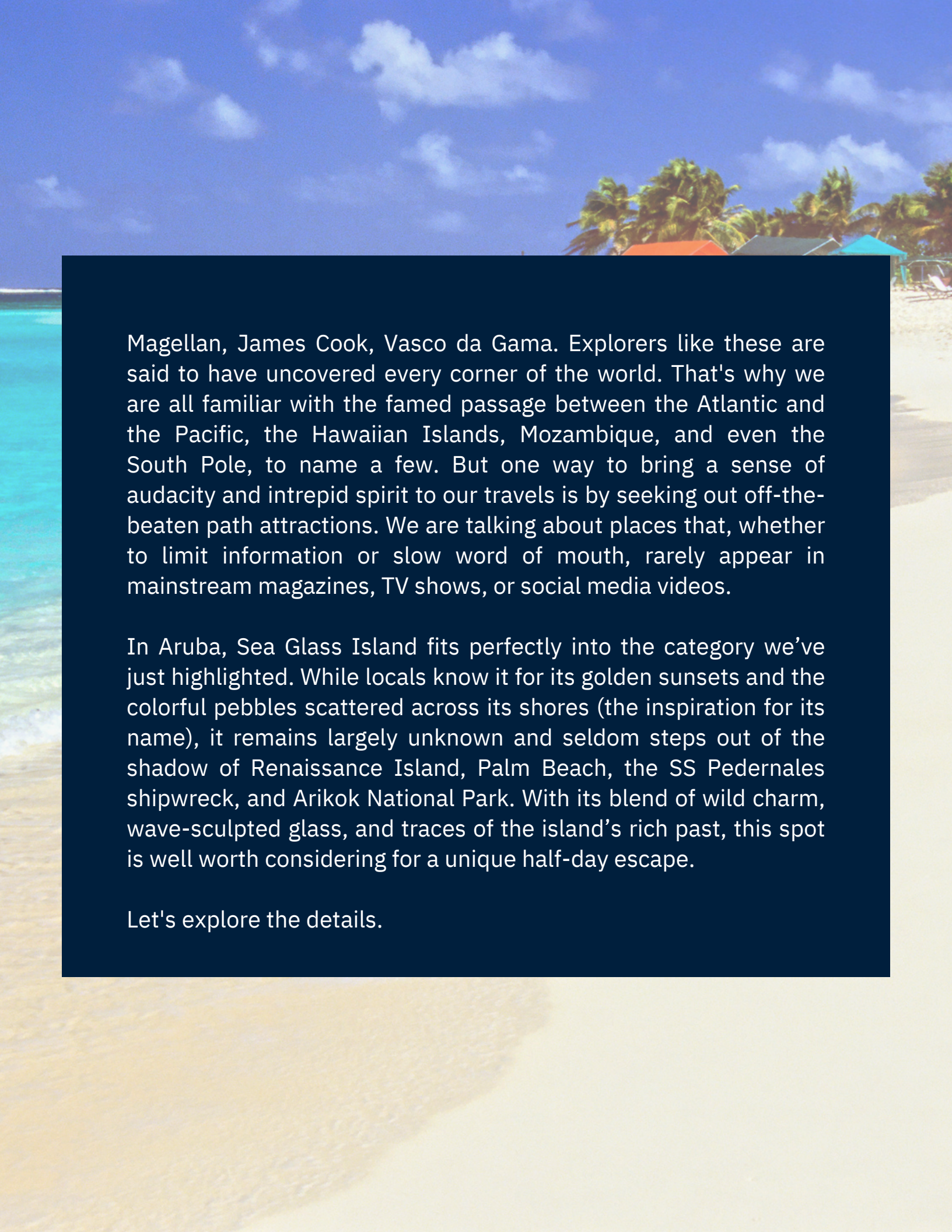


Sea Glass Island in Aruba:

A comprehensive guide with visitor tips

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Magellan, James Cook, Vasco da Gama. Explorers like these are said to have uncovered every corner of the world. That's why we are all familiar with the famed passage between the Atlantic and the Pacific, the Hawaiian Islands, Mozambique, and even the South Pole, to name a few. But one way to bring a sense of audacity and intrepid spirit to our travels is by seeking out off-the-beaten path attractions. We are talking about places that, whether to limit information or slow word of mouth, rarely appear in mainstream magazines, TV shows, or social media videos.

In Aruba, Sea Glass Island fits perfectly into the category we've just highlighted. While locals know it for its golden sunsets and the colorful pebbles scattered across its shores (the inspiration for its name), it remains largely unknown and seldom steps out of the shadow of Renaissance Island, Palm Beach, the SS Pedernales shipwreck, and Arikok National Park. With its blend of wild charm, wave-sculpted glass, and traces of the island's rich past, this spot is well worth considering for a unique half-day escape.

