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Aruba Holidays!

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New Year's
Dec 31st – January 1st

Celebrating the New Years on Aruba is an experience of a lifetime! Throughout the day on December 31st, hotels and businesses' around the island celebrate a yearly tradition of lighting up a long string of firecrackers called 'Pagara', laid out on the road that ends with a Big Bang (pun intended)! The biggest and most popular pagaras can be seen at the Renaissance Aruba Resort and the Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino.

At the stroke of midnight, make sure you are somewhere high up, like your hotel balcony, roof, the California Lighthouse or for the more adventurous at heart the Hooiberg - a high alone standing hill in the middle of Aruba of which you better climb the 600 steps sober, I repeat sober! Why so high? Because at the turn of the year all of Aruba turns into a pandemonium of fireworks lighting up the entire sky! Sip some Ponche Crema (Aruban Eggnog) and usher in the New Year Aruba style!

No matter where you go, as long as you are outside on the beach enjoying the amazing fireworks together with friends and family; you will have a sensational New Years celebration!



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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

AHATA EXCELLENCE 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!)


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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Eagle hotels	= \$28
<small>(Oceania to Amsterdam Manor) & Restaurants - Airport</small>	
Low Rise hotels.....	= \$26
<small>(Divi Dutch to The Pearl) & Restaurants - Airport</small>	



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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 trunkilo 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 trunkilo 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



ARUBA CONVENTION BUREAU

IMEX America 2022

IMEX America is the largest tradeshow in existence for the MICE market. In 2022 the show represented 50,000 appointments, 2,700 hosted buyers from 49 countries, 8,600 participating exhibitors and 2,200 exhibiting companies from 190+ different countries around the world.

The Aruba Convention Bureau (ACB) attended the tradeshow together with 13 partners where they captured a total of 257 leads with strong potential to bring business to the island. The booth definitely stood out

as it was incorporated with vibrant colors of San Nicolas combined with Aruba's unique beach event set-ups.

ACB hosted a Happy Hour (100+ attendees), a client reception at East Side Lounge at Encore (25 attendees including their partners) and Lionel Richie concert (15 attendees). ACB also sponsored a VIP booth at MPI Rendezvous for additional client entertainment where the Aruba logo was placed on tables and on projectors around the venue exposing to over 2,700 people.



ARUBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY N.V TO OPERATE GENERAL AVIATION TERMINAL

ORANJESTAD – The General Aviation Terminal, better known as the FBO at Aeropuerto Internacional Reina Beatrix, will be managed and operated by Aruba Airport Authority N.V. (AAA) starting January 1, 2023.

Starting the new year 2023 the FBO operation will be operated and managed by AAA under its new name – JET-TNCA. Jet being the obvious choice of words to best reflect the fact that private aircraft or jets will be handled at the FBO terminal at the airport and TNCA being the ICAO code for the airport in Aruba.

JET-TNCA is uniquely positioned in the Caribbean region making it the perfect stop between North and Latin America. Besides its geographical and strategic advantages, JET-TNCA offers a wide variety

of services to its customers. Customers can make use of JET-TNCA's traveler lounge and refreshment area, all while experiencing the highest level of customer service.

Additionally, JET-TNCA's supervisory and coordination services provide customers with a single point of essential flight services such as aircraft fueling, catering, ground support, accommodations and transportation arrangements, and more importantly US Customs & Border Protection Pre-Clearance services.

The purpose of JET-TNCA is to offer a complete products/service experience (CPE) to a currently underserved leisure niche market within its current territory by connecting with a high-end customer base through luxury inventory collaborative partnerships.



The new JET-TNCA operations team is excited to welcome all its clients and is personally committed to plan and deliver successful mission by offering a complete range of first-class services supported by dedicated professional who

are constantly looking at new and innovative ways to satisfy the ever-changing needs and desires of its guests.

The JET-TNCA day-to-day operations will be managed by a team of professionals and led by its FBO Manager Mrs. Mi-

nerva Flemming. The business development activities of the JET-TNCA will be performed from within the AAA team responsible for aviation business development which is led by Mrs. Jo-Anne Meaux-Arends, Executive Aviation Business Development at AAA.

