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NIGHTLIFE

With a fun, safe and lively nightlife beckoning tourists and locals, Aruba's excitement continues long after the sun has set. Couples enjoy romantic evenings at a number of open-air dining establishments or test their luck at one of the island's casinos. Celebrations are plentiful at the local beach bars, festivals and party buses. Aruba is home to Little White Dress Night every Monday evening and participating bars, restaurants and nightclubs island-wide offer special deals to visitors in all white. And women are encouraged to mark their calendars for Wednesday evenings – dubbed "Ladies' Night" island-wide. With safety continued top priority, Aruban Government has recently invested in new lighting and security camera systems to ensure visitors and islanders feel at ease as they party all night long.

Romance

From coast to coast, signature Aruba's restaurants offer delicious cuisine with a hint of romance.

Flying Fishbone

The first Aruban restaurant to popularize on-the-beach dining, Flying Fishbone invites visitors to enjoy mouthwatering seafood and steak creations underneath the palm trees within Savaneta. Innovative dishes partner European cuisine with Caribbean flair against the backdrop of a beautiful sunset or a starry sky.

La Trattoria El Faro Blanco

Situated atop the hill of Hudishibana at the foot the famous California Lighthouse, La Trattoria El Faro Blanco is as famous for its 360-degree views of the island as its rich Italian dishes. The breathtaking views of Tierra del Sol, Aruba's 18-hole championship golf course, and the northwestern tip of the island make breakfast, lunch or dinner a picture-perfect experience.

Marandi

Lovers dine in an intimate ambiance right above the turquoise waters of the Laguna Pier, under a giant palapa hut or with twinkling star-lit rooftop. Each table enjoys majestic views of the Laguna Bay no matter where it is situated around the restaurant. Diners take in Aruba's breathtaking sunset, totally surrounded by fish swimming in the water below. Marandi offers sinfully delicious international cuisine flavored with a touch of the Caribbean prepared in the open kitchen.

Old Man and the Sea

Located in Savaneta next to the fisherman's wharf, Old Man and the Sea is an ideal place for a romantic dinner. The cuisine is a delectable mix of local dishes with international flavor, ranging from fresh catch of the day to quality meats imported from distributors across the globe. Lovers often reserve a spot in the sand under straw huts on the water, while oceanfront seating and gorgeous views are available to all who choose this fine dining establishment.

Passions on the Beach

Transforming nightly into a magical, open-air beach dining room on Eagle Beach, Passions on the Beach at Amsterdam Manor Beach Resort boasts one of the most romantic settings on the island. Dinner guests are greeted by tiki torches and linen-covered tables that are inches away from the lapping water. Famous for its reef cuisine, seafood lovers indulge in the fresh catch of the day; yet meat lovers also find a palate pleaser. After dinner, guests are invited to stay awhile and sink their toes into the sand, enjoying the best nature show and specialty cocktail.

Pinchos Grill & Bar

Enticing visitors with its outdoor, chic living room style setting, Pinchos Grill & Bar is situated above the water on the pier at Surfside Marina, offering one of the best sunset views in Aruba. Dinner guests relax with a tropical cocktail as they enjoy a mix of contemporary tunes over a romantic and intimate candlelight meal. Among the most famous dishes are the Dark Rum Infused Blue Cheese Tenderloin or Pan Seared Caribbean Grouper with an Apricot & Ginger Sauce.

Screaming Eagle

Screaming Eagle perfectly matches South Beach lounge décor with ultra-chic French fusion cuisine complemented by a well-stocked wine cellar and an equally impressive bar list of innovative cocktails from around the globe. The recently introduced table-side flambé cart makes the dining experience even more spectacular. Guests looking to amp up the romance for the evening can enjoy dinner in bed – essentially lounging in a canopy bed strewn with white pillows, bathed in soft romantic lighting and draped with white chiffon.

Music, Dancing and Fun

Island Wide

Caribbean Festival

Locals and tourists alike are invited to attend the weekly Carnival-style Caribbean Festival in downtown San Nicolas every Thursday from 6 to 10 p.m. Festival-goers enjoy live entertainment, authentic local “street food” cuisine, marketplace-style shopping and the chance to dance down the streets alongside Carnival performers, donning festive face masks and indulge in people-watching.

Kukoo Kunuku

Tourists go “kukoo” for Kukoo Kunuku, the famous and unforgettable island party bus experience. The fun begins as visitors shake their maracas and do the tango on this chameleon-colored open-air school bus adorned with bells, horns and whistles. Night owls soak up the champagne and toast to the million-dollar views at the first photo-op stop and proceed to dine in the gardens under the stars at local Aruban residence, Residencia Sylvia. Arriving in Kukoo style, bus riders check out Aruba’s top “watering holes” or pubs and drink to their hearts’ content.

Casinos

Games are aplenty at the various high-stakes casinos on island. Along the high-rise hotel district, slot machines, roulette and blackjack tables are abundant at the Aruba Marriott Resort (Stellaris Casino), Holiday Inn Resort Aruba (Excelsior Casino), Hyatt Regency Aruba Resort & Casino, RIU Palace and the Radisson Aruba Resort & Casino, known for having the best poker tables on island. Eagle Beach hotel guests enjoy the Trop Casino in the Tropicana Resort and the new Glitz Casino in La Cabana Beach Resort. The Alhambra Casino in the low-rise area has been completely remodeled. Downtown are the Crystal Casino in the Renaissance Aruba Resort and the Seaport Casino in the Renaissance Marketplace.

