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Destination Aruba wedding guide







Masha Pabien!

That's the Aruba way of saying congratulations on your wonderful engagement.

Thank you for considering our island and resort as your starting place of your new life as a married couple. We recognize how important this moment is to you.

Very few places on earth offer as many outstanding attributes as Aruba. From the consistently perfect weather to the authentic island hospitality exhibited by our team, you will find paradise on the island of Aruba. Easily accessible, universally respected and refreshingly delightful, you will see why we call Aruba *One Happy Island*.

The *A to Z Guide* has been assembled to assist our couples as they plan their destination wedding.

As always, our team of professional events managers are here to provide guidance throughout the process. We invite you to call or email at any time.

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À LA CARTE WEDDINGS

We list our most popular services, you select the ones you want, and we will quote accordingly.

ABOUT ARUBA

Easily accessible by air and sea, Aruba is an island with unique Latin flavor and European charm. Located outside of the hurricane belt, the island offers a steady climate with limited annual rainfall. Known as One Happy Island, Aruba features sun-kissed beaches, a safe environment, and world-class shopping and dining.

ACTIVITIES

Aruba's optimal weather makes it the perfect island for year round golf, tennis, yoga, hiking, meditation, wind surfing, biking, kayaking, paddle boarding, and so much more. Your guests have the advantage of being able to set sail on a sunset cruise or other water excursion straight from the resort pier.

AISLE RUNNERS

When planning your ceremony on the beach, you have a natural aisle runner of silky white sand or you may rent a cream colored runner for an additional fee.

ARCHES

Through our partners, there are several wedding arches available. Designs range from iron and fresh flowers to bamboo with sheer drapes.

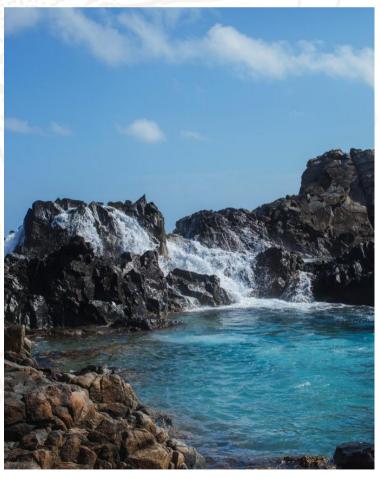
The florist will provide options that complement the theme you choose. *Pricing varies.*

AUDIO VISUAL EFFECTS

Add dimension to your wedding with audio visuals. We include the microphones and speakers.

Upon request our island partners will provide you with more state-of-the-art AV and lighting options.

Pricing varies.



ARIKOK NATIONAL PARK FEATURES THE NATURAL POOL, AN IDEAL WAY TO SPEND A DAY ON THE ISLAND

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BABYSITTERS

Experienced sitters are available to hire for three or more hours. Arrangements must be finalized a minimum of one month prior to arrival. Fees are \$17.00 per hour for one child. Add \$3.00 more per hour per each additional child. *Pricing varies during the holidays.*

BAND

Enliven your wedding with one of our talented local bands or musicians. A preferred list may be provided by your event manager.

BAR & BEVERAGES

For a full bar setting, select our Premium or Super Premium package. Pricing is based on the number of guests per hour. Beverage on consumption is also available.

BIRTH CERTIFICATES

If you are choosing a City Hall civil ceremony, you will be required to provide your birth certificates with apostille (state certification). To learn more, please visit aruba.com

BREAKFAST

Celebrate with friends and family with a post nuptial breakfast. If this is something you wish to explore, please ask your Wedding Specialist for further information.





CAKE

With your vision as their guide, the culinary team will create a beautiful wedding cake filled with fruit, decadent chocolate, silky butter cream, or red velvet. Standard cake pricing begins at \$13.50 per person. For weddings of 30 or fewer guests, the price is \$400.

CEREMONY

Legally binding religious and non-religious blessings are available, on property, on the beach, or at sea. Beach blessings are the most popular wedding on the island. Aruba does have a requirement that couples be married prior to a beach blessing. A copy of the marriage certificate will be required before the ceremony.

