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Norwegian Prima for the first time in Aruba

ORANJESTAD - APA, ATA and the Ministry of Tourism are working together to get more cruise ships in Aruba. This is an attempt to further build Aruba's economy.

On Saturday morning, Norwegian Prima arrived in Aruba for the first time. The cruise ship would remain in Aruba until late in the afternoon and then continue on to the next port of call. Norwegian Prima is Norwegian Cruise Lines' newest cruise ship and has only been operating for two months.

In recovery Aruba Ports Authority indicates that if everything continues as it is now, the cruise industry in



Meeting in Curaçao with Prime Minister of Aruba and the Consulate of the United States



On Tuesday, October 25, the Prime Minister of Aruba was in Curaçao to attend the Kingdom Consultation on Foreign Relations (KOBB). The Prime Minister of Aruba, the Prime Minister of Curaçao and the Prime Minister of Sint Maarten met together with the Minister of Foreign Affairs Wopke Hoekstra of the Netherlands.

between Aruba and the United States and how the American consulate can play a role in this. The consulate mainly wanted to talk about economic diversity and the plans to get more investors (Investment policy).

Web Aruba made an agreement with Eagle LNG before Ukraine's war started. The agreed price was very low. At present, many LNG companies have canceled their agreements, while LNG kept to its agreement. The United States consulate indicated that they support Eagle LNG.

According to the Prime Minister of Aruba, it was a successful conversation in which various topics were discussed in order to further strengthen the relationship between Aruba and the United States.







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Dear Visitor,

We say in Papiamento - 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,

Iwould 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.

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IN THE HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY



AHATA Excellence in 2021 Award

Genise Boisrond

Public Areas Supervisor - The Ritz-Carlton, Aruba



Costa Linda Beach Resort

John Croes IT Department

Supervisor of the 3rd Quarter



AHATA Excellence in 2021 Award

Glenda Henricus

Senior Operations Manager - Eco DMS



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Jacquelina Kelly

Front Desk Manager - RIU Palace Antillas



Costa Linda Beach Resort

Jurgen Marchena Housekeeping Department

Employee of the Month for September



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Godfried Loefstop

Engineer 1 - Marriott's Aruba Ocean Club



AHATA Excellence in 2021 Award

Gregory Tromp

IT Supervisor - Divi & Tamarijn All Inclusive Resorts





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

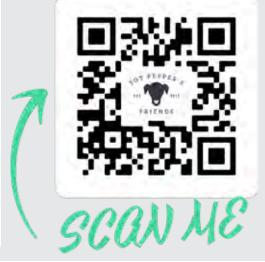


Rescue. Love. Adopt.,

Nori was found walking around close to downtown with a padlock around his neck. He was underweight and had several wounds. An animallover helped remove the padlock and a volunteer brought him to the vet clinic. The vet thought he might have been hit by a car. His tail was broken. After several weeks at the vet he went to our rescue and recently he went to a fosterfamily. Handsome teenboy Nori is now completely vetted and healthy and ready for a loving family. Our rescue focusses specifically on (pregnant) female dogs and cats and their offspring but we always have several teens and adult dogs and cats too.

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.





Aruba has won the 'Alice S. Marriott Award for Community Service 2022'

ORANJESTAD - Human Resources Director Ruthline Theysen accepted the Alice S. Marriott Award in Bethesda, Maryland. This was for the great contribution Marriott hotels make to the Aruba community. Out of more of eight thousand Marriott hotels worldwide, Aruba has been chosen for this award.

The Complex General Manager of Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino, Aruba Surf Club and Aruba Ocean club tells that Alice S. Marriott was the wife of the founder of the large hotel chain, JW Marriott in the year 1920. After ninety-five years, the birthday is of Alice, who was born on this day in 1907. She has always done a lot for their community.

Much is being done for the community, for different schools, for education, for children, for animals and for people who are in financial difficulties. This is done by the employees who spend much of their own time helping different organizations. Thanks to these promotions, Aruba Marriott Complex has earned this



It is important for the Marriott hotels in Aruba to be especially helpful with the community. On November 20, everyone is invited to participate in a special 'Thanksgiving' brunch. It costs \$59 per person and all proceeds will go to Fundacion Ban Uni Man pa cria nos muchanan, an organization that helps children get breakfast before they go to school.

