



One happy
hello from

One happy
island





A photograph of a tropical beach scene. In the foreground, there is a large, thatched umbrella on a wooden stand. Underneath the umbrella, two people are sitting on lounge chairs. The beach is sandy and white, and the water is a clear, vibrant turquoise. The sky is a deep, clear blue. The image is positioned on the left side of the page, partially overlapping a dark blue curved shape.

Bonbini! One happy island

Aaaaah! Aruba! The very word brings to mind alabaster beaches, turquoise waters and lazy, sun-kissed days. Picture yourself on this magical land where our culturally diverse and multi-lingual people welcome you with friendly smiles and a proud tradition of warm hospitality.

World-class resorts, fabulous restaurants, action-packed casinos, exciting nightlife, duty-free shopping, rejuvenating spas and all kinds of land and sea activities and off-road adventures create the perfect Caribbean vacation. No wonder we enjoy the highest repeat visitor rate of any Caribbean destination with more than half of our treasured friends returning year after year!

Experience the irresistible tropical flair, European charm and Latin flavor of our magical land. Bonbini to Aruba!



You are about to discover a unique land of surprises and contrasts

timeless and untouched yet, at the same time, modern and cosmopolitan.

Ribbons of sparkling beach fringe clear Caribbean waters, perfect for sailing, kayaking, wet 'n wild fun, and deep sea fishing. Windsurfers and kite surfers come from near and far to ride glorious trade winds while spectacular coral reefs and sunken wrecks mesmerize divers with a dazzling parade of marine life.

The calm southwest coast is peppered with opulent high-rise resorts and casual low-rise retreats. The wind-whipped northeast coast is home to secluded coves, sand dunes and a natural pool. Raging seas have carved out underground caves and natural bridges; mysterious rock formations punctuate parched desert.

The Arikok National Park is a natural preserve of cactus-studded landscapes, rugged trails, fascinating

historical sites, and curious 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 sparkling 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 some authentic Aruban home cooking or a gourmet ethnic or international meal prepared by an award winning chef. Afterwards, exhilarating 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 culture enthusiasts, from fashionistas to film fanatics, travelers of all types are guaranteed to find the perfect event in Aruba's unique and fun-filled calendar.

Do it all or nothing at all! Create your own Aruba vacation, action-packed or mellow, filled with romance, relaxation and fun. Know that you are among friends who will do everything to make it just perfect...the way a Caribbean vacation should be!



Getting to know us

Our land...

Aruba is located in the heart of the southern Caribbean, 16 miles from the South American coastline. The island is 19.6 miles long and six miles across at its widest point, with a total area of 70 square miles.

Aruba's topography and vegetation are unusual for a Caribbean island. On the south and west coasts are miles of pristine white beaches that rank among the most beautiful in the world, rimmed by calm blue seas with visibility in some areas to a depth of 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) trees, all permanently sculpted into graceful southeast-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 F. The hottest months are from May through October and the coolest months are from December through March. 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 engrained tradition. 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 is 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. The Council of Ministers, presided over by the Prime Minister, forms the executive branch.

Our visitors...

Aruba attracts more than 800,000 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 and culture, abundant land and sea activities, safety and security, and long-time friendships.

Our history...

Aruba's earliest inhabitants arrived in small vessels about 400 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 about 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 about 1499. The Spanish had exported the Indians to Hispaniola and put them to work in the copper mines, although many later drifted back to work in the island's cattle- and horse-breeding industries. During the years that followed, ownership of the island changed hands several times. In 1636, near the culmination of the Eighty Years War between Spain and Holland, the Dutch took possession and remained in control for nearly two centuries. In 1805, during the

Napoleonic Wars, the English briefly took over 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 twenty-five 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; watapana tree pods which contain tannin; minor cultivations of silkworms, tobacco, cotton and peanuts; and most importantly, the cultivation of aloe and oil refining.

At the beginning of twentieth century, Aruba's economy was largely dependent upon aloe and one-third of the island was covered with plantations. With clay moisture-retentive 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.

The refinery was re-opened by Coastal Oil Company of Houston, Texas, in 1991, now Valero Energy Corporation.

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.

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. The 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 snow-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 each March 18, the same day that, in 1948, Holland accepted Aruba's right to autonomous status within the Kingdom of the Netherlands.



Tips for Tourists

Cell phones

- Your cell phone will work here but check on roaming charges. Contact your local service provider before traveling to Aruba.
- It is possible to rent a cell phone at the Setar and Digicel kiosks right at the airport in the arrivals terminal. A deposit and proper identification are required.
- Repeat visitors may consider the purchase an inexpensive cell phone instead of renting one.
- Teleshops are located in the hotel area.
- Phone cards can be purchased at Digicel and Setar shops, as well at many convenient locations throughout the island including gas stations and supermarkets.

Drinking water

- Aruba's water meets the highest quality standards of the World Health Organization. The desalination process takes place

at WEB NV located in Balashi. This results in the fresh water known as "Balashi Cocktail" that flows directly from the tap and is also bottled.

Internet access

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

Medical Facilities

- Contact your hotel front desk for medical information and assistance.
- 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 an equivalent, if not available

here.

- We have a fully equipped hospital just a few minutes from the hotel sector.
- All hotels have a doctor on call 24/7.

Money

- To change florins to US dollars, divide florin amount in half and add 10%. This formula will be especially useful when shopping in supermarkets.
- Exchange rate for US dollars is Awg 1.77 for cash and Awg 1.78 for travelers checks. (Awg 1.75 at supermarkets and gas stations / Awg 1.80 at shops and restaurants)
- All major credit cards and travelers checks are accepted.
- Personal checks from out of Aruba are not accepted.
- Some shops will not accept US \$ 50 or US \$ 100 due to worldwide counterfeiting.

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%).

Special needs

- Information about hotel facilities for the physically challenged and wheelchair
- Accessible rooms can be provided by hotel reservations staffs.
- Labco Medical & Home Healthcare sells, leases and rents medical and home healthcare product including wheelchairs, scooters, walkers, daily living aids, and oxygen delivery systems.
- 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
- Lite Life Medicals provides vans with hydraulic lifts and a ramp, with trained driver-attendants. www.litelifemedicals.com

Sun protection

- The sun is strongest from 11 am – 3 pm. Please be sure to reapply sunscreen often and drink plenty of liquids. Sunglasses and a hat/cap are recommended.

