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ARUBA TOURISM AUTHORITY INTRODUCES THE FIRST QR-FIT APP OUTSIDE THE NETHERLANDS

With attention to health and well-being, QR-FIT is introduced in Aruba.

Oranjestad – Aruba Tourism Authority together with the Minister of Health and Tourism, the Minister of Education and Sports, IBISA and QR-FIT announced the first QR-FIT exercise routes in Aruba during a press conference.

Aruba Tourism Authority plays an important role in seeking out and motivating new products and new experiences for Aruba's visitors. A few years ago, ATA worked on reopening several tourist attractions to attract more

tourists without too much investment. One of these attractions is well-being. Especially after the pandemic, activities related to well-being have become increasingly important.

For years, ATA has been investing together with various partners in restoring public spaces where tourists and locals play sports and exercise. Most of these spaces are used by people who enjoy walking or running. People who often walk or run do less of movements that strengthen their muscles. As a result, the QR-FIT team started QR-FIT in the Netherlands. The goal is to be able to use muscle-strengthening movements

while the public areas are used for walking and running.

The idea is that these people use the QR-FIT app on their mobile phone to use the twelve points on the 2.5-kilometre route. The exercises are suitable for every level and age and the exercises are explained with the help of videos. You can walk or run between the different points.

Aruba will be the first destination outside the Netherlands to work with the QR-FIT app. Aruba Tourism Authority is grateful for the support of the partners who have worked hard on this project.



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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



AHATA Excellence in 2021 Award

Angel Rodriguez

Maintenance Man - Boardwalk
Boutique Hotel



AHATA Excellence in 2021 Award

Ana Maria Artunduaga

Waitress - Manchebo Beach Resort
& Spa



AHATA Excellence in 2021 Award

Carell Leonardo Fingal

Senior Maintenance Technician -
Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort



Aruba Beach Club Resort

**Eduard Maduro - Laundry
Attendant**

Employee of the Month
February 2022



Aruba Beach Club Resort

Evina Samas - Room-keeper

Employee of the Month
January 2022



Aruba Beach Club Resort

Cecilia Beato - Room-keeper

Employee of the Month
March 2022



Costa Linda Beach Resort

**Javier van der Linde
Accounting**

Employee of the Month
August 2022



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



Rescue. Love. Adopt.,

Do you know there are many ways to help the animals of Aruba? Of course it's possible to adopt an in cabin size puppy like our handsome boy Nemo here or a purring feline companion. Send in an application through our website and include your travel dates and airline when interested. Scan the QR code for more info about adopting. You can also collect pet supplies in your hometown and bring them with you while visiting the island to donate to us or one of the rescues. Buying food, cans and cat litter locally is a great way to help too!

Suggestion:

Do you love animals and want to spend a few hours during your vacation helping out with caring for the rescue animals of Sgt. Pepper's Friends foundation? You can sign up through their instagram @sgtpeppersfriends or email transport@sgtpeppersfriends.com to come and help out for a morning! For more information about the foundation, adopting, donating or transporting, scan the QR Code.



SCAN ME

Aruba Tourism Authority Wins First-Ever Destination Resilience Award at Caribbean Hotel & Tourism Associations' CHIEF Awards 2022



The Aruba Tourism Authority (ATA) was honored with the first-ever Destination Resilience Award by the Caribbean Hotel and Tourism Association (CHTA). The presentation was made during the CHTA's Hospitality Industry Exchange Forum (CHIEF) Awards ceremony during its Caribbean Travel Forum. This year's Caribbean Travel Forum took place prior to the 40th Anniversary of the CHTA's Caribbean Travel Marketplace 2022 in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

The One happy island was commended for its destination management and recovery programs as Aruba implemented several critical tactics rooted in safety, sanctuary and savings to safely welcome travelers back.

"We are so honored to have

been acknowledged and awarded this prestigious recognition," said Ronella Croes, CEO of the Aruba Tourism Authority. "We have worked tirelessly with our partners across public and private sectors to safely re-open Aruba's borders and effectively navigate through the evolving travel protocols and policies. This award is a testament to this partnership and the hard work of all Arubans to ensure a strong and sustainable recovery for the destination."

Aruba was recognized with this award due to its efforts to create a hub of all COVID-19 related updates across its owned social channels, website and eCRM network. In this hub, the ATA implemented evolving integrated communications campaigns including

"Happiness will Prevail" and "Open for Happiness" which clearly and effectively communicated its closure and reopening phases, shared a message of hope with consumers, and welcomed them back with open arms once it was safe to do so.

