

Exploring Aruba's Natural Wonders:

A Journey Through Paradise

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Aruba's coastline is, undoubtedly, one of a kind: white, almost pearlescent sand, deep turquoise waters, and a gentle breeze caressing your face. But beyond those idyllic locations, the island offers nature in its nearly untamed state, which contributes to its status as one of the most acclaimed destinations in the Caribbean Sea. From impressive natural pools to caves adorned with paintings made by the Arawaks hundreds of years ago, here are some of the top natural wonders of Happy Island.





1. CONCHI NATURAL POOLS

A thrilling adventure awaits for those who dare to visit the Conchi Natural Pools. The excitement begins when planning the journey, as it is important to choose between a 4x4 vehicle or a daring hike (best suited for the most off-road-savvy). The path might be a bit bumpy, but the contrast between the wild waves with the calm waters of these pools makes the ride well worth it.

- **Location:** Cactus Paradero, Arikok National Park.
- **Highlights:** A remote, uncrowded location and scenic hiking trails.

2. AYO ROCK FORMATIONS

Around 18% of Aruba's land is part of a national park, so it's no surprise that the Ayo Rock Formations are also located within Arikok. As the name suggests, these are a collection of monoliths set amidst an arid landscape dotted with cacti of various sizes.

This place is steeped in history, as it was once considered a sacred site. In addition, locals believe that their ancestors used it as a lookout point to spot approaching storms. For those who can't get enough of this natural scenery, a 50-minute walk will take them to the Casibari Rock Formations, which feature tonalite boulders, as well as free Wi-Fi and other services.

- **Location:** Arikok National Park, around 2 miles from Ayo village.
- **Highlights:** sacred and historic value, cercano a las Casibari Rock Formations





3. FONTEIN CAVE

Apart from its impressive natural rock columns, the hand-made art that adorns the walls of the Fontin Cave is one of its main highlights. Their reddish silhouettes stand out against the light color of the rock and show the marks left by the past in these lands.

- **Location:** Northern Loop, Arikok National Park.
- **Highlights:** Mysterious and cryptic ambiance, drawings made by Amerindians

4. QUADIRIKIRI CAVE

Last but not least, this cave is also part of the 4,000-hectare Arikok National Park. It consists of three domes filled with impressive sticks of stalagmites and stalactites, which are connected to each other by natural passages. It is advisable to bring a light source (like your cell phone flashlight) to better appreciate the cave. Just be careful, as you might wake up a bat or two!

- **Location:** Arikok National Park, near route 7.
- **Highlights:** natural light openings that illuminate its chambers, perfect for exploring and capturing unique photos.



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in person?**

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