

SPRING... A TIME FOR REBIRTH, RENEWAL, AND REGROWTH

Welcome back Holiday Reporter Readers... After a long winter season, everyone is ready to start with fresh renewed energy and motivation! Holiday Inn Resort Aruba is ready to welcome you for this new season with the best service and accommodations to exceed your expectations and create an unforgettable escape. So sit back and relax... let me tell you a little bit more about what new features the Holiday Inn Resort Aruba has to offer!

ALL INCLUSIVE PACKAGES FOR ALL



Holiday Inn Resort now presents two different all-inclusive packages created according to your needs and expectations... Whether you are traveling alone or with your significant other, or you are traveling with friends or the entire family... they have what you need:



All Inclusive Singles & Couples

For those who are planning to get away with their loved one, and have a romantic and relaxing time, Holiday Inn Resort has an all inclusive package for two! They give you \$100 gift card for the Etnika Spa to spend on any of their services, and of course includes all of your meals and drinks at all their beautiful and romantic restaurants.

All inclusive Friends & Family

This is a very complete package for you and your entire group. You'll never have to worry about food or spend time scheduling activities to entertain your family. Included in this package are all three meals and drinks, resort amenities, and plus, you get a 20% discount in water sport activities and tours, so you and your family can enjoy Aruba in the best accommodation.

They are certainly the best place to stay! Switch to vacation mode from the moment you arrive and allow the wonderful staff to pamper you with VIP treatment.

The resort is very conveniently located...this beachfront property allows you to enjoy views of Palm Beach's crystal clear waters, incredible sunsets and ohh! Did I say that their signature drink is the Mojito!

Take a Peek...

• LIVE SHOWS UNDER THE STARS! •



HOLIDAY INN RESORT also hosts their own show and they want you to attend! Twice a week they offer an international buffet from 6:00pm to 7:30pm located at the Oceanside Bar & Grill terrace, where you can enjoy the beautiful weather, delicious food and two magical shows.

Carnival Night

A spectacular night with colorful lights, samba music, dance routines and more! Dance with your family or your special one, and enjoy the show, it is a guaranteed fun night. I feel like a Carnival Garota already!

Circus Night

A special night the resort made just for you and especially, the little ones. Enjoy a full circus show, amazing acrobats performing incredible routines, magicians that will dazzle your mind with their tricks and much more...

Coming soon... Dancing Night! From New York disco & rock to Havana salsa & rumba

Aruba Seasonal Entertainment!

This spring season the island is full of activities and holidays that you cannot miss! These are three of the main events for the season.

Sail Race (May 1-3) The largest event planned around the festivities commemorating the 200 years since the foundation of the Kingdom of the Netherlands - to be held at the Port of Oranjestad. Visitors will be able to enjoy a Seafood Festival, Sail in Cinema, the Sail Aruba Races, miniature boat races, walking tour in Oranjestad, live music, food tents and refreshments.

Aruba Soul Beach Music Festival (May 20-25) Last Held on Memorial Day holiday weekend, the Aruba Soul Beach Music Festival is a star-studded, two-night concert series that has featured such artists as Maze, Sean Paul, Chaka Khan, Wyclef Jean, India Arie, the Gap Band, Boyz II Men, Lauryn Hill, Nina Sky, Anthony Hamilton, Alicia Keys, Brian McKnight, Wayne Brady, Estelle and much more!

Aruba Triathlon Olympic (June 28) International competitors participate in a triathlon comprised of a 1.5 km swim, 40 km bike race, and a 10 km run. Beginners can test their endurance in the 750m swim, 20 km bike, and 5 km run triathlon. Beginning at Eagle Beach, the event is planned within a safe and closed circuit. More than 100 athletes are expected to participate in this event hosted by the Aruba Triathlon



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WHAT'S NEW?

The New Burger Menu at Oceanside Bar & Grill

Oceanside Bar & Grill has a new menu and what are their specialties? Burgers!!! This is a must have! Prepare yourself to enjoy a meal with an outstanding view of the beach and amazing sunsets, great service and of course the tastiest Burgers on the island!

This season is all about revitalizing our bodies, and looking perfect for the beach! This is the best "beach body" friendly meal from the menu, "Garden Delight", a low calories Burger, 100% pure veggie patty, plus black beans and sour cream. Yummy! They also prepare tasty Mango Mojitos which are the perfect combination to enjoy your burger and the tropical mood. And guess what? The best part is that they have happy hour everyday!!!

Do you Want More Choices? Here You Go!

Sea Breeze Restaurant & Bar, this is one of my favorite restaurant at the resort; they have live music and fresh seafood, salads and colorful cocktails. The Caribbean Coconut Curry Shrimp is one of the tastiest and freshest dishes I have ever tried! Thank you Mr. Shrimp!

Pizza Now!!! If you are at the beach, hungry and you are not planning on pausing your sunbathing session, then this is the best choice for you. Why? Because they have the most delicious oven-baked pizza prepared at the moment, and of course they serve it straight to you on the beach!

