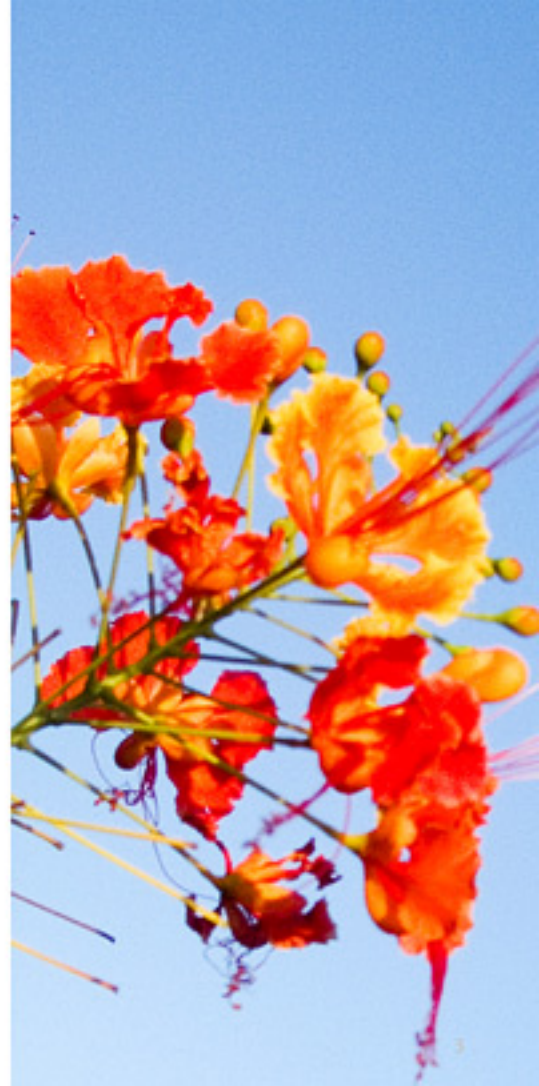


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P R E F A C E

After providing you with the secret charms of Banda Abou we now bring you the vastly diverse Eastern part of the island known as Banda Ariba. From the vibrant Pietermaal to the serene waters of Fuikbaal this is a part of Curaçao impossible to miss. The urbanized sections of Banda Ariba offer intimate boutique hotels, unique restaurants, art galleries and historical architecture. Yet Banda Ariba also has its nature reserves, hidden bays and plantations. It provides you with a glimpse of the past beautifully wrapped up in modern ideas and visions.

This book provides you with a look into the diversity that Curaçao offers. It explores its cultural heritage, shares with you delectable recipes and leads you on interesting excursions. We welcome you to dive into this book, as you would into the crystal blue waters of the island, and find yourself amongst imposing images and words to guide you through Banda Ariba. Join us as we explore the secret, unmarked, beloved and colorful Banda Ariba.

Eef Ouwehand & Kristel Slagter



THE ARTS

Love of beauty is taste. The creation of beauty is art. - Ralph Waldo Emerson

Artists - Galleries - Museums

BECK
LOT1028
Mirjam Griffioen
RIT Fort L. Museum
Kura Hulanda Museum
Maritime Museum
Curaçao Museum
Landhuis Boemhof
Gallery Aime Blou

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BECK Dutch Caribbean

For information and inspiration visit:
www.beckdutchcaribbean.com

Upon meeting Rebecca Paz, founder of BECK Dutch Caribbean, you immediately understand why her jewels are so beloved by Island locals and international celebrities. The bright colors of the earrings, the statement necklaces and pearl BECKlettes catch your eye every time. Her style and elegance radiate through each piece, bringing together influences from her travels and adding a chic Caribbean touch to whatever you are wearing. Born and raised on the island, she discovered early on that her passion lay in fashion and entrepreneurship and thus art school was a logical first step. It wasn't however, until her internship with Carolina Herrera, an empire where one woman's fingerprint is on every detail of her company, that Paz truly explored the idea of starting her own creative company. And so BECK was born. Paz's original designs and one-of-a-kind pieces are treasured by each of her clients and are proudly each season. Now living in New York City Paz has been able to emerge into an intensely creative world, which has created the opportunity for a more global approach to her company and designs.

In Curaçao BECK Dutch Caribbean is available at:

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Open:
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non-stop.
Every first Sunday of the month
from 10AM to 4PM.

Walk in Closet
Jen Thiel Plaza
+599 9 747 0203

Open:
Mon - Sun from 10AM to 10PM
non-stop.

Exceptional:
Stacked BECKlettes instantaneously bring glamor to any ensemble. Be sure to add some variety for that playful element.



ARCHITECTURAL EXCURSIONS

Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life - Pablo Picasso

Walking tours - Sight-seeing

Ottobonds Walking Tour
Scharloo Walking Tour
Synagogue Mikvé Israel-Emanuel
Morris Maduro Museum & Library





As you stroll the streets, alleys and passageways of Otrobenda you will discover beautifully restored mansions, old crumbling constructions and churches perched on street corners. You will also find traditional working-class homes from which life spills out into the streets, 'nicks' serving local bites and beer, colorful shops, Chinese bars and cheap markets, all thrown together on the 'Other side'.



