

ARUBA MEETING PLANNERS GUIDE



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Bon bini (welcome) to Aruba!
Find out all about our beautiful island...



Aruba is located in the heart of the southern Caribbean, 15 miles from the South American coastline. The island is 19.6 miles long, and six miles across at its widest point, with a total area of 70 square miles. Aruba's topography and vegetation are unusual for a Caribbean island. On the south and west coasts are miles of pristine white beaches that rank among the most beautiful in the world, rimmed by calm blue seas with visibility in some areas to a depth of a hundred feet. The northeast coast, along the windward shore, is rugged and wild. The interior is desert like, with a variety of cacti and dramatic rock formations. The island's most famous trees are the watapana, or divi-divi trees, all permanently sculpted into graceful, southwest-bending shapes by the constant trade winds.

It's always summer in Aruba, and almost always dry. The average daytime temperature is 82° F. The difference between median day and night temperatures, and between summer and winter temperatures, is just 3.6° F. The average rainfall is less than 20 inches a year, occurring mainly in short showers during the months of November and December. Aruba is located safely away from the traditional path of seasonal hurricanes. Just one word of caution: The sun is at its strongest between 11am and 2:30pm, and the use of protective sun lotions, including locally made products such as Aruba Aloe, is highly recommended.

There are about 100,000 full-time inhabitants on Aruba, representing more than 40 different nationalities, living peacefully together on Aruba. Hospitality remains a strongly ingrained tradition amongst the population. The official languages of Aruba are Dutch as well as the native tongue of Papiamentu, but most Arubans are fluent in several languages, including English and Spanish. The local Papiamentu, a lilting, melodic language, has evolved over the centuries from an eclectic mixture of Spanish, Dutch and Portuguese with a sprinkling of Indian, English and French.

Facts

- Geography 19.6 miles long and 6 miles wide at its widest point, totaling 77 square miles
- Currency The official currency is the Aruban Florin, but US Dollars are accepted throughout the island
- Tipping Some hotels and restaurants add a service charge to your bill, if not: 10%-15%

Electricity	110 volts AC 60 cycles
Languages	The official languages are Dutch and Papiamentu, but English and Spanish is spoken by most Arubans
Climate	Yearly average of 82°F/27°C tempered by northeasterly trade winds. Aruba is outside the traditional path of seasonal hurricanes
Time Zone	Atlantic Standard Time year round (equivalent to Eastern Daylight Savings Time)
Population	About 108,000 full-time inhabitants representing more than 40 nationalities
Water	Aruba's drinking water is safe and refreshing. According to the World Health Organization, it meets the highest international standards of safe drinking water.
Distances	4901 miles from Amsterdam 3344 miles from Buenos Aires 3368 miles from Los Angeles 1132 miles from Miami 1966 miles from New York City 15 miles from Venezuela

Aruba Map

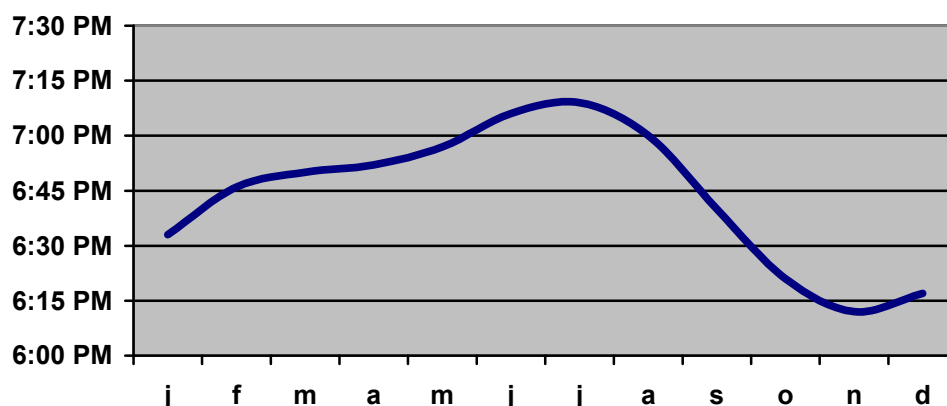


Weather

Aruba enjoys a sunny climate, making it a year-round paradise for residents and visitors alike. The average temperature is 82°F (28°C), with cool and refreshing trade winds. Aruba is outside the hurricane belt, so rainfall is very moderate, and tropical storms and hurricanes are rare.

Sunset Calendar

Use this calendar to plan your evening events



Medical Facilities

For medical assistance all hotels have a doctor on call 24 hours a day. Aruba has a first class hospital just a few minutes from the hotel sector and an emergency room staffed 24 hrs. One drug store in each district is open for 24 hours on a rotating basis for emergencies.

Pro-Air Ambulance service is certified to fly to all cities in the United States. Their aircraft, equipped as an ICU unit, can provide medical personnel for the flight. Pro-Air makes arrangements for ambulance service to the airport, handles all customs and immigration procedures both in Aruba and at the destination.

Dr. Horacio Oduber Hospital in Aruba boasts a 280-bed hospital equipped with reputable medical staff and modern equipment. The hospital is located across from Costa Linda Beach Resort and the Alhambra Bazaar and Casino, close to all major hotels & resorts. It functions as a general hospital with established ties to the U.S., Colombian, Venezuelan, Puerto Rican and Dutch hospitals for specialized treatment and care.

Things to See



Alto Vista Chapel

The picturesque Chapel of Alto Vista exudes tranquility on its dramatic setting above the sea. The chapel was the island's first Roman Catholic Church, built in 1750 and reconstructed in 1953. The small, bright yellow chapel is reached by a winding road lined with white crosses marking the stations of the cross. For local Arubans, it is a place for peace and contemplation.

Archaeological Museum

This museum is the first of its kind in the Caribbean, exhibiting giant earthen jars of which a few contain the remains of Aruba's original inhabitants, hundreds of years old. Also displayed in glass boxes with descriptions are ancient artifacts, pottery tools and art.

Aruba Aloe Museum & Factory

Back in 1840 the Aloe Vera wonder plant was introduced in Aruba, influencing everything from art and architecture to health and healing. Soon, two- third of Aruba's surface was covered with Aloe Vera plants and we called our island the 'Island of Aloe', being the world's largest exporter of Aloe.

Take a tour through the state of the art Aruba Aloe factory and see the production process first hand from Aloe Vera leaf to finished Aruba Aloe lotions! The tour guides will explain you all about the Aloe plant and its uses and you will have the opportunity to learn all about the 160-year old Aloe history of Aruba in the museum. All Aruba Aloe body, sun and hair care products can be purchased at the factory store.

Bird Sanctuary

Migratory birds, looking for lush vegetation in which to nest, find an oasis within the Bubali Bird Sanctuary. The nearby water treatment facility empties into two inter-connected man-made lakes, known as the large and small Bubali Bird Ponds. The area has become a resting and breeding area for more than 80 species of migratory birds.

Birds that inhabit the sanctuary include herons, egrets, gulls, skimmers, coots, cormorants, terns, numerous species of ducks and more. An observation tower has been erected to allow birdwatchers to get a true birds' eye view.



Bushiribana Gold Mill Ruins

In the 1400's and 1500's, adventurers traveled throughout the Caribbean in search of wealth and treasures. According to legend, one of these treasure islands was named "Oro Ruba," which means "red gold." Now known as Aruba, a colorful history of gold prospectors has shaped the island's history. Today, remnants of this history can still be experienced.