Taxes

- Room tax and service charge vary at each hotel, adding an additional 19 -22% to the room bill. A turnover tax (BBO) of 1.5% is either added to or included in the price of all goods and services.

Taxi fares

- 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 \$ 5.00.
- See www.aruba.com for

complete listing of taxi fares

Time

- Aruba is on Atlantic Standard Time year-round.

US Pre-Clearance in Aruba

- Aruba provides the services 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.
- 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.
- Passengers are allowed a US \$ 800 duty-free exemption. US \$ 1,000 per person is dutiable at the flat rate of 3%.



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. Information about applications for extensions of stay not exceeding 180 days per year are found on www.dimasaruba.com and www.aruba.com.

ARUBA CUSTOMS

- Beside articles for personal use, persons over 18 are allowed one fifth of liquor and 200 cigarettes, 50 cigars, 250 grams of tobacco. Aruba abides by CITES regulations in monitoring against the international trade in endangered species. For

example, products made from sea turtles or conch shells are prohibited from being brought in or out of the country.

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.

An impressive roster of legacy carriers and charters offer non-stop and direct service to and from the U.S., Canada, South America, Europe and the Caribbean. US bound passengers check-in at their own terminal building.

The airport lists carrier, gateway, and flight information on www.airportaruba.com. Here you will also find live arrival and departure

times. Phone number at airport is (297) 524-2424.

CRUISE TRAVEL

Thousands of cruise ship passengers disembark at the Port of Oranjestad each week throughout the year 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 numbers 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 Cruises. 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 (297) 582-6633 or visit their website 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 that visit our shores. Visit www.aruba.com for a listing of resorts offering cruise visitors day

passes, along with pricing and descriptions.

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.

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 U.S.; 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 public

parking lot behind the central bus station in downtown Oranjestad.

While many tour in the comfort of an air-conditioned 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 and along the windward coast.

There is daily bus service all along the hotel strip. Fare is US \$ 1.50 (one way) or \$ 2.30 (round-trip). There is bus service every 15 minutes from 5:45 am until 6 pm; buses then run every 40 minutes until 11:30 pm. The central bus station in downtown Oranjestad is located across the road from the Cruise Terminal behind Royal Plaza. Check at your hotel for schedules and hours or visit www.arubus.com.

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 unsettled rugged interior. Test your endurance on 20 miles of rugged hiking trails at Arikok National Park, climbing rocks at Ayo and Casibari, climbing 500 steps to the top of the Hooiberg, Aruba's second highest peak. For off-road adventure, rent a jeep, all-terrain vehicle or 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 jet-skis, sunfish, paddleboats, wave-runners, 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.

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 for a listing of water sports activities and cruises.

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.

The water is calm and perfect for swimming anywhere along the seven miles of Palm Beach, in front of the high rise resorts, and 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. Kayak in the calm waters of the mangrove-covered south coast near Savaneta and cross the Spanish Lagoon.

De Palm Island is a private tropical paradise. Choose a relaxing day of sunbathing and leisure or exciting thrills at the new, spectacular water park. Waters teeming with



abundant aquatic life, including brilliant blue parrotfish found only here, delight swimmers and snorkelers. The water slide park on De Palm Island boasts a shallow pool, six riveting waterslides and over 70 fun-filled water activities including net climbing, crawl tunnels, spinning trays and bubble jets. The attractive all-inclusive package includes food and beverage, snorkeling equipment and instruction, and various island activities.

Behold a brilliant world of sea life with Sea Trek as you walk twenty feet below the surface in zero gravity along a 375-foot-long path. Air is safely delivered to the underwater helmet. Feed the fish, view the wonders of a man-made reef, and take your seat at the “Sea Trek Café”.

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.

For a tour of Aruba’s spectacular brilliantly-colored coral reefs, hop aboard Atlantic 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.

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 black and yellow fin tuna. Enjoy bottom fishing on a sports yacht where equipment and bait are provided for reeling-in snapper, grouper, triggerfish and squirrelfish.

Known as the wreck-diving capital of the Caribbean, Aruba’s entire south coast is a coral reef with over twenty dive sites and eleven diver-friendly wrecks such as a plane, tugboats, cargo ships and historic vessels such as the Antilla and Pedernales. Aruba’s easily accessible reefs and shallow formations of coral will fascinate

snorkelers while reef and wreck diving reveals a brilliant underwater panorama of sea life. Shore dives are possible off De Palm Island, Pos Chiquito and Baby Beach.

Aruba ranks in the top five worldwide as a windsurfing destination due to flat-water locations, challenging wave conditions, extensive shallows and constant trade winds averaging fifteen knots year-round. Strong winds also attract kite surfers who catapult themselves high above the water in mid-air acrobatics.

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 (6,785 yards, par 71) desert course 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.



Natural Wonders

Beaches

Fringing turquoise Caribbean waters, Aruba's beaches include wide shaded expanses, quiet retreats, and busy sunbathing and water sports 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, kite surfing, 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 undertow 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 water sports 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, viewing the magnificent sunset and enjoy 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. Some nearby hotels. Some nearby hotels provide cabanas and lounges for their guests. During Easter week, tents dot the coastline as local families enjoy the tradition of camping out.



Baby Beach

Baby Beach is located in Seroe Colorado at the southeastern end of the island. It is a sandy half-moon sandy expanse in 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 bay opens out to the sea, snorkelers should watch out for strong currents here.

Rodgers Beach

Rodgers Beach is a narrow powdery white strip close-by where fishermen anchor their boats, protected by the calm waters of the bay.

Malmok Beach

Malmok Beach is a narrow sandy stretch that is home to sprawling homes and a variety of modest windsurfing residences; its shallow clear waters make it a popular snorkeling spot. Here catamarans and sailboats stop for a daytime

snorkeling stop just off the shoreline. Reefs and sunken wrecks nearby afford excellent diving. 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 home to the 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.

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 Marriott Aruba Resort, is a popular spot for windsurfing and kitesurfing enthusiasts and 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 and 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), kododo blauw (whiptail lizard) are among its 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, 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 20th century. Masiduri served as an experimental garden in the 1950s. Prins Plantation, a complex of abandoned adobe structures, cultivated hundreds of coconut trees as recently as the 1960s. Hofi Fontein is the only place along the north coast with a freshwater spring.

