



VILLA GUIDE

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HELLO & WELCOME



We do hope you will enjoy Hummingbird Villa,
Coral Estate and Curacao.

YOUR PROPERTY MANAGER IS BRIGITTE.

PHONE (+599) 9519 4884.

WHATSAPP (+599) 9519 4884

EMAIL brigitte@curacao-exclusivevillas.com

Feel free to contact Brigitte for any questions or recommendations, island tours, scuba and snorkel diving, fishing trips, 'Klein Curacao' island tours, 'Substation' submarine tours, extra services, anything! Services are arranged without added costs and are purely for your convenience.

INTERNET WIFI

Hummingbird Villa 1045
Password: Humm1ngB1rd!

HOUSE PHONE (+599) 9869 8752

SECURITY CORAL ESTATE

(+599) 9864 9569 / 9515 0733

AMBULANCE 912

HOSPITAL ST. ELIZABETH 910

CHECK IN 3pm

CHECK OUT 10am



QUICK TIPS FOR LIVING IN THE CARIBBEAN...

AIR CONDITIONING:

Please close all windows / doors before using the air conditioning remote control. The most comfortable temperature is 25 Celsius. Please make sure you switch the air conditioning off when leaving the room, to help save energy and cost.

FOOD:

Do not leave any groceries / foodstuffs / **sugary things** on counters etc. Ants and birds are always hungry: you don't want them everywhere, do you?

SAFE:

Please reset the safe and enter your own code, using the instructions found on the safe (Master Bedroom). Brigitte has an override key if you forget the code or cannot open it.

Tap water is perfect quality, desalinated ocean water and safe to drink.

GARBAGE:

Please take your garbage (from kitchen) out to the big green bin every evening. **Ensure the lid is fully closed at all times.**

On Tuesday mornings (or Monday night after sundown), please put the bin just outside the property on the pavement / sidewalk for disposal of the contents. Please move the bin back onto the property after it has been emptied, no later than midday on Wednesday. **(otherwise Coral Estate confiscate the bin!).**



HUMMINGBIRD

VILLA
CARIBBEAN

We've prepared a simple guide for you. It's a quick 15 minute read and can help you familiarise yourself with Hummingbird Villa and the surrounding area. You'll find some maps and helpful local information including amenity opening hours, phone numbers and websites for your convenience.

LETTER FROM ANNA & JON

BON BINI!

Welcome to Hummingbird Villa! We hope you have had a safe journey and enjoy your stay in our holiday home. We are a small family-run business and have been offering self-catering holidays in Europe for over 3 decades.

Thank you to you for choosing us.

Our aim is to be as self-sufficient as possible, reviewing water collection methods, and energy sourcing without compromising the comfort and efficiency that technology can bring in today's world.

Please use what you need and do let us know if you have any questions. We are happy to help and are always contactable online. We also have a local manager, Brigitte who is on hand to assist you.

The villa is West-facing and benefits from a cooling trade wind. You will hopefully get to see some beautiful sunsets over the ocean before you relax under the stars. Be mindful of advice to apply sun protection (we strongly recommend a waterproof factor 50+). 'Mozzie Hour' which occurs during the dawn / dusk period is when it is advisable to close the shutters and cover up / Deet-up accordingly – should you find you are getting bitten, we have provided mosquito nets in every room, an insect spray and a mosquito coil (under kitchen sink) for your convenience. The coil gets very hot!

If you are visiting with a rented a car, there is plenty to see on the island, including a UNESCO World Heritage site downtown (20 mins), aloe

vera plantations, and organic locally grown food; not to mention some of the world's best dive sites accessible from over 30 beaches!

The nearest is a 7-minute walk down to the Coral Estate where you will also find a bakery (pizza restaurant and delivery at night), shops, two restaurants, a bar, a spa and a dive centre.

Finally, please feel free to voice an opinion on our interior cleanliness, choice of garden plants or whatever else you notice. We really value comments in our visitors' book (on the tall table) – from which we learn, evolve and share back.

We don't ask for and will not keep your details for marketing purposes - we trust that if you like Hummingbird Villa you might just book us again in the future.

Enjoy Curaçao...and if you are lucky, you may see the exquisite 'Blue-tailed Emerald', and also the rare 'Rufus-breasted Hermit' Hummingbirds in our garden!