On the northern coast, midway down the island, sits the abandoned gold mill that once processed ore from mines in the nearby hills during Aruba's gold rush of the nineteenth century. In 1824, gold was finally discovered in Aruba, and eventually, the industry produced more than 3 million pounds of gold.



California Lighthouse

The old stone California lighthouse stands as a silent sentry in the area known as "Hudishibana," near the island's northwestern tip. The lighthouse is named for the California, a ship that sunk nearby about two years previous to its construction in 1910. The site offers spectacular sunsets as the final shades of sunshine give way to a brilliant azure canopy.

Caves

In the deep recesses of rock along the island's windward coast, shallow cave formations intrigue visitors, who, in seeking to penetrate its damp chambers, are rewarded with mysterious views of rock drawings, the sudden, flapping wings of a nervous bat and nature's artwork of stalagmites and stalactites.

The Guadirikiri Cave is famous for its two chambers, illuminated by the sunlight streaming through holes in the roof of the cave. The cave extends for about 100 feet. In the darker portions of the cave nest hundreds of harmless bats. The Fontein Cave is the most popular of the caves as it is the only one that has the drawings of Arawak Indians on the ceilings, providing a real sense of island history to this cave. The Huliba Cave is also known as the Tunnel of Love because of the heart shaped opening at its entrance. You will need flashlights to explore the 300-foot-long passageway.

Donkey Sanctuary

Once the major mode of transportation for island residents, donkeys were left adrift in modern times, with cars now trundling down the same cactus lined pathways where they once traveled, carrying passengers and pulling carts. Previous to the establishment of the “Save Our Donkeys” foundation, a large number of donkeys were left wandering free, having to search out their own food and water and sometimes susceptible to abuse. The guest-friendly sanctuary provides a fun environment to interact with the donkeys as well as represents a comfortable stop for a snack and refreshment and an opportunity to buy original, donkey-themed gifts and souvenirs.



Fort Zoutman

During the 18th century, pirates menaced Oranjestad's harbor, raiding for horses and anything else of value. To defend the island, the Dutch erected Fort Zoutman in 1796. Aruba's oldest example of Dutch architecture, the bastion stands on what was once the shore (landfill construction in 1930 altered the coastline). In 1867, it gained Willem III Tower, named after the then-reigning

Dutch monarch. Over the years, the site has served as an aloe garden, jail, courthouse, junk room, and tax office. The fort was restored in 1974, the tower in 1983.

Natural Pool

On a deserted stretch of coastline, dramatic shows of water spraying over the rock occurs on a regular basis as the tide rushes to shore. In a unique formation of rock, volcanic stone circles a small depression, creating a tranquil pool known as "Conchi" or more familiarly by visitors as the Natural Pool.

The location of the Natural Pool is surrounded by some of Aruba's most rugged terrain, so a visitor truly gets the feeling of having "discovered" something when they reach the site, by either foot, horseback or 4x4 vehicle. Because of the nature of the environment in this secluded area, the site is inaccessible by regular car.

National Park Arikok

The park is a 32 square kilometers (7907 acres) of natural area located at the north-eastern part of Aruba which contains examples of most of the islands flora and fauna against a backdrop of great geological complexity. The main aspects are the rough hills of the volcanic Aruba lava formation, the mysterious rocks, and the limestone rocks from fossilized coral. The two tallest hills on the island are situated in the park. Jamanota hill 188 meters (617 ft) and Arikok hill 176 meters (577 ft), from which the name of the park is derived.

The eastern side of the park is marked by grottos and caves, such as Fontein and Quadirikiri. The line of the permanently wind-and-wave beaten north coast is broken by several bays (bocas). Most of them are small yet impressive inlets at the mouth of dry river beds. Some of these bays (bocas) are spectacular sights, adorned with white, sandy beaches and sand dunes.

There is a road running through the park, but you'll appreciate the landscape more by exploring one of the hiking trails. The visitors center, which was finished in 2009, offers extensive information about the park's ecology.



Oranjestad

Located on Aruba's picturesque southern coast, Oranjestad is the historical Dutch capital city where the tall multicolored houses of Wilheminastraat combine carved wooded doors and traditional Dutch tiles with airy open galleries and sloping, Aruban-style roofs. Along the wharf, merchants come to sell fresh fish and produce right off the boats every morning. Oranjestad is also the place to shop or to browse in the marketplace for Aruban art and local handicrafts. Depending on the time of year, you could also find yourself in the middle of Carnival, a summertime festival, the New Year's fireworks, or even a parade in honor of the Queen. At any time of year, the city is the bustling meeting place of tourists and locals alike.



Rock Formations

For such a relatively flat, sandy island, the presence of the unusual hills and huge monolithic boulders that dot the countryside are truly an enigma. These remarkable geological formations add aesthetics to the landscape as well as provide excellent vantage points from which to better view the island.

Towering stone boulders, placed in such close proximity and in unusual designs, create a sense of awe and an understanding of why the area was once considered a sacred site by the island's original inhabitants. Rock drawings, dating back thousands of years, are found at this site, where huge stones appear to have been scattered like marbles by an errant giant. Modern pathways have been constructed in order to help visitors better explore this ancient site.



**Aruba is small, so transfers are short.
That means more time to enjoy the beach...**

Airport information

Aruba's state-of-the-art airport facility is the result of a multimillion-dollar renovation and expansion project that has established the Queen Beatrix International Airport as a hub in the Caribbean. The island is served by a number of airlines, and connections can be made to any part of the world.

U.S.-bound passengers benefit from their own terminal that houses a U.S. INS / Customs facility, allowing flights from Aruba to enter the U.S. as domestic flights. More information, including live departure and arrival times can be found at the website: www.airportaruba.com.

Taxi's

Taxis do not have meters; rates are fixed and can be checked in advance. Most taxi drivers have participated in the government's Tourism Awareness Program, ensuring a high level of service towards your guests.

Buses

There is inexpensive and reliable daily bus service between all the districts and the hotel areas. Check at your hotel for schedules and hours. The main bus station is located in downtown Oranjestad across from the waterfront shops and restaurants. From here, one can travel to anywhere along the hotel stretch. Originally only popular with the locals, tourists are discovering that this is an inexpensive and efficient way to get around between the hotel/beach area and downtown.



Group Transportation

From the airport to your hotel, from your hotel to the restaurant or off-site event, group transportation is usually accomplished by charter motor coach. Most buses are air-conditioned, clean and well maintained by professional staff. Vehicles of all sizes are available to meet your group's needs.

Airport transportation includes meeting guests with identification signs, airline re-confirmation and luggage coordination. Signage for the buses consist of a letter-sized sign behind the windows. It is also possible to print magnetic logo's which are places on the sides of the buses. These logo's will remain yours after the event for use in the future.

VIP Transfers

Several options for VIP transfers are available: ranging from luxury vans and sedans to stretched and Hummer limousines, luxury SUV's, etcetera.



Rental Cars

If you are adventurous and want to explore all that Aruba has to offer, it's a good idea to rent a four wheel drive Jeep or Samurai. There are great sites to see, however, the roads to get there are often rugged and not suitable for a regular car. Many of the 4-wheel Jeep drive rentals have no roof, so make sure you put on sun block because the sun shines brightly in Aruba!

