is 110 A. C. (60 cycles).

## Telephone and Internet service

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### Telephone Service

- From your hotel (please keep in mind international charges will apply).
- From the SETAR Teleshop office in Palm Beach (in front of the Hyatt Regency Aruba).
- Telephone booths throughout the island using an Aruban phone card, available at the SETAR Teleshop and at most gas stations and retail stores.

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If you are on a GSM network, you can arrange for international roaming on your personal cell phone via your service provider. If not, there are several cell phone rental companies, including SETAR and Digicel. Both have kiosks at the airport where you can rent cell phones and buy SIM cards.

### Internet

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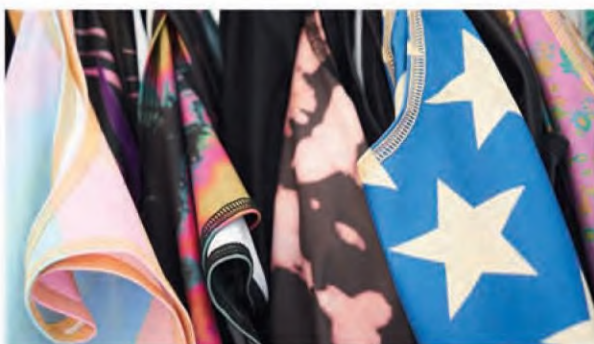
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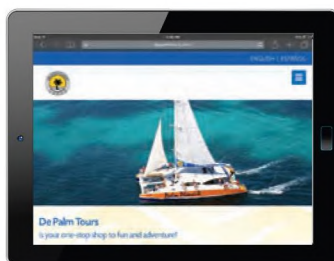
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# Aruba 101


Your basic guide to all things Aruba


## ISLAND FACTS


**AREA AND CLIMATE**  
 Aruba is 19.6 miles (30 km) long and 6 miles (10 km) across at its widest point, totaling 77 square miles (193 sq. km). Outside the hurricane belt, the island has an **average yearly temperature of 84° F/ 29° C**, tempered by northeasterly trade winds.

**LOCATION**  
 Aruba lies 15 miles (24 km) north of Venezuela and 890 nautical miles from the equator, at 12 degrees 30' north latitude and 69 degrees 58' west longitude.

**TIME ZONE**  
 **Atlantic Standard Time** year-round (equivalent to Eastern Daylight Savings Time).

**CURRENCY**  
 Aruba's currency is the **florin**, denoted by the letters "**AWG**" but also "**AFL.**" U.S. dollars are widely accepted and many banks exchange other foreign currency as well. Traveler's checks are also widely accepted and there is no charge for using them in hotels, stores and restaurants. Major credit cards (Visa, MC, Discover & Amex) are accepted at most establishments.

**ELECTRICAL POWER**  
 **110/220 volts** (same as the United States).

**DRINKING WATER**  
 Aruba's tap **water is safe** to drink. In a restaurant ask specifically if you want tap water or bottled.

## HOLIDAYS 2019

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|---|--|--|
| • <b>New Year's Day</b><br>Tuesday, Jan. 1                | • <b>Good Friday</b><br>Friday, April 19   | • <b>Ascension Day</b><br>Thursday, May 30         |
| • <b>Betico Croes Day</b><br>Friday, Jan. 25              | • <b>Easter Monday</b><br>Monday, April 22 | • <b>Christmas Day</b><br>Wednesday Dec. 25        |
| • <b>Carnival Monday</b><br>Monday, March 4               | • <b>King's Day</b><br>Saturday, April 27  | • <b>Second Christmas Day</b><br>Thursday, Dec. 26 |
| • <b>National Anthem and Flag Day</b><br>Monday, March 18 | • <b>Labor Day</b><br>Wednesday, May 1     | Information subject to change.                     |

## LANGUAGES



While Aruba's official languages are **Dutch and Papiamentu**, **English and Spanish** are widely spoken. The native tongue Papiamentu is a language with many influences, including Dutch, Spanish and Portuguese.

### HERE ARE A FEW WORDS AND PHRASES:

Welcome	Bon bini
How are you?	Con ta bai?
Fine, thank you	Bon, danki
Thank you very much	Masha danki
You're welcome	Na bo ordo
See you later	Te aworo
Sweet	Dushi
My darling/sweetheart	Mi dushi
A kiss	Un sunchi
Happy birthday	Masha pabien
Goodbye	Ayo
Good morning	Bon dia
Good afternoon	Bon tardi
Good evening/night	Bon nochi
The good (Aruban) life	Biba dushi



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### BUSES

There is **daily bus service** between several of the island's larger districts and the hotel areas. The main bus station is located in downtown Oranjestad. Ask your concierge for the bus schedule or visit: [visitaruba.com/getting-around/bus-schedule/](http://visitaruba.com/getting-around/bus-schedule/)



### TAXIS

are also widely available, though you do not typically hail a cab in Aruba. You should call ahead to make arrangements or check in your hotel for available taxis. Also, taxis do not have meters. Instead, **you pay a fixed rate set by government regulations**. Prices are based on distance with a maximum capacity of five (5) passengers per taxi; On official holidays and after midnight an additional charge to the regular rate is applicable. Taxi fares can be found here: [visitaruba.com/getting-around/taxis-and-limos/](http://visitaruba.com/getting-around/taxis-and-limos/)

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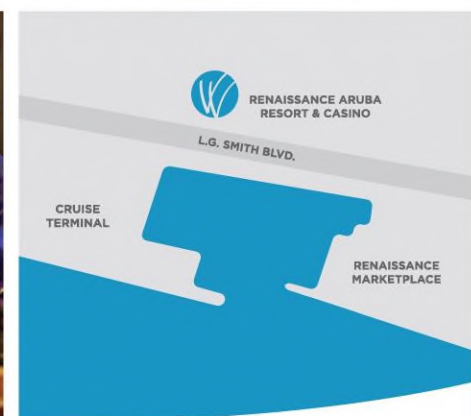
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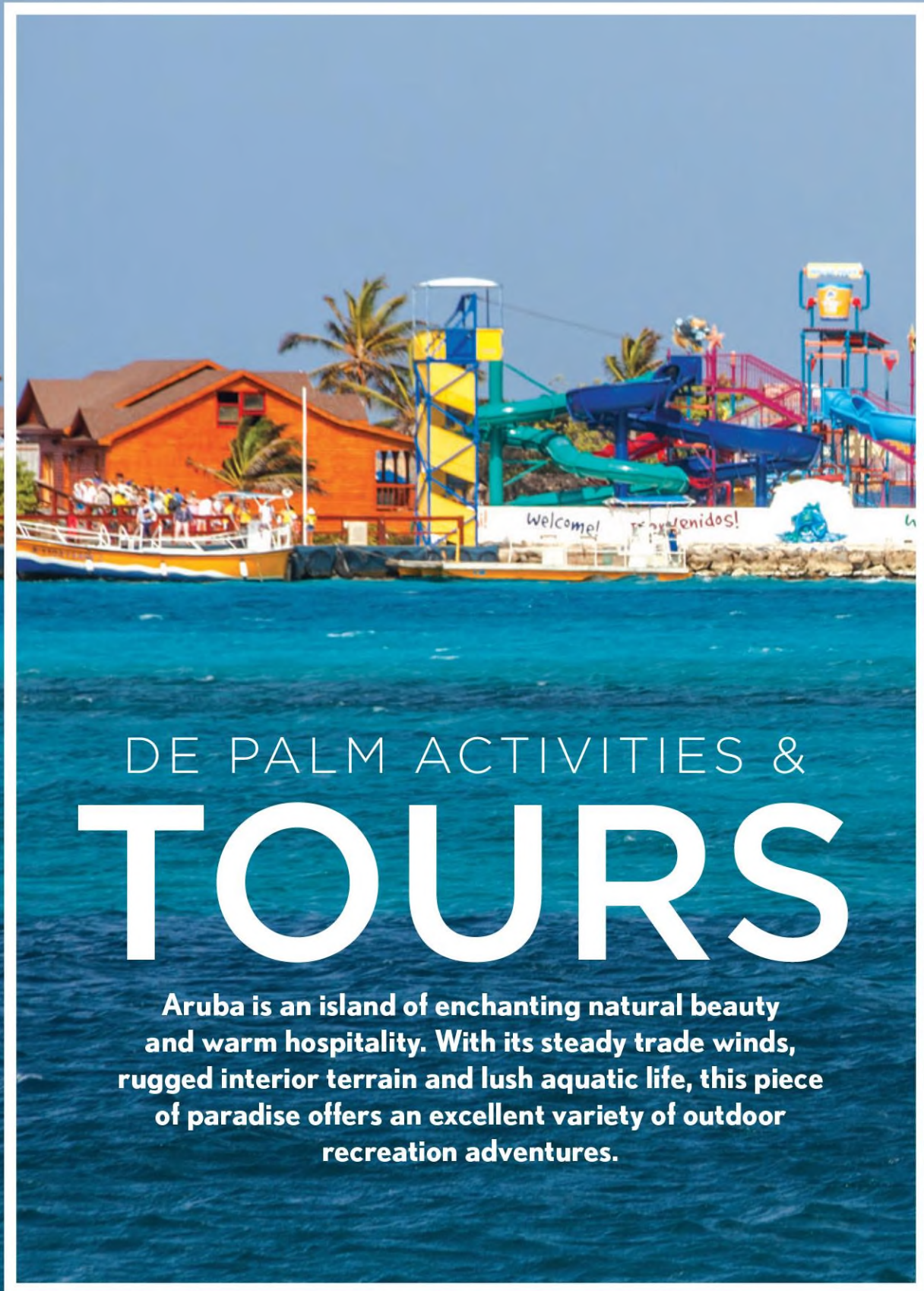
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*Min. 6 years old. Min. weight 45 lbs, max. weight 250 lbs.*



# Ultimate RELAXATION

Glistening, white-sand beaches, hammocks swinging in the shade of palm trees, picture postcard-worthy ocean views: De Palm Island is the perfect spot to unwind for the day, in the privacy of your own cabana.



◀ **PRIVATE BEACH CABINS**

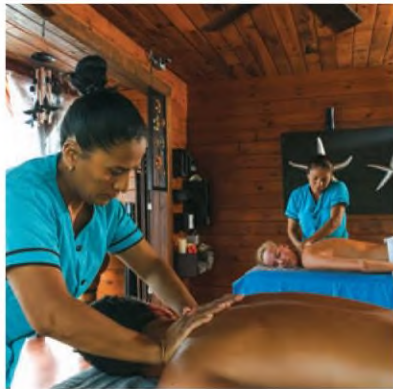
Enjoy De Palm Island in tranquility in one of our private beach cabins. The big palapas fit up to eight people comfortably and feature their own ocean sundeck.

**Includes:** beach shower, fridge with Prosecco, water and juice, a private entrance, beach lounge chairs with cushions and towels.



▼ **MASSAGES**

For a truly luxurious treat, opt for a massage or couple's treatment in our spa with a view over the ocean. Reserve your spot right after arrival at De Palm Island.



◀ **PRIVATE BEACH VILLAS**

The newest addition to De Palm Island for those wanting to enjoy the beach in a private setting. You'll share the beach with three other villas that include a corner sofa and dining area, fridge with Prosecco, juice and water, your private beach area with luxury beach beds, cushions and towels, a beach shower and concierge service. Plus, this beach has its own bar.

The cabin or villa can be booked (surcharge) through [info@depalmtours.com](mailto:info@depalmtours.com) or at the De Palm Concierge or Activity Desks in one of the hotels. If still available, the cabin or beach villa can also be booked after arrival on De Palm Island.



sun, sea & sand



“Amazing people, activity, service and experience! Everyone should try this! No regrets, fun, fun, fun!”

*Prya R.*

# UNDERWATER Experience

Snorkel right off the beach on one of Aruba's coolest coral reefs, where massive parrotfish swim in swarms of brilliant blue.



### SEA TREK®

#### A Walk in the Depths

This unique underwater experience allows you to walk the sea floor on a custom walkway wearing specially designed diving helmets and offering an up-close view of Aruba's marine life. Even non-swimmers and those who don't snorkel or dive can feed a bevy of colorful tropical fish, view a sunken bus and Land Rover, and pose for a photograph while standing between tropical fish.

Sea Trek® is only offered at De Palm Island and can be booked as an additional activity (surcharge applies).

No dive certification or prior diving or snorkeling experience is required.

Min. age is 8 years old.

Sea Trek® is offered daily except on Sundays, reservation needed (surcharge applies).



**DID YOU KNOW?**

You can watch videos of each activity of De Palm Island online at [depalmisland.com](http://depalmisland.com).



**SNUBA®**

**An Underwater Adventure**

Go beyond snorkeling and experience Aruba's underwater beauty in the safest and easiest way possible. With SNUBA® you can breathe easily underwater without wearing heavy, restrictive dive gear. Discover incredible coral formations and schools of tropical fish as you glide effortlessly under the surface. SNUBA® is safe family fun and it's easy to learn. Your professionally trained SNUBA® guide will personally take you on an underwater tour of the beautiful marine environment.

No dive certification or prior diving or snorkeling experience is required.

Min. age is 8 years old.