A good feeling Human Resources Manager Reuella Reeberg explains that Marriott annually gives back to the Aruba community. It feels good to be recognized for these good actions. They are especially recognized for the actions in 2021 and 2022, which are mainly aimed at the youth of Aruba. Many internships have been made available for students from SPO, EPB, EPI, the University of Aruba and even from the Netherlands. More than a hundred interns were hired during the year. The young are the future of Aruba

and Marriott wants to give these young people the opportunity to learn more about the hospitality industry and perhaps further develop their career here.

The price
Marriott believes in giving back
to the community. Various events
are organized throughout the
year to help the community.
There is also a foundation called
the Care Foundation, founded by
Marriott employees who make
monthly contributions to help

various projects within the communities financially. Marriott, for example, has worked extensively with Fundacion pa nos Comunidad to help many families in need. Marriott is grateful to the employees who contribute to this foundation. Marriott is also grateful to the employees who are available to help schools or participate in the beach or community clean up.

Praise Alice S. Marriott by helping the community
Created in 1992, this award recognizes the founder's wife and aims to bring sympathy and hope to the world. The philosophy of Alice S. Marriott is celebrated with this award. "By giving our time, energy and generosity, we can help the lives of others"

Staffing

The Human Resources Manager points out that if you're not just looking for a job, but also want to contribute to our community, consider joining Marriott. Various job openings at Marriott can be seen at www.marriott.com/careers and find Aruba. Here you can look at all full-time and parttime positions.

North American groups meet in Aruba

ORANJESTAD - As part of the Aruba Tourism Authority (ATA) strategy of different markets, there are various times during the year that meetings are held with Aruba partners, representatives from different markets and the ATA team in these markets.

The 'North American Marketing Update Meeting' recently took place in which the plan and goal for 2023 was presented to the local partners. The representatives and groups from the United States and Canada were invited to learn more about Aruba.

The meeting took place in the ballroom of Hilton Aruba Caribbean Resort & Casino with Zeno's representative from PR representing the Big Village market giving an in-depth presentation of their new and innovative ideas for representing Aruba abroad. To conclude, the group from North America toured San Nicolas to see the preparations for the 'Art Fair Festival' and the new Rod-



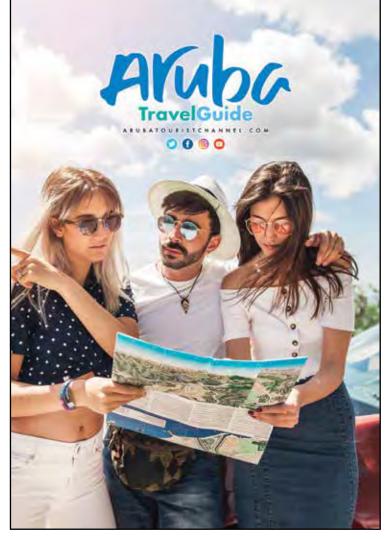
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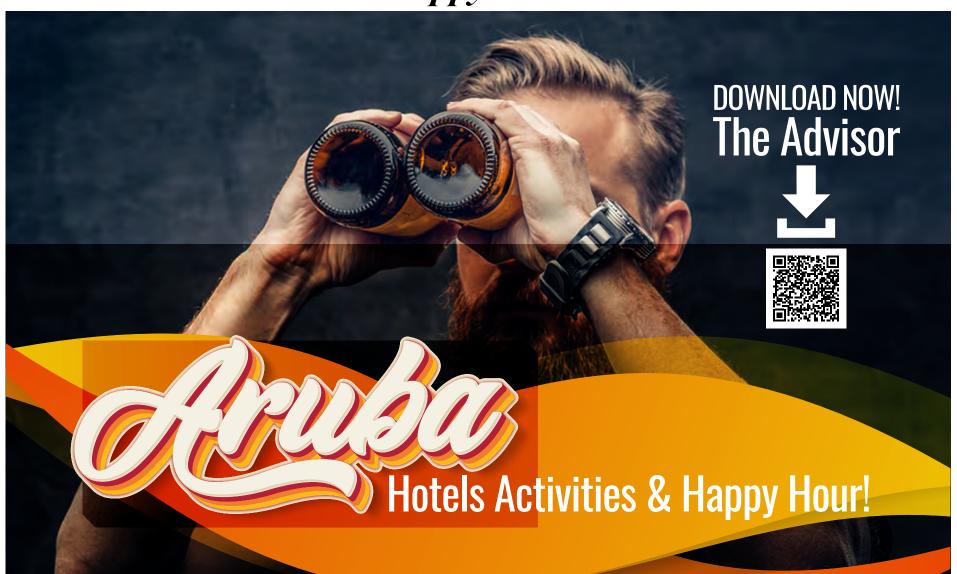
After a long day of meetings, the sales groups met for two days to discuss the 2023 sales strategies. There has been talk of expanding relationships with the hotels and also attracting visitors from different niches that ATA wants to get to Aruba. There has also been talk about how the Accounting, Trade, Branding & Niche will function and what their goals for 2023 are.