If you prefer air conditioned comfort and plan to stick to the main paved roads, there are many types of cars to choose from. You can rent your vehicle at the airport or you can call and ask to be picked up at your hotel.

- Arubans drive on the right-hand side of the road.
- The minimum age of 21-25 and maximum of 65-70 requirements vary slightly by company.
- An international driver license or any valid license held for at least two full years is required.
- Unlimited mileage; rates are subject to change without notice.
- A deposit of US \$500 or open signed credit card is also required.



**Aruba's resorts are among the finest in the world.
Here is a selection of those most suitable for groups...**

Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino

After a \$50 million transformation the all new Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino welcomes its guests in a completely renovated lobby with a contemporary Caribbean look and feel. In addition to offering the most spacious hotel rooms in Aruba, all guestrooms have been fully refurbished with comfortable and inviting furniture, plush linens, upscale bathrooms and high-tech amenities such as the Jack Pack. This device enables guests to plug in iPods and a laptop and to play them from a 37" wide LCD TV screen.



Amongst the 7 bars and restaurants on property you'll find the renowned Ruth's Chris Steak House, and the fully expanded La Vista, a 3-meal a day restaurant offering Italian specials. As always, guests can enjoy the freeform pool with a swim up bar and cascading waterfalls, the 24-hour excitement of the Stellaris Casino and the relaxing services of the Balinese-style, Mandara Spa. Experience the best the island has to offer at the Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino: The Aruba Playground for all generations.

Aruba's arid climate makes planning outdoor events more than just a possibility. But when your meeting comes inside, Marriott's meeting facilities have the flexibility to accommodate everything from large seminars to executive board meetings to elegant banquets. From meeting your specific catering needs to providing the latest enhancements in audiovisual technology, the Aruba Marriott can provide the elements that support your meeting's objectives, along with a service-rich tradition of meetings expertise.





Quick Facts

Accommodations	411
Rooms / Suites	388 / 23
Business Center	Yes
Wi-Fi / Internet	Wired and Wireless
Fitness Center	Yes
Spa	Mandara Spa
Beach / Pool Area	Yes / Yes
Casino	Stellaris Casino

Food & Beverage

<u>Restaurant</u>	<u>Type</u>
Ruth's Chris Steak House	Dinner
La Vista	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Ketsu Sushi Bar	Dinner
Simply Fish	Dinner
Waves Beach Bar & Grill	Lunch
Champions Sports Bar	Lunch, Dinner
Pool Bar	Lunch

Meeting Space

A total of eight meeting rooms with over 11,600 sq ft of flexible meeting and banquet space. Among which a 8,435-square-foot Grand Ballroom, divisible into four separate salons, able to host a dinner for up to 500 persons. And a 1,541-square-foot Amsterdam Ballroom, divisible into two sections, accommodating up to 120 for receptions.

Capacities

Theater Style	800
Banquet Style	500
Classroom Style	450
Reception Style	880
Indoor Meeting Space	11,600 sq ft
Outdoor Meeting Space	30,000 sq ft

Holiday Inn Resort Aruba



The Holiday Inn Resort Aruba is a full-service beachfront resort, spa and casino with a wide range of activities for group travelers and their families. The resort boasts 600 comfortable rooms, most featuring a newly renovated marine-theme with modern bathrooms and each with a private balcony or patio. The resort offers two car rental desks, an Internet Zone with high-speed connected computers, and employs on site sales & meeting professionals to help with all meeting planning needs.

A brick paved driveway leads to our open-air lobby with chandeliers, soft island music, elegant wood beam ceilings, and impressive tiled floors. Recently renovated, the resort features an awesome new pool and entertainment deck with a zero entry design! Whether you're visiting for a corporate retreat, family vacation or just a little downtime you'll find refreshing accommodations, an attentive staff and a vast array of amenities and activities. Opt for the all-inclusive vacation package and you could almost leave your wallet at home.



The recently renovated Las Palmas Ballroom anchors the Holiday Inn Resort Aruba's 6,000 sq. feet of tropically themed, indoor meeting and breakout space. Reconfigured from a multilevel floor to a flexible, single-level convention space, the Las Palmas Ballroom has all new carpeting, ceilings, walls, lighting system with dimmers, chandeliers, electronic screen projectors and state-of-the-art audiovisual equipment, including LCD screens, TVs, VCRs and CD/DVD players. Wireless high speed Internet access is available.



Quick Facts

Accommodations	600
Singles / Doubles / Suites	211 / 377 / 12
Business Center	Internet Zone
Wi-Fi / Internet	Wireless
Fitness Center	Yes
Spa	Intermezzo Day Spa & Beauty Parlor
Beach / Pool Area	Yes / Yes
Casino	Yes

Food & Beverage

<i>Restaurant</i>	<i>Type</i>
Café DaVinci	Dinner
Sea Breeze	Lunch, Dinner
Corals	Buffet Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Iguana Pool Bar	Burgers, Snacks, Drinks
Canastas Bar	Continental Breakfast, Cocktails
Pali Coco Lounge	Cocktails

Meeting Space

The Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort Aruba offers over 6,000 square feet of indoor meeting and function space and breakout session space. The Las Palmas Showroom offers a stage, a dressing room and three levels of conference space. Audiovisual equipment including LCD projectors, TV's, VCR's, and CD/DVD players is available.

Capacities

Theater Style	550
Banquet Style	360
Classroom Style	220
Reception Style	500
Indoor Meeting Space	6,058 sq ft
Outdoor Meeting Space	10,000 sq ft

Hyatt Regency Aruba

Experience the all-new Hyatt Regency Aruba Resort & Casino, where luxurious pampering and exquisite touches enhance every moment of your visit. Breathe in fresh tropical breezes bringing the captivating scents of our island retreat into each corner of the impeccably renewed resort. The Hyatt Regency Aruba Resort & Casino is a top-notch business facility with spacious, comfortable accommodations and amenities, featuring 357 guest rooms, including 24 suites and 29 Regency Club rooms, all with high-speed Internet access.



Breathe in fresh tropical breezes and let the hypnotic sounds of the ocean gently lull you to sleep each evening in the luxurious comfort of the newly remodeled Aruba accommodations. Complementing the view is the delightful decor, with sophisticated yet warm colors of the Caribbean creating a serene setting for your visit. Awaken each day refreshed from an exceptional rest in our signature Hyatt Grand Beds, fitted with luxurious linens, fluffy down pillows and a colorful throw over a pillow-top mattress.

Business gatherings go beyond the usual at Hyatt Regency Aruba Resort & Casino. More than just a collection of meeting rooms, the outstanding newly renovated resort is the premier choice for successful incentive trips, corporate getaways and executive retreats. Imagine coffee breaks on white sand beaches, conclaves held during tennis tournaments and golf games, rewarding a job well done with a spa treatment or enjoying an exciting evening with colleagues in the Hyatt Regency Casino.





