# CURAÇAO

**BEACHES • WILDLIFE • REEFS • ISLAND HIGHLIGHTS**

A visitor’s map of 19 places worth knowing

**A-Maronis Oasis**

CURAÇAO VISITOR GUIDE



**01 Playa Kalki**
Alice in Wonderland reef

**02 Playa Piskadó**
Turtle spotting • Also Playa Grandi

**03 Grote Knip**
White sand • Also Kenepa Grandi

**04 Playa Lagun**
Cove snorkeling • Occasional turtles

**05 Blue Room**
Sea cave • Conditions-dependent

**06 Cas Abao**
Beach • Snorkeling • Diving

**07 Porto Mari**
Double reef • Shore diving

**09 Shete Boka**
Wave-carved cliffs • Park entrance

**10 Christoffelberg**
Mountain hiking • Summit location

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North up

5 km

**11 Hato Caves**
Limestone cave tours

**08 Jan Kok salt pans**
Flamingos • Sint Willibrordus

**16 Jan Thiel salt pans**
Flamingos • Inland nature trails

**17 Jan Thiel Beach**
Beach clubs • Water sports

**18 Tugboat Beach**
Caracasbaai • Shallow wreck

**12 Kokomo Beach**
Beach day • Dive center

**13 Blue Bay**
Beach • Shore diving

**19 KLEIN CURAÇAO**
Southeast offshore • Enlarged inset

**Boat day trip**
Beach + snorkeling
Possible turtles

Boat access only.

Inset scale differs from the main map.

CARIBBEAN SEA

**14 Willemstad**
Historic waterfront • Queen Emma Bridge

**15 Mambo Beach**
Beach clubs • Dining

Beach • Turtles • Flamingos • Snorkel / dive • Nature • Culture

Wildlife sightings vary. Do not feed, touch or chase turtles. Watch flamingos from a distance. Keep clear of coral.

Orientation map, not navigation. Dots mark approximate visitor locations. Sources and planning notes in the companion PDF. Researched November 2026.

Coastline: geoBoundaries / Sentinel-2 (CC BY 4.0), styled for this map. Place anchors: OpenStreetMap-based listings and KBA. Artwork is decorative.

# The places behind the map



Numbers match the poster. Click a place name for its visitor source or Location for its map anchor.

### 01 Playa Kalki

Location

Westpunt cove with the Alice in Wonderland reef. Pin marks the beach, not an offshore entry.

### 02 Playa Piskadó / Playa Grandi

Location

Working fishing cove known for turtles. Observe without feeding, touching or crowding them.

### 03 Grote Knip / Kenepa Grandi

Location

White-sand west-coast cove with turquoise water and an elevated beach view.

### 04 Playa Lagun

Location

Cliff-lined cove for shore snorkeling and diving. Turtles may appear; sightings vary.

### 05 Blue Room

Location

Sea cave near Santa Cruz. The narrow opening and sea conditions call for qualified local guidance.

### 06 Cas Abao

Location

Sandy bay with beach facilities, reef snorkeling and diving.

### 07 Playa Porto Mari

Location

Shore-accessible double reef near Sint Willibrordus, popular for snorkeling and scuba.

### 08 Jan Kok salt pans

Location

Flamingo-viewing salt pans east of Porto Mari. Pin marks the viewing area, not a beach.

### 09 Shete Boka National Park

Location

Wave-exposed cliffs and coves. Pin is the park entrance; this is a viewing stop, not a swim spot.

### 10 Christoffelberg / National Park

Location

Mountain hiking and nature in the northwest. Pin marks Christoffelberg summit, not the entrance.

### 11 Hato Caves

Location

Limestone cave tours near the airport, north of Willemstad.

### 12 Kokomo Beach

Location

Vaersenbaai beach with a beach club and dive center, northwest of Blue Bay.

### 13 Blue Bay Beach

Location

Sandy bay near Sint Michiel, with beach facilities and shore diving.

### 14 Historic Willemstad

Location

UNESCO-listed historic city and harbour. Pin is Queen Emma Bridge beside the waterfront.

### 15 Mambo Beach

Location

Developed beach and boulevard with beach clubs, restaurants and shops.

### 16 Jan Thiel salt pans

Location

Inland lagoon, bird habitat and trails. Pin is the area center, not a guaranteed sighting point.

### 17 Jan Thiel Beach

Location

Developed beach with clubs and water sports. Separate from the inland flamingo salt pans.

### 18 Tugboat / Caracasbaai

Location

Shallow wreck near Caracasbaai, roughly 5 m deep. Pin is the beach; wreck is slightly offshore.

### 19 Klein Curaçao

Location

Boat excursion to a separate southeastern island: beach, reef snorkeling and possible turtles.

Nearby extra: Daaibooi, just south of Porto Mari, offers a small bay and rocky-edge snorkeling. Omitted from the poster to keep labels clear.

# Make the map useful



Planning groups, responsible visiting and a transparent source record. Checked 13 November 2026.

## Choose by experience

Turtles: Start with Playa Piskadó. Lagun and Klein Curaçao are other possibilities, never guarantees.
Flamingos: Jan Kok and Jan Thiel salt pans. Both are wetlands, not beach-club areas.
Reefs: Kalki, Porto Mari, Cas Abao, Lagun and Tugboat provide different shore-based options.

## Group nearby stops

Northwest: Shete Boka or Christoffel with a Westpunt beach stop.
Central west: Cas Abao or Porto Mari with Jan Kok flamingo viewing.
Town and southeast: Willemstad, Mambo, Jan Thiel and Tugboat.
Offshore: Treat Klein Curaçao as its own boat excursion.

## Before setting out

Check current fees, access, park and cave hours, boat departures and local sea conditions. These are regional groupings, not timed itineraries. Hikes, cave visits and dives need planning suited to conditions and ability.

## Visit gently

Do not feed, touch, chase or crowd turtles. Leave them space to surface. Watch flamingos from paths or viewpoints without entering the salt pans. Avoid standing on or touching coral.

Shete Boka is an exposed coastal viewing site. Blue Room is a sea cave, not an easy-entry swimming beach. Follow local safety advice.

## How the map was checked

The coastline is from geoBoundaries gbOpen CUW ADM0, based on 2021 Sentinel-2 land cover and released under CC BY 4.0. It was reprojected, styled and simplified visually for this illustrated overview.

Place anchors use OpenStreetMap-derived listings (Mapcarta / GeoView) and the Key Biodiversity Areas database. Attraction claims were checked against tourism, park and conservation sources linked on page 2.

## Accuracy and wildlife limits

Dots are approximate illustration anchors, not surveyed entrances, underwater positions or navigation instructions. The main map is north-up. Klein Curaçao is enlarged in a separate inset. Colors show the main reason for a stop, not every available activity. The turtle and ocean artwork are decorative.

Conservation context: Sea Turtle Conservation Curaçao · Seacology · Jan Thiel KBA. No wildlife sighting, weather condition, price or opening time is guaranteed.