Because of strong undertow 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 on-shore winds that make it a popular windsurfing



spot. Boca Prins is a small secluded cove amidst rugged limestone cliffs fringed by snow white sand dunes. Fuente is a rocky cove pounded by surf. Dos Playa features two coves carved out of the limestone bluff; 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 five hundred 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.

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. Climbing 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.





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Tourist Information

Points of Interest

- 1 California Lighthouse
- 2 Arashi Underwater Park
- 3 Wish Rock Garden
- 4 Alto Vista Chapel
- 5 Old Dutch Windmill
- 6 Bushiribana Gold Smelter Ruins
- 7 Ostrich Farm
- 8 Casibari Rock
- 9 Ayo Rock Formations
- 10 Natural Bridge Ruins
- 11 Donkey Sanctuary
- 12 Natural Pool
- 13 Frenchman's Pass
- 14 Bird Refuge
- 15 Fontein Caves & Ancient Indian Markings
- 16 Seroe Colorado Lighthouse

Diving Wrecks

- 1 Antilla Ship Wreck
- 2 Rumrunner Wreck
- 3 Perdernalis Wreck
- 4 Pilot Wreck
- 5 Balf Wreck
- 6 Jane C. Wreck
- 7 Captain Rodger Wreck
- 8 French Bark Wreck
- 9 California Reef Wreck

Nature Attractions

- 1 Butterfly Farm
- 2 Bubali Bird Sanctuary
- 3 Jamanota (Highest Elevation)
- 4 Lourdes Grotto Caves
- 5 Tunnel of Love Caves
- 6 Huliba Caves
- 7 Guadinkiri Caves
- 8 Boca Prins Sand Dunes
- 9 Baby Natural Bridge

Diving Spot

- 1 Shallow Reef
- 2 Arashi Beach
- 3 Harbour Reef
- 4 Barcadera Reef
- 5 Kantil Reef
- 6 Plonco Reef
- 7 De Palm Island Slope
- 8 Skalahein Reef
- 9 Mike Reef
- 10 Johnny Fingers Reef
- 11 Mangel Halto Reef
- 12 Pos Chiquito
- 13 Isla di Oro
- 14 Buddy's Three Finger Reef
- 15 Commandeurs Reef
- 16 Lago Reef
- 17 Baby Beach Reef
- 18 Santana Reef
- 19 Cabez Reef

Sports & Entertainment

- 1 Kite Surfing / Wind Surfing
- 2 Aruba Racquet Club
- 3 Divi Links
- 4 Aruba International Raceway Park Palo Marga
- 5 Aruba Golf Club
- 6 Valero Refinery

Government

- 1 House of Parliament / Town Hall
- 2 Police Station





Historical Sites

Alto Vista Chapel

Known as the Pilgrim's Chapel, the small, bright yellow Chapel of Alto Vista 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 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 19th 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 17th 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 ninety 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.

Balashi and Bushiribana Gold Mills

In 1824, gold was discovered on the north coast by a young boy. 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 remain.
Creature Features



Attractions

Ostrich Farm

Located on the road to the Natural Bridge, this large ostrich farm provides an educational experience with an incubator cum hospital on-site. Guided tours every half hour from 9 am to 4 pm. Features also include the Savanna Lodge bar and restaurant and Art of Africa shop.

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 at Palm Beach across from the Aruba Phoenix Resort. Open daily from 9 am – 4:30 pm.

Donkey Sanctuary

Home to about 100 endangered donkeys, this guest-friendly sanctuary in Santa Lucia provides

the opportunity to interact with these harmless animals in a fun environment. Stop for a snack and purchase a donkey-themed gift or souvenir; you can even adopt your own donkey! Volunteers care for the donkeys and organize activities and fundraising events.

Bubali Bird Sanctuary

Also known as Bubali Plas, this is an official nature preserve. This fresh water 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.





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. 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 steel pan, 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.

CARUBBIAN FESTIVAL

The Carubbian Festival takes place in San Nicolas every Thursday night from 6 – 10 pm, 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 some

delicious Aruban and Caribbean food and a parade of local entertainers. Closed to traffic, the main street is a pedestrian mall filled with colorful booths selling food, handicrafts and logo souvenirs with fun activities for the whole family. Packages including round trip transportation are sold at hotels.

MUSEUMS

Aruba Aloe Factory and Museum (Pitastraat, Oranjestad)

Tour the state-of-the-art Aruba Aloe Factory and see the production process firsthand from aloe vera leaf to finished products. The tour guides will explain all about the aloe plant and its uses. Learn all about the 160-year old aloe history of Aruba in the museum, a national depository for ancient tools and equipment. Aruba Aloe products can be purchased here. Mon – Fri 8 am – 4 pm / Saturday 9 am – 1 pm / Free tours every 15 minutes. www.arubaaloe.com

Historical Museum

(Downtown Oranjestad between two of Aruba’s oldest monuments, Fort Zoutman and the Willem III Tower) The collection consists of artifacts acquired since its opening in 1983. There are audio-visual programs on topics related to Aruba’s history and a permanent exhibition outlining main events in 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 Mon – Fri 9 am – noon / 1:30 – 4:30 pm / museohistoricoarubano@hotmail.com

Archeological Museum

(Schelpstraat, downtown Oranjestad) This state-of-the-art museum is housed in the restored historic Ecury family home complex in downtown Oranjestad. Three periods of Amerindian habitation are documented through artifacts from various digs around the



island and presented through film and audio presentations, exhibits and interactive technology. The museum sheds light on the cultural and religious practices of the Amerindians. Highlights include a reproduction of a maloca, a hut where natives lived 1000 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

TOURS

Balashi Brewery Tour

See how Aruba's locally brewed beer and soft drinks are made. Tours take place Monday – Friday 10:30 am. Wear closed shoes and polo-shirts. Tel. (297) 585-4805

Desalination Plant Tour

Aruba's renowned high quality drinking water is produced at the world's second largest seawater

desalination plant. Visit the Water en Energiebedrijf (WEB Aruba NV) located in Balashi for free tours on Thursday at 9:30 am. Advance reservations required. Wear closed shoes, polo-shirt and trousers. Tel. (297) 585-4600.