Quick Facts

Accommodations	357
Rooms / Suites	333 / 24
Business Center	Yes
Wi-Fi / Internet	Wireless
Fitness Center	Yes
Spa	Yes
Beach / Pool Area	Yes / Yes
Casino	Hyatt Regency Casino

Food & Beverage

<u>Restaurant</u>	<u>Type</u>
Ruinias del Mar	Breakfast, Dinner
Café Japengo	Dinner
Café Piccolo	Dinner
Palms Restaurant	Lunch, Dinner
Footprints	Dinner
Alfresco Bar	Cocktails, Lounge
Piet's Pier Bar	Cocktails

Meeting Space

The Hyatt Regency Aruba Resort & Casino features 9,245 sq. ft. of meeting space and 3,008 sq. ft. of indoor pre-function meeting space for receptions and registrations. Six separate meeting rooms offer individual and master controls for climate, audio and visual media, plus outputs for telephones, microphones and 110V electricity.

Capacities

Theater Style	600
Banquet Style	400
Classroom Style	450
Reception Style	600
Indoor Meeting Space	9,245 sq ft
Outdoor Meeting Space	10,487 sq ft

Occidental Grand Aruba (all-inclusive)



Set amid the pristine white sands of Aruba's famed Palm Beach, the Occidental Grand Aruba offers 379 rooms and suites from which to enjoy all that this tropical island has to offer. This exclusive all-inclusive resort caters to an international clientele seeking an exotic island getaway and includes accommodations perfect for honeymooners and families alike. The Occidental Grand Aruba, which recently completed a \$25 million upgrade, sets the standard for luxury-oriented group travelers.

From marble floors in each of its guest rooms and suites, to fine linens on each bed, to brand-name amenities, the Occidental Grand Aruba offers your meeting participants an all-inclusive experience on the island. Deluxe rooms at the all-inclusive Occidental Grand Aruba feature either one king bed or two double beds along with elegant tile and marble floors and either a balcony or terrace from which to enjoy the sensational view and take in the sweet tropical breezes.



At Occidental Grand Aruba, you can count on our state-of-the-art business center. The meeting rooms are equipped with audio-visual equipment and offer outstanding catering and impeccable service. Who says you can't combine business with pleasure? The Business Center equipped with 5 computer stations, printers, photo copier, fax machine, internet access, courier services and concierge service. Flexible indoor and outdoor event and function space is available, as well as audio, visual and presentation equipment.



Quick Facts

Accommodations	379
Rooms / Suites	365 / 14
Business Center	Yes
Wi-Fi / Internet	Yes
Fitness Center	Yes
Spa	Yes (not part of all-inclusive)
Beach / Pool Area	Yes / Yes
Casino	Yes

Food & Beverage

<u>Restaurant</u>	<u>Type</u>
The Palm	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
L'Olio	Dinner
El Olvido	Dinner
Zen	Dinner
Desire	Dinner
The Beach Club	Lunch, Snacks
Bikini Beach Bar	Cocktails

Meeting Space

The Occidental Grand Aruba offers over 9,500 sq. ft. of meeting space, with one of the meeting rooms measuring 9,208 sq. ft. with seating for 750. The renovated Occidental Grand Aruba features luxurious amenities and an all-inclusive package so your meeting participants can focus on their business.

Capacities

Theater Style	750
Banquet Style	340
Classroom Style	200
Reception Style	500
Indoor Meeting Space	9,330 sq ft
Outdoor Meeting Space	8,000 sq ft

Radisson Aruba Resort, Casino & Spa

The 14-acre Radisson Aruba Resort, Casino & Spa is a sparkling oasis that beckons from the warm ivory beaches of Aruba. Surrounded by fragrant gardens, exotic lagoons and cascading waterfalls, guests of the Radisson Aruba Resort, Casino & Spa will find themselves immersed in the island's most lush and luxurious resort. The resort features the most extensive and pristine beach on Palm Beach, 354 guest rooms including 31 suites, three restaurants and bars, the Larimar Spa, a casino and two zero entry free-form pools.



The resort features lavishly appointed guestrooms. The richness of Colonial West Indian furnishings boasting rich Caribbean touches with heavenly soft linens create the ambiance of a private seaside paradise. Everything is right at your fingertips – satellite television, room service, complimentary high speed internet, marble bathrooms, waffled bathrobes and turn-down service – all making your stay the very definition of luxury. All guestrooms feature spacious balconies or patios. Our highly tenured and experienced staff is dedicated to

The Radisson Aruba Resort is the natural choice for your next special event, whether it's a wedding or corporate meeting. No matter how big or small your event, the Radisson will transform it into a day or night to remember. For all occasions, the Radisson Aruba Resort is the perfect space for your next meeting or reception. Our attentive staff will go the extra mile to exceed your expectations, whatever the size of your group. When the serious work is completed, relax with the help of our superb amenities.





Quick Facts

Accommodations	354
Rooms / Suites	323 / 31
Business Center	Yes
Wi-Fi / Internet	Wireless
Fitness Center	Yes
Spa	Larimar Spa
Beach / Pool Area	Yes / Yes
Casino	Yes

Meeting Space

Meeting room amenities include a lush, expansive 24,000 square feet of flexible outdoor function areas and over 15,000 square feet of indoor function space, 8 meeting rooms with total meeting capacity of over 900, 5 private and intimate meeting rooms for smaller gatherings and a stunning Grand Caribbean Ballroom accommodating over 900.

Food & Beverage

<i>Restaurant</i>	<i>Type</i>
Sunset Grille, AAA four diamond	Dinner
Gilligan's	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Bar
Laguna	Breakfast, Dinner
Coffee & Cream	Coffee Bar
Room Service	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Late Night
Mira Solo	Martini Lounge

Capacities

Theater Style	900
Banquet Style	660
Classroom Style	525
Reception Style	900
Indoor Meeting Space	15,356 sq ft
Outdoor Meeting Space	24,000 sq ft

Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino



Located in the heart of Aruba's capital, the Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino caters to all vacationers. Two distinct hotel choices offer both style and a tropical elegance. The Renaissance Marina Hotel is an adult-exclusive paradise, where luxury and comfort fill the rooms and suites, and the best shopping, casinos and entertainment welcome every guest. Next door is the Renaissance Ocean Suites, a comfortable sun-splashed playground that welcomes visitors of all ages and has all the facilities a family may be looking for.

For guests seeking shopping and excitement, the hotel is located in the heart of Aruba's top shopping district and is home the best casino and nightlife in Aruba. Beachgoers can bask in the sun on the 40-acre private beach on Renaissance Island or indulge in a treatment at the exclusive Okeanos Spa. Choose indulgent treatments and workouts in the main spa at the Renaissance Marina Hotel or have your massage or specially designed treatment in the inspirational Spa Cove, featuring breathtaking beauty, secluded serenity, and calming breezes.



At the resort, 40,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor meeting and function space are available, including the Renaissance Convention Center – the largest, most modern facility of its kind in Aruba. The Crystal Ballroom can accommodate up to 1,600 people, is divisible into two equal sections or up to six smaller sections, and includes an outdoor breakout area for additional prefunction and meeting space. The resorts' signature events include private and specialty-themed group dinner parties on Renaissance Island.





Quick Facts

Accommodations	556
Rooms / Suites	287 / 269
Business Center	Yes
Wi-Fi / Internet	Wired and Wireless
Fitness Center	Yes
Spa	Okeanos Spa
Beach / Pool Area	Private Beach / Yes
Casino	Crystal Casino

Meeting Space

The Renaissance Convention Center is the largest, most modern facility of its kind in Aruba. It offers meeting space facilities, equipment and flexibility to create the perfect meeting. The Renaissance Convention Center offers more than 22,000 square feet of indoor meeting space in 12 different meeting rooms and seven break out rooms.

