



# Calendar of Events 2014

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Thank you for spending your vacation with us in Aruba. We hope you enjoyed your stay on our One happy island.

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January

#### **January 1 • NEW YEAR'S DAY**

Aruba welcomes the New Year with traditional music and an amazing island-wide display of fireworks. With the pop of the champagne cork at midnight, troupes of traveling musicians, known as “Dande,” brighten the New Year with song, bestowing blessings of goodwill and prosperity around the local community. Aruba’s joyous holiday atmosphere can be enjoyed with just a simple evening on the beach under the stars and fireworks, or at one of the glitzy gala receptions held at various island resorts.

#### **January-February • ARUBA'S 60th CARNIVAL CELEBRATION**

Aruba’s 60th Carnival, our Diamond Jubilee, is celebrated this year. Although Aruba’s Carnival roots can be traced all the way back to the 1920’s when various social clubs organized private costume parties during the season, it was not until 1954 that the first grand parade was organized for the public in downtown Oranjestad. Since that first parade, Aruba’s Carnival season has grown to become one of the largest in the Caribbean, with a weeks-long celebration consisting of festive “jump-ups” (street parties), spectacular parades, and musical events. Dazzling costumes and music play a central role in events ranging from the Queen elections to the Grand Parades, which wind their way down the streets of San Nicolas and Oranjestad to the delight of thousands of spectators. The Grand Parade in Oranjestad will take place March 2, 2014.

#### **January 11 • ARUBA'S TORCH PARADE**

Originally organized by the Tivoli Club, Aruba’s oldest social club, the Torch Parade is now the official opening parade on the Aruba Carnival Foundation (SAC) schedule. The tradition continues with bright lights leading the way down the streets of the capital of Oranjestad. The parade begins at 8 p.m. and sets the pace for the festivities to come in the following weeks.

#### **January 25 • BETICO CROES DAY**

Aruba pays tribute to its greatest statesman on his birthday. The late Gilberto Francois “Betico” Croes helped Aruba obtain its “Status Aparte” (separate status) within the Dutch Kingdom. This official holiday features various cultural and sporting events, as well as popular games held at various venues on the island.

#### **January 25 • BETICO CROES MEMORIAL 10K RUN & 5K FUN WALK**

Calling all runners! Betico Croes’ hometown of Santa Cruz sponsors an amateur road race through the hilly, scenic terrain of that area. The circular route takes runners through residential neighborhoods and back to the main intersection of Santa Cruz. Avoiding the hotter hours of the day, the starting pistol sounds at 5:30 a.m. Open registration through IBISA at Tel. (297)-582-4987 or Fax: (297)-583-6478/ Email [ibisa.communicatie@gmail.com](mailto:ibisa.communicatie@gmail.com)

#### **January 31 • CHILDREN'S QUEEN ELECTION**

Carnival excitement builds as Aruba elects its first queens of the season. Contestants in the Children’s Carnival Queen election are 6-9 years of age. All demonstrate their Carnival spirit through dance performances, speeches, and Carnival shows. Venue: Aruba Entertainment Center at 7 p.m.



February

**February 1 • ARUBA CARNIVAL GRAND TUMBA CONTEST**

Originally from Africa with a Caribbean influence, the tumba music played during the Carnival has the rhythm of the “tambu” which is (a tambour with a 6/8 beat). This event features local bands and singers competing for the Tumba King or Queen title with their original musical compositions and lyrics. Venue: Aruba Entertainment Center at 7 p.m.

**February 7 • YOUTH CARNIVAL QUEEN ELECTION**

Youth Carnival Queen contestants, ages 13-17, take the stage showcasing their Carnival spirit through dance performances, speeches, and carnival shows in hopes of being crowned Queen for the season. Venue: Aruba Entertainment Center at 7 p.m.

**February 11-13 • PRE-FINAL ARUBA CAISO & SOCA MONARCH 2014**

Setting the tone for the music of the new Carnival season, hundreds of talented locals compete for entry into the grand finals for King or Queen of Aruba’s Calypso and Road March. Venue: Joe Laveist Ballpark at 8 p.m.

**February 15 • GRAND FINAL ARUBA CAISO & SOCA MONARCH 2014**

Attracting more than 10,000 spectators, one of the most exciting and popular local music festivals is the annual Calypso and Road March contest. This festival is your best bet for enjoying imaginative music of the people, by the people, and for the people. Original musical compositions and lyrics are presented with the social commentary of Calypso, or the catchy beat of Road March, helping to define the Carnival season. The most popular songs will be featured in the upcoming jump-ups and parades. Venue: Joe Laveist Ballpark at 8 p.m.