Since its reopening, Aruba has experienced a successful recovery with a surge in visitor arrivals which surpassed 2019 levels. From April to August 2022, arrivals surpassed 100% of the monthly 2019 figures, reassuring the expectation that Aruba will recover 100% of all global stayover visitors this year. By 2023, global recovery is projected to reach 105% compared to the 2019 levels.

The CHTA's CHIEF Awards recognize successful practices of member hotels and tourism-related enterprises in several categories including, business operations, environmental sustainability, human resources and staffing, and sales and marketing. Award submissions from members of the CHTA, including departments of tourism, travel industry partners and CHTA sponsors, were evaluated based on the approach taken and the results achieved from these tactics.



Aruba and the Aruba Tourism Authority Honored with Multiple 2022 Travvy Awards



Aruba has once again earned multiple prestigious recognitions at the recent 8th annual presentation of the industry Travvy Awards.

The annual Travvy Awards — where travel advisors vote on the best in the travel industry — were held at the Hilton Fort Lauderdale Marina to recognize the highest standards of excellence in the travel industry by honoring travel companies, travel products, travel agencies, and destinations for their outstanding achievements. The ceremony was held during CruiseWorld, another event produced under TravelPulse's parent company, Northstar Travel Group. TravelPulse joined the Northstar family in 2019. Thousands of votes were cast, and the industry came together. From suppliers to advisors and everyone in between, all in attendance were there to cheer each other on as their colleagues and peers were awarded for being game-changers and innovators of travel.

These winners were honored during a gala awards dinner and presentation attended by the finalists, industry leaders and travel professionals from around the world. This year, Aruba took home five Travvy Awards in Gold and Bronze across categories celebrating the One happy island's dedication to its travelers. Categories included top highlights of the island with an emphasis on weddings and honeymoons, culinary pursuits, and overall tourism.

"It's an honor for Aruba to once again be recognized as a Travvy Award winner as these awards are determined by those who know us best: travel advisors," said Ed Malone, Area Director in

North America for the Aruba Tourism Authority. "This recognition is a tribute to the commitment to excellence by the entire destination's stakeholders and partners as well as the team at the Aruba Tourism Authority who contribute such an immeasurable effort to the destination's continued great success."

Aruba was recognized with the following Travvy Awards:

- GOLD Best Wedding Destination – Caribbean
- BRONZE Best Destination – Caribbean
- Best Tourism Board - Caribbean
- Best Culinary Destination – Caribbean
- Best Honeymoon Destination – Caribbean

For more information, a breakdown of categories and to view the full list of winners, please visit www.TravvyAwards.com. The annual Travvy Awards, presented by TravelPulse, part of Northstar Travel Group, recognizes the highest standards of excellence in the travel industry by honoring travel companies and destinations for their outstanding achievement with this prestigious award. Thousands of votes — cast by the travel professionals who sell the vast majority of these trips to tens of millions of consumers yearly — determined the very best in the travel industry. The selections by advisors reflect the suppliers and destinations they believe provide outstanding service to their clients.

For more information, please visit www.TravvyAwards.com

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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 4:30pm – 6:00pm
 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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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 | Wine happy hour

Bingo: Every day 2:00pm – Family pool

Activities:

MONDAY 7:30am – Big Palapa - Yoga session | 8:30am – Events Lawn at trankilo pool – Pilates fusion | 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) | 10:30am - Family - Waterslide Race | 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 | 10:30am - Towel hut- Shuffle Board Contest | 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) | 10:30am - family pool - waterslide Race | 3:00pm – lobby area - community market | 4:30pm – lobby area - Painting Class

SATURDAY 7:30am – Big Palapa – Aerial Yoga Cocooning Experience (registration required) | 10:30am - Towel Hut - Shuffle Board Contest
SUNDAY 8:00pm - Full Moon Yoga (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

Winesdays at Acqua Breeze Pool Bar: 4PM-7PM | Wednesday is Dollars to Florin - on all wine bottles from our Winesday Menu. With live performance by local artist Amy Sorinio.

SANGRIA FRIDAYS: 11AM-8PM Enjoy our homemade sangria Red or White Sangria.

Based on our F&B Manager Leonie's Grandmothers Recipe.

SATURDAYS WITH AMY: 4PM-7PM Live performance by local artist Amy Sorinio at Acqua Breeze Pool Bar. Happy Hour from 5PM - 7PM.