Food & Beverage

<u>Restaurant</u>	<u>Type</u>
L.G. Smith's	Dinner
Papagayo	Lunch, Dinner
Aquarius	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Captain's Corner	Breakfast
Solé	Lunch, Dinner
The Lounge	Late-night Dinner
Blue	Martini Bar

Capacities

Theater Style	1,600
Banquet Style	1,000
Classroom Style	700
Reception Style	1,200
Indoor Meeting Space	22,000 sq ft
Outdoor Meeting Space	18,000 sq ft

Westin Aruba Resort



The Westin Resort Aruba combines the charm of the Dutch Caribbean with world-class accommodations for savvy group travelers. The Westin was awarded four Diamonds from AAA, four Stars from Mobil, and named one of the “World’s Best Places to Stay” by Conde Nast Traveler. This Westin Resort Aruba high rise towers over Aruba’s beautiful Palm Beach and offers the perfect blend of deluxe accommodations and tranquil comfort.

Embrace the tranquility of the Caribbean lifestyle while enjoying calm breezes and breathtaking views of white sandy beaches from your private balcony. Westin’s Heavenly Bed[®] and marble Heavenly Bath[®], with curved shower rod for extra room, ensure ultimate relaxation. All rooms are non-smoking and all rooms have spectacular views of the ocean.



Westin Hotels & Resorts are havens of wellness and rejuvenation for those seeking a transformative hotel experience. They offer guest services to enhance their stay and leave them feeling better than when they arrived.





Quick Facts

Accommodations	481
Rooms / Suites	402 / 79
Business Center	Yes
Wi-Fi / Internet	Wireless
Fitness Center	Yes
Spa	Yes
Beach / Pool Area	Yes / Yes
Casino	Casablanca Casino

Food & Beverage

<u>Restaurant</u>	<u>Type</u>
Pago Pago (steakhouse)	Dinner
Blossoms (Asian)	Lunch, Dinner
Azull (beachside)	Dinner
The Terrace	Lunch, Dinner
The Bon Bini Café	Breakfast
Tambu Bar & Grill	Cocktails
Café Baci (Mediterranean)	Dinner

Meeting Space

The Westin offers over 20,000 sq. ft. of flexible meeting space, including a 17th floor boardroom with a view of the Caribbean. The largest meeting space can be configured to 9,000 sq ft. and the total meeting space area can be assembled for breakout sessions. The resort provides high-speed wireless Internet access throughout the resort.

Capacities

Theater Style	1,000
Banquet Style	800
Classroom Style	500
Reception Style	1,000
Indoor Meeting Space	18,548 sq ft
Outdoor Meeting Space	5,000 sq ft

ACTIVITIES

**A huge selection of exciting activities is available,
both on and off the water...**

Water Activities



Snorkel Sail

Snorkeling is one of the best and easiest ways to discover Aruba's Underwater Marine life. The sail usually includes two or three snorkel stops; one at the wreck of the Antilla, a 400' sunken German freighter and the most popular snorkel and dive spot in Aruba. Other stops are close by at Catalina Bay, Malmok or Arashi, where you can swim in fish-filled waters.

Sunset Sail

Watch the sun go down aboard a luxurious catamaran. This relaxing sail is the perfect way to end the day. The sail usually departs from the Palm Beach pier and sails along Aruba's scenic coastline. Enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres and a complimentary bar featuring wine, beer and delicious cocktails.



Scuba Diving

Penetrating the hull of an underwater wreck often means coming across a school of anchovies or a watchful snapper hiding in the corner. Often it is enough to enjoy the play of light as it too finds its way into the wreck, reflecting off the bubbles emitted by your dive buddy. Aruba earns its reputation as the wreck dive destination of the Caribbean with over half a dozen wrecks.

Deep Sea Fishing

Standing at the railing of the fishing boat, the high seas and salt spray go unnoticed as all attention is focused on keeping a firm grasp on your fishing pole. At the other end of the fishing line, a 70-pound billfish fights to free itself and return to the deep seas which it calls home. In the temperate Caribbean waters of Aruba, a variety of fish can be caught year-round. Sailfish, white and blue marlin, wahoo, shark, barracuda, amberjack, kingfish, bonito, and black fin and yellow fin tuna are abundant just off the coast.

The experienced captain and their first mate will help the vacationing fishing enthusiast bring in any fish, even if they have little previous experience. You can sail for either a full day or a half-day on many of the fishing boats. Many restaurants will even cook and serve your catch of the day!



Atlantis Submarine

Take an exciting voyage to depths of 120 feet below the Caribbean Sea. Explore Aruba's mysterious underwater realm where you can witness the remains of two shipwrecks, spectacular coral reefs and an abundance of colorful sea life. The submarine is US Coast Guard approved, air-conditioned with large view ports which allow you to relax and enjoy the wonders of the deep.

Atlantis Seaworld Explorer

The Seaworld Explorer is a semi-submarine developed in Australia for use on the Great Barrier Reef. This unique vessel does not submerge. You descend into the hull of this cruising underwater observatory and sit in air-conditioned comfort just 5 feet below the water's surface, viewing amazing sea life through large clear glass windows.

Land Activities



Golf at Tierra del Sol

Taking in the trade wind conditions while setting up your swing at a tee on the championship golf course of Tierra del Sol proves both a challenge and an extreme pleasure in the practice of what you love best. The game, further enhanced by sweeping views and the stunning contrast of rolling greens landscaped with water features and cactus hazards, is made memorable in Aruba.

Island Tours

This is a great way to navigate the island in a single day. Whether it is in a Jeep, on an ATV, in a TomCar, on a horse, or in an air-conditioned bus, you have not seen Aruba till you have seen the beautiful, rugged north coast of the island.

Organized tours often stop at the California Lighthouse, charming Alto Vista chapel, Seroe Crystal, the Bushiribana gold mill ruins, famous Natural bridge, and through the back roads past the Guadirikiri caves to the Natural Pool. A tasty barbeque lunch is often included on the island and there are also excellent snorkeling opportunities.



Ostrich Farm

The Aruba Ostrich Farm with over 70 animals in residence is waiting to entertain and enlighten you! An Ostrich may not be indigenous to Aruba, but they are thriving on the island as if they were born to it. These happy, curious and enormous throwbacks to prehistoric times enjoy visitors and aren't the least bit shy.

Spa Services

Aruba offers a wide variety of Spa and beauty centers. Depending on your preferences and the hotel of your choice arrangements can be made that cater your personal needs.

Kid's Animal Encounter

Something different for the kid's: an exciting trip to two of Aruba's most popular animal attractions. First a visit to the Donkey Sanctuary. The kid's get to feed the donkeys and a special ceremony is created involving the adaptation of one donkey for one year. At the end of the tour, each kid will receive the children's book "Kosh Kosh, The Green Donkey From Aruba" written by Desiree Eldering, who is also the tour guide and will sign the books.

Second, an ostrich encounter never to forget. The kid's will be do the tour where the get to see the approximately 70 ostriches and emu's that are in the Ostrich Farm. They get to feed the ostriches and finally, they get to make their own pizza. The stay at the Ostrich Farm includes two soft drinks.