**February 16 • CHILDREN’S CARNIVAL PARADE IN SAN NICOLAS**

Aruba’s youngest Carnival enthusiasts take center stage as they parade down the streets of San Nicolas dressed in colorful costumes representing various themes. The parade starts at noon in downtown San Nicolas.

**February 17 • MRS. CARNIVAL ELECTION**

A lighthearted look at Aruba’s Carnival tradition presented by its most experienced participants, all vying for the satin sash of Mrs. Carnival. Highlights of the election include skits and joyful displays of Carnival costumes and dance. Venue: Aruba Entertainment Center at 7:30 p.m.

**February 21 • CARNIVAL QUEEN ELECTION**

Aruba elects one of its most important Carnival representatives, the Aruba Carnival Queen, amongst contestants between the ages of 17 and 25 representing districts, schools, and social clubs on the island. Marked by lavish production numbers, the election is judged by a panel of local and international judges. Venue: Aruba Entertainment Center at 7:30 p.m.

**February 22 • CHILDREN’S CARNIVAL PARADE IN NOORD**

The district of Noord demonstrates its Carnival spirit with the presentation of its own children’s parade. Children representing elementary schools and social clubs participate in vibrant interpretations of different themes. This event starts at 1 p.m.

**February 22 • ARUBA’S TIVOLI LIGHTING PARADE**

Aruba’s favorite evening Carnival parade is a visual treat. Thousands of tiny lights are incorporated into costumes, road pieces, and floats, heightening the dramatic effect of an already stunning and creative display. Live bands accompany the various participating Carnival groups. Held in downtown Oranjestad, the parade begins at 7:30 p.m.

**February 23 • CHILDREN’S GRAND CARNIVAL PARADE IN ORANJESTAD**

The largest children’s parade of the season includes all of the island’s various Carnival groups coming together to form Aruba’s 37th Children’s Grand Carnival Parade. Hundreds of children enjoy the opportunity to show off their dancing skills and colorful costumes. Held in downtown Oranjestad, the event begins at 12 p.m.

**February 24 • ARUBA’S INTERNATIONAL CARNIVAL MULTI CULTURAL QUEEN**

Venue: Entertainment Center at 7 p.m.

**February 25 • TOURIST NIGHT STEELBAND STREET SHOW**

Downtown starting at 6 p.m.

**February 26 • INTERNATIONAL CONCERT: WINDOW TO THE WORLD CARIBBEAN NIGHT**

**February 27 • SAN NICOLAS LIGHTING PARADE**

Although not as extravagant as the Oranjestad version of the parade, the San Nicolas Lighting Parade is no less jubilant in its presentation of dance, music, and Carnival spirit. The parade starts at 8 p.m.



## March



### March 1 • JOUVERT MORNING

An early morning open invitation to Aruba's largest "jump-up" is extended to Carnival enthusiasts throughout the island. Popularly known as the "pajama party," thousands of people gather in San Nicolas to follow the various live music caravans down the city streets. Set the alarm clock! This exciting jump-up begins at 4 a.m. and continues until sunrise.

### March 1 • SAN NICOLAS GRAND CARNIVAL PARADE

This is a prelude to the Grand Carnival Parade. Local musicians create an exceptional ambiance in San Nicolas by playing their latest Carnival hits to the delight of hundreds of marchers dressed in resplendent costumes. Beautifully decorated themed floats accompanied by their floor members dance and parade through the streets of San Nicolas until sunset. This parade starts at noon in San Nicolas.

### March 2 • ARUBA'S 60th GRAND CARNIVAL PARADE

The largest Carnival parade is the Grand Parade through Oranjestad, held on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. This parade is filled with unforgettable music, spectacular floats, and original costumes decorated with colorful stones, sequins, and feathers, creating a unique display. Aruba's main event starts at 10 a.m. in Oranjestad and continues into the early evening hours.

### March 3 • CARNIVAL MONDAY

Official holiday. The traditional horse parade through downtown Oranjestad begins at 4 p.m.

### March 3 • OLD MASK PARADE AND BURNING OF KING MOMITO

The end of the Carnival season is first marked in San Nicolas with a parade ending in the symbolic burning of "King Momito." This event takes place from 7-10 p.m.