CHAIRS

Chairs can be as dramatic as any other décor. The hotel offers two types of chairs. Simple white chairs are included up to the hotel inventory. Upgrade to Gold Chiavari chairs for \$15 per chair. Additional options are available through our preferred partners. *Pricing varies*.

CHILDREN

For your guests with children, there are several kidfriendly activities available.

Camp Hyatt is a fun interactive experience available for full or half days. Activities include swimming, Papiamento lessons, cooking, and more.

Availability is limited, please book in advance.

Our culinary team has also designed menus for children ages 12 and younger for all of our outlets and your wedding menu.

CIVIL MARRIAGE

Civil marriages are held at City Hall, by appointment.

These may be scheduled for late morning or early afternoon Monday through Friday. Saturdays are also possible in the late morning, for an additional surcharge. If you get married prior to your arrival, please bring a copy of your marriage license or certificate with you.

COORDINATOR

Your Wedding Specialist is your resort point of contact and will share with you a detailed schedule for your wedding day. The Wedding Specialist is also responsible for managing room blocks, connecting you with key vendors, and regularly meeting with you to review and plan each stage of the wedding process.



ASK TO SPEAK WITH OUR PASTRY CHEF ABOUT CAKE
DESIGN AND OPTIONS



DANCE FLOORS

When planning your wedding, remember to include family member dances as well as your first dance as a married couple. Dance floor upgrades are available at an additional fee through an outside vendor.

DAY WEAR

Plan ahead for what you will be doing during your visit. Swimsuits, coverups, flip-flops, and sandals are all appropriate for a day at the pool or the beach. Aqua socks/water shoes should be packed if you plan on touring rockier locations. Sturdy walking shoes, sneakers, caps, and shirts with sleeves are best for off-road excursions. Casual resort wear is suitable for sightseeing in town and wedding rehearsals.

DÉCOR

The Wedding Specialist will review a custom wedding checklist with you. Based on your plan, the Specialist will connect you with our preferred partners who will help you to bring your vision to life. Communication with your vendor and Wedding Specialist will be key in the process in case you need to bring, or ship, items.

DEPOSIT

Your 25% deposit includes a food and beverage minimum and non-refundable event rental fee that is due with a signed contract. The deposit will be applied to your food and beverage charges on the contractual date of the event.

DJ

If you would like to have a DJ at you reception, your Wedding Specialist will connect you with our preferred partners to assist you with making a selection based on your favorite types of music and/or songs.



DRESSING & GARMENTS

DRESS

We recommend that you bring your dress in a carry-on garment bag, and hang it upon arrival.

DRESS CODE

Your guests will be most comfortable in casual resort attire featuring light fabrics.

Heels are not recommended as most weddings are on the beach.

A light jacket or sweater may be preferred for evening activities in air-conditioned restaurants and casinos.

DRESS STEAMING

If you are in need of steaming or dry cleaning services, your Wedding Specialist will provide you with a list of local businesses. Please consult your apparel professional for advice about the best way to transport, manage and clean the dress.

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EVENT SPACE RENTAL

Our beach rental and other spaces are the perfect locations for a beautiful wedding. Rental fees are determined based on your venue selection and day of the week.

FAVORS

If you would like to give wedding favors, we recommend you purchase the gifts in advance and bring them with you to Aruba. You may also choose to ship your gifts in advance. Please see "shipping" for steps you will need to take when mailing items to the island.

FEES

The following fees are applicable to our prices: set up, bartender, service charges, taxes, and chef. *Prices are subject to change without prior notice*.

FLORIST

When choosing the à la carte package, please send our preferred partner a picture of the flower arrangement you desire and they will work directly with the florist.

Please note, flower arrangements need to be ordered at least one month in advance, as everything needs to be shipped to the island. Seasonality also plays a role, as not all flowers can be shipped to Aruba.

