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AHATA Excellence Awards 2022 honored the most dedicated employees. With this year marking the 5th anniversary of the award program,

the Aruba Hotel & Tourism Association (AHATA) had a special dinner ceremony for the 2022 AHATA Excellence Awards.

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Dear Visitor,

We thank you for choosing the One Happy Island as your home for the holidays.

May the togetherness you experience while enjoying Aruba bring you lasting memories.

May your holidays in Aruba become a cherished tradition you partake in every year.

May your year be filled with health, love, and joy!

Happy Holidays!

Ronella Croes- CEO of Aruba Tourism Authority

ONE HAPPY ISLAND MAIL

As we near the end of 2022, we want to thank you for your love and support towards our island.

We hope your holidays are full of beautiful memories and laughter.

May the year ahead be filled with health, love and joy!



TO: Our Beloved Visitors

FROM:  Aruba Tourism Authority

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AWARDS

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Happy Holidays to our treasured guests,

We are delighted you choose our island to celebrate the holidays. Whether it is your first time, or you have been here before, Aruba provides a diverse and unique vacation experience that appeals to people of all ages, cultures, and ethnicities, so we guarantee that you will never have a dull moment. We are magnanimous when it comes to our culture and unique treasures and hope that you experience our world-renowned warm and welcoming hospitality.

The community is filled with a festive Christmas spirit this time of year. We encourage you to get to know our people and form a deeper bond with Aruba. Be sure to take a drive around our island to see the community's creativity with colorful lights and perhaps you may even catch one of our local 'gaita' groups performing live!

What better way to bring people together and spend time with those you love than through food during the holidays. Our diverse gastronomic scene boasting over 200 restaurants with flavors ranging from European to Asian, African, and Latin American with an Aruban twist each offer their twist on Christmas staples such as the local Ponche crema, ayaca, arros con pollo, stuffed turkey, and Christmas ham.

Thank you for coming to Aruba. We hope you enjoy our traditional treats and festivities and share your memories with family and friends.

Warm regards,

Tisa LaSorte
President & CEO of AHATA

MERRY *Christmas* AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

Happy Holidays to our treasured guests

We are delighted that you chose our island to celebrate the holidays. We hope you enjoy your stay and indulge in our traditional treats and festivities!

As we say in Papiamentu, Bon Pasco, y un Feliz Aña Nobo! (Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!)

AHATA
ARUBA HOTEL & TOURISM ASSOCIATION

Dear Visitors,

It's Christmas time again. Holidays are a time to reflect and with this as Minister of Tourism the first warm feeling that sparks is gratitude. Gratitude to all of you who continue to choose Aruba as your home away from home.

The year 2022 was an exceptional year for our tourism industry. As we entered the post-pandemic era, we bounced forward and thankfully Aruba is one of the fortunate countries where travelers returned showing their ultimate confidence in our destination. We will close this year with a 100% recovery compared to 2019 which is truly remarkable. This success was recognized internationally by the Caribbean Hotel and Tourism Association where Aruba emerged among others and received the first ever "Destination Resilience Award". This was in recognition of Aruba's unique and timely approach of responses to the pandemic and the recovery that followed.


Alongside our industry partners, my commitment to you is that we will continue to focus on a sustainable tourism approach safeguarding Aruba's natural resources, quality of service and above all safety.

Whether you were a cruise visitor, first timer, or have been coming to our island for years, -HOPI DANKI- to have chosen us in 2022 as your dream destination. We know you have choices and as an island, we are forever grateful to you for believing Aruba's unique offerings and hospitality. We cannot wait to welcome you back in 2023!

From my family to yours, "May the season bring you peace, joy, and prosperity".

Happy Holidays!

Your Excellence,



Mr. Danguillaume Oduber



Ministerio di Turismo y Salud Publico

Getting to celebrate Christmas with family is what the holidays are all about. To enjoy the festive season with the people you love is the real gift. May this season find you among those you love, sharing in the twin glories of generosity and gratitude. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from my family to yours.



