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Article 2: Casinos in Aruba: It's Not Just About the Gaming

Looking for a little Las Vegas in the middle of the Caribbean? Want to try your hand at lady luck, but looking for a little more entertainment? All of this and more can be found in the world class casinos of beautiful Aruba. The glitz, the glamour and the great dining choices can all be yours on this desert island oasis. Plus, some casinos in Aruba are open 24 hours a day. And unlike Vegas, you only have to be 18 years of age to play! Dress is usually resort-style casual.

Blackjack, Poker and More!

Aruba not only has all the best games a top casino could offer, they also have invented games that have gone on to be worldwide sensations, like Caribbean Stud Poker. It was first created here in 1988, and is one of the few casino games that offers players a progressive jackpot. Of course, if you like the old standards, they have blackjack, poker, craps, roulette, and baccarat. Table minimums typically start at \$5, however some start at \$10, depending on the casino. If slot machine action or sports betting is more your speed, they have plenty of that as well. US currency is used for all gaming in Aruba casinos, which makes it very easy for tourists.

Your Choice of 11 Casinos

- **The Crystal Casino:** The ultimate 24 hour a day casino palace! Elegant and luxurious with marble, brass, gold leaf, and crystal chandeliers, Crystal Casino also features live entertainment every night.
- **Seaport Casino:** On the waterfront and more casual, the Seaport appeals to those looking to relax and just enjoy the evening. Seaport also has live entertainment on Friday and Saturday nights.
- **Alhambra Casino and Aladdin Theatre:** The most popular entertainment complex on the island! Alhambra is on Manchebo Beach and has more than 300 slot machines and gaming tables. They also have a fantastic theater that regularly has a number of top acts.
- **Royal Cabana at La Cabana Beach Resort:** The largest casino on the island! Be sure to check it out when you're here.
- **Resort Casinos**
 - The Wyndham's Casablanca, Copacabana at the Hyatt, and The Excelsior at the Holiday Inn are all casinos that are worth playing a few hands at.
 - Marriott's Stellaris: A great casino with popular live music acts!
 - The Royal Palm at the Allegro: A bingo mecca!
 - Marengue in the Aruba Grand Resort: Quieter, and a little more laid back, but lots of great action at the slots and game tables.

Dance the Night Away in Aruba!

Looking to dance until the morning dawn after your big win at the tables? Aruba is the place to be! There are plenty of exciting nightspots with great bands and DJ's. All of the major hotels also offer unique entertainment such as beach barbecues, theme parties and other special events. Hotels and nightclubs feature water ballet, international entertainers, fashion shows, local dance groups, limbo and fire dances, steelbands, discos and the pulsating beat of local bands.

For those of you who prefer a more sedate pace, there are many relaxing activities to choose from...a tropical drink on a moonlit patio under a star-filled sky, a peaceful stroll on a quiet beach or dinner in an intimate setting.

Stage Shows more your style? At least a couple of Aruba's stages offer first-rate entertainment, and the others are nothing to sneeze at. You don't have to be a resort guest to see shows at the hotels, but you should make a reservation. Seats for the hottest spectacles are likely to book up early in the day, especially during the high season.

Still the island's biggest stage sensation, Let's Go Latin! at the Renaissance's Crystal Theatre, is the Caribbean's largest stage production. This show features 26 performers from Cuba's premier dance studios and more than 180 costumes. Combining Latin rhythm, Las Vegas spectacle, and New York sophistication, the show boasts dazzling choreography and riveting vocalists. Most of the talented dancers hail from one of Cuba's elite ballet companies, but their moves are more

Aruba: A Culinary Mecca

Who would have known that Aruba had such incredible dining? After you enjoy some pre-dinner casino action, be sure to try some of the great restaurants that make up the Aruba culinary scene. As clearly one of the best dining experiences in the Caribbean, this cultural melting pot is influenced by flavors, tastes, and cooking traditions from all over the globe. Whether you're looking for regional Caribbean fare, traditional European fare, or Asian, you'll be treated to a feast by Aruba's award-winning chefs.