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## During the month of September, Holiday Inn Aruba celebrated the international Housekeeping week with their fantastic housekeeping team.

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Some of the activities that were organized for them were a deli-

cious breakfast with the whole team. They enjoyed the Aruba sunset with a catamaran trip and enjoyed themselves watching a comedy movie at the cinemas. During a Bingo afternoon, they were able to win some wonderful prizes, and last but not least they had a wonderful lunch together

to conclude the week where they were shown Holiday Inn Aruba appreciation for their hard work and dedication.

Holiday Inn Aruba message to their Housekeeping Team: Thank You for being our Everyday Heroes!



## Holiday Inn Aruba colleagues recently took the opportunity to give back and show as part of their initiative.

(Yellow Cross) Aruba is an organization that among other things, assists young mothers (and families) once they have given birth. Their observations are that there are plenty of mothers/families that are really in need of some assistance in the form of diapers and baby formula. Holiday Inn aruba colleagues decided to contribute to this cause and started a collection of baby diapers, baby wipes and baby formula to donate to the Wit Gele Kruis "Stevig Ouderschap" department.



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Ronella Croes CEO  
ARUBA TOURISM AUTHORITY

Dear Visitor,

***Welcome to the One happy island or as we say in Papiamentu - Bon bini!***

On behalf of the Aruba Tourism Authority, we thank you for choosing Aruba as your vacation destination. We, at the ATA, are very proud of the remarkable tourism recovery Aruba has seen over the last two years. This recovery has been possible by countless local stakeholders, the local community, and all the wonderful visitors to the island, such as yourself.

As a destination, we are embracing the High-Value, Low-Impact tourism model.

Aruba will continue focusing on the economic contribution of the tourism sector, the quality of the visitor experience, environmental protection and conservation, and our residents' quality of life.

For our part, the Aruba Tourism Authority, through different initiatives, will highlight the importance of our natural resources, our well-known hospitality, and the safety and security of our visitors which they have grown accustomed to.

While you are visiting Aruba, we encourage you to go out, explore and enjoy all that the island has to offer!

Dear Visitor,

***I would like to give you a warm welcome to our One Happy Island Aruba.***

It is an honor that you choose our little haven as your vacation destination and that is why we do our best to accommodate you as comfortably as possible to experience the best our island has to offer. As the Minister of Tourism, my focus is to provide our visitors with excellence and quality, offering a one-of-a-kind and unforgettable visit.

The world is quickly changing and as we have been taught, working towards a more sustainable future is the only way forward. Therefore, we are focusing on the preservation of our flora and fauna, cultural heritage and eco-friendly activities for everyone to enjoy.

Aruba may be a small island but has so many wonders to offer, only to mention a few, my personal favorite highlights of Aruba are the Arikok National Park, Aruba's Lighthouse, and San Nicolaas district with their art murals, bohemian cafés and beautiful beaches.

My compromise with Aruba is to uphold our tourism to the highest of standards while preserving the natural resources that we have been gifted by our planet. I hope that when you are in Aruba, you enjoy yourself while taking care of our beautiful paradise and feel as a part of our family. Remember that we will always await you with open arms and this is your home away from home.

Your Excellence,

Mr. Danguillaume Oduber



# OUTSTANDING AWARDS

## IN THE HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY



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**Gary Bird**

Driver/ Tour Guide - EL Tours & Transfers



HolidayInn Resort

**Shulaika Isenia**  
Sales Coordinator

TEAMPLAYER OF THE 3th QUARTER



To our treasured guests,

## *Bonbini to Aruba!*

We are delighted you chose Aruba as your vacation destination. Whether it's your first visit or you have been here before, Aruba offers a great vacation experience. We look forward to sharing our unique sites and ambiance with you and hope – above all – that you get to know our people and the warm and welcoming hospitality.

AHATA's members encourage you to help us preserve local flora and fauna for future generations and we invite you to support our valiant sustainability efforts while enjoying an array of available activities. Every square mile of Aruba is a gem waiting to be discovered, whether it's the endemic nature on the Northside, the shopping activity of Oranjestad, the charm and Caribbean culture of the San Nicolas art district, or the serene white beaches and crystal-clear turquoise waters.

Our island's culinary offering can please a wide variety of pallets. You can enjoy traditional meals such as goat stew "cabrito stoba," stuffed cheese "keshi yena," or fried fish "pisca hasa cu funchi". The diverse gastronomic scene boasts international dining experiences varying from European to Asian, African, Latin American, and Caribbean flavors.

Through it all, you can delight in a level of hospitality and service that is deeply ingrained in our Aruban culture. We encourage you to get to know our people and form a deeper bond with Aruba and its rich historical background.

Thank you for visiting Aruba. We look forward to welcoming you back again and again!  
Warm regards,

Tisa LaSorte  
President and CEO  
Aruba Hotel & Tourism Association

### Hilton Aruba Caribbean Resort & Casino

## Take Your Child to Work Day



The Blue Energy Committee at Hilton Aruba Caribbean Resort & Casino welcomed 40 children of hotel team members to enjoy a day at the resort. The intention was to expose youngsters ages 5 to 14 to future job possibilities, experience their parents' workplace, enjoy guest amenities, and emphasize the value of education. The children started the day with a light breakfast at

the Morris Lapidus Ballroom, followed by a grand tour of the property. The group was divided into four groups and each participated in different activities planned for the departments of engineering, housekeeping, front office, kitchen, and spa & recreation. The kitchen department, under the supervision of Chef Olivier and his team, prepared a fun and



educational setup at Sunset Grille, where the children were taught a few techniques of cookie decoration. The children were delighted with a variety of toppings and were eager to show their final product to their parents. At the Engineering department, Nephtaly Croes and her team had prepared a DIY flower pot painting and planting activity for the kids. Our young artists were inspired by the colors letting their imagination create beautiful and colorful pots. After the painting, the kids fill the pots with seeds and soil and let them dry for a while before taking them home. Nelson Winklaar received the kids with a warm welcome at the front desk where they learned about the department and resort amenities. Next, the groups met

Jessica Roberts with the Housekeeping department, to conduct a room inspection where they experienced a broad picture of housekeeping duties and responsibilities, earning a new respect for the profession. Lastly, the spa and recreation team divided the 4 groups by age. The kids from 5 to 9 years old, under the leadership of Lisa Dammern and her team, participated in a cupcake decoration activity while the children ages 10 to 14 were taught to make their own Aloe Scrub. Both activities are part of the hotel's weekly guest activities. The children were very happy and enjoyed all of these activities immensely, but they were also enthusiastic to be at their parent's workplace. The happiness and joyfulness of the children

was contagious, infecting our team members with immense child-like energy! After the department visits the kids headed back to the Morris Lapidus Ballroom to enjoy a delicious lunch prepared by our exceptional culinary team. Later the team at Hilton Aruba together with Reach Your Goal foundation prepared an afternoon of games. "While they all had a great time," said General Manager Vasco Baselli, "the day also served as an initial opportunity for career exploration, as kids got to see their parents in professional roles, in an authentic environment. We were very thrilled to have all these kids at our resort and we look forward to welcoming them again!"