Arawak Destination Management Xperts Fundacion Parke Nacional Aruba

The start of innovation Earlier this year, Arawak Destination Management Xperts has been launched. Arawak, a name based on the Indians, is committed to providing the most unique and creative concepts to MICE (Meeting, Incentives, Conferences, Exhibitions) clients. From the undiscovered sightseeing areas, to the hidden gems in the Southside of the island, to the one-of-a-kind outdoor

venues, we are able to provide our clients with the most amazing Xperiences. From the moment Aruba has been announced, expectations are set and our team aims to elevate those expectations. From the development of the proposal, hosting the site-inspection, up to the moment we operate the program, we aim to put the local touches into every detail. The importance of this niche for the island,

with the current expansion of the properties, is crucial in creating a good base for the Tourism industry and will contribute immensely to the development of the island. Our commitment to innovate this market will be our major contribution. It is time to innovate the Xperience of participants of incentive programs and our motivation to achieve this will be our driving force.



The Aruba Timeshare Association concludes 2022, with great satisfaction



Eagle Beach. -- The last ATSA meeting for 2022 carried a packed agenda, coming at the heel of a very successful Supercharged Island-Wide Hospitality Training project, with the CHTA's Education Foundation. The last ATSA meeting for 2022 at La Cabana Beach Resort & Casino included a number of presentations that were of great interest to the members of the association, among them Howard Maxwell, regarding an upcoming Disability Accessibility Survey. Maxwell also elaborated on Accessible Tourism, as envisioned by his company Care-Adise, serving visitors with physical disabilities.

Another presentation by Neil Kolton, Interval International, delivered the latest news and views of the international timeshare travel segment, which were received with great interest. Kolton, was a key figure in getting the CHTA Education Foundation on board

with the SUPERCHARGED SERVICE TRAINING project, and became one of the main sponsors.

Former association president Andy Osborne reported on his latest activities in the field of coaching and training junior members of business management on the island.

The meeting unanimously accepted the candidacy of Pedro Vargas, Marriott Vacation Club, to the ATSA board, as representative of his timeshare resorts, and warmly welcomed him to the team, his contributions will no doubt be many.

In summing up the three weeks of Supercharged Island-Wide Hospitality Training, ATSA President Luigi Heredia reported that he was quite surprised, when the training registration opened to accommodate 240 candidates, in 10 days, and ended up with 385 registrations, in 14 days. ATSA

was able to extend the program, and answered the need of all hospitality partners, who committed, as early as 4 months in advance.

In that vein, ATSA also decided to grant scholarships to future local hospitality professionals, and these were allocated to students of EPB Oranjestad, EPB San Nicolaas, EPI and the University of Aruba Faculty of Hospitality and Tourism Management Studies.

The forum got an update on the activities of TPEF, the Tourist Product Enhancement Fund, by Sulaika Kelly, Playa Linda, and the Security Foundation, handled by Bob Curtis, Casa del Mar.

The meeting concluded with a positive outlook for 2023, and wishes for a wonderful holiday season by Luigi Heredia, President, Aruba Timeshare Association

Several cruise ships visit Aruba during the holiday season

Oranjestad – Many people choose to go on holiday during the holidays to spend time with their family and friends. For Aruba, this is also one of the busiest periods when many visitors are received.

A total of 7 cruise ships were expected over the Christmas weekend: Norwegian Pearl and Aidaperla on the 24st, Norwegian Epic and Seven Seas Navigator on the 25st, Norwegian Encore, Seabourne and Royal Caribbean Voyager of the Seas on the 26st.

5 cruise ships are expected during the end of the year weekend: Regal Princess, Zaandam and Costa Pacifica on December 31 and Norwegian Epic and Royal Caribbean Vi-



sion of the Seas on January 1.

Tourists arriving in Aruba via the cruise ships will visit different places and therefore certain locations will be busier during the holiday season. This offers Aruba the opportu-

nity to introduce these visitors to the culture and traditions at the end of the year.