SNUBA® is offered on De Palm's Palm Pleasure sailing trip (daily) or at De Palm Island (surcharge applies). SNUBA® at De Palm Island is offered daily except on Sundays, reservation needed.

**SNUBA DOO®**

SNUBA Doo® is only offered on De Palm Island which allows children of 6 and 7 years of age to join their family members on a shared SNUBA® tour. Kids wear a specially designed, highly adjustable flotation vest which keeps them buoyant at the surface, while their family members SNUBA® dive below them, all with our experienced guides.

SNUBA Doo® is offered daily except on Sundays, reservation needed (surcharge applies).

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# Palm PLEASURE CATAMARAN

## AMAZING EXPERIENCE

See Aruba from a new perspective. Aboard the spacious *Palm Pleasure*, a 70-foot-long and 40-foot-wide catamaran, you'll be treated to scenic stops along the coast, where you can take in the breadth of marine life on the island.

*Palm Pleasure* is the perfect way to see two of Aruba's best snorkeling sites. Journey beyond Aruba's sandy shores to its tranquil, crystalline sea.



**MORNING SNORKEL  
ADVENTURE  
TOUR SIGHTS**

Three snorkel stops: *Antilla* Shipwreck, Arashi Reef and Boca Catalina.

**INCLUDES:**

Snorkel gear, lunch, snacks and open bar.

**UPGRADE:**

To SNUBA® possible (surcharge applies. See page 25 for more details).

**DURATION:**

Approximately 4 hours.

**DEPARTURE TIME:**

9:00 a.m. Depart from De Palm Pier located on Palm Beach between Riu Palace and Hilton Resort.

**AFTERNOON DELIGHT  
TOUR SIGHTS**

Two snorkel stops: *Antilla* Shipwreck and Boca Catalina.

**INCLUDES:**

Snorkel gear, snacks and open bar.

**UPGRADE:**

To SNUBA® possible (surcharge applies. See page 25 for more details).

**DURATION:**

Approximately 3 hours.

**DEPARTURE TIME:**

2:00 p.m. Depart from De Palm Pier located on Palm Beach between Riu Palace and Hilton Resort.



**SUNSET SAIL**

Don't think that sunsets are only enjoyable on the beach. They are even more spectacular when viewed the Palm Pleasure way, aboard our luxurious catamaran.

**INCLUDES:**

Tropical treats and open bar.

**DURATION:**

Approximately 2 hours.

**DEPARTURE TIME:**

5:30 p.m. Depart from De Palm Pier located on Palm Beach between Riu Palace and Hilton Resort.

**NOTE:** Round-trip transportation from most hotels included except for the following: Holiday Inn, Playa Linda, Hyatt Resort, The Riu Resorts, Barceló Resort, Hilton Resort, Phoenix, The Mill Resort and Brickell Bay, all of which are a short walking distance from the pier.



# Atlantis SUBMARINE

## YES! IT'S A REAL SUBMARINE

Take an exciting voyage to the depths of 130 feet below the Caribbean Sea. Join Atlantis Submarines, voted Aruba's most outstanding attraction, on an unforgettable guided tour aboard the largest passenger submarine fleet in the world. The submarine is U.S. Coast Guard approved, environmentally friendly and fully air-conditioned.

### **DURATION:**

Approximately 1 hour and 45 minutes including the shuttle vessel to/from the submarine.

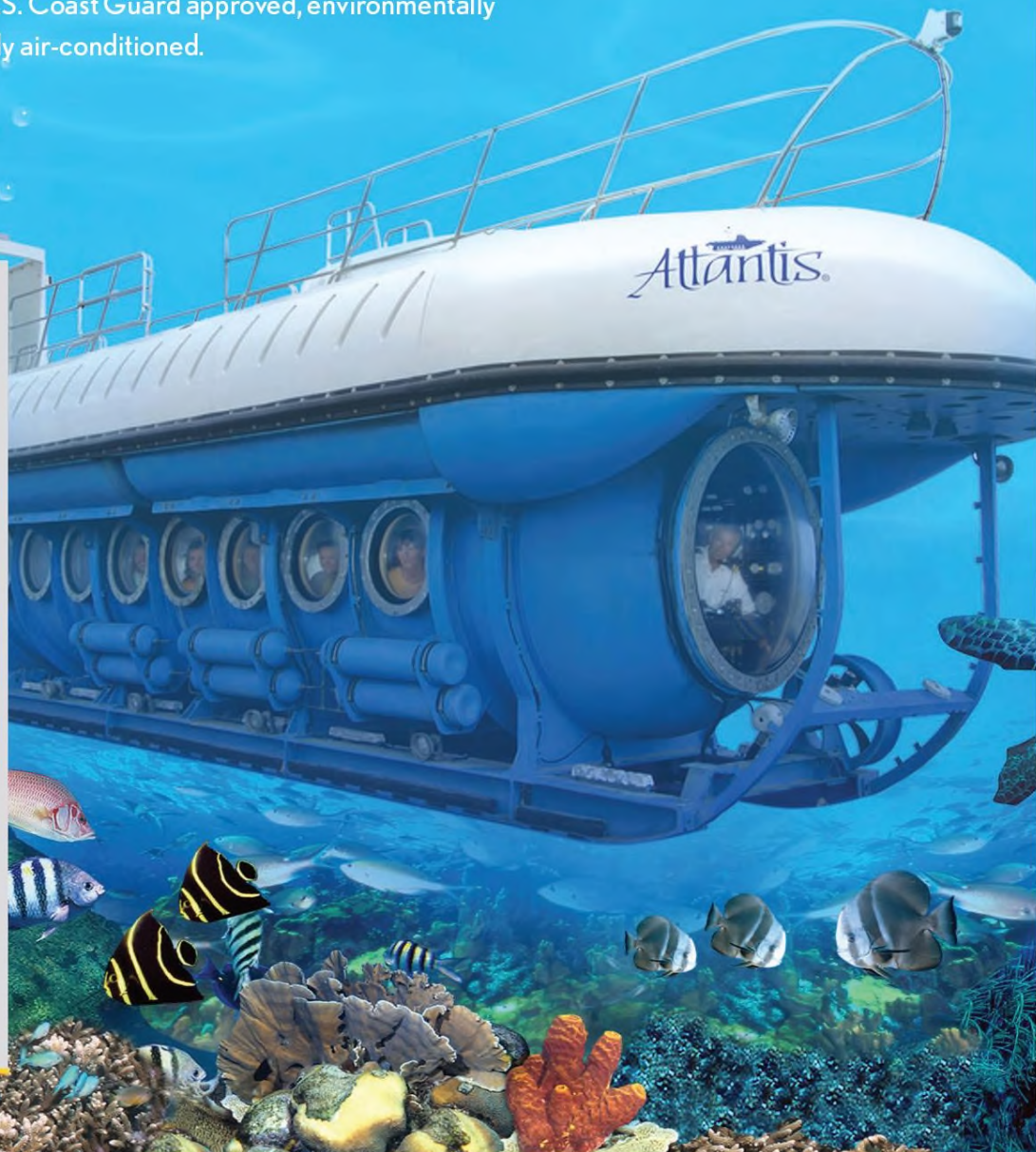
### **DEPARTURE TIME:**

11:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. Tours depart from the Atlantis Submarines store downtown across from the Renaissance Crystal Casino.

### **RECOMMENDED ATTIRE:**

Casual clothing and comfortable walking shoes (must be able to climb stairs).

**NOTE:** Children must be a minimum of 36" tall (90 cm) or 4 years old to go aboard the submarine.





**DURATION:**

Approximately 1 hour  
and 30 minutes  
(including shuttle ride).

**DEPARTURE TIME:**

11:30 a.m. and later  
depending on demand. Tours  
depart from De Palm Pier  
located between Riu Palace  
and Hilton Resort.

**RECOMMENDED**

**ATTIRE:**

Casual clothing and  
comfortable walking shoes  
(must be able to climb stairs).

**NOTE:** No age restrictions,  
children up to 2 go for free.



# Seaworld EXPLORER

## A BEAUTIFUL UNDERWATER VIEW WITHOUT GETTING WET

This air-conditioned vessel, which was originally used for research on Australia's Great Barrier Reef, remains above sea level at all times, while its hull, which sits 5 feet below the surface, provides spectacular viewing of the Arashi coral reef, abundant sea life and the largest shipwreck in the Caribbean, the World War II German freighter *Antilla*.



# Baby OFF-ROAD SAFARI BEACH

## TAKE A RIDE TO THE SOUTHERN SIDE

See Aruba through the eyes of a local on the tour that covers most of the island. Take a ride in one of our open-air, off-road vehicles to see the beauty of Aruba's flora and fauna from the rocky north shore to beautiful Baby Beach.

### **FULL DAY TOUR SIGHTS:**

Twin Natural Bridge, Ostrich Farm, Ayo Rock Formations, Donkey Sanctuary, Blackstone Beach, Caves at Arikok National Park and Baby Beach.

### **INCLUDES:**

Water, a snack, lunch and snorkel gear.

### **DURATION:**

Approximately 7 hours.

### **DEPARTURE TIME:**

8:00 a.m. Pickup at the different hotels is earlier.

**NOTE:** Pickup and drop-off at most hotels included. For more information about the pickup times, visit one of our concierge or activities desks in the hotels. Min. age 5 years old.





“This safari is incredibly fun. Our driver Mac was very informative and had a vast knowledge of the island. I highly recommend this tour to anyone.” *Matt M.*



▲ CAVES ARIKOK NATIONAL PARK

◀ BABY BEACH OFF-ROAD SAFARI

▼ DONKEY SANCTUARY



▼ TWIN NATURAL BRIDGE



“This is an experience like no other! The sea life in the Natural Pool is gorgeous.” *birthdaygirl823, Maryland*



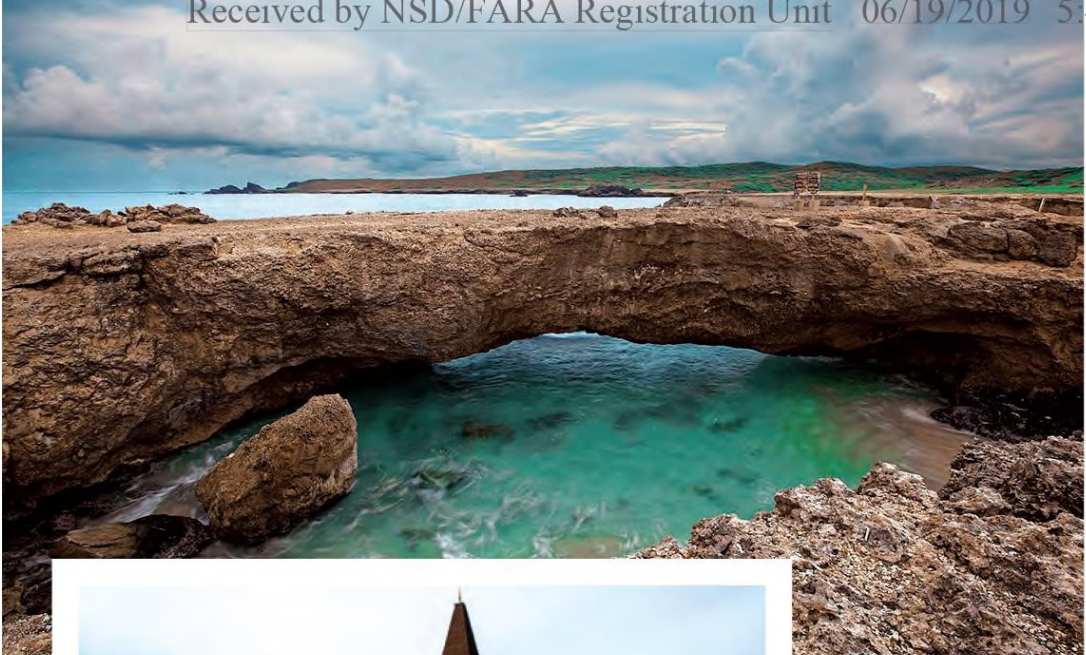
# Natural OFF-ROAD SAFARI POOL

## EXPLORE THE RUGGED OUTBACK

One of Aruba's most popular and hard to reach location, so the perfect way is stepping into one of our open-air, off-road vehicles and let our guides drive you there. This is a truly heart-racing adventure.



NATURAL POOL ►



▲ NATURAL BRIDGE

◀ ALTO VISTA CHAPEL

**HALF DAY  
TOUR SIGHTS:**

Natural Pool, Natural Bridge, Bushiribana Gold Mill Ruins, Wariruri, Alto Vista Chapel and California Lighthouse.

**INCLUDES:**

Water, a pastechi (local snack) and snorkel gear.

**DURATION:**

Approximately 4.5 hours.

**DEPARTURE TIME:**

9:00 a.m. or 1:45 p.m.

Pickup at the different hotels is earlier.

**NOTE:** Pickup and drop-off at most hotels included. For more information about the pickup times, visit one of our concierge or activities desks in the hotels. Min. age 8 years old.



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# JUMP *behind the* UTV TOURS **WHEEL**

“It was amazing and so much fun to see the beautiful, secluded areas of the island. Matthew and Richi were the best tour guides ever! Worth every penny!” *Lauren W.*

▼ CALIFORNIA LIGHTHOUSE



## UTV ANDICURI ADVENTURE

Super-charge your vacation and jump behind the wheel of one of our unique UTV vehicles, in a professionally guided off-road safari along the Andicuri Trail. This tour brings you to places that only our UTVs can reach.