Mr. Danguillaume Oduber





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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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(Oceania to Amsterdam Manor) & Restaurants - Airport
- Low Rise hotels..... = \$26
(Divi Dutch to The Pearl) & Restaurants - Airport



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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

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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



Holiday Lighting Event at Holiday Inn Resort Aruba

OANJESTAD - The Holiday Inn Resort Aruba kicked off the Holiday Season on November 30th with a Holiday Lights Switch-On with the help of a very dear friend to the hotel: Josephine Kulagowski.

The event took place after the IHG One Rewards Member Cocktail, with the assistance of valued guests, executive mem-

bers from the resort and the General Manager, Mr. Simone Farci.

The Holiday Inn Resort Aruba thanked the attendees for choosing their resort and being part of the IHG family for the past 53 years. The hotel assured there will be many surprises and new outlets coming in 2023 and that they hoped to welcome them again in 2023.



ORANJESTAD - In the first week of November, we hosted a group of 9 meeting planners during our Destination Review program.

Hotels and DMCs partnered

to provide the best experience possible. To lend an authentic local touch, participants had a very unique breakfast at Hofi Shon Shoco in Arikok National Park.

They discovered the island by

ARUBA CONVENTION BUREAU Destination Review

an adventurous Jeep tour and a breathtaking brunch sail on the Catamaran Camila, with a culinary experience by Papiilon Aruba.

The clients also experienced an authentic local lunch at Taste My Aruba Restaurant. During this DR we participated in the "Santa's Cause" where the participants brought various gifts as donations to local kids in need while encouraging more corporate social responsibility activities during their own incentive programs. The program ended

with a spectacular celebration showcasing our unique local experience, to bring forward our history and folklore with a show including the Popcorn Dancers in traditional costumes, carnival dancers, local menu items, and local gifting experience.

ACB thanks: Renaissance Wind Creek Aruba Resort as our host hotel for our VIP Planners. And our partners: Marriott Aruba Resort & Stellaris Casino, The Ritz-Carlton, Aruba, Hilton Aruba Caribbean Resort and

Casino, Hyatt Regency Aruba Resort, Spa & Casino, Eco Destination Management Services of Aruba, De Palm Destination Management Services, Red Sail Destination Management, and EPIC DMC for their support in making this event possible.

Let's relive the Destination Review experience through this incredible after movie designed for you to connect and explore the unique settings of the One Happy Island.



Local in the spotlight: Nick Gordon

Aruba.com | Tina Causey Bislick

Born in Jamaica and raised in Aruba, entrepreneur Nick Gordon is brewing up success and adding to the cultural fabric of his hometown of San Nicolas. He and his wife Kedesha opened the Kulture Café in 2019, diving into the coffee culture, as well as offering breakfast, salads, wraps, vegan options, fresh juices, and ice cream daily. A graduate of the University of Aruba, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and Finance, Nick wanted to open a business in San Nicolas, recognizing that a café in the heart of the historic art district would serve the area

well. Timing and fate played a hand when Fundacion Arubano was soliciting applicants to take over the Nicolaas Store, a historic building constructed in 1940 that was restored in 2016 as part of the restoration movement in San Nicolas, resulting in a collection of renovated and repurposed buildings.

Everything about the building spoke to Nick—the history, character and location, identifying it as the ideal spot for his vision of a vibrant café offering fresh and healthy menu items and a welcoming community

vibe for locals and visitors to the island to gather and soak up the unique charm of San Nicolas. Fundacion Arubano agreed, and awarded the contract to Nick and Kedesha.

Kulture Café's signature menu items include the salmon avocado toast—Nick says it's an "explosion of flavors," and the café's fresh juices are delightful thirst-quenchers for those strolling the downtown streets and perusing the street art, with standouts like the sage and lime juice combo, and authentic homemade lemonade. Several of the menu items

are family recipes, including one from the Nicolaas family, the original owners of the building. In honor of Gabriel "Yuchi" Nicolaas, one of the most popular specialty coffees on the menu is the Yuchi, a strong but creamy and sweet coffee confection of espresso, local Ponche Crema liqueur, and whipped cream topped with roasted coffee beans.

