

WELCOME BACK HOLIDAY REPORTER READERS

The Holiday season is here again, and before you come to paradise and lay down on a hammock, to read our winter edition, we would like to wish you an abundance of friendships, happiness, and fun!... Happy Holidays to all!

Discover the tropical side of the season!



a
Holiday
for your
Holidays

From the time you walk into the resort, you will feel the holiday season with their fully decorated grounds! There is no more beautiful place to escape the winter cold and spend a warm tropical holiday than Holiday Inn Resort Aruba. They will even have a special Santa visit to surprise the little kids, Aruba style! This is a very special time of the year on the island and they cannot wait to welcome you!

Their executive Chef, Imre Maraczi, has created a traditional menu and many delights to enjoy all the comfort foods of home this holiday season! They will even have tables set up on the terrace so you can enjoy their Chef's specialties while watching the sunset and feeling the Aruba breeze. Live music and entertainment will make the holidays even more special, on both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day for you to enjoy a fantastic celebration! Click on the link to discover their special Holiday Menus Holiday Inn Resort Aruba's Christmas Menus.

Celebrate the New Year at Holiday Inn Resort Aruba with a special dinner, live entertainment, fireworks and a very special way to ring in 2015! Are you brave enough to welcome the New Year the local way? Take the traditional Aruba New Year's plunge! Could there be a better way to start a new year than here in Aruba?! [CLICK HERE TO DISCOVER THEIR NEW YEAR'S EVE MENU.](#)

ENTERTAINMENT

Pirates Believed Rum Was At The Center of a "Merry Life" The New Rum Bar is open!!



Famous ports of call today where the outposts of pirates of the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries. Port Royal in Jamaica, Nassau in the Bahamas and Tortuga in Haiti were pirate seaports near coves where merchant ships would be lured and the pirates could then seize the precious cargo. Among the favorite cargo was rum – and many rums today are named after those famous ports.

Pirates were onto something with Rum, and it is often credited as at the center of "a merry life". Today the danger of treasure hunting pirates is long gone, but the lure of the rum is not.

After all, what goes better with an island vacation than rum drinks? At Holiday Inn Resort Aruba options for this idyllic vacation ritual have now been greatly expanded with the opening of the resort's new Rum Bar, part of the lobby-located Palm Bar.

With wide open ocean views there is no better way than to enjoy vacation with a selection of 20 different rums from over 15 different countries including world famous Cuban rums to lesser known rums from Venezuela, Guadeloupe and Anguila.

Guests will find unique award winning connoisseur rums like Diplomatico Reserva from Venezuela, Ron Zacapa Centenario XO from Guatemala, Admiral Rodney from St. Lucia and Angostura 1919 from Trinidad. The rums are ranked on the bar menu with suggested pairings including tapas and chocolate.

"Our guests will definitely understand why this was such precious cargo to the pirates. We offer one of the most complete selections of premium rums from the Caribbean region and beyond," said General Manager Jorge Landa.

"The new rum bar menu will be perfectly matched with delicious and spicy tapas or a selection of fine chocolates to offer our travelers a unique Caribbean experience."



ENTERTAINMENT



Discover the NEW courtyard at Holiday Inn Resort Aruba

The favorite place among their guests

The new courtyard at the Holiday Inn Resort Aruba has become the favorite spot for all their guests! Early risers can start the day with an energizing class of Yoga, Pilates and Tai Chi at the specially designed area made just for them. For those who like to stay in bed a little longer, they offer all kinds of fun activities during the day... children can participate in treasure hunts, couples can relax in the new hammocks, peace and quiet lovers can enjoy a chess game, and all of the guests can gather to enjoy the famous Aruban sunset as the evening sets in.

The new courtyard has something for everyone, great snacks, sports, dining and more! They recommend simply sitting in one of their new gazebos and observing the magic of Aruba as it happens, in the heart of the resort, where vacation memories are created!

Their Palm Bar has become one of the most popular locations in the courtyard where you can enjoy breakfast, barista coffee, specialty drinks and a light snack service while you relax in the garden areas. Their new Rum Menu is a Must Do!



What is the Best Treasure of them All? Family Time, Beach Time and Aruba Time!

Holiday Inn Resort Aruba Announces Winners of Annual Treasure Hunt Contest 2014 Winners from Massachusetts and Indiana

Holiday Inn Resort Aruba's Facebook page brought the best treasure of them all to three lucky winners from the United States in their 2014 Treasure Hunt Contest.

"This contest was perfectly named," said General Manager Jorge Landa as he reflects on the just completed Treasure Hunt contest sponsored by his resort, Holiday Inn Resort Aruba, which had more than 1,200 participants. "Vacationing here on our Aruba beach and watching the world's most beautiful sunsets is truly a gift of gold. The families that won this year are going to experience the best treasure of them all; time to enjoy life and one another."