Anna & Jon
Hummingbird Villa Owners

CONTACTS



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LOCAL MANAGER:

Brigitte mobile (+599) 9519 4884

SECURITY GUARDS,

CORAL ESTATE ENTRANCE:

(+599) 9864 9569 or 9515 0733

EMERGENCY / CONTACT

NEAREST CPR/FIRST AIDER

At Habitat Divers Resort a 7-minute walk away, all staff are trained in First Aid and CPR.

www.divecentercuracao.com

POLICE, FIRE BRIGADE, EMERGENCY: 911
AMBULANCE: 912
NON-EMERGENCY: 917

NEAREST HOSPITAL

30-minute drive away, **Sint Elisabeth Hospital** is the new hospital in Curaçao with an extensive emergency room:

193 J. H. J. Hamelbergweg,
Willemstad, Curaçao

TEL: 910 or (+599) 9462 4900
OPENING HOURS: OPEN 24 HRS

FIRST AID KIT

Located under the **indoor** kitchen sink.



ALERT! MANCHINEEL TREE



Curaçao has a poisonous tree, the poison apple tree (straight from the Fairy-tale Snow White!). Also known as the manchineel tree of the Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico it is the **world's most dangerous tree**. It can be found on coastal beaches and in brackish swamps where it grows among mangroves. It provides excellent natural windbreaks and its roots stabilize the sand, thus helping to prevent beach erosion. All parts of the tree contain strong toxins, some unidentified – **do not go near it, do not eat it, do not even stand under it when rain is falling**. These trees are usually marked with a big red X or sign, but do be vigilant and avoid them. If you do come in contact with them in any way go straight to hospital.

THE RESORT

SECURITY CAMERAS

are fitted at the front and back of the villa for your safety on the resort and for crime prevention. Please do not adjust any of them. The cameras at the back are covered for privacy reasons when guests are resident.

OUTDOOR KITCHEN AND SWIM-UP BAR

Hummingbird Villa was recently upgraded and extended, and now has one of the longest pools on the estate, and a state-of-the-art swim-up bar and kitchen. The bar is called 'The Nectar Bar', and you are welcome to use this area at your leisure. Try switching on the neon 'Nectar Bar' sign – the dial is located on the wall above the fridge.

NB Insects love sugar – tidy up frequently!!!

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND SOFT DRINKS

We are not a licensed bar and so cannot sell alcoholic beverages. Instead we operate an honesty system where guests can consume the beverages they find at the property, but on the understanding they will try to replace the items, or replace other items that have run low.

Upon arrival you will have been provisioned a Beer Keg* that you don't need to replace, and have access to alcoholic and soft drinks. Please feel free to install the keg and drink the draught ice cold beer (it yields 8 litres / 16 pints). To avoid foamy beer you should ensure the keg has been chilled for at least 16 hours in the refrigerator. For further information on installing the keg there is a section below, but also video information about the keg, installation and pouring perfect beer on the villa website.

(*subject to availability on the island!)

HOUSEKEEPING

FIRE

You will find a fire extinguisher on each floor (located in the kitchen & bottom of the wooden stairs). The villa is fitted with smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.

ELECTRICITY

26% of Curacao's total energy demand is already being met by renewable sources (solar and wind). If you wish to be mindful of resources, best practice is to use the air conditioning only when needed and only if somebody is in the villa. The villa is currently powered by mains electricity and a meter reading will be taken at the start and end of your stay for billing purposes. There are trade winds which cool the villa in the daytime. There are vents you can open in the front door, and a fan in the lounge. If you need to use the air conditioners, please put them on when you are in the room, as opposed to when a room is unoccupied. You may prefer to use the cool setting to reduce temperature quickly and setting to auto 25 degrees 'Dry' setting if you need to sleep with it on. We provide staying guests with European adapter sockets in each room for your convenience.

PLEASE NOTE: In the Villa we have both 220-240V AC voltage (same as EU and UK) and US which is 120V AC voltage. Each socket is labelled, please make sure you plug in to the correct one e.g. if you plug in a US hairdryer, use the US labelled socket or you may damage your device. Most internet device chargers

(e.g. for laptops and mobile phones) have transformers built in, which can safely be plugged into power sockets, whichever country they come from). Check the socket labelling before plugging in.

DO NOT CREATE FIRE HAZARDS BY OVERLOADING SOCKETS!

INTERNET

Wi-Fi is available ('Hummingbird Villa 1045'); the password is Humm1ngB1rd! (it can also be found on the inside of the right hand TV cupboard door)

GAS

Some cooking facilities are gas powered – please remember to switch off the appliances when not in use.

WATER

The water from the tap is safe to drink. Curaçao uses reverse osmosis to safely process local seawater. Hot water comes from the tank in the utility cupboard. Please note: to save energy the hot water tank switches off automatically at 13:00 each day, but still stays hot for a few hours. If the alarm system detects movement inside the property or the front door is used at any time then the hot water tank is switched back on again until 13:00 the next day.

HAIRDRYER

A hairdryer has been provided on each floor.