BEER SUNDAYS: 11AM-8PM | Balashi & Chill beer draft at Acqua Breeze Pool Bar, with DJ entertainment from 3PM - 7PM



Take your outdoor workouts to the next level in Aruba with QR-Fit.

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We can all agree that the focus on health is higher than ever.

Social media, the pandemic, and other factors contribute to people making more effort to lead a healthy lifestyle. In Aruba, I noticed a significant increase in outdoor activities in the last couple of years. People jog, cycle, and walk during all hours of the day. The Malmok boardwalk, linear park, Watty Vos Boulevard, Eagle Boardwalk, and Green Corridor all make it safer and easier to practice most outdoor activities. The Aruba Tourism Authority, along with other on-island partners, has worked hard to improve the infrastructure for locals and visitors. While walking and jogging are better than not doing any physical activity, other exercises need to be incorporated to get more health benefits from your outdoor sessions.

The QR-Fit program
Muscle building is an essential part of any health program. But how do you encourage walkers and joggers to push themselves a little more? Especially those who have little experience when it comes to working out. It will require some guidance and awareness. What do most people have on them when taking their daily walks? Their mobile phones! The QR-Fit team thought just that when they came up with the QR-Fit program.

To facilitate muscle-building exercises in public places, the QR-Fit team created a new concept. They display QR codes in strategic areas where people can

scan them and are provided with unique workouts at each spot. In Aruba (the first ever QR-Fit location outside the Netherlands), QR-fit codes are on 12 poles along the Malmok Boardwalk trail route. Launched in November 2022, this QR-Fit route is the first of 3 available on the island.

QR-FIT was established in June 2020. They were



awarded the 'Student Business Award 2020' as well as the "Stimuleringsprijs Gelders Sportklimaat" to develop their services further. They have developed over 60 routes over the past two years during the COVID pandemic, and to illustrate their rapid growth, in March of 2022 alone, they placed another 60 poles in different counties/towns in the Netherlands.

About the QR-Fit workouts

The workouts are easy, from squats to lunges to jumping jacks. You can access the workouts by scanning the QR code on each pole on your route. You can use any QR scanner, including an iPhone camera, but we recommend using the QR-Fit app for a more seamless experience. You will receive a muscle-strengthening or conditional exercise when scanning a QR-FIT code.

You can also choose between three fitness levels: beginner, intermediate or advanced. After choosing your fitness level, a tailor-made exercise is illustrated. Each workout contains a video demonstration and a step-by-step guide that can be translated into your language of choice. All the exercises on the QR codes rotate every 24 hours, so a new challenge is offered every day!

A healthier vacation experience
We always associate going on vacation with eating lots of (junk) food, indulging, and being lazy. Let's change that! Your vacation should not leave you feeling lethargic and unhealthy. Yes, you can and should indulge, but let's try and balance it out more. Why not take a nice long walk around

sunrise/sunset? We can guarantee you'll feel at peace and, not to mention proud, after your walk on the Malmok boardwalk. The QR-Fit codes will be there when you're ready to take your stroll to another level. Your body and mind will thank you.

We refer to the QR-Fit website for more info on the team and accomplishments.



"My first culinary inspiration was my grandmother and the comfort and joy that came with hanging in the kitchen with her while she cooked"

When the unprecedented pandemic shook the world, and in particular the travel and hospitality industry, reinvention and resourcefulness were key to navigating this new path many found themselves on. Finding a way to pivot one's talents and experience during this time ultimately led to new beginnings for those willing to make a little lemonade out of lemons.

Chef Ruben Hernandez
One such culinary entrepreneur is Chef Ruben Hernandez. Born on the neighboring island of Curacao, the young chef moved to Aruba at the age of 16 and is a graduate of the island's culinary arts program at EPI. The chef honed his skills with real-world internship experience with Divi Resorts and local fine-dining restaurant Screaming Eagle.

Just as Chef Ruben was spreading his wings and taking flight on Aruba's culinary landscape, the pandemic arrived, and with that changes and an

Local in the spotlight: Ruben Hernandez

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evolution to the hospitality sector. Visitors began seeking more private, socially-distanced experiences and accommodations.

Chef Ruben recognized the importance of offering visitors private dining experiences beyond typical take-out and delivery. He created a variety of thoughtfully curated menus that could give visitors the same elevated culinary experiences they could find at island restaurants but in a private, personalized way and prepared right at their vacation rental.