The contest rolled out in early Fall on Facebook, with participants responding to clues on questions posted twice a week for three weeks. Both speed and accuracy counted in the race to win the treasure.

Finally, Three Treasure Hunt winners were chosen and they are:

First place winner is **Donna Wagner**, from Lynne, Massachusetts who will receive a one-week "All Inclusive" stay at Holiday Inn Resort Aruba, for two people. When Wagner was told she was the grand prizewinner, she said, "I've been to the Holiday Inn many times! My favorite place, my favorite people!"

Second place went to **Tracee Lynn**, from Hobart, Indiana who won a vacation for two, which includes 3 nights and 4 days at the resort including breakfasts. Lynn was full of holiday cheer when she was told she won second place: "My two girls and I have stayed at your amazing hotel 29 times! My parents, who both passed away 5 years ago, started going to Aruba every year for 30+ years ago and stayed at your hotel every year and they are the ones that introduced us to your beautiful island! I apologize for saying so much but my girls and I are just very grateful to you and your staff for always making our stay the best ever!"

The Third place went to **Lyndsey Gonzalez-Brooks** of Gloucester, Massachusetts who will receive a \$250 USD credit for anything offered at the resort, including the spa.

DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT

Packages

All you need is the right one...
They got it!

Complete your experience at Holiday Inn Resort Aruba with one of our packages and take full advantage of your stay.

One of their newest offers is the Caribbean package! There is nothing more Caribbean than rum, palm trees and the turquoise waters of Aruba - that is why they have created this special package for you to enjoy the tropical ambiance and their brand new rum bar.

Package includes:

- Accommodation.
- Daily breakfast for two at our Corals buffet restaurant.
- A choice of any two rums or rum cocktails. (one per person, per stay)
- A choice of any one of the tapas plates from the rum bar menu. (per person, per stay)



Chef's Corner

Our best kept secret!

Imre Maraczi originally from Budapest, Hungary, is one of the best-kept secrets at the Holiday Inn Resort Aruba, a behind the scene star, you will surely be surprised by his amazing dishes and innovated menus.

TUNA TARTARE

1 Portion

- 3 oz Tuna tartare (salt,pepper, sesame oil, teriyaki sauce, sesame seeds)
- 1 tblsp. Teriyaki sauce
- 1 oz Guacamole
- 1 pc Pickled sushi ginger
- 1 top Cilantro leaf
- 1 top Arugula
- drizzle Olive oil
- 1 edge lemon
- 1 slice White toast bread / cut into half



MORE...



They did it!!

The Holiday Inn Resort Aruba is so excited to share with their guests and future guests that they have received the "Renovation of the Year" award within the InterContinental Hotels Group Company. This award was achieved by having the most improved product and fastest improvement after the renovation both in customer reviews and performance.



One Happy Weather Forecast

Warm you up! At the Holiday Inn

Can you imagine an endless summer? Yes!! You can... Aruba is or can be your holiday paradise!

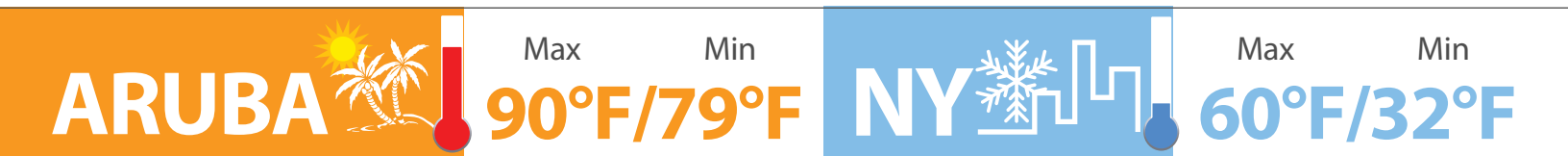
Aruba's average daytime temperature is an enjoyable 82 Fahrenheit (27 Celsius), the island has an incredible average rainfall of less than 20 inches a year offering pretty much constant sunshine year round.

The island is located outside of the hurricane belt, with constant cooling trade winds, the perfect location for a vacation destination!

Did You Know?

The holiday season in Aruba is full of music and lights and magical moments for visitors and residents alike. On New Year's Eve – at the stroke of midnight – fireworks and firecrackers illuminate the skies as Arubans joyfully welcome in the New Year. Legend has it that these firecrackers ward off evil spirits to bring peace and joy to the island. Tradition also includes groups of musicians that stroll from house to house to sing good luck greetings for the New Year.

Weather Forecast October - December



"I told you we wandered too far from the hotel. This looks nothing like Aruba Beach!"



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