Members of the Nicolaas family frequent Kulture Café to reminisce and sip Yuchi's favorite drink. Nick has done a great job of evolving this charismatic space, maximizing the potential and the location. In addition to hosting a variety of events—from private brunches, baby showers, and birthday celebrations to company meetings and cocktail parties—Kulture Café hosts quarterly foodie and wine-pai-

ring events, collaborating with some of the island's top chefs. The sold-out events often spill out into the street, offering an immersion into exciting cuisine in a historic setting. "Coming to spend an evening in San Nicolas is an experience that our local community looks forward to, and it's a great way to bring locals from all over the island to enjoy the unique heritage of this side of their island," explains Nick. Visitors to the island are discovering this San Nicolas gem as well, with Nick sharing that in particular, they see a lot of friendly faces from Holland, Germany, and Belgium. Nick and Kedesha recently welcomed a baby girl—their first—inspiring them to continue to evolve their family business for generations to come.

Global Incentive Summit Evaluation



The Global Incentive Summit is Northstar Meetings Group's global hosted-buyer event for the Incentive travel industry. The conference brings together the most highly-qualified incentive travel buyers with top destinations, hotels/resorts, cruise lines, DMCs, DMOs and tourism offices from the Caribbean. Attendees

participate in one-on-one pre-scheduled appointments, gain industry insights from guest speakers and network with this exclusive group of incentive specialists. This unique event is hosted by Northstar Meetings Group's leading brands— Successful Meetings, Meetings & Conventions, and Incentive magazine. It was

a great event in a beautiful setting! The agenda was well planned with upscale networking events throughout. It was also great that we met with a few clients who had never been to the island. It was a good opportunity to educate them.



La Cabana Beach Resort & Casino Hosts a Christmas Gala



Oranjestad. -- After an understandable hiatus, La Cabana's Christmas Gala returned to the Renaissance Convention Center on December 14th, 2022, with an extensive program emceed by Tessely Koolman & Jessica Franken.

Elegantly dressed associates were greeted at the door by General Manager, Joe Najjar the Executive Committee and the resort's Department Heads, as music by Crossfire, DJ ITO, filled the room in anticipation of a fantastic evening. The evening's program opened

with the National Anthem of Aruba and a welcome address by the Director of Human Resources, Tessely Koolman, a Christmas Message by General Manager Joe Najjar and a holiday message from His Excellency the Minister of Tourism and Public Health, Dangui Oduber. A Christmas Blessing by Assistant General Manager, Jessica Franken, concluded the formal opening sequence of the evening.

Party-goers enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner as Tsunami prepared to open the dance floor which remained busy to

the wee hours.

Between dance sets, the Associates of the Year 2022, Supervisors of the Year 2022, Manager of the Year 2022 and Team of the Year 2022, were announced, acknowledged and celebrated. The resort enjoyed a successful year creating memorable vacations for its guests thanks to a great number of over-achieving and excelling associates.

The traditional raffle awarded lucky associates valuable prizes such as Awg 500.00 and Awg 1,000.00 Grocery Shopping Sprees; other raffles were also drawn and lucky winners were notified via their phones, with dinners for two, lunches for two and weekend stays.

The Instagram photo Booth, and a jolly Santa were available for souvenir snapshots all night and the Taxi Dancers graced the dance floor with their presence.

Pictured here a few memorable moments.

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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

— MORTUARIALS —

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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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	+1 (866) 856-9066
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

INTERVAL INTERNATIONAL CO-SPONSORS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR CARIBBEAN HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM PROFESSIONALS



MIAMI, Fla., December 15, 2022 – Interval International, a leading worldwide provider of vacation services, recently co-sponsored an educational conference for hospitality professionals in Eagle Beach, Aruba.

The program ran from Nov. 26th to Dec. 13th at the La Cabana Beach Resort and Casino, organized by the Aruba Timeshare Association (ATSA) and Caribbean Hotel & Tourism Association Education Foundation (CHTAEF).

More than 300 Aruba-based hospitality professionals from over 30 companies attended the conference, which provided

participants with full-day, interactive workshops. Industry training professionals led sessions focused on housekeeping, food and beverage, and supervising personnel.

“ATSA would like to thank Interval International for its sponsorship of this important event, as well as its continued support of both our organization and the Aruba tourism industry,” says Luigi Heredia, president of the Aruba Timeshare Association. “It has been an honor to see so many associates participate in our training program with the help of our sponsors.”

