Oranjestad, Aruba

One of the easiest ports in the Caribbean to do on foot, with government-set taxi fares and a cheap bus to the famous beaches.

Facts checked on 26 October 2026

My ship has called at Aruba, but I'll be straight with you: I didn't get off. My photo of the waterfront from the ship is below. So this guide is built the way I'd want one built for me: from the government's own taxi fare table, the bus company, the port authority and the tourism board, with every price dated. Aruba is one of the easiest ports in the Caribbean to do on your own.

THE QUICK TAKE

- Ships **dock** right on the edge of downtown Oranjestad. The shops are a few minutes' walk away.
- Taxis have no meters. The government sets the fares, and they changed on **20 May 2026**. From the cruise terminal: Eagle Beach **$28**, Palm Beach **$33**.
- The public bus leaves from right across from the cruise terminal and costs **$2.60** a ride, but the buses aren't wheelchair accessible.
- US dollars are accepted everywhere that matters, but change can come back in Aruban florins.
- Aruba is rated **Level 1**, the lowest travel advisory level. Petty theft at beaches is the main thing to watch.
- Aruba doesn't change its clocks. Go by **ship time**.

Aruba at a glance

Getting ashore	Ships dock at the Oranjestad cruise port. No tenders.
Ship to town	Five to ten minutes on foot to the main road, L.G. Smith Boulevard, depending on your berth (tourism board, checked 24 September 2026). Royal Plaza Mall is about a 5-minute walk.
Currency	Aruban florin (AWG). US dollars are widely accepted at a fixed 1.80 florins to the dollar; small change may come back in florins.
Language	Dutch and Papiamento are official; English and Spanish are widely spoken
Time zone	Atlantic Standard Time all year (no daylight saving): 1 hour ahead of Eastern in winter, the same in summer. **Be back by ship time.**
Taxis	No meters. Fixed government fares, per taxi for up to four people, effective 20 May 2026. Minimum fare $10.
Bus	Arubus, $2.60 a ride, from the station across from the cruise terminal
Drive on	The right
Uber	Not available

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Map of the island



Oranjestad sits midway down the calm southwest coast; the famous beaches run northwest from town, and the wild side is across the island.

Which berth you'll use

Aruba has one cruise port, right on the Oranjestad waterfront, with several berths in a row. The port authority lists **two big berths of 1,910 feet**, each with its own terminal building, two more berths sharing a terminal, and one small extra berth. On busy days a cargo berth can be used as an extra cruise berth. No cruise line has a fixed berth, so you'll get a berth number on the day. Ask your cruise line.

Whichever berth you get, the walk is short and flat: through an air-conditioned terminal with restrooms and information desks, out to the waterfront road. From there:

1. **Taxis** line up at the cruise ship taxi stand on the north side of the port. Official fares are posted at the port and in the cabs.
2. **The bus station** is directly across from the cruise terminal, next to Royal Plaza.
3. **Town** is right there: Royal Plaza Mall is about 5 minutes on foot, and the main shopping street runs inland from the waterfront.

Construction notice: the cruise port is in the middle of a multi-year modernization and waterfront redevelopment. Normal cruise operations have continued, but in June 2026 Norwegian dropped an Aruba call from a 2027 sailing, citing berth availability. If your itinerary changes, that may be why.

At the Aruba cruise port: what's there

Port facts checked on 30 October 2026. Shops, prices and opening hours change, so check on the day.

Our ship has called at Aruba and I stayed aboard, so this is the planner's version. The Oranjestad cruise port isn't a beach-and-pool complex: it's a row of air-conditioned terminal buildings with an information booth, an ATM, a phone-and-Wi-Fi desk and a few souvenir shops, sitting right on the edge of town. The good news is that "staying at the port" here really means a flat stroll to the Renaissance Marketplace, Royal Plaza and the waterfront, all within minutes of the gangway.

Port map: this port doesn't publish a map of its own that we could find, so we drew the simple walk below from the port's and cruise lines' own descriptions.

