

English

Emergency Numbers

Ambulance.....	911
Dr. Horacio Oduber Hospital	587-4300
Fire Department.....	911
Police.....	911

Airlines

American Airlines/American Eagle.....	582-3842
Aserca Airlines.....	582-0428
Avianca/SAM.....	582-5484
Continental.....	588-0019
Delta.....	588-6119
Dutch Antilles Express.....	588-1900
Insel Air.....	582-2663
Surinam.....	582-7896
Tiara Air.....	588-4872
United Airlines.....	582-9592

Venezolana Airlines

Airport location	583-7674
Caya G.F. Betico Croes 153, Plaza Alizea.....	588-5969

Banking Hours

Weekdays from 8 or 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. All banks remain open during lunch hours.

Banks – Main Offices

AIB Bank N.V.

Wilhelminastraat 34-36.....	582-7327
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Aruba Bank N.V.

Camacuri 12.....	527-7777
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Caribbean Mercantile Bank N.V.

Caya G.F. Betico Croes 53.....	582-3118
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RBTT Bank Aruba

Italiestraat 36.....	523-3100
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Buses

Buses operate daily between Oranjestad and hotels on Palm and Eagle Beaches. Inquire at your hotel for schedules.

Car Rental

Payless.....	582-4828
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Climate

Annual averages: temperature 82°F, rainfall 17", water temperature 80°F.

Conservation

You can help protect the Caribbean environment by not littering, by not harming coral reefs or wildlife, and by not buying souvenirs made from protected species of plants or animals. These include products made from sea turtles, reptiles, wood (especially carvings from the *lignum vitae* tree), and black coral jewelry. When in doubt, check with local authorities.

Currency

US dollars or Aruban florins. One US dollar equals between 1.78 and 1.8 florins.

Drinking Water

Aruba's distilled/purified seawater is very safe to drink.

Driving

Foreign and international driving licenses accepted. Free parking throughout the island. NO RIGHT TURNS ON RED LIGHTS. International road signs are used (see page 88 for details).

Electricity

The same as North America, 110 volts AC (60 cycles).

Geography

Size: 70 square miles, 19.6 miles long, six miles across at its widest point. Aruba's highest elevation is Mount Jamanota at 617 feet. Location: 2,090 miles from New York, 15 miles north of Venezuela.

Languages

Official languages are Dutch and the native language Papiamentu, but English and Spanish are widely spoken.

Museums

Archaeological Museum of Aruba

Schelpstraat 42.....	582-8979
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Aruba Numismatic Museum

Weststraat 15.....	582-8831
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Historical Museum of Aruba

Fort Zoutman/Willem III Tower.....	582-6099
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Pharmacies

Botica Eagle

Punto Brabo.....	587-6103
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Botica Santa Anna

Noord 41-B.....	586-8181
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Visser Pharmacy

Oduber.....	582-1780
Central.....	585-1985
Centro Medico 4.....	584-5794
San Lucas.....	584-5119
Kibrahacha.....	583-4908
Trupiaal.....	583-8560

Post Office

Post Aruba

Five locations: Forum Shops Aruba, Oranjestad, Palm Beach Plaza, Santa Cruz, and San Nicolas.

Real Estate

Anabui at Tierra del Sol.....	586-1010
Coldwell Banker Aruba Realty.....	588-7781
Gold Coast.....	586-2200
Tierra del Sol Resort, Spa & Country Club....	586-7800

Religious Services

Aruba offers a variety of houses of worship. For information on locations and hours of services, please inquire at your hotel's front desk.

Shopping Hours

Stores are open 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday to Saturday, although some Mainstreet stores close for siesta from noon to 2 p.m. Certain stores are open Sunday mornings and on holidays when cruise ships are in port. Most malls open at 10 a.m. and stay open until at least 10 p.m.

Support Groups

Alcoholics Anonymous.....	583-5428
Help Line (24 hours).....	583-8989

Taxis

There are no meters; fares are fixed and are set by the government. Taxis are also available for sightseeing tours.

Diamond Taxi.....	587-2300
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Time

Atlantic Standard time, one hour ahead of New York except during Daylight Savings when the time is the same.

Tipping

The tipping custom followed in the US is applicable on Aruba. Although many restaurants on Aruba add a service charge of 15% to the bill, this is often shared among the service and kitchen staff as part of their salary. In this event, an additional gratuity in recognition of good service is always appreciated, though of course not obligatory.

Tourist Information

Aruba Tourism Authority
L.G. Smith Blvd 172, Oranjestad
Tel: 582-3777 • www.aruba.com

Tours

ABC Tours.....	582-5600
Aruba Heli-Tours.....	731-9999
Atlantis Submarines.....	588-6881
Butterfly Farm.....	586-3656
De Palm Tours.....	582-4400
Green Zebra Adventures.....	585-0027
Jolly Pirates.....	586-8107
Mi Dushi.....	586-2010
Red Sail Sports.....	586-1603
Seaworld Explorer.....	588-6881