

Welcome to our Marina & Boatyard!

# **Varadero Aruba Marina & Boatyard**

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# WELCOME



Welcome to Varadero Aruba Marina & Boatyard

Your convenient and safe Marina in Aruba, close to the Airport and on Aruba's sheltered lagoon.

This welcome book is intended to help you get acquainted with the area and our place.

You will find here most of our knowledge of Aruba for you to enjoy!

Marina and boatyard services: dry storage, wet berths, engines service, boat repairs.

As well as favourite restaurants, best secluded beaches, adventures, and more. Along with our area guide you'll also find everything you need to know about our Marina, how to access it with your boat, where to go upon arrival, etc..

Marina:

- 70 wet slips, a few available for transients
- 400+ dry storage spots, very secure

Boatyard:

- High capacity boats lift by trailer
- Full-service repairs

Our philosophy:

You want to have a pleasant stay in our Marina & Boatyard, with the services you need delivered and we want that for you too.

Let's make our Marina your boat's home while in Aruba.

Welcome Home away from Home.

Alex E. Mansur,  
General Manager

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# ARRIVAL INFORMATION

Please call us on channel 16/69 before arriving. Or, even better, call Paul via WhatsApp (+297 594 5686)

Coordinates: -12.498417, -70.017777

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/YbVDdtQE55qkQzNx9>

DIRECTIONS TO GET TO THE MARINA

CUSTOMS & IMMIGRATIONS

**You must bring your boat to the Barcadera Customs & Immigration center upon arrival in Aruba.**

<https://www.arubaports.com/main/contact/>

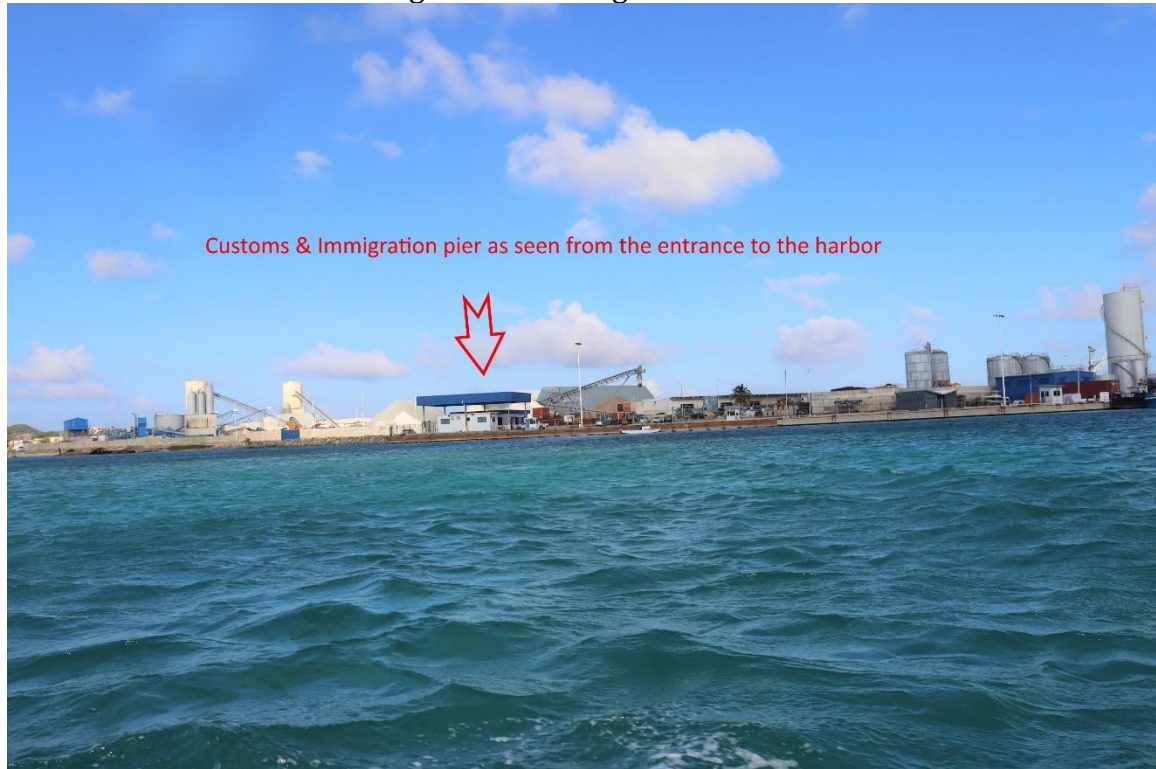
Contact them as requested before arrival.