## A.T.A. outlining its 2023 strategics with the North America market



As part of being always one step ahead in tourism, A.T.A. had some important meetings in New York with the North America market.

A.T.A. creative agency; Big Village, their PR Agency; Zeno and executives of A.T.A. Aruba and North America came together to go over some aspects for the remaining of 2022 as well for 2023. Tourism for Aruba keeps getting

better with positive recovery.

Preliminary results for visitors from North America in 2022 grew with 3% in comparison with 2019. For 2023, A.T.A. is looking at a 6% growth in comparison with 2019. While recovery is one of the strategy elements of A.T.A., the income for Aruba is equal or even more important produced by this market.

## Aruba ACE Toronto Casa Loma Dinner Presentation



The Canadian Aruba Tourism Authority held its "Aruba ACE Toronto event" at Casa Loma, Toronto's historical museum and famous landmark.

The attendees enjoyed the Symphony in the Gardens orchestra, the occasion offered a delightful meal al fresco in the stunning award-winning gardens surrounded by the Toronto city skyline and the magnificent castle. We

were happy to have among us luxury travel advisors, as well as Aruba's local top producers. During intermission I had an opportunity to give a presentation on the latest updates, topics included Aruba's culinary scene, wellness and Island experiences.

This extraordinary event inspired exchanges and memories of happy times spent in Aruba. Canada loves Aruba!

## Festival at Sea with a generous donation

The Blue World Travel Corp, founded 30 years ago, started with Festival at Sea. Afro-American cruise travelers cruising all over the world, comes together once a year to meet and discover new places. 28 years ago, they started a project called Festival at Sea; collecting children's books from each passenger and donating this to children from each country they visit in order to promote active reading. The Blue World Travel Corp cruised to Aruba before, however, this year their trip to Aruba was a little more special. Festival at Sea, on board of the Celebrity Equinox, collected and donated around 1000 reading books. To start off Tourism Month (September), the A.T.A Team Members



together with APA and SEL Maduro distributed these books among 41 different SKOA's schools and kindergartners as well as to the Public Library of Oranjestad and San Nicolas. The first books were delivered to Colegio Santa Theresita in San Nicolas as they had

just inaugurated their own library to promote more reading among their students. This donation was possible thanks to the cooperation of A.T.A.'s Cruise Department, Aruba Ports Authority and SEL Maduro.

## An "Around The World" Dinner Experience

WITH CHEF ANDRÉS DAVÍLA



On the first Friday of the month of September, the Aruba Marriott Resort invited press and media members from the local community to celebrate Aruba's National Press Day by joining us in an exclusive 5-course dinner and wine pairing event, hosted by the Aruba Marriott's Complex Executive Chef, Andrés Davila. During this one-night event, guests immersed in a journey around the world, where each course brought everyone to a different country; highlighting cultures, spices, and flavors. Chef Andrés' travels around the world along with his passion for history made for inspirational dishes, ranging from concoctions such as the Yunnan, consisting of a bed of eggplant, tofu, and topped with peanuts and coriander, as well as the Strip Loin, where the chef brought The Americas' cultures together by incorporating a Mexican mole, made using chocolate, cranberries, sesame, almond and onions, topped by a perfectly cooked Strip Loin and roasted broccoli. This marvelous experience took place in La Vista, where the area was completely converted into a unique and rich environment, captivating and integrating everyone into a new world of flavors and experiences.

## Boardwalk Boutique Hotel introduces weekly Wellness Program

Aruba Wellness Therapies, the local Spa and Wellness partner at Boardwalk Boutique Hotel, introduces a new wellness event. As of August 31st, a brand-new weekly Wellness Program takes place every Wednesday morning on Boardwalk's dedicated beach area on Palm Beach at 7am. The Wellness Program is available to both Boardwalk hotel guests and non-hotel guests at a fee of US \$60 per person. Guests of Boardwalk can sign up at the Front Desk; non-guests and locals can sign up by sending an e-mail



to [info@boardwalkaruba.com](mailto:info@boardwalkaruba.com) or by calling (+297) 586 6654. A maximum of 10 people can participate at once. Boardwalk's weekly wellness program includes:

- 40 minutes of beginner yoga

practice

- 20 minutes of meditation including aroma therapy and head, feet, hand massage
- Boardwalk Water Bottle to use at the event
- Fruit & Tea

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## Hotels Activities & Happy Hour!

