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CAPITAL

Willemstad

AIRPORT

Hato International Airport

TIME

GMT - 4 hours

CURRENCY

10 Antillean Guilders = £4.50
 €10.00 = 23 Antillean Guilders

VISAS

No visas required for Irish passport holders if staying a maximum 2 weeks.

VACCINATIONS

No compulsory vaccinations required. Contact The Tropical Medical Bureau on **1850 48 76 74** for further information.

DEPARTURE TAX

US\$20.00 to be paid at checkin when leaving the island.

GETTING THERE

Scheduled airline connections are available via Amsterdam with Aer Lingus and onwards with KLM.

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO

- Walking tour of historic Willemstad
- Visit to Caracasbay Island
- Shopping in Willemstad
- Jeep & canoe safari's
- Swim with the dolphins

On a clear day in Curacao - and that means most days - you can see Venezuela a few miles across the sea in South America. But don't spend too much time looking. There's more than enough to see and do in this large, lively island that has for centuries been a major cultural and trading crossroads.

Hospitable and always sunny, Curacao bids you a warm welcome. The friendly inhabitants, first class hotels, crystal clear seawater, fascinating architecture, secluded bays and the many possibilities for excursions and entertainment make Curacao a hidden paradise. The Dutch merchants who colonised the island and built the capital, Willemstad, had the brightly-coloured houses and warehouses designed to remind them of their homes in Amsterdam and yet when you hear salsa and merengue on the buses and glimpse the Latin style and verve of the islanders, you'll know you're not very far from South America.

WEATHER

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
SUN (hrs)	8	8	8	8	9	8	9	9	9	8	8	8
RAIN (mm)	18	14	13	11	13	14	14	14	12	15	19	22
TEMP (°C)	29	29	30	31	31	31	32	32	32	31	31	29

HOTEL KURÁ HULANDA, SPA & CASINO

★★★★★
(Boutique Hotel) (Member of Leading Small Hotels of the World)

LOCATION

A brief 15-minute ride from the airport, the hotel is nestled above the glorious St. Anna Bay in central Willemstad. The 65 buildings that comprise this unique property are a superb collection of 18th and 19th century architecture and is now listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site.

THE PROPERTY

Hotel Kurá Hulanda Spa & Casino is an 80-room luxury boutique resort located within a village complex known as Project Kurá Hulanda. Within this village complex are several outstanding properties including the Museum Kurá Hulanda - a world-acclaimed anthropological museum. Two spectacular swimming pools, the eco pond pool - a grotto surrounded by natural rock formations fed by a waterfall and the more traditional Bolivar pool - located near the Indian sculpture garden and the kiddie pool. As the hotel is located down town, there is complimentary scheduled transportation to/from the private beach club for all guests. The hotel also offers a choice of three excellent restaurants and two bars.

ROOMS

Meticulously restored 18th and 19th century Dutch Colonial buildings surround several glorious courtyards (Kurá Hulanda is Papiamentu, Curaçao's native tongue for Dutch courtyard). Furnishings are extraordinarily unique with hand-carved mahogany and teak antiques as well as superb replicas through out. While hand-woven linens from India and delicately woven mosquito netting drape over four-poster beds adding comfort and romance. (Standard rooms do not offer four-poster beds).

The Indian Bridal suite will inspire couples to get married again and again just to experience the lush sterling silver surroundings. The handcrafted furniture is made of hammered sterling silver including the headboard, night tables, chairs and dressing table. Furniture that actually once belonged to an Indian Maharajah and Maharani.

SPECIAL OFFERS

Summer Early Booking Bonus: Stay 7 nights & pay for 5 or stay 14 and pay for 10. Valid for bookings made prior to 01 Mar 09 for completed stays 13 Apr - 31 May 09 and 01 Sep - 23 Dec 09. **Free Nights:** Stay 7 nights and pay for 5 or stay 14 and pay for 10. Valid in all room categories apart from standard rooms during 01 Jun - 31 Aug 09. Stay 7 pay for 6 is valid in all categories from 02 - 31 Jan 09, 13 Apr - 31 May 09 and 01 Sep - 23 Dec 09.



PRICES

Low Season price from €1476.00pps
(Room only basis)

High Season price from €1737.00pps
(Room only basis)

All prices quoted are per person inclusive of flights and transfers for a 7 night stay at the meal plan indicated.



LODGE KURA HULANDA & BEACH CLUB *****

LOCATION

Situated on the west end of this exotic island, Lodge Kura Hulanda is located just 30 minutes from the airport, yet feels at least 100 miles from the real world.

THE PROPERTY

Breathtaking coral cliffs surrounded by a sugary white sand beach create the ideal setting for Curacao's newest luxury resort, Lodge Kura Hulanda and Beach Club. This peaceful, tropical getaway offers the tranquility of a secluded island hideaway coupled with a relaxing and alluring beachfront retreat. Whether you choose to relax in this tranquil setting and do nothing...or you choose to take advantage of the many land and water based activities the resort has to offer, the Lodge is the ideal setting no matter what you choose. Boasting a spectacular natural reef located off its beach, it is a prime diving destination resort offering an on-site dive shop that provides snorkelling, scuba diving courses and daily excursions to Curacao's top dive sites. Paddleboats, Sunfish Boats and Kayaks are also available for rental. Guests who want to stay topside can opt for massages poolside or workout in the state of the art fitness centre. The resort also offers 2 excellent restaurants and the best bar on the island for the spectacular sunsets.

