

## **Aruba the One-Stop Family Vacation Spot**

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“Bon Bini” – Welcome to Aruba! Warm smiles complement the friendly demeanor of Arubans. The multi-cultural environment of Aruba includes South America (primarily Colombia, Venezuela and Peru), other Caribbean islands, China, Philippines, and even 17 different African countries. Enjoy activities such as horseback riding, cycle tours, scuba diving, and snorkeling. Aruba offers something for everyone. It’s a family’s dream come true!

### **Getting There**

Fly direct non-stop to Aruba from the U.S., Canada, South America, Europe, and Columbia into Aruba’s Queen Beatrix International Airport which can accommodate commercial jets as large as the Boeing 747. Queen Beatrix International Airport offers public transportation, car rentals, taxi service (in front of the terminal building), and tour operators that shuttle between the airport and hotels around the island. For more information, visit <http://www.airportaruba.com/en/to&from/>.

### **Just Beachy**

Aruba’s white sandy beaches with crystal clear waters will delight the entire family. Palm Beach is very calm and family friendly; it’s located in front of major resorts. Families can enjoy a picnic lunch at Eagle Beach which is across the street from several hotels. Look both ways before crossing the street! Baby Beach, located at the southeastern end of the island is for families who desire a tranquil swimming cove. Stay alert because Rodgers Beach with its rough surf is nearby. For more information on Aruba’s beaches, visit <http://www.aruba.com/whattodo/bestbeaches.php>.

### **Family Friendly Resorts and Activities**

Families will have an unforgettable vacation within a safe and friendly environment. Choices include Marriott Aruba Resort, Amsterdam Manor Beach Resort, The Westin Resort Aruba, and Aruba Vacation Villas.

Watch out for the barracudas! Families will be thrilled by an underwater tour. Options include submarine, semi-submarine, and sea trek adventures. Enjoy a fully narrated tour and see the remains of a shipwreck, beautiful coral reefs, and watch the vibrant sea life come into sharper focus.

Enjoy a relaxing day at Aruba’s Butterfly Farm and encounter butterflies from around the world. Make sure to arrive early to watch new butterflies take their first flight. Bring a camera to capture these beautiful creatures forever.

Aruba is a diverse country, yet it retains its uniqueness and openness; the country has a strong national identity. Not only will families have a fun vacation, it will be educational as well. Visit <http://www.aruba.com/> to book your vacation today and discover Aruba!