

An aerial photograph of a man and a woman standing in a shallow, circular natural rock pool. The pool is surrounded by light-colored, porous rock formations. The water in the pool is a milky, greyish-blue color, while the water outside the pool is a clear, vibrant turquoise. The man is wearing yellow swim trunks and the woman is wearing a yellow and blue bikini. They are standing close together, looking down at the water. The overall scene is serene and suggests a hidden natural gem in a tropical location.

Know the island like an Aruba local

Uncover Aruba's Best-Kept
Secrets with Local Wisdom and
Recommendations



After reading our tips on how to navigate the island like you lived here, you'll be like an Aruba local in the blink of an eye.

You must have a special place in your heart for outdoor activities. Be ready to embrace the island's natural beauty and engage in popular local pursuits:

Rent a bike and explore the coastline.



Join a game of beach volleyball.



Hiking in Arikok National Park.



Participate in a few water sports.

You can go for serene ones like **snorkeling** or more adrenaline pumping ones, like **parasailing**.



You must know how to navigate shopping like a local too.

One of the top locations on the island is *the Aruba local market*.

The Palm Beach Plaza Farmers Market and *the Aruba Aloe Museum and Factory* are great places to find local produce, handmade crafts, souvenirs, and traditional skincare products.



Head to *Oranjestad* if you're looking for retail shops, malls, restaurants, or entertainment venues.

Here are a couple of its hidden nooks and crannies:

- **Wilhelmina Park**
- **Surfside Beach**
- **Plaza Daniel Leo**
- **National Archaeological Museum Aruba**
- **Oranjestad's Street Art**

San Nicolas is another important spot on the island. It's the second-largest city, known for its vibrant street art scene and cultural events.



Know the flavors of Aruba by submerging yourself in local cuisine.

Many local eateries serve the island's traditional dishes such as keshi yena, pastechi, and mahi-mahi.

You must also know where to find international cuisine for the times when you feel like having a more familiar dish.

For those times, you can visit **Ocean Z Restaurant**.



Keep an eye out for cultural events and festivals happening during your visit.

Some events that you can try to attend are:

- **The Carnival**
- **The Dande Festival**
- **Aruba International Film Festival**
- **Dera Gai Celebration**
- **New Years's Plunge**



Interact with the island's friendly people to truly get a deeper understanding of the island's way of life.

Locals appreciate visitors who make an effort to learn a few basic phrases. This will help you connect with locals and enhance your overall experience.

A few phrases you can use during your visit:

- **Bon bini! = Welcome**
- **Danki = Thank you**
- **Con ta bai? = How are you?**
- **Pasa un bon dia = Have a good day**
- **Dushi = Delicious/good looking**
- **Mi no ta kompronde = I don't understand**



With this guide and our blog, you're ready to explore Aruba like a local with our activity guide, immersing yourself in authentic island life.

But to truly maximize your experience, book your stay at Ocean Z Boutique Hotel.

From here, you'll not only have access to the wonders of the island but also to the comfort and luxury that make every moment unforgettable.

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