Let's explore the details.

SEA GLASS ISLAND AT A GLANCE

- **Location:** Southwest Aruba, between Santo Largo Beach and the Korps Mariniers naval base. Approximately 500 feet (152 meters) from De Bruynewijk neighborhood in Savaneta.

What makes it special:

- **Abundance of sea glass:** Naturally polished fragments, mostly green, brown, blue and clear, shaped over time by sand, salt and the waves.
- **Untouched beauty:** A raw, rugged scenery that contrasts with the polished luxury and vibrant energy of Aruba's northern tip.

- **Recommended time to visit:** On sunny days, ideally with a low chance of rain and steady winds.

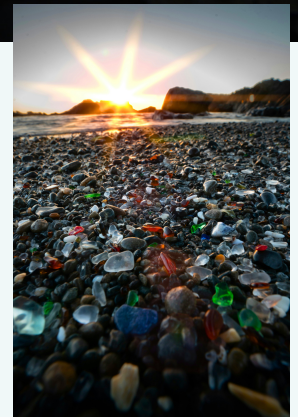
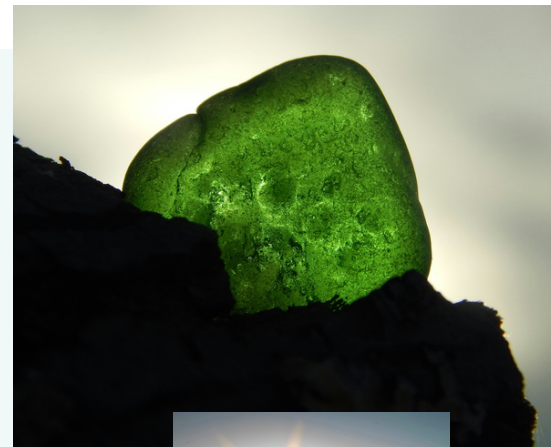
What to bring: Since there are no shops, restrooms, or restaurants on Sea Glass Island, we recommend bringing the following:

- Comfortable walking shoes.
- Plenty of water and high-SPF sunscreen.
- A camera or smartphone to take advantage of photo ops (preferably with a waterproof case).
- A small bag to gather your best findings.

HOW TO VISIT SEA GLASS ISLAND

Good things come to those who wait, and Sea Glass Island is no exception. Given the limited information about this hidden gem, it can be challenging for casual travelers to find a safe and enjoyable way to reach it. **Fortunately, we've found two options, each with its own set of advantages:**

- **By boat:** This is the perfect choice for those looking to unwind during their vacation. You can opt for a pre-arranged tour with Aruba Bob Snorkeling & Scuba, which offers a **\$60 package** that also includes a snorkeling session at the nearby Isla de Oro. For a more upscale experience, consider contacting **The Tranquilo** for a bespoke outing, starting at \$225.
- **By kayak:** Consider yourself and adventurous spirits at heart? We are sure kayaking will always be a thrilling and accessible idea... Even if you are a beginner. This is undoubtedly the most popular way to head over to the island, with the journey taking between 10 to 15 minutes. In this case, there are well-reviewed alternatives on **Viator** and **TripAdvisor**, and companies like **One Happy Kayak**.



FROM LONG-LOST THINGS TO FROSTED KEEPSAKES

Some legends say sea glass comes from the tears of mermaids mourning sailors who lost their lives to the ocean's fury. Others believe they're gifts shaped by the sea gods, symbols of something divine. A more practical view holds that they're simply fragments of discarded objects or shipwrecks (and Aruba has no shortage of those). Whether you choose to indulge in the myths under the stars or stick to the mundane, each piece is a one-of-a-kind souvenir.

With that in mind, it's worth noting that the pebbles found here do originate from man-made items like houseware and beer bottles, naturally shaped over at least two decades. Unlike sand and seashells, which are protected by Aruban regulations, sea glass can be taken home freely. In fact, most tours revolve around this treasure-hunting activity. Just be mindful: take only a few pieces you truly fall in love with, so others can enjoy the magic of this place too.



A STAY AS SPECIAL AS ITS SURROUNDINGS

Ocean Z is a five-star boutique hotel that has delivered first-class service since opening in 2019. With just 13 suites, its plush beds and serene ocean views invite the kind of deep relaxation sought after during a romantic weekend getaway or a two-week solo retreat. Located in Noord, about 35 minutes from Savaneta, the hotel also boasts a bar with signature cocktails, a terrace and a pool perfect for sunbathing and basking in Aruba's orange sunsets, plus an international-style restaurant praised by outlets like Forbes.



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