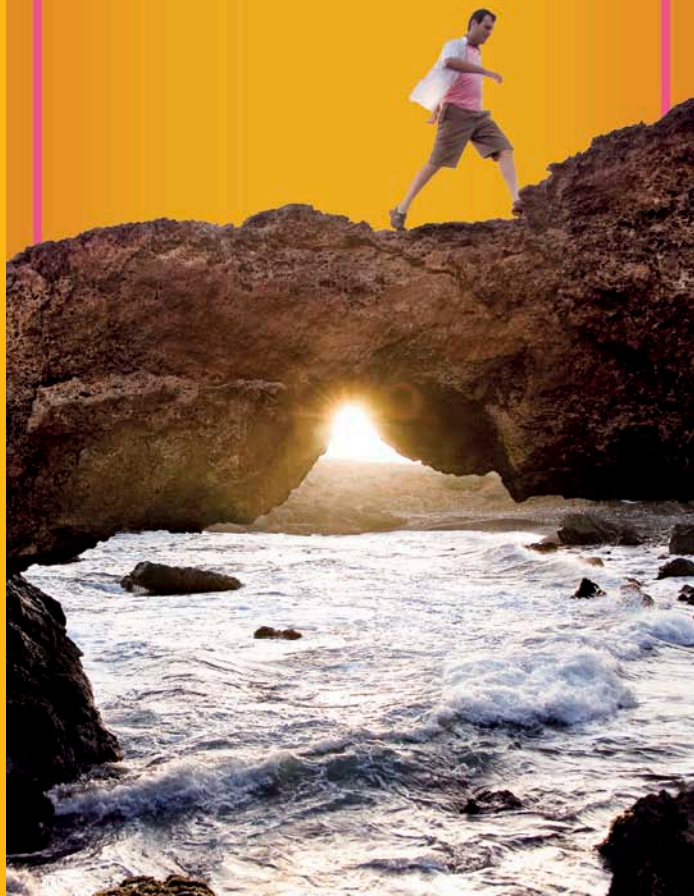


ARUBA

QUICK REFERENCE
GUIDE



In your hands you hold a ticket to everything Aruba. It's your guide to all that makes Aruba simply unforgettable and, well, simple - the easy kind of vacation that makes you want to come back again and again.

When you hear the warmth of an Aruban 'bon bini' you'll know it's a sincere welcome and that you'll be in good company. It is this hospitality that keeps more people coming back to Aruba than any other island in the entire Caribbean.

Of course, the near-perfect weather, constant sunny skies, world-renowned hotels and resorts and first-class cuisine also have a lot to do with that distinction. But the details in this brochure will give you many reasons more.

We know that the more you learn about Aruba, the more you'll discover why, after a trip here, you may never think about another vacation destination. If you're looking for further information, please go to www.aruba.com or call 1-800-TO-ARUBA.

We look forward to sharing Aruba with you.



GETTING TO ARUBA

REINA BEATRIX INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ARUBA

Aruba's state-of-the-art airport facility is among the newest in the Caribbean. The island is served by a number of airlines, and connections can be made to any part of the world. U.S.-bound passengers benefit from their own terminal building that houses a U.S. INS/ Customs facility, allowing flights from Aruba to enter the U.S. as domestic flights.

ARUBA CRUISE TERMINAL

Thousands of cruise ship passengers disembark at the Oranjestad port each week. The height of the cruise tourism season runs October through April; however, numerous big ships and mega-liners visit the island year-round.

IMMIGRATION

Visitors should be in possession of a valid travel document, a return ticket or a ticket to travel elsewhere outside Aruba, and the necessary documents for returning to the country of origin (valid permanent resident documents) or for further travel elsewhere (visa). Nationals of countries necessitating a visa to enter Aruba must complete their application through a representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands (Embassy or Consulate). For information on entry requirements and maximum length of stays on Aruba, contact the Department of Integration Policy and Foreign Admission Policy Aruba (DIMAS), c/o Bureau Visa Wilhelmina Straat 31-33; Tel: (297) 522-1549/(297) 522-1590. Fax: (297) 512-1505. Email: dimas@aruba.gov.aw or go to www.aruba.com.