From the ship: Oranjestad cruise terminals (Port of Oranjestad)

Run by the Aruba Ports Authority. The authority lists five cruise berths: two of 1,910 ft each with their own terminal building, two of 1,443 ft sharing one terminal, and a small 557 ft berth; on weekends a container berth can serve as a third mega-ship berth. Berths are assigned on the day. Docked port, no tenders. The waterfront is in a multi-year redevelopment, so the exact route can change.



Our own simple drawing, not the port's map.

Free things to do inside the port

Cultural information booth Free — A culture and visitor information booth inside the cruise terminal, alongside the regular staffed information booths, for help planning the day.
Inside the cruise terminal
Access: Inside the air-conditioned terminal

Waterfront and Renaissance Marketplace stroll Free to walk around — Open-air waterfront complex on the Renaissance marina with shops, restaurants, a casino and a cinema; the tourism guide mentions live entertainment on select evenings.
Along L.G. Smith Boulevard on the marina, a short walk from the terminals
Access: Flat waterfront walk

Downtown trolley Free (when running) — A free open-air trolley/tram that the tourism board says links the cruise terminal with Main Street, with six stops. I couldn't confirm it is running in October 2026.
Starts near the cruise port (Welcome Plaza / Port of Call stop)
Access: Not stated

National Archaeological Museum Aruba — Downtown museum, about 0.3 miles from the terminals according to Cruise Hive.
Downtown Oranjestad

Pools and beaches

Surfside Beach — The nearest beach to the cruise port. There is no beach or pool inside the port itself.
South-east of town, about 15 minutes on foot (Aruba Tourism Authority) · about 15 min walk from the ship
Access: A 15-minute walk each way; a taxi is easier if walking is hard

Food and drink

Renaissance Marketplace restaurants — A cluster of waterfront restaurants and bars; the tourism guide doesn't name them or give hours.
Renaissance marina, a short walk from the terminals

Restaurants and cafés near the terminal — The tourism board says a variety of restaurants are within walking distance; Cruise Hive notes seating inside the terminals is limited, so cafés nearby are the place to sit.
L.G. Smith Boulevard and downtown

Shopping

Terminal shops — Shops inside the terminal selling perfume, cigars, Dutch delicacies, Delft pieces, local and Caribbean crafts and souvenirs (port authority and VisitAruba).
Inside the cruise terminal · about 0 min walk from the ship
Access: Indoors, air-conditioned

The Local Market Aruba — Local market listed by VisitAruba.
L.G. Smith Boulevard, across from the cruise terminal

Royal Plaza Mall — Pink-and-white shopping arcade with local vendors and designer stores.
L.G. Smith Boulevard 94, about a 5-minute walk from the port · about 5 min walk from the ship

Renaissance Mall — Aruba's only indoor, climate-controlled mall, with over 60 stores (VisitAruba), at the Renaissance resort.
Next to the Renaissance Marketplace on the waterfront
Access: Indoor and air-conditioned; Cruise Critic says it also has public restrooms

Renaissance Marketplace — Open-air shops and market stalls with local goods and souvenirs.
Renaissance marina, along L.G. Smith Boulevard

Port of Call Center, Havenstraat and Main Street — Further shopping listed by the port authority; Main Street (Caya Betico Croes) is about a 10-minute walk.
Downtown Oranjestad · about 10 min walk from the ship

Restrooms, Wi-Fi, money and help

Restrooms Free — Public restrooms in each terminal building; overflow restrooms at the Renaissance Mall and Marketplace (Cruise Hive, Cruise Critic).
Inside the terminals · about 0 min walk from the ship
Access: Cruise Critic says the terminal has step-free access

ATM — Dispenses US dollars and Aruban florins.
Inside the terminal, across from the visitor information booth · about 0 min walk from the ship

SETAR telecom desk — The local phone company's kiosk sells Wi-Fi cards, international calls and internet. Cruise Hive says the port has no free public Wi-Fi.
Inside the cruise terminal · about 0 min walk from the ship

