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P R E F A C E

Beyond the beautiful beaches, aqua blue waters and diverse natural wealth, Curaçao is interesting. It boasts a controversial history and rich Culture – evident in the islands art, architecture and lifestyle. The potent mix of people from different continents has created a cultural heritage that makes all yu'l Korsow (children of Curaçao) proud. In 1997 Willemstad – op Punda and Otrabanda to locals – was added to the Unesco's World Heritage list.

This book dives into the secret, the unmarked, the beloved & stylish sights of Curaçao; the pearls of the island we think you should not miss. It includes short passages on history, both old & modern architecture, stylish interiors, contemporary artists, spectacular natural treats, as well as an insight to the island's urban life style.

We hope this book will inspire and provoke you to enjoy Curaçao's finest

Kristel Slagter & Eef Ouwehand



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BOUTIQUE HOTELS

Luxury, intimate, stylish, and, sometimes, idiosyncratic. All with a twist. Not just for the sake of it.

Hotel - Apartments - Bed & Breakfast

Hotel 11 Bristol

Penthouse Suite Apartments

McGee's La Bohème

The Soho Lodge

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HOTEL 't KLOOSTER

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A boutique hotel located in the district of Punda, Hotel 't Klooster was, for the last century, home to the religious Brotherhood of Tilburg from the Netherlands who lived and worked in this beautiful monumental building. They wanted to eliminate poverty and create a better future for Curaçao's youth and so several public schools – both primary and secondary – on the island were founded and managed by the Brotherhood.

Stylist and interior designer and Ben Kotmans created the elegant interior of both the hotel and its Grand Café Augustinus. 't Klooster offers tastefully decorated rooms and suites. The cozy patio has a plunge pool surrounded by comfortable loungers and a green area where you can relax under swaying palm trees. You can enjoy a meal from Grand Café Augustinus in a quiet former chapel or choose the tropical garden as a setting.

Open: Grand Café Augustinus is open daily from noon to midnight, Lunch Mon – Fri from 12 PM to 3 PM, Dinner Mon – Sat from 6 PM to 10 PM (kitchen closes at 10 PM).

Prices: Room rates vary by season and by the number of people.

Comfort: USD 99 – USD 139

Deluxe: USD 100 – USD 139

Double: USD 119 – USD 139

Junior Suite: USD 129 – USD 139

Exceptional: Hotel 't Klooster's stylish and spacious Junior Suites that have two or three rooms and are suitable for four to seven people.





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ISLAND'S URBAN LIFE

Living space, cultural, social, commercial and religious life. All aspects of island life and its people.

Tearoom - Bar - Restaurant - Catering - Shops

Mundo Bolo

Angela's Delights

Halfpence

Papa Vito

El Estrecho Mar

Flavours

Theresa & Louise - Wild Cooking

Whisper & Savor Food

Jennifer O'Brien Dairies

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Café Barista

BIZARRO CAFE

Chocolate-Honey-Cinnamon

CAFE CUBANO

Bacardi black-Cane sugar



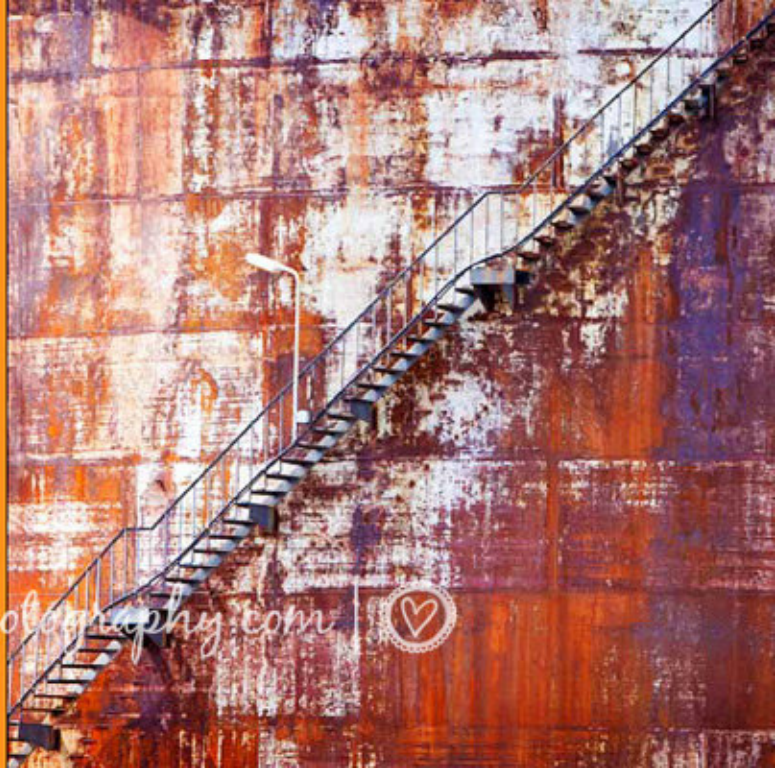
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Boat tour - Walking tours - Sightseeing

Canoe, Whitewater Rafting
Bath House - The Jewish Cemetery
Chabad, Walking Tour
Schulchan
Springer, Mikvah, Chabad

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WATERFRONT & HARBOUR TOUR

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Curaçao's economy relies on diverse economic activities, which include tourism, the international financial services sector, trade and industry. Located just 35 miles off the coast of Venezuela, the Port of Willemstad is among the region's most developed and best-organized ports. Because of the favorable location of the natural harbour, Curaçao's harbour evolved from a few simple quays to a multi-faceted maritime service center, housing several transnational companies including region's largest dry dock company, a free trade zone, state-of-the-art mega cruise facilities and one of the largest crude oil refinery and oil transshipment centers in the region, currently operated by Petróleos de Venezuela S.A. (PDVSA).

In 1914 oil was discovered at the Lake of Maracaibo in Venezuela. The Royal Shell Oil Company choose Curaçao, mostly because of its broad and deep natural harbour, as its base and built a refinery between 1918 and 1924 in Schottegat. Oil became the engine of Curaçao's economy. During the Second World War, the Curaçao oil industry flourished as never before as the Allied forces in North Africa depended entirely on fuel which the refineries of Curaçao and Aruba supplied. Both islands became military targets with the result that the Royal Dutch Navy and the Antilles fleet were placed under command of the Americans and American troops were stationed on Curaçao. Since 1950, the defense of the Antilles has entirely been back in the hands of the Royal Dutch Navy.

Harbour Tour

On Wednesdays and Saturdays a guided harbour tour is available through the Curaçao Maritime Museum. With a 'waterliefde' you will sail through one of the oldest and busiest harbours in the Caribbean. The tour starts at 2 PM and ends back at the Curaçao Maritime Museum. The museum exhibits the maritime history of Curaçao.

Prices

USD 15 for adults, children between 6 and 10 years half price, children under 6 free.

For reservations call Curaçao Maritime Museum at +599 9 405 0327. Further information on the museum can be found in the chapter The Arts of this book.



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