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- 1** AMSTERDAM MANOR (HORIZONS LOUNGE)  
Happy Hour: Monday – Sunday | 5:00pm – 7:00pm  
Happy Hour special: 2 for 1  
Thursday 'IN' – Manager's cocktail party 5:30pm- 6:30pm 2x for 1 & free hors d'oeuvres
- 2** ARUBA BEACH CLUB (RICARDO'S RESTAURANT & BAR)  
Happy Hour: Every day 12:00pm – 1:00pm | 4:00pm – 6:00pm | 9:00pm – 10:00pm  
HH special: Daily Cocktail (Main Bar all prem drinks 2 for 1)  
Live bands: Sun - Wilmer | Mon-Thu - Sharp Steel Pan | Tue-Fri - Cesar Olarte
- 3** ARUBA MARRIOTT RESORT (MAIN POOL AND ADULT POOL)  
Happy Hour: Every day 12:00pm – 1:00pm | 3:00pm – 5:00pm  
Happy Hour special 2 for \$19  
Bingo: (Pool-side) Everyday 2:00pm  
Bingo: (Casino) Wednesdays 9:00pm | Thursdays 10:00am, 11:00am, 12:00pm | Fridays 7:00pm | Sundays 3:00pm
- 4** ARUBA'S LIFE VACATION RESIDENCE  
Happy Hour: Every day 5:00pm – 6:00pm  
Happy Hour special: 2 for 1
- 5** CARIBBEAN PALM VILLAGE  
Happy Hour: Every day 12:00pm – 1:00pm | 4:00pm – 6:00pm  
Happy Hour special: 2 for 1
- 6** CASA DEL MAR (MATTHEWS RESTAURANT)  
Happy Hour: Every day 12:00pm – 1:00pm | 4:00pm – 6:00pm | 9:00pm – 10:00pm  
HH special: 2 for 1 | Bingo: 2:00pm – 3:00pm  
Monday Live music 4pm – 6pm
- 7** COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT  
Happy Hour: Every day 6:00pm – 7:00pm  
Happy Hour special: 2 for 1
- 8** DIVI ARUBA PHOENIX  
Happy Hour: Every day 5:00pm – 6:00pm at pure beach.  
HAPPY HOUR special: 2 for 1
- 9** COSTA LINDA BEACH RESORT (WATER'S EDGE RESTAURANT & BAR)  
Water's Edge Restaurant & Bar:  
HAPPY HOUR: Every day 12:00pm – 1:00pm | 4:00pm – 6:00pm | 9:00pm – 10:00pm  
Happy Hour special: Drinks 2 for 1  
Entertainment schedule:  
Nightly Live Entertainment 7 Days A Week | MONDAY 6:30pm – 8:30pm - Angela Flores – Violinist | TUESDAY 6:30pm – 8:30pm - Jean Paul – Saxophonist | WEDNESDAY 6:30pm – 8:30pm – Eddie Kroon – Singer 9:00pm – 11:00pm – Karaoke Happy Hour. THURSDAY 6:30pm – 8:30pm – Marrybell Maduro - Singer | FRIDAY 7:00pm – 9:00pm – Ricky Thomas – Guitarist | SATURDAY 6:30pm – 8:30pm - Angela Flores – Violinist | SUNDAY 6:30pm – 8:30pm – Marrybell Maduro - Singer
- 10** RENAISSANCE MARINA & OCEAN SUITES  
Happy Hour: Every day (Lounge midnight grill) 12:00am – 1:00am  
Happy Hour special: 2 for 1  
MONDAY 5:30pm – 10:30pm – Fresco – "That's Amore – Live Entertainment | TUESDAY 6:00pm- 10:00pm – Blue Bar – Korean BBQ | WEDNESDAY 7:00pm – Renaissance Private Island – four course menu | THURSDAY 6:00pm – 10pm – Renaissance Ocean Suites Beach – BBQ | FRIDAY 5:30pm – L.G. Smith Steak & Chop House – Live DJ – Oysters and succulent meats prepared tableside | SATURDAY 6:00pm – Blue Bar – "Konichi Wow" Sushi Night | SUNDAY 3:30pm – 4:30pm – Blue Bar – Mixology Class (participants can sign up at Blue Bar) 5:30pm – 10:30pm – Aquarius Restaurant – Catch! Seafood buffet.  
Opening hours bar & restaurants: LG Smith's Steak & Chop House Dinner 6:00pm - 11:00pm | Mangrove Beach Bar & Fish Shack Fish Shack 11:30-3:30pm | Bar 9:00am - 6:00pm | Papagayo Bar & Grill Bar 9:00am-6:00pm Breakfast 8:30am-11:00am | Lunch 11:30am - 5:00pm Dinner Wed. 6:30pm-9:30pm | Blue Open daily 10:00am - 12:00am Happy hour 4:30pm-6:00pm | Aquarius Breakfast 7:00am-11:00am Lunch 12:00pm-3:30pm - Dinner 5:30pm-11:00pm | Fresco Breakfast 7:00am-11:30am | Dinner 5:30pm-10:30pm | Sole Open daily 10:00am-11:00pm | Happy hour 4:30pm - 6:00pm | The Lounge Open daily 11:00pm-LATE | Happy hour 12:00am-1:00am
- 11** RENAISSANCE OCEAN SUITES  
Happy Hour: Every day 4:00pm – 8:00pm  
Happy Hour special: 2 for 1  
Bingo: Mon – Thursday & Sunday 2:00pm – 3:00pm
- 12** TALK OF THE TOWN  
Happy Hour: Mon-Friday 3:00pm – 5:00pm  
HH special: 2 for 1 | Bucket deal Balashi/Chill



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**FACTS OF ARUBA**

**Facts of Aruba 6 Oct - 12 Oct 2022**

**ARUBA TEMPERATURE:**  
In Aruba, the climate is tropical semi-arid, hot all year round: daytime temperatures hover around 30/33 degrees Celsius (86/91 °F) throughout the year; the air is muggy, but the wind tempers the heat. Aruba has more sunny days than any other Caribbean island.

**GOLD MINES:**  
There are two gold mills on island. On the northern coast sits the abandoned Bushiribana gold mill that once processed ore from mines in the nearby hills during Aruba's gold rush of the nineteenth century. The second site, the Balashi Gold Mill, was built at the tip of the Spanish Lagoon. Remnants of this once bustling mill are still visible in the picturesque setting near the narrow canyon of rocks known as Frenchman's Pass. In 1824, gold was finally discovered in Aruba, and eventually, the industry produced more than 3 million pounds of gold.

**DRINKING WATER:**  
Can you drink the water in Aruba? Yes, you can. Since there is no source of freshwater on the island, seawater is distilled in a saltwater desalination plant. The water produced is super pure.