Chef Ruben Hernandez
"My first culinary inspiration was my grandmother and the comfort and joy that came with hanging in the kitchen with her while she cooked," the chef shares, adding that the smells

of the spices in his grandmother's traditional island cuisine brought comfort and curiosity. Interestingly, although his menus offer a variety of cuisines—from Asian and French to Italian and even kosher—chef Ruben says that many of his clients, mostly visitors from the US, want to try the island's local cuisines, especially fresh catches from our local fishermen and Caribbean-style barbecue.

The chef is making the most of his private chef experiences, thrilled to find this up-close and personal culinary journey extremely rewarding because of the relationships he has built with his clients and hearing first-hand how much they love Aruba. "They tell me they chose Aruba for the beaches but it's the happy spirit of our people that impresses them

the most," explains the chef. He also shares that visitors are very impressed with Aruba's food scene.

Now that we are on the other side of the pandemic, Chef Ruben says that requests for private experiences are still rising (most of his clients have discovered him on social media and by word-of-mouth). In addition to catering to vacation rentals, the chef now gets requests for private picnics and dinners on the beach, as well as catering private sailing charters and yachts. Chef Ruben is also hoping to parlay to opening his own chef's table dining experience in the near future, serving a limited number of guests and offering a unique, authentic, and personal approach.

ATSA and CHTA welcomed the Education Foundation Training opening day, Saturday



Eagle Beach. -- ATSA and CHTA launched a Caribbean Supercharged Service Program on Saturday. The program is under the direction of CHTA's Education Foundation. More than 330 Tourism Professionals signed up for the yearend program, and Luigi Heredia, President, Aruba Timeshare Association, had the distinct pleasure to open it officially on Saturday.

ATSA will be running this program for 3 weeks with a record number of registrations, some participants are taking 2 sessions. The training program offers four curriculums in total, Food & Beverage, Food & Beverage Advance, Food & Beverage Supervisor and

Housekeeping. The program will be concluding with great fanfare, December 14th, celebrating all hospitality participants who took part and earned a graduation certificate. The ceremony will unfold at the Marriott Aruba Resort and Stellaris Casino.

More than 30 local companies responded positively to the announcement that the Education Foundation is heading to Aruba, as well as individuals across the spectrum of the Aruba tourism product. Participants are members of ATSA, AHATA, AF&BA, and VRPA, they share the belief that work team must be developed and learning is an ongoing journey.

The Education Foundation trainers Louise & Suzanne were excited to be back, hosting the program with the tremendous conference team at La Cabana Beach Resort & Spa. La Cabana is generously supporting this training initiative, kudos and thanks to them.

Presented by Aruba Timeshare Association, delivering partners, Caribbean Hotel and Tourism Association Education Foundation, endorsed by AHATA, supporting partners, the Aruba Tourism Authority, Sunset car rentals, Interval Int'l, La Cabana Beach Resort and Casino in Casa Del Mar Resort.



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CODE OF CONDUCT

Beaches & Dunes

- Driving or parking on beaches, dunes and in the ocean is prohibited.
- Please dispose of your trash properly.
- Do not BBQ or start a fire on beaches and dunes.
- 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.
- Taking any shells or coral from our beaches is strictly prohibited and is punishable by a hefty fine.

The Advisor

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IMPORTANT NUMMERS

- Police Central 100
- Fire Deapertment 911
- Police O'stad 102
- 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 central 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
- Dakota 588-7364
- Del Pueblo 582-1253
- Eagle 640-8443
- Kibrahacha 583-4908
- 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
- Royal Funeral Home 582-0000

— 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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24 hour per day available:
522-4249 van 07.30 t/m 16.30 uur
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— HOTELS —

- Amsterdam Manor..... 527-1100
- Aruba Beach Club..... 582-3000
- Aruba Marriott Resort 586-9000
- Aruba's life 280 0450
- Caribbean Palm Village 586-2700
- Casa del mar..... 582-7000
- Costa Linda Beach Resort 583-8000
- Courtyard by Marriott..... 586-7700
- Divi Aruba Phoenix..... 586-6066
- Divi & Tamarijn All Inclusive .. 525-5200
- Eagle Aruba resort..... 587-9000
- Hilton Aruba..... 586-6555
- Hyatt Place Aruba Airport..... 523-1234
- Hyatt Regency Aruba 586-1234
- La Cabana 520-1100
- Manchebo Beach resort 582-3444
- Marriott's Aruba Surf Club..... 586-9000
- Marriott's Aruba Ocean Club.. 586-9000
- Radisson Blu 526-5000
- Renaissance Ocean Suites 583 6000
- Talk of the town 524 3300

Aruba Buying Guide



Welcome to Aruba

Aruba is a tropical island, which is intensely famous for its pure golden beaches facing the Atlantic Sea, rich cultural history, diverse wildlife and other natural scenery. Residents enjoy an average rainfall of less than 20 inches a year, and a very comfortable average daytime temperature of 27 Celsius, making it the perfect place to enjoy life outdoors, and with so many water sports and other outdoor activities on offer, Aruba is the perfect location to live, and vacation.