## ARRIVING FROM THE SEA

Please check our YouTube channel for approach videos:

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLiqz62KctnP2y0nSGX2vg03Dpt2sxpZRp>

This is the Customs and Immigration building at Barcadera



Do not go straight for it as the water is very shallow on a direct path.  
Stay in the main channel, heading for the cranes, then turn left alongside their dock.





Once cleared from the Customs and Immigration, go back to the main channel, then head towards the 2 channel markers.



You will follow the lagoon going Northwest. The average depth is 18' (5.5m) at about 30m from the Island on your left.

Keep going until you pass a fishing trawler wreck on your left.



From this position the buoys are roughly in the direction of the tallest brown building that you can see in the background.

Do not cut angles. Wait until you are to the buoys to turn right and follow them. Depth is 7.25' (2.20m) within the buoys.

Do not sail outside of those markings as some spots are really shallow on the reef.

Access from Renaissance/Oranjestad

Enter the lagoon between the airport lights markings.

You will follow the lagoon, staying close (30m) to the island on your right, until you find the green/red buoys marking the access to the Marina.

If you reach the old trawler's wreck on your right, it means you missed the buoys... time to turn around and open your eyes 😊

Once you find the buoys, follow them. Do not sail outside of those markings as some spots are really shallow on the reef.



## AT THE MARINA

We do not have any waiting slips available at the Marina. Please arrange in advance for a haul-out or a berth. If not, please anchor in front of the Marina. Be aware that some areas are very shallow.

Should you be scheduled for a haul-out using the Roodberg lift, the boatyard is in the back. Head over there.



Should you be scheduled for a haul-out using the travel lift, you will find it here:

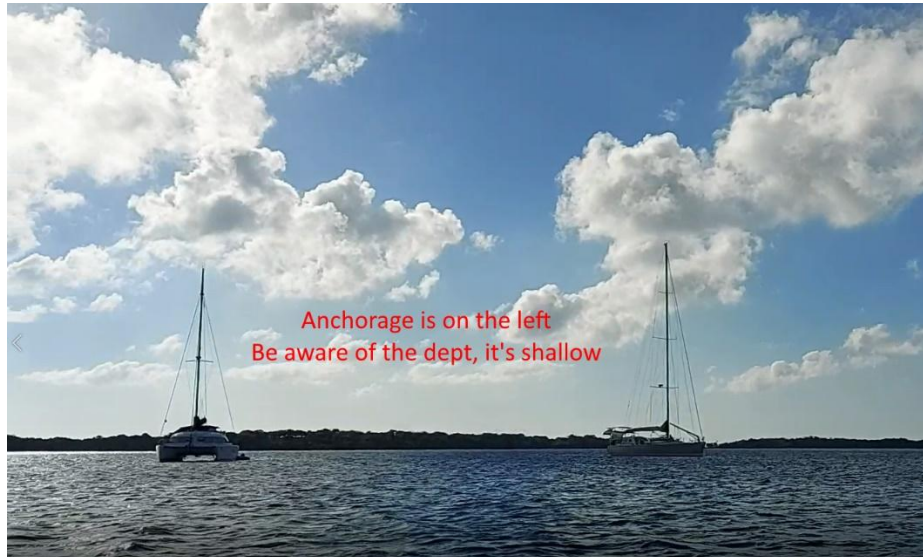


Please, if anchoring, do not block the passage for the Marina's boats going to the channel. Be aware of winds shifting to the South which may bring your boat way too close to the berthed boats.



