

Activities & Nightlife



Nightlife

Oranjestad is the focus of nightlife, restaurants, clubs, bars, and Salsa is everywhere. The main 'strip' is around 800 meters long, very small scale Las Vegas! Despite being lively, it is not as frantic as it sounds. Aruba has a wide range of entertainment of a high standard, including live shows with Latin American dancing, and live music with local bands. Hotels have their own entertainment, tropical nights, beach barbecues, cocktail parties, water ballet, international entertainers, dance groups, steel bands, etc. It is worth checking what the hotels have on offer, this gives a lot of extra choice, without having to go into town. Aruba has a vast number of restaurants, some very high quality. But you have to look for

some of them! Madame Janette's is in the countryside, 10 minutes from town, one of the best restaurants, not just on Aruba. There is a range of international cuisine, Indonesian, Japanese (including teppanyaki), Chinese, Dutch, Italian, French and Aruban restaurants, as always featuring fresh seafood.

Aruba has a lot of casino's, some open 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. Many are inside International Hotels, in Oranjestad. Aruba Carnival week, in mid February, a multi-cultural celebration of Aruban society – with influences from Brazil, Venezuela, Colombia, Holland and Africa.

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The ocean on the western coast is warm and calm, ideal for swimming, snorkeling or diving. The calm water and steady breeze is ideal for most water sports like (kite) surfing, sailing, jet skiing, windsurfing, parasailing, Sailing Cruises – often at sunset, deep-sea fishing, submarine or glass-bottom boats – to see marine life, Sea World Explorer Semi-Submarine, water-skiing, charter a boat charters, Happy Hour Snorkel Sail - around the German freighter 'Antilla'. De Palm Tours also offer a range of water sport activities, not least all inclusive trips to their private island De Palm island – 5 minutes by boat from shore.

Land based activities include: horse riding island tours, cycling nature tours, climbing, golf - championship course - 98 feet above sea level with a spectacular ocean view, tours – hiking or biking, nature tours to archaeological, geological, and biological sites of interest, butterfly farm, ATP sanctioned tennis centre, racquetball courts, several bowling alleys, ATV Mania – all terrain vehicles for hire.