### TOUR SIGHTS:

Ayo Rock Formations, Andicuri, Bushiribana Gold Mill Ruins, Alto Vista Chapel, Wariruri and California Lighthouse.

### INCLUDES:

A bottle of water and a snack.

### DURATION:

Approximately 4 hours.

### DEPARTURE TIME:

9:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.

Pickup at the different hotels is earlier.

**NOTE:** Round-trip transportation from most hotels included. For more information about the pickup times visit one of our concierge or activities desks in the hotels. Min. age driver 23 years old, min. age passenger 12 years old.

◀ ALTO VISTA CHAPEL



▼ BUSHIRIBANA GOLD MILL RUINS



# An Exciting **DRIVE** UTV TOURS

## **UTV NATURAL POOL ADVENTURE**

Prepare to get down and dirty blazing the wild beauty of Aruba's outback. This is the most thrilling way to get to the island's secluded treasure, the Natural Pool.



**TOUR SIGHTS:**

Ayo Rock Formations, Blackstone Beach, Andicuri Trail, Natural Pool, Bushiribana Gold Mill Ruins and Alto Vista Chapel.

**INCLUDES:**

Water, snack and snorkel gear (bring swimwear).

**DURATION:**

Approximately 4.5 hours.

**DEPARTURE TIME:**

8:30 a.m. or 2:15 p.m. Pickup at the different hotels is earlier.

**NOTE:** Round-trip transportation from most hotels included. For more information about the pickup times visit one of our concierge or activities desks in the hotels. Min. age driver 23 years old, min. age passenger 12 years old.



▲ NATURAL POOL



▲ AYO ROCK FORMATION

◀ ANDICURI TRAIL



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# Discover BUS TOURS ARUBA

## READY TO DISCOVER?

This half-day excursion will leave you educated on Aruba's history and culture. Our professional tour guides will give you the whole story, from the tall tales and common folklore to the certifiable facts about the island.

Take in the island's delights through an A to Z tour of Aruba presented the traditional way – in a comfortable, air-conditioned coach. This full-day tour highlights some of Aruba's wonders.





▲ BUTTERFLY FARM

▼ NATURAL BRIDGE



**ARUBA SIGHTSEEING TOUR (HALF DAY):**

Alto Vista Chapel, Casibari Rock Formations, California Lighthouse, Natural Bridge and Butterfly Farm.

**INCLUDES:**

A bottle of water and a pastechi (local snack).

**DURATION:**

Approximately 3.5 hours.

**DEPARTURE TIME:**

10:00 a.m. Pickup at the different hotels is earlier.

**NOTE:** Pickup and drop-off at most hotels included. For more information about the pickup times, visit one of our concierge or activities desks in the hotels. No age limit.

Bus with wheelchair lift available upon request. \*Only available for the Sightseeing Tour.

**DISCOVER ARUBA TOUR (FULL DAY):**

Bushiribana Gold Mill Ruins, Alto Vista Chapel, Casibari Rock Formations, California Lighthouse and the final stop at the beautiful Baby Beach.

**INCLUDES:**

A bottle of water, a pastechi (local snack), lunch and snorkel gear.

**DURATION:**

Approximately 6.5 hours.

**DEPARTURE TIME:**

10:00 a.m. Pickup at the different hotels is earlier.

**NOTE:** Pickup and drop-off at most hotels included. For more information about the pickup times, visit one of our concierge or activities desks in the hotels. No age limit.

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# People, Experiences and PLACES



#### ◀ BUSHIRIBANA GOLD MILL RUINS

In the 1400s and 1500s, adventurers traveled throughout the Caribbean in search of wealth and treasure. According to legend, Aruba's name comes from "Oro Ruba," which means "red gold." In 1824, gold was finally discovered in Aruba, and the industry produced more than 3 million pounds of gold. Today, remnants of this history can be seen at places such as the Bushiribana Gold Mill Ruins on the northern coast. The abandoned gold mill once processed ore from mines in the nearby hills during Aruba's gold rush of the 19th century.

“Fun trip to the Natural Pool, chapel and other places on the island.”

*Idvxa2015, Frederick, Maryland*



▲ **CASIBARI ROCK FORMATIONS**

Casibari's huge tonalite boulders sit together in an area just north of Hooiberg. This rock formation rises up from the desert soil to create an unusual setting and spectacular photo opportunities. Some of the boulders weigh several tons and feature peculiar forms. The Government of Aruba has created walking trails and steps through the boulders, allowing hikers to reach the top to obtain breathtaking views of the island.



◀ **NATURAL POOL**

On a deserted stretch of coastline, dramatic shows of water spraying over the rock occur on a regular basis as the tide rushes to shore. In a unique formation of rock, volcanic stone circles a small depression, creating a tranquil pool known locally as "conchi" or "Cura di Tortuga."



▲ **ALTO VISTA CHAPEL**

The picturesque Chapel of Alto Vista was the island's first Roman Catholic Church, built in 1750 and reconstructed in 1953. The small, bright yellow chapel is reached by a winding road, lined with white crosses marking the Stations of the Cross.



▲ **CALIFORNIA LIGHTHOUSE**

Found on the north side of the island, the hilltop landmark was built in 1914 to warn ships nearing Aruba. Also known as "Hudishibana," it was named after an American steamship that wrecked off the shore in the late 1800s. The lighthouse was completely renovated last year and is in operation today. It opened up for visitors again, the views are stunning and it is a great place to watch the Caribbean sunset.

Book your favorite tours at one of our sales locations (see page 10) or book online at [depalmtours.com](http://depalmtours.com).

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# Beaches GALORE

White-sand beaches, average temperatures in the 80s and blue, crystalline waters make Aruba the perfect place for those seeking fun in the sun.



▲ **EAGLE BEACH**

**Pros:** Facilities right on the beach  
**Best for:** Water sports and swimming  
**Extras:** Go by car or by bus, plenty of parking spaces and palapa huts for shade.



▲ **HADICURARI BEACH**

**Pros:** Shallow water, great waves  
**Best for:** Windsurfing. It is the site of the annual Hi-Winds Pro-Am Windsurfing tournament.  
**Extras:** Accessible by bus or car, plenty of parking spots

▼ **BABY BEACH**

**Pros:** Calm and shallow waters, perfect for the little ones  
**Best for:** Swimming and snorkeling



▲ **PALM BEACH**

**Pros:** Along the high-rise hotels  
**Best for:** Family activities, crowd watching, sunbathing and socializing  
**Extras:** Oceanside bars and kiosks to enjoy great cocktails, to get a bite to eat or to buy souvenirs



▲ **DE PALM ISLAND**

**Pros:** Food, beverages, boundless activities and unrestricted relaxation  
**Best for:** Snorkeling and unlimited fun  
**Extras:** Sea Trek & SNUBA

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# The Natural Bridge

For thousands of years, pounding waves and strong winds have slowly chiseled away at the limestone cliffs along Aruba's north coast to create several natural bridges. The largest used to be the famous Natural Bridge, which collapsed on September 2, 2005. Despite this, it is still the most photographed natural bridge and it remains a tourist attraction in Aruba, with the adjacent intact Baby Bridge also meriting a visit.



## 1. FORMER NATURAL BRIDGE

The natural arch (as it used to be), measuring approximately 25 feet (7.6 m) high and 100 feet (30 m) long, was the remnant of an ancient cave.

## 2. COLLAPSED NATURAL BRIDGE

Since the collapsed bridge is now blocking the ocean from the beach, magnificent sceneries of the waves bursting against the rocks can be viewed from the bay behind the ruins of the bridge.

## 3. WORTH A VISIT

The beautiful building at the Natural Bridge has an Aruba country home look and feel, which is typical of the old-style homes on the island. The interior includes state-of-the-art restrooms, a nice bar, gift shop and sitting areas. One of the most unique features are the panoramic views to the ocean and the surrounding hills right from the sitting areas which are created by a series of big windows. The view is second to none. This is also one of the reasons the Natural Bridge is the most unique location for a private event.

## 4. NEW FRESH DUTCH WAFFLES "STROOPWAFELS"

A fresh made waffle from two thin layers of baked dough with a caramel syrup filling in the middle. No wonder these are so popular in the Netherlands. Now available at the Natural Bridge.

## 5. THE GIFT SHOP

Offers unique souvenirs and the very popular Biba Dushi and Aruba Rescue lines of apparel. The bar includes a wide selection of alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages, snacks, sandwiches and ice cream. The Natural Bridge is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is worth the trip especially if you have not been there in a long time.

## 6. TOURING THE NATURAL BRIDGE

The Natural Bridge and Baby Bridge are a stop during many island tours and can also be reached with your own car. The roads are not perfectly paved but a 4WD is not necessary. The Natural Bridge is just a little farther down from Bushiribana Gold Mill Ruins, passing the Ostrich Farm. From the Natural Bridge you'll have a view to Andicuri Beach. This beach, though, can only be reached with a proper 4WD or organized off-road safari (see page 36) [-> UTV]. For tours to the Natural Bridge by bus, see page 38 and by off-road vehicles, see page 32.

# A must see! The Natural Bridge



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- Local Snacks
- Clean Restrooms
- Gift Shop
- Fresh Dutch Waffles (Stroopwafels)
- Spectacular Views
- Cold Refreshments
- And more...

**Visit with a tour or with your own vehicle.**

search "Natural Bridge Aruba" in your navigation app for the route

# Exploring Waves and Trails

The best activities to complete your Aruba experience



## 1 RANCHO LA PONDEROSA HORSEBACK RIDING

"Thanks for a wonderful time!" This is a sentiment echoed by Rancho La Ponderosa's many satisfied riders. The difference is in the quality of both horse and trail, and the more than 30 years of experience of owner Luis "Lucho" Claro, one of Aruba's most respected horsemen. Lucho will provide the perfect horse to match your skill level. From the saddle of one of his private stock of well-cared-for horses, you can enjoy the natural beauty of Aruba from scenic trails. Ponderosa offers an experience unequalled by any other riding establishment, with groups taken to sites that include Wariruri Beach, Bushiribana Gold Mill Ruins and the famous Ostrich Farm.



## 2 BUTTERFLY FARM

This is one of Aruba's best and most unusual attractions – a close encounter with nature in all its beauty and diversity. Step into a tropical garden teeming with butterflies from around the globe, and prepare to meet some of the world's most colorful and beloved creatures. During the 25-minute tour, led by expert guides, the life cycle of these fascinating insects is thoroughly described, from the egg to the caterpillar, to the chrysalis and to the butterfly.

The Butterfly Farm and its unique gift shop are conveniently located at Palm Beach, across the street from the Aruba Phoenix Hotel. Photography is welcome. The attraction is open seven days a week from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with the last tour of the day at 4:00 p.m. Don't forget your camera.

## 3 JOLLY PIRATES

Our most requested cruise, *Jolly Pirates*, is voted #1 for FUN!

**Sail, Snorkel, Swim and Swing:** Offered daily 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. for \$60 per person. Our 85-foot teak schooner will take you to three great sites to swim or snorkel. Malmok Reefs and Boca Catalina offer waist-high snorkeling. At the World War II *Antilla* wreck, our crew will take you on a magnificent tour of this sunken treasure. BBQ lunch, open bar, gear and rope swing are all included.

**Afternoon Snorkel:** Offered daily 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. for \$45 per person. The same three sites are offered with gear, open bar and rope swing included.

**Jolly Pirates Sunset Sail:** Offered daily 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. for \$32 per person. Open bar and rope swing are included.

*Jolly Pirates* cruises depart from Moomba Beach, located between the Holiday Inn and the Marriott Resort.



## 4 KUKOO KUNUKU

"Hands down Aruba's best nighttime activity" El Entertainment TV

**Dinner and Nightlife Tour:** (6:00 p.m. - Midnight) This original dinner and bar-hopping adventure takes you into the countryside and down city alleys for a true Caribbean experience. Enjoy a sunset toast and then feast on a BBQ dinner.\* After dinner we are off to our favorite pubs & clubs for an evening of fun, new friends and entertainment. First drink is on us at every stop. Go Kukooooooooooooo!

**Pub Krawl:** (8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.) Come Join the party after dinner. Bar Hopping - Aruba style. Complimentary Kukoo shot glass with free welcome shot at every stop. Catch the Island Spirit, learn the local motion and leave the driving to us. We will pick you up at your hotel and bring you safely home. All evening tours; 18 years and older.

**New Niche & Specialty Tours from Kukoo Kunuku** - Call for days and departure times \*\*\* Wine and Food Pairing Tour \*\*\* Caribbean Rum Night \*\*\* Beer from Around the World Tour \*\*\*

See your De Palm Rep. or call 586-2010 for information and reservations.

# TANTALIZING FLAVORS

With a multicultural history influenced by Amerindians, merchants, pirates, Dutch and Spanish colonial powers, African slaves and Asian settlers, Aruba is a place of unique and diverse culinary experiences, world-renowned for the quality and diversity of its fine restaurants.