GIFT BAGS

Whether you bring your gifts, or arrange for something to be prepared here, your Wedding Specialist can help you surprise and delight your guests. For in-house deliveries of gift bags, the cost is \$3.72 per guestroom delivered. A letter/note may be slipped under the door of a guestroom at a cost of \$1.06 per room.

GUARANTEES

In arranging for private functions, the final attendance and menu choices must be received by the Events Office a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the event.

This number will be considered a guarantee, not subject to reduction. Charges will be made accordingly.



TO ENSURE YOU GET WHAT YOU WANT, YOUR ROMANCE PLANNER WILL CONNECT YOU WITH YOUR FLORIST

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HAIR

The professional salon stylists at ZoiA Spa have years of experience in styling hair for every member of the wedding party. The spa is available to visit or you may request the stylists visit your room. For more information, please visit their website.

HYDRAFACIAL®

ZoiA Spa is the only certified HydraFacial® spa on the island. For you, or your guests who want a burst of hydration, this is a preferred facial for many of our wedding parties. Please visit ZoiA Spa to learn more or to make an appointment.



ZOIA SPA AND SALON OFFERS HAIR, MAKEUP, AND NAIL SERVICES FOR YOUR BIG DAY'

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INSURANCE

For any activity introduced onto the premises by an outside contractor, hired by the wedding party, the couple will be fully responsible for the actions of such contractor. Upon request, a certificate of insurance covering the actions of such outside contractor is to be provided. The certificate will name the Hotel Owner and Hyatt Corporation as additional insured's with regard to the activities of such outside contractor.

MAKEUP

A trained cosmetician from ZoiA Spa may be arranged for makeup for the bride and the wedding party. For details, please visit ZoiA Spa or email zoia.spa@hyatt.com

MENUS

Your Wedding Specialist will present to you our menu options.

The resort also has a chef who specializes in menu and meal preparation for guests with allergies.

MUSIC

Set the mood on your wedding day with the perfect selection of music and entertainment. Quotations for artists such as soloists, steel bands, classical musicians, jazz bands, violinists and others are available upon request.

For entertainment ideas, our preferred partner will discuss options and provide quotes on the prices for services.

OFFICIANT

Pursuant to a civil marriage, an officiant for a religious or non-denominational ceremony may be arranged through the resort, or by the couple. For more information, please visit the official tourism website.



ALFRESCO LOBBY BAR IS A GREAT LOCATION TO GATHER FOR A CASUAL MEET & GREET



PASSPORT

Be sure to bring a valid passport with you to Aruba. If you hail from a visa required country, you must have a valid visa sticker in your passport. (United States, and countries of Western Europe, do not need a visa).

PAYMENT

We accept all major credit cards. Estimated charges will be placed on the credit card provided. Advance money wire is also an option Please let us know your preferred method of payment and we will provide you with instructions.

Final payment must be made by credit card or wire transfer. The estimated charges for this event are due 30 days prior to arrival. For wire payments, the instructions we provide will include the ABA Routing information.

PLANE TICKETS

You must have a round trip ticket including a valid return or onward ticket. Be sure to bring all necessary documents with you.

Upon arrival to Aruba you will be asked to hand in an entry document which will be made available on your flight. As a courtesy to your guests, you may want to tell them to make sure they carry a pen to complete the cards.



PHOTOGRAPHER

Capture every beautiful moment of your wedding with the help of a talented wedding photographer or videographer. Our preferred partner will provide you with a list of professionals. These local experts will then give you their business quotes and availability.

POLICIES & PROCEDURES

A statement of policies and procedures will serve as a written guide of what to expect for your island wedding. This document will be sent with your contract and both will need to be signed and returned with your initial deposit.

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RATE

Your Wedding Specialist is happy to assist with arranging guestroom needs. A minimum of 10 rooms per night for four nights is a requirement of all beach weddings and related events taking place at the resort. As a courtesy, discounts from the hotel's prevailing rates will be extended based on availability. Room Rates are quoted exclusive of applicable resort charge, taxes and environmental & AHATA levy, subject to change without notice. A contractual agreement will be required. Additional rooms or room nights beyond the agreed upon contract will be extended based on the hotel's prevailing rate.