Teambuilding Activities



Amazing Race

The enchanting Savanna Lodge sets the stage for the Amazing Race team building activity. The giant palapa-styled building with its unique atmosphere is the perfect starting point for an amazing afternoon. Teams compete against each other in the beautiful north coast area of Aruba. Using Jeeps the teams navigate from one roadblock to the other.

Each roadblock represents a different country across the world, simulating the international nature of the game. Some of the challenges that will have to be completed at the Roadblocks are:

- **Crazy Key's Roadblock**

Gold awaits the team that opens their treasure box first. The only problem: lots of keys and just one keyhole! No time for shaky hands as each team member gets a go at the box.

- **Slingshot Roadblock**

Three team members operate the slingshot while the rest of the team tries to catch the water balloons using paddles as they fly over 100 yards! Which team will catch the most?

- **Iguana Soup Roadblock**

Lunch at the Savanna Lodge was excellent, but now it is time for the real thing. How many team members are brave enough to taste this local specialty?

Upon completing a roadblock, each team gets the famous yellow/black envelop with their next assignment. And throughout the adventure, trivia questions are to be answered related to Aruba, recent global events or your own company or department!

After the race, a cocktail party and award ceremony will take place at the Savanna Lodge. Optional live music and the relaxed atmosphere will calm the crowd after this exciting event. Finally, the guests are transferred back to the hotel in comfortable air-conditioned buses.

Beach Olympics

Beach games are the perfect icebreaker for groups just getting to know each other and can also be a fun way for old friends to get to know a different side of each other! Most games have a tropical theme centered on the sea, sand and sunshine. A sample of the games:

- **Waiter and fins**

Victims wear oversized fins while running in sand with a glass full of seawater balanced on a tray. The tray must be carried in the correct waiter style at all times! The team with the most water in their bucket wins.

- **Where's the beach?**

Team members take turns locating a paddling pool and collecting one beach toy while blind folded. The team that navigates the fastest wins!



Beach Tennis

Beach Tennis merges the worlds of tennis, badminton and volleyball into one energetic and visually exciting package. The sport is played as doubles on a court similar to beach volleyball, with players using purposely built paddle bats and a depressurized tennis ball. This group event is fun for everybody: for those who have never touched a tennis racket before as well as those

who have Roger and Rafael on their Christmas card list.

After a 30-minute clinic, teams are formed and a small competition is played. Depending upon the budget, the setup can be anywhere between basic (courts, shaded area's, chairs, music) and extravagant (suntan girls, classic car decorations, Beach BBQ, mojito bar, etc).



GPS Adventure

Ready for something different than beach games? Then it's time for a GPS Adventure! Our unique adventure can be used as a teambuilding event but also just to have some fun as a group. Some will like the competitive element, others simply enjoy the scenery and the interesting facts about Aruba they learn along the way.

Using state-of-the-art GPS mapping handhelds one or more teams are set free in Aruba's 'wilderness' (of course under close observation of our staff). Their goal is to locate items hidden in Aruba's National Park Arikok using a few hints, their GPS device and some common sense.



The purpose of the games is to find the ingredients to a cocktail invented by Aruba's most infamous pirate: Jack Ryan. During the adventure, several group exercises need to be performed as well, determining the final winning group. Of course, a cocktail hunt is not complete with a cocktail party afterwards!

RESTAURANTS



Aruba has a great selection of fine restaurants.

Here are some of our favorites...

Amazonia

The Brazilian dinner experience is alive and well at Amazonia Churrascaria. In fact, the Rodizio style of dining, which means alternating or rotating in Portuguese, implies a wide range of meat specialties which are served one after the other until diners are satisfied. In typical Brazilian fashion, meats are served Churrasco style, the equivalent of western barbeque, a culinary tradition which traces its roots to the southern parts of Brazil to the pampas where the ranchers, the famed gauchos, cooked mainly beef, as well as poultry and pork on skewers over an open fire pit.



Type of Cuisine: Churrascaria
Capacity inside / outside: 122 / 108
Open 7 days a week
Distance from Palm Beach: 0.5 miles
Price Indication (\$ - \$\$\$): \$\$

Aqua Grill

Aqua Grill boasts a menu of fresh seafood flown in daily from around the world, as well fresh catches harvested from local fisherman right off the island's shores. The restaurant is set in a contemporary décor combining the traditions of a New England fish house with the ease and character of the Caribbean.



Type of Cuisine: Seafood
Capacity inside / outside: 160 / 64
Open 7 days a week
Distance from Palm Beach: 0.5 miles
Price Indication (\$ - \$\$\$): \$\$\$

Blossoms

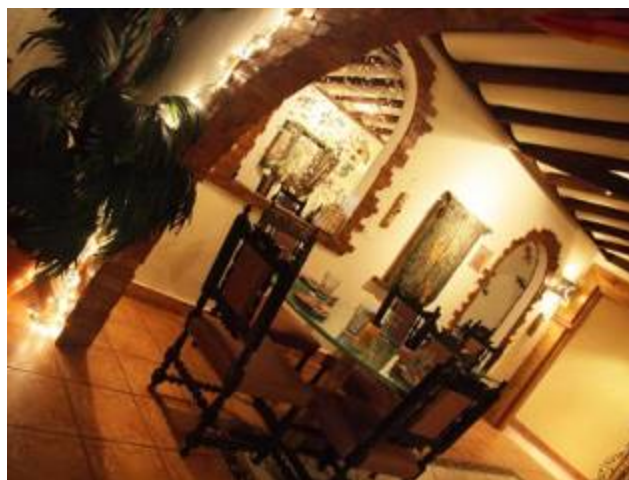
Beautifully-appointed ambiance and unsurpassed service showcase superb choices of traditional Chinese specialties, Japanese sushi and teppanyaki grill. Chef's Special Sushi Pizza, Teppanyaki Grill, Steamed Dumplings, Peking Roast Duck, Fried Bananas... just to name a few.



<i>Type of Cuisine:</i>	<i>High Asian</i>
<i>Capacity inside / outside:</i>	<i>150 / 0</i>
<i>Open 7 days a week</i>	
<i>Distance from Palm Beach:</i>	<i>0.5 miles</i>
<i>Price Indication (\$ - \$\$\$):</i>	<i>\$\$</i>

Chef's Tables

Chef's tables is a restaurant with the warm inviting atmosphere of the Caribbean. Beautiful paintings, self made tables with sand and shells incrustated on the table top, fishes hanging from the ceiling, an old door and window frames from old cunucu houses and of course lots of driftwood and seashells.



<i>Type of Cuisine:</i>	<i>International</i>
<i>Capacity inside / outside:</i>	<i>40 / 60</i>
<i>Closed on Wednesday</i>	
<i>Distance from Palm Beach:</i>	<i>3 miles</i>
<i>Price Indication (\$ - \$\$\$):</i>	<i>\$\$</i>

Flying Fishbone

The restaurant accommodates its guests with their famous on-the-beach dining area. Enjoy a variety of freshly prepared gourmet seafood or meat dishes underneath a star filled sky, with your feet in the sand while listening to waves gently breaking on the shore. For private groups a separate top-side wooden deck is available.



Type of Cuisine: **European and Caribbean**
Capacity inside / outside: **0 / 150**
Open 7 days a week
Distance from Palm Beach: **12 miles**
Price Indication (\$ - \$\$\$): **\$\$\$**

La Trattoria El Faro Blanco

Renowned for their unsurpassed culinary masterpieces, years of experience in authentic Italian cuisine, a reputation of excellence and breathtaking views makes La Trattoria one of the most popular restaurants among visitors, repeat visitors and locals.