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**13 DIVI & TAMARIJN**

Entertainment schedule DIVI:

MONDAY 9:00pm – 11:00pm – Divi -Live reggae Band | TUESDAY 8:10pm – Divi – Fire Limbo Show | 9:00pm – 11:00pm – Divi -Live band of the week | WEDNESDAY 9:00pm – 11:00pm – Divi -Live band entertainment | THURSDAY 7:30pm – Divi – Movie night around the pool | 9:00pm – 11:00pm – Divi -Live band entertainment | FRIDAY 9:00pm – 11:00pm – Divi -Live band of the week | SATURDAY 9:00pm – 11:00pm – Divi -2.0 Blue Boulevard Entertainment | SUNDAY 8:45pm – 11:00pm – Divi – Invited DJ “Ettrick”

Entertainment schedule TAMARIJN:

MONDAY | 8:45pm – Tamarijn – Energy Fusion show, by Popcorn Dancers | 9:00pm – 11:00pm – Tamarijn – DJ Music | TUESDAY 9:00pm – 11:00pm – Tamarijn – DJ Music | WEDNESDAY 8:00pm – Tamarijn - Synchronize Swimming Show | 9:00pm – 11:00pm – Tamarijn – DJ Music | THURSDAY 9:00pm – 11:00pm – Tamarijn – Karaoke party with Giovanni Trim | FRIDAY 8:45pm – Tamarijn – Carnival extravaganza show by Cocorico in Motion | 9:00pm – 11:00pm – Tamarijn – DJ Music | SATURDAY 6:30pm – 8:30pm – Tamarijn – Mariachi Perla di Aruba | 8:30pm – Tamarijn - Aruba Folkloric Dance Show | 9:00pm – 11:00pm – Tamarijn – DJ Music | SUNDAY 8:10pm – Tamarijn – The Pirates Treasure Quest show by Ritmo Cubano II | Live music | 9:00pm – 11:00pm – Tamarijn – Live entertainment by Amy Sorinio

**14 EAGLE ARUBA RESORT****Happy Hour: Every day 3:00pm-4:00pm | 9:00pm-10:00pm**

Bingo: Mon, Wed, Sat 1:00pm

**15 HILTON ARUBA CARIBBEAN RESORT & CASINO****Happy Hour: 3:00pm – 5:00pm CASTAWAYS BAR**

Live Music on Tuesday, Friday and Sunday's | 5:00pm – 6:00pm MIRA SOLO BAR | 7:00pm – 10:00pm MIRA SOLO BAR Live Music | 3:00pm - 5:00pm CASTAWAYS BAR - Tuesday, Friday and Sunday's | 7:00pm - 10:00pm SOLO BAR – Everyday

**16 HOLIDAY INN****Happy Hour: Every day 3:00pm – 5:00pm and 9:00pm - 10:00pm**

HH special: 2 for 1 on house-brand cocktails, house wines & house beers. Extended Breakfast on Sundays.

Da Vinci: Early Bird | Every day 5:30pm - 6:30pm | Special: Get a complimentary bottle of wine with the order of one main course. Corals Restuarant/terrace - Sea Breesze | Early Bird | Every day 5:30pm - 6:30pm | Special: 20% discount on all items from the Sea Breeze Dinner Menu | Bingo: Ocean Pool | Tuesday & Saturday 2:00pm Activities: Aqua aerobics Monday and Saturday 1:00pm | Pool volleyball Tuesday 2:00pm | Invisible Bottle Hunt Wednesday 2:00pm and Friday 3:00pm | Cornhole Tuesday and Thursday 2:00pm | Balloon Toss Monday, Wednesday and Friday 1:00pm | Mini golf Monday and Thursday 2:00pm | Tennis clinic Monday to Saturday 10:00am | Pilates Tuesday and Thursday 8:00am | Yoga Wednesday and Friday 8:00am

**17 HYATT PLACE ARUBA AIRPORT****Happy Hour: All day**

Happy Hour special: Monday \$5 Mojito | Tuesday \$5 Sangria | Wednesday \$6 Moscato - Wines per glass | Thursday \$50 Gentlemen's night – a choice of 4 bourbon inspired cocktails from a menu with a dozen wings. Afterwards, drinks \$11 each plus \$1 wings for the rest of the night. Friday \$85 Beer and Grill for max 4 people – Bucket of beer with a mixed platter.

**18 MANCHEBO BEACH RESORT****Happy Hour: 5:00pm – 7:00pm**

HAPPY HOUR special: 2 for 1

**19 MARRIOTT'S ARUBA SURF CLUB****Happy Hour: Flip Flop beach bar Live DJ Sessions every Saturday 2:00 – 6:00pm**

Happy Hour special: 2 All mix drinks \$19 Standard Cocktails | 2 All mix drinks \$28 Premium Cocktails.

Bingo: 1:00pm | Every Saturday 3:00 – 6:00pm

**21 HYATT REGENCY ARUBA****HAPPY HOUR: Every day 5:30pm – 6:30pm – Palms bar | 6:30pm – 7:30pm – Alfresco bar**

Happy Hour special: Drinks 2 for 1

Bingo: Every day 2:00pm – Family pool

Activities:

MONDAY 7:30am – Big Palapa - Yoga session | 8:30am – Events Lawn at trankilo pool – Pilates fusion | 11:45am – Towel hotel – Scavenger hunt | 3:00pm – Pool area - Pool time cool down, round of refreshments passed around pool areas | 4:30pm – Palms beach bar – Mixology course (registration required max. 8 persons)

TUESDAY 7:30am – Big Palapa - Energy Healing and stretching techniques (registration required) | 8:30am – Tennis Clinic (registration required max. 4 persons) | 3:00pm – Pool area - Pool time cool down, round of refreshments passed around pool areas | 4:30pm – Palms restaurant - Cooking with chef (registration required max. 8 persons)

WEDNESDAY 7:30am – Big Palapa - Yoga session | 8:30am – Events Lawn at trankilo pool – Pilates fusion | 3:00pm – Pool area - Pool time cool down, round of refreshments passed around pool areas | 4:30pm – Palms beach bar – Mixology course (registration required max. 8 persons)

THURSDAY 7:30am – Big Palapa – Self-awareness meditation (registration required) | 8:30am – Tennis Clinic (registration required) | 3:00pm – Pool area - Pool time cool down, round of refreshments passed around pool areas | 4:30pm – Palms restaurant - Cooking with chef (registration required max. 8 persons) | 6:00pm – 7:00pm – Palms Bar – Sunset Sip Wine Tasting

FRIDAY 7:30am – Big Palapa - Energy Healing and stretching techniques (registration required) | 8:30am – Tennis Clinic (registration required max. 4 persons) | 3:00pm – Pool area - Pool time cool down, round of refreshments passed around pool areas | 4:30pm – Palms restaurant - Cooking with chef (registration required max. 8 persons)