ART GALLERIES

Art Studio – Gallery Insight

Paradera Park 215
 568 9168/ 582 0542
 Mon – Fri 10 am – 12:30 pm/ 2 – 5:30 pm
 Weekends by appointment

Ateliers 89

Dominicanessenstraat 34, Oranjestad
 588 5776
 Cell 565 4613

The Frame Shop Gallery

Italiestraat 24A, Oranjestad (behind Super Food)
 Tel. 583 1322

Atelier Elisa Lejuez

Malmokweg, Noord (across from entrance to Tierra Del Sol) Tel.- 592 3053
 Mon – Fri 9 am – 12 noon

Terrafuse

Ciro & Marian Abath
 Turibana 14, Noord
 Tel 586 7826 / cell 592 2978

UNOCA

Stadionweg 21, Oranjestad
 Mon - Fri 9 am - 12 noon / 1.30 pm - 5.30 pm
 Tel. 583 5681

Studio O Art Salon

Stadionweg 23, Oranjestad
 Tel. 594 5031



Shopping, Nightlife, Casinos

Aruba offers a bountiful selection of newly constructed shopping/entertainment centers in the high-rise resort area and downtown store-lined streets and upscale malls, as well as unique boutiques and emporiums. Shops are brimming with diamonds, gold and silver jewelry, timepieces, perfumes and cosmetics, state-of-the-art electronics, beach and resort wear, designer apparel and accessories, lingerie, fine linens and china, collectables, handicrafts and souvenirs. Friendly multilingual salespeople will assist you.

With a modern bus station, sparkling new shops, prestigious international brands, and restored historic buildings, downtown Oranjestad has a fresh face. A few miles away, the high-rise hotel area has recently added new and exciting shopping centers complemented by restaurants, movie theatres and nightly entertainment.

Aruba is a virtual 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.

DOWNTOWN SHOPPING

Downtown stores are open Monday through Saturday from 9:30 am to 6 pm; if a cruise ship is in port, some

open on Sunday. Shopping hours vary in and around the hotels; some stores remain open to 9 pm. Though personal checks are not accepted, major credit cards, travelers' checks, and US currency are welcome.

Scores of stores are located in several malls and along Caya Betico Croes, the original Main Street at the heart of town. There are small malls with Dutch Caribbean façades and free-standing stores all along a labyrinth of narrow downtown side streets. Parking in the free lot behind the bus station; accessible by taxi and bus.

Royal Plaza is the three-storied shopping center opposite the harbor markets. With Dutch Caribbean touches and pink and white paint, it resembles a rich wedding cake. Retailers here specialize in jewelry, apparel, accessories, linens, perfumes, cigars and souvenirs.



Stop here for a bite or a cocktail; the harbor view is awesome and there's even an after-hours club. The mall has an escalator and elevator.

Renaissance Mall is home to an exclusive international group of luxury retailers of simply fabulous jewelry, ready-to-wear, perfumes, shoes, accessories, beachwear and more. Enjoy Belgian chocolates, gelato, cappuccino, rice and noodles, or a light snack while shopping. The Crystal Casino and Crystal Theatre are just up the escalator. Open 9 am - 8 pm.

Renaissance Marketplace nestled between the yacht-lined boardwalk and Queen Wilhelmina Park boasts an eclectic array of retailers, special holiday activities and live entertainment. It has a sophisticated allure and several new eateries. The Seaport Casino and Renaissance Convention Center are located here as well. Open 9 am - 6:30 pm.

LOW-RISE AREA

There is a brand new shopping center adjacent to the Alhambra Casino with exciting new retailers. There are also interesting gift shops to explore in all the low-rise resorts. Divi Links has an upscale pro shop in the clubhouse.

HIGH RISE AREA

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

Paseo Herencia entertains shoppers with liquid fireworks, synchronized swimmers, Carnival shows, live music and six movie theatres while they explore the eclectic roster of fifty retail stores and seven restaurants. The entire center is indeed a "walk through history". Throughout the year there are themed events, fashion shows, talent shows and performances. Waltzing waters provide an ever-changing music and light show. Parking garage. Open 10 am - 10 pm / Sunday 5 pm - 10 pm.

Palm Beach Plaza is a multi-level shopping mall with ground level parking, located one block from the Holiday Inn Aruba. The largest mall in the southern Caribbean, it is an all-day family entertainment center with prestigious retailers, eight-screen movie theatre, post office, restaurants and food court. Children's entertainment floor with supervised playroom, neon bowling alley, kiddie train, Flow Rider. Open 2 pm - 10 pm / weekends 2 pm - 11 pm.

The Village is located right across from the Radisson Aruba Resort. Surrounding the large central courtyard of this trendy, brightly colored shopping center is a diverse assortment of retailers for souvenirs, gifts, cigars, jewelry, sports gear and beachwear, as well as unique restaurants. The Village comes alive after dark at popular bars and fun spots. Ample parking.

South Beach Center is a new two-storied mall is located in the heart of the high-rise strip. The roster of tenants includes a giant sports bar, coffee house and gift, apparel, jewelry, silver and souvenir stores. A Dutch bar/restaurant, hard rock café and restaurants serving Indian, Japanese, Chinese and Italian specialties provide an international dining selection. Outdoor seating, live music, kiosks and bars. Ample parking.

Arawak Garden Restaurant & Shopping Complex across from the Occidental Grand Resort is home to a variety of restaurants including a Dutch bar/café, Argentinian steak house, pizzeria and 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 features a Brazilian churrascaria, 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, Kong Hing, Ling & Sons, Certified, and Super Food are mega-supermarkets with ample parking clustered outside of downtown Oranjestad past the low-rise area; they are generally open until 8 am – 8 pm daily, and 9 am - 1 pm on Sunday. Certified Mega Mall is a complex of fifty shops including ATM machines, shoe repair, bakery and coffee shop, fast food outlets, café/restaurant, travel agency, fitness center, photo finisher and dry cleaner.

At the island's supermarkets, you will find everything you have at home plus international gourmet delights and unique local products. Dutch cheese, confections and exotic condiments, international wines and liqueurs; local spirits, produce and hot sauces; Aruba aloe products; and homemade baked goods and snacks.

NIGHTLIFE

Aruba 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, romantic nighttime interlude or a fun party. At resorts, carnival shows and Las Vegas-style revues boast talented dancers and brilliant costumes; there are sumptuous outdoor theme night buffets. Ten exciting resort casinos offer non-stop after-dark gaming action, lively house bands and exhilarating ambiance.

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.

