



WHAT TO PACK FOR ARUBA – THE ESSENTIAL PACKING LIST

First time to Aruba? Allow us to give you a few pointers regarding what to pack so you can fully enjoy your stay here.

SUNDRIES

For convenience and cost concerns, bring your own everyday health and beauty products with you. In case you forget something, don't worry! You'll be able to find whatever you need, from sun care products to over-the-counter medications at gift shops, mini-markets, pharmacies, and grocery stores.

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS & SPECIAL HEALTH NEEDS

It is best to bring your prescription drugs with you. Prescriptions from doctors abroad are generally not honored at local pharmacies (aka Botica), which may require you to see a local doctor. Also, the specific drug that you take at home may not be available on the island.

U.S. health insurance is not accepted on Aruba. Be prepared to pay with cash or credit card at a doctor's office, pharmacy, or hospital. Rentals of wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, special medical equipment, and home healthcare products are available through Labco (Tel: +297 582-6651).

APPAREL

Aruba vacations are casual and comfortable, and your apparel should be the same. The average annual temperature is 82 degrees Fahrenheit. The hottest months are from May through October, and the coolest months are from December through March.

Daywear

Make sure to bring bathing suits/swim trunks, flip-flops, and sandals. Water shoes will come in handy at rocky, pebbly beach areas. For sun protection, bring some sort of cover-up (pareo, rashguard, etc.), wide-brimmed hat or cap, and sunglasses. Be sure to reapply sunscreen often, especially between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. (Aruba Aloe is an excellent locally made brand sold everywhere.)

For off-road adventures, bring sturdy shoes, a hat, and a shirt with long sleeves. If you plan to do some horseback riding, consider bringing a pair of long pants.

Evening Wear

It's a good idea to pack a light jacket, sweater, or shawl for air-conditioned restaurants and casinos, or for nights that become cool and breezy. Men might consider bringing a sports jacket and slacks, but these are absolutely optional—in Aruba, comfort is key!

PERSONAL DEVICES & INTERNET ACCESS

Wi-Fi hotspots are found at the airport, restaurants, cafés, supermarkets, beaches, and bars for Internet access with a prepaid access code or credit card—or oftentimes for free! Additionally, the Aruba Tourism Authority proudly offers free Wi-Fi zones in several areas around the island for your convenience.

Most Vacation Rentals and resorts offer Wi-Fi service right on-property in public areas and/or rooms. They may also provide computers for guest use, as well as special daily rates for Internet and phone (international/local) use. Remember to bring chargers and cables for all your devices.

PAYING FOR PURCHASES

U.S. currency, major credit cards, and traveler's checks are widely accepted on Aruba. It is a good idea to contact your credit card provider prior to departure and advise them of your travel plans. Otherwise, overseas charges may be questioned or denied.

Some merchants may not accept \$50 bills and \$100 bills due to worldwide counterfeiting. Personal checks are not accepted.

Banks are generally open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, though some branches remain open later on Friday and on Saturday morning.

ATM cards with a Cirrus, MasterCard, Maestro, or Visa logo can withdraw cash at banks and more than 50 island locations.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Aruba offers a consistent temperature throughout the year, typically varying between 26 to 32 degrees Celsius or 80 to 90 degrees Fahrenheit.

Though the weather is tropical, it's not extreme. Rainfall in Aruba is erratic and in short, bursts, averaging 18 inches per year, delivered mostly in the months of October, November, December, and January.

Packing for Aruba is slightly different than packing for a city vacation. Since the climate is tropical, casual summer clothes will provide the most comfort. For restaurants, casinos, and nightclubs, light evening wear is recommended. Elegant clothes are not necessary for nightlife as casual silk or linen dresses and slacks will do.

In Aruba, the sun is strong! Peak hours are between 11 am and 2:30 pm, and if you plan on spending time on the beach, you'll definitely want to consider bringing sun block, lip balm with sunblock, after sun products, sunglasses, a hat, a bathing suit, beach bags, and perhaps a cooler or insulated bag.

In addition to your luggage, there are a few more essential items to bring. You must bring documentation to be allowed entry into Aruba, including a valid passport, a completely filled-in and signed Embarkation and Disembarkation card (ED-card), and a valid return or onward ticket.

As for money, the official Aruba currency is the Aruban florin, but the U.S. dollar is widely accepted throughout the island.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

Do you Have any additional questions? Don't hesitate to contact us, we are looking forward to hearing from you..

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