SEAFOOD

# AQUA GRILL

## RESTAURANT

Among the island's many fine restaurants, Aqua Grill is the premier seafood sensation. Excitingly prepared in an open-view kitchen, fresh local catches join delicacies from waters abroad, including live Maine lobster, Chilean salmon, sashimi tuna and Alaskan king crab, along with a selection of non-seafood dishes. In addition to a selection of authentic dishes, your seafood can also be prepared wood-grilled, steamed or pan-fried upon request. Complementing the menu is the island's largest raw bar and a generous wine list of over 100 selections – a Wine Spectator Award of Excellence winner since 2009.

J.E. Irausquin Blvd 374, Palm Beach  
Tel.: +(297) 586-5900

Open Monday–Saturday 6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.  
Sunday 5:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

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➔ [AQUA-GRILL@SETARNET.AW](mailto:AQUA-GRILL@SETARNET.AW)



➔ OUR DELICIOUS FARE

> APPETIZERS

**Oysters on the Half Shell**

Seasonal varieties available, served with horseradish, cocktail sauce or champagne mignonette.

**Lobster Salad**

Served with taro root chips and grape tomatoes.

**Ceviche Peruano**

Fish, shrimp and squid in a spicy lime marinade, presented with sweet potato and toasted corn.

**Chesapeake Crab Cake**

Served with a mushroom-mignonette sauce, frizzled greens and crème fraiche.

**Fish Soup**

Prepared with fresh tomato, fennel and saffron, served with sweet potato dumplings.

> ENTRÉES

**Cioppino**

Maine lobster, shrimp, scallops, mussels, clams and calamari simmered in a light tomato sauce with wine, saffron, fennel and herbs.

**Steamed Live Maine Lobster**

Served complete in the shell.

**Plank Salmon and Scallop Soba Noodles**

Marinated fillet roasted and presented on a cedar plank accompanied by a casserole of sea scallops, buckwheat soba noodles and ginger-sesame sauce.

**Alaskan King Crab Legs**

Steamed whole in the shell and served with roasted garlic aioli.

**Blackened Tuna**

Presented rare with pica de papaya sauce, buttered chayote and sweet potatoes, topped with frizzled greens.

> DESSERTS

**Scratch Cheesecake**

Simple, rustic and fresh, with plum compote.

**Fudge Brownie**

With vanilla ice cream and glazed walnuts.

**Key Lime Pie**

The original recipe.



*For our full menu, please visit our website. Menu subject to change.*



**About the Culinary Team**

Aqua Grill's award-winning culinary team excels in a variety of regional style, offering an intriguing selection of non-seafood dishes. They feature the island's largest raw bar and a generous wine list of more than 100 select wines. Seeing is believing at Aqua Grill.



INTERNATIONAL

# BAREFOOT

RESTAURANT

➤ OUR DELICIOUS FARE

➤ APPETIZERS, SALADS & SOUP

**Goat Cheese Medallions**

Goat cheese on roasted bell pepper, topped with a red onion chutney, finished with balsamic syrup.

**Skirt Steak Salad**

Salad of gourmet lettuce, avocado and papaya, topped with grilled skirt steak and finished with a light spicy papaya dressing.

**Prosciutto & Melon**

Delight of Parma ham & melon, served with arugula, completed with a bell pepper reduction.

**Lobster Cappuccino**

Lobster bisque finished with a vanilla froth.

➤ ENTREES

**Caribbean Grouper**

Grouper filet topped with mango cream cheese, served with a mango sauce.

**Blackened Mahi Mahi**

Blackened filet of Mahi, accompanied by a homemade pineapple salsa.

**Snapper "Old Amsterdam"**

Snapper filet, topped with a crust of Old Amsterdam cheese, parsley & bread crumbs, complemented by a white wine sauce.

**Shellfish Trio**

Marriage of lobster, shrimp and scallops in a delightful lobster sauce.

**Chicken & Pineapple**

Chicken breast sautéed with vegetables & pineapple, in an oriental sweet & sour sauce, served with rice.

**Tenderloin & Truffle**

Tournedos (Angus beef) served with a sauce of truffle & mushrooms.

➤ DESSERTS

**Snickers Cheesecake**

Cheesecake made of Snickers, served with hazelnut ice cream.

**Banana Misu**

Tiramisu made with banana instead of coffee.



**Barefoot**  
Elegant Dining in Flipflops  
ARUBA

As the name suggests, this is the ideal for dining on Aruba! The ocean in the background, the gentle tropical breeze and your feet in the white sand - all this while enjoying great food and friendly professional service.

Located across Talk of the Town, near the airport, we have tables right on the beach and under a large palapa, if the elements do not cooperate fully. Barefoot is the ideal spot for a great dinner in a tropical ambiance.

Gerco, Luc & the entire Barefoot team are looking forward to welcoming you here for a fabulous evening, in flip-flops!

For reservations call us at 588-9824 or email us at [eat@barefootaruba.com](mailto:eat@barefootaruba.com)

"Elegant dining in flip-flops"  
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DUTCH CARIBBEAN

# QUINTA DEL CARMEN

## RESTAURANT

### ➤ OUR DELICIOUS FARE

#### > APPETIZERS

##### **Carpaccio & Truffle**

Marinated raw beef tenderloin, topped with truffle mayonnaise, pine nuts, gourmet lettuce and crispy Parmigiano Reggiano.

##### **Scallops "Au Gratin"**

Scallops under a crust of béchamel sauce and Old Amsterdam cheese.

##### **Watermelon Delight**

Tropical surprise of watermelon, cucumber, tomato, mint, olives and marinated onion, topped with feta cheese.

#### > ENTRÉES

##### **Mahi Mahi & Truffle**

Mahi mahi filet served with our famous creamy truffle sauce.

##### **Shrimp Piña Colada**

Stir fried shrimp with pieces of pineapple, complemented by a light spicy coconut-pineapple sauce.

##### **Quinta's Seafood Paella**

Our version of the Spanish classic, fresh seafood medley, cooked and served with saffron rice, topped with jumbo shrimp, clams and mussels.

##### **Grouper, Shrimp & Salmon**

Filet of grouper, topped with shrimp, smoked salmon, green asparagus and goat cheese, finished with a white wine herb sauce.

##### **Tenderloin & Blue Cheese**

US Black Angus tenderloin "au gratin" with blue cheese, served on sautéed garlic mushrooms, complemented by a Madeira au jus.

##### **Sucade Lappen (Draadjsvlees)**

A traditional Dutch dish, similar to an iron steak, stewed for hours in red wine, herbs and spices, served in its own gravy. Fantastic!

#### > DESSERTS

##### **Stroopwafel Parfait**

Parfait of the famous stroopwafels set upon a swirl of caramel. Fabulous!

#### > SPECIALS FROM THE BAR

##### **Patillarita**

Our take on a classic Margarita. Muddled fresh watermelon, watermelon liqueur, our signature watermelon-rosé syrup and tequila blanco.



In an almost 100-year old mansion, Quinta del Carmen is cooking in style. Be intrigued by its history while enjoying Dutch cuisine with Caribbean flair, paired by a great glass of wine from an extensive wine collection. This beautifully restored Aruban landmark is a unique and must-visit on your trip to Aruba. Just a short drive from all the major hotels, a team of professionals welcomes you with a smile. Bon Bini!

**"Monumental Courtyard Dining"**  
Bubali 119, Oranjestad, Aruba  
Tel.: +(297) 587-7200

Kitchen is open seven days a week  
from 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

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INTERNATIONAL

# BARNEY'S

## BAR & RESTAURANT

### ➤ OUR DELICIOUS FARE

#### Firecrackers

Shrimp deep fried tossed around in a light spicy homemade sauce.

#### Barney's Crab Cakes

Homemade crab cakes made of 100% lump crab meat served with a right spicy remoulade sauce.

#### Elian's Creation

Warm goat cheese wrapped in bacon with honey served on a garden salad with balsamic dressing.

#### Build Your Own Burger

Create your own burger by filling out the little form on the table; served with salad, coleslaw and fries.

#### Bronto Saures Ribs

Tender juicy baby back ribs with your choice of sauce, such as barbecue, honey or devils hot; served with salad, coleslaw and fries. Daily all you can eat also available.

#### Parmesan Grouper

Grouper fillet topped with a mix of parmesan cheese, mayonnaise, mustard and egg. With steamed veggies and a side of your choice.

#### Fresh Fish Market

Choose from our fresh daily caught local fish, add shrimp, scallops or lobster tail and choose your sides and sauce.



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Barney's Bar & Restaurant is a unique family style restaurant with great prices. The menu is absolutely fun! From baby back ribs, Fajitas and build your own burger to their local caught fish market where you can create your own fish dinner, with different kind of fish filets, scallops, shrimp and lobster tail.

Open Monday thru Saturday  
From 4:00 p.m. till 10:00 p.m.  
Daily happy hour from  
4:00 p.m. till 6:00 p.m.  
Friday night karaoke  
from 10:00 p.m. till 2:00 a.m.  
(happy hour again from  
from 10:00 p.m. till 12:00 )  
Closed on Sunday

Palm Beach 21 A, Noord  
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GOURMET EUROPEAN

# MELT AWAY CAFÉ

## RESTAURANT

### ➔ OUR DELICIOUS FARE

#### **Gouda Salad**

Mixed young leaf salad with apple, walnuts, Gouda cheese and orange dressing.

#### **The Mexican**

Grilled cheese with guacamole, jack cheese, cheddar cheese and crushed tortilla chips.

#### **The Appleton**

Grilled brioche with apple, salted caramel and cheddar cheese.

#### **Raclette or Fondue**

Served with bread, different cuts of cured ham and salamis, grapes, cherry tomato, bell pepper, cooked small potatoes and mushrooms.

#### **Bottine Blanc**

Young leaf salad with caramelized bottine blanc goat cheese, hazelnuts and balsamic syrup.

#### **Sea Bass Au Gratin**

Sea bass with a Gouda cheese crust, fresh herbs tagliatelle and steamed veggies.



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It's known that the only thing better than cheese is melted cheese! Seduce your taste buds with a cheese dish and wine pairing that will leave you wanting more.

We offer quality Dutch cheeses in delightful dishes like gourmet grilled cheese sandwiches, fabulous fondues and rich raclettes, to pair with some of the finest wines by the glass or the bottle, our fabulous hearty mains like pork tenderloin, sea bass and pasta with cheese as the star sauce.

Open seven days a week  
11:00 a.m. -10:00 p.m.  
Lunch / Dinner

Paseo Herencia Mall  
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INTERNATIONAL

# LOBBY

## RESTAURANT & BAR

Lobby Restaurant & Bar is the hot spot in Aruba. With expertly prepared creative cocktails, an extensive wine selection and exquisite outside terrace, the Lobby Restaurant & Bar is the perfect place to grab a drink, share an appetizer or enjoy a meal.

You'll enjoy an al fresco setting, modern and comfortable seating, and a detailed menu that is full of international cuisine, USDA-certified prime steak and fresh fish. Lobby Restaurant & Bar is not just great dining, but a night out! Elegantly casual and elegant attire is suggested. Live DJ every night.

J.E. Irausquin Blvd 348, Noord, Aruba  
Sunday – Thursday: 6:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m.  
Friday – Saturday: 6:00 p.m. – 3:00 a.m.  
Tel.: +(297) 280-5330

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➔ OUR DELICIOUS FARE



> MAIN

**USDA PRIME 32 oz.**

Tomahawk steak, perfect for sharing!

**18-oz. Whole Rack of Lamb**

Cooked sous-vide with garlic and thyme.

**Crispy Skin Pan-fried Branzino**

Served with lemon-beurre blanc.

**24-oz. Whole Dover Sole**

Served à la meuniere.



> APPETIZERS

**Tuna Tartare**

Served with avocado puree, orange, seaweed and 'teriyaki sauce'.

**Sous-vide**

Cooked pork belly glazed with 'five spices', ginger and balsamic vinegar, green bean salad and spicy mayonnaise.

**Peking Style Duck**

Confit of duck leg served in small pancakes with hoisin sauce and cucumber.

**Stuffed Mushrooms 'Au Gratin'**

With Gouda cheese, sauteed garlic spinach and truffle sauce.

**LOBBY Salad**

Rich salad with pan-fried shrimp, soft goat cheese, roasted bell peppers, pecans and chili mayonnaise.

**Black Angus Tenderloin**

Served as tataki with marinated fennel, grapefruit and walnut mayonnaise.

> SUSHI

**Lady's Roll Sushi**

Boston lettuce and rice paper roll with sea bass, tuna, salmon, green asparagus served with red wine vinegar-lemon grass sauce.

**Shrimp & Scallops Roll**

Fried roll with tempura shrimp, scallop and cream cheese topping with bbq'ed eel sauce.

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**About the chef Rob Nollé**

I started under the guidance of my father who has been a chef for almost 40 years now. He taught me all the basic and classic skills a chef should possess. For eight years, I had the privilege to work with five different Dutch masterchefs in various Michelin Star restaurants. I learned the finesse, dedication and skills required to work at such high level; I also learned what defines quality, how important it is to work with top-notch ingredients and to surround yourself with good people who are willing to learn and become better every day.