### March 4 • OLD MASK PARADE & BURNING OF KING MOMO

Carnival 60 comes to an official end on the eve of Ash Wednesday with the burning of "King Momo." This is preceded by a parade throughout the streets of Oranjestad. The parade starts at 8 p.m.

### March 5 • ASH WEDNESDAY

This Christian event is prominently marked on the island at our many Catholic churches, and begins the official start of the Lenten season. Locally, Ash Wednesday also represents the end of the Carnival season.

**In 2015 and 2016, the Grand Parades will take place on Sunday, February 15 and Sunday, February 7 respectively. Contact the Aruba Carnival Foundation (Stichting Arubaanse Carnival or SAC) at Tel. (297) 582-4214 / Fax. (297) 588-2964 or visit [www.carnavalaruba.net](http://www.carnavalaruba.net) for additional information.**

### March 16 • 29th ARUBA INTERNATIONAL HALF MARATHON (21K)

International competitors participate in Aruba's longest road race covering the length of the island from San Nicolas to Oranjestad. The race begins at 5:30 a.m. Registration on Feb. 8th, 2014. Contact IBISA at (297) 582-4987 or Fax: (297) 583-6478 email [ibisaaruba@gmail.com](mailto:ibisaaruba@gmail.com) / [juan.dake@aruba.gov.aw](mailto:juan.dake@aruba.gov.aw) for additional information or registration.

### March 18 • NATIONAL ANTHEM AND FLAG DAY

A strong sense of pride is displayed each year as Arubans celebrate their "Status Aparte" and the Flag and Anthem Day. An impressive folkloric production marking the holiday is held each year at Plaza Betico Croes in Oranjestad. This official holiday also features many cultural events showcasing the local gastronomy of Aruba, as well as sporting events and organized games for both adults and kids around the island.

April/May



**April 18 • GOOD FRIDAY.** Official holiday

**April 20-21 • EASTER SUNDAY AND EASTER MONDAY.** Official holidays

**April 22 • EARTH DAY**

The first Earth Day on April 22, 1970, activated 20 million Americans from all walks of life, and is widely credited with launching the modern environmental movement. Growing out of the first Earth Day, Earth Day Network (EDN) works with over 22,000 partners in 192 countries to broaden, diversify, and mobilize the environmental movement. Here on Aruba, many resorts and businesses celebrate Earth Day with interactive events and activities to promote awareness.

**April 14- 25 • 12th AHATA RECYCLED ART COMPETITION**

This public awareness campaign for adults and kids promotes the collection and re-use of old articles to create recycled art. Last day for registration is April 5. Contact AHATA at Tel. (297) 582-2607 / Fax (297) 582-4202 / email [vanessa@ahata.com](mailto:vanessa@ahata.com).  
Exposition Venue: Cas di Cultura

**April 27 • 54th INTERNATIONAL BOULEVARD RACE (10K)**

Aruba's most popular running race draws over 200 competitors from countries including Aruba, Venezuela, Colombia, Netherlands Antilles, USA, and Holland. The 10K event starts at 5:30 p.m. on L.G. Smith Blvd. and ends at the Marriott parking lot. Entry forms will be issued in February. Contact Vanessa Tromp at Tel. (297) 593-5801 or email [arruwac@gmail.com](mailto:arruwac@gmail.com) for additional Information.

**April 27 • KING'S BIRTHDAY**

An official government ceremony in honor of King Willem Alexander is followed by numerous sporting events and family-friendly celebrations. Sports competitions, kite flying contests, and fun-filled activities are held at various sites including community centers.

**May 1 • LABOR DAY.** Official holiday

**May 21-26 • ARUBA SOUL BEACH MUSIC FESTIVAL 2014**

Held on Memorial Day holiday weekend, the Aruba Soul Beach Music Festival is a star-studded, two-night concert series that has featured such artists as Maze, Sean Paul, Chaka Khan, Wyclef Jean, India Arie, the Gap Band, Boyz II Men, Lauryn Hill, Nina Sky, Anthony Hamilton, Alicia Keys, Brian McKnight, Wayne Brady, Estelle, Jamie Fox, Etana, Robin Thicke, Common, Toni Braxton, MJ Blidge, Joe Thomas, Raheem DeVaughn, Jennifer Hudson, Christie Michele and Heads of State, R Kelly, LL Cool J, Ledisi, Melanie Fiona, Ne-yo, D'Angelo, Elle Varner, Tamia, Sinbad and Damon Williams. Venue: Adjacent Nikki Beach. Contact Aruba Tourism Authority at Tel. (297) 582-3777 / Fax (297) 583-7403 visit [www.aruba.com](http://www.aruba.com) / [www.soulbeach.net](http://www.soulbeach.net) for additional information.