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FOOD & WINE

Happiness is finding two olives in your martini when you are hungry - Johnny Carson

Restaurants - Bars - Cafés

St. Tropez Oceanclub

Kome

No. 5

Miles Jarr Café

Ginger

Terrazza

Floating Market

Rock Beach

FroYo

Pirates nest

Mundo Bizarro



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As the sun sets over the Caribbean ocean, the vibes of the eclectic music at the St. Tropez Oceanclub rise. The cool breeze flows in, the bubbles are poured and lights begin to sparkle under the watchful eye of Brigitte Bardot. The imposing white beams and eccentric light bulbs are in sheer contrast to the eye catching magenta daybeds. This is where you will find the ultramodern experience in the Pietermaai District.

The Riva, pictured prominently on the restaurant wall, sets the tone, the infinity pool glitters as the rays gently touch the water and on any given day models in their floral sundresses are preparing for a photo session. It is with this backdrop that lunch, dinner and cocktails are served. From its distinct grey couches and the harbor inspired cabanas this has become a place to showcase the diversity of what the island has to offer. The vision of Michel Oliemuller en Omaira Thielman to add a touch of glamour at an affordable price to the Curaçao lifestyle has certainly been achieved.

If you simply cannot get enough of the St. Tropez Oceanclub and its outstanding panoramic view, book a room at St. Tropez Suites for the weekend.

Open:
Mon - Thu 8AM to Midnight
Fri - Sat 8AM to 1AM
Sunday 8AM to Midnight

Exceptional:
It is definitely a good idea to order some jalapeño cheese snacks with your cocktails.

Prices lunch:
Soups USD 7.50 - 13, Salads
USD 14.50 - 20, Sandwiches
USD 10.50 - 15.

Prices dinner:
Starters USD 13 - 21.50, Main
USD 16 - 30, Dessert USD 10
- 11.50.

Prices suites:
Hotel rooms from USD 119 per
night.
Apartments from USD 199 per
night.
Prices are excluding breakfast
and taxes.



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BOUTIQUE STAYS

If you want to be happy, be - Leo Tolstoy

Hotels - Apartments - Bed & Breakfast

BijBlauw
Scuba Lodge & Apartments
De Herberg
Pietermaai Smal Apartments
Hotel 't Klooster
La Bougainville

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SCUBA LODGE

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Leaving the city life behind you, the inviting bright blue main building of Scuba Lodge welcomes you to its relaxing world of beach lunches, tropical gardens and all the amenities you've come to expect from a boutique stay. Scuba Lodge is made up of five monuments, each in their respective eye catching colors, two pools and a private beach. The idea was to bring a contemporary hotel experience to Pietermaai, and this has clearly been a success.

The days at Scuba Lodge begin, as all days should, with breakfast served in picnic baskets on a palm tree filled white beach. It is a great place for children to play in the sand while their pancakes are being prepared. The orange juice is fresh, the muesli adds the texture and the fruits bring the color; a healthy start to the day before you head off to the in-house dive shop. The diving activities are divided by day on the large chalkboard and the equipment is housed in the iconic red shipping container turned shop. While you plan your exploration of the underwater paradise of Curaçao the friendly dive instructors prepare all the necessary gear.

Open:
Mon - Sun from Noon to 10PM,
Breakfast 8AM - 10:30AM.

Exceptional:
Whether you are visiting the island or live in paradise the picnic breakfast at the Scuba Lodge is definitely worth a try.

Prices Breakfast:
Picnic basket USD 39 for two persons.

Prices lunch and dinner:
Starters USD 6 - 11, Main USD 15 - 22, Desserts USD 8 - 9.

Prices hotel:
Hotel rooms from USD 139 per night. Suites from USD 315 per night. Villas from USD 575 per night. Prices are excluding breakfast and taxes.



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The staff at the Scuba Lodge can help you plan all your desired activities on the island, from city walks to private yoga classes and even your beach wedding. The fourteen rooms and eight apartments are painted in soft hues, have spacious bathrooms and the balconies look out over the ocean. The furniture has been prudently selected to make your stay in the generously sized rooms as comfortable and enjoyable as possible, creating a wonderful calmness when you return after a day of discovering the island.



For those who want to be part of Curaçao's local life, the Pietermaai Smal neighborhood is the place to be. Luxurious, stylishly designed apartments in 200 year old renovated mansions are available for long and short term rent. Only 20 meters away of the Caribbean Sea and in the historic district of Willemstad, each apartment has access to the lush tropical courtyard overlooking with banana trees and a small but perfectly positioned pool in the middle of the urban jungle. Unique Pietermaai Smal makes untold history nearly tangible.

BACK TO NATURE

If we could see the miracle of a single flower clearly, our whole life would change - Buddha

Beaches - Farms - Plantation

Fuk
Klein Curaçao
Aloe Vera Plantation Curaçao
The Curaçao Ostrich Farm
Playa Caraca
St. John's Bay



Finding your way to this island you will surely hear about Bountiful Adventures and its catamarans which will bring you safely to the shores of Klein Curaçao. The early morning departure ensures you will enjoy the ocean for a full day. As the catamaran makes its way along the Eastern coast of Curaçao, the horizon makes way for the sight of the lighthouse in the distance and soon you will sail into the crystal waters of Klein Curaçao.