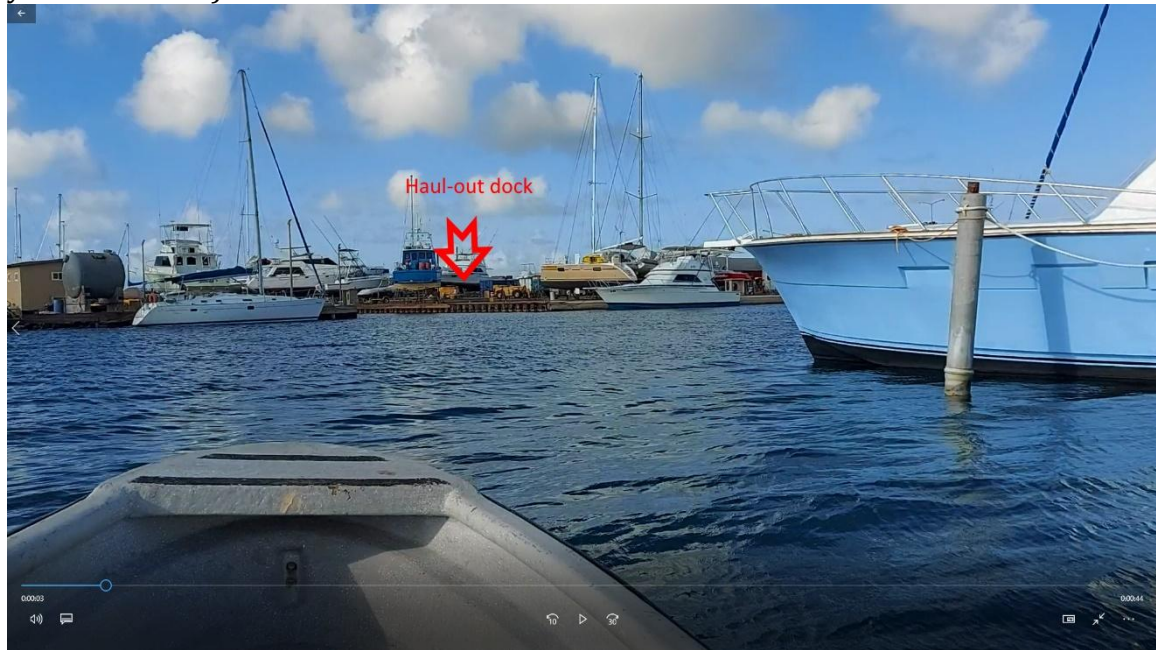
The anchorage is facing the Marina on the left of the channel going to the boatyard.

It's rather shallow. Do not trust the big monohull on the picture, it only needs 0.85m depth...



## GETTING TO THE BOATYARD

95% of the time strong Trade Winds come from the East. When bringing your boat into our slipway for a haul-out, they will blow from your starboard stern. It is highly recommended to “round the bend” and present your boat from the northeast in order not to be blown away from the docking side of the slipway (on your starboard)



## GETTING TO THE MARINA FROM THE AIRPORT

Directions from the airport:

(for cars only, not boats)

Follow the San Nicolas Direction. It will put you on a 2x2 lanes road heading South.

Take the first right following "Simeon Antonio".

Then left at the T in front of the airport, a sign will show "W Aviation".

Keep following "W Aviation" until you reach Bucutiweg which is along the lagoon.

Make a right turn on Bucutiweg.

Stay on Bucutiweg until you arrive at the end of the road.

Varadero Marina is there on your left. You will see the sign for the Marina's restaurant "the Fish House".