INTERNATIONAL

# MATTHEW'S

## BEACHSIDE RESTAURANT

At Matthew's we want to go out of our way to make your experience a truly memorable one. Celebrated as one of the best open-air restaurants in Aruba and surrounded by the sound of the Caribbean waves crashing on the shore, Matthew's offers the island's best sunset view. Our dishes are prepared using the freshest ingredients for an excellent, upscale Caribbean, international and seafood culinary experience. Matthew's beachside restaurant offers a variety of activities that make it worth visiting.

**J.E. Irausquin Blvd. 51, Oranjestad**  
is located on Punta Brabo beach,  
at Casa del Mar Beach Resort  
Tel.: +(297) 588-7300

**Opening hours: Monday to Sunday 7:30 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.**

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➔ OUR DELICIOUS FARE



> COLD STARTERS

**Goat Cheese Wrapped in Italian Prosciutto Ham**

Pan-seared, served over mixed local organic lettuce, raspberry vinaigrette. *CD*

**Shrimp Cocktail**

Served with horseradish cocktail sauce, lemon wedge. *GF*

**Sesame-crusted Sushi Grade Tuna Tataky**

Wasabi green pea puree, Wakame cucumber salad, teriyaki glaze.

> SEAFOOD MAIN COURSES

**Caribbean Red Snapper**

Pan seared served with rice, seasonal vegetables, creamy shrimp sauce. *CD*

**Blackened Corvina**

Sweet potato bacon hash, sautéed vegetables, tomato pineapple sauce. *GF*

**Coconut Shrimp**

Shrimp breaded with coconut served with rice, seasonal vegetables, piña colada sauce.

**Pan-seared Atlantic Grouper**

Sautéed Napa cabbage mixed with grated carrots, roasted peppers, cilantro guacamole.

**Sesame-crusted Tuna Steak**

Seared and served with warm Soba noodles, ginger, Asian vegetables, Chinese sauce.

**Piña Colada Shrimp**

Shrimp prepared with pineapple, Caribbean rum in a creamy coconut sauce, rice and seasonal vegetables.

**Pan-roasted Salmon**

Wilted spinach, diced tomato in old-fashion, stone-ground mustard sauce *CD, GF*

**Lobster Tail 10 oz.**

Pan-roasted with garlic herb butter, rice and seasonal vegetables. *CD*

> THE FIELDS

**Beef Tips**

Beef tenderloin tips, fettuccine and creamy truffle sauce. *CD*

**Filet Mignon 8oz**

Served with mashed potato, seasonal vegetables and red wine sauce. *CD, GF*

**Chicken Cordon Bleu**

Breaded chicken breast, stuffed with ham and

Gouda cheese served with mashed potato, seasonal vegetables and mushroom sauce. *CD*

**Meat Combo**

Petite filet mignon, chicken breast, chorizo, mashed potato, seasonal vegetables and creamy peppercorn sauce. *CD, GF*

**Greek Ground Beef Kofta**

Marinated with Greek spices, served on roasted eggplant puree, garlic mayo. *GF*

**Surf & Turf**

Filet Mignon 6 oz., garlic shrimp, mashed potato, seasonal vegetables and mushroom sauce. *CD*

> VEGETARIAN DISHES

**Stuffed Roasted Peppers**

Large couscous, spinach, mushroom, squash, zucchini, tomato sauce. *GF*

**Penne Primavera**

Squash, zucchini, artichoke, spinach, tomato sauce.



*CD - Contains Dairy GF - Gluten Free. For our full menu, please visit our website. Menu subject to change.*



***“It took him a personal journey through business.”***

Stefan Legger arrived in Aruba in November, 1992. He grew up in the Netherlands, where he completed his education in Hospitality at the Hotel Management School in Groningen. Ever since he was a young kid, he had the desire to have a profession in the catering industry. It only took him three weeks after his arrival to get his first job in Aruba, and at the age of 25 he had already gained a lot of experience by working at several restaurants. This experience helped him become a partner in various restaurants. He is currently the owner of Matthew's Beachside Restaurant, M's Crepe Shack and Santos Coffee with Soul.



EXOTIC

# PAPIAMENTO

## RESTAURANT

Dinner at Papiamento Restaurant is an experience no one will ever forget. Surrounded by a lush garden around a turquoise, sparkling pool with twinkling lights in the tree branches, the setting is magical. The 126-year-old Aruban "cunucu" house next to the pool is filled with gorgeous antiques from Europe, the oldest dating back to the early 1800s. It's the personal touches that make this place so wonderful: real flowers in amazingly beautiful arrangements, polished utensils from a former, more leisurely era and the intense pride of knowing that wonderful dishes are being served.

Washington 61, Noord  
Open Tuesday – Sunday  
Noon – 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 – 10:00 p.m.  
Tel.: +(297) 586-4544 and+(297) 594-5504

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**PAPIAMENTO**  
Restaurant

*Family-owned since 1983*

➔ OUR DELICIOUS FARE

> APPETIZERS

**Soppi Oester**

Aruban oyster soup, a true local specialty.

**Keshi Yena**

Minced tenderloin and chunks of chicken stewed with prunes, golden raisins, olives and cashews, flame-broiled with Dutch cheese – “Our Family Recipe.”

**Crudit **

Sliced salame, Calabrese and capocollo with marinated vegetables and olives.

> ENTR ES

**“Lenie’s” Parmesan**

Chicken filet baked in a tomato basil sauce with Gouda cheese au gratin and served with pasta.

**Chef’s Favorite**

Flame-grilled tenderloin steak with Gorgonzola au gratin.

**Cazuela**

Caribbean shrimp and rock lobster stewed in an Aruban-style chowder with coconut milk.

> ON THE STONE

**Mermaid**

Filet of wahoo with Caribbean shrimp served with local papaya hot sauce .

**Lamb Chops**

Marinated in red wine and Provence herbs, and served with mint jelly.

**Madame Butterfly**

Butterfly-cut tenderloin steak served with a green and pink peppercorn sauce.



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GOURMET

# AMUSE SUNSET

RESTAURANT

## → OUR DELICIOUS FARE

### > APPETIZERS

#### Lobster Bisque

Light creamy lobster soup with lobster meat.

#### Goat Cheese and Truffle Honey Salad

With toasted bread, salad and pear compote.

#### Beef Carpaccio

With pesto, truffle mayonnaise, Parmigiano Reggiano fritters.

#### Deep Fried Calamari

With Thai spiced coleslaw and curry lemon grass sauce.

#### Sesame Tuna

Tataki style, with oriental sauce and grapefruit dressing.

#### Truffle Linguini

Rich dish of linguini with cream, parmesan cheese and truffle.

### > ENTRÉES

#### Pan Fried Scallops

On cauliflower puree, with roasted garlic white wine lemon sauce.

#### King Clip Fish with Lump Crab Crust

Delicious white flaky fish topped with potato,

crab, tarragon and mustard crust, served with beurre blanc.

#### Grilled USDA Cowboy Ribeye 21 oz.

Coffee-rubbed bone-in ribeye, caramelized onion butter and truffle fries.

#### Herb-crusted Lamb Chops

Mustard, thyme, parsley and parmesan cheese crust. Served with sweet potato gratin and rosemary sauce.

#### 16-oz. Bone in Pork Chop Cordon Bleu

Pork chop filled with sharp cheese and ham served with caper and lemon cream on mashed potato.

#### Tenderloin and Lobster

With short rib stew sauce, mashed potato and veggies.

### > DESSERT

#### Brownie with Red Wine Ice Cream

#### Petite Grand Dessert

Assorted deliciousness from our menu.

### > SPECIALS

Catch of the day, Carte Blanche menu, vegetarian menu and gluten-free options.



Sunset Restaurant Aruba

Amuse Sunset Restaurant Aruba serves gourmet cuisine, prepared with the freshest and finest ingredients. From French classics made with an Aruban style, to exclusive gourmet creations. Enjoy a glass of wine paired with each of your plates. Our attentive staff will make your visit a pleasant experience.

Amuse Sunset Restaurant Aruba is the place where your taste buds will be delighted.

Bucutiweg #50  
(behind the airport)  
Oranjestad  
Tel.: +(297) 586-9949

Seven days a week from  
5:30 to 10:30 p.m.

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JAPANESE / HIBACHI

# BENIHANA

RESTAURANT

➔ OUR DELICIOUS FARE

> SAKE

**Benihana Hot Sake**  
**Premium Cold Sake**  
**Murai Family Sugidama**

> SUSHI SELECTION

All served with Benihana salad and miso soup.  
**Sushi / Sashimi Combination**  
An assortment of sushi and sashimi served with steamed rice.

**Shrimp Lovers Roll**

Crab, avocado, shrimp tempura, shrimp & cucumber.

**Rainbow Roll**

Tuna, shrimp, yellowtail, izumidai, salmon, crab, avocado & cucumber.

**Lobster Roll**

Lobster tempura, crab, cucumber, romaine lettuce.

> ENTREES

**Noodle & Tofu Yakisoba**

Japanese sautéed noodles with chicken and mixed vegetables in a special sauce, and sprinkled with sesame seeds.

**Steak & Chicken Teriyaki Chicken**

Chicken breast grilled with mushrooms in a special homemade teriyaki sauce.

**Hibachi Chateaubriand**

8.5 ounces of center-cut tenderloin, with mushrooms lightly seasoned and grilled with garlic butter.

> SEAFOOD

**Ocean Treasure**

Steamed cold-water lobster tail with grilled sea scallops and colossal shrimp.

**Specialties**

Six-course meal served with Benihana onion soup, Benihana salad, hibachi shrimp appetizer, hibachi vegetables, homemade dipping sauces, steamed rice, ice cream or sherbet and Japanese green tea.

**Benihana Trio**

Filet mignon, chicken breast and colossal shrimp grilled with lemon and butter.

**Hibachi Supreme**

Chateaubriand, 8.5 ounces of our finest center-cut tenderloin served with steamed cold-water lobster tail with butter and lemon.



You've brought your family, friends, appetites and enthusiasm to the table and it's our mission to turn every meal into an experience. Our sushi chefs artfully prepare a wide variety of signature sushi, handrolls and nigiri, using only hand-selected, quality ingredients. We source the freshest seafood, hand-cut crisp vegetables and make our signature Hibachi dishes at your table. We also feature a wide selection of cocktails from mojitos, sangria and martinis to wine, beer and of course our famous sake. It's certainly an experience that will delight all of your senses.

Monday - Thursday  
12 p.m.- 2:30 p.m.  
5:30 p.m.- 11p.m.  
Friday - Sunday  
12 p.m. - 11p.m.

Located in the  
South Beach Center  
Tel.: +(297) 586-2060

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CHINESE & JAPANESE

# BLOSSOMS

RESTAURANT

→ OUR DELICIOUS FARE

**DIM SUM**

- Vegetable Spring Roll
- Steamed Shu Mai Dumplings
- Steamed Red Bean Paste
- Fried or Steamed Mini Bun
- Steamed Roast Pork Bun
- Steamed Shrimp Dumplings
- Crab Rangoon
- Peking Dumplings (steamed or fried)

> GOURMET SPECIALTIES

**Peking Roast Duck**

Rolled tableside into flour pancakes with scallions, cucumber, carrots and hoisin (plum) sauce.

**Sizzling Mignon**

Sauteed with scallions and onions in a fresh peppercorn sauce.

**General Tao's Chicken**

Diced chicken with vegetables in a chef's special brown sauce.

**Shrimp, Noodles & Rice Specialties**

- Crispy Shrimp with Sesame Seeds
- Special Pan Fried Noodles
- Blossoms Fried Rice (Chicken, Pork & Shrimp)

> DESSERTS

- Introducing exclusive **Oriental Gelato by Gelatissimo**
- Along with traditional favorites such as **Fried Banana with Gelato**
- Tempura Ice Cream**
- Black Sesame Gelato**
- Green Tea Gelato**



Blossoms is the perfect balance for fresh and flavorful Japanese & Chinese cuisine with a Sushi Bar and Chinese specialties as well as our popular Teppanyaki "Hibachi" tables. The decor is elegant, featuring dark woods, regal seating and rich fabrics. Teppanyaki Hibachi Early Bird specials are served at 6:00 p.m. Enjoy your favorites as well as new and exotic dishes, with impeccable service to complete this wonderful dining experience.

South Beach Centre, Second Level  
Tel.: +(297) 586-3388  
Dinner: 6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Reservations highly recommended, walk-ins welcomed.

→ THEBLOSSOMSGROUP@GMAIL.COM

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AMERICAN

# BLT STEAK

➔ OUR DELICIOUS FARE

**Crab Meat "Ceviche"**

Avocado, jalapeño, Peruvian limes.

**Tuna Tartare**

Avocado, soy-lime dressing.

**Beausoleil**

New Brunswick chilled oysters (6) served with mignonette & cocktail sauce.

**Lobster Cobb Salad**

Avocado, cheddar, pancetta.

**20-oz. KANSAS CITY**

28-day dry aged bone-in strip.

**22-oz. COWBOY**

Bone-in rib eye.

**Local Snapper**

Piperade basquaise, chorizo.

**Braised Short Ribs**

Port wine braised.

**Rack of Lamb**

Double cut, pine nuts, chives.

**Hanger Steak "Hunter Style"**

Bacon, mushrooms, onions.

