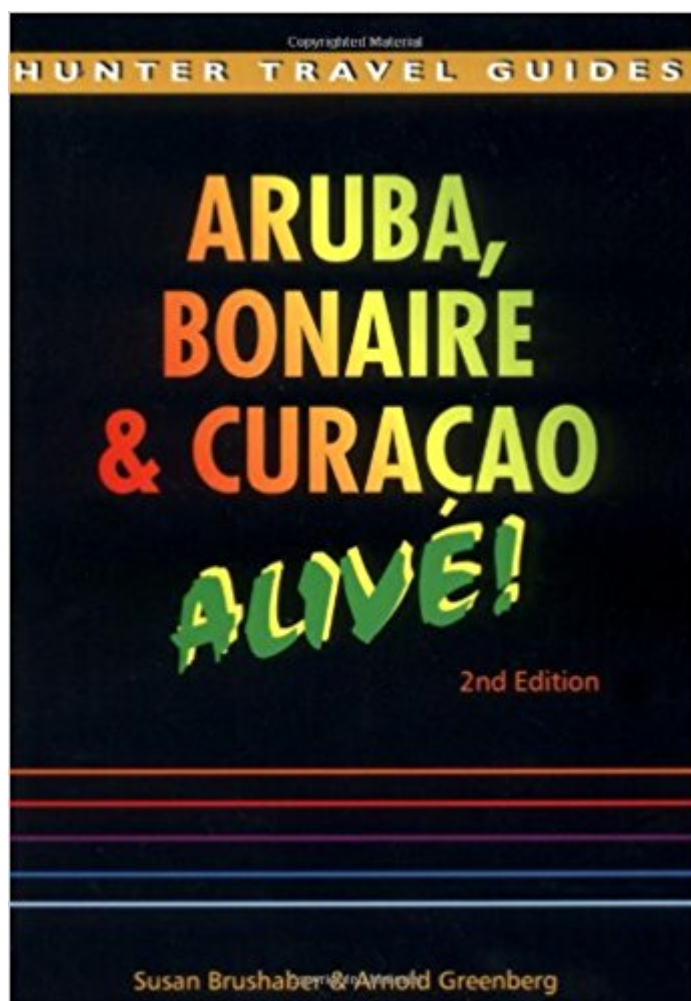


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The Aruba, Bonaire & Curacao: Alive! (Aruba, Bonaire And Curacao Alive Guide)



Synopsis

This delightful island trio combines Latin spice with European charm, creating a rare treat. Aruba is known for its white sand beaches, shopping and casinos. Bonaire's coral reefs attract divers from around the world. Curacao, the cosmopolitan sister, has fine restaurants, dynamic nightlife and European fashions. Best of all you can island-hop from one to the next! Here is the ultimate guide to discovering the high life and cool spots of the ABCs. Alive Guides tell you what's hot and what's not, with plenty of suggestions for daytime activity and nighttime fun. Each guide offers hundreds of restaurant and hotel profiles in all price ranges, including the very best places to stay and eat, adventure, nights in the city or budget accommodation. Beyond where to stay and eat, Alive Guides focus on the things that make each destination unique - hiking in the rain forests of St Lucia or diving off the coast of Bonaire. 'Sunup to sundown' sections cover a huge variety of activities and organized excursions, including a thorough listing of the best beaches. Suggested road trips and walking tours are accompanied by town and regional maps. 'After dark' sections give the lowdown on hot nightclubs, romantic bars, high-class casinos, movies and theatre. An A-Z reference at the end provides a comprehensive list of useful contacts, including ATM and bank locations, doctors and medical facilities, tourism offices, religious services and websites.

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Up-to-the-minute Alive Guides cover every aspect of travel in each exciting destination - places rarely covered by other guidebooks! Alive Guides focus on hotels and restaurants, with descriptions based on repeat visits by well-traveled authors. Establishments are rated with the unique Alive rating system, so you can find one to suit your taste and pocketbook. Particular attention is given to shopping in the exotic regions, with details on local artists, cut-price designer clothing and the best values on duty-free goods. Tips on what to do from sunup to sundown include tours, sightseeing, sunning, watersports and the best beaches. Piano bars, jazz clubs, places to meet people and even gay clubs are listed for nightlife. Transportation to, from, and around the area is also covered. Maps and indexes.

This book is a longer version of Curacao Travel Adventures, by Lynn Sullivan, obviously also containing Aruba and Bonaire. Don't buy both. I would also not recommend the kindle version. While it is attractive to not have to take a lot of books with you, this is not an easy guide to use on kindle. The table of contents does not give page numbers. It is more of a graph of what is in the book. Neither is a great guide, but there really aren't many guide to Curacao. Do check out the Beach Book, Curacao edition by Bret Sigillo. It is great.

Not very helpful in making plans, because it is very out of date. But it had some interesting history and geographical information. Can't remember if the publish date was given, but that is certainly something I will look for in future purchases.

After choosing ARUBA for a Honeymoon destination, I headed out in search of a Tourbook. Of Course, .com gave me more choices than local bookstores. This book gives great details about ALL of the ABC islands, especially what I was looking for...Beaches, Romantic Interludes, Activities...and it also listed how and what you needed to "get Married, again" on the island. I would highly recommend this book if you are planning a trip to the ABCs.

Highly recommended! Handy size paperback, with practical information that doesn't insult your intelligence. Especially helpful in describing transportation options. The authors have written the book from the perspective of the traveler: needs and interests. Each island's history, people, government and culture are described in succinct, useful terms. Very insightful in how to make the

most of your time. I found the descriptions of things to do especially helpful and the hotel and restaurant reviews and price ranges were accurate, for a refreshing change. Far better than the "advice" you get from the usual travel agent who only knows what the brochure writers said. If you're going to take along one guidebook to the ABC islands, this is it.

I am planning a trip to Bonaire and picked up this book. After visiting all of the local book stores and not finding any books specifically about Bonaire, I thought I better check . I was concerned that this book might focus on the more populated islands only. However I was pleased to find that it dedicates about 1/3 of the book to each island. While it has the usual reviews on hotels & restaurants, it also has some interesting coverage of local history and driving tours. I was also pleased to find some coverage of scuba diving sites including maps locating the dive sites and skill ratings for each. If you need info on the ABC's, I suggest you get this book.

I have just returned from Curacao. I found this book to be a complete dud. The only thing it helped me with were the guide to beaches up on the northern part of the island. It said nothing about what is one of the best resorts in the Caribbean, Kura Hulanda and it's Slave Museum. Check out Kula Hulanda on the web. This book also said nothing about a departure tax at the airport while it seems to address alot of fluff. You would do better with other guide books. I have not been to Aruba or Bonaire so I can't say if the book is better for those two islands but I would bet not. S Klebe

Those planning a journey will consider the specific information a treasure trove of facts. From critically acclaimed accommodations to itineraries and a focus on wildlife, this is packed with take-along information essential to planning a visit.

I would bet a thousand chip at the casino that all of these perfect reviews were written by people who are affiliated with the guide and who stand to profit from it. Tell me I'm wrong. Look at the language in these reviews, it screams plant.

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