Our beautiful island may be small in size, but definitely has a big personality, with one of the most ethnically diverse populations in the world, you will always find someone that speaks your language.

LUXURY CONDOS



ATLANTIC 360 Residence | Noord | Beds: 3 Baths: 3 Price: \$954,666

Property Description

This is your chance to own your own small piece of PARADISE. Only 27 owner residences are available and are currently under construction. Located right on famous Eagle Beach, one of the 3 famous best beaches in the world. You are also steps away from Casinos, Palm Beach, Explorations spots, Restaurants and getting groceries is practical with Super Food, one of Aruba's best and newest super markets. Atlantic 360 Residences has it ALL! Prices start from \$960,705 for a 3 bedroom/ 3-bathroom Residence or \$2,260,320 for the Top Penthouse with a 360-degree view.



O-Condominium Eagle Beach | Noord Price: \$888,300

Property Description

On the edge of one of the worlds top beaches, the new hot address will boast 20 luxurious oceanfront condominiums with spectacular views of the famous soft white sands, crystal clear turquoise waters, and the iridescent sunsets of Eagle Beach. With only 20 units, O residents can expect spacious and airy residences and social areas, and most importantly, a high level of exclusivity, luxury, intimacy, and privacy. At O you'll find a balanced mix of spacious Apartment Homes with countless luxury amenities in every room. Flawless space planning and sound attention to detail is what makes each of the condo designs a true and comfortable haven for future residents. Spacious sun-drenched rooms, panoramic views, avant-garde design elements, and luxury finishes, are just some of the perks. True to form, 1-, 2-, and 3-bedroom residences with direct eagle beach view range in size from 125 m2 to 267 m2. (1,350 sq ft to 2,883 sq ft). Prices: USD 651,000 - 1,650,000

HOUSES



Majestic Tierra Del Sol Estate Price: \$2,750,000

Beds: 8 | Baths: 8 | Square Feet: 5,745



Amazing Gold Coast Villa

Price: \$895,000

Beds: 3 | Baths: 3 | Square Feet: 2,508



Bubali Garden Homes

Price: \$649,000

Beds: 5 | Baths: 4

ATTENTION ALL SOCCER FANS! THE FIFA WORLD CUP IS BACK!

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Four years have already gone by. One pandemic later, and it's time for the World Cup again.

Get your team colors ready, and grab your snacks and drinks, because the matches start on the 20th of November. Not a soccer fan? Join in on the fun anyway! The World Cup is a unique event, in my opinion, as non-fans and fans of the sport unite to cheer on their (favorite) country. Soccer fans are passionate about their teams, but during the World Cup, this is on another level. In Aruba, and I imagine many other countries, it's a month-long excuse to get together and have fun. It's kind of like Superbowl Sunday, but for every match. Don't even get me started on when the most popular teams go head-to-head. You can hear cheers and boos across the entire island. Even if you're not a fan of the sport, you'll still be able to enjoy the festivities, as many bars and restaurants have specials when matches are on. Check out some establishments below that have the best and most fun seats in the house during games. Get ready for lots of yelling, cheering, and cold drinks!

Renaissance Marketplace

Okay, so you won't be in the stadium watching the game live... What's the next best thing? The World Cup square of Aruba! That's where. The largest open-air spot with large screens for every match! The best part? All the different restaurants in the Renaissance Marketplace have specials for the World Cup season. After all the excitement, you can enjoy the rest of what Oranjestad has to offer, or stick around and enjoy the wonderful culinary delights in the marketplace.

People having dinner on the outside terrace at Café the Plaza.

Café The Plaza

Don't be alarmed by all the orange. If you're not rooting for the Dutch team, I would avoid this place... Just kidding, of course! Café the Plaza is one of the most popular locations to watch World



Cup matches. Even if you're not team "orange"! With bucket deals and mega screens, you surely won't want to miss out! It's such a high-energy and fun spot to be during the matches. Especially when The Netherlands is playing. You can probably already imagine what it's going to be like if The Netherlands wins...