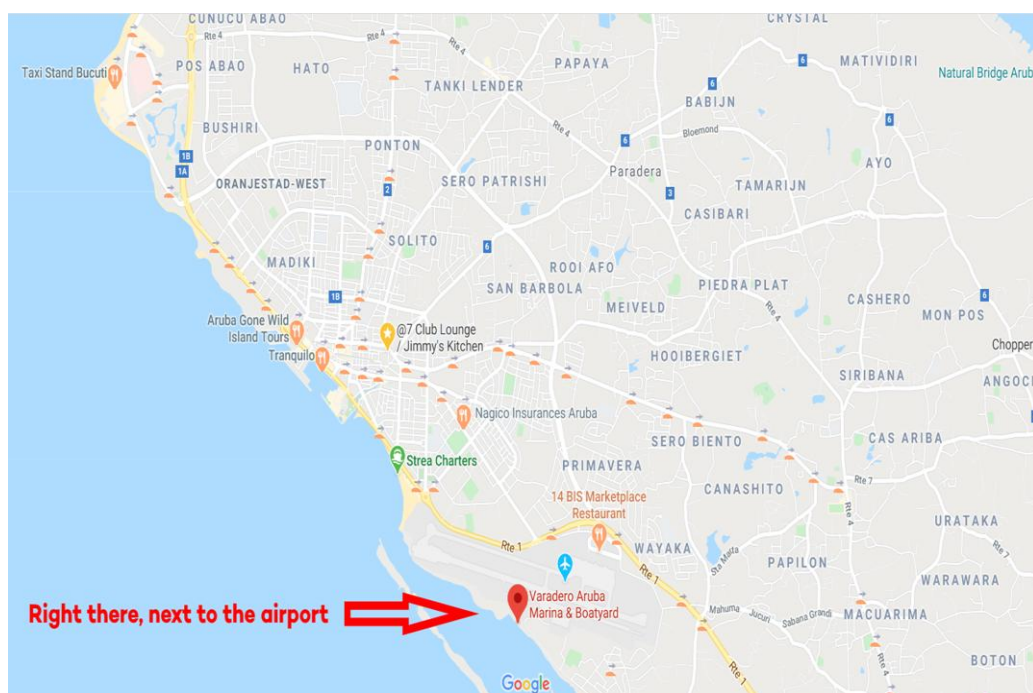
Park anywhere on the Marina's parking. This parking is guarded at night.

# GETTING YOURSELF ORIENTED

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## OVERVIEW OF THE AREA

Our Marina is located on the South side of the airport, on Aruba's lagoon. In a quiet area. Yes, quiet, and close to an airport is possible in Aruba where there are almost no flights at night nor in the morning. 95% of the flights arrive and depart between noon and 7pm.



On the Marina grounds you will be able to enjoy the local cuisine of the Fish House Bar & Restaurant. Best fresh fish on the island!

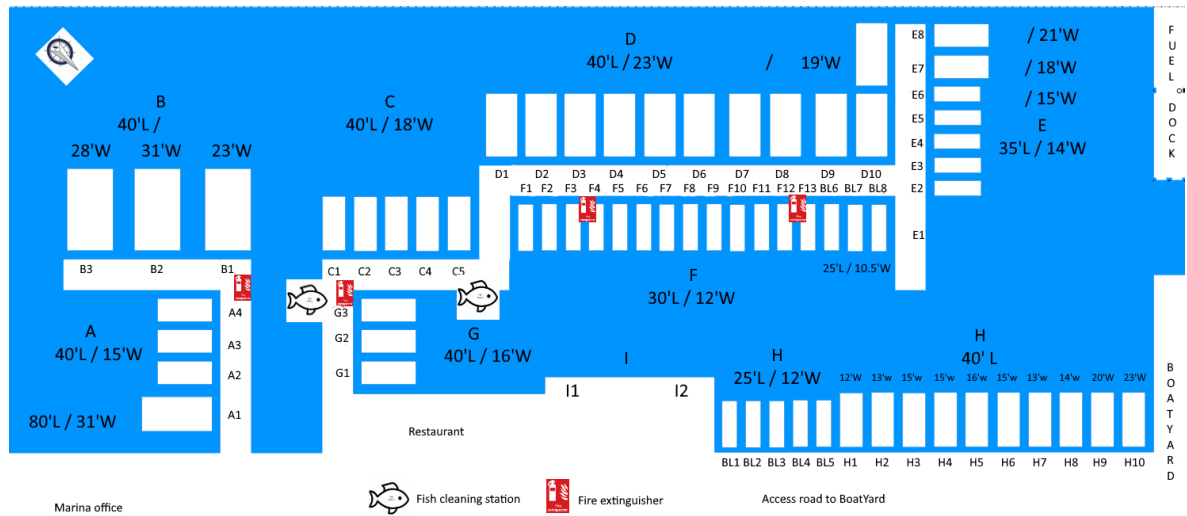
Not far from the Marina we have a supermarket which can cater to most of your basic needs including alcohols.