VACCUM CLEANER

A handheld Dyson on the left-hand wall inside the top floor utility cupboard.

WASTE

We have provided various labelled trash bins for your convenience, please use the recycle one whenever you can. You can also choose to avoid packing and take our reusable shopping bags with you to the supermarket. The island needs to burn waste that is not recycled or ship it elsewhere.

Aluminium beer/ soda cans and plastic bottles with separated caps can be placed in recycling bins at the major Supermarkets around the island. Please wash these items out first before collecting them in our recycling bin in the lounge by the tall table.

Please don't crush cans or they won't fit in the recycle shoot. There is also a refuse trash bin in the kitchen. Domestic waste collection day is Tuesday, by a company called Selikor who empty the klike's (big green trash bins) at the resort. Please place the bin outside on the pavement/sidewalk before 7am on Tuesday, and must be collected afterward emptying before midday Wednesday (to avoid confiscation and fine from Coral Estate).

DRAINAGE

The villa waste water and sewage drainage system goes into a waste treatment system. Please do not place any oil/fat or bulky items (nappies, wipes, sanitary products etc.) down the drains or toilets.

WASHING MACHINE

Located with a clothes drying rack in the right hand cupboard next to the toilet on entry to the villa. We have provided clothes washing liquid for your convenience, an iron and ironing board downstairs. The cycle that is the most efficient for a usual wash is 30 degrees on the first sector for cotton and an 800 spin select.

Dry clothes on either of the drying racks on the top or bottom balconies (use pegs to avoid items blowing away) – you can find retractable washing lines (only for lightweight items please) on each veranda which can be clipped across when needed.

SAFE FOR VALUABLES

A safe is provided in the master bedroom for your convenience (Caribbean Queen suite). Please follow instructions so that you do not lock the safe out/need to wait to have it reset by the services manager.

CHECK-IN / CHECK-OUT

Check-in time is 15:00, and check-out time is 10:00am to ensure the villa is clean for the next guests' arrival and avoid extra charges. For early check-in, late check-out, please request beforehand – this may be possible for a small charge depending on availability at time of request. When you check-out please close and lock all doors and return the key as advised.

PARKING

There is a car parking spot for 1 vehicle outside the villa on the orange paved brick area. Further vehicles may park in the off-road area across the road, but not overnight.

HOUSE KITCHEN

Fully equipped with dishwasher, electric kettle, gas cooker, toaster, microwave, fridge freezer. Recycling trash bins and refuse trash bins are provided with full instructions. Dishwasher power button left hand side, select auto, placetablet in door and shut to start.

BEDROOMS

Our bedlinen is made from 100% cotton because of its softness and relaxed quality. Each bedroom is equipped with air conditioners to be used as needed /only when a room is occupied, please. There are also coffee machines and mini fridges for use by guests staying in the lower storey bedrooms.

There is a spare set of bedding for each bed upon request (it is changed weekly). Should you require, both single and double inflatable beds are available that if needed can be arranged for an extra occupancy charge. Mosquito nets are available in each room (top drawers) with hooks on the ceiling if you would like to use them (ladder is in utility room) – they are not commonly used in Curacao. We have removed the children's room hook from the ceiling to prevent injury, so you will find it in the mosquito net bag instead. Under bed storage is available for suitcases, lift up the bed at the foot end.

BATHROOMS

Towel sets per guest are provided and there are coloured pool towels for poolside use. Please use what you need and hang towels to dry on the hooks provided on back of the doors not over furniture or hanging off the balcony (they may blow away).

OFFICE

There is a printer marked with email address if you want to send a document to print out, please use the ink and paper sparingly (print on both sides). There is a selection of reading materials for use in and around the villa (please do not take to the beach or leave outside).

SWIMMING POOL

The pool is currently a chlorinated pool. Please be careful not to run around the pool. Accidents can ruin a holiday and may be more expensive on an island. Be safe around the pool and supervise children at all times. The pool is cleaned on Wednesdays. There is a small paddling pool with shade canopy available for small children on request.

The background is a solid orange color with several overlapping, semi-transparent shapes that resemble leaves or flames. These shapes are in various shades of orange and yellow, creating a layered, organic effect. The shapes are positioned in the upper and right portions of the page, with some extending towards the center.