Compared to 2019, the number

of visitors is predicted to recover by 105 percent by 2023. Tourism is expected to recover by 117 percent, cruise tourism by 90-100 percent and hotel room revenue by 100 percent.

An inspection visit was also carried out at the end of the sales groups meeting. The group has been introduced to Embassy Suites, which will open shortly. Aruba Airstream with the unique concept of 'glamping' and Aruba Ocean Villas also presented their developments.





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

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

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

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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

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 &

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 – "Konnichi 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

111 RENAISSANCE OCEAN SUITES

Happy Hour: Every day 4:00pm - 8:00pm

Happy Hour special: 2 for 1

Bingo: Mon - Thursday & Sunday 2:00pm - 3:00pm

12 TALK OF THE TOWN

Happy Hour: Mon-Friday 3:00pm – 5:00pm HH special: 2 for 1 | Bucket deal Balashi/Chill Aruba Beach Club (Ricardo's restaurant & Bar)
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2022 AT 7 PM | HALLOWEEN FARAON NIGHT AT RICARDOS

At Ricardo's Restaurant & Bar Aruba's brings you FARAON NIGHT!! Join them on the scary night of Thursday 27th of October for an unforgettable Halloween Celebration! Enjoy - Happy Hour 2x1 of your favorite drinks, Karaoke Night, and a Photobooth to take pictures of your amazing costumes

Aruba Marriott Resort (Main pool and Adult Pool)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2022 AT 7 AM – 12 PM | La Vista Halloween Night Brunch | Join them for a night of Treats & Potions at La Vista's Halloween Night Brunch! Dress up for the occasion and bring your family and friends over for a themed dinner and music night. Enjoy an all-you-can-eat dinner buffet, featuring a raw bar, sushi bar, hot dinner station, live pasta station, as well as table-side service. Date: Friday, October 28, 2022. Time:

La cabana Beach Resort & Casino

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2022 AT 4 PM | Pre-Halloween Nochi Ambiente | Pre-Halloween Nochi di Ambiente with Tsunami! | Come show off your creative Halloween costume and win great prizes. Registration will be at the

1st prize: Weekend stay at La Cabana | 2nd Prize: Balashi Price | 3rd Prize: F&B Voucher

Renaissance Marina & Ocean Suites

Renaissance market place SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2022 AT 5 PM - 8 PM

Halloween Mysterious Night. A scary mysterious night at the Renaissance Marketplace for their annual Trick or Treat event. The fun starts at 5PM-8PM with entertainment for all our spooky kids. A mysterious scary night filled with candies, a scary maze, meet and greet with the Adams Family, facepainting and Halloween

Make sure to come dressed up in your scary costume to make this evening even scarier with the chance to win one of the 'Best Costume' prizes.

*Kids must have their own bag or container for 'trick or treat'. Candies will be handed out while supplies last. There is only one place to be this Halloween. A Mysterious night at the Marketplace.

Palm Beach Plaza Mall

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2022 AT 6 PM – 9 PM Halloween Party Activities: Arts & Crafts | Mini Games | Trick or Treat | Bowling Competition | Food, Snacks & Beverage: Pizza & Nuggets | Fruit Punch & Apple Juice | Cookie, Cupcakes, Chips

Happy Hour: Mon-Friday 3:00pm – 5:00pm | HH special: 2

Lighthouse Haunted Lighthouse Experience. Date & time of frightening fun: Friday, October 29 – Saturday, October 30 (6:30 PM - 11:00 PM)

The Haunted Lighthouse is back this year! Do you dare to ioin in non this spooky experience featuring The Nun, Michael Myers, and more of our freaky friends at the top of Aruba's the California Lighthouse? This fun and unique experience is family friendly.