SATURDAY 7:30am – Big Palapa – Aerial Yoga Cocooning Experience (registration required)

**22 LA CABANA BEACH RESORT & CASINO**

**HAPPY HOUR: Every day at Pata Pata Bar 2:00pm – 3:00pm - Happy Hour on Frozen Daiquiris and Piña Colada | 3:00pm – 4:00pm Happy Hour on Balashi, Balashi Chill, Magic Mango and Magic Orange | 4:00pm – 6:00pm Happy Hour on all Beers, Selected Cocktails, Selected Frozen Specials, House Wines and Select Liquor Brands | 10:00pm – 11:00pm Happy Hour on all Beers, Selected Cocktails, Selected Frozen Specials, House Wines and Select Liquor Brands**

Happy Hour special: Drinks 2 for 1

Bingo: 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Entertainment schedule

MONDAY 3:30pm – 6:30pm - Pata Pata Bar - Bar Music | 9:00pm – 11pm – Pata Pata Bar - Dj Alvin Caribbean Night | 6:30pm – 9:30pm – Las Ramblas Restaurant - Ernesto Ferro, Guitar

TUESDAY 3:30pm – 6:30pm – Pata Pata Bar - NBO Band Live | 6:30pm – 9:30pm – Las Ramblas Restaurant - Ernesto Ferro, Guitar

WEDNESDAY 3:30pm – 6:30pm – Pata Pata Bar - Dj Alvin | 6:30pm – 9:30pm – Las Ramblas Restaurant - Ernesto Ferro, Guitar

THURSDAY 3:30pm – 6:30pm – Pata Pata Bar - Equator Band Live | 6:30pm – 9:30pm – Las Ramblas Restaurant - Ernesto Ferro, Guitar | 9:00pm – 11:00pm – Pata Pata Bar - Dj Alvin

FRIDAY 3:30pm – 6:30pm – Pata Pata Bar - Smiley Band Live | 6:30pm – 9:30pm – Las Ramblas Restaurant - Ernesto Ferro, Guitar

SATURDAY 3:30pm – 6:30pm – Pata Pata Bar – Equator Band Live | 6:30pm – 9:30pm – Las Ramblas Restaurant - Ernesto Ferro, Guitar | 9:00pm – 11:00pm – Pata Pata Bar - Dj Alvin

SUNDAY 3:30pm – 6:30pm – Pata Pata Bar - NBO Live

**20 RADISSON BLU****Happy Hour: Pool bar every day 11:30pm – 1:00pm | 5:00pm – 7:00pm**

Happy Hour special: Sangria Mondays at Blu Bar. Enjoy our homemade Caribbean inspired sangria | 5:00pm-7:00pm Winesday at Blu Bar. Live performance by the wonderful Amy Sorinio from 7:00pm – 10:00pm

Bar & Bites Friday Happy Hour | Join us at Blu Bar on Fridays and indulge on mouthwatering seafood-centric tapas. Happy Hour also includes curated wines and cocktails. 5:00pm-7:00pm

Saturdays with Amy Live performance by Amy Sorinio from 4:00pm – 7:00pm poolside at Aqua Breeze Pool Bar. Guests can even request songs and sing along. 4:00pm – 7:00pm

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Exemplifying the close relationship between KLM and Aruba Airport:

# KLM dedicates its Delfts Blue house #103 to “Cas Ecury”

During its relationship of close to 50 years between Aruba Airport and KLM, this is the first time that a historic house in Aruba was chosen as model for the miniature house collection of KLM. This is reason for a grand celebration as annually 850.000 of these miniature houses are gifted to KLM passengers that choose Business Class service on board international flights of KLM. Aruba Airport is very pleased that KLM is celebrating its 103rd birthday by honoring the relationship with Aruba in this special way and also announces the start of the celebratory period ahead where 100 years of aviation will be celebrated in Aruba in August of 2023.

The miniature house of KLM Since 1952 the Dutch carrier KLM started gifting the renown KLM Blue Delft Miniature houses to its business class passengers. Originally these houses were created to honor the historic homes along the canals of Amsterdam. Each year another historical house of the Netherlands is chosen for the collection. Inside the miniature house passengers will find Bols Genever. Up to now the collection consisted of miniature house numbers 1 through 102 but as of October 7, 2022, house number 103 was added in the form of a replica of house Ecury in Aruba!

Aruba Airport: Congratulations KLM!  
“We are honored to have been able to co-host the reveal of the miniature house number 103 of the Delft Blue house collection of KLM”, said Joost Meijs, CEO of Aruba Airport during his speech at the celebratory event to celebrate the 103rd birthday of this Dutch company. KLM organized a celebration together with Aruba Airport Authority N.V., The Aruba Tourism Authority, and the Foundation Monument Fund Aruba, in the center of Aruba’s capital Oranjestad, in front of the monu-



ment that now stands as model for one of the miniature houses of KLM’s collection which are gifted to business class passengers on all international flights.

Guiding the sustainable journey “We will continue to develop and shape the future of our aviation industry using the latest and most modern technologies. We will continue to follow the sustainability efforts on our path that arise not only in electric flight between the Dutch Caribbean islands, but also in developing our airport operations into the most sustainable one in the region in the years to come. Aruba Airport is committed to provide airport operations that are safe for future generations. We have started working on various trajectories of sustainability reaching various sustainability certifications within the aviation industry. Our ambition is not only a dream but will become a reality in the years to come”, according to Joost Meijs.

100 years of aviation in Aruba As proudly announced by CEO of Aruba Airport during the event: “Our celebration of 100 years of aviation in Aruba next year could not have started better with the gift of KLM, adding a miniature house of Aruba in their collection. We are very happy with the choice made by KLM to model the Ecury home being one of our local heritage sites. This house will give the Aruban touch to the grand collection of miniature houses of KLM but will also promote and protect our cultural heritage in support of Aruba’s culture and sustainable development.”

“For us at Aruba Airport this celebration comes at the right moment because we are about to reach an impressive milestone: 100 years of aviation in Aruba! To be exact, on the 18th of August 2023 Aruba will celebrate that 100 years ago the first flight arrived in Aruba. Ever since that day aviation has transformed the

future of Aruba and KLM has played and continues to play an important role in that development”.