INSTRUCTION MANUALS

USING THE VILLA TV'S

Each television has two remote controls:

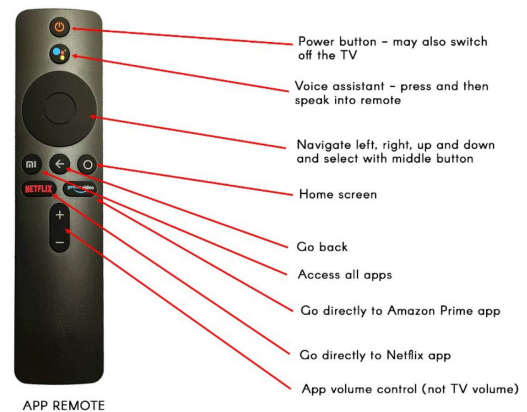
THE TV REMOTE CONTROL

This can be used to switch the TV on and off and control volume. For indoors TV there is a Samsung remote control. For the outdoor TV there is a Proofvision remote control.



THE APP REMOTE CONTROL

Allows you to access live television stations and apps like Netflix and Amazon Prime. You may need to use the power button on the App Remote in addition to the power button on the TV remote!



USING APPS

When both the TV and app box are switched on you will have access to multiple apps using the app remote.

For LIVE TV from multiple countries around the world you should use the 'TiviMate' app. When TiviMate is running, use the left navigation button and keep pressing it until you see a list of countries and languages – choose your country/language for LIVE TV programmes. Or if you would like to choose from thousands of recorded TV programmes and movies, press the 'Go back' button on the remote, and then keep press the left navigation button until you see a choice of 'TV', 'Movies' and 'TV Shows'.

You can also access these other apps for TV, Movies, Music and Radio:





POOL LIGHT

The pool lights can be controlled using the remote control. This and all other remote controls are kept in the brown leather box on the coffee table.

ALEXA

An Alexa 'Echo Dot' is provided in the lounge and Nectar Bar TV areas. You can ask Alexa to play music.

Here is an example Alexa command:

"Alexa, play Hummingbird Villa"
(this will play some songs written about the villa)

SONOS

There are **Sonos** speakers which play content from the TV systems. If you have the Sonos S2 mobile app you can connect to the speakers and play music from them directly.

BOARD GAMES

We also provide a **Games Compendium** (chess, backgammon, boules etc. in the lounge) for family fun! There are kids toy boxes under the bunk beds.

PATIO DOORS

Please keep the ground floor ones closed so they do not slam.

NEIGHBOURS

Coral Estate is a community. The motto here is Peace, Tranquillity, Safety. We have great neighbours, please keep them in mind and treat them as you would like to be treated. Drones are against the local law in residential areas.

INSTALLING A NEW BEER KEG

A video tutorial is available on the villa website.



1.

Make sure the beer keg has been in the fridge for at least 16 hours, otherwise it will not work in the beer tap properly. Remove the keg from the fridge when you are ready.



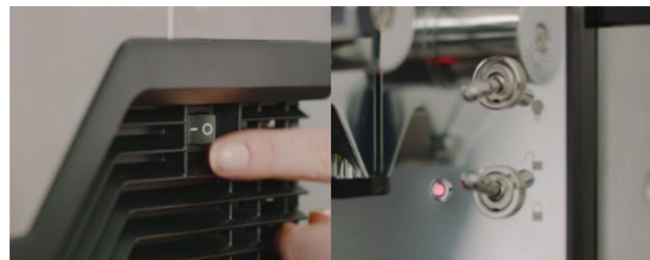
2.

Remove the dome from the beer tap appliance.



3.

Make sure the beer tap appliance is dry inside.



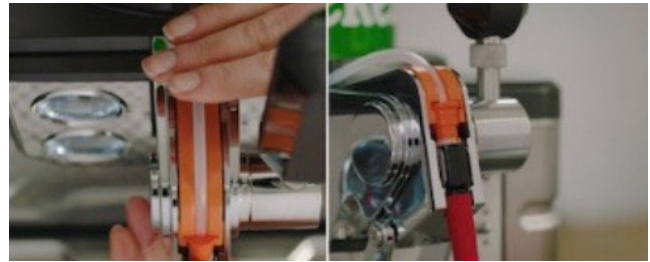
4.

Make sure the beer tap appliance is switched on at the side, and that the keg is unlocked using the switch on the front.



5.

Use a keg that has been pre-cooled for at least 16 hours. Use your thumb to press the orange button at the bottom of the keg until you hear a 'click'.



6.

Open the tap lid. Insert a pre-cooled keg into the appliance. Make sure that the keg's tube is correctly inserted and aligned to the orange groove. Push the black part of the spout into the tap and close the tap lid. Remove the red cap.



7.

Place the dome over the appliance to keep the keg cold.