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 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 carnival-like 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 Shopping Plaza
- Aura Casino at Occidental Grand
- Casablanca Casino at Westin Aruba Resort
- Cool Casino at RIU Palace
- Copa Cabana Casino at Hyatt Regency Aruba Resort
- Crystal Casino at Renaissance Aruba Resort
- Excelsior Casino at Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort
- Seaport Casino at Renaissance Marketplace
- Stellaris Casino at Marriott Aruba Resort
- The Casino at Radisson Aruba Resort
- Trop Casino & Casino at Tropicana Aruba Resort
- Casino at La Cabana Beach & Racquet Club (opening 2012)



Made in Aruba

CIGARS

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.) filateliearuba@setarnet.aw

MUSIC

What better way to relive your Aruba vacation than to take home a music CD? Popular carnival tunes include the rhythmic fast-moving road march, the tumba of African origin, and the commentary-laden calypso. Traditional lilting steel pan 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 and resorts, and at weekly festivals.

Local artists utilize canvas and multi-media to interpret the Aruban culture and landscape. The island’s friendly people and natural beauty are

captured through the lens 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

Pica di papaya, light orange in color, is a hot sauce made with locally grown green papayas. It is less potent than Hot Delight, made of



Madame Jeanette scotch bonnet peppers that 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 restaurant 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 half-moon 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 in the desalination process utilizing coral rock as filters.

Balashi Beer

Balashi is Aruba's national beer, produced in a 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. The beer is a deep golden color and easy on the foam. It has a soft bitterness, an aroma of fresh hops and a short aftertaste.

Palmera Rum

Palmera Quality Products imports raw materials for rum and other alcoholic beverages and uses their own formulas for blending. They

have 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.

Coecoei & Ponche Crema

Playa Liquor & Bottling Company produces coecoei, 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 sixty years ago. Ponche crema is a creamy, smooth and refreshing beverage made of egg yolks, cream, rum, and a variety of spices.



Restaurants

With so many restaurants to choose from, both in walking distance as well as 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 shoarma, 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 on-line and your dinner coupons will be waiting for you at your hotel desk.

Visit www.arubadining.com for more information.

Visit www.aruba.com to discover our many restaurants, chefs and recipes.





Spas

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

The Larimar Spa, named after a rare Caribbean gemstone, is located at the Radisson Aruba Resort, Casino & Spa. This modern 13,000 sq. ft. flagship facility features welcoming lobby, outdoor relaxation area, treatment rooms, steam room sauna, cold plunge, locker rooms, fitness center. www.larimarspaaruba.com

The first spa in Aruba, 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

Okeanos Spa is located at the Renaissance Mall. Facilities include multiple massage rooms, hydrotherapy room, spa lounge, saunas, locker rooms, fitness center, juice bar, hair salon. www.renaissancearubaspa.com

The Stillwater Spa at the Hyatt Regency Aruba Resort & Casino

features massage rooms, treatment rooms, steam and sauna.

With Balinese-style design, Mandara Spa at Marriott's Ocean Club features 4 VIP treatment rooms with extra-large Jacuzzi or Vichy shower, 8 individual treatment rooms, indoor and outdoor relaxation areas, steam room and beauty salon. www.mandaraspaspa.com

Intermezzo Day Spas feature fresh aloe and mineral wraps, refreshing facials; coffee, fruity and soothing body scrubs, and full menu of massages, all provided by skilled aestheticians in a relaxing atmosphere. Locations at La Cabana Beach Resort, Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort, Bucuti Beach Resort, The Mill Resort and Brickell Bay Resort. www.arubaspaspa.com

Etnika Spa is located at the Westin Resort and Tropicana Resort, providing a diverse menu of relaxing and rejuvenating massages, facials, scrubs and wraps and a salon providing the best in beauty care.



Destination Weddings & Honeymoons

Fall in love with our magical paradise of surreal seascapes, magnificent sunsets and starry nights. Go off on your own with a picnic lunch surrounded by staggering natural beauty. A sunset sail, moonlight dinner for two, secluded cove, sizzling Latin dancing, quiet nightcap, and couple's massage are among the romantic moments to be shared. What better than an Aruba vacation to kindle love, pop the question, enjoy a honeymoon, celebrate an anniversary, even get married!

From one end of the island to the other and throughout its interior, couples can discover their own favorite spots, and at absolutely no cost! Visit www.aruba.com for details about our popular value-added One Cool Honeymoon program.

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 House. Visit www.aruba.com and click on Weddings for legal and religious requirements. If you have already tied the knot at home, Aruba is a perfect place for a honeymoon, anniversary or renewal of vows.

Aruba is the perfect venue for a unique and unforgettable destination wedding. You don't have to do it all yourself! Independent and resort wedding planners provide valuable advice about documentation and legal matters as well as coordination on the ceremony day. Every minute detail about the ceremony and reception can be arranged, from officiator, witnesses, flowers, mementoes, gifts, and wedding certificates, to limousine service, photography and video, rehearsal dinners, wardrobe, and personal attendants - even a butterfly release! Visit www.aruba.com for listing of Wedding Planners.

Who needs another toaster? Wedding gifts for today's couples are less likely about setting up house for the first time than about helping to enhance the wedding, renewal of vows or honeymoon experience. Aruba is now offering an island first with a FAST, EASY and FREE interactive way for couples to prepare for their special event as well as to help point friends and family in the right direction in the purchase of the right gifts. Visit register.aruba.com for complete information about Aruba's Celebration Registry.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

YEAR-ROUND

Bon Bini Festival

Every Tuesday at historical Fort Zoutman / 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm Takes place every Tuesday in the outdoor courtyard of Fort Zoutman. Discover Aruba's history, arts, crafts, authentic culinary specialties, folkloric music and dance.

Shopping Bazaar

Extended shopping hours on Main Street (Caya Betico Croes) during various holidays and celebrations.

Caribbean Festival

Every Thursday on Main Street in San Nicolas 6 pm – 10 pm. Cultural celebration of international music, dance, song, theater, ethnic foods, crafts, traditional customs and folklore. Package includes transportation.

January/February

January 1: New Year's Day

Aruba welcomes the New Year with music and midnight fireworks and fire cracker display. Groups of musicians stroll from house to house singing traditional songs of goodwill and prosperity.

