



## Aruban Country Guide

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Australian ordinary passport holders do not require a visa to enter Aruba as a tourist for a period of up to 30 days (specific period of entry is determined by immigration officials upon arrival). Passports must be valid for the duration of stay in Aruba, but are recommended to be valid for six months beyond. Travellers should also be able to show documentation confirming their ability to financially maintain themselves during their stay, medical insurance, accommodation arrangements as well as tickets and entry documents for their next destination.

Additional conditions apply to minors. Travellers are recommended to contact an Aruban or Dutch mission on the details below for further information and to ensure their specific circumstances make them eligible to enter Aruba without a visa. Persons travelling via the US are also reminded of their obligation to comply with US entry and transit visa requirements.

### Vaccinations and Health Precautions

The following information is intended as a guide only and in no way should it be used as a substitute for professional medical advice relative to a travellers individual needs and vaccination history. No guarantee is made as to its accuracy or thoroughness. For further information, please contact The Travel Doctor on 1300 658 844.

Vaccination against hepatitis A is recommended for travellers to Aruba. Frequent or long stay travellers should consider vaccination against hepatitis B. Vaccination against typhoid (particularly when travelling to areas with poor sanitation and hygiene) should be considered by travellers to Aruba. As there is a risk of dengue fever and the zika virus in Aruba, insect avoidance measures may be necessary depending on your itinerary. Aruba is listed as a zika category 1 country. For information on the risks the zika virus poses to pregnancy, including up to 6 months following the exposure of either parent, see [www.who.int/csr/disease/zika/en/](http://www.who.int/csr/disease/zika/en/).

Regardless of destination, all travellers should be up-to-date with their routine "background" vaccinations including a recent annual influenza vaccination. Please consult a medical practitioner or contact The Travel Doctor for your specific risk to these preventable diseases and the appropriate avoidance measures.

Australians travelling to Aruba should ensure that they have adequate travel insurance to cover the length of their stay. Medications that are legal in Australia may be illegal in other countries. For further information on insurance, taking medication overseas, the zika virus and other issues, please visit [www.smartraveller.gov.au/tips](http://www.smartraveller.gov.au/tips).

### Aruban and Dutch Representatives

Netherlands Embassy, Canberra

120 Empire Circuit  
YARRALUMLA ACT 2600

Tel: (02) 6220 9400  
Fax: (02) 6273 3206

Web: [www.netherlands.org.au](http://www.netherlands.org.au)

Directorate of Alien Integration, Policy  
and Admission, Aruba

Wilhelminastraat 31-33  
ORANJESTAD

Tel: (+ 297) 522 1500  
Fax: (+ 297) 522 1505

Web: [www.dimasaruba.com](http://www.dimasaruba.com)

Aruba is a country within the Kingdom of the Netherlands and is thus represented around the world by the government of the Netherlands.

The Netherlands also has a Consulate General in New South Wales and honorary consulates in Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria and Western Australia. For the contact details of these missions, please visit the website of the Netherlands Embassy in Canberra.



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### Time Differences between Aruba and Australia

Aruba is Greenwich Mean Time -4 hours. Daylight saving time is not observed. The applicable time zone is called Atlantic Standard Time (AST). The following times in Australia are a day ahead of the time in Aruba, for instance if it's Sunday afternoon in Aruba, it's Monday morning in Australia.

Aruba, 12 noon, June = Perth midnight; Adelaide, Darwin 1:30am; Brisbane, Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 2am.  
 Aruba, 12 noon, December = Perth midnight; Darwin 1:30am; Brisbane 2am; Adelaide 2:30am; Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 3am.

### Important Contact Numbers

Country Code for Aruba: +297

To Dial Australia Call:  
 00 61 <City> <Number>

Travelex Card Services:  
 Call the US on +1 954 838 8294

Visa Global Assistance:  
 800 1518

MasterCard:  
 Call the US on +1 636 722 7111

American Express Travellers Cheques:  
 (1) 800 221 7282

Aruba Tourism Authority:  
 (+297) 582 3777

Emergency Services:  
 911

### Important Information to be Recorded

Travellers are encouraged to carry photocopies of all important documents separately to their originals and to leave a set of these photocopies with someone in Australia. This includes those documents listed below.