**May 29 • ASCENSION DAY.** Official holiday





June/July

**June 24 • DERA GAI (ST. JOHN'S DAY)**

Aruba's harvest festival is now a cultural celebration featuring traditional song and dance. The symbol of the rooster and bright yellow and red costumes are central to events held at various locations including community centers. Tel. (297) 582-2185 / [www.gobierno.aw](http://www.gobierno.aw)

**June 29 • 28th ARUBA INTERNATIONAL TRIATHLON**

International competitors participate in a triathlon comprised of a 1.5 km swim, 40 km bike race, and a 10 km run. Beginners can test their endurance in the triathlon of a 750 km swim, 20 km bike, and 5 km run. Beginning at Eagle Beach, the event is planned on a safe and closed circuit. More than 100 athletes are expected to participate in this event hosted by the Aruba Triathlon Association. For registration and information contact Glenda Croes-Tromp at Tel. (297) 594-0067/ or email [arubatriathlon@hotmail.com](mailto:arubatriathlon@hotmail.com) / [Glenda\\_croes@hotmail.com](mailto:Glenda_croes@hotmail.com) website: [www.arubatriathlon.com](http://www.arubatriathlon.com).

**July • ARUBA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (AIFF)**

During the Aruba International Film Festival, Aruba is host to a brilliant cinematic brigade including actors, producers, and directors. This glittering event features glamorous red carpet premieres, screenings of an eclectic collection of international and Caribbean films, and lively conversations with stars. Past luminaries have included Richard Gere, Kim Cattrall, Jonathan Demme, Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson, Maria Conchita Alonso, and Paul Verhoeven. AIFF not only brings visitors and press from around the world, but also helps to develop and support local talent. Contact by email [info@arubafilm.com](mailto:info@arubafilm.com) or visit [www.aiff.aw](http://www.aiff.aw) for additional information.

**July 3-7 • 28th ANNUAL ARUBA HI-WINDS**

Aruba's trade winds provide the perfect conditions for the largest amateur windsurfing event in the Caribbean. Exciting windsurfing and kite boarding competitions in various categories are held off the beaches at the Fisherman's Huts at Hadicurari. There are five days of non-stop entertainment, beach parties, events, and activities. Contact the Aruba Tourism Authority at Tel. (297) 582-3777 / Fax (297) 583-7403 / or visit [www.aruba.com](http://www.aruba.com) or [www.aruba-hiwinds.org](http://www.aruba-hiwinds.org) for additional information.

August

**Aug.15-17 • ARUBA REGATTA 2014**

This sailing event features fun, action, and competitions among international yachts, catamarans, sunfish, and windsurfers during the day, combined with music, parties, and dinners at night. Contact the Organizing Committee at [www.arubaregatta.com](http://www.arubaregatta.com) or call (297) 565-6887/ email [eric@aruba-regatta.com](mailto:eric@aruba-regatta.com) for registration and additional information.

**Aug. 21-25 • 20th ANNUAL ARUBA INTERNATIONAL PRO-AM GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Professional and amateur golfers team up in a two-day, 36-hole tournament featuring gifts, prizes, and special events. Contact Tierra Del Sol at Tel. (297) 586-7800 / Fax (297) 586-4970 or email [adam.williamson@tierradelsol.com](mailto:adam.williamson@tierradelsol.com). More information can also be obtained through Aruba Tourism Authority at Tel. (297) 582-3777 / Fax (297) 583-7403 or email [a.boekhoudt@aruba.com](mailto:a.boekhoudt@aruba.com)

**Aug. 29-Sept.1 • ONE COOL SUMMER INTERNATIONAL DRAG RACE**

This exciting international drag racing competition will take place at the Palo Marga International Raceway Park. Contact Lucho Werleman at Tel. (297) 593-4125/ email [luchotowing@hotmail.com](mailto:luchotowing@hotmail.com) or visit the website [www.draginaruba.com](http://www.draginaruba.com) for additional information.