Carnival

During the month before Lent, all of Aruba participates in festive street parades with colorful costumes and floats, music and dance, contests and Queen Elections. The Lighting Parade in downtown Oranjestad is a nighttime extravaganza of twinkling lights. Grand Parades for both children and adults wind through the streets of San Nicolas and Oranjestad. Carnival ends on the eve of Ash Wednesday with the burning of "King Momo". For information, contact SAC / Tel (297) 582 4214 Fax (297) 588 2964 / www.sacaruba.org

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 separate status within the Dutch Kingdom. Various sporting events and popular games throughout the island.

MARCH

March 18: National Anthem & Flag Day

Plaza Betico Croes in Oranjestad is the site of a traditional celebration that features the display of flags, national music and folkloric events. Various sporting events and popular games throughout the island.

Aruba International Half Marathon (21 KM)

International competitors participate in Aruba's longest road race covering the length of the island from San Nicolas to Oranjestad.**

APRIL

International Boulevard Race (10 KM)

Aruba's most popular running race draws over 200 international competitors.**

AHATA Recycled Art Competition

Public awareness campaign for adults and kids promotes the collection and reuse of old articles to create recycled art. Art on display at Cas di Cultura. Contact Vanessa Rasmussen at Tel (297) 582 2607 Fax 582 4202 / Vanessa@ahata.com

April 30: Queen's Birthday



Official holiday honoring Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands is celebrated with ceremony, national music, fun-filled activities, and sporting events and competitions.

MAY

Soul Beach Music Festival

Held on Memorial Day holiday weekend, this is a star-studded, two-night concert series with comedy

nights that has featured such artists as Alicia Keys, Toni Braxton, Mary J. Blige and Jennifer Hudson. Venue: TBA. Contact ATA Special Events / Tel (297) 282 3777 www.aruba.com / www.soulbeach.net

JUNE

Aruba International Film Festival

Aruba hosts members of the international film community including Richard Gere, Kim Cattrall, Jonathan Demme and 50 Cent, and international press at this exciting three-day festival. Screenings of award-winning and critically acclaimed films from around the world. Special programs, workshops, parties and live events. Tel (297) 586 7450 / Fax (297) 586 7455 info@arubafilm.com / www.aiff.aw

Aruba International Triathlon

International competitors participate in triathlon beginning at Eagle Beach including a 1.5 km swim, 40 km bike race, and 10 km run. Also sprint triathlon for beginners. Contact Maximilian Irving at Tel (297) 594 5814 / arubatriathlon@hotmail.com

June 24: Dera Gai (St. John's Day)

Aruba's harvest festival is a cultural celebration featuring traditional costumes, song and dance.

Aruba Hi-Winds

The largest amateur windsurfing event in the Caribbean held off the beaches at Fisherman's Huts at Hadicurari features exciting windsurfing and kite boarding competitions in various categories. Contact ATA at (297)

582 3777 / www.aruba-hiwinds.org



JULY

Aruba Reef Care Project

Community members, certified divers and visitors participate in a weekend clean up program to help preserve the island's fragile marine environment. Contact ATA at Tel (297) 582 3777 / Fax (297) 583 7403



AUGUST

Aruba Rembrandt Regatta

A two-day open sailing event featuring yachts, catamarans, sunfish and windsurfing organized by Café Rembrandt, with evening music festival. Tel (297) 565 6887 / www.aruba-regatta.com

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 / adam.williamson@tierradelsol.com

Woman's Expo Show

Held at the Renaissance Conference Center, exhibitors present jewelry; health, beauty and fitness products; crafts, business products and information, hair care, cosmetics and fashion. Contact Diana and Danny Biemans at Tel (297) 737 9777 / info@di-shopping.com / www.di-shopping.com

SEPTEMBER

Turibana to Santa Cruz Race (10 KM)

Popular open road race that concludes at Betico Croes Sports Complex in Santa Cruz. **

Aruba Piano Festival

An unforgettable classical experience featuring some of the world's most acclaimed musicians. Arguably the most important annual chamber music event in the Caribbean. Contact Armand Simon at Tel (297) 737 6797 info@arubapianofestival.com / www.arubapianofestival.com

OCTOBER

Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival

Annual outdoor festival held at Cas di Cultura featuring an impressive line-up of local and international musicians. Past headliners have included Isaac



Delgado, Lao Tizer, Marcus Miller, Will Bernard and David Sanborn. Tel (297) 588 0211 / Fax (297) 583 8606
 info@caribbeanseajazz.com
www.caribbeanseajazz.com

NOVEMBER

Aruba in Style (Fashion Week)

This annual fashion, entertainment and lifestyle event presents a mix of fashion shows, networking opportunities, presentations and shopping. Contact ATA at Tel (297) 682 3777 / Fax (297) 583 7403
www.aruba.com

National Coastal Clean-Up

National clean-up day concentrates on areas near a road along the coast. Contact Vanessa Rasmussen at Tel (297) 582 2607 / Fax (297) 582 4202
 vanessa@ahata.com

Aruba Beach Tennis International Championships

Aruba is among the first to host an international tournament in beach tennis. Participants include pros and amateurs. Competitions held at Moomba Beach. Contact Sjoerd de Vries at Tel (297) 593 6512 or Aruba Tennis (297) 583 7074 / Fax (297) 588 4278
 sjoerd@tennisaruba.com
www.arubabeachtennis.com

**Contact IDEFRE at Tel (297) 582 4987
 Fax (297) 583 6478 / idefre@aruba.gov.aw
 for more information about sports events.

DECEMBER

December 5: Saint Nicolas Day

Celebrating the birthday of Saint Nicolas who traditionally arrives by boat with his helpers at Paardenbaai Harbor in Oranjestad, greeting the children of Aruba and rewarding them with gifts for being good.

December 25: Christmas

December 26: Boxing Day

December 27: Dande Festival

Traditional musical groups that brighten the New Year present their original compositions as well as the traditional "dande".

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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, all-inclusives to timeshares, warm island hospitality and a wide range of amenities compliment every stay.



AMSTERDAM MANOR BEACH RESORT

This unique Dutch colonial-style resort located across from Eagle Beach has 72 spacious recently renovated studios, 1- and 2-bedroom suites with kitchenette or full-size kitchens, and ocean view balconies or terraces. Rooms feature flat screen TV, direct telephone lines, free high-speed internet services. Amenities include sunset upper deck bar, Passions on the Beach Restaurant, Mango's Restaurant, Beach Bar, swimming pool with waterfall, mini-market. Certified Green Globe and Earth Check Platinum Resort.