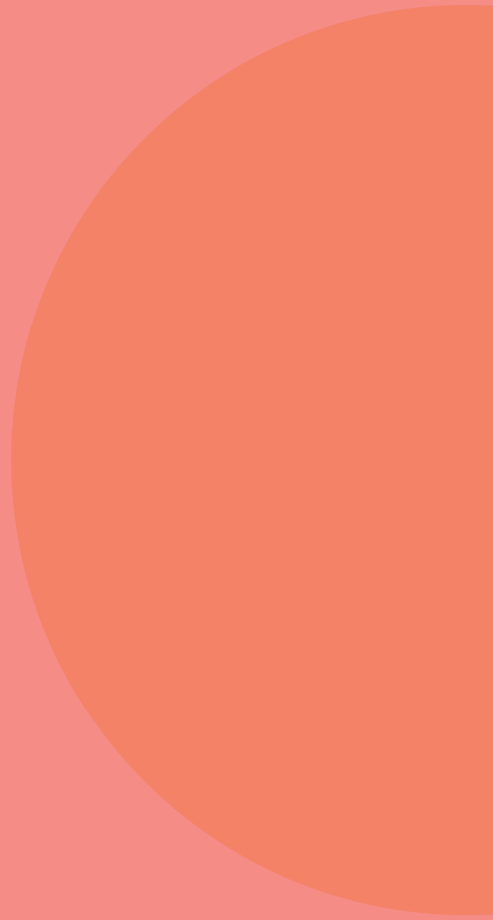
8.

Flick the switch down to lock the keg in the appliance. The indicator light should turn solid green.



9.

Use the gauge to make sure the beer has reached the coolest temperature before pouring – the needle should be at the bottom.



EATING OUT LOCALLY

NB: you may want to photo capture these pages or the leaflets at the back of this guide for when you are out and about e.g. on your mobile device...

There are plenty of great food options around depending on how far you wish to travel – less than 10-minutes' walk or less than half an hour's drive from the villa.

RESTAURANTS

BREAD AND MORE AKA PIZZA AND MORE:

The local bakery situated on the Coral Estate, a 7-minute walk away. Follow the road by turning right as you exit the villa, then turning first right and follow the road, which bends to the left, where there is a concrete path with steps down to sea level (we call it 'Lava Lane'!)

Opening hours: Every day 07:00 - 15:00 hrs
(Bread and More) Everyday 12:00 – 21:00 hrs
(Pizza and More)

+599 9 864 2233 (Bread) or

+599 9 724 5667 (Pizza)

www.breadandmorecuracao.com

www.pizzaandmorecuracao.com

KORAAL RESTAURANT & BAR:

On the seashore, a 1-minute walk further past the bakery is a casual bar & restaurant with great lunches and snacks. Try the Dutchcheeseball snacks, perfect after a snorkel!

There is also a spa on the same level for massages and treatments.

Opening hours: Every day from 10:00 - 22:00 hrs – discounts for block bookings and on Mondays & Wednesdays.

+599 9735 2884

koraalcuracao.com

KARAKTER RESTAURANT & BEACH SERVICE:

1 more minute's walk to follow the stairs down past the restaurant washrooms and dive centre with shop. Take a right along the seashore and you'll be wowed by the menu here. Everything from a fresh fish to veggie and non-veggie options. You can also dine on the beach or order sundowners and accompaniments from your lounge.

Opening hours: Every day from 08:00 - 21:00 hrs

+5999 864 2233

www.karaktercuracao.com

EETCAFÉ DE BUURVROUW:

Fun nearby restaurant outside of Coral Estate.

+59998688499

LANDHUIS DANIEL:

Eclectic restaurant with local art works specialising in pancakes.

+59998648400

BALI RESTAURANT:

Nearby quality Asian restaurant.

+ 59996762538



SHOPS &
PLACES OF INTEREST

TRANSPORT

TAXI

"24-7 Taxi Curacao" app (search your app store). **This is strongly recommended!**



Taxi Max +599 9 697 6302

SHOPS & MARKET S

LOCAL (BUT LIMITED) CONVENIENCE STORE

Search for 'Toko Williwood' on Google maps.
+59998648340

LOCAL VEGETABLE STALLS

These are dotted along the roadsides, 20 mins or so from the villa towards Willemstad. Some sell fresh coconuts! There are also convenience stores selling mostly non fresh produce – the nearest is a 10 minute drive and you will see them along the roadside.

LOCAL MARKETS

(including the famous Floating Market – fresh daily produce from Venezuela). Willemstad is a easy 20-minute drive away.

Opening hours: Every day from 06:00 - 19:00
www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Attraction_Review-g147278-d148675-Reviews-Floating_Market-Willemstad_Curacao.html

LOCAL ORGANIC SHOPS

'Natural and Organic', a 20-minute drive for food stocks (organic, natural, gluten-free, vegan, kosher, salt/sugar/soy/egg/nut/wheat/dairy free food products)

Opening hours: 09:00-18:30 hrs
(closed Sundays)

+59997380184

LOCAL ORGANIC FARM / EDUCATOR

Nos Kunuku – Henry Barbolina's permaculture aquaponics/back yard under shade farming (similar to Cuba where 60% of food comes from this type of home, organic and water preservation farming). Located in Ronde Klip a worthwhile 40-minutes' drive.

