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Whether you're an adrenaline-seeker or more of a mellow looky-loo, you can experience so much more of what makes Aruba such a popular Caribbean playground. With powder-white beaches, rugged landscapes, mysterious shipwrecks, and unending blue sky, there are countless backdrops for memorable adventures.

Daredevil Adventures for Ultimate Aruba Selfies

No guts, no glory. Up the adrenaline and bragging rights on vacation to-dos that require a little more courage. These three adventures in Aruba are not for the faint of heart, but rather for the boldest of selfie posters. Let the likes, tweets, and hashtags begin!

Skydive Into Paradise

Suck up the courage for one of the best bird's-eye views of the Caribbean. Go tandem skydiving in competent hands with Skydive Aruba, operated by a husband-and-wife team who have been leaping from planes for nearly two decades. They'll prepare you well for your 3,050meter/10,000-foot free fall and take professional video and photos so you can relive it again and again.

Jetpack Over the Waves

Throttle over the ocean like you're a tricked-out superhero. Through Red Sail Sports, you can go jetpacking on a JETLEV. Seriously, jetpacking. A JETLEV is a custom harness that pumps 1,000 gallons of water per minute with enough thrust to lift pilots about nine meters/30 feet above the water. Daredevils can get instruction then learn to fly and navigate within a single jetpack session.

Go Shipwreck or Airplane-Wreck Diving

Although snorkelers can still enjoy several shipwreck sites around Aruba (sometimes called the "shipwreck capital of the Caribbean"), serious certified scuba divers can voyage a little deeper into more dangerous and mysterious waters. Dive operators, such as JADS Dive Center or Dive Aruba, offer PADI certification courses and a number of dives to the amazing wreck sites and artificial reefs around Aruba, including the famous SS Antilla German cargo ship and the ginormous Jane Sea freighter.

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Coolest Water Adventures in Aruba

Whether your prefer skipping across the Caribbean waves at high speeds or slowly descending to shipwrecks in the ocean's depths, you can find plenty of adventures and watersports in Aruba to fill several vacations. Here are just a few.

Tour Reefs & Wrecks in a Submarine

Scuba and snorkeling isn't for everyone, and that's okay. You can still venture beneath the water to see all the wonderful marine wildlife. Board an Atlantis Submarine to dive in comfort to depths up to 40 meters/130 feet for breathtaking views of reefs, sunken wrecks, and schools of colorful damselfish and blueheads.

Dive Like an Underwater Astronaut Without any diving courses or experience, you can take a Sea Trek Underwater Helmet Walk to

view marine life and a sunken Cessna 414 airplane. Wearing what looks like a huge astronaut helmet, you can readily walk six meters/20 feet below the surface on a special ocean-floor platform without your head ever getting wet, giving you the clearest views to be had underwater. Many describe the experience as like walking on the moon. Groups can talk to one another through helmet mics and speakers, too.

Scooter Underwater Like a Super Spy

Remember the underwater battle scene in the James Bond classic Thunderball? The bad guys had cool submarine scooters (very cool for the 1960s), but they just seemed to slowly glide (make that really, really slowly glide) through underwater crossfire. Flash-forward to today, and they could be zipping by much, much faster - and so could you. Seabob Aruba leads tours on state-of-the-art underwater scooters that can now zip 22 kilometers/14 miles per hour above the water and 16 kilometers/10 miles below. It's like snorkeling for speed-freaks.

Conquer the Ocean Like a Pro Master skills to a range of watersports you can enjoy for a lifetime. You can learn kitesurfing,

surfing, and bodyboarding from instructors at the Aruba Kitesurfing School, the island's first kitesurfing center. And for lots of other casual ocean activities, the Aruba WaterSports Center offers WaveRunners, paddle boarding, parasailing, kayaking, water skiing, and boat rentals. Deep-sea fishing enthusiasts also might like expeditions with Aruba Mahi Mahi Fishing Charters, to learn more about Caribbean-centric sport fishing.

Take a Snorkeling Tour on a Pirate Ship

Aruba abounds with snorkeling tours. But for something a little more memorable, board the Jolly Pirates ship for a snorkel-and-swim tour to Boca Catalina and to the SS Antilla shipwreck. Cruises include an open bar and a rope swing (for flying leaps into the ocean).

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Land Adventures & Tours of Aruba Dry off for a while and tour Aruba like a landlubber, whether on wheels or horseback. See the

natural sights around the island, from the caves and pools of Arikok National Park to natural bridges and remote beaches. Wherever you go, you can relax and let loose with a convenient pub crawl at the end of the day.

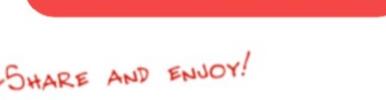
Go Horseback Riding Along Aruba's Shores Mosey for hours on horseback, even if you've never ridden a horse before. From the Gold Mine

Ranch, you can gallop and trot along the northeast coast of Aruba on a breeze-filled tour. See Hidden Valley and Hidden Lagoon, the old Bushiribana Gold Mill, and, of course, your fill of white-sand beaches. Motor Around Aruba on ATVs, Harleys, or Jeeps

Fortunately, you can forget a rental car in Aruba, as there are scores of ways to see the island

on much cooler sets of wheels. For off-roading, hop on an all-terrain vehicle to Arikok National Park and the Bushiribana Gold Mill ruins with Action Tours Aruba. For more revved-up thrills, hog-lovers can ride on a Harley-Davidson Madness Tour of Aruba that takes back roads past a number of island landmarks as well, from the California Lighthouse to the town of Savaneta. And for those who want the option of not driving, opt for ABC Aruba Jeep Tours, which are the most popular on the island. ABC has several half-day and full-day caravan-style jeep tours that visit many of the natural attractions on Aruba, from Arikok National Park (and its cool caves, like Guadrikiri) to the beautiful shores of Baby Beach. Some adventures are the simple ones with good friends. Board a colorful hand-painted bus

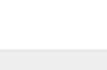
that looks like it should be overflowing with Muppets for a Kukoo Kunuku Pub Crawl. Down complimentary shots at four different bars, often located in different towns around Aruba, including Noord, Oranjestad, Seroe Blanco, and/or Palm Beach. Relax and enjoy a night out without worrying about how to get back to your hotel. **Get Free Custom Itineraries**











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