Information booths Free — Staffed visitor information booths.
Inside the terminal · about 0 min walk from the ship

Air-conditioning and seating Free — All terminal buildings are air-conditioned, but seating is limited.
Terminal buildings · about 0 min walk from the ship
Access: Somewhere cool to wait before reboarding

Pharmacy (Botica del Pueblo) — Pharmacy the tourism board names for cruise visitors.
About a 10-minute walk from the terminal · about 10 min walk from the ship

Getting out of the port

Cruise ship taxi stand

US$20 to US$62 per taxi, one way

— Official, flat government fares posted at the port and in the cabs; per taxi for up to four. From the cruise terminal (fares effective 20 May 2026): Oranjestad $20, Eagle Beach $28, Palm Beach $33. Minimum fare $10.
North side of the port facility (Cruise Hive)
Access: Cruise Critic says wheelchair-accessible taxis and vans are available at the port

Arubus main bus station US$2.60 per ride — Public buses; Line 10 runs to Eagle Beach, Palm Beach and Arashi.
Across the street from the cruise terminal, next to Royal Plaza (about 5 minutes on foot) · about 5 min walk from the ship
Access: Arubus says its buses are not yet wheelchair accessible

ATOA tour buses — Aruba Tour Operators Association buses park on port premises; independent operators wait just outside.
On port premises / just outside the terminal

Royal Car Rental — Car rental office.
Outside the terminal on the walkway to the main gate

A whole day without leaving the port

If I were spending the day at the port here, I'd take my time in the cool terminal, pick up a SETAR Wi-Fi card if I needed one, then stroll the waterfront to the Renaissance Marketplace and the indoor Renaissance Mall for shops and a long lunch with a marina view. After that, Royal Plaza across the boulevard, and back to the ship before the afternoon heat. If I wanted my toes in the sand, Surfside Beach is about a 15-minute walk, or I'd spend $28 on a taxi to Eagle Beach. There's no pool or beach inside the port itself.

At the port with a cane, walker or wheelchair

- Docked port, no tenders. The walk from ship to L.G. Smith Boulevard is 5 to 10 minutes and flat, depending on your berth.
- Cruise Hive and Cruise Critic describe the terminal buildings as wheelchair-friendly with step-free access; restrooms are inside.
- No wheelchair or scooter rental at the terminal is published. The tourism board lists island accessibility providers, including beach wheelchair rental and lift-equipped vans; book ahead.
- Arubus buses are not wheelchair accessible; use a taxi or an accessible van.
- Seating inside the terminals is limited, so don't count on a bench while you wait.
- Construction on the waterfront redevelopment may change the route; follow the signs and ask at the information booth.

More on cruising with mobility & health needs. Rules differ by cruise line, so check with yours.

Questions about the port

What is there to do at the Aruba cruise port?
The terminal itself has an information booth, an ATM, a SETAR Wi-Fi desk and souvenir shops. The real draw is right outside: the Renaissance Marketplace, Renaissance Mall and Royal Plaza are a few minutes' walk, and downtown Oranjestad is about 10.

Is there free Wi-Fi at the Aruba cruise port?

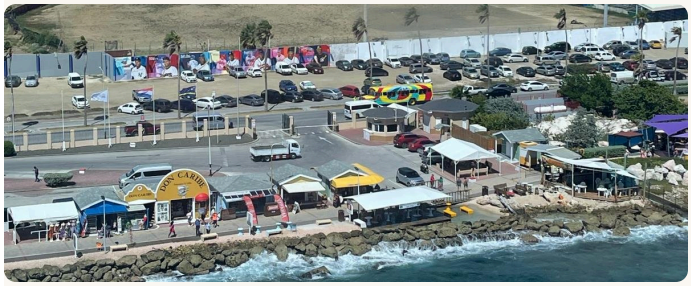
Not that the port publishes. The SETAR desk inside the terminal sells Wi-Fi cards, and Cruise Hive reports there's no free public Wi-Fi.