The Historic house This time around KLM choose the house of the Ecury family in Aruba as model for their miniature house number 103. This is a house that pertains to the Archeological Museum of Aruba. Noteworthy is that this house is located close to the area where the first aircraft landed in Aruba almost 100 years ago, namely the Paardenbaai port. From this house their son Nicasio “Dundun” Ecury formed their business imperium in Aruba. His son Boy Ecury studied in the Netherlands and became a war hero forming part of the resistance during World War II and was shot in 1944. Since 2009 the Ecury house forms part of the Archeological Museum of Aruba. The house itself dates from 1929 with various elements and details of the classic Caribbean style. The archi-

tect of the house was Dada Picus and created a unique, majestic, and harmonious building.

Long relationship between KLM and Aruba The KLM-Fokker F.XVIII aircraft with three engines, known by its name “Snip”, flew to Curacao for the first time in December of 1934. It took a total of 7 days to get to Curacao, departing out of Amsterdam on to Marseille, Alicante, Casablanca, Porto Praia, Paramaribo (Surinam), La Guaria and finally Curacao. This first transatlantic flight of KLM was technically only possible by making these various stops. On December the 23 in 1934 the Snip landed for the first time in Aruba. On the 18th of January 1953 it commenced its regular flights between Curacao and Aruba under the name of KLM West-Indisch Bedrijf (WIB). On the 11th of February 1974 the direct flights started between the Netherlands and Aruba and nowadays still operates daily to Aruba.

100 years of aviation in Aruba Next year one hundred years of Aviation in Aruba will be celebrated. The Aruba Airport has managed to connect our island with various destinations around the world the past one hundred years through hard work and dedication. With it vision for and management of the airport, Aruba Airport has contributed to the economic development of Aruba into one of the most strong and resilient in the Caribbean region. It is good to note that KLM has played an important role during these past hundred years of aviation in Aruba. During the coming months Aruba Airport will be giving more shape to the celebration of these 100 years of aviation which will take place during the months ahead in 2023 leading up to the celebratory date itself.

## La Cabana Beach Resort & Casino Springs a Surprise

General Manager Joe Najjar had a great surprise for the associates of his resort, when he made an unexpected general announcement, last week. As the resort entered the last stretch of its campaign, 100 days of celebrating U, in recognition of the associates’ tireless contributions to the ongoing business success, even through difficult financial times, the Board of Directors, in consultation with the Management Team, approved an AWG 1,000 relief gift certificate, presented to all full-time associates and supervisors, to be used at Super Food.

Over the years, the resort has stepped up to support both the community at large, and

especially the associates’ community. The Board of Director, and the Management Team, proved again that they are listening, they are more than just employers and the resort is more than just a workplace. It is a caring culture that creates memorable vacations, and memorable moments for all involved. Caring for each other drives a culture that is enriched by passion, strengthened by integrity, and rejuvenated by fun! A culture fueled by consistency, on-going learning, and appreciation! As Najjar was breaking the good news to his associates, he expressed the hope that the generous gesture will help offset the burden of grocery expenses, increased recently due

to the cost of living surge around the globe. This generous gesture could not have been possible without the great compassion of La Cabana’s board of directors and La Cabana’s Management Team.

The resort organized a fundraising carwash, where managers, washed the cars of the associates. The carwash successfully wrapped up, 100 days of celebrating U. What started with Housekeeping Week, and continued with hiking, and biking, with the General Manager, culminated with a Family Day at De Palm island, a Benefit Fair and a relief gift certificate, just to name a few of the 100 day long campaign.



# Wind Creek Aruba Hosts 4th Annual Long Table Aruba, Awarding \$90,000 to Local Aruban Charities

Record-number community impact donations include \$40,000 grand prize recipient, Animal Welfare Alliance Aruba, and \$10,000 each to five additional Aruban organizations.

Long Table Aruba, a one-night-only culinary charity event hosted by Wind Creek Aruba, concluded its 4th annual celebration on Sunday, August 28. Billed as “the only meal worth \$40,000 for Aruba,” Long Table Aruba featured a white-hot dinner for guests and announced Animal Welfare Alliance Aruba as the grand prize winner of the \$40,000 community impact donation.



This year’s event not only celebrated the reintroduction of Long Table Aruba after a two-year hiatus, but it also marked the fifth year since the Wind Creek Hospitality acquisition of Renaissance Aruba. To recognize this significant milestone, Wind Creek Aruba awarded a record-number of community impact donations. To determine the grand prize winner and runner up recipients, Long Table Aruba hosted a community-driven voting process held from August 10-24.

“At Wind Creek, it is our mission to weave ourselves into the fabric of communities that we live and operate in,” said Paul Gielen, General Manager of Wind Creek Aruba. “This event is a celebration of that principle, and this year’s Long Table Aruba exceeded all expectations. I couldn’t be more proud of what we accomplished tonight and how our community came together to support these local organizations.”

The grand prize winner of \$40,000, Animal Welfare Alliance Aruba, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting the adoption, neutering and spaying of dogs and cats. With this community impact donation, Animal Welfare Alliance Aruba intends to start a spay and neuter clinic for pets of low-income families. The runner up, Aruba Animal Shelter, received a \$10,000 community impact donation to further their mission of improving the lives of Aruba’s dogs and cats.

Given the overwhelming interest shown throughout the voting process, Wind Creek also selected four additional organizations to receive \$10,000 each, including:

- Stichting BOB Aruba
- Pasadia Bibito Pin
- Fundacion Arubano di esnan Visualmente Incapacita
- Cas di Cultura

Since Wind Creek Aruba’s arrival in 2017, community impact and disaster relief have long been tenets of Wind Creek Aruba property operations. As the marquee giving event for Wind Creek operations in Aruba, Long Table Aruba spent the first three years raising more than \$75,000 total for Aruba-based charities. Now with the success of this year’s event, that number has surpassed the prior years combined, bringing the total amount of community impact donations to \$165,000 toward the Aruban community.

Gielen added, “I think what makes Long Table Aruba one of our hallmark events is not only the way in which we’ve been able to support our local Aruban community, but also how it brings our entire Wind Creek Aruba team together. We’ve been so fortunate to see the positive impact that Long Table Aruba has had on everyone involved, from employees to guests to charitable recipients, and we look forward to continued success in the years to come.”

