



Welcome to paradise

Aruba is known for its crystal clear, turquois waters and breathtaking sunsets. Yet our island is also a destination of discovery and filled with all kinds of local adventures.

Go out and explore Aruba's hidden gems and local favorites. Discover our many relaxing beaches and uncover truly romantic hideaways. Experience our culture through culinary offerings in unexpected places. Indulge in wellness offerings and spa treatments. Encounter local artists and catch authentic Caribbean vibes in *Sunrise City*.

Celebrate your love your way. The options are endless, the surprises plentiful.

Wishing you a wonderful honeymoon on our One Happy Island.



The Honeymoon Bucket List unveils some of the islands' hidden gems and offers suggestions for memorable and romantic experiences in Aruba. Couples that book the One Happy Honeymoon package will receive the complete Bucket List, along with a box for trinkets, photos and treasures of your Aruba honeymoon.

Here's our shortlist of Bucket List Treasures - happy exploring!



I. Adventure

Watch the sunrise from Hooiberg

Climb 587 steps onto one of Aruba's highest viewpoints and enjoy a fresh breeze on top. Take in magnificent 360 views while the sun rises and the island slowly awakes.



3. Good luck charm

Light up a candle for everlasting love

Feel the positive and tranquilizing vibes at Alto Vista, Aruba's most romantic and oldest chapel, offering an intimate indoor area and spacious outdoor seating with heavenly ocean views.



2. Nature

Hunt for heart shaped pebbles & stones on Black Pebble Beach

This hidden cove holds the largest collection of black pebbles on the island and those who are patient will eventually find a heart shaped one.



4. Culture

Art tour in San Nicolas

For a unique and artistic experience, take a walk through the downtown area of Aruba's southern city San Nicolas – colorful murals in the city center inspire for fun-filled photos.



Unforgettable dining experiences

With so many magnificent beaches and ocean front locations to choose from and a 99.9% guaranteed spectacular sunset in all hues of pink, orange and red, Aruba offers some of the most romantic dining locations in the world.

Here's our Top 5 of Culinary Must-Try's:



→ Your private cabana overlooking the Caribbean

There are a few occasions in life where you should really go 'all out' and have the dining experience of a lifetime. For sure dining in a private cabana hits the mark. On a secluded beach in a quaint fisherman's village, Savaneta, hidden dinner spot The Old Man & The Sea will take your breath away. More mid-island, on the snow white sands of famous Eagle Beach, a private cabana at the adults-only Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort awaits for a most romantic dining experience.

→ A bite amidst flamingos

How many places do you recall where you had lunch or dinner with flamingos smoothly trotting past your dinner table? In Aruba, at Renaissance Island this dream scenario can become a reality. Various options are available; you could make it a wellness day and enjoy a couple's massage, followed by lunch. Or test your Robinson Crusoe skills after a romantic dinner on the beach, by spending the night all alone on this private island in a beach cabana. Survival kit provided.



→ A dinner cruise for two

You will soon find out that sunset sails and dinner cruises are very popular in Aruba and for good reason. A calm ocean, stunning views and a gorgeous sunset are ideal circumstances for a unique night out. Since this is your honeymoon and 'Just the Two of Us' is your motto, you might want to skip the masses by booking a private dinner sail. You'll have the boat all to yourself, while captain and his staff cater to your every need. Amongst various vendors, Tranquilo (sailing boat) and Strea Charters (motor yacht) offer this private dining experience on the ocean.



★ Caribbean kitchen – mix of flavors

The Aruban cuisine is –just like its people and language – an interesting mixture of cultural influences. You will discover tastes from South America, the Netherlands and the rest of the Caribbean. For an authentic culinary experience, try one of the local favorites. Fare is served from super simple (try Zeerovers in Savaneta) to straight forward (try O'Neils Caribbean Kitchen in San Nicolas or Red Fish, if you prefer to stay closer to Palm Beach) to very 'haute-cuisine' (try The Kitchen Table by White or White Modern Cuisine). Most restaurants offer at least one or two local specials and typical side orders on their menu. Try them!



+ Fisherman's Fun - catch your own & grill it

While not every couple has sea legs, those who love to spend a half day on the open water, catching a ride on local deep fishing charters that set out for 'big fish', this is a unique experience. You'll be part of the local fishing crew for a day and get to try and catch your own fish. Fresh off the boat, you get to take your catch with you and you can either have it prepared at selected restaurants (try Driftwood), or you can grill it yourself at your vacation rental or private home.