Palm Bar, is a very nice choice if you are like me, and can't live without coffee. It is conveniently located in the lobby and is very convenient if you want to socialize or just read the paper.



CHEF'S CORNER Our best kept secret!



LOBSTER THERMIDOR

INGREDIENTS

- 2 Spiny lobster
- 5 oz. mushrooms
- 2 oz. cognac
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- ½ qt heavy cream
- 2 oz. chopped onions or shallots
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- Fresh ground pepper
- 4 oz. shredded mozzarella or Gruyere
- 1 clove garlic / crushed
- 1 oz. creamy butter
- 3 oz. coconut milk
- ½ tsp. brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon shredded coconut
- 1 lemon
- Fresh thyme

DIRECTIONS

- Cut the lobsters in the half.
- Pull out the meat and cut into chunks.
- Heat a pan and add a good knob of butter.
- Add the lobster meat and sauté with some salt and freshly ground pepper.
- Add the garlic, the Dijon mustard and the cognac and flambé it for 2 seconds.
- Add the shredded coconut, the brown sugar, and the coconut milk and heavy cream and cook it for 1min.
- Fill the empty lobster shells with the cooked stew, pour the sauce on the top
- Top it with the cheese and put into a hot oven for 5-7 minutes at 350F.
- Serve it on the plate with some garden vegetables, and a nice lemon garlic butter sauce and a lemon half

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS



Activity Zones... Discover a place... to experience your mood...

Holiday Inn Resort has everything you need to make your vacation a wonderful one

The different activities are divided by zones which appeal to each person's mood, which help you choose the best option for you... While you are checking in ask for the activity schedule of the week, there might be a special surprise planned during your stay!

These are my ideal choices for the 2015 Spring Season; however there are many more activities that can cover all your wishes and needs.



A great way to revitalize your self is by taking a combo of Yoga, Tai Chi and meditation classes which are offered in the Palm Tower Zone. It is the best way to begin your day and energize your body surrounded by our beautiful garden.



After charging your batteries, you are ready to try our fun activities at the pool in the Ocean Tower Zone. One of the most interesting things to do there is an unconventional Golf Game! It is call Pool Golf and this game is definitely going to test your chipping skills in the water. The best thing of all is that it is a game for both young and young at heart, so give it a shot!



If you are an adventurer like me, you will love the Scuba Lessons! You will be able to interact with amazing people and really fun instructors at the Sea tower pool! Who knows, you might be able to find Nemo!.



Activity and Kids Club

Yes! You read it, when you thought you had everything covered, you asked yourself: What about the kids? Don't worry, Holiday Inn Resort offer the best choices of activities for the little ones. A team of professionals will keep your kids busy with different indoor and outdoor activities. Your kids are definitely going to have a blast on their vacation and so are you. They also have bicycle rentals, which by the way, is a great family activity and it is complimentary.

Take a Peek...

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WEDDING INSIGHT

If you always wanted a dream wedding at the beach, Holiday Inn Resort has the best options for you and according to your needs.

Click here...

Discover the different types of packages they offer for that special day. Package includes the services of a wedding specialist who will guide, assist and help you plan the most important day of your life.

Spring Wedding Tips

The Perfect Dress for you! Whether it's short or long, the most important thing you have to keep in mind when buying your wedding dress is to choose a light fabric in order to move comfortably on that unforgettable day. The colors for this Spring season and beach weddings are pastel tones of turquoise, rose, violet, yellow, peach, light green, beige and pearl. Details include coral, shells, and a starfish shapes on your bouquet, which will give the magic touch to your beach wedding. According to tradition the dresses of your bridesmaids will be the perfect if they all match, but not necessarily! You can take a risk, and mix different colors or fabrics; you might be surprised how good it can look.

Simplicity is class, use the tones wisely, and let the wedding planner of the Holiday Inn Resort help you blend them in the decoration, cake, flowers and fabrics so you will have the Wedding of your dreams.



Did You Know?

Animal Rights Aruba (A.R.A.)

Is a non-profit animal welfare organization that protects flora, fauna and marine life on the island. A.R.A was founded on May 3rd 1999, run solely by volunteers and it is supported by the United Nations as well as the Council of Europe. If you want to know more about their activities visit:

www.animalrightsaruba.org

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Being Relax Enchant the Spirit

One of the most delightful places at the Holiday inn Resort is the Etnika Spa, a place where you can relax and pamper yourself. They offer a number of different treatments, you will be happy you checked them out.

My recommendation for this season is the Azteka treatment (Hot Stone Massage), a relaxing massage using volcanic hot stones with a delicious aroma, a final touch to a relaxing day.



ONE HAPPY WEATHER FORECAST

Jan 1 - Dec 31
All year around average

ARUBA

Max **90°F** Min **78°F**



"I'd like a wake-up call for 6:30 and a bedtime story at 10:00."

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