CUSTOMS

Persons over 18 are allowed one fifth of liquor, and 200 cigarettes, 50 cigars or 250 grams of tobacco. Aruba abides by CITES regulations in monitoring against the international trade in endangered species.

U.S. PRE-CLEARANCE

Aruba is only one of three Caribbean destinations that provides for U.S. pre-clearance services, allowing flights from Aruba to enter the United States as domestic flights. Customs and Borders Protection (CBP) is responsible for admitting persons, as well as foreign articles, into the United States.

PASSPORT REQUIREMENT

As of January 23, 2007, the U.S. Government requires all U.S. citizens and foreign nationals carry a passport or other accepted secure documents to enter or re-enter the U.S. from vacations or business travel anywhere in the Caribbean, Bermuda and Central and South America. Visit www.travel.state.gov for more information.

GEOGRAPHY

Aruba is located in the heart of the southern Caribbean, just 15 miles from the South American coastline. At 19.6 miles long, six miles across at its widest point and a total area of 70 square miles, Aruba is as manageable as it is sunny.

Aruba's south and west coasts feature miles of pristine, white beaches that rank among the most beautiful in the world. By contrast, the northeast coast, along the windward shore, is a rugged terrain where ocean waves spectacularly crash ashore to the satisfaction of all who venture there.

The interior is desert-like, with a wide variety of cacti and dramatic rock formations dotting this unique and beautiful Caribbean landscape.

The average daytime temperature in Aruba is 82°F and the average rainfall is less than 20 inches a year. Unlike most of her Caribbean neighbors to the north, Aruba is located safely away from the traditional path of hurricanes. For more information go to www.aruba.com or call 1-800-TO-ARUBA



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CUISINE

With over 200 restaurants offering a wide range of local and international cuisine, Aruba is well known for leaving guests very happy come meal-time. The Aruba Gastronomic Association's (AGA) member restaurants each pass the high Freeman standards and participate in AGA's Dine-Around program. The AGA Wine-Around is the perfect gift. For this program, each dinner features five gourmet courses and perfectly paired wines. It can be ordered using the form on arubadining.com.

SHOPPING

Stores can be found throughout pastel-colored Oranjestad and at the island's hotels, all stocked with well-priced imported merchandise, including perfume, liquor, linens, jewelry, watches, cameras, designer fashions, crystal and china.

NIGHTLIFE

The sun goes down, and the fun continues. You have your pick of several spectacular revues, rollicking dance clubs, party busses, party cruises and eleven glittering casinos, all keeping you busy until the wee hours. Or enjoy a sophisticated ambience at one of the many lounges.

PEOPLE

There are about 100,000 full-time inhabitants of Aruba, representing more than 40 different nationalities. While Aruba's official languages are Dutch and the native Papiamentu, most Arubans are fluent in several languages, including English and Spanish.

GOVERNMENT

On January 1, 1986, Aruba became a separate entity within the Kingdom of the Netherlands. Aruba's capital is Oranjestad. The government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands is still responsible for the defense and foreign affairs of the entire kingdom.

HISTORIC AND CULTURAL SITES

Aruba's historical buildings take you on a journey through the island's history. You'll want to visit City Hall, Fort Zoutman and Willem III Tower in downtown Oranjestad. Picturesque and educational museums such as the Archeological Museum, the Numismatic Museum, the Historical Museum, and the Aruba Aloe Museum. Aruba will exceed expectations if you want to explore artwork, too. There are many art galleries featuring the local artists' works, including Access Art Gallery, Contemporary Art Studio and South End Gallery.

TOURS

No matter what you're looking to do - whether you want to escape for a full-day or half-day - Aruba has the tour for you: nature tours, kayak tours, mountain bike tours, four-wheel safaris, submarine, semi-submarine and glass-bottom boat tours - they all happen every day. Even tours of our local Balashi beer brewery and our very own salt-water desalination plant. We recommend planning ahead - check out aruba.com to find contact information for the activities you want to experience.



