



## Country Profile: Aruba

Aruba is an autonomous part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. Tourist facilities are widely available. Read the Department of State [Background Notes](#) on Aruba for additional information.

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### COUNTRY OVERVIEW



<b>Country Name:</b>	Aruba
<b>Continent:</b>	Caribbean
<b>Capital City:</b>	Oranjestad
<b>Boundary Countries:</b>	
<b>Recommended Hospitals in Capital:</b>	Dr. Horacio E. Oduber Hospital (Oranjestad)
<b>Main Cities:</b>	Oranjestad, Barcadera, Noord, Santa Cruz, Sint Nicolaas, Sabaneta, Ceru Colorado
<b>Country Size:</b>	193 sq km
<b>Population:</b>	100,018

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### COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

<b>Language:</b>	Papiamentu (a Spanish-Portuguese-Dutch-English dialect) 66.3%, Spanish 12.6%, English (widely spoken) 7.7%, Dutch (official) 5.8%, other 2.2%, unspecified or unknown 5.3%
<b>Currency:</b>	Aruban guilder/florin (AWG)
<b>Predominant Religions:</b>	Roman Catholic 82%, Protestant 8%, other (includes Hindu, Muslim, Confucian, Jewish) 10%
<b>National Holidays:</b>	Flag Day, 18 March (1976)
<b>Economic Status:</b>	Tourism is the mainstay of the small, open Aruban economy, with offshore banking and oil refining and storage also important. The rapid growth of the tourism sector over the last decade has resulted in a substantial expansion of other activities.
<b>Security:</b>	No regular indigenous military forces; Royal Netherlands Navy and Marines, Coast Guard.
<b>US Presence:</b>	The US does not have an embassy in Aruba; the Consul General to Netherlands Antilles is accredited to Aruba.
<b>Major Airports:</b>	Aruba Airport, Aruba, Aruba Airport Authority, Aeropuerto Internacional Reina Beatrix, Wayaca z/n, Oranjestad, ARUBA Tel: +297 524-2424, +297 582-4800 Fax: +297 583-4229 Email: <a href="mailto:airportaruba@setarnet.aw">airportaruba@setarnet.aw</a> Website: <a href="http://www.airportaruba.com">www.airportaruba.com</a> Telex: (3) 5089 AIA AW

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