

## **Aruba: The Island Getaway fit for every kind of Traveler**

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*They say that there is no place like the Caribbean if you're looking for "a little bit of everything". Just north of the tip of South America, you'll find the pearly white beaches of Aruba. Here, thanks to the vibrant local communities, delectable Caribbean cuisine, and an unlimited amount of adventure around every corner...it feels like anything is possible!*

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Between the Watapana trees and rippling waves of the Caribbean Sea lies Eagle Beach, Aruba, one of the most highly acclaimed tourist destinations on the island. Within walking distance of several hotels and resorts, this popular oceanside oasis is perfect for those looking to rent a beachside cabana for a relaxing day by the water. Perhaps one of its most alluring qualities, the vibrant turquoise sea practically begs you to jump in. Between the months of May through November, be on the lookout for local sea turtles who nest and lay their eggs on this very beach! This is the optimal time to watch the babies hatch and head out home to sea.

For those who seek adventure, head southeast to Arikok National Park which takes up about 20% of the island. With an incredibly biodiverse desert landscape, many cultural heritage sites, and several underground cave systems, a guided nature hike through the nearly 8000 acres of Arikok is the perfect day trip. On your way back to the coast, you'll want to take a quick dip in the incredible Conchi Natural Pool. Thanks to past volcanic activity, this unique formation of limestone creates a natural enclosed "watering hole" and is considered a national treasure of Aruba due to its rare beauty. It's the perfect spot to cool off with a relaxing swim or for the thrill-seekers who want to go cliff jumping.

If you're looking for the perfect place to take your #vacay pictures, tucked just east of the airport (and only a ten-minute boat ride away), is the infamous Renaissance Island, also known as Flamingo Island. After purchasing one of the daily ferry tickets through *Renaissance (Marriott Hotel and Resort)*, you'll have the incredible opportunity to interact with the local flamingos. These gorgeous pink birds roam freely on the beach and have a habit of gathering next to Mangrove Beach Bar for those who are looking for a view while they cool down with a tropical drink. Add to that the unique photo opportunity and you have an award-winning combination for the perfect Instagram shot!

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As one of the top travel destinations in the world for returning guests, it's no surprise that Aruba holds the secrets to an absolutely unforgettable vacation! Whether you're traveling for luxury or for adventure, everyone can find their perfect getaway on the island of Aruba.