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ARUBA MARRIOTT RESORT & STELLARIS CASINO

This Palm Beach resort, is the ideal choice for a Caribbean vacation. Enjoy luxury accommodations, two pools - including a new H2Oasis adult-only escape-and the indulgent Tradewinds Club. The resort guest rooms are the most spacious on island, all with large, private balconies. This hotel offers premium amenities, such as a Ruth's Chris Steak House, a Balinese-style Spa and a 24-hour Casino. Experience the difference for yourself!

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BRICKELL BAY BEACH CLUB & SPA BOUTIQUE HOTEL.

This Caribbean boutique hotel blends contemporary design with a tranquil ambiance, comfort and style. 98 superior hotel rooms with a host of amenities. Located on Palm Beach, it is surrounded by over 21 top-rated restaurants and a short walking distance from some of the best casinos and live shows in Aruba. Amenities include pool and swim-up bar, spa, restaurant and room service free Wifi in the lobby and business center. A perfect choice for business and leisure travelers alike.

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Adults-only, stylish, and owner-managed romantic oasis with 104 rooms and suites (non-smoking) on one of the Top 10 "Dream Beaches of the World". Refined and tranquil boutique resort experience, perfect for honeymooners and couples. Fine dining on the beach in open-air restaurant. TripAdvisor Traveler's Choice for Top 10 Most Romantic Resorts in the World. Conde Nast Traveler's Choice as a Top Resort in the Caribbean.

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DIVI ARUBA ALL INCLUSIVE

Enjoy the ultimate white sand beach and breezy sunny days at this low-rise resort with 203-rooms with patio or balcony, A/C, satellite TV. All meals and snacks at 9 dining options, 7 bars, 3 freshwater wading pools, non-motorized water sports and nightly entertainment. Sports center with 30-foot rock climbing wall and fitness center. Day spa and nearby golf and casino at additional charge. Use of all services and facilities at the adjacent Tamarijn Aruba All Inclusive.

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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 the Divi Village All Inclusive Villas as well as the Divi & Tamarijn Aruba All Inclusives, a quick shuttle ride away. This premier choice offers a total choice of 13 restaurants, 11 bars, 7 freshwater pools and a variety of sports and activities on the beach. Additionally, after 3 pm, golf is included with your stay.

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HOLIDAY INN RESORT ARUBA

This 382-room beachfront resort has something for everyone with refreshing accommodations, an attentive staff, a vast array of amenities, and restaurants ranging from casual family fare to romantic sea view dining. Enjoy sun & fun-filled activities with the zero entry pool pristine Palm Beach, water sports, KidSpree Kid's Vacation Club, tennis courts, fitness center, shopping arcade and more. Gold-enSpree, an exclusive, is a free program for 60+ guests. Look no further for your dream wedding, honeymoon or vow re-newal. Children 17 and under stay free when sharing room with parent/ adult.

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THE MILL RESORT & SUITES

The Mill Resort & Suites offers casual elegance and spacious comfort amidst lush tropical gardens at this 200-room resort. Perfect for an unforgettable vacation experience, 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 and meal plans.

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HYATT REGENCY ARUBA RESORT & CASINO

Recipient of 2012 Four Diamond and TripAdvisor Travelers' choice Award, Hyatt brings sophistication and blends casual Caribbean elegance and "Authentic Island Chic". Magnificent open-air lobby, 3-level pool complex with waterslide. 357 Deluxe guestrooms including 24 suites, boast signature Grand Beds, 24 hour-room service, contemporary design, 4 world-class Restaurants, 5 bars/lounges, ZoiA Spa 24-hour StayFit center, casino, meeting

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OCCIDENTAL GRAND ARUBA

Set amidst the pristine white sands of Aruba's famed Palm Beach, resort offers 380 rooms and suites. This exclusive all-inclusive resort caters to an international clientele and includes accommodations perfect for honeymooners and families alike. 6 restaurants and 5 bars, variety of water sports, free-form pool, nearby shopping and nightly entertainment to fill both your days and evenings.

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MANCHEBO BEACH RESORT & SPA

This intimate two-story boutique resort is located on the shores of majestic Eagle Beach, an ideal place for romantic and rejuvenating getaways. 71 fully-appointed and renovated deluxe ocean and garden view rooms are cool and comfortable with soft linens, bathroom with waterfall shower and a host of thoughtful amenities. The resort features three restaurants and an optional premium all-inclusive program served fully a la carte with premium open bar. Free Wi-Fi, pool, fitness room, yoga classes and Spa del Sol, an exotic outdoor spa on the beach

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RADISSON ARUBA RESORT, CASINO & SPA

AAA Four-Diamond resort fresh from a \$ 30 million renovation is a 15-acre oasis on widest stretch of Palm Beach. Modern Caribbean luxury, distinctive open air lobby. In 355 rooms & suites, flat screen TVs, iHome clock radios, colonial West Indian décor. AAA Four-Diamond Sunset Grille and 4 restaurants & bars, 13,000 sq. ft. oceanfront Larimar Spa & fitness center, casino, 2 zero-entry pools, complimentary internet.

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RENAISSANCE ARUBA RESORT & CASINO

Indulge your taste for fun at a this waterfront oasis. In the heart of downtown are two distinct lodging options offering fine dining, shopping, casinos and entertainment - treating both families and adults to an atmosphere of pure exhilaration. The Marina Hotel is a sophisticated adults-only sanctuary while at the Ocean Suites, there is ample room and activities for everyone in the family. And for the ultimate in relaxation, set out for Aruba's only private beaches on Renaissance Island.

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RIU PALACE ARUBA

This grand 450-room all-inclusive resort on Palm Beach offers double rooms, junior suites and suites (some with Jacuzzi on terrace). The 3-building complex includes two 10-storey buildings and one 8-storey building including a relaxing spa and exciting casino. 5 theme restaurants and 5 bars (including swim-up bar and sports bar); all meals and drinks are included. Landscaped grounds include two swimming pools (one with adjoining Jacuzzi and children's swimming pool) and sun terrace. 24-hour room service and complimentary gym, sauna, Jacuzzi.

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TALK OF THE TOWN HOTEL & BEACH CLUB

Intimate, charming and inviting, this boutique hotel is across the street from Surfside Beach, the Linear Park and one mile from the casinos, shops and theaters downtown, the cruise port and international airport. 51 rooms and 12 apartments (1 and 2 bedrooms). Meeting rooms, business center, complimentary breakfast and wi-fi internet. Palm-fringed courtyard with full size pool and bar/restaurant service. Lobby-bar with happy hours. Diving, water sports, great restaurant selection and beach services at Surfside Beach.