Seen from the outdoor terraces, the sunset and views over Aruba create a spectacular palette of colors filled with an amazing energy ideal for lovely celebrations.



Type of Cuisine: **Italian**
Capacity inside / outside: **90 / 310**
Open 7 days a week
Distance from Palm Beach: **3 miles**
Price Indication (\$ - \$\$\$): **\$\$**

L.G. Smith's Steak & Chop House

A classic steakhouse, with a more contemporary black-and-white color scheme jazzed up with warm wood floors, nearly-white stone walls, and bright blue accent lighting. The restaurant offers a contemporary setting with sweeping views of the marina and bustling boulevard below. Food-wise, expect top-grade steaks and perfectly prepared seafood, with a good range of a la carte sides.



<i>Type of Cuisine:</i>	<i>International</i>
<i>Capacity inside / outside:</i>	<i>110 / 0</i>
<i>Open 7 days a week</i>	
<i>Distance from Palm Beach:</i>	<i>5 miles</i>
<i>Price Indication (\$ - \$\$\$):</i>	<i>\$\$\$</i>

Marandi

Aruba's sunset restaurant is an open-air palapa hut with wooden floors right above the ocean at the so called Laguna Pier. It is complemented by a majestic view. The ambiance is very cozy and the décor is inspired by the colors of the ocean, the beach and the sun.



<i>Type of Cuisine:</i>	<i>International and Caribbean</i>
<i>Capacity inside / outside:</i>	<i>0 / 80</i>
<i>Open 7 days a week</i>	
<i>Distance from Palm Beach:</i>	<i>8 miles</i>
<i>Price Indication (\$ - \$\$\$):</i>	<i>\$\$</i>

Matilde

Opulence and first-rate French cuisine make Matilde a superb choice for special occasions. The restaurant's ambience is classically elegant, and although the service is formal, it's never intimidating. The food is equally evocative. Each dish is carefully prepared to meet with the highest culinary standards, complimented with the finest wine list on the island.



<i>Type of Cuisine:</i>	<i>French</i>
<i>Capacity inside / outside:</i>	<i>120 / 0</i>
<i>Closed on Sunday morning (lunch)</i>	
<i>Distance from Palm Beach:</i>	<i>5 miles</i>
<i>Price Indication (\$ - \$\$\$):</i>	<i>\$\$\$</i>

Passions

Experience the most romantic dinner on the island at Passions Beach Bar & Restaurant. Exquisite dishes, the soft light of torches all around you, sugary white sand between your toes, the soft sound of waves caressing the shore, and the most beautiful sunset you've ever seen....



<i>Type of Cuisine:</i>	<i>Grill and Seafood</i>
<i>Capacity inside / outside:</i>	<i>0 / 150</i>
<i>Closed on Tuesday</i>	
<i>Distance from Palm Beach:</i>	<i>3 miles</i>
<i>Price Indication (\$ - \$\$\$):</i>	<i>\$\$</i>

Papiamento

Papiamento Restaurant offers both tourists and locals an incomparable and exquisite dining experience. Dine in the beautiful tropical garden, which is full of enormous trees and exotic plants decorated with beautiful lights, creating a unique and relaxing atmosphere. Or dine inside, in one of the several elegant furnished rooms.



Type of Cuisine: Local and International
Capacity inside / outside: 60 / 270
Closed on Monday
Distance from Palm Beach: 1 mile
Price Indication (\$ - \$\$\$): \$\$\$

Red Sail Sports' Dinner Sail

Barefoot elegance, starry night, cool breezes, fabulous cuisine, and you... Red Sail Sports teamed up with Aruba's finest chefs to create an unforgettable Dinner Sail experience. Sail along Aruba's scenic coastline and enjoy a spectacular view of the sunset followed by a Caribbean or Mediterranean buffet-style dinner. The Dinner Sail includes a seated three-course candlelight dinner, with champagne, wine, beer and cocktails.



Type of Cuisine: International
Capacity inside / outside: 0 / 64
Open 7 days a week
Distance from Palm Beach: 0 miles
Price Indication (\$ - \$\$\$): \$\$

Screaming Eagle

A restaurant featuring Fusion French cooking. While the ingredients and cooking techniques are French and continental at heart, the chef introduces many world-cuisine elements to the menu giving the classy preparations a fresh, exciting twist. The design interior and lounge music makes this restaurant an experience to remember!



<i>Type of Cuisine:</i>	<i>French</i>
<i>Capacity inside / outside:</i>	<i>80 / 200</i>
<i>Open 7 days a week</i>	
<i>Distance from Palm Beach:</i>	<i>3 miles</i>
<i>Price Indication (\$ - \$\$\$):</i>	<i>\$\$</i>

Yemanja Wood fired Grill

Two authentic colonial buildings of great architectural interest provide the setting for a unique dining experience. Yemanja is relaxing and welcoming, with a passion for tradition and excellence.



<i>Type of Cuisine:</i>	<i>Grill and International</i>
<i>Capacity inside / outside:</i>	<i>30 / 40</i>
<i>Closed on Sunday</i>	
<i>Distance from Palm Beach:</i>	<i>5 miles</i>
<i>Price Indication (\$ - \$\$\$):</i>	<i>\$\$</i>

CONTACTS



**When planning your trip to Aruba you are not on your own.
Many organizations are eager to help...**

Aruba Airport Authority

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Aruba Airport Authority is the authority operating and managing Aeropuerto Internacional Reina Beatrix. Aruba Airport Authority's business is two-fold: To manage and operate Aeropuerto Internacional Reina Beatrix as a safe, secure, financially self sustainable and customer oriented, outstanding Caribbean airport. To create a prosperous airport business community to contribute to the economic growth and development of Aruba, maintaining high accountability standards.

Aruba Convention Bureau

L.G. Smith Boulevard 172
Oranjestad, Aruba
(+297) 582-3777
www.meetaruba.com

The Aruba Convention Bureau for North America (formerly known as Meet Aruba) goes the extra mile to make sure your meeting is a success. They offer a host of professional meeting planner services to make your meeting planning experience efficient and hassle-free. First-class meeting planning on the island of Aruba is their business, so you can focus on yours.

Aruba Gastronomic Association

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www.arubadining.com

The Aruba Gastronomic Association (AGA) began over a decade ago, as an offshoot to the original Aruba Restaurant Association. Today, AGA represents more than thirty well-known ethnic and international restaurants revisited over the years by many thousands of satisfied customers. AGA's unique Dine-Around Program is the perfect way to savor an incredible array of culinary specialties that satisfy every palate.

Committed to culinary and service excellence, AGA restaurants make food safety a priority by participating in training programs and inspections with local and international facilitators throughout the year. They are also visited routinely by "mystery shoppers" who evaluate all aspects of the dining experience that you will enjoy.

Aruba Hotel and Tourism Authority (AHATA)

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www.ahata.travel

For more than four decades AHATA has made significant contributions by bringing together private sector ideas and funding in support of Aruba's tourism industry and community at large. It is fully in the business of destination marketing where 75% of its budget is invested (all aimed at bringing greater numbers of quality customers to Aruba); without losing sight on its original role of providing membership value and services in the areas of education, business intelligence, advocacy, quality, safety, security and the preservation of our environment, among others.

