

Oranjestad, Aruba

One of the easiest ports in the Caribbean to do on foot, with published taxi fares and a cheap bus to the famous beaches.

Facts checked against official sources on 24 September 2026

Getting ashore	Ships dock. The port has five cruise berths, including two mega berths of 1,910 feet each with their own terminals.
Into town	Five to ten minutes on foot to Lloyd G. Smith Boulevard, depending on your berth
Nearest beach	Surfside Beach, about a 15-minute walk. Eagle Beach is about a ten-minute drive.
Currency	Aruban florin, with US dollars widely accepted

Taxi fares, published by the government

Aruba publishes an official tariff, and taxis have no meters. From the cruise terminal:

Oranjestad	\$10
Eagle Beach	\$28
Palm Beach	\$33
Airport	\$20

Minimum fare is \$10. Add \$5 between 11pm and 7am, on Sundays and holidays, and from 24 December to 1 January. Extra passengers beyond four cost \$3 each, and extra luggage \$3 a piece. Licensed taxis carry TX on the plate.

The bus, which is the value play

Arubus runs from the Oranjestad station. A single trip is \$2.60, a return card \$5.00, and a day pass \$15.00, payable in cash on board. Line 10 serves Eagle Beach, Palm Beach and Arashi Beach along the hotel strip.

One limitation to know: Arubus states plainly that "at this moment, our buses are not yet wheelchair accessible."

Accessibility, which Aruba actually publishes

The tourism authority maintains a list of providers, which is unusual and useful. Beach wheelchairs that roll over sand and float in water are rented and delivered by Adapted Happy Wheels and by Essential Health Supplies, which also rents scooters and delivers free to hotels. LiteLife Medicab runs four vans with hydraulic lifts and one with a ramp. We Welcome Wheelchairs handles accessible transfers and tours. Book these before you sail rather than on the day.

Not published anywhere official: pier names, whether Surfside Beach is free and what facilities it has, Arikok National Park's admission price, and beach wheelchair rental rates.

Where these facts come from

- Aruba Ports Authority, Oranjestad (<https://www.arubaports.com/main/oranjestad/>)
- Aruba Tourism Authority, cruise port (<https://www.aruba.com/us/plan-your-visit/aruba-by-cruise/cruise-port>)
- Aruba official taxi tariff, May 2026 (PDF) (<https://taxi.aw/assets/taxi-fares-2026-05-18.pdf>)
- Aruba Tourism Authority, taxis (<https://www.aruba.com/us/plan-your-visit/getting-around-aruba/taxis-limos>)
- Arubus, fares (<https://arubus.com/fares/>)
- Arubus, FAQ (<https://arubus.com/faq/>)
- Aruba Tourism Authority, special needs services (<https://www.aruba.com/us/our-island/island-facts/special-needs>)

Ports change their rules and their prices. Check the official pages above before you sail.

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