Opening hours: 10:00 – noon Saturdays

+599 9 5107812

ECO-TOURISM:

no matter what your type of tourism, be it cultural explorer, gentle no-hassle traveller, adventure seeker, solo or family traveller; eco-tourism can resonate. There are more details here to discover for yourself...

SUPERMARKETS

less than 20-minutes' drive

ESPERAMOS – Good range

Opening hours: Every day 07:30 – 20:00 hrs
(until 15:00 hrs Sun)

www.esperamos.net

CARREFOUR – French supermarket chain

Opening hours: Every day 07:30 – 20:30 hrs
(until 17:00 hrs Sun)

www.crfrcuracao.com

CENTRUM - American supermarket chain

Opening hours: Every day 07:30 – 20:00 hrs
(except until 18:00 hrs Sun)

+599 9 869 6222

VAN DEN TWEEL SUPERMARKET - Dutch

Supermarket Chain

Opening hours: Every day 07:30 – 20:30 hr

+5999 461 2411

www.vdtcuracao.com

WHOLESALE

GOISCO - the first Online Wholesale Store on the island.

Opening hours: Mon - Thu 08:00 – 19:30 hrs, Fri & Sat 08:00 – 20:00 hrs, Sun 09:00 – 13:00hrs

Tel: (+5999) 737 3333

www.goisco.com

CLOTHES SHOPS

There are 2 small shops on the front of Coral Estate by the Bakery supplying beachwear and souvenirs.

Try Jan Theil/Mambo Beach for high end beachwear or holiday gifts – there are a good choice of shops & restaurants here and it's hard to go home hungry or empty handed.

Opening hours: Sun - Fri 10:00 – 19:00 hrs, Sat 10:00 – 23:00 hrs

www.afar.com/places/blvd-2972711b-7184-42f1-98f4-f54e733f2b64

TECHNOLOGY SHOPS

OMNI

Opening hours: Mon - Fri 08:30 (Saturday 09:00) – 18:00 hrs

+599 9 461 66 00

www.shopomni.com/

OTHER PLACES OF INTEREST:

NATIONAL PARK - large park with hiking trails and wildlife.

www.christoffelpark.org/

BEACHES

Curaçao is known for its beaches tucked into coves and its expansive coral reefs, rich with marine life. Beaches in the south are more developed than those in the north. Local beaches have bars and restaurants and are a mix of both types.



BEACHES NEAR TO CORAL ESTATE...

DAAIBOOI – a 2-minute drive north. Top beach with turtles and seahorses. Sells beers and snacks. Good for snorkelling and diving.

PLAYA PORTO MARIE – a 9-minute drive north (\$3 per person) and has wild pigs on the beach and a good restaurant. Good for snorkelling and diving.

PLAYA PISKADO / PLAYA KALKI – a 31-minute drive north, these are said to be some of the best beaches in South America

MAMBO – a 34-minute drive south the other side of Willemstad, wide choice of shops, beach clubs and restaurants.

JAN THIEL – near Mambo and a 43-minute drive, again south with beach clubs, shops and restaurants.

A LITTLE FURTHER...

CAS ABAO – a 17-minute drive north and serves food & drinks. A new restaurant has opened.

KOKOMO – a 25 minute drive south with a small fee for a cabana if you so wish and a good restaurant.

HOTEL BEACHES – several Curacao hotels have day passes to use their facilities including the beaches - see Marriott Curacao, Dreams Curacao, Avila, Courtyard by Marriott and Renaissance. Also Sandals if you want to spend a lot!

Some beaches have security guards, some do not – it is advised by the police not to leave anything visible in your car when attending the beach. Just take with you what you need, travel light. Petty theft has been reported at some beach car parks.

NB: although beach restaurants have credit and debit card payment devices, it is advisable to take some cash with you. The nearest cash point is at the airport 20-minutes' drive away.

We provide wet shoes in a few different sizes and snorkel masks for adults and kids. Please rinse these out when you shower i.e. with fresh water after each sea swim and before you pack away.

WORLD-CLASS DIVING

Divers Republic is the most personable and based at the next-door beach, Daaibooi. Speak with Bob who used to be based at the dive shop at Coral Estate but now does his own gig and a great bespoke dive wherever you like.