Is there an ATM at the Aruba cruise terminal?

Yes. The port authority says one sits across from the visitor information booth and gives US dollars or Aruban florins.

Where the port facts come from: Aruba Ports Authority: Oranjestad (berths and harbour map) (30 October 2026); Aruba Ports Authority: Facilities & Services (30 October 2026); Aruba Tourism Authority: Aruba by cruise (30 October 2026); Aruba Tourism Authority: Cruise port travel, beaches and more (30 October 2026); Aruba Tourism Authority: Downtown trolley (30 October 2026); VisitAruba: Cruise ship visitors essential information (30 October 2026); MyArubaGuide: Renaissance Marketplace (30 October 2026); Cruise Hive: Aruba cruise port (reported) (30 October 2026); Cruise Critic: Aruba cruise port terminal information (Feb 2024, reported) (30 October 2026); Government of Aruba: official taxi fares (PDF, 18 May 2026) (26 October 2026); Arubus: FAQ (26 October 2026)

What I saw from the ship



Oranjestad's waterfront, seen from our ship. **My photo.**

> Our ship has called at Aruba, and I stayed on board. My photo from the ship shows the whole argument for Aruba on foot: the shops, the pavement and the sea are all within a few minutes of where you walk off. I haven't walked it myself, so the rest of this guide comes from the official sources listed at the bottom.

How I'd spend the day

If walking is hard

Stay in Oranjestad. The shops and waterfront are a short, flat walk from the ship, with places to sit along the way. If you want a beach, take one taxi to Eagle Beach ($28 for the taxi, up to four people), pick a spot under a palapa, and stay until it's time to go back. Aruba also has companies that deliver beach wheelchairs; see the mobility section below.

Beach day

Eagle Beach: wide, soft sand, gentle water and palapas for shade. Or ride the bus (Line 10) up the hotel strip to Palm Beach for watersports and beach bars. **see Aruba Palm Beach snorkel catamaran on Viator**

See the island

A half-day tour of the northwest (California Lighthouse, Alto Vista Chapel, the rock formations) or a 4×4 trip into Arikok National Park for the Natural Pool. The park side is rough and bumpy, so it's not for bad backs. **see Aruba island tour California Lighthouse on Viator** **see Aruba Arikok Natural Pool jeep tour on Viator**

Getting around

Taxis

Aruba's taxis have no meters. The government publishes a fare table and a fare calculator at taxi.aw, and new fares took effect on **20 May 2026**. Fares are **per taxi** for up to four people. From the cruise ship terminal, one way:

Oranjestad	$20
Eagle Beach	$28
Palm Beach	$33
Alto Vista	$39
Boca Catalina / California Lighthouse area	$43
Natural Pool	$47
Baby Beach (Red Anker)	$62

Extras: **$5** on Sundays, holidays (and 24 December to 1 January) and between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., charged once per trip; **$3** for each passenger beyond four (a taxi can

take up to seven); **$3** for each extra bag. The minimum fare is **$10**. Licensed taxis carry **TX** on the plate. If you're overcharged, the Department of Public Transportation takes complaints through taxi.aw. There's no Uber.

The bus (Arubus)

The main bus station is directly across from the cruise terminal. A single ride is **$2.60**, payable in cash on board. Arubus also sells a return card and a day pass; when I checked in September, its fares page listed **$5** for the return card and **$15** for the day pass. **Line 10** runs up the hotel strip to Eagle Beach, Palm Beach and Arashi Beach. Arubus says plainly that its buses are **not yet wheelchair accessible**.

The downtown trolley

Oranjestad has had a free open-air trolley running along the main shopping street from near the cruise terminal. I couldn't confirm it's running now, so treat it as a bonus if you see it.

Renting a car

You drive on the **right**. Roads are paved and in good condition in the main areas. Rental car break-ins happen, so leave nothing in the car.