> SIDES

Truffle mac 'n cheese

Vidalia onion rings

Jalapeño mashed potatoes

Sautéed green beans with lemon butter, parsley, and crispy garlic

> DESSERTS

**Mini Doughnuts**

Chocolate sauce, coffee ice cream.

**New York Cheesecake**

Sour cherries, cereal milk anglaise.



A modern interpretation of the American steakhouse that combines classic bistro ambiance with steakhouse fare featuring specially selected steaks, fresh seafood and satisfying sides, along with weekly blackboard specials highlighting seasonal flavors and local ingredients. The iconic design and décor of BLT Steak is showcased alongside elegant dining options and a vibrant bar and lounge area featuring curated cocktails and a robust wine list.

For reservations, please call:  
+(297)527-2222  
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Open daily  
6:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

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Palm Beach

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ITALIAN

# CASA NONNA

NEW YORK

» OUR DELICIOUS FARE

**Polipo**

Grilled octopus, Umbrian chickpeas, tomato, red onion, roasted red pepper, black olives, sherry vinaigrette.

**Calamari Fritti**

Fried calamari, julienne vegetables, lemon-chive aioli.

**Peperone Dolce**

House-made burrata cheese, marinated roasted red peppers.

**Pansotti di Zucca**

Butternut squash ravioli, brown butter, sage, walnut pesto, amaretti cookie.

**Siamese Agnolotti**

Veal ragu, spinach & taleggio cheese, truffled pecorino fonduta, marsala glaze.

**Gnocchi**

House-made crumbled lamb sausage, gaeta olives, eggplant, ricotta salata.

**Pollo Alla Parmigiana**

Breaded chicken, sauce pomodoro, mozzarella, zucchini tagliolini.

**Branzino Croccante**

Mediterranean sea bass filet, cannellini beans, escarole, soffrito, saffron aioli, smoked paprika oil.

> SIDES

**Cavolini di Bruxelles Croccante**

Crispy brussels sprouts, roasted apple, pancetta, mustard-apple cider vinaigrette.

**Ragù di Verdure Primavera**

Corn, roasted red pepper, spring onion, carrots, asparagus, artichokes, ricotta salata.

> DESSERTS

**Torta di Ricotta**

Ricotta cheesecake, amaretti crust, candied orange compote, marsala caramel, orange gelato.

**Torta di Cioccolato**

Chocolate olive oil mousse, devil's food cake, amaretto crunch gelato.



Casa Nonna, which means "grandmother's house" in Italian, is as open and inviting as you would expect from its name. Casa Nonna is our tribute to authentic flavors and quality ingredients that are the hallmark of true Italian cuisine. From salumi, cheese and antipasti platters, to house-made pastas, the menu is available à la carte and family style, overflowing with options ideal for sharing.

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INTERNATIONAL

# CHALET SUISSE

RESTAURANT

## ➤ OUR DELICIOUS FARE

### > APPETIZERS

#### **Mache Rosettes with Arugula & Chevre Chaud**

Crisp arugula and field salad served with fresh baked goat cheese.

#### **Avocado de la Mar**

Filled with crabmeat and shrimp salad with a touch of pernod.

#### **Seafood Chalet Suisse**

Delicately prepared with shrimp, crabmeat, fish, lobster and freshly sliced mushrooms.

#### **Escargot Bourguignonne**

With herbal garlic butter, fresh shallots and a touch of cognac.

### > ENTRÉES

#### **Caribbean Seafood Platter**

A combination of freshly broiled lobster tail, garlic shrimp, and fillet of fish.

#### **Chateaubriand - U.S. Prime**

#### **Filet Mignon for Two**

Broiled double cut, served with our fresh vegetables and béarnaise sauce, carved table side.

#### **Stuffed Locally Caught Grouper Medallions**

A must for seafood lovers. Stuffed with crabmeat and served with a creamy caper-orange sauce and spring potatoes.

#### **U.S. Black Angus Rib Steak**

For big eaters only! Served with baked potato and cream spinach.

### > DESSERTS

#### **Swiss Chocolate Fondue- For Two**

Our famous Toblerone chocolate fondue is served with a colorful variety of fresh fruits and cake for dipping.

#### **Peach Melba**

Deliciously sweet fresh peaches and raspberry sauce served on vanilla ice cream.

### > SPECIALS FROM THE BAR

#### **Pure Passion**

Ciroc Redberry, Passoa Liquor, cranberry juice

#### **The Chalet**

Titos Vodka, Passoa Liquor, Cointreau



Nestled on picturesque Eagle Beach, we have been providing fine cuisine and excellent service for more than 20 years. Treat yourself to prime US Black Angus steak. Sample the most delicately prepared rack of lamb, succulent seafood dishes and locally caught fish; or enjoy one of our traditional European specialties. Choose wines from around the world, and do not miss our Viennese apple strudel or our Toblerone chocolate fondue! Only a short drive from any hotel, you can visit us for a romantic dinner for two or for large parties and celebrations.

J. E. Irausquin Blvd.,  
246 Eagle Beach  
Tel.: +(297) 587-5054  
+(297) 587-0349

Open Monday – Saturday  
5:30 p.m – 10:00 p.m.

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➤ [RESERVATIONS@CHALETSSUISSEARUBA.COM](mailto:RESERVATIONS@CHALETSSUISSEARUBA.COM)



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FRENCH & SEAFOOD

# CHICKEN & LOBSTER

➔ OUR DELICIOUS FARE

> BREAKFAST

**The Kick Starter**

Two free-range eggs, bacon, gouda cheese, freshly baked bread, one glass of freshly squeezed orange juice and unlimited coffee/tea.

> LUNCH

**Avocado and Shrimp Salad**

Loaded with lots of shrimp, avocado and whiskey cocktail sauce.

**Lobster Roll**

A roll filled with lobster meat cooked in butter and served on a soft bun.

> APPETIZERS

**Fried Calamari**

Fried calamari with garlic sauce.

> ENTREES

**Half Free-range Rotisserie Chicken**

Served with one side order.

**Chicken and Lobster**

Six-oz. rock lobster tail, and 1/2 chicken served with BBQ sauce, clarified butter and one side dish.

# 2 FOOLS AND A BULL

>FOOD SPECIALTIES

French cuisine, seafood, seasonal items and meat.

>HIGHLIGHTS

**Burrata**

Served with slow-cooked local rock lobster, spicy tomato dressing and puffed wild Canadian rice.

**Seafood Tartare**

Served with avocado and wasabi cream, pickled onions and wild Canadian popped rice.

**Inside Out Short Rib**

Served with parfait of foie gras, shiitake mushrooms, apple and mint jelly, and truffle gravy.

**Bone-in Filet Mignon**

Served with truffle sauce - sweet mash potatoes, blackened cauliflower.

>DESSERT

**Chocolate Lava Cake**

Served with raspberry sorbet, lemon curd and cookie crumble.



Welcome to our restaurant, conveniently located on the high-rise area, next to the Playa Linda Hotel.

As our name says, our specialty is free range rotisserie chicken and fresh lobster. Come in and enjoy a delicious breakfast, lunch or dinner on our terrace or have an ice-cold drink at the bar.

Mon., Tues., Thurs. & Sun.  
7:30 a.m. – 10:30 p.m.

J.E. Irausquin Blvd., 87, Oranjestad  
Tel.: +(297) 586-0909

➔ [CHICKENANDLOBSTERARUBA.COM](http://CHICKENANDLOBSTERARUBA.COM)



This Gourmet Studio is a U-shaped bar where only 17 guests will dine all together and have the greatest experience in total dining comfort! Prix fixe, 5 1/2 course menu includes Champagne upon arrival. Two wine pairings are offered every night. The wine list has more than 90 wines from which to choose. It's the biggest selection in the Caribbean!

Open Monday – Friday; dinner only.

Palm Beach 17, Noord 12345  
+(297) 586-7177

➔ [INFO@2FOOLSANDBULL.COM](mailto:INFO@2FOOLSANDBULL.COM)

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ARGENTINE GRILL

# EL GAUCHO

RESTAURANT

➔ OUR DELICIOUS FARE

> APPETIZERS

**Empanadas Argentinas / Hearty Beef Pastry (2)**

Stuffed with spicy ground beef, vegetables, olive and a slice of boiled egg.

**Cracked Conch Harbour Style**

Prepared in seasoned batter and sauteed. A local favorite.

**Chorizo & Morcilla**

Grilled pork sausage and blood sausage.

> ENTREES

**The Gaucho Steak**

Juicy, tender and lean.

**Parrilla Argentina**

Special dish from Argentina, consisting of five different selected meats: tenderloin, Argentine chorizo, ribs, pork loin and beef short ribs

**Rack of Lamb**

New Zealand spring lamb, marinated in chimichurri and grilled.

**Skirt Steak**

Juicy strip of premium certified Black Angus beef.

**Bone-in Ribeye**

Certified Angus beef full of flavor, untrimmed, well marbled. Exquisite!

**Premium Porter House**

A beautiful combination of tenderloin and strip steak for the beef lover. It is unforgettable!

**Grilled Caribbean Lobster Tail**

Served with drawn butter, smashed red bliss potatoes, broccoli and fried plantains.

> DESSERTS

**Crepes with Dulce de Leche**

**Black and White Mousse Chocolate Cake**

**Caramel & Coconut Flan**



El Gaucho is the place for the best and biggest steaks since 1977. Located in an old town house on Wilhemina Street, El Gaucho is famous for serving high-quality beef grilled the traditional Argentine way. Thick cuts of all-natural grass-fed beef tenderloin, well-marbled ribeye steak and the massive 38-oz. porterhouse, all grilled to perfection with love, patience and care.

Wilhelminastraat #80, Oranjestad  
Monday – Saturday  
11:30 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.  
Closed Sundays  
Tel.: +(297) 582-3677

➔ [ELGAUCHO-ARUBA.COM](http://ELGAUCHO-ARUBA.COM)

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SEAFOOD / INTERNATIONAL

# FLYING FISHBONE

## RESTAURANT

### → OUR DELICIOUS FARE

#### > APPETIZERS

##### **Flash Seared Tuna Tataki**

Sweet and sour cucumber with sesame dressing and cilantro mayonnaise.

##### **Lobster and Avocado Salad**

Avocado salad with a poached 1/2 lobster tail and semi dried cherry tomatoes.

##### **Carpaccio of Artichoke with Goat Cheese:**

Artichoke with melted goat cheese and a honey walnut dressing.

#### > ENTRÉES

##### **Savaneta Seafood History**

Rich variety of seafood in a creamy curry sauce, served with rice and vegetables.

##### **Shrimp Shiitake & Blue Cheese Casserole**

Our most popular dish.

##### **Surf & Turf**

USDA tenderloin and 1/2 lobster tail served with mashed potato, vegetables, lobster sauce and red wine sauce.

#### > DESSERTS

##### **Crème Brûlée**

Chilled bourbon vanilla cream with crispy burned sugar.

##### **Tiramisu Mousse**

Lady fingers, chocolate curls, caramel sauce and amaretto ice cream.

##### **Chocolate Ravioli**

Sweet warm ravioli with a chocolate heart and vanilla ice cream.



The Flying Fishbone is an intimate seaside restaurant – the first to popularize on-the-beach dining in Aruba. Reflecting a marriage between European cuisine and Caribbean flair, our dishes are sure to please every palate. Our knowledgeable staff can recommend the perfect pairing for your meal from our extensive wine collection or suggest a fitting after-dinner cocktail. For a decadently sweet conclusion to a stellar culinary experience, try one of our desserts.

Savaneta 344, Savaneta  
Tel.: +(297) 584-2506

Open daily  
5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

→ [FLYINGFISHBONE.COM](http://FLYINGFISHBONE.COM)

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INTERNATIONAL

# FUSION

RESTAURANT, WINE & PIANO BAR

➔ OUR DELICIOUS FARE

> FUSION COLD TAPAS

**Smoked Salmon Bruschetta**

Topped with smoked salmon tartar.

**Asian Style Shrimp Cocktail**

With sweet chili sauce.

**Assorted Cheese Tray**

Selected special cheeses with cheddar French bread.

**Charcuterie Tray**

Prosciutto, Italian salami, pate served with French bread.

**Mediterranean Tapas**

Olive tapenade, bruschetta, humus & yogurt garlic dip served with pita bread.

**Tuna Tataki**

Fresh tuna tataki with seaweed and ginger mayonnaise.

> FUSION HOT TAPAS

**Nachos & Melted Cheddar**

Nacho chips with pico de gallo, guacamole and sour cream.

**Vineyard Snails**

Snails with garlic butter, olive oil and toast.

**Argentina Mini Chorizo**

With BBQ sauce.

**Beef Churrasco**

Churrasco with chimichurri sauce.

**Eggrolls**

With mango relish and sweet chili sauce.

> GRILLED ENTREES

**Grilled Salmon**

**Surf & Turf**

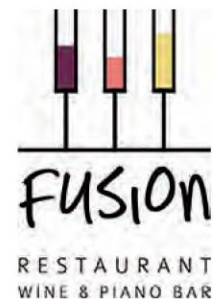
**NY Grilled 12-oz. Dry Aged Sirloin**

**Grilled 8-oz. Black Angus Tenderloin**

**Grilled NZ Rack of Lamb**

**Kobe Beef Hamburger**

Choice of sauce: Bernaise, Peppercorn, Mushroom, Tartar, Chimmichurri, Hollandaise.