Call him on +5999 864 3344

WhatsApp +5999 5203989

www.divers-republic.com

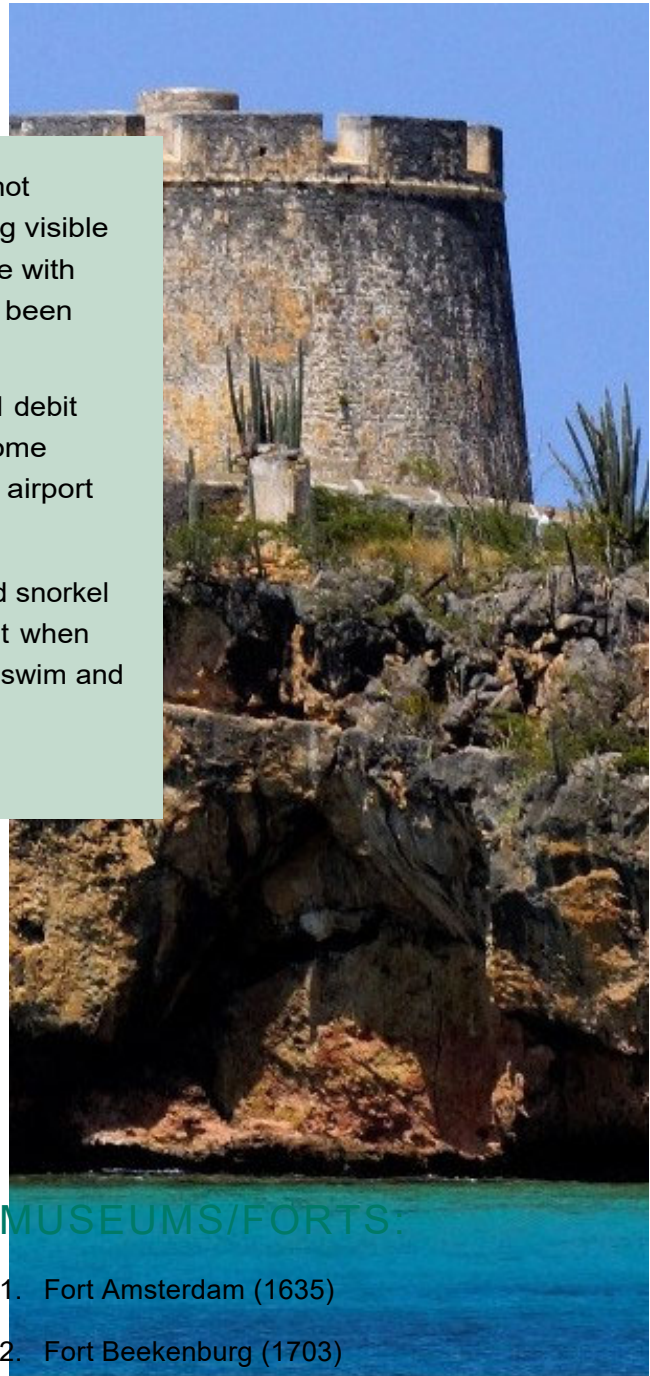
divemagazine.co.uk/travel/8292-dive-into-curacao

UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE

Punta District

+599 9 465 2992

www.afar.com/places/punda-district-willemstad



MUSEUMS/FORTS:

1. Fort Amsterdam (1635)
2. Fort Beekenburg (1703)
3. Fort Nassau (1797)
4. Waterfort (1826)
5. Riffort (1828) – shops and restaurants
6. Piscadera Bay Fort (early 1700s)

ALOE VERA PLANTATION

Opening hours: Everyday 09:00 – 16:00 hrs
www.curaloe.com

GARDENS

DINAH VEERIS' GARDEN OASIS

– learn about the local fruits: mangosteens, markossa rambutan, tamarillo, granadilla, pitahya, mango, gulupa. Delicious! The shop is a good education – local healing balms and teas available to purchase.

Opening hours: Mon – Sat 9am – 6pm
(tours advisable Mon – Fri)

+ (599) 9767 56 08 www.dinahveeris.com

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

RESTAURANTS

DE VISSERIJ - Great seafood! Only open Friday to Monday...

www.facebook.com/piscaderanoreservations/

MUNDO BIZARRO - Great tuna!

www.mundobizarrocuracao.com

SERAFINA - Courtyard Italian

www.serafinacuracao.com

CURACAO SUNSHINE - Sol Food is great for fresh local fish from the shore, oven baked pizza and more and a beautiful sea view:

Friday – Sunday

www.curacaosunshine.com/pages/sol_food.htm

BARS

INFINITY-RENAISSANCE

Rooftop infinity pool / beach bar

www.curacao.com/en/activity/infinity-beach-club

WAVE SIDE BAR

Willemstad waterside bar

www.bijblaw.com

DOWNTOWN ROOFTOP BAR

Cascada rooftop bar at Elements Hotel

www.cascadacuracao.com

MR PORTER

-Live Music – Mr Porter is great on a Friday or Saturday night.

www.facebook.com/mrporterbar

AVILA HOTEL JAZZ RESTAURANT

Great on a Thursday night

www.avilabeachhotel.com/discover-avila/restaurants-bars/blues-restaurant/

WHAT'S ON...