Azia Restaurant: Halloween event 29 oct. 8pm to 3am

Yolo Restaurant: Halloween Neon Brunch Party 7pm-9pm/9pm-11pm

Paseo Herencia: Friday, October 28th: The Haunted Cinema Elevator from 7pm to 10pM | Saturday, October 29th: Halloween Trunk Show from 5pm to 9pm | Sunday, October 30th: Halloween Show & Trick or Treat Event

Gusto: Join us at Gusto and Lobby dress to impress or to scare. Get ready for a night of scary clowns, live entertainment, deeiavs, and many more surprises. Music by; Renzo M, Bradley Fonseca, Music Monks, Bamfstarz

California Lighthouse Aruba: NightMare at the haunted light house Fri and Sat Oct 28 & 29 with Chuckie, Jason and other scary monsters. 6.30pm to 11pm.

Cage Night 29 oct | Halloween bash, The theme is undead; vampires, zombies, witches & monsters. Door opens at 10pm & ENTRANCE is FREE

Que Pasa Restaurant & Winebar. A culinary Halloween experience, Chef Michelle has created a special frightening and tasty 3. It is available from October 28 until October 31st ALL NIGHT long



Aruba Rooftop | Friday 28 first Halloween Party with many surprises, and costume contest.

Apotek Speakeasy: Yelloween ween masquerade ball 8pm to 11pm | Sound by Ramiro Brett and DJ Yeimy. Dresscode black and white maske will be provided.

Three Sixty Nightclub & Lounge: 29 October a Upside Down Halloween night. From 10:00 PM LIVE DJ: DIGITAL

Mambo Jambo: Epic Halloween party! frozen buckets of corona, Fookiu shots and Hennessy cocktails. Get your Pirate Moomba: special 3-course Halloween choice menu, It is available from October 24 until October 31st

Moomba Beach: Halloween 3 course choice menu. Happy hour: 6pm-7pm/10pm-11pm

(Divi Dutch to The Pearl) & Restaurants - Airport







ARUBA FIRST INHABITANTS: The island's earliest inhabitants were Arawak Indians, known as Caquetio, inhabited Aruba around 1000 AD. who left behind red cave drawings and clay

pottery and stone tools.

The Guadirikiri Cave is notable for its two large dome-shaped chambers which are Illuminated with sunlight through holes in the ceiling. Entry to the cave is at the base of the cliff. This 492-foot (150 m) long cave is also a nesting site for numerous small nocturnal bats, which are harmless.

The Fontein Cave is a small cave on the northern part of the island. It is well known for its native Arawak drawings on the wall. The cave is accessible from an 'escarpment of a terrace of coral limestone" and has a width of 3 metres (9.8 ft) and a height of 2 metres (6 ft 7 in). As t is in limestone geological formation, solution effect due to seeping water has resulted in colourful stalagmites and stalactites formations in very odd shapes and sizes.

The Huliba Cave is nicknamed the "Tunnel of Love" for its heart-shaped entrance. The entrance is through a steep and narrow stairway which dips into the cave. It has five entrances. At places, one has to crouch to see the formations. Flashlights are needed to explore the 300 feet (91 m) long passageway, as it is totally dark inside the cave.

CHAPEL:

Alto Vista Chapel is a small Catholic chapel also known as "Pilgrims Church" that stands on the hills above the north shore of the sea and to the northeast of the town of Noord. The original church was constructed in 1750 by Caquito Indians though the island did not have a priest yet. The pioneering work of establishing the church and converting local Indians into the Catholic Christian faith was the sole work of Domingo Antonio Silvestre of Venezuela, which he achieved with his own funds. It is said to be the first church to be established in Aruba. This first church was built with stone walls and a straw roof



Hotels Activities & Happy Hour!