Renaissance Aruba received the

cooperation from the authorities to close L.G. Smith Boulevard and set up the elegant white table just in front of Marina Hotel. Around 11pm the boulevard was opened again to traffic. The music was provided by Duro Entertainment and DJ Sergio Barros. Aisette Rivera, radio host of Magic 96.5FM, was once again the MC for the night. An event such as ‘Long Table’ Aruba, would not have been possible without a few sponsors that gave their help and support to this beautiful project. Wind Creek Hospitality together with Renaissance Wind Creek Aruba Resort would like to thank its team members, Caribbean Overseas, Tropical Bottling Company, Divino Aruba, Elite Productions, Arion Wine Company, Express Events Aruba, Bix Brandimports NV & Andmar Manpower as well as ARTN Photography, Al Jazar, Antilla, All for you, Bright Bakery, Bersah, Bite! Communications, Compra, CBS, Carex, Caribbean Bakery, Duro Entertainment, Deli Caribbean, Discount Food Supplies, Delmar Trading, Eco-Tech, Flora Market, Frasa Aruba, Green Fish, High Performance, Hilton Aruba Caribbean Resort & Casino, Huan Zhan, Ital Aruba, Interpan, Ling & Sons, Mercal, New York Laundry, Paleis Hindu, Pedel, Sunny Ray, Thunder N Lightning, TEC, & Zen Designs. For pictures of this successful culinary event please visit [www.facebook.com/LongTableAruba](http://www.facebook.com/LongTableAruba). For more information about Wind Creek Aruba and Long Table Aruba, please visit [www.windcreek.com/aruba](http://www.windcreek.com/aruba).



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**Beaches & Dunes**

- Driving or parking on beaches, dunes and in the ocean is prohibited.
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- Avoid use of disposable plastic products on the beach.
- Our Fofoti trees are protected, do not climb on them or damage their branches by hanging items from them.
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Fire Deapartment .....	911
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Police San Nicolaas .....	104
Police St.Cruz .....	105
Police Noord .....	107
Phone for youth support .....	131
Coastguard.....	913
Tipline Police.....	11141
Hospital .....	527-4000
Vetenary .....	585-0400
Elmar centraal .....	523-7100
Elmar malfunction .....	523-7147
WEB Aruba .....	525-4600
SETAR .....	525-1000
DIGICEL .....	522-2247

— POLICE OFFICES —

Oranjestad .....	527 3140
Noord .....	527 3200
San Nicolaas .....	527 3000
Santa Cruz .....	527 2900
Beach Police .....	586 3003

— Oranjestad —

Ambulance .....	582-1234
BGD Oranjestad .....	527-2782
Veterinaire Clinic .....	582-1720
Animal Shelter .....	582-1623

— San Nicolaas —

Ambulance .....	584-5050
Centro Medico .....	524-8833
BGD San Nicolaas .....	527-2782
Serlimar .....	584-5080

— PHARMACY —

4 Centro Medico .....	584-5794
Aloë .....	584-4606
Central .....	585-1965
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Del Pueblo .....	582-1253
Eagle .....	640-8443
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Maria .....	640-8443
Oduber .....	582-1780
Paradera .....	588-6638
San Lucas .....	584-5119
San Nicolaas .....	584-8186
Santa Anna .....	586-8181
Santa Cruz .....	585-8028
Seroe Preto .....	640-8443
Trupiaal .....	583-8560

— MORTUARIUMS —

Ad Patres .....	584-2299
Aurora .....	588-6699
Olive Tree San Nicolaas .....	584-8888
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— NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION —

Fundacion Anti-Droga Aruba (FADA).....	583-2999
Fundacion Respetami .....	582-4433
Pregnancy? Fundacion CIZKA .....	583-0331
Fundacion Diabetico .....	593-0507
Arubano .....	593-4928
Twelve Step Meeting AA-NA-AL-ANON-OA .....	583-8989
Fundacion Amor Pa .....	568-4739
Prohimo .....	564-8849
NA Acceptance Group .....	565-7500
Fundacion Centro Ecologico Aruba .....	562-8984
Bureau Sostenemi (Child abuse) .....	588-1010
Fundacion C.V.A. prevent and care for stroke .....	567-7004

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Aruba Marriott Resort .....	586-9000
Aruba's life .....	280 0450
Caribbean Palm Village .....	586-2700
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Renaissance Ocean Suites .....	583 6000
Talk of the town .....	524 3300



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## 8 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS How to buy property in Aruba for non-resident, first time buyers:



### Q.: Can a foreign citizen buy property in Aruba?

A: Yes, there are no restrictions for any foreigner on buying property in Aruba.

### Q: What is the procedure to buy property in Aruba?

A: When you have chosen a home/ condo/ land and went through price negotiations, a Purchase and Sales agreement will be signed, with a 10 % deposit payable towards the escrow account of the selected notary. Needed are; ID's, address proof, income proof, proof of funds.

### Q: Do we need to have an inspection or survey done?

A: Aruba has several good technical inspectors and we advise you to make this a condition on your offer; pending on a positive outcome of a technical inspection.

### Q: How about financing my purchase in Aruba?

A: Financing in Aruba is perhaps at a higher interest rate than back home (rates are up to 6%) and local banks only finance up to 60 % for non-residents. US Banks don't finance properties abroad, so using the equity on your own

home is advisable. You can also contact local banks, such as Arubabank, RBC, and CMB to request a partial mortgage loan.

### Q: What are the additional costs (closing costs) when buying property in Aruba?

A:1. Transfer tax (one time tax) is 6 % of the purchase price or the tax value (whichever is higher)  
2. The Notary closing fees (legal fees) are 1.5 to 2 % of purchase price.  
3. In case you need a mortgage from a local bank, the taxes and notary fees over the mortgage deed are 1.5 to 2% of the mortgage sum.

### Q: Would it be possible to retire/ work in Aruba?

A: If you plan to come to live/ work in Aruba, please contact DIMAS. <http://www.dimas-aruba.aw> to see what is needed to get a permit. It is not a quick process however it is worth it.

### Q: How much are the annual taxes?

Property Tax: The so called land tax is a percentage of the tax value. The tax office re-evaluates every 5 years. The first USD 34.000, - of this value

is free of tax.