“Vacation ownership continues to thrive in Aruba. The industry’s success is not only

due to the island’s natural wonders but also the hospitality of its people.” says Neil Kolton, Interval’s director of business development, Caribbean and Southeast U.S. “We are proud to support these workshops, which motivate resort personnel and provide professional development.”

As a long-standing supporter of the CHTAEF, Interval has co-sponsored education workshops for several years.

“Interval has been a valued proponent of our efforts across the Caribbean,” says Karolin Troubetzkoy, CHTAEF chairperson. “Working collaboratively with their team on initiatives such as this contributes greatly to our foundation’s

success. We look forward to continuing the impactful work we’ve accomplished together.”

In addition to Interval, other sponsors of the event were the Aruba Tourism Authority, La Cabana Beach Resort & Casino, and Sunset Car Rental.

About Interval International Interval International operates membership programs for vacationers and provides value-added services to its developer clients worldwide. Based in Miami, Florida, the company has been a pioneer and innovator in serving the vacation ownership market since 1976. Today, Interval’s exchange network comprises nearly 3,200 resorts in more than 90 countries and ter-

ritories. Through offices in 12 countries, Interval offers world-class products and benefits to resort clients and nearly 1.7-million-member families who are enrolled in various membership programs. Interval is an operating business of Marriott Vacations Worldwide Corporation (NYSE: VAC), a leading global vacation company that offers vacation ownership, exchange, rental and resort and property management, along with related businesses, products, and services. Visit Interval International on LinkedIn, Instagram, and Facebook.

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Focus remains on our beaches, population, hospitality and safety

OANJESTAD - In line with national tourism policy, Aruba Tourism Authority continues to invest in improving and developing Aruba’s products.

As part of ATA’s job of marketing and promoting Aruba as a tourist destination, there are several projects in which ATA invests. This concerns both projects to improve products and projects to develop products. These projects are in line with the national tourism policy. For example, it can be said that 90% of ATA’s expenditure goes to marketing, of which between 5% and 10% goes to our tourism product and the rest to international marketing.

There are 3 main areas to focus on as part of these products, which are our beaches, our people and hospitality and safety. Attention is also paid to other aspects such as nature protection, culture and innovation. But the 3 main areas form the foundation of Aruba’s tourism.

Our beaches

One of the projects currently underway is the renovation and beautification of



the platform and tower in Palm Beach. This is not an isolated project as investments have been made in projects in the area for several years. We can think of the research that was carried out to investigate the quality of the water of Palm Beach, as well as the buoys that were placed to mark the area that is designated for swimming. In 2023, the buoys project will also continue to mark the buffer zone for motorized transport on the water in this way.

Our people and hospitality

We will continue to focus on the pre-

paration and knowledge of our people, using the Aruba Certification Program, the Aruba Quality Seal as well as the Aruba Signature Experience, among others. These projects are beneficial to our tourism industry, but also to our island in general, as it helps to improve the experience of our visitors and certainly increases the satisfaction of our destination.

Safety

Another very important aspect that will be invested in is safety. Aruba is known to be one of the safest destinations in

the Caribbean and this is one of the main reasons a tourist visits Aruba. This safety is important for tourism but also for the quality of life of our community, so we will continue to focus on this in 2023.

It should be said here that from 2011 ATA became one of a kind with its contribution to the Aruba Hospitality and Security Foundation. This foundation has members of ATA, KPA, AHATA, ATIA and some professionals in the field of safety in the hotel sector. With the help of this foundation, the focus is on safety in the tourist zone; investment in police equipment, including beach police, regular training, accessories from an international security organization and so on. A fund has been allocated for 2023 to reintroduce a “Visibility Team” to ensure greater safety, visibility and presence of members of security in the tourist area.

Each of the projects financed by ATA is important as it contributes to the improvement of the tourism product that is currently our economic pillar and on which we all live.

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LIFE UNDER WATER



- Do not feed any marine life including fishes and turtles.
- Do not pick up starfish for selfies, they can only breathe under water.
- Use coral friendly sunblock as much as possible in order to protect our marine life.

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Share The Experience

“Every business has a story, every customer will cherish and remember the experience, every experience will pass on as a story for generations.”
-Meredith Thompson

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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.