Aruba

Travel Facts





US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens exercise normal precautions in Aruba. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html

Passport/Visa Requirements

For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the U.S. State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.

https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html

US Embassy/Consulate

US does not have an embassy in Aruba; the Consul General to Curacao is accredited to Aruba; US citizens may call US Dept of State (202)-501-4444 for emergencies; alternate contact is the US General Council to Curacao [599] (9) 4613066; US Consulate General in Curacao, PO Box 158, J.B. Gorsiraweg 1, Curacao

LGBTQIA+, Women, and Travelers with Special Needs

When venturing a broad, LGBTQ+ travelers can face unique challenges since laws, attitudes, and legal protections vary from country to country. Consult the website via the link below to learn what precautions to take before and during your trip. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html

Telephone Code

297

Local Emergency Phone

911

Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Aruba: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, typhoid, rabies, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, pneumonia, influenza, and COVID-19. http://www.who.int/

Climate

Tropical marine, little seasonal temperature variation

Currency (Code)

Guilders/florins (AWG); USD accepted

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

120 V / 60 Hz / plug types (s): A, B, F







Type A

Major Languages

Papiamento (official) (a creole language that is a mixture of Portuguese, Spanish, Dutch, English, French, elements of African languages, and the language of the Arawak), Spanish, English, Dutch (official)

Major Religions

Roman Catholic, Protestant, other

Time Difference

UTC-4 (1 hour ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

Potable Water

Yes

International Driving Permit

Suggested

Road Driving Side

Right



Tourist Destinations

Arikok National Park (includes Boca Prins and Natural Pool); California Dunes and Lighthouse; Alto Vista Chapel

Major Sports

Soccer, windsurfing, sailing

Cultural Practices

Arubans have a strong bond with their natural surroundings due to their dependence on fishing, agriculture, and tourism industries. This connection is reflected in their reverence for wildlife preservation efforts like sea turtle conservation projects.

Tipping Guidelines

Some bars and restaurants already add a 10-15% service charge. If you really like the service, you can still tip. Tipping \$1-2 (USD) per bag is customary for the bellhops.

Souvenirs

Woodcrafts, leather goods, pottery, jewelry, aloe/skin care products

Traditional Cuisine

Keshi yena — a large portion of cheese that is hollowed out and stuffed with spiced meat and served either steamed or baked

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