Cruise tourism is also on track to recover compared to 2019 in terms of visitor numbers and cruise ships visiting Aruba.

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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

— 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
592-4400 van 17.00 t/m 07.00 uur

— 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

Christmas Markets without the cold winter air

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What do you call it? A Christmas market or bazaar?

Either way, when it's time to find a little something special for the holiday season, a Christmas Market may be just the place to do so. It's where arts and crafts are highlighted, and small vendors are ready to help you find those one-of-a-kind gifts.

Christmas Markets or Bazaars are known mainly in Europe, where they decorate small villages with twinkle lights, music, food, snacks, and glühwein. Families and friends gather together and spend quality time in the Christmas spirit.

This Holiday tradition has been slowly picking up here on the island, where companies organize Christmas Markets to give small local vendors a chance to sell their small goodies.

Piso 3 Shopping night
Piso 3 Aruba kept the tradition from Holland by organizing a Christmas 'Koopavond', which means shopping night. 'Koopavond' in The Hague in the Netherlands is every week on Thursday night when shops stay open until 9 PM. This Christmas, 'Koopavond' will showcase small local vendors on Thursday, December 15th. Piso 3 Aruba is located in the heart of Mainstreet, Caya Betico Croes #21.

For more information, visit the Piso 3 Facebook page.

Cadushi Festival

If you are looking for that organic gift or maybe something recycled to keep things green,



then you'll need to attend the Cadushi Festival. After a successful first edition last year, it's back! The Cadushi Festival will take place on Wednesday, December 21st, at Baranca di Yerba. Not your traditional Christmas Market in a village, but this one is outdoors in the natural open air. The perfect opportunity to score some organic products, driftwood art, sustainable products, as well as vegan and organic foods and drinks. More local than this, you won't get elsewhere.

For more information, visit the Cadushi Festival Facebook page.

All-women Christmas Bazaar
We are talking about women empowering women. Futura,

together with Supernova Experimental Studio, is organizing a Christmas Bazaar with only female vendors offering handmade candles, jewelry, sweets, and beauty products. It's the first edition of this all-women Christmas Bazaar. Make sure to visit them Thursday, December 15th, at Futura Spaces, located at Schotlandstraat 38, from 6-9 PM.

For more information, visit the Futura page.

Aruba Made Christmas shopping night.
Just across the cruise terminal in Oranjestad, you'll find Aruba Made. Aruba Made is all about local, homemade arts and crafts, food, drinks, and coffee, all made here in Aruba.

For the first time, Aruba Made has organized a Christmas Shopping Night where you can score that little gift or taste that Christmas bite. This shopping night is every Friday in December from 6-9 PM. The next ones are scheduled for Friday, December 16th, and 23rd. Aruba Made is located at L.G. Smith's Boulevard 100, across from the cruise ship terminal.

For more information, please visit the Aruba Made page.

Hilton Aruba Christmas market
December is the season of gifting, and The Hilton Aruba ensured that! It has become a tradition that The Hilton Aruba Caribbean Resort & Casino

place a poinsettia holiday tree in their lobby, where guests can purchase a poinsettia for just \$25. The sales generated from this poinsettia holiday tree will be matched by Hilton Aruba and donated to Aruba's foodbank, "Fundacion Pa nos Comunidad." To make this season even more special, as the only hotel in Aruba doing this, the Hilton Aruba is organizing a Christmas Market offering local vendors and small businesses the chance to sell their local handmade gifts, souvenirs, and arts and crafts to all visitors on the island. The next shopping nights are scheduled for Wednesday, December 14th, and 21st

Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort, Aruba

Triumph despite an ominous start Black Monday, Oct. 19, 1987, was the day the stock market crashed, however, for Bucuti Beach Resort, that day marked its grand opening – 11 days ahead of schedule.

From the day it opened, prosperity prevailed for this special Eagle Beach hotel. Inspired by the friendly, bright people making up the island community, Biemans incorporated the best of Aruba into Bucuti. He has cared for the local community and its natural beauty as much as for the resort's guests.



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LIFE UNDER WATER



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- 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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"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.