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TAMARIJN ARUBA ALL INCLUSIVE

Right at the waters edge all 236 oceanfront rooms with patio or balcony, A/C, satellite TV, 3 freshwater pools, 9 dining options, 7 bars, non-motorized watersports, bikes, sports center with 30 foot climbing wall and fitness area and nightly entertainment. Day spa and nearby golf and casino at additional charge. Use of all services and facilities at the adjacent Divi Aruba All Inclusive.

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WESTIN RESORT & CASINO, ARUBA

481 spectacular ocean view rooms boast private balconies. 79 spacious Junior or One-bedroom oceanview suites. Relax in the soothing comfort of the Heavenly Bed, refresh in the Heavenly Bath, keep in shape at the Work-out facility and relax at the Full service spa. Kids will enjoy Westin Kids Club and activities planned by our Director of Fun. 6 restaurants, 3 lounges, Palm Beach Casino. A variety of packages including room only, Breakfast and beverage, breakfast, lunch and beverages, and Premium à la carte All-inclusive package.

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ARUBA BEACH CLUB

Family-oriented resort features 131 comfortable beachfront suites with kitchen facilities. Adults and children's activities, swimming pools, shops, internet café, day spa, tennis courts, mini-market, restaurants. Daily maid service, baby sitting services, laundry service and laundromat. Alhambra Casino and shops across from the resort

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COSTA LINDA BEACH RESORT

155 luxurious 2- and 3-bedroom suites with fully equipped kitchens, ocean view balconies, Roman tubs, flat screen TVs. Various restaurants and bars, tropical pool, whirlpool spas, children's pool and playground, tennis courts, fitness center, beauty parlor and spa, shopping arcade, game room. Alhambra Casino and shops nearby.

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LA CABANA BEACH AND RACQUET CLUB

The complete vacation experience with full service amenities including outside bar with live entertainment, health & fitness center, spa, beauty salon, shopping arcade and car rental on property. Activities, swimming pool with waterslide, kiddie pool and playground. Supervised kids program, wireless internet service, concierge. Casino opening March 2012

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CARIBBEAN PALM VILLAGE

Low-rise resort with friendly atmosphere offers 144 luxurious 1- and 2-bedroom suites with fully equipped kitchens and satellite TV. Lush tropical gardens, 2 swimming pools and Jacuzzis, car rental, tennis court, Pool bar/Restaurant. Complimentary transportation to beach one mile away.

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DIVI ARUBA PHOENIX BEACH RESORT

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

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LA QUINTA BEACH RESORT

A tranquil resort with all the comforts of home, located across from beautiful Eagle Beach. 84 luxury apartments, 2 swimming pools, intimate poolside Food and Beverage facility, BBQ grills, internet facilities, laundromat, car rental. Island activities available through front desk.

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CASA DEL MAR BEACH RESORT

For deluxe and comfortable stays, 107 beachfront 2-bedroom suites and 40 privately located 1-bedroom suites. Beachside restaurant, two large swimming pools, outdoor Jacuzzis, pool bar, tennis court, shops, mini-market, gym. Children's activity center, pool and playground. Alhambra Casino and shops across from the resort.

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DIVI DUTCH VILLAGE

This newly renovated all suite resort features oversized studios 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 3 swimming pools with outdoor Jacuzzi tubs and shares amenities with the neighboring Divi Village Golf and Beach Resort.

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MARRIOTT'S ARUBA OCEAN CLUB

Reflecting the crystal-clear waters of the Caribbean, Marriott's Aruba Ocean Club is a treasured jewel of Aruba's Palm Beach. With its one- and two-bedroom villas, you will be surrounded by entertainment for all ages. Our spacious villas private balconies offer fully equipped kitchens, separate living & dining areas, televisions and DVD players comfortably accommodate up to 8 guests. Enjoy the Mandara Spa, our free form pool, nearby golf and much more.

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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 balcony or patio, and in-villa washer/dryer. Enjoy the beachfront swimming pool with slide, lazy river and whirlpool spa, Health Club, pool bar and poolside restaurant, and MarketPlace convenience store. Access to all amenities of Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino. (The newly installed adult pool not included.)

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PARADISE BEACH VILLAS

Exclusive hideaway located on the white sands of Eagle Beach. Tasteful and spacious suites offer with all the comforts and luxuries of home including fully equipped kitchen, cable TV, central A/C, large balcony. Two free-form swimming pools, mini-market, gym, restaurant, pool bar.

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PLAYA LINDA BEACH RESORT

5-star resort comprised of 213 spacious studios, one-bedroom, lanai and two-bedroom luxury suites including a Penthouse suite, each with a fully-equipped kitchen. Tropical lobby, various restaurants and bars, beach and water sport facilities, shopping arcade, fitness center and spa, lighted tennis courts, free form swimming pool with waterfall, Jacuzzis.

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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, a short walk from the pristine white sands of Eagle Beach.

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THE RESIDENCES AT DIVI VILLAGE GOLF & BEACH RESORT

All-suite resort features spacious studios, one- and two-bedroom suites surrounded by freshwater swimming pools and a challenging 9-hole golf course, "The Links at Divi Aruba". Resort amenities include 3 restaurants, lighted tennis courts, water sports center, fitness room, and more. Complimentary transportation is provided to the Alhambra Casino.

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GOLD COAST ARUBA

Resort residential community close to beaches and Palm Beach strip offers great vacation rental values for 2- and 3-bedroom furnished townhomes and 3-bedroom private villas. 2 community swimming pools, 24-hour security within fully gated complex, hospitality/concierge services. Coming in 2013 – Clubhouse with restaurants and lounge areas, swimming pool, bar and grill; two tennis courts, full service Spa, Fitness Center and Beauty Salon, convenience store, business lounge.

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Private Villas, exceptionally priced, located at the heart of the only 18-hole championship golf course in Aruba. Luxurious 2-, 3-, and 4-bedroom condos and private villas fully furnished and equipped with all modern amenities. Daily maid service. Two restaurants and bars. Tennis, full service health spa and fitness center. Unlimited greens with your stay. Special for families and groups. World class luxury lodging amidst 600 acres of unspoiled beauty.

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