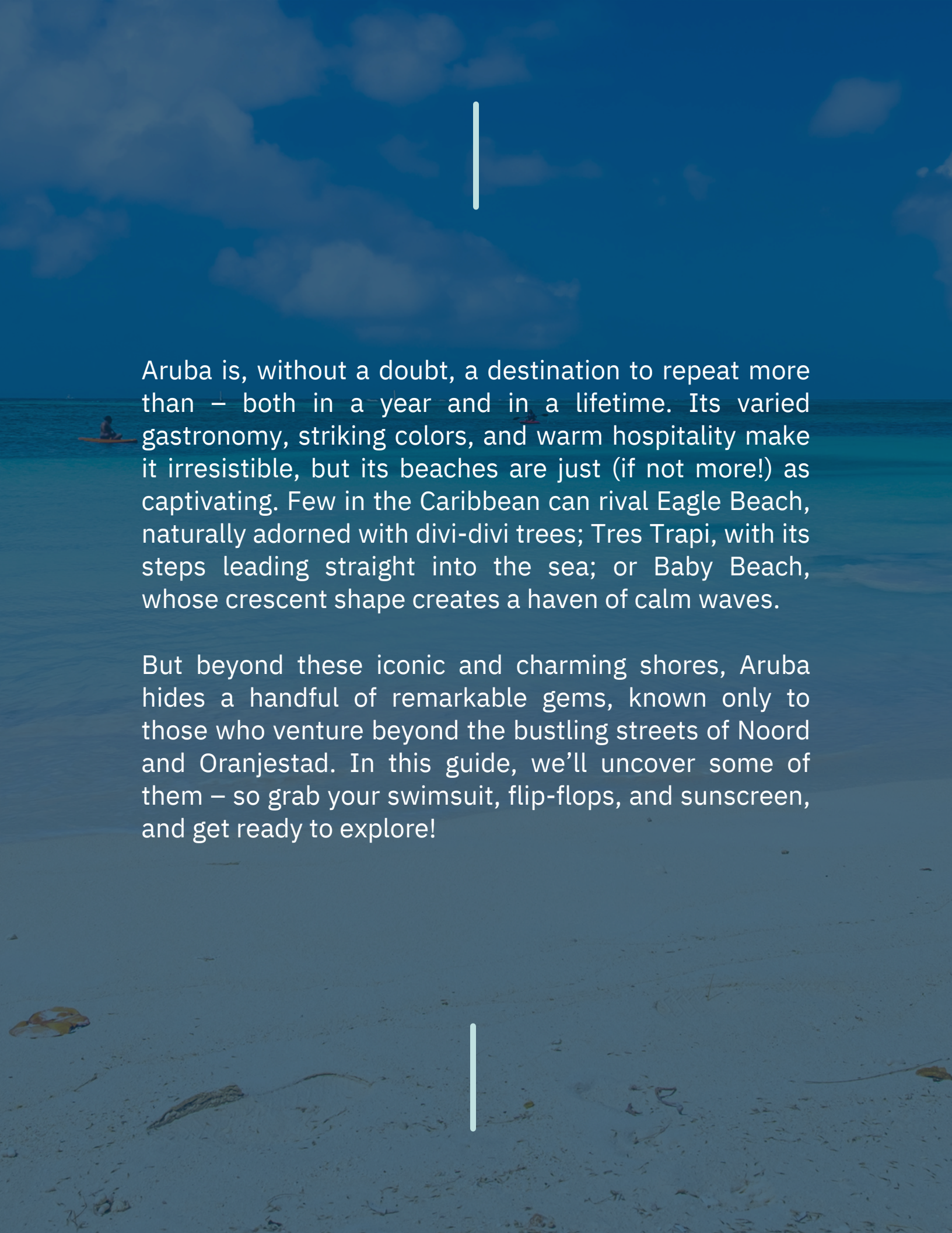


Best beaches in Aruba:

The hidden gems edition



A person is seen from behind, riding a surfboard on the ocean. The sky is a deep blue with scattered white clouds. The water is a lighter blue, and the beach is visible in the foreground.

Aruba is, without a doubt, a destination to repeat more than – both in a year and in a lifetime. Its varied gastronomy, striking colors, and warm hospitality make it irresistible, but its beaches are just (if not more!) as captivating. Few in the Caribbean can rival Eagle Beach, naturally adorned with divi-divi trees; Tres Trapi, with its steps leading straight into the sea; or Baby Beach, whose crescent shape creates a haven of calm waves.

But beyond these iconic and charming shores, Aruba hides a handful of remarkable gems, known only to those who venture beyond the bustling streets of Noord and Oranjestad. In this guide, we'll uncover some of them – so grab your swimsuit, flip-flops, and sunscreen, and get ready to explore!

Aruba's untamed beaches: Ocean Z's top three

From untamed waves to winds at the perfect speed for an adrenaline-fueled water sport experience, these off-the-beaten path alternatives are ideal for adventurous spirits.



WARIRURI BEACH:

Located within the vast landscape of Arikok National Park, Wariruri Beach is a must-see. Its main feature is a natural stone bridge, which can be explored from below or crossed from above by the boldest. Each path offers a unique perspective of this pristine bay, as well as views of the surfers and fishermen who frequent it.

- **Best for:** Experienced surfers and sport fishing enthusiasts (note that it's not suitable for swimming or snorkeling).
- **How to visit:** Accessible by 4x4 vehicles or guided horseback riding tours.
- **Facilities:** None.

Location: Arikok National Park.

SHARK BAY:

A little further south, we find Shark Bay. Thanks to the strong winds that hit Aruba's east coast, it offers an excellent opportunity to refine the skills on the board and practice take offs, aerials, and snaps. For those not keen on surfing, the sandy coast provides a peaceful spot to admire the landscape and enjoy the sounds of nature.

- **Best for:** Experienced surfers and body boarders.
- **How to visit:** Accessible by 4x4 vehicles and hiking.
- **Facilities:** None. However, visitors can access the services at the old Natural Bridge parking area.

Location: Arikok National Park, between the old Natural Bridge and Andicuri Beach.

GRAPEFIELD BEACH:

Looking for something a little more tranquil? The answer is Grapefield Beach, named after a plant that once thrived in this area. Located in San Nicolas, the shoreline offers calmer waters, outstanding for a refreshing dip after a tanning session. Offshore, the wind creates ideal conditions for kitesurfing and windsurfing. While there are no accommodations nearby, a few wooden shacks provide a place to relax in the shade or enjoy a picnic with friends.

- **Best for:** Kite, windsurfing, and hiking.
- **How to visit:** Accessible by regular and utility vehicles, and hiking.
- **Facilities:** Wooden cabins.

Location: Juana Morto neighborhood, San Nicolás.

Aruba's untamed beaches: A rapid-fire tour

Cannot get enough of these hidden gems? Neither can we, so here are a few more options to continue exploring the lesser-known, yet equally beautiful, side of the Caribbean's One Happy Island. Just keep in mind that, being on the east, they are best for visiting, taking photos and hiking.



WESTPUNT BEACH

Golden dunes, giant rocks and water in varying shades of blue. Doesn't the landscape of this northern beach sound like a dream? Travelers recommend it for its sunrises and nearby lighthouse.

BLACKSTONE BEACH

As its name suggests, this spot is famous for the color of its stones. In addition to being a great subject for capturing the island's nature through your lens, they produce a symphony-like sound when they are carried by the waves.



RODGERS BEACH

Often overlooked in favor of more popular neighborhoods, San Nicolás has some of the quietest beaches in Aruba. Rodgers Beach, in particular, stands out for its calm current, perfect for wading as often as you like.





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