#### Passports

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Passport #: \_\_\_\_\_  
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#### Credit Cards

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Institution: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Institution: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Travel Insurance

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Institution: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Policy #: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Institution: \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Australian Representation in Aruba

Australian High Commission, Trinidad and Tobago

18 Herbert Street  
 St Clair  
 PORT OF SPAIN

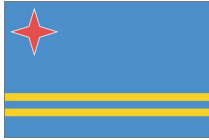
Tel: (+1 868) 822 5450  
 Fax: (+1 868) 822 5490

Web: [www.trinidadandtobago.highcommission.gov.au](http://www.trinidadandtobago.highcommission.gov.au)

Australia does not maintain a permanent consular presence in Aruba. The Australian High Commission in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago is accredited to this country.

Alternatively, Australians may obtain assistance by contacting the 24 hour Consular Emergency Centre in Australia on (+61) 2 6261 3305.

Australians in Aruba are encouraged to register their presence and contact details with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade at [www.orao.dfat.gov.au](http://www.orao.dfat.gov.au).



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### Duty Free Allowances for Aruba and Australia

Duty Free limits when entering Aruba:

Alcohol: Up to 1 litre of spirits.  
 Tobacco: 200 cigarettes or 25 cigars or 250g tobacco.  
 Other Goods: All personal effects and articles plus gifts up to a value of AWG400.

Duty Free limits when entering Australia:

Alcohol: 2.25 litres of alcoholic beverages.  
 Tobacco: 25 cigarettes plus one open packet of cigarettes.  
 Other Goods: Up to \$900 (\$450 for minors).

Further restrictions apply when entering/exiting Aruba and Australia. Travellers are encouraged to familiarise themselves with these restrictions before crossing the borders of either country. For information regarding Aruban customs please visit [www.douane.aw](http://www.douane.aw), or for information regarding Australian customs please visit [www.border.gov.au](http://www.border.gov.au).

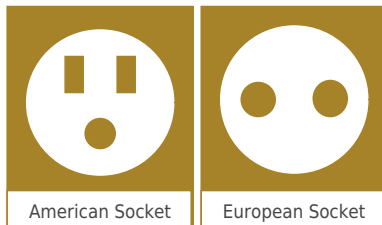
### Electrical Adaptors

Electrical Socket type: American and European.

Voltage: 120v (different to Australia, travellers will need voltage converters to use appliances designed for Australian voltage).

Modem Plug: USA.

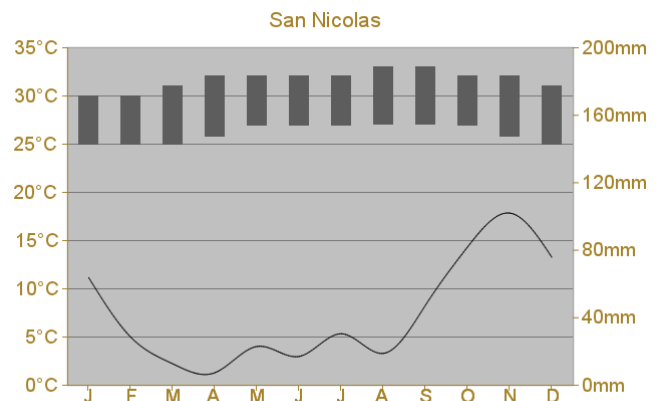
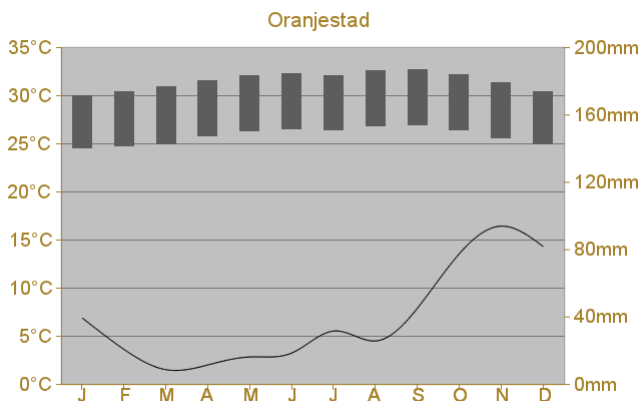
To purchase electrical adaptors, or for further information on travel adaptors, please go to [www.korjo.com.au](http://www.korjo.com.au).