"You Kang" food mart: <https://goo.gl/maps/5d58r2U8nFYq8e8Q6>

Is at a walking distance.



# ABOUT THE MARINA



## SLIPS

There are currently about 70 wet berths in our Marina. Almost all of them are occupied by permanent residents, however we are often able to find a space for a transient boat

## DRY STORAGE

Are you considering storing your boat in a safe place during the Hurricane season?

We mean, real safe, not a “hurricane hole” where you put your head in the sand and pray that the hurricane does not find your boat.

No, seriously, the only safe storage is outside of the Hurricanes paths. Aruba is such a place, protected by its proximity to the South American continent. And still it is only 4 days away from the main Caribbean sailing grounds. Much closer than Virginia or Guatemala.

Due to high demand we are expanding our dry storage space every year.

And our reservation forms: <https://www.varaderoaruba.com/reservation-process>

Rates will be available on the same page.

## RESTAURANT

Are you fan of fresh fish? Really fresh?

Well, most of the fish served at our exclusive onsite restaurant the Fish House Island Bar & Restaurant comes directly from the fishing boats we host in the Marina or our Fishing Charters.

Go to the restaurant [website](#) for menus, prices and take out orders.

## ELECTRICITY

Our wet berths have access to electricity. We provide 220v/50 amp or 130v/30 amp. You will be charged by your consumption at the local rate.

You are responsible for getting the correct cable between your boat and the pedestal. WE DO NOT PROVIDE EXTENSIONS CORDS NOR PIGTAILS.

The same applies for the boats staying at our Boatyard.

No electricity inside the Long Term Storage.

## OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

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### GARBAGE DISPOSAL & RECYCLING

Should you need it, there is a garbage container in the back of the main parking. Sorry, there is no recycling yet in Aruba.



### CAR / NO CAR

If you are staying at the Marina for more than a few days, we highly recommend that you rent a car as there is no public transportation nearby and taxis are expensive in Aruba. The Marina Office may help you with that.

### PARKING

Parking inside the Marina is free of charge... and safe.

The parking is guarded at night.

Should you move in or out of the parking while the gates are closed, please horn twice for the guard on duty to come and open them for you.

### SAFETY

Aruba is the safest island in all the Caribbean.

Locals are friendly and helpful. They will not bother you every minute to try and sell you stuff. Walking at night in the streets of Oranjestad is not a problem.

Of course, like everywhere, there are limits. But it's tough to find them.

## WATER

Don't buy water! Drink from the tap.

Aruba's water has been ranked the second-best tap water in the world.

It comes from the Caribbean Sea to your glass through our desalination plant.

Even the local beer is made with it!

## HEAT and SUN

Hydrate yourself constantly. Aruba is blessed with strong Trade winds which make the heat bearable. But at the same time they prevent you from feeling the sun burning you or the sweat escaping you.

Bottom line: drink a lot... plus it's free!

## WIFI / INTERNET DETAILS

The Marina has free WiFi.

The details are:

*Network: VARADERO-GUEST*

*Password: Sailing@2025 (subject to change)*

The service is provided for your enjoyment, but you are responsible for safe and appropriate use and complying with all laws. If there is any loss of service, please contact us.



# ABOUT THE BOATYARD

## HAUL AND LAUNCH

We are the only boatyard in the ABC island region that can lift boats with a beam greater than 35 feet and up to 80 tons. This is thanks to the two Roodberg trailers that we operate. With one clocking in at 60 tons and the other at a whopping 80 tons (new Fall 2025), we have the capability to lift monohulls and multihulls that are up to 80 feet long and have a maximum beam of 38 feet. Our trailers have soft pads that provide the safest and most efficient way to haul your boat.

## QUALITY COMMITMENT

The boatyard staff at Varadero Aruba Marina & Boatyard understand that hauling a vessel can be a concern for many boat owners. We are on hand at all times and ready to advise and assist. We have an unparalleled commitment towards you and your goals. When you leave our marina and boatyard, you can leave knowing that whatever work you had done on your boat while it was docked with us, was completed to the highest standards and with the utmost care and attention.

