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Preface

NUMEROUS TRAVEL BOOKS have been dedicated to exploring the wonders of Curaçao. This island has got it all – a rich history with a downtown vibe that made it onto UNESCO's World Heritage List, romantic sunsets, dozens of beaches that never fail to enchant, untouched nature, and a stunning underwater world, full of vibrant marine life.

The sky is always blue, and the sun graces us with its presence every day. In the crystal-clear waters, large schools of fish glide gracefully, giving you the feeling of swimming in a tropical aquarium rather than the ocean. It might even happen that, as you do a few strokes, you catch a glimpse of a turtle passing by. While we often take these experiences for granted, they are anything but ordinary. It's quite remarkable that such a small island has so much to offer. That's exactly why we decided to introduce Next Stop Curaçao.

"We" are Fleur, Kim, and Susanne, each with our own special connection to the island. Fleur was born in Curaçao in 1994. She grew up on the beach, always barefoot and now torn between soaking in warmth and avoiding the cold. Kim was born in the Netherlands five years later and spent her early years in Belgium before moving to Curaçao at the age of fourteen. On the island she traded rain boots for flip-flops and winter jackets for summer dresses.





Susanne first arrived on the island in 1991, originally planning to stay for six months but ended up staying for six years. After living in the Netherlands and later Belgium for a long time, she eventually returned to her cherished Curaçao.

The island holds a special place in our hearts. We know where to find the most beautiful places and hotspots. Whether they are friends, colleagues, acquaintances, or even strangers who somehow find their way to us, everyone seeks advice for an unforgettable vacation in Curaçao. And rightly so. With insider tips, you get to know the island much better. Curaçao seen through the eyes of a young professional, a student, and their mother who traveled there in the nineties. With different interests, hobbies, and a personal perspective on their beloved island. We couldn't provide a more comprehensive overview of Curaçao's best places and most beautiful hotspots!

Fleur, Kim & Susanne





TOP THREE

pristine beaches

Cas Abao

Especially in the morning, as the sun bathes the azure blue waters from the east, Cas Abao is breathtakingly beautiful. The dazzling white sandy beach is scattered with palapas and palm trees, offering cooling shade against the tropical sun. Cas Abao features a beach bar, but visitors are also welcome to bring their own cooler for refreshments.







Restaurant Nultwintig

Dining at Restaurant Nultwintig is an experience in itself. It's a delight to savor the most delicious dishes outdoors, by the ocean. This restaurant offers a true fine dining experience with impeccable style and attention to detail. Highly recommended!

🌐 restaurantozo.com

Tomatoes

Pizza on the beach, that's what Tomatoes is all about. Located at Pirate Bay, this Italian restaurant serves thin-crust pizzas under the stars. Imagine the soothing sound of waves in the background, and you know a pizza couldn't taste better anywhere else.

🌐 tomatoescuracao.com

Mundo Bizarro

At Mundo Bizarro, it's like having a mini-vacation during your vacation. The lively soul and salsa tunes blasting from the speakers undoubtedly contribute to this feeling. This cozy establishment in the Pietermaai District is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner and is loved by tourists and islanders alike.

🌐 mundobizarrocuracao.com

Brass Boer

The idyllic location on Blue Bay's pier is a must-visit in itself. The vibe at Brass Boer is chic and relaxed at the same time. The food – as expected from a place where Dutch top chef Jonnie Boer and his partner Therese are in charge – is fantastic. Ideal for dinner, but equally delightful for lunch.

🌐 brassboer.com



RESTAURANT - LOUNGE - CAFE


THE BAR

HOTEL GARDIO

LOVED BY *locals*

Purunchi

The family running this tiny seafood restaurant, prepares the freshly caught fish on-site and serves it as the catch of the day at lunchtime.

 *kas di piskado purunchi*

Do as the locals do

A “truk’i pan” is Curaçao’s version of a food truck, a common sight throughout the island. These mobile eateries typically open later in the evening, serving barbecue dishes served with fries or bread. A perfect option for a hearty meal, especially after enjoying Happy Hour or a night out.



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