ROOMS

This beachfront haven offers 80 spacious villas, suites and guestrooms, all elegantly appointed, featuring balconies or patios with stunning panoramic views of the ocean or gardens and exquisite patio furnishings. All offer a king size or 2 double beds, cable TV, high speed internet, personal safe and many other amenities.

SPECIAL OFFERS

Free Nights: Stay 7 and pay for 6 from 02 - 31 Jan 09 or 13 Apr - 23 Dec 09.

DUAL HOTEL OFFER

Experience the best of both worlds. Combine your stay at Hotel Kurá Hulanda and Lodge Kurá Hulanda and get complimentary American breakfast for the entire stay for both properties (max 7 nights in total), transportation to the other hotel and 1 time entry to the Kura Hulanda Museum for 2 persons. Valid for stays 02 Jan - 23 Dec 09.



PRICES

Low Season price from €1424.00ppps
(Room only basis)

High Season price from €1597.00ppps
(Room only basis)

All prices quoted are per person inclusive of flights and transfers for a 7 night stay at the meal plan indicated.



AVILA BEACH HOTEL ★★★★★

LOCATION: This historical property has been family run for generations and is ideally located on the waters edge and just a short cab ride from the shopping and restaurants of Willemstad.

THE PROPERTY: The heart of the Avila Beach Hotel is a beautiful Dutch Colonial style mansion (formerly the Governor's House), which today houses the lobby and various executive offices. Delightfully picturesque, we ask you to imagine a romantic Caribbean open-air dining terrace where balmy trade wind breezes and the vivid blue Caribbean sea provide the ultimate tropical setting for an exquisite and unforgettable backdrop. This is just the start. The hotel offers a choice of fabulous eateries and bars including 'The Blues Bar' which serves cool cocktails, succulent lobster dishes and...live jazz! The Blues bar and restaurant is THE Jazz spot in Curaçao. A definite must where ever you stay on the island. The hotel also offers the 'Relaxau Paradis' Spa which offers a comprehensive list of massage therapies and body and beauty treatments ranging from deep tissue massage to mud wraps to manicures for ladies and gentlemen. A number of outdoor (sea-side) massage therapies are also available.

ROOMS: The hotel is comprised of two main wings 'La Belle Alliance' which was the original name of the Governor's mansion. This east wing, was the first addition to the hotel, and its beautiful pastel-coloured buildings have been designed to reflect the style and architecture of the historical property. The west wing is a unique concept and is called the 'Blues Wing', because it complements the wooden structure of the pier restaurant and Blues Bar, across the bay. The rooms in this latest addition to the hotel are built on a pier off the beach and feature a private balcony or terrace with unsurpassed views of the azure Caribbean sea and sweeping coastline of Curaçao. All rooms offer air-conditioning, television, hair dryer, coffeemaker and an in-room safe.

SPECIAL OFFERS: Romance Package: Fresh flowers & champagne upon arrival, breakfast for two served in the room the morning after arrival (unless otherwise requested), romantic beach dinner and couples massage treatment in the privacy of your room or on your balcony. Cost €490.00 per couple.

PRICES

Low Season price from €1499.00pps
(Room only basis)

High Season price from €1795.00pps
(Room only basis)

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PAPAGAYO BEACH RESORT ★★★★★ (Escape Hotel)

LOCATION: The Papagayo Beach Resort is situated on Jan Thiel Bay on the south side of the island just 30 minutes from the airport and 15 minutes from the bustling capital of Willemstad.

THE PROPERTY: The resort is an environmentally aware, peaceful and restful resort built in natural surroundings. For dining it offers 'Restaurant Seasons' which is open daily from 8.00 am for breakfast, from 12.00 pm for lunch and 18.00 for dinner and is said to be one of the best on the island. The restaurant is situated in the middle of the resort within a beautiful garden and with a romantic pool view. While during the rest of the day drinks and snacks are served at the pool. Here, is all about relaxation about spending time with your partner, about breathing deep and not worrying, even if it is just for a short while.

ROOMS: All of the 75 villa style bungalows are charmingly decorated and furnished. The natural materials used create a cosy atmosphere that puts everyone at ease. Each colonial-style villa has two bedrooms a large living room with a wrap-around porch and an open kitchen with refrigerator, dishwasher, coffee maker and microwave/grill oven. All of the villas offer garden and/or sea views and some overlook the pool as well. Each villa is fitted with a safe and air-conditioning in the bedrooms as standard.

PRICES

Low Season price from €1332.00pps
(Room only basis)

High Season price from €1776.00pps
(Room only basis)

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