Fusion offers the ideal setting to relax with a vintage wine, while taking in live entertainment. It offers a classic steakhouse menu with signature dry-aged steaks and fresh seafood accompanied by authentic local produce, extensive wine menu, tapas, select cheeses and fine cigars.

Located at Alhambra  
Casino & Shops  
Tel.: +(297) 280-9994

Open seven days a week  
6:00 p.m. 'til late

➔ [FUSION-ARUBA.COM](http://FUSION-ARUBA.COM)

*15% service charge and local taxes will be added to your final bill  
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AMERICAN

# HOOTERS ARUBA

RESTAURANT

➔ OUR DELICIOUS FARE

> APPETIZERS

**Buffalo Platter**

A little something for everyone; platter includes Buffalo Shrimp, Boneless Wings, Bone-In Wings, all tossed in your favorite wing sauce and served with a side of dressing.

**Buffalo Shrimp**

Get 12 or 24 hand breaded to order, fried and butterflied shrimp shaken in your favorite wing sauce.

**Fried Pickles**

Sliced pickles hand breaded to order, served with our tangy dipping sauce.

> LOCAL FAVORITE

**Double O Ribs**

We pride Aruba for our ribs served half slab or full slab.

> OUR WORLD-FAMOUS WINGS

**Original Hooters Style Wings**

Many have tried to copy it, but there is only one original! Breaded on-site daily and tossed in your favorite wing sauce.

**Hooters Daytona Beach Style Wings**

Naked Wings tossed in our signature Daytona Beach wing sauce and finished off on the grill.

**Boneless Wings**

No bones about it. These delicious chunks of chicken can't be beat. Hand breaded to order & tossed in your favorite wing sauce.

> SANDWICHES

**Hooters Chicken Strip Cheese**

Chicken strips tossed in wing sauce, topped with provolone & Cheddar Cheese and served on Texas Toast.

**Philly Cheesesteak**

Steak or Chicken topped with grilled onions, green peppers, mushrooms and provolone cheese served on a hoagie.

> SEAFOOD

**Steamed Shrimp**

Choose 1/2 lb. or 1lb. and start enjoying.

**Snow Crab Legs**

From the icy waters of Alaska, these crab legs are dangerous to catch, fun to eat.



Recipe for a Good Time: Craveable food, cold beer and all the sports you could possibly watch on wall-to-wall big screen TVs. The most desirable wings on the island are always fresh and never frozen and will be served with the most wide variety selection of flavors that are not only for wings, you can toss burgers, chicken or shrimp in any wing sauce that is preferred. It's too good to miss the best wings on the island and the unique experience of having our local Hooters girls serve you!

Located in the  
South Beach Center  
Open Monday – Thursday  
11:30am – 12am  
Friday – Sunday 11:30 – 1am  
Tel.: +(297) 582-0040

➔ FACEBOOK HOOTERS ARUBA  
➔ INSTAGRAM  
HOOTERS\_ARUBA

*Hooters cooks in non-trans fat oil to meet healthy dining nutrition that you will love.*

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MEXICAN

# KALIN'S / ORALE

## REAL MEXICAN FOOD

### » OUR DELICIOUS FARE

#### > APPETIZERS

##### Chilaquiles

Fried tortilla chips covered with shredded chicken or beef, onion rings, sour cream, shredded cheese and special green sauce.

##### The Original Ceviche Fish

Topped with guacamole and tortilla chips.

##### The Original Fresh Guacamole

Homemade guacamole with a fresh avocado, mixed with onions, tomatoes, coriander, lime juice, salt, pepper and corn tortilla chips.

##### Sopa de Tortilla

A extra special fresh tomato sauce served with cheese and sour cream.

#### > ENTRÉES

##### Chimichanga

A flour tortilla filled with steak or chicken and deep fried. Topped with lettuce sour cream, guacamole, refried beans and pico de gallo.

##### Don Nacho

Tortillas chips topped with cheddar & Monterrey

Jack cheese, fresh guacamole, pico de gallo, red onions, marinated in white vinegar with habanero peppers and sour cream.

##### Green Enchiladas

Three corn tortillas stuffed with chicken, covered with green sauce, tomatillo, shredded cheese, baked and topped with cilantro and sour cream, guacamole, beans and hot sauce on the side.

##### Mexican Plate

A combination of quesadillas, chicken flautas, beef fajitas, guacamole, pico de gallo, sour cream and queso fundido.

##### Quesadilla

Fresh guacamole, pico de gallo, red onions, marinated in white vinegar with habanero peppers and sour cream.  
Chicken/Beef/Mix.

##### Sizzling Fajitas

Three flour tortillas, fresh guacamole, refried beans, pico de gallo, green peppers and onions.  
Chicken/Beef/Mix.



Step into a little Mexican fiesta at the Palm Beach Plaza Mall. Eat and enjoy fresh Mexican food with family and friends. A colorful and fun atmosphere with a huge variety in cocktails and shots. It's just a great time that you won't forget!

Located at The Palm Beach Plaza Mall

Sunday to Thursday  
11:30 a.m. -12:00 a.m.  
Friday & Saturday  
11:30 a.m. -2:00 a.m.  
Tel.: +(297) 586-9700  
+(297) 592-7032

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A new and fun Mexican experience. Our bar is located in the center of The Cove Mall, where you'll enjoy cocktails/wines/shot and beer at a great price. Whether you like tacos, fresh guacamole/corn tortillas or a typical Mexican dish at Orale you'll be sure to find something you'll love.

Located at The Cove Mall  
5:00 p.m. -1:00 a.m. everyday  
Tel.: +(297) 280-7022  
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COASTAL

# LUCY'S RETIRED SURFERS

## BAR & RESTAURANT

### → OUR DELICIOUS FARE

#### > APPETIZERS

##### **Tropical Pork Sliders**

Two BBQ pulled pork sliders, dressed with tropical slaw and chipotle ranch on mini brioche buns.

##### **Shaka Ceviche**

Fresh fish and shrimp in a citrus marinade with avocado, red onion, jalapeno, madame jeanette pepper, red pepper and cilantro. Served with fresh chips.

#### > TACOS

Two tacos per order, garnished with black bean salsa and house slaw.

##### **Blackened Fish Tacos**

Blackened local fish with pineapple salsa, cabbage slaw and avocado crema.

##### **Pao Pao Shrimp**

Fried shrimp tossed in a sassy pao pao sauce, topped with cabbage slaw and cilantro.

#### > BURGERS + SANDWICHES

Each plate comes with fries, sweet potato fries, or a small house salad.

##### **The Juicy Lucy**

Our famous 8 oz. burger served with lettuce, tomato, onion, pickles and Lucy's special sauce.

##### **Fresh Fish Sandwich**

Grilled or fried fish topped with avocado crema and cabbage slaw, served on a brioche bun.

#### > ENTRÉES

##### **Surf n' Turf**

Seared 6-oz. filet and four jumbo shrimp served with roasted potatoes and sauteed vegetables.

##### **Shrimp Kebabs**

Jumbo shrimp served with roasted vegetables and island rice, topped with roasted cilantro garlic sauce.

##### **Catch of the Day**

Local freshly caught fish, served with island rice, seasonal vegetables and a citrus butter sauce.

#### > SPECIALS FROM THE BAR

##### **Infamous Scorpion Shot**

The sting is the thing! Courage, possibly venomous scorpion, tequila, a T-shirt and one helluva story.

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Whether you're looking for fresh seafood, surf snacks, burgers or sandwiches, our menu has something for everyone! Bring your kids, your dog, your surfboard and pull up a chair for lunch, dinner or late night eats! From classics with a twist, like our famous Shark Attack, to shots with real scorpions inside, we've got something for everyone! Opt-in for our world-famous Scorpion Shot and receive a free souvenir shirt and priceless bragging rights! Take a break from the norm and let Lucy's show you what it's like to live on a permanent vacation.

L.G. Smith Blvd 82  
Oranjestad, Aruba  
Tel.: +(297) 280-1970

Open every day for lunch,  
dinner and late night,  
1:00 a.m. – 'til ...  
Happy Hour is every day  
from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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INTERNATIONAL

# MADAME JANETTE

RESTAURANT

## ➤ OUR DELICIOUS FARE

### > APPETIZERS

#### Janette's Homemade Crab Cakes

Served with chef's spicy island aioli.

#### Janette's Caprese Salad

Italian Buffalo Mozzarella drizzled with 20-year-old, in-wood barrel-aged balsamic and basil infused, extra virgin olive oil served with roasted sourdough breadsticks.

#### The Famous Bang Bang Shrimp

Sweet and spicy crispy shrimp, served on sliced romaine lettuce, fresh cut pineapple concassé and sesame seeds.

### > MAIN COURSES

#### Salmon a la "Florentine"

Sautéed in French butter, drizzled with a pinch of fresh island lemon. Topped with spinach and cheese, finished with a dash of hollandaise sauce.

#### The Old Butcher Steak

Invented by Chef Kasi's Grandpa Jupp Marga, a European Master Butcher. The best cut, grilled to perfection and crowned with roasted almond mashed potatoes, sautéed mushrooms and an "out of this world" oxtail glaze.

#### Madame's Famous Lamb Rack

Overnight marinated free-range lamb rack in a secret marinade, invented by our chef's father. Grilled to perfection, served with lamb glaze.

#### The original "Almond Grouper"

Invented in 1999 at Madame Janette. This is often copied, but never reached! A fine grouper filet coated in almonds, served with a creamed spinach sauce.

#### El Escalope del Commendatore Mario Andretti

Flattened and breaded, topped with crispy fresh arugula and onions, flavored with aged Balsamico de Modena, extra virgin olive oil and Parmigiano-Reggiano.

### > DESSERTS

#### Madame's Ice Cream Jar of "Forbidden Pleasure"

Different original Italian gelatos, with dulce de leche, spiced rum bananas and strawberries; all topped with hot fudge and cream.

#### "The Spoon"

The Ultimate Dessert for dessert lovers. Meant to be shared by two. Don't be afraid! Surely, one of the best you'll ever eat!



Ramon Helgers and Karsten Gesing founded Madame Janette April 2, 1999. Their collaboration resulted into a place that offers fine dining in a casual atmosphere. Ramon is responsible for the exotic fruits, herbs and vegetables you will find in not only our dishes, but also in most supermarkets on Aruba. Karsten, a European Master Chef trained in 'old school' traditions, creates, with help from his knowledgeable international staff, tasteful and creative dishes. Their combined worldwide experience gives their dishes an original flavour with a touch of Caribbean in it. We call it the Madame Janette Experience! We hope that you will have a wonderful dining romance.

Open Mon-Sat: 5:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m.  
Closed Sundays

Cunucu Abao 37, Aruba  
Tel.: +(297) 587-0184  
+(297) 587-4784  
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➤ MADAMEJANETTE.INFO

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INTERNATIONAL GRILL / LOCAL CARIBBEAN

# PINCHOS

GRILL & BAR

➔ OUR DELICIOUS FARE

PINCHOS MENU

**Seafood Ceviche**

Morsels of fish, shrimp, squid, roasted corn and pickled red onions marinated in lime juice.

**Seared Ahi Tuna**

Sesame crusted sushi-grade yellowfin tuna, seared medium rare and served with wakami salad, pickled ginger, wasabi cream and a balsamic vinaigrette reduction.

> THE MEAT MARKET

**Boursin and Apple-stuffed Pork Tenderloin**

A delicious center cut served with a Kahlua and cream sauce.

> THE SEAFOOD MARKET

**Caribbean Twin Lobster Tails**

Two flavorful lobster tails served with a cool pineapple-curry mayonnaise.

**Espetada de Mariscos (Seafood Brochette)**

Tender chunks of assorted fresh fish and shrimp on a skewer, served with an Asian glaze.

**Grilled Aruban Mahi Mahi Fillet**

A delicate and flavorful fish, served with a local tomato, basil and rosemary sauce.

# THE WEST DECK

## BEACH BAR

> THE WEST DECK MENU

**Governor's Bay Beach Salad**

Baby lettuces, strawberries, blueberries, blackberries, feta, Jamaican spiced rum raisins, cinnamon pecans, mandarins and an orange vinaigrette.

**Green Papaya and Mango Salad**

Julienne of papaya, mango, red onions and bean sprouts with a rice wine vinaigrette.

**Aruban Keshi Yena**

Shredded chicken, prunes, local spices & cashews wrapped with Dutch Gouda cheese and served atop a fresh tomato, garlic and basil sauce.

**Sate Bali**

Chicken skewers with an awesome Indonesian peanut sauce.

**Whole Baby Red Snapper**

Deep fried, crunchy on the outside, moist and tender on the inside. White rice, fried sweet plantain and pan bati (local bread) served with a creole sauce.

**Spicy Jerk Shrimp**

Pan-fried with earthy spicy jerk seasoning served with Caribbean rice and fresh vegetables.



Pinchos Grill & Bar, now in its 15th year, is a casual yet chic grill and bar on a pier completely over the clear blue waters of Aruba. We offer a distinctive concept and atmosphere with outdoor dining in very intimate and romantic surroundings. All tables are right over the water, under the stars and accompanied by the twinkling of candle lights.