📧 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 - Live band of the Week | SATURDAY 9:00pm — 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

💶 EAGLE ARUBA RESORT

Happy Hour: Every day 3:00pm-4:00pm | 9:00pm-10:00pm Bingo: Mon, Wed, Sat 1:00pm

🚯 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

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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)

콢 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

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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

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4:00pm – 7:00pm Beer Sundays at Aqua Breeze | Balashi & Chill beer draft at Aqua Breeze Pool Bar from 11:00am – 7:00pm, with DJ entertainment from 3:00pm – 7:00pm. 11:00am – 7:00pm Entertainment: TUESDAY 11am: Pool aerobics – pool in front of the second cabana THURSDAY 10 am: Pool yoga – pool in front of the yoga cabana | FRIDAY 9 am: Vinyasa

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Holiday Inn Celebrates Service Week



Service Week was created to say a great big thank you to all their team members who go above and beyond to deliver true hospitality for everyone. Holiday inn Aruba continues to embrace the celebrate service week by recognizing and celebrating team members with various treats and activities! Day 3 bowling fun. On Wednesday night there was a tremendous departmental

bowling competition, competing for the honor of highest scoring team, lowest scoring team and best uniformed team. Best uniformed team plus highest scoring team! Engineering department.

Lowest scoring team! Accounting department.

Individual highest scoring female: lourdes de cuba.

Individual highest scoring

male: rodenn antioquia.

Aruba is a Wellness Vacation Paradise

If you're looking to heal your body, find peace and hap-piness, then there's no better destination than Aruba. For the most part, we all want wellness—the state of being healthy in both mind and body. Throughout our hectic days—in the moments between lugging the kids to and from school, attending meetings, and grocery shopping-we try to squeeze in time for the activities that help maintain our wellness. A yoga class. Eating a healthy salad. Quietly enjoying a cup of tea until the kids rouse us from our peaceful reverie.

Now imagine an entire vacation geared towards wellness, moment after moment of activities and experiences that nurture the mind, body, and soul. This wellness paradise that you are imagining does indeed exist—on the island of Aruba! For such a tiny island, you may be wondering why Aruba would be the best wellness vacation destination, but the answer is simple: we have a ton to offer in the way of wellness!



If you're looking to heal your body, find peace and happiness, then there's no better destination than Aruba. Sit back, relax, and find out what makes Aruba a wellness paradise, especially during the Aloe Wellness Month Aruba this June.

Relaxing Beaches Aruba's beaches are downright glorious. Digging your toes into the sugar-white sand, wading into the aquamarine water, listening to the swaying palms, soaking up the Caribbean sun, and enjoying the refreshing trade winds—now this is true wellness! And don't forget-you're not limited to the stretches of beach found in the resort areas. Venturing south to Mangel Halto you can feel free to luxuriate in the peace among the tangle of mangrove trees, or journey a bit further to Baby Beach to visit one of the most beautiful seascapes on the entire island. To really get away from it all, venture to the island's north coast and settle into one of the many secluded little coves. Just make sure to take plenty of water, and don't forget to pack some Aruba Aloe sunscreen, made right here on the island!

Best Caribbean Family Vacations

BY JENNIFER RICHARDSON | ARUBA.COM

Looking for the best family vacation spots in the Caribbean? With so many beautiful holiday destinations, it can be quite hard to choose. If you're hesitating where to go on your next Caribbean family vacation, let me help you find the best spot for your getaway. With the right information, it's easier to make the best decision for your family holiday in the Caribbean.

Tips to find the best family vacation spots in Caribbean With destinations like Aruba, Puerto Rico, Jamaica, Mexico, Bahamas, Grand Cayman, there is plenty of choice. What is the best way to find the perfect spot for you and your family? First, it's important to decide what you expect from your Caribbean family vacation. If you want to make sure you have nice and sunny weather, it's important to look more closely at this subject. When it comes to climate, there are quite some differences bet-



ween all the family vacation spots in the Caribbean. Aruba is laying outside the hurricane belt, so you can expect reliably great weather throughout the year. Destinations like Puertro Rico and Jamaica are located inside the hurricane belt, which makes the chances of tropical storms higher.

Another important factor could be the size of the destination. A big island could be fun, because there is a lot to do and explore. The Bahamas for example counts multiple islands. If you prefer to island hop, this is the best spot for your Caribbean family vacation. The downside is that you probably spend some time travelling during your precious holiday time.

On the other hand, a smaller island also has its advantages. Aruba is quite small, which gives you the opportunity to see the whole island. The touristic highlights are relatively close to each

other. This way, you don't need to travel a lot from one spot to the other during your Aruba family vacation. Could be nice, especially when you travel with kids.