CURACAO BANDA Ariba

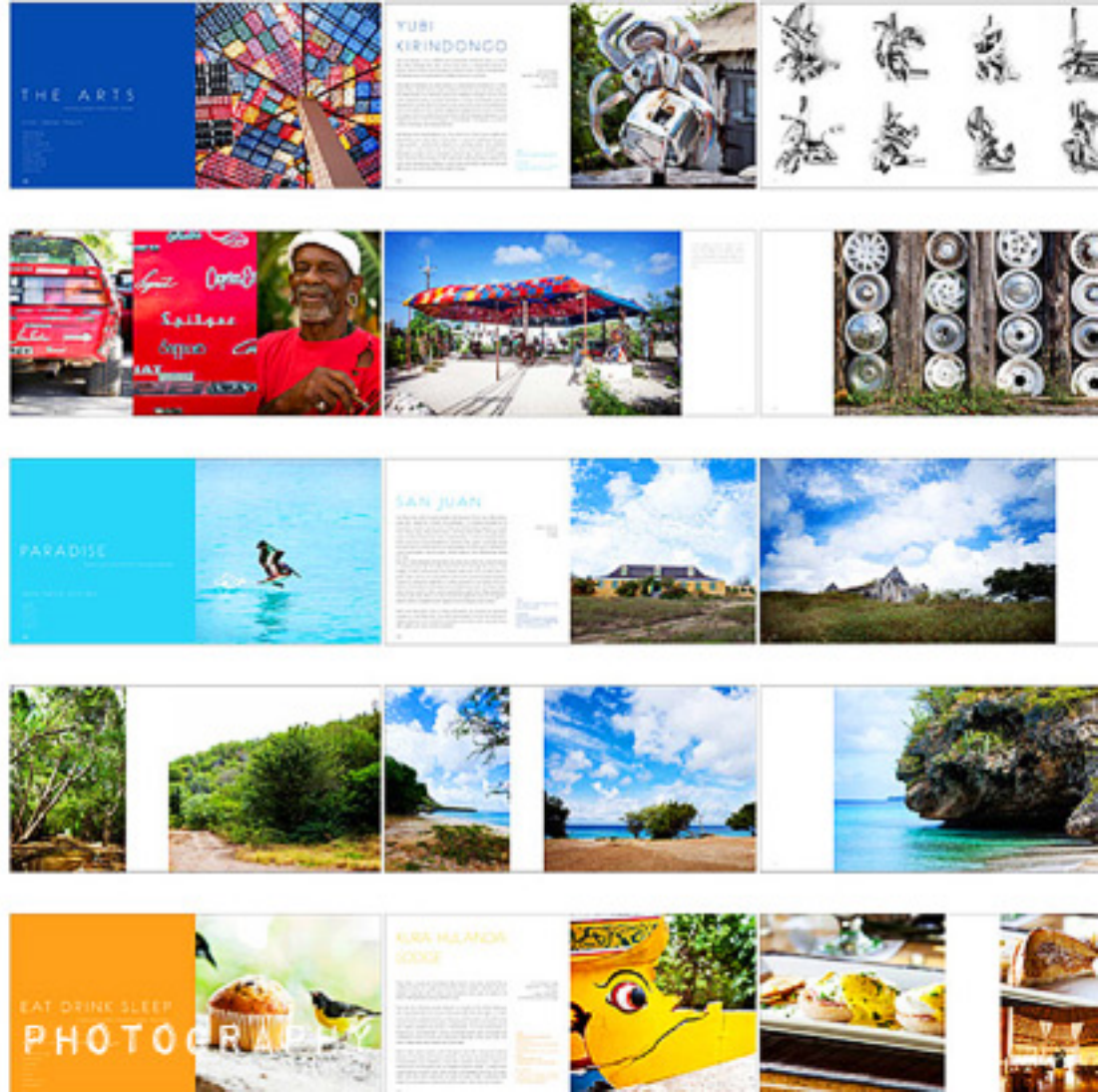


From our own experience, living in Banda Abou, the leeward side of Curaçao, often feels like being on a completely different Caribbean island. Compared to the busy, bustling capital of Willemstad, this far-away treasure is a pure, unspoiled paradise. It offers spectacular ocean views, a wealth of natural diversity and charming villages. In this rugged region, in the wild, you will find rolling green hills covered with cacti, exotic plants and flowers, even wild animals living in the kunuku (bush). The road to Westpunt's beautiful beaches and aqua blue waters is often crowded with unlikely travel companions, such as kabritu (goats), porko (boars) and bright green iguanas.

Curaçao: Banda Abou is a comprehensive guide to the area, capturing with both words and images that special magic of Banda Abou. The book explores the many hidden gems, spectacular natural spots, unique dining experiences and cultural richness. We're offering you, our reader, an authentic insider's perspective to local island life in Banda Abou.

Get inspired and discover the secret charms of Banda Abou!

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