And our reservation forms: <https://www.varaderoaruba.com/reservation-process>

# RULES & SAFETY INFORMATION

## RULES & REGULATIONS

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When receiving a Quotation, our Rules & Regulations will be attached.  
By approving the Quotation, you are bound by those.

## SAFETY

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### EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

911 is Aruba's emergency number

### LOCATION OF FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

Please refer to the Map page 15

# ABOUT ARUBA

## THINGS TO KNOW

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### **SUN BURNS**

Aruba is located only 12 degrees North. It means that the sun is burning, even through clouds.

Seriously.

Always put Sun Cream (minimum 35). Use a cream not a spray due to the high winds we usually experience, or you will spray your beach neighbour 6 feet away and not you.

Wear a hat and sunglasses and look for the shade... always.

### **TAP WATER**

All water consumed on Aruba comes from our desalination plant, one of the world's largest.

The water arriving on the tap in the room is the same as the one sold in supermarkets under the brand Dasani.

Drink it!

It is much better than most packaged brands of purified water.

### **SAFETY**

Aruba is the safest island in the Caribbean.

Locals are friendly, they will not try to sell you “stuff” nor will they bother you.

As everywhere else in the world there are limits that you should not cross, but globally you will probably be safer here than home.

We'll develop later specifically about beaches; however you must know that swimming at any beach on the Windward side of the island (East side) is prohibited, with the exception of Boca Grandi at the Southeast end of the island. Very dangerous rip currents close to the beach would take you away and feed you to the sharks.

Swimming on the West side of the island (Leeward) is totally safe as long as you don't go too far from the beach.

## **PAPIAMENTO**

Most Arubians speak 4 languages (English, Spanish, Dutch and Papiamento). Papiamento is a creole language shared with the inhabitants of Curacao and Bonaire.

The most useful words:

Bon Dia	Good morning
Bon Tardi	Good afternoon
Bon Nochi	Good night/evening
Danki	Thank you
Masha Danki	Thank you very much



## LOCAL TRANSPORT

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### BUS STOPS AND TIMETABLES

There is no convenient public transportation to/from the Marina

### TAXI

Taxi Centraal: +297 587 5900

### CAR RENTAL

Ask Judith to find you a great deal.

If you prefer to do it yourself, there are many car rental agencies at and around the airport.

Be aware that cars rented on-site at the airport support an additional 12% tax

## WHERE'S THE NEAREST?

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### AIRPORT

Guess what?

When in the Marina or Boatyard you should be able to see and most of all hear the planes: It is right behind the Marina :)

However, do not be afraid if you plan on spending nights here, there are almost no planes at night nor in the morning...

### BANK / ATM

The nearest ATM can be found at the gas station next to the airport.

You will be able to get USD dollars or the local currency Florins

BTW, USD are accepted anywhere on the island. Some providers may only accept cash. Coin change will usually be given to you in the local currency

### GAS / PETROL STATIONS

We have a fuel dock at the Marina dispensing diesel and gasoline as well.

It is forbidden to buy diesel/gas to fill in your boat while at our grounds.

### GROCERY STORE

"You Kang" Food Mart is the closest: <https://goo.gl/maps/5d58r2U8nFYq8e8Q6>

"Super Food" is the best large supermarket for serious food.

You will find there European and North American products, even

@RealCamembert cheese

<https://goo.gl/maps/XLQhwAZ4A9vHspVn9>

### HAIRDRESSER/NAILS/WAX

Studio 212 (Unisex: men and Women)

<https://www.facebook.com/studio212unisexhairandnails/>

WhatsApp: +297 5645256 (Spanish or English)

## LAUNDRY

Ask Judith at the Office for help.

## RESTAURANT

The nearest restaurant is the Fish House Bar & Grill on the Marina's grounds.

Ok it is our restaurant, but still it is one of your best choices on the island to get fresh fish at a reasonable price.

No worries they also have great hamburgers.