Open daily 5:00 p.m. - 11:00 pm  
Reservations highly recommended.

L. G. Smith Blvd. 7  
at Aruba Surfside Marina  
Tel.: +(297) 583-2666  
➔ [PINCHOSARUBA.COM](http://PINCHOSARUBA.COM)



Celebrating its fifth anniversary this year, The West Deck sits on a large wooden deck over the white sandy beach right by the water's edge. All the tables have spectacular ocean views. The setting is casual and fun just for drinks or the perfect place for a relaxed lunch or dinner. A place with local laid back atmosphere and local/Caribbean food.

Open daily 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.  
L.G. Smith Blvd. at The Linear  
Park on Governor's Bay Beach  
Tel.: +(297) 587-2667  
➔ [THEWESTDECK.COM](http://THEWESTDECK.COM)

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SEAFOOD

# SCREAMING EAGLE

## RESTAURANT - LOUNGE

### ➤ OUR DELICIOUS FARE

#### > APPETIZERS

##### **Mexican Shrimp Tacos**

Two soft shell tacos stuffed with caramelized onions, shrimp tempura and chorizo topped with pickled red onions, garlic-mustard-lime mayonnaise, habanero spice and cilantro.

##### **Asian-glazed Pork Belly**

Melt in your mouth pork belly served with white cabbage-red onion salad, bacon bits, and namphrik mayonnaise.

##### **Ahi Tuna Tartare**

Served with lettuce, wakame salad, tomato, croutons, sweet & sour red onions, spicy papaya mayonnaise and a sesame cracker.

#### > ENTRÉES

##### **Grilled Mahi Mahi Fillet**

Served with oven roasted sweet potatoes, broccoli rabe and Mediterranean butter sauce.

##### **Pan-fried Corvina Fillet**

Served with mushroom risotto, grilled zucchini, broccoli, pesto and romesco sauce.

##### **Blackened King Clip Fillet**

King of the stone fishes. Served with truffle risotto, spinach, broccoli and champagne sauce.

##### **Lobster Thermidor**

Gratinated lobster tail, mashed potatoes, creamy leek, garlic-lobster aioli and red roasted bell pepper coulis.

##### **Pan-fried Scallops and Grilled Applewood Smoked Bacon**

Kimichi mashed potatoes, hoisin glazed brussels sprouts, seroending and pineapple salsa.

##### **Bone-in Braised Pork Shank**

22 ounces, with mashed potatoes, haricots verts and a sauce made of mushrooms, bacon and Eagle Rare Bourbon.

#### > DESSERTS

##### **La Tazza Famosa**

Chocolate cup and saucer filled with Tia Maria Liqueur, white chocolate mousse and orange sherbet.

##### **Chocolate Lava Cake**

Served with Dutch strawberries, whipped cream and vanilla ice cream.

##### **Cinnamon Churros**

Served with condensed milk and arequipe, chocolate sauce and hazelnut ice cream.



Screaming Eagle - awarded best restaurant in the Caribbean - serves fresh seafood locally caught and from around the world, delicious steaks, unique seasonal specials and fantastic vegan/vegetarian options.

One of the best wine lists in the Caribbean - WineSpectator awarded - with over 300 listings for the perfect pairing. Air-conditioned indoor dining and a breezy outdoor terrace available.

J.E. Irausquin Blvd. 228

Eagle Beach

Low-rise hotel area

Tel.: +(297) 587-8021

Tel.: +1(917) 725-4242 US

Whatsapp: +(297) 566-3050

Opens daily at 6:00 p.m.  
(kitchen closes 11:00 p.m.)  
Open Sundays

➤ [SCREAMING-EAGLE.NET](http://SCREAMING-EAGLE.NET)

➤ [FACEBOOK.COM/SCREAMINGEAGLERESTAURANT](https://FACEBOOK.COM/SCREAMINGEAGLERESTAURANT)

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BRAZILIAN STEAKHOUSE

# TEXAS DE BRAZIL

## RESTAURANT

➔ OUR DELICIOUS FARE

> **Meat Selections**

- Filet Mignon
- Filet Mignon Wrapped in Bacon
- Pork Ribs
- Brazilian Picanha
- Garlic Picanha
- Brazilian Sausage
- Leg of Lamb
- Chicken Breast Wrapped in Bacon
- Crispy Parmesan Drumettes
- Parmesan-cruste Pork Loin
- Flank Steak
- Herb-marinated Pork Loin
- Brazilian Alcatra

> **50+ Item Salad Area**

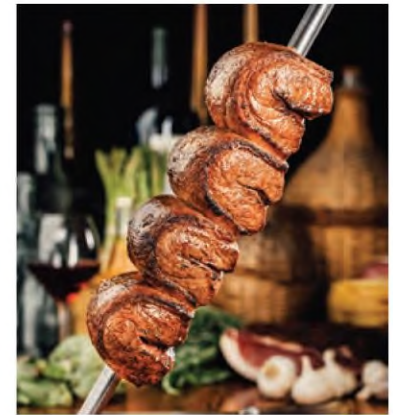
- Romaine Lettuce
- Arugula Salad
- In-House Dressings
- Sushi
- Smoked Bacon
- Fresh Mozzarella
- Potato Salad
- Roasted Garlic

- Portobello Mushrooms
- Roasted Baby Beets
- Imported Hearts of Palm
- Tabbouleh
- Artichoke Hearts
- Grilled Red and Yellow Peppers
- Imported Artisan Cheeses
- Charcuterie
- Pineapple Carpaccio
- Jasmine Rice
- Brazilian Black Beans
- Soup of the Day
- Chimichurri & Mint Sauce

> **Dessert Selections**

- Brazilian Cheesecake
- Chocolate Mousse Cake
- Key Lime Pie
- Carrot Cake
- Flan
- Crème Brûlée
- Bananas Foster Pie
- Papaya Crème

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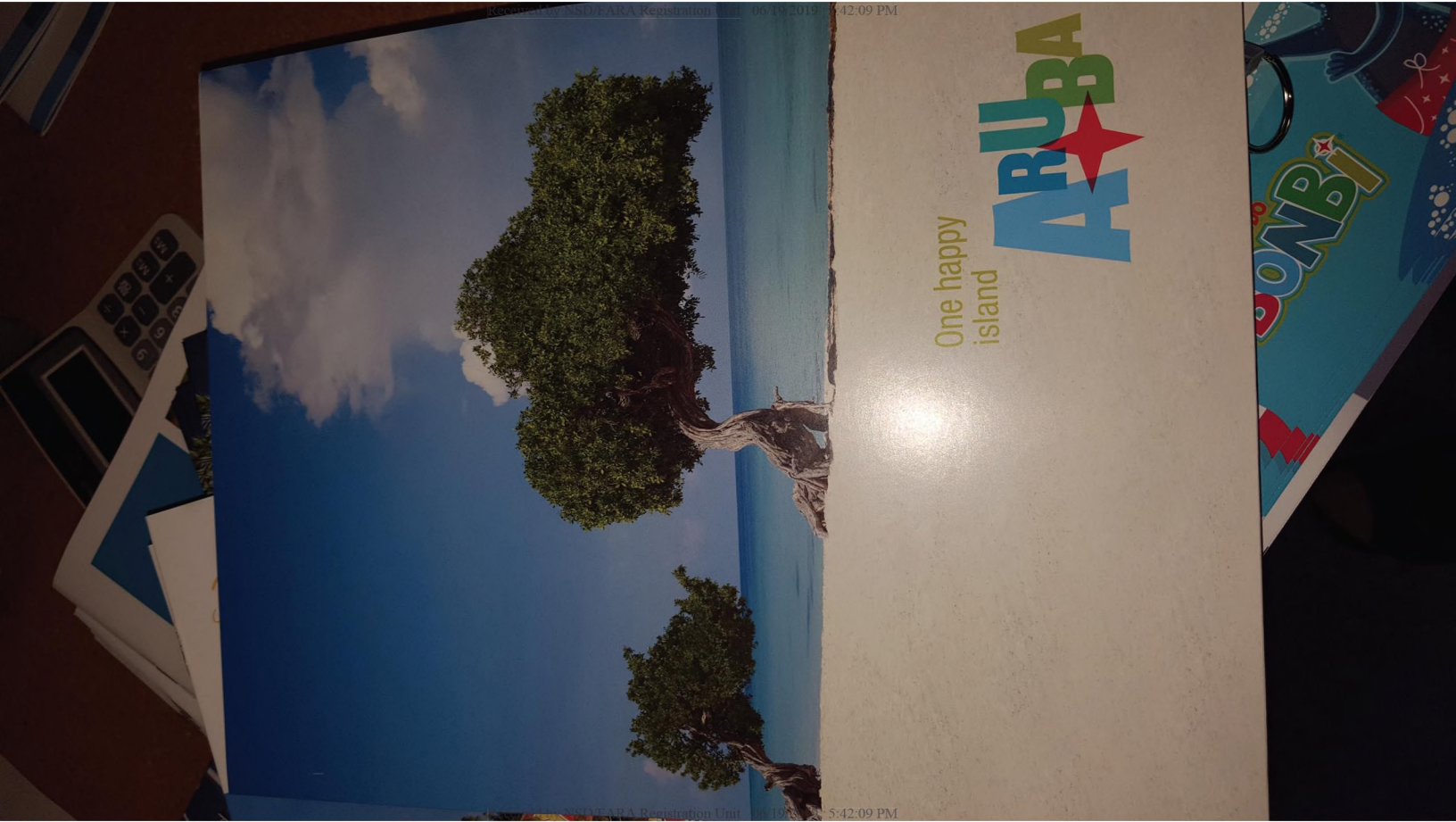
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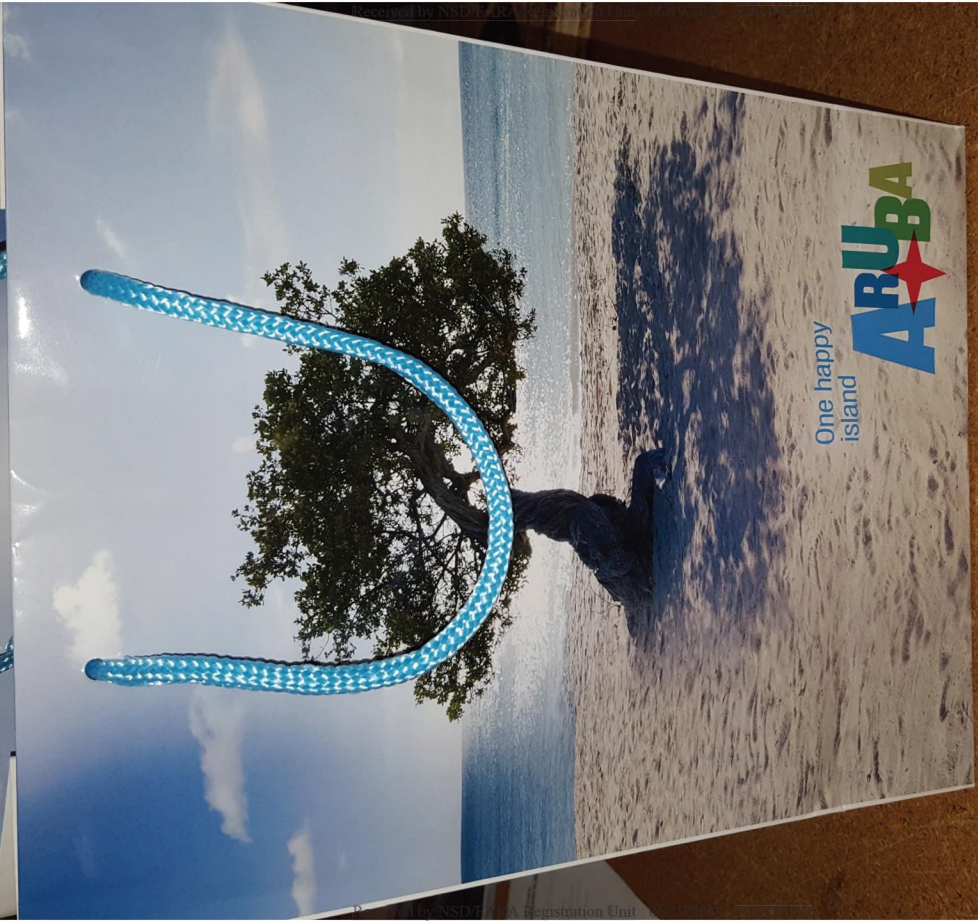


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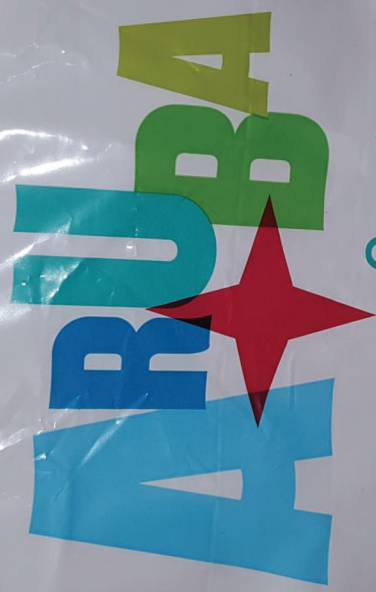
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