September

**September • ELECTRIC FESTIVAL 2014**

This hip, two-day event features world-renowned DJ's such as Chuckie, Erick Morillo, Begovic, Nutbeatz and musical artists like Slash. Organized by GM Affairs in conjunction with the Aruba Tourism Authority, Amsterdam Dance Event, Eventpro, ID&T, and Dirty Dutch. For additional information contact Davina Mansur at Cell: (297) 592-6965 / email [info@electricfestival.com](mailto:info@electricfestival.com) or visit the website [www.electricfestival.com](http://www.electricfestival.com) Venue: beach adjacent to Nikki Beach

**September 1 • 34th TURIBANA TO SANTA CRUZ 10K RACE**

A unique way to experience an Aruban sunrise is during this open road race that starts at 5:30 a.m. at Panaderia del Campo in Noord, and finishes at the Betico Croes Sports Complex in Santa Cruz. Registration begins on August 20, 2013. Contact IBISA at Tel. (297) 582-4987 or Fax (297) 583-6478/ email [ibisaaruba@gmail.com](mailto:ibisaaruba@gmail.com) for additional information or registration.

**September 12-13 • ARUBA FOOD, WINE & ART FESTIVAL 2013**

This annual two-day event begins with the popular Student Chef Competition presented in an open house format combined with international vintages and an exhibition of some of the island's talented artists. The second evening marks the second annual Iron Chef & Iron Sommelier competition with the island's premier chefs vying for top honors in an exciting production that combines entertainment, interesting vintages, and Aruba's dynamic culinary scene. Contact Justin Carson at Tel. (297) 526-44653 / Fax (297) 586-3403 / email [justin.carson@westin.com](mailto:justin.carson@westin.com) for additional information. Venue: Westin Resort & Casino, Aruba

**September • 21st ANNUAL ARUBA REEF CARE PROJECT**

If you are in search of a great eco tourism opportunity, join more than 800 participants from both the local community and those visiting us from abroad for the island's largest volunteer initiative. A cleanup of the island's most popular beaches and dive and snorkel sites helps raise awareness for a clean marine environment. Contact Mr. Castro Perez at Tel. (297) 740-0797 / email [castroeperez@gmail.com](mailto:castroeperez@gmail.com) for additional information.



October

**October • INTERPASO 2014**

Interpaso in Aruba is a showdown of the best paso fino horses from Latin America and the Caribbean competing in different categories. Interpaso is organized by OCA, the Aruban Horse Riding Organization. A must-see if you enjoy paso fino show horses, horse riding, horse competitions, and an exciting, local ambiance!\_Contact Mr. Alex Cybul at (297) 594-2495 or email [ocaboard@ocaruba.com](mailto:ocaboard@ocaruba.com) for additional information.

**October • 3rd ANNUAL BATTLE OF THE FOOD TRUCKS**

Experience Aruba's food truck culture combined with live musical performances from local bands and deejays. Venue: Tropicana Aruba Resort & Casino

**October 3-4 • 8TH ANNUAL CARIBBEAN SEA JAZZ FESTIVAL ARUBA 2014**

This annual festival ignites Aruba's music scene with an impressive lineup of International and local jazz, Latin, soul, and funk musicians at Renaissance Market Place. It is not only about music; the vibrating atmosphere, tasty food stands, and numerous bars make this an unforgettable, unique experience. There is a four-day warm-up preceding the Festival held at smaller, intimate venues. Famous featured artists at past festivals include George Benson, Angie Stone, Eddie Palmieri, Marcus Miller, Isaac Delgado, Candy Dulfer, Raul Midon, Richard Bona, Izaline Calister, David Sanborn, Moon Baker, The Ploctones and Tango Extremo, Chakan Khan, Oscar d' Leon, Pete Philly, Randy Bracker, Giovanca, El Gran Combo de Puerto Rico, Jose James, and Willy Garcia. Contact Caribbean Sea Foundation at Tel. (297) 5880211/ email [info@caribbeanseajazz.com](mailto:info@caribbeanseajazz.com)/ website [www.caribbeanseajazz.com](http://www.caribbeanseajazz.com) for additional information. Venue: Renaissance Marketplace downtown

**October 5 • 30TH FIRE PREVENTION 10K & 5K RUN**

Don't forget to pack your running shoes! This race is open to all local and visiting runners (and walkers!), and follows a circular route that begins and ends at the Fire House in Tanki Flip. The race begins at 4:00 p.m.