SPECIAL EVENTS

Aruba is bursting with to-do's, including a bevy of unique cultural events, incredible music festivals featuring world-renowned musicians, environmental volunteer programs and exhilarating sporting events. Not to mention our famous Carnival festivities. Go to www.aruba.com/calendar for the most up-to-date event information.

SPORTS

Aruba offers a wide variety of land and water sports activities that will suit the cravings of any sports lover. Golf, horseback, tennis, deep sea fishing, sailing, parasailing, speed boating, SCUBA, SNUBA, snorkeling, windsurfing, kite surfing, kayaking, sea trek, swimming, water skiing, jet skiing, biking, hiking - you name it, we have it. And if you'd rather stay close to home, most hotels provide guests with a fitness center and luxurious spas.

PLANNING YOUR TRIP

WHERE TO STAY

Aruba features a diverse selection of accommodations. Luxury high-rise hotels offer opulent surroundings, excellent service and all the extras. The low-rise hotels and boutique resorts deliver a homey feel, gorgeous pools and peaceful elegance. Consider a private property if you seek seclusion, or for those coming with groups, a villa could be the perfect setting for the perfect vacation. No matter where you choose to stay, you'll find lush landscaping, swaths of beautiful beaches, and a special charm that envelops all of Aruba.



SPECIALIZED VACATIONS

Aruba's "One Cool" programs offer vacation experiences built with your needs and interests in mind. Getting married? Start the honeymoon early by signing up for our One Cool Honeymoon package, complete with a bottle of champagne upon arrival, souvenir gifts and a free night when you come back for your anniversary. If the whole family wants to experience a perfect day every day in Aruba, check out the One Cool Family package, complete with free accommodations, daily breakfast and activities for kids 12 and under. (Activities vary by hotel and are subject to availability.) For more information on Aruba's One Cool vacations, go to www.aruba.com.

WEDDINGS AND HONEYMOONS

Thousands of couples choose Aruba's sunset-lit beaches and private beach coves as the perfect setting for their honeymoons or wedding ceremonies and receptions, which can also take place legally on-island. Honeymooners can sign up for the Aruba Bridal & Honeymoon Registry at www.aruba.com, where well-wishers can buy the gifts, meals, tours, room nights - anything to make the couple's trip unforgettable.

DRIVING AND CAR RENTALS

It's asked so often, we'll answer it first: yes, Arubans drive on the right-hand side of the road. And if you have an international driving license, or any valid driving license held for at least two years, you may rent and drive an automobile on the island. The minimum age of 21-25, and the maximum age of 65-70, varies by company.

MEETING AND CONFERENCE FACILITIES

Aruba is also an ideal destination for groups. Many Aruban resorts offer fine indoor and outdoor meeting and banquet facilities, totaling 100,000 square feet of event space. For more information visit www.aruba.com.

SPECIAL NEEDS TRAVELERS

Aruba International Airport and a number of Aruban resorts meet American Disability Act (ADA) standards. Specific hotels offer ground-floor rooms and doors wide enough to accommodate wheelchairs. In most cases, wheelchairs and/or canes are available. Please check in advance with the hotels you are considering.

MEDICAL SERVICES

All hotels in Aruba have medical doctors on call. There are also excellent dental facilities on island. Aruba's hospital facilities are modern, well-equipped, and centrally located near the hotel district.

ATTRACTIONS

Aruba offers a wide variety of attractions. Some offer adventure and natural wonders, like Arikok National Park; the rock formations of Ayo and Casibari; the Aruba Ostrich Farm; the Butterfly Farm; the Bubali Bird Sanctuary; and the Donkey Sanctuary. Other sites are simply unsurpassed photo ops you don't want to miss. Like the picturesque Chapel of Alto Vista; the old California Lighthouse; the sand dunes of California and Boca Prins; the Grotto of Guadirikiri; the 19th century gold-mill ruins at Bushiribana and Balashi; the beautiful painted Indian petroglyphy in the cave at Fontein and more.