Palm Beach Plaza

Designed in a courtyard style, Palm Beach Plaza is a multi-level mall with approximately 15,000 sq. ft. of fine shopping, dining and entertainment as well as luxury condominium complex situated in the high-rise area. More than just a shopping mall, Palm Beach Plaza features a state-of-the-art amphitheater, spectacular water features and entertainment for the entire family.

Palm Beach

Aruba Wine & Dine

Whether vacationers are craving a hamburger or lobster, the beach or downtown, there is an Aruba Wine and Dine venues fill every desire. Seven participating establishments offer everything from fine dining excellence and family-fun tapas, to a charcoal-grilled dinner and fresh catch of the day fillets.

Tango Argentine Grill

Located in Arawak Gardens in the high-rise hotel district, Tango Argentine Grill is famous for 20 juicy cuts of mouthwatering steaks joined by hearty side dishes topped with traditional Argentine Chimichurri Her Sauce. The first-class Parilla’s succulent steaks and magnificent bottles of red wine are complemented by hot nightlife with live music and a sizzling ambiance.

Café the Plaza

Located in the center of Oranjestad Café is the perfect place to relax and read the newspaper or have a wild night out. The large patio area and intimate indoor dining make way for guests seven days a week for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 8 a.m. until midnight.

Fishes and More

Serving some of the freshest fish on the island, Fishes and More's international chefs prepare all dishes à la minute for guest. The restaurant is located in front of the Occidental Resort and well known for their daily changing specials and nightly live entertainment.

MooMba Beach Bar & Resturant

Nestled under a gigantic palapa atop white sugary sands, MooMba Beach is as relaxing during the day as it is lively at night. Billowing, fresh island breezes combined with a myriad of tropical cocktails, cold Balashi beer and wine make this laid-back beach bar a true Caribbean paradise. MooMba also holds the title of one of the World's 50 Best Beach Bars by CNN Travel.

Salt & Pepper

Salt & Pepper is the place to enjoy delectable tapas, breakfast or casual drinks with friends or colleagues, located conveniently within walking distance from all the high-rise hotels.

Hadicurari

For a fresh approach to seafood, today's catch caught daily and served at Hadicurari Pier. Indoor and outdoor seaside dining features an extensive menu of seafood and steaks and other splendid dishes.

The Sopranos Piano Bar

Cushioned between the high-rise hotels in Aruba's Palm Beach and the heart of the Arawak Gardens, Sopranos Bar serves an extensive list of fine wines, boasting first-rate scotch and champagnes. The impressive pianist plays everything from jazz to Elton John and takes request from their "all ages" clientele and happy socializers late into the night.

Confession Club

This beautifully designed intimate club with the sensual warmth for a first date drink, boast plenty of cutting edge glitz and glam to rock the night away. For music lovers, Confession Club offers state of the art sound system and has been extensively sound proofed to take the space to a new level!

Hard Rock Café

Hard Rock Aruba offers a brand new café on the Palm Beach hotel strip with a 360-plus seating capacity indoor dining room, outside terrace, live music stage, and Rock Shop filled with famous collectibles.

Paseo Herencia

Carillon bells from the clock tower call island visitors to Aruba's newest entertainment center, the Paseo Herencia Mall, few minutes stroll from any of Aruba's high-rise resorts. The center boasts a diversity of stylish stores offering quality goods and a host of eateries serving, as well as nightly entertainment and special events. The architecture and accouterments of Paseo Herencia were planned to provide an informative insight into Aruban history and culture; with enlightening tidbits scattered throughout the gallery and the Plaza Padu. The central stage hosts regularly scheduled special presentations and community events throughout the year as well as the thrice-nightly "Waltzing Waters" presentation next to the pool that serves as home ground for Aruba's synchronized swimming team.

Oranjestad

Local Store

The new native rooftop bar, Local Store boasts elite views of Oranjestad's shopping district and Aruba's vivid blue waters. During the day it is the perfect place to grab cold Balashi beer accompanied by quick delicious lunch and by night Local Store transforms into a energetic spot with live music that fills the dance floor.

Renaissance Mall

Home to luxury brands, like Louis Vuitton, Gucci, Carolina Herrera, Chopard, BCBG MAXAZRIA, Furla and many more. Renaissance Mall presents more than 60 stores, cafes, full-service restaurants and entertainment. The mall is perfectly located in the heart of Oranjestad opposite the picturesque Renaissance Marina.

San Nicolas

Zeerover's

Located in the sleepy fishing town of Savaneta, Zeerover's is a fisherman's wharf promising heavy local flare and a lively nightlife. Locals line up at the window to buy fresh caught fish or order the deep fried catch of the day – barracuda, mahi mahi, shrimp and more – tossed in a big plastic bowl with homemade fries, plantains and pan bati. Those who choose to stay awhile on the waterside deck enjoy fresh breezes, fish fry aromas and a cold Balashi beer, as they crank up the jukebox to dance to vibrant Caribbean calypso beats all night long.

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