## RESTAURANTS/BEACHES/ACTIVITIES

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### RESTAURANTS

Again we recommend that you enjoy the great, cheap, food at the Fish House Bar & Grill located at the Marina.



Now, you may want to visit more than one restaurant during your stay.

So here are a few other suggestions:

MIDDLE RANGE:

BAVARIA – German restaurant. (+297 586 8550)

<https://g.page/bavariarestaurantaruba?share>

A real German experience. All products are shipped from Germany.

Very friendly place, excellent food, cheap German beer (the real deal)

THE WEST DECK - <https://goo.gl/maps/5xNmEUJPm2McWBE26>

Great food, similar to the Fish House, 30% more expensive.

Wonderful location, overlooking Surfside beach at the entrance to Oranjestad.

HIGH END:

Barefoot - <https://goo.gl/maps/NA4rDQbozeCa3C7R8>

Excellent food. Pricey.

Make a reservation and ask for a table on the beach (+297 588 9824)

Flying FishBone - <https://goo.gl/maps/TCCd3SAvobtEUJ2Z7>

Same as above (+297 584 2506)



## BEACHES

We're a small island but we have very different beaches.

From the huge ones with kilometres of white sand to secluded little ones.

### 1) PALM BEACH

Long, very safe beach located on the Northwest coast. But lined with hotels. You can still access the water as all beaches in Aruba are public, but it will be difficult to find shade to relax.

### 2) EAGLE BEACH

Same as Palm Beach but with very few hotels... and lots of shade. We recommend the spot next to Coco Loco bar where you can park your car for free next to the beach. <https://goo.gl/maps/7cBK6ffpapCXVfrE8>

### 3) ARASHI BEACH

Small, beautiful, beach at the far end of the island.

Great snorkelling spot.

Don't get there late as space is limited.

### 4) BABY BEACH

Unique beach in Aruba with its half moon shape of sand.

Best snorkelling spot on the canal south to the beach.

### 5) DOS PLAYA

This beach is within the Arikok National Park and easily accessible with a rental car. This is the beach to go if you want to enjoy being alone on the sand. As the name says, there are two beaches. Walk to the 2<sup>nd</sup> one to enjoy almost total privacy.

Be aware: swimming is forbidden at Dos Playa as well as all the beaches on the wild east coast due to strong rip currents. Stay safe. Get in the water to be sprayed by the waves but DO NOT try and swim.

### 6) MANGEL ALTO

The only mangrove beach in Aruba, Mangel Alto is located South of the Marina, past the desalination plant. Very shallow and safe, there are often many little fish swimming in and out of the mangrove.

## ACTIVITIES

### Snorkeling:

We have some great spots in Aruba that are easy to reach from the beach.

You can also find tours taking you at sea on wrecks.

Arashi/Boca Catalina:

Located at the Northwest end of the island, the beaches of Arashi/Boca Catalina offer some great, easy, secure spots to snorkel.

Baby Beach:

Our preferred spot. Lots of fish there, very safe to snorkel in a canal where you can stand almost all along in case you need it.



### Diving:

#### Shared boat:

Jads Diving - +297 584 6070 boat starts from the Marina

Pure Diving - +297 561 1607 they are located 300m from the GuestHouse

## Hiking:

Easy walk on a trail in Arikok National Park.

Great to discover local fauna and flora.

Look for our Eagles or the lovely Troupial bird.

<https://goo.gl/maps/JBJiuTdYyCe34CPf6>



## Pink flamingos:

Ok, you need to know that there are no native flamingos in Aruba. They are imported from Bonaire and kept here against their will.

Now, thanks to a fantastic marketing you will want to go to Renaissance island and pay more than a hundred dollars to see them and take selfies.

Well, there is a much better alternative:

de Palm Island - <https://goo.gl/maps/3sSshAk7zrB8FcNNA>

Cheaper, open bar and meals... and plenty of fun activities. And flamingos!

### **ATVs/TOURS**

There are so many opportunities we will leave it to you to make your choice.

If you have no rental car, check that they will pick you up at the Marina Office –  
Bucutiweg 34, Oranjestad.

# ENJOY YOUR STAY WITH US