Enjoy an all-inclusive Caribbean family vacation

Do you want to enjoy an all-inclusive family vacation in the Caribbean? Excellent choice! During an all-inclusive Caribbean family vacation, you don't have to worry about anything. This means you

can spend all your time with your family members. If you're looking for the best family all-inclusive vacations in the Caribbean, you should definitely consider Aruba. Curious what is so good about an all-inclusive Aruba family vacation? I'm happy to tell you!

Take a Caribbean family vacation to Aruba

Whether you're looking for the best weather possible or for the best all-inclusive resorts, Aruba is the best destination to enjoy a Caribbean vacation with the family. When you choose Aruba for your family vacation, you will not be left disappointed. Aruba is very family friendly, and you can notice this everywhere you go. When it comes to lodging, this island offers loads of accommodations for families. When it comes to drinks and food, there is something for every single family member. Think of Italian restaurants, international cuisines, Dutch specialties, and so on. And there are even more reasons why you should go for an Aruba vacation with your family.

Watersport? Yes, but make it extreme. Let's go kiteboarding in Aruba!

hese are not the cute little 📕 kites you grew up with! This one requires skill and strength. But don't get discouraged just yet!

With the proper guidance, you'll be practicing this extreme sport in no time! Kiteboarding is a watersport that uses wind power with a large kite to pull a rider across water, land, or snow. You can imagine the sport as windsurfing meets snowboarding.

I can tell you this much; it looks incredibly cool! From what I learned talking with the founders of Venture Holidays Aruba, locals and visitors agree: it IS cool! The sport is gaining popularity worldwide, with over 1.5 million kitesurfers practicing the sport today. Many visitors even travel to Aruba solely to do so! Let me tell you more about kiteboarding in Aruba and bow you can start taking lessons asap! Kiteboarding in Aruba

When I was growing up, many moons ago, windsurfing was the main watersport practiced on the island. We would drive by the Fisherman's Huts area on Palm Beach and watch the sails go by. Then one day, I started seeing these giant kites with people on (what looked like) snowboards. I thought, "Holy moly! That looks fun!". Kiteboarding, also known as kitesurfing, received a wider audience in the late 90s and has only gained popularity since. There are even freestyle, waveriding, and racing competitions nowadays.

Venture Holidays Aruba founder Hendrick grew up on the island and was attracted to the water from a young age. His first adventures were boogie boarding in the rough waters of Andicuri and Dos Playa. Around 11, he started windsurfing at Fisherman's Huts on Palm Beach, a beach that had created many watersport champions before him. As you can guess, kiteboarding was his next step. After finishing high school in Aruba, Hendrick, now an endorsed athlete, followed his passion, becoming a professional kiteboarder full-time.

While Hendrick was off winning championships, his co-founder Caroline was winning in her own right: working on her degree in Human Resources and Internal



Communications. She then worked in a marketing and event company in France. She started her watersport adventures in 2013 in Cabarete, a famous kite spot in the Dominican Republic, which is also where she met Hendrick.

After representing Aruba in world championships and working on equipment development with industry-known brands for many years, Hendrick decided it was time to return home. He did not hang up his kite just yet! He planned to open up a kiteboarding school at the same place that played a crucial role in developing his professional career. That has always been his dream: to one day share his expertise, in a safe and professional manner. Even better, he got to do it with his girl Caroline by his side.

Kitesurfing: beginner to pro First, you don't need to be a strong man or woman, boy, or girl, to start your kiteboarding journey. You can start as young as ten years old and up to 75 years young, depending on your weight, mobility, focus, and, most importantly, with the right equipment choice by your instructor. With the right kite and instructor, nearly everyone can learn to kitesurf. Basic swimming skills are, of course, necessary to practice any watersport.

Hendrick and Caroline recommend taking an introductory class and are sure you will get hooked on the sport. After that, they suggest taking 4-6 consecutive lessons for quicker progression and muscle memory. You will also get theoretical lessons on the sport during these sessions. Classes usually take place at the Fisherman's Huts and move to Boca Grandi once students get more confident. The learning process is lots of fun! They say it's like riding a bicycle; you'll never forget once you learn! All you need to bring is your happy self and lots of sunscreen. Venture Holidays Aruba will provide all equipment. The four levels of kitesurfing

Level 1 is the discovery phase, setting up and packing down the kite equipment, going through the safety system, wind window theory, and basic kite piloting.