Café 080

Speaking of The Netherlands, another popular Dutch cafe on the island is Café 080. They'll have bucket deals all day long, 2 daily happy hours, and 4 big screens. It gets even better though! What goes well with any sporting event and beer? Free snacks! The first 100 people to arrive for the Netherlands matches at Café 080 get free snacks and Balashi orange. The convenient location is close to Palm Beach, on the route to Alto Vista Chapel.

People interacting with one another at Café 080 in Aruba.

Eagle Bowling

If orange is not really your color and you prefer more of a yellow and green hue, Eagle Bowling is the place for you. Go and enjoy their bar and snack platters. The good thing is, if your team is losing, you can play some bowling. Why continue watching if it's just going to hurt you?

5 O'Clock Somewhere

The name says it all. While some matches will be in the morning, you shouldn't worry... Do you know why? It's 5 o'clock somewhere... World Cup specials are here for you any time of the day. Enjoy Local Buckets: \$20. (Balashi, Magic Mango, Chill, Carib) or Exported Buckets: \$25. (Amstel Bright, Heineken, Landshark, Bud Light, Budweiser, Corona) available during all games. This unique spot is located in the center of the Renaissance Marketplace. You'll have plenty to do in the area before and after the game.

5 O'Clock Somewhere Bar & Grill
Aruba

PICTURE OF THE WEEK
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Gianni's Group Walk and Run



Gianni's Group is organizing their first Walk & Run event to support children in need of breakfast every day.

who would like to be part of this event.

The purpose of this event is to raise funds for the non-profit organization "Ban uni man pa cria nos muchanan" ("Let's join hands to help our children"). At the moment, the non-profit organization is taking care of over 800 breakfasts per day for children in need in Aruba.

To participate you need to buy tickets in advance. Tickets for adults cost afl. 25,- and for children between the age of 6 to 12 years old cost afl. 12,50.

According to the non-profit organization, every 25 florins received is enough to provide 2 weeks of breakfast per child. All funds will go directly to the non-profit organization.

The Gianni's Group Walk & Run is on Saturday 3rd of December at Eagle Beach. It is only 5km and is designed for the whole family, friends and everyone

All participants have a chance to become lucky winners of many different door-prizes.



EVERY STEP COUNTS TOWARDS FEEDING A CHILD



GIANNI'S GROUP WALK & RUN

3 DECEMBER 2022 | 5:00PM
EAGLE BEACH BOARDWALK //5k

STARTING POINT
Eagle beach parking lot next to Costa Linda.



PRICE

GENERAL
AWG 25

KIDS
6 TO 12 YEARS
AWG 12.5

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE FOUNDATION BAN UNI MAN PA CRIA NOS MUCHANAN

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Tickets: Gianni's Group main office, Garden fresh, Amore Mio, CITGO Essoville, CITGO Boulevard, Superfood, Botica Aloë & Botica Santa Cruz

INFO: 5882599



The official local currency is the Aruban Florin; however, U.S. dollars are widely accepted.

What currency does Aruba use?

The currency on the island is the Aruba Florin. You can exchange U.S. dollars, but it isn't necessary. Using American money in Aruba is common and widely accepted. You may receive Aruba currency as change.

What is the currency exchange rate in Aruba?

The Aruba currency exchange rate for U.S. dollars is Afl 1.77 for cash and Afl 1.78 for traveler's checks. Most supermarkets and gas stations use the exchange rate of Afl 1.75, while many restaurants and shops use the exchange rate of Afl 1.80.

Credit cards and ATM machines

All major credit cards and traveler's checks are accepted. Personal checks from abroad are generally not accepted.

*Please note, some businesses will not accept U.S. \$50 or U.S. \$100 due to worldwide counterfeiting.

ATM cards with a Cirrus, MasterCard, Maestro, or Visa logo can withdraw cash at banks and more than 50 locations and ATMs in Aruba.

Banks are generally open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, though some branches remain open later on Friday and on Saturday morning.

Don't forget to contact your credit card provider prior to departure and advise them of your travel plans. Otherwise, overseas charges may be questioned or denied.

Cost of living

If you compare the cost of living in Aruba to the U.S., it is slightly higher. Groceries are a bit more expensive since agriculture in Aruba is limited and almost all food needs to be imported. Prices are 5 to 6% higher.

Tipping/gratuity

Tipping your servers, cleaners, guides, and other staff in Aruba is not mandatory but encouraged. If you feel like leaving a tip, the amount is entirely up to you, but 15% - 20% is customary.

Shopping

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.