REHEARSAL DINNER

This is a function that is very popular with our couples as a way to thank family and friends for being such an important part of your special celebration. Please speak with your Wedding Specialist for resort venues.

ROOMS

Hyatt Regency Aruba features 359 resort-facing guestrooms with 16 suites. and 27 premium rooms. If you block 10 rooms per night, included in the room block is an upgrade to a premium room type for the wedding couple for up to four (4) nights. This is providing that the base room rate is paid. Additional premium room types may be available for your guests at prevailing rates. There is a limit of four (4) persons per room.

SERVICE CHARGES

Service charges and applicable taxes that are in effect at the time of the event shall be added to all food and beverage charges. All service charges will be posted to the Master Account. Taxes are included in the food and beverage price. All service charges are an additional 25%.

SETUP FEES

There is a fixed setup fee of \$13.50 per guest per function location. The setup fees include the preparation of the location for the event in accordance to your instructions.

SHIPPING, HANDLING & STORAGE

All items shipped should be listed on a letter addressed to the head of Customs. Plan to ship your items at least 6 weeks prior to the event.

A storage fee may be applicable depending upon the quantity of items and length of time stored.

SPA

Please see "Z" for ZoiA Spa.

SUNSET

In summer, the sun sets approximately 6:45 to 7:10 p.m. and 6:15 to 6:30 p.m. in the winter. For the best photos, we recommend starting your sunset ceremony 30 minutes early.



EASILY TRANSITION FROM WEDDING TO RECEPTION ALL IN ONE MAGNIFICENT LOCATION

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TABLE LINENS

White and ivory linens are included in our wedding setup fees. Your Wedding Specialist will connect you with vendors who will best fit your wedding plans and budget.

TASTINGS

If you would like to arrange for a tasting, please provide us with your choice of one appetizer and two entrées at least three weeks prior to your visit. Our wedding cakes are made to order. A sample of our Pastry Chef's work will be provided on the day of your tasting. The cake may be different than your wedding cake.

TRANSPORTATION

Taxis to and from the airport are approximately \$35.00 per person, each way. It is possible to rent a car at the airport, or book a group service, with an island transportation company.

UMBRELLAS, PALAPAS & WELLNESS ACTIVITIES

Aerial yoga, mixology classes, meditation, tennis clinics and more are all complementary and available by reservation to guests at Hyatt Regency Aruba Resort Spa and Casino. To learn more about these complementary services or to reserve a pool umbrella or beach palapa prior to arrival, please visit our online site: Hyatt Beach Services.



TRANKILO, OUR NEW ADULTS-ONLY POOL IS A GREAT PLACE TO RELAX AND ENJOY A CABANA



VENUES

Though a beach sunset ceremony is by far the most popular, we are happy to explore other resort options. We have many scenic spots for those who want a unique ceremony off the beaten path.

WEBSITE LINK

Once you have signed your guest room block contract, and your room block, and venues have been secured, we will send you a web link. This link and user names or passwords provided are confidential and are to be used by guests for booking their rooms.

Reservations may be made, modified, or cancelled by attendees via the link.

WEDDING CHECKLIST

Plan the perfect celebration with our wedding checklist. Use the wedding planning checklist to help you plan and execute a stress-free event that you and your attendees will never forget.

WORLD OF HYATT

World of Hyatt is a great tool for you and your guests.

Members earn points for stays and dining at Hyatt properties.

Points may be redeemed for free nights, upgrades, massages and more.

Members also receive notice of exclusive offers, and enjoy the convenience of the World of Hyatt app which provides access your digital key, customer service, and allows guests to share stay preferences.

Please visit World of Hyatt to learn more about the program benefits.



THE BEACH IS EASILY OUR MOST POPULAR VENUE





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ARUBA RESORT SPA & CASINO