On the balance you will pay USD 6, - per USD 1.000, - of the tax value or 0.6 % over tax value.

Long lease fee: Only applicable for long leased land. The amount was determined at the start of the lease period and will remain the same for the full duration (60 years. In case of long lease land, you pay the fee plus property tax.

### Q: What is the difference between long lease land vs. property land?

A: You buy a house that is built on property land which means that you own the land. Besides property land you can buy a house which is built on lease land. Long-lease fee is applied only to long lease properties. The long lease properties are given out for a period, usually 60 years.

You are allowed to rent out property built on either long lease land, or property land. Aruba has plenty of professional rental agencies/ property managers to look after your home.

Enjoy your stay in Aruba and have a great time!

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# Local in the spotlight: Kyle Ruiz

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Young Aruban baking entrepreneur Kyle Ruiz opened Aruba's first dessert & sweets shop on wheels, Piece of Cake, at just 22 years old in March 2019. Kyle has always had an affinity for baking that started in his youth. "My father and I share the same birthday, and it was a tradition for my mom to bake us a pistachio cake from her family recipe," Kyle explains. Eventually, his curiosity led him to join his mother in the kitchen as a teen, learning about baking through those recipes handed down through generations and even selling his cookies as a small side job. Kyle decided to formalize his skills in the kitchen, attending EPI's culinary arts program. He learned the basics of cooking here, but it also helped

him define his culinary path, preferring pastry over traditional savory cooking. Kyle was able to revolve two internships around his love for baking, interning in the pastry departments of The Ritz-Carlton, Aruba, and White Modern Cuisine.

After graduating, Kyle didn't waste time turning the wheels on his dessert truck, finding a regular location at the Tanki Leendert roundabout, serving traditional Aruban cakes by the piece, and utilizing evening hours when traditional brick-and-mortar bakeries were closed. Once the word was out, locals began frequenting Piece of Cake. Kyle explains that one of the most rewarding aspects of his business is when locals exclaim, "you make cakes just like my

grandmother used to." Kyle is happy to be able to keep these traditional Aruban recipes alive. "Our top-selling cake is by far the cashew cake... I follow my grandmother's recipe to the 'T,' which includes a touch of rum."

Kyle is proud that Piece of Cake is a true family business, with his mom joining him in the kitchen to help fill the demand. In addition to his menu of classic Aruban cakes, they also bake various other sweets, including crême brûlée and cookies.

Kyle hopes to add a second dessert truck down the road and, ultimately, a full-service brick-and-mortar bakery serving gourmet sandwiches, snacks, and of course, those delicious cakes.

# "Lettuce" tell you about 297 Farm in Aruba

BY XAYENNE TROMP - ARUBA.COM



When you think of Aruba, you think of the turquoise blue ocean, white sand beaches, and even a desert-like landscape with cacti.

You most likely don't think lettuce farm. Right? It turns out lettuce can grow quite easily in Aruba under the right circumstances. In this case, by practicing vertical farming. If you're unfamiliar, vertical farming is the practice of growing crops indoors, stacked vertically, and often incorporating controlled-environment agriculture.

The story of 297 Farm Founded in 2017, 297 Farm was created as a potential future alternative to importing all Aruba's fruits and vegetables. Prices keep going up, including that of produce. What if Aruba can grow some right here on the island? Sustainability is an important topic when discussing growing food and its benefit to the Aruban people. Not only will prices be more affordable, but the product will also be fresher and healthier, and the process won't deplete nutrients from the land as traditional farming does. 297

Farm uses no pesticides, and the water is treated with nutrients. When I spoke to founder Patricia, she informed me that four more greenhouses would be built in the coming months on the same land. That news was, of course, music to my ears. More greenhouses equal not only more lettuce but also more space to experiment with growing other types of fruits and vegetables right here in Aruba. That will benefit us all, no?

The lettuce growing process Growing crops in the ground in

Aruba is challenging. As mentioned above, the desert-like landscape makes it nearly impossible to grow most foods. When stepping into the greenhouse for the first time, I felt like I was looking into the future. So much green leafy goodness surrounded us while the earth outside was dry.

Along with seeds from the Netherlands, 297 Farm uses TAPKIT Hydroponics tech from Israel. Hydroponics is a method of growing plants without soil. Aside from not using soil, it also uses less water than traditional soil-based systems. The cool, pH-balanced water is circulated and reused for seven days using a sloped-gravity technique. The climate conditions in the greenhouse and other crop stats are monitored easily through an app. The lettuce takes about 5 to

6 weeks to grow from seed to head. The popular Butterhead and Romaine lettuce heads are harvested every Monday and distributed to participating local supermarkets. The goal is to have locally grown lettuce in every supermarket on the island.

297 Farm: present and beyond The farm is currently experimenting with Iceberg and other variations, and it seems promising. The Caribbean Iceberg head looks different but beautifully green and fresh. Next on the list is Bok Choy, and I for one am very eager to find out how that turns out. The Netherlands is currently #1 in most things that grow, but it's exciting to see that our little rock in the ocean can also produce beautiful leafy greens. It really is farming of the future.



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# Restaurant On The Beach

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—Mina Tharwood

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- Use coral friendly sunblock as much as possible in order to protect our marine life.

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## Safety protocols to consider during your stay in Aruba

Mask requirement is at the discretion of establishments. They are recommended at all times social distancing is difficult.

All other mandatory safety measures have been lifted starting Feb 17th, 2022

\*All protocols and considerations are subject to change

## Feeling unwell?

Wondering what steps you should take when showing symptoms of the coronavirus (COVID-19) while in Aruba?

This page outlines all the steps you should take when you're feeling unwell. [Click here.](#)

## Testing positive for Covid-19 while in Aruba

All visitors will be required to comply with the Government of Aruba procedures and protocols if showing symptoms and/or testing positive for COVID-19 while in Aruba. The mandatory requirements will include isolation, possible relocation and quarantine for close contacts.

The complete details can be found in the Isolation Protocol for Visitors (version 4) as published by the Department of Public Health (DVG).

## Aruba Health & Happiness Code

It is very important that local service providers put in maximum effort to provide a safe environment for their guests and staff. The Aruba Health & Happiness Code seal is there to assure you that the certified service providers meet the government's requirements for safety and cleanliness.