Level 2 is the intermediate phase. Here you'll learn how to recover your board in the water, relaunch your kite, in-water starts and controlled stops.

Level 3 is the independent phase, where you can ride in both directions, going upwind and doing transitions.

Level 4 is the goal: advanced. At this level, you'll be able to do basic jumps and landing with control.

According to experts Hendrick and Caroline, you can get to level 3 after 4-6 lessons. To achieve level 4, you'll need to keep practicing on your own or with additional lessons. As with most sports, some students progress faster than others.

What sets Venture Holidays Aruba apart: IKO Certification Just as you would go to a PADIcertified scuba diving instructor/ school, it is recommended to go to an IKO certified Kiteboarding school. Hendrick got certified in 2013 in Cabarete, and Caroline in 2019, right here in Aruba. It is a 2-week training course with assistant training, followed by instructor training, CPR, and first

Any extreme sport is risky, but by learning the sport with certified instructors, that risk drops significantly. Even if something does go wrong, they are better prepared to act appropriately. It can be the difference between life and death. You can check a company's certification on the IKO website.

Aside from the Venture Holidays Aruba instructors having IKO certification, it is also essential that other kitesurfing schools in Aruba join them in getting certified. This is not only for the safety of their students but for others practicing the sport in the area. Regulation helps prevent accidents. As with all extreme sports, it is important and much more efficient if instructors teach students safe conduct from day 1. This also increases the comfort level for all who are in the water. You can download the IKO rightof-way rules here.

So, what do you think? Will you

be joining Hendrick and Caroline in the water soon?

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Real Estate

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.



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

Property Description

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

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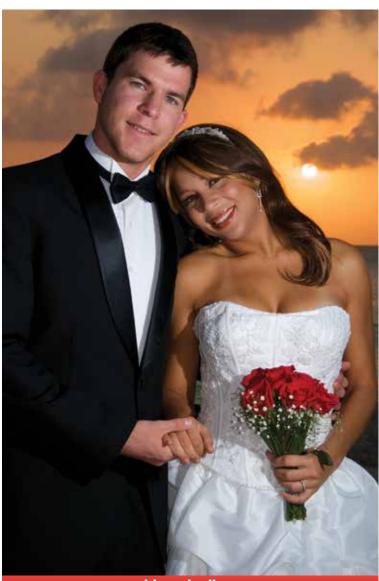
On the edge of one of the worlds top beaches, the new hot address will boast 20 luxurious oceanfront condominiums with spectacular views of the famous soft white sands, crystal clear turquoise waters, and the iridescent sunsets of Eagle Beach. With only 20 units, 0 residents can expect spacious and airy residences and social areas, and most importantly, a high level of exclusivity, luxury, intimacy, and privacy. At 0 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

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Local in the spotlight: Jacky Boekhouwer

BY TINA CAUSEY BISLICK - ARUBA.COM



Born and raised in Aruba, hospitality veteran Jacky Boekhouwer has been working in the tourism arena since the early 1990s.

After studying in Holland, she

and her husband returned to their homeland in 1990, where she secured a job as an OPC (outside public contact) representative in the timeshare sector which was rapidly growing at the time.

"When I returned from my studies in the Netherlands, I wasn't really sure what I wanted to do for my career," Jacky explains, "but working directly with visitors as an OPC, I realized how much I enjoyed interacting with them." Their conversations inevitably turned to questions about the island, recommendations, and even requests to show them around and share some of her favorite spots on the island to visit.

In 1992, Jacky took the leap and purchased her first tour vehicle—a 12-passenger bus—and began offering tours around the island to hotel guests and cruise-ship passengers. Aruba Fantasy Tours was one of the first smaller tour companies, offering a more personalized experience that also allowed her to customize and tailor her tours to accommodate her guests' needs and wishes.

Throughout the past 30 years, Jacky has grown the business with a steady approach to consistently deliver what they promise and to keep the growth manageable to maintain that personal touch. She also notes how the business had to evolve their marketing strategies. "Back in the day, we just had flyers at the airport and word-of-mouth; nowadays much of our marketing is digital," she explains. But some

things remain constant—and that's Aruba Fantasy Tour's personal touch for those looking for a more exclusive, approachable island-tour experience. And they are keeping it in the family, with Jacky's daughter Stephanie now on board and helping to oversee the daily operations and their fleet of buses.