Check out this website with a calendar showing island events that might entice you – it's a vibrant scene here!

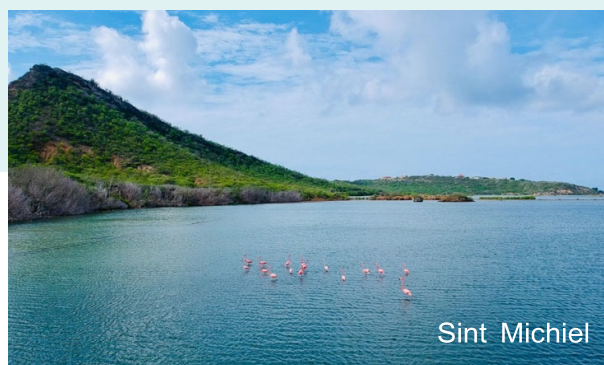
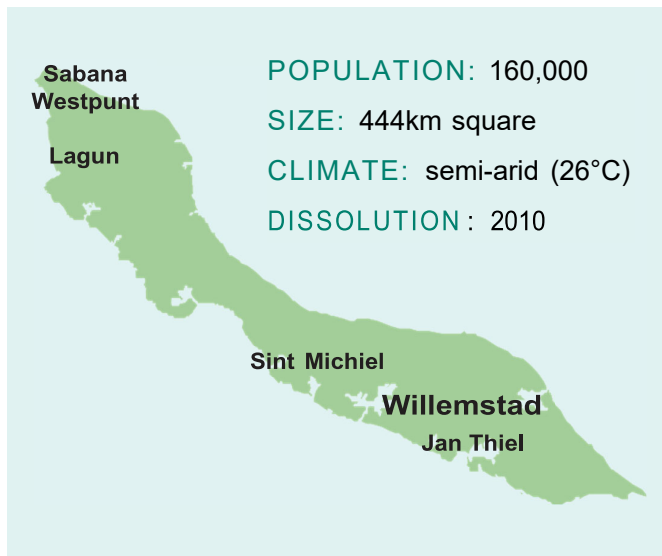
www.curacao.com/en/events



Just look at our birds, and what's underwater right here at Coral Estate! If you don't know, we have books with pictures so you can learn about the flora and fauna and aquatic life without moving from your perch – you'll find books downstairs in our lounge as well as our office area to whet your appetite! Birds do tend to poop on the furniture under the verandas so if you want to feed them, please do so away from the immediate living areas and also avoid leaving crumbs on the balcony areas. Please be aware that there are iguanas about who do even larger poops after drinking and eating. Leaving food out also attracts other vermin too. We use the water pistol as a harmless way to ward off fellow residents in the garden!

Time to find a comfy spot now, sit back and relax - maybe with an ice lolly from the freezer - you'll find some binoculars on the lounge shelf to zoom in on the glorious hummingbirds ... they are our favourite!

THE ISLAND SNAPSHOT



Curaçao was known for its healing properties in years gone by. Indeed, this was one of the reasons we were looking for a holiday home, and where we were lucky to find it. The climate is arid and dry (perfect for a respite from arthritis or skin complaints). The plantings here lend themselves towards gentle recovery – the aloe vera plant grows prolifically. The waters are special too. This country holds precious coastline bays, inlets and hot springs offering natural mineral, thermal or seawater that can provide hydrotherapy and mesotherapy, marking out the island as a balneoclimateric area in the Caribbean.

The peaceful Island is also a land of polyglots. Societies that exist here are drawn together through their languages: the most widely spoken language is Papiamentu – Portuguese creole with African, Dutch and Spanish influences spoken by all. Dutch is prevalent

for legal and administration purposes. In addition, English and Spanish are also taught in schools. The ethnic and religious mix of the island is varied and unique and supported by a background of state education the outcome of which has left a legacy of remarkable literature.

The island cuisine is wonderfully flavoursome, do try it! It is perhaps best compared to Caribbean and Latin America dishes.

The economy is balanced between tourism, financial, trade shipping and oil services. If you are visiting during the February/March season, do look out for one of the oldest Carnivals in the Caribbean – a celebration of the true island feeling of a magical realism.