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MEETINGS

Praised in 2013 by *Successful Meetings* and *Prevue Magazine* for its nearly perfect year-round weather, impressive array of resorts and meetings spaces, distinct land and sea activities, and world-class cuisine, Aruba, One happy island, is an ideal destination for group meetings and incentive travel. Meeting planners appreciate the ease of doing business with Aruba – as the island is just a convenient direct flight away from more than 10 major U.S. cities and boasts the greatest penetration of Internet users in the entire Caribbean. Furthermore, locals speak English, accept U.S. currency and drive on the right side of the road.

Aruba Convention Bureau Services and Offerings

A free resource to meeting planners, the Aruba Convention Bureau (ACB) boasts a wealth of knowledge of hotels, destination management companies (DMCs), activities, restaurants, venues and a host of suppliers.

The ACB provides in-depth evaluations of specific meeting requirements, from hotel accommodations and meeting space to event planning and team-building excursions; RFP distributions to a carefully-selected list of appropriate hotels; site inspections of potential meetings venues; destination presentations to key decision makers; recommendations for DMCs that enrich programs with tours, activities, transportation, off-site events and other support services; information on airlines that serve Aruba, including group fares; information on shipping, customs and communication with pertinent government entities; and information on tax-deductible meeting guidelines.

Properties & Meetings Spaces

Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino

Named one of the "World's Best Places to Stay" by *Conde Nast Traveler*, the Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino offers 411 guest rooms and suites, each with its own balcony. This beachfront resort is located in the high-rise hotel area on Aruba's Palm Beach and features 11,600 square feet of indoor meeting space, accommodating groups from 10 to 800. The meeting space includes a Grand Ballroom, which can accommodate banquets of up to 500 people, theater seating for up to 800 and a schoolroom set-up for 450. The Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino has an additional six meeting rooms, including an intimate Boardroom and various outdoor locations that can accommodate up to 450 people. For more information, visit www.arubamarriott.com.

Divi Aruba Phoenix Beach Resort

Standing tall above the crystal sands of Aruba's Palm Beach, modern high-rise hotel Divi Aruba Phoenix Beach Resort combines tropical island flair with modern conveniences. The property features 140 beachfront studios, one and two-bedroom suites, fully-equipped kitchens, beautiful ocean front views and a private balcony. Cabanas and hammocks pepper the beach for meeting guests to enjoy, along with two freshwater pools and a beach bar. The Divi Aruba Phoenix Beach Resort can host meetings and functions for up to 300 guests and also boasts a unique 2,000 square feet of banquet space holding up to 180 people. For more information, visit www.diviphoenix.com.

Alhambra Shopping Bazaar

The Divi Village Golf and Beach Resort can host group meetings at The Divi Alhambra Ballroom, located on the top floor of the Divi Alhambra Casino. With 3,240 square feet of meeting space, the space can host up to 180 people. For more information, visit www.diviresorts.com.

Holiday Inn Resort Aruba

A full-service beachfront property with a wide range of activities for group travelers and their families, the Holiday Inn Resort Aruba boasts 600 comfortable rooms, most featuring a newly renovated marine theme with modern bathrooms and each with a private balcony or patio. The Resort offers two car rental desks, an Internet Zone with high-speed connected computers and employs on site sales and meeting professionals to help with all meeting planning needs. The recently renovated Las Palmas Ballroom anchors the Holiday Inn Resort Aruba's 6,000 square feet of tropically-themed, indoor meeting and breakout space. Reconfigured from a multilevel floor to a flexible, single-level convention space, the Las Palmas Ballroom has all new carpeting, ceilings, walls, lighting systems with dimmers, chandeliers, electronic screen projectors and state-of-the-art audiovisual equipment, including LCD screens, TVs, VCRs and CD/ DVD players. Wireless high speed Internet access is now available on request. For more information, visit www.HolidayArubaResort.com.

Hyatt Regency Aruba Resort & Casino

Featuring 360 guest rooms, including 24 suites and 29 Regency Club rooms, all with high-speed Internet access, the luxurious Hyatt Regency Aruba Resort & Casino offers a top-notch business facility with spacious, comfortable accommodations and amenities. Boasting 9,245 square feet of meeting space and 3,008 square feet of indoor pre-function meeting space for receptions and registrations, the resort provides optimal space for any affair. Six separate meeting rooms offer individual and master controls for climate, audio and visual media, plus outputs for telephones, microphones and 110V electricity. The property also features 8,629 square feet of outdoor function space, including a terrace, a beach Palapa and courtyard gathering areas for elegant catered events. For more information, visit www.aruba.hyatt.com.

Occidental Grand Aruba

From marble floors in 380 of its guest rooms and suites to fine linens and brand-name amenities, the Occidental Grand Aruba, which recently completed a \$24 million upgrade, offers a comprehensive all-inclusive experience. Featuring more than 9,500 square feet of meeting space, with its largest meeting space measuring 9,208 square feet, accommodating up to 750 people, the property sets the standard for luxury-oriented group travelers. For more information, visit www.en.occidentalhotels.com.

Radisson Aruba Resort, Casino & Spa

Nestled among 14 acres of fragrant gardens, exotic lagoons and cascading waterfalls, the Radisson Aruba Resort, Casino & Spa features 355 newly renovated guestrooms situated within three unique towers. Guests can now enjoy the newly constructed, 13,000 square foot oceanfront spa, Larimar Spa, or indulge their taste buds at the AAA Four-Diamond restaurant Sunset Grille. Boasting more than 15,000 square feet of indoor meeting space and 24,000 square feet of outdoor function space, this magnificent 14-acre retreat is the natural choice for any business function, convention or private event. The stunning Grand Caribbean Ballroom easily accommodates more than 900 guests, while five private meeting rooms are available for smaller gatherings. For more information, visit www.radisson.com/aruba.

Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino

Located in the heart of Aruba in downtown Oranjestad, the Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino features 556 rooms with two distinctly different lodging experiences. The Renaissance Marina Hotel is an adults-only paradise, where luxury meets comfort, as guests find the best shopping, casinos and entertainment. Renaissance Ocean Suites is a comfortable sun-splashed playground that welcomes guests of all ages. Featuring 40,000 square feet of meeting space, including the Renaissance Convention Center, the Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino offers a Crystal Ballroom that can accommodate up to 1,600 people. To top it off, guests can enjoy signature meetings and events along with private and specialty-themed group dinner parties on the secluded Renaissance Island. For more information, visit www.renaissancearuba.com.

The Ritz-Carlton

The Ritz-Carlton, Aruba presents the regions preeminent meeting facilities, with an exceptional selection of indoor and outdoor venues, including a 7,500 square foot ballroom divisible into three salons, a 600 square foot Executive boardroom, two spacious meeting rooms and a selection of outdoor locations, including poolside decks, manicured lawns and a beachfront reception area. Meeting facilities at the resort will also be environmentally friendly, employing a range of green practices to showcase the resort's extraordinary commitment to environmental stewardship and corporate social responsibility to help protect and preserve the island's natural resources. For more information, visit www.ritzcarlton.com.

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