With more than 30 years of working directly with Aruba's visitors, we asked her what she has observed that makes Aruba stand out from other island destinations. "Aruba is consistent—our weather is always great... I even had some guests just this week that were originally traveling to another island that was in the path of a hurricane and they were so happy that they ended up here instead," Jacky informs. But there is something else deeper at play here, as many of her guests throughout the years have commented that "there is something special here"—a connection to the island that they have never felt at other vacation destinations. We like to call that the Aruba

Cunucu di Jimmy is Full of Dragons!

BY XAYENNE TROMP - ARUBA.COM

Before I tell you about Cunucu di Jimmy, or even what a cunucu is, let me take you back to a time before tourism, even before the Lago Oil Refinery.

Arubans were living in poverty, with very little to get by. To alleviate the pressure on the country and community, the government gave away land to families, to be cultivated and used as a source of income. Jimmy's family was one of the lucky recipients of free land. While some families in Aruba never did what the government envisioned, Jimmy's family beld a piece of land to do just this when the time was right: create their "cunucu": a plantation of local vegetation.

As a young boy, James, better known as Jimmy, enjoyed gardening and planting with his family. His love for the activity only became stronger as he grew older. Back in Aruba, after attending



college in Oklahoma, self-proclaimed college dropout Jimmy knew in his heart what his next step would be—going back to his (literal) roots! He recognized that the agricultural sector remains an essential foundation for any country, including his island. Between 1991 and 1992, Jimmy and his wife Maria Elena, a biologist, started planting "jambo", also known as okra, and "comcomber chikito", a small cucumber-like vegetable, on the island. Back then, these plants were only

available for purchase from our neighboring island Curaçao. Cunucu di Jimmy Cunucu di Jimmy officially opened in 1996, with a brief drive-thru feature in 2010. For Jimmy and his wife Maria, maintaining Aruban culture was important, so they chose to plant more locally thriving plants. These include bonchi cunucu (local long beans), peanuts, cilantro, lemon-habanero peppers (aka Madam Jeanette), squash, snap beans, fresh figs, lemon,

watermelon, papaya, melon, and dragon fruit. This makes Cunucu di Jimmy unique, as no other farm on the island has the same variety of produce.

Dragon fruit: All fruit, no dragon. Dragon fruit, also known as pitaya, is a cactus fruit that grows in tropical and subtropical climates in a variety of shapes. It is remarkably healthy and rich in antioxidants. The fruit's strange appearance gives off a "psychedelic artichoke" vibe, no? You

can call him the (local) expert since he grows over 40 varieties and 24 flavors of dragon fruit in his cunucu. That's certainly very unique!

Keeping it sustainable in the cunucu

Cunucu di Jimmy uses bird nets to protect the produce. The farm uses natural fertilizer, dam water, and a drip irrigation system to distribute the necessary minerals to the plants. People always tell them, "What you're doing is good. Keeping the culture, food, and the locals happy".

Cunucu di Jimmy regulars are locals and timeshare owners. They can't get enough of the freshlygrown fruits and veggies. Pretty

grown fruits and veggies. Pretty soon, you'll be able to enjoy Jimmy's dragon fruit Internationally, too, as they got a green light from the government to start exporting! Aruba will soon be known as the island of sun, sand, pastechi, and dragon fruit. What's not to love? Jimmy and his family are truly exemplary Arubans.





Ricardo's at Aruba Beach Club Start your day off right on the beach with a variety of bagels, English muffin sandwiches, omelets, pancakes, and more. Choose from various soups, salads, wraps, and burgers at lunch. Dine to a bit of torchlight and a soundtrack of rolling waves in the evening while choosing from seafood, steaks, and a wide variety of Italian specialties.







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Safety protocols to consider during your stay in Aruba Mask requirement is at the discretion of establishments. They

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

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

*All protocols and considerations are subject to change

Feeling unwell?

Wondering what steps you should take when showing symptoms of the coronavirus (COVID-19) while in Aruba?
This page outlines all the steps you should take when you're feeling unwell. Click here.

Testing positive for Covid-19 while in Aruba

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

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

Aruba Health & Happiness Code

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