



A DUTCH TOUCH IN WILLEMSTAD



FLOATING MARKET

## Take it easy

Colonial charm meets chilled-out **Caribbean** cool on Curaçao. Enjoy the island's easy-going ambience while taking in fascinating historical monuments and marine-related attractions.

### WHAT TO SEE

#### Sea this

Delve into Curaçao's seafaring history at the **Curaçao Maritime Museum**

#### Maritime Museum

([curacaomaritime.com](http://curacaomaritime.com)) or visit

**The Curaçao Museum** (Van Leeuwenhoekstraat, Willemstad; +599 9 4623873) in a fine, Dutch-built, 19th-century mansion house. Resplendent **Christoffel National Park's** ([carmabi.org](http://carmabi.org))

wild beauty offers hiking, swimming, fishing and diving in a landscape of cactus plants, bromeliads and orchids.

### WHERE TO SHOP

#### Bag some bread

Stallholders at the **New Market** (Punda, Willemstad)

offer a wide array of spices, herbs, fruits and freshly-baked breads, alongside woven baskets and palm-fibre bags.

Pick up Curaçao's signature ceramic miniature *kunuku* houses at specialist potter **Keramos** (Kaya Col, Kay Winkel 2, Willemstad; +599 9 7374676).

### WHERE TO EAT

#### Cooking culture

Exploring the local culinary tradition is a Curaçao holiday highlight on an island where local cuisine derives from over 50 cultures. Thursday night is lobster night at popular seafood eatery **Brakkeput Mei Mei** ([brakkeputmeimei.com](http://brakkeputmeimei.com)) while menus at upmarket **Bistro Le**

**Clochard** ([bistroleclochard.com](http://bistroleclochard.com)) and **Belle Terrace** ([avilahotel.com](http://avilahotel.com)) provide the perfect excuse for a gastronomic splurge.

### HOW TO GET THERE

**KLM** operates three direct flights a week to Curaçao Aeropuerto Hato from Amsterdam Airport Schiphol.

**Tourist information**  
[curacao.com](http://curacao.com)

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### DON'T MISS

#### Stay in style

The recently opened **Hyatt Regency Curaçao Golf Resort, Spa and Marina** offers 18 holes of on-site championship golf, extensive meeting facilities and deluxe amenities. Situated on the Santa Barbara Plantation, a 1,500-acre luxury resort community, the full-service, sumptuous hotel, with uninterrupted water views on three sides, provides all manner of relaxation and sporting opportunities – and no less than three top-class restaurants!

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