What to see

Downtown Oranjestad

Dutch-colonial buildings in candy colours, the main shopping street, Royal Plaza Mall right by the port, and Queen Wilhelmina Park about a 15-minute walk away. The National Archaeological Museum is about 0.3 miles from the port. Allow an hour or two.

California Lighthouse and Alto Vista Chapel

At the northwest tip, past Palm Beach and Arashi. The lighthouse area is a $43 taxi ride from the port, and Alto Vista, a small yellow chapel on a hill, is $39. Most people see both on a half-day island tour.

Arikok National Park

Cactus country, caves with old rock drawings, and the Natural Pool, a rock-ringed pool on the rough northeast coast. There's an entrance fee that the tourism board doesn't put a number on. The Natural Pool needs a 4×4 or a tour; the taxi table lists the fare there at $47.

Baby Beach and San Nicolas

At the far southeast end, $62 by taxi. San Nicolas has colourful street murals, but the State Department says crime risk there is higher, especially at night.

Beaches, ranked for a cruise day

1. **Eagle Beach**, $28 by taxi, or Line 10 on the bus. Very wide, soft sand, gentle surf, palapas for shade and public picnic areas. Quiet on weekdays.
2. **Palm Beach**, $33 by taxi, or Line 10. The resort strip: calm swimming, piers, watersports and beach bars. The busiest and noisiest beach.
3. **Surfside Beach**, the closest beach to the port, just south of town. Small and calm, and popular with locals. The tourism board calls it about a 15-minute walk; one cruise site measures it at about 1.5 miles, so I'd take a taxi in the heat.
4. **Arashi Beach**, near the northwest tip, on Line 10. Calm water and a sandy bottom, good for snorkelling, with a few huts for shade but few other facilities.
5. **Baby Beach**, at the southeast tip, $62 by taxi. Very shallow, sheltered water inside a breakwater, with a snack stand and restrooms. A long way for a port day.

Aruba is windy. That keeps the heat bearable, but hats and umbrellas fly. Keep valuables with you on the sand: the State Department says petty theft at beaches is the most common problem.

Where to eat and what to try

- **Keshi yena**, baked cheese stuffed with spiced meat, a classic of the Dutch Caribbean islands.
- **Pastechi**, fried turnovers with cheese or meat, for a cheap snack.
- **Fresh fish** with funchi (cornmeal) or pan bati (a pancake-like bread).
- **Near the port:** the restaurants and cafés around Royal Plaza and Renaissance Marketplace, right by the ships. Expect cruise-area prices.

Money, language and local rules

- **Currency:** The Aruban florin, fixed at **1.80 to the US dollar**. US dollars and cards are widely accepted. Small change may come in florins.
- **Fees:** Aruba's **$20 sustainability fee** is charged through the online entry card, which most cruise passengers don't need to fill in. If your cruise line doesn't ask you to, you don't pay it.

- **Cannabis and CBD:** Illegal to bring in, even if legal or prescribed at home. Leave the CBD cream on the ship.
- **Ammunition:** Even a single spent shell casing as a souvenir can get you detained.
- **Emergency numbers:** Police 100; medical, fire and coast guard 911.
- **Ship time:** Aruba stays on Atlantic Standard Time all year. Go by the ship's clock.

What the videos don't show you

- **The famous beaches aren't walkable.** Town is right off the ship, but Eagle and Palm Beach need a taxi or the bus.
- **Taxi from the port costs more than from town.** The official table charges $20 from the cruise terminal to Oranjestad, double the $10 from Oranjestad itself, and the beach fares are $10 more from the port than from town.
- **It's pricier than most ports.** Food, drinks and beach clubs cost more than you might expect.
- **The wind.** Constant trade winds: lovely for the heat, terrible for hats.
- **Busy days.** With several big ships in, Palm Beach and the downtown shops get crowded.
- **Construction.** The port waterfront is being redeveloped over several years, which can mean detours and, occasionally, a changed itinerary.