### Public Holidays 2018

01 Jan:	New Years Day	27 Apr:	King's Birthday
25 Jan:	Betico Croes Day	01 May:	Labour Day
12 Feb:	Carnival Monday	10 May:	Ascension Day
18 Mar:	Flag Day	25 Dec:	Christmas Day
30 Mar:	Good Friday	26 Dec:	Boxing Day
02 Apr:	Easter Monday		

### Average Temperature (Bar) and Precipitation (Line) in Aruba



Source: Meteorological Department Aruba. For local forecasts please go to [www.meteo.aw](http://www.meteo.aw) or [www.bbc.co.uk/weather](http://www.bbc.co.uk/weather).

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#### Interbank Rate

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) = 1.29 Aruban Florins  
 1 Aruban Florin (AWG) = 0.78 Australian Dollars

#### With 4% Margin

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) buys 1.24 Aruban Florins  
 1 Aruban Florin (AWG) will cost 0.81 Australian Dollars

All rates were correct at a point in time on Monday, 05 Nov 2018. The "Interbank Rate" does not take into account any exchange fees, while the "With 4% Margin" adds 4% to the exchange rate to simulate a typical margin that would be paid when exchanging currencies. These rates have been rounded and should not be used when calculating transactions of large value.

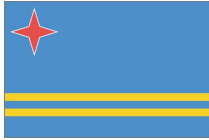
### Currency Cheat Sheet

Afl.0.50	= \$0.40 AUD	This cheat sheet uses the "With 4% Margin" of exchange listed above.	
Afl.1	= \$0.81 AUD	Afl.10	= \$8.08 AUD
Afl.2	= \$1.62 AUD	Afl.20	= \$16.16 AUD
Afl.3	= \$2.42 AUD	Afl.30	= \$24.25 AUD
Afl.4	= \$3.23 AUD	Afl.40	= \$32.33 AUD
Afl.5	= \$4.04 AUD	Afl.50	= \$40.41 AUD
Afl.6	= \$4.85 AUD	Afl.60	= \$48.49 AUD
Afl.7	= \$5.66 AUD	Afl.70	= \$56.58 AUD
Afl.8	= \$6.47 AUD	Afl.80	= \$64.66 AUD
Afl.9	= \$7.27 AUD	Afl.90	= \$72.74 AUD
		Afl.1,000	= \$808.23 AUD

### Banknotes of Aruba

The currency of Aruba is the Aruban florin (sometimes known as the Aruban guilder) which has the currency code "AWG" and is abbreviated using the symbol "Afl." or "f". A florin is subdivided into 100 cents. The Aruban florin is pegged to the US dollar at the value of US\$1 to Afl.1.79, thus stores may accept small US bills. The following banknotes are the most common in Aruba however other versions and denominations are in circulation. Pictures are not to scale. As it is illegal in many countries to print copies of bank notes, travellers are advised to remove the below images before travelling.





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### About Aruba

Independence: 1986 (seceded from the Netherlands Antilles). Aruba is still one of the four countries which make up the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Size: 180 sq km (7% the size of the ACT).

Population: 109,000 people. Oranjestad (Dutch for "Orange Town") 37,000.

Ethnicity: mixed European/Amerindian.

Language: Dutch and Papiamentu (a local creole) are the official languages, but most Arubans speak a minimum of four languages including English and Spanish.

Religion: Catholic 80%, other Christian 9%.

GDP Per Capita: US\$25,300 (Australia US\$40,800).

#### Significant Dates:

- Pre 1499AD - The Caquetio Indians of the Arawak tribe inhabit the island.
- 1499 - Explorer Alonso de Ojeda claims the island for Spain, naming it "the island of giants" after the tall native Arawaks.
- 1636 - The Dutch colonise Aruba to protect their salt supply from the mainland and establish a naval base in the Caribbean.
- 1805-16 - Britain takes control of Aruba during the Napoleonic Wars.
- 1816 - Aruba is returned to the Dutch.
- 1929 - Oil refinery established, raising the living standards of Arubans.
- 1954-86 - Aruba is part of the country of the Netherlands Antilles.
- 1990's - Tourism becomes the main industry following a slowing of the oil refinery business.
- 1986 - Aruba becomes an autonomous nation within the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