November/December

Registration begins on September 24, 2013. Contact IBISA at Tel. (297) 582-4987 / Fax (297) 583-6478 / email [ibisaaruba@gmail.com](mailto:ibisaaruba@gmail.com) for additional information or registration.

#### **October 12 • HALF IRON MAN ARUBA (10K)**

This highly competitive event, organized by the Aruba Triathlon Association, combines an intense swimming, biking, and running race through Aruba's breathtaking coastline and landscapes. For registration and information contact Glenda Croes-Tromp at Tel. (297) 594-0067/ or email [arubatriathlon@hotmail.com](mailto:arubatriathlon@hotmail.com) / [Glenda\\_croes@hotmail.com](mailto:Glenda_croes@hotmail.com) website: [www.arubatriathlon.com](http://www.arubatriathlon.com)

#### **Oct. 27-Nov. 2 • ARUBA INTERNATIONAL BIKE WEEK**

Didn't bring your Harley with you? No worries, just watching hundreds of bikes parade around the island is a remarkable sight see! The annual international bike event attracts bikers from several countries who ship their motorcycles here to participate in the festivities. Contact Mr. Rudy Croes at Tel. (297) 593-5344 or email [croesrudy@gmail.com](mailto:croesrudy@gmail.com) or Mr. Nahar at (297) 593-0014/ email [ttt.riders.aruba@gmail.com](mailto:ttt.riders.aruba@gmail.com).

#### **November 8 • 13TH ANNUAL NATIONAL COASTAL CLEAN UP**

Sponsored by the Aruba Hotel & Tourism Association Environmental Committee, this national cleanup day concentrates on areas near and along the coastline. Contact AHATA at Tel. (297) 582-2607 / Fax (297) 582-4202 or email Vanessa Rasmussen at [vanessa@ahata.com](mailto:vanessa@ahata.com) for more information.

#### **November 10-16 • DIVI ARUBA INTERNATIONAL BEACH TENNIS TOURNAMENT**

Aruba's international beach tennis event is the premier tournament in the Caribbean. International beach tennis pros and amateurs travel from around the world compete in the prestigious tournament and take part in the festive beach chic ambiance on gorgeous Eagle Beach. Contact Sjoerd de Vries at (297) Tel. 593-6512 or Aruba Tennis (297) 583-7074 / Fax (297) 588-4278 / email [sjoerd@tennisaruba.com](mailto:sjoerd@tennisaruba.com) or visit [www.arubabeachtennis.com](http://www.arubabeachtennis.com) for additional information.

#### **December 5 • SAINT NICOLAS DAY**

Aruba's children line Oranjestad harbor for the ceremonious arrival by boat of "Sinterklaas" (Saint Nicolas), dressed in bishop's robes and accompanied by his "Zwarte Pieten" (helpers). For days before Sinterklaas' birthday on December 5, children leave out their shoes and treats for Sinterklaas' white horse in anticipation of his nighttime visit and gifts. Sinterklaas and his helpers appear at many daytime events throughout the island.

**December 25 • CHRISTMAS** Official holiday

**December 26 • BOXING DAY** Official holiday

#### **December 27 • DANDE FESTIVAL**

In Aruba's biggest traditional musical event, more than 50 singers accompanied by typical musical groups present their original composition and lyrics as well as the traditional Dande song. A Dande group is a troupe of traveling musicians brightening the New Year with a song bestowing blessings, goodwill, and prosperity. Venue: TBA at 8 p.m.

## Bonbini Festival

Bonbini means “Welcome!” in Papiamentu, and this weekly folkloric music and dance festival is the perfect introduction to the warmth and hospitality of Aruba’s people. The BonBini Festival takes place in downtown Oranjestad every Tuesday at 6:30 pm in the outdoor courtyard of Fort Zoutman, Aruba’s oldest building. Catch the flavor of the island, its history, people, music, and cuisine during this entertaining evening held every Tuesday from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.



# Weekly Events

## Caribbean Festival

The Caribbean Festival takes place in San Nicolas every Thursday night from 6 p.m. – 10 p.m., showcasing the multicultural charms of Aruba’s “Sunrise City.” The center of activities is a stage area in which the audience can relax and enjoy a taste of delicious Aruban and Caribbean cuisine and a parade of local entertainers. Closed to traffic, the main street is a pedestrian mall filled with colorful booths selling food, handicrafts and, souvenirs with fun activities for the whole family. Packages including round trip transportation are sold at hotels.



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