Aruba Ports Authority

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L.G. Smith Boulevard 23
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(+297) 582-6633
www.arubaports.com

Aruba Ports Authority N.V. is a limited liability company established in 1981, which shares are 100% owned by the Government of Aruba. The main responsibilities of the Port Authority are the building, management, maintenance and exploitation of the Oranjestad & Barcadera harbors and corresponding waterways, roads and assets.

The security of all premises and the promotion and development of Cruise Tourism are also the responsibility of the Port Authority. The Port currently employs around 90 people and the stevedoring operation is leased out to a private contractor based on a concession agreement. The Aruba Ports Authority has its own security guards system which patrols the harbor 24 hours seven days a week.

Aruba Tourism Authority (ATA)

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www.aruba.com

The Aruba Tourism Authority is a government department funded by public funds. It has led the tourism marketing activities for over 50 years, diversifying markets and intensifying its activities in the marketplace. As the organization functions under government regulations in a private sector environment, it lobbies for more flexibility and independence in implementing its marketing plan.

The Aruba Tourism Authority's scope of responsibilities in the continuous successful development of Aruba's tourism industry is reflected in various success stories in the history of tourism and, in particular, in the annual increase of visitor, occupancy, expenditure and room nights. The main purpose of the Aruba Tourism Authority is to function as a leader in all forms of marketing, and promotion, online and offline, tourist information and customer service, sponsorship and organization of special events and hosting of partners, media, agents and special guests.

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Red Sail Sports is Aruba's finest Destination Management Company and premier full-service Dive and Water sports operator. We provide our guests with experienced, professional and friendly staff, top-notch equipment, and an assortment of exciting and unique island activities, both on and off the water.

Red Sail Sports has the most expansive fleet of luxurious catamarans and dive boats in Aruba. With resources to provide groups of any size with first class facilities, including four deluxe 53'-70' catamarans, three custom-built dive boats, and an impressive selection of water sports equipment.

Creativity, ingenuity, innovation and experience are the attributes of successful and exciting theme parties. Let our imaginative and creative staff plan off-property catering, entertainment, props, decorations and more. With numerous themes from which to choose, our experienced planners have something for everyone, from elegant dinners to extravagant parties.

From the moment you book with us until the time you have returned home after an unforgettable stay on our island, Red Sail Sports will take responsibility for your group's fun in the sun.

CHECKLIST

**A useful tool for your Hotel Site Inspection.
This checklist helps you make the right decision...**

Hotel Site Inspection Checklist

Name of Property: _____
 Hotel Phone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____
 Location: _____
 Hotel Contact / Title: _____
 Contact's Phone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____
 Contact's Email: _____
 Hotel Website: _____
 Distance to airport: _____

Guest Rooms

Number of Rooms: Total _____ Suites _____
 Type of Beds: 1 King-size Bed _____ 2 Queen-size Beds _____
 Non-Smoking Rooms _____
 Work Space/Desk: Yes / No Data port: Yes / No Sitting Area: Yes / No
 Rack Rate Single \$ _____ Double \$ _____ Suite \$ _____
 Group Rate Single \$ _____ Double \$ _____ Suite \$ _____
 Room Tax _____ % plus additional per night _____ %

Room Block by Day:

Day _____	Number of Rooms _____
Day _____	Number of Rooms _____
Day _____	Number of Rooms _____
Day _____	Number of Rooms _____
Day _____	Number of Rooms _____
Day _____	Number of Rooms _____
Day _____	Number of Rooms _____

Cut-Off Date _____ Days Out _____

Rates available before/after cut-off date: Yes / No

Rate the Following: (1 Poor – 3 Average – 5 Superior)

Décor	1	2	3	4	5
Condition/Cleanliness	1	2	3	4	5
General Amenities	1	2	3	4	5
Bathroom Condition/Cleanliness	1	2	3	4	5
Bathroom Amenities	1	2	3	4	5
Overall Rating	1	2	3	4	5
Proximity to Meeting Space	1	2	3	4	5

General

Construction/Renovation Planned? Yes / No If yes, what and when? _____

Rate the Following: (1 Poor – 3 Average – 5 Superior)

Lobby Décor	1	2	3	4	5
Lobby Seating/Location	1	2	3	4	5
Lobby Conditions/Cleanliness	1	2	3	4	5
Public Restrooms Condition/Cleanliness	1	2	3	4	5
Public Restrooms Proximity	1	2	3	4	5
Adequate Security	1	2	3	4	5
Adequate Fire Safety	1	2	3	4	5
Overall Rating	1	2	3	4	5

Food & Beverage

Number of Restaurants: _____

Approximate Cost for:

Continental Breakfast \$ _____ per person

Full Breakfast \$ _____ per person

Lunch \$ _____ per person

Dinner \$ _____ per person

Service Charge _____ % Tax _____ %

Guarantee needed by _____ days Overset by _____ %

Special Packages: _____

Rate the Following: (1 Poor – 3 Average – 5 Superior)

Presentation	1	2	3	4	5
Menu Selections	1	2	3	4	5
Menu Prices	1	2	3	4	5
Creativity	1	2	3	4	5
Willingness to Divert from Menu	1	2	3	4	5
Overall Rating	1	2	3	4	5

Meeting and Event Rooms

Space Available on Requested Dates: Yes / No

Room Rental Charge: _____

Set-Up Charge: _____

Rate the Following: (1 Poor – 3 Average – 5 Superior)

Condition/Cleanliness	1	2	3	4	5
Décor	1	2	3	4	5
Ceiling Height	1	2	3	4	5
Lighting	1	2	3	4	5
Air Conditioning / Ventilation	1	2	3	4	5
Sound System	1	2	3	4	5
Soundproofing	1	2	3	4	5
Equipment (e.g. tables, chairs)	1	2	3	4	5
Elevators number / proximity	1	2	3	4	5
Restroom Proximity	1	2	3	4	5
Restroom Cleanliness	1	2	3	4	5
Overall Rating	1	2	3	4	5

Audio/Visual

In-House A/V Company: _____ Exclusive? Yes / No

Equipment rates:

Overhead Projector \$ _____

Data Projector \$ _____

Screen \$ _____

Labor Rates \$ _____

Rate the Following: (1 Poor – 3 Average – 5 Superior)

Equipment Availability	1	2	3	4	5
Equipment Condition	1	2	3	4	5
Equipment Price	1	2	3	4	5
Overall Rating	1	2	3	4	5

Service and Amenities

Business Centre: Yes / No Hours _____

Parking: Yes / No Cost per Day _____

Fitness Centre: Yes / No Complimentary for Guests Yes / No

Golf Nearby : Yes / No

Pool: Yes / No Indoor / Outdoor

Beach: Yes / No

Other: _____

Rate the Following: (1 Poor – 3 Average – 5 Superior)

Overall Rating Hotel	1	2	3	4	5
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Facility Policies

Cancellation Penalty by Date _____ and \$ _____

Attrition Penalty by Date _____ and _____ %

Deposit by Date _____ and \$ _____

Estimated Costs

Sleeping Room Cost _____

Meeting Room Cost _____

Food & Beverage Cost _____

A/V & Other Equipment Cost _____

Travel Cost _____

Other Meeting Cost _____

TOTAL ESTIMATED COST _____



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