With a cane, walker or wheelchair

Aruba is one of the friendliest ports for limited mobility. It's a docked port, the walk to town is short and flat, the terminals are air-conditioned with restrooms, and the tourism board publishes a list of accessibility providers, including **beach wheelchair rentals** and **vans with wheelchair lifts**. The one big limit: Arubus buses are **not wheelchair accessible**, so plan on a taxi or an accessible van for the beaches.

More detail in the mobility section below

The biggest mistake

Not checking the fare before getting in a taxi, and assuming the old numbers. Aruba changed its official taxi fares on 20 May 2026, and the cruise terminal has its own column in the table: $20 into Oranjestad, $28 to Eagle Beach, $33 to Palm Beach. If walking is easy for you, the $2.60 bus from across the street is the bargain of the day.

Aruba FAQs

Do cruise ships dock or tender in Aruba?
They dock at the Oranjestad cruise port, right on the edge of downtown. There's no tender.

Can you walk from the Aruba cruise port to town?
Yes. Downtown Oranjestad is a short, flat walk, and Royal Plaza Mall is about five minutes away on foot.

How much is a taxi from the Aruba cruise port to Eagle Beach?
The official fare from the cruise terminal is $28 to Eagle Beach and $33 to Palm Beach, per taxi for up to four people, under the fares in force since 20 May 2026.

Can you take the bus from the Aruba cruise port?
Yes. The Arubus station is directly across from the cruise terminal, a ride costs $2.60, and Line 10 goes to Eagle Beach, Palm Beach and Arashi. The buses are not wheelchair accessible.

Do they take US dollars in Aruba?
Yes, widely. The local money is the Aruban florin, fixed at 1.80 to the dollar, and small change may come back in florins.

Is Aruba safe for cruise passengers?
The US State Department rates Aruba at Level 1, its lowest level. Petty theft at beaches and from cars is the most common problem, so keep valuables with you.

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Facts checked on 26 October 2026. Ports change their rules and prices, so check before you sail.

Mobility & access *at this port*

From **Sails Anyway**, the accessible-cruising section of this site. Nothing here is medical advice — it is what the port and the cruise lines publish, so you know what to ask.

The short answer

Ashore	Docked
Free beach	Town yes; best beaches need transport
Hardest part	One vehicle transfer each way

Book this weeks before you sail

Private accessible beach excursions here include **beach wheelchairs that handle soft sand** and accessible beach bathrooms — two things most Caribbean ports simply don't offer. They're limited, so arrange them well before the sailing rather than on the day.

The town, *and the beaches*

- **Oranjestad is a short flat walk** from the pier, with plenty of seating and some shade. A town day here works without any transport at all.
- **A free downtown tram** runs through the centre, which shortens the day further.
- **The famous beaches — Eagle, Palm — need a bus or taxi.** Eagle Beach is world-class and worth the trip, but it isn't a walk.
- **The public bus is reliable and cheap**, and a real alternative to taxi fares if steps onto the bus aren't an issue for you.

What the day *asks of you*

- **Flat ground** throughout the town, which is the main reason this port rates well.
- **One transfer** if you want a famous beach — bus or taxi, each with a step up.
- **Constant wind.** It keeps the temperature pleasant and plays havoc with umbrellas and hats.
- **A slightly higher budget.** Aruba is pricier than most ports, and the beaches are shared with resort guests.

Aruba is also drier than most of the Caribbean, which makes the heat noticeably easier to manage — worth knowing if humidity is what usually finishes you.

The low-effort version of this port

Oranjestad on foot with the free tram when you need it, a waterfront lunch, and back aboard. Or one taxi to Eagle Beach, one chair, and stay put until it's time to return.

Check with your cruise line

- **Ask whether the downtown tram is wheelchair accessible** and where it picks up from the pier.

- **Ask the shore excursion desk about accessible beach options**, and book early — equipment is limited.
- **Ask about step height** onto buses or tour vehicles if you plan to use them.
- **Confirm the walking distance** from your ship's berth to the terminal gate, which varies by berth.

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