Honeymoon Delights

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Our One Happy Island offers a wide variety of activities that can especially be enjoyed by couples in a private, at times even adult-only, setting. Explore the many outdoor yoga, spa and wellness locations on the island for rejuvenation in the most romantic and highly scenic setting. Yoga on the water? Available in Aruba. Ocean-front spa treatments? Plenty of those, all along Eagle and Palm Beach and even on Renaissance Island. Paddling through tall mangroves, pretenting you're in the Blue Lagoon movie? For sure, just head out to the Spanish Lagoon! The more adventurous at heart can go island-exploring by horse, by Sea-Bob, on a Segway, an ATV or a mountain bike; especially fun when cruising the rougher North Shore. And couples that want to do nothing but relax on the beach and enjoy breathtaking ocean views - ask for a private cabana at your accommodation of choice.

The local scoop for honeymoon couples from a Personal Concierge

Why do honeymooners seek assistance from a personal concierge?

My clients like the personal attention and exclusive services I can provide. Think private transportation, grocery deliveries, private cook services, in-house massage or private yoga sessions. Especially couples that come to Aruba to get married here and stay with their larger wedding group for their honeymoon at a private home love tailor-made solutions and services.

What types of activities are most popular and always a great recipe for success?

Aruba is famous for its beaches and breathtaking sunsets. Therefore, anything on the water and the beach is popular, yet the most favorite activities are sunset sails, dining on the beach, couple's massage (indoor or on the water/beach) and an island tour. Exploring the island by Jeep or ATV is a more adventurous activity yet there are various options and vendors to choose from, and it is a fun way to discover Aruba.

My personal favorites? A 'dinner in bed', a special feature to have dinner on a lounge bed at Screaming Eagle restaurant. It is not too well-known on the island, yet a unique and romantic experience. And a private (sunset) dinner for two on a sailing boat where you'll have the whole boat to yourselves.

What was the most out-of-the-box request you have received from a guest?

That was a client who wanted to rent a private yacht for half a day, including jet skis and a private chef – they had a blast on the water.





What is your top 5 of hidden gems when honeymooning in Aruba?

- A helicopter tour by sunset while taking in amazing 360 views of the island (we can arrange for a special message on the beach to be visible for your spouse like 'I love you' as an extra touch)
- A day-stay (including lunch or dinner if preferred)
 or a night-stay at a private cabana on the water rent
 exclusive cabanas at Old Man By The Sea or at
 Renaissance Private Island.
- A private paddle board (SUP) tour through tall mangroves; it's such a beautiful and lush environment, totally romantic and unexpected
- A wine tasting with delicious small bites to enjoy at The Wine Room, the private wine room for those who love wine and culinary experiences
- Luxury picnic on the beach in a romantic set-up with full catering services

What would you recommend couples who are considering Aruba as their honeymoon destination?

Aruba is a beautiful island and has so much to offer – to spend your precious time during your stay in Aruba wisely,

I highly recommend you to investigate in advance what activities, dinners and other fun stuff you would like to experience prior to your arrival. This will save you quality time during your honeymoon and it will avoid frustration or disappointment if certain activities or restaurants are booked when you are arranging things last minute.

I also recommend all couples to not plan activities *every* day, to make sure there is time to relax.

Lastly – keep in mind that Aruba is very photogenic. Long stretches of white sand beaches, turquois waters, landscapes that are filled with tall cacti, rock formations and unique divi trees form the perfect backdrop for a romantic photo session. You can book a photographer in advance and have your honeymoon photos taken as a unique keepsake.





About Freya

Freya Kraag is Dutch-born and has been living and working in Aruba since 2006. She has a Bachelor's degree in hotel management and started her career in Aruba as a concierge at Marriott. She worked in the hotel and hospitality industry for the past 11 years in various management positions and started her personal concierge services in 2015.

Getting Here

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

Our happy island is easy to reach with direct flights from many major cities in North America. Queen Beatrix International Airport (AUA) is just a few miles from most hotels.

Find your flight at aruba.com/flights

Staying Here

Once you're here, we have more than 30 top-rated hotels and resorts to suit every budget, with incredible restaurants, spas, pools and amenities.

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One Happy Honeymoon

In addition to a free night when you return for you first anniversary, happy couples can receive reduced rates, room upgrades, champagne, massages, dinner, and more.





