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General Information

**Welcome to
Free Zone Aruba**

The Aruba Free Zone

Thank you for your interest in the Free Zone of Aruba, your 'one-stop-shop' address to facilitate international business. In this brochure you will find an overview of the benefits of the Free Zone, how to set up a company and other information regarding Gateway Aruba.

The Free Zone of Aruba offers a multitude of possibilities for your business. If you wish to increase your export activities or expand your business, the Free Zone offers many opportunities. In recent years there has been an increasing interest from European and North American businesses that want to make profit from commercial opportunities in the Caribbean and Latin America.

It is a pleasure doing business with you.

Yours sincerely,
Free Zone Aruba (FZA)
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Free Zone Aruba (FZA)

Free Zone Aruba (FZA) is a corporation owned by the Aruban Government. Our objectives are to promote the Aruban Free Zone, as well as manage and develop the free zone properties and facilities.

Our three main goals:

Attract solid international investments

By means of a concession we issue the admission license and administrate the operating requirements. Our 'one-stop shop' model facilitates and accelerates the establishment of a client's company in the Free Zone.

Develop and manage attractive Free Zone facilities

We are constantly improving our services and facilities. With the development of the new Free

Zone in Barcadera we offer a unique hub with the harbor and airport. This hub facilitates the smooth flow of goods and services.

Promote a high class and world renowned free zone

Our regulations promote international business, the reputation of the Free Zone and our clients. The integrity system we developed and use meets the highest international standards and recommendations.

Business Opportunities

Almost all types of business activities are eligible for the free zone status, such as: international trade, industry and technology, global services or a combination.

International trade

Traditional trade in finished goods has been the most well-known type of free zone business.

The safety and security of the Free Zone of Aruba is of particular advantage for international trade activities.

Global Services

The Aruba Free Zone is an excellent facility to provide services to the global market. The modern free zone concept and multilingual Aruban population offers unique opportunities for different types of service companies to use Aruba as hub.

Different types of services geared towards foreign clients are possible in the Free Zone. Contact us for allowed service activities.

Green Technology

The macroeconomic policy of the Government of Aruba is strongly focused on attracting, developing and implementing Green Technology. Several renowned institutions have set up facilities on the island to make use of Aruba as a hub.

The government of Aruba has implemented special benefits for companies operating in the field of Green Technology. Please contact us for more information.

Some examples of popular free zone activities include: recycling, showcasing, research and development, green energy, sustainable aquaculture and agriculture.

Industry and Technology

The Free Zones of Aruba offers excellent locations for the establishment of industrial and (green) technology based activities.

Industry and technology companies operating in the Free Zone do not incur import duties on packaging- and raw materials, semi-manufactured products and components used in the production process. In some cases, construction materials may be brought in duty free.





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Businesses active in different fields may enjoy major additional (financial) benefits.

A free zone company in Aruba enjoys major benefits:

Benefits of doing business in the Aruba Free Zone

2% tax over all profits generated from free zone activities

0% import duties and excises on goods and equipment

0% turnover tax over the turnover generated from export activities

0% dividend tax

Exemption foreign exchange commission on foreign currency payments

Other business benefits

Full foreign ownership

Exemption from the Business License Act

No minimum investment required to start up a free zone business

A US dollar account at a local bank ensures efficiency in payments

Local sales possibilities

Flexible construction & location possibilities

Refund for free zone cargo

Will your company help develop Aruba as a sustainable country and/or promote Aruba as a hub? Please get in touch, our Account Executives are always happy to help.

Our services

We are proud to offer a wide selection of services to our clients operating from the Free Zone of Aruba. Our efficient admission procedure is part of the one-stop shop approach developed for companies wishing to do business in the Free Zone.

Facilities

We offer warehousing and office spaces for rent at very competitive prices and possibilities to construct your own facilities at the Barcadera Free Zone.

Government

If our clients need advice in dealing with Customs, requesting long-lease land, etc. we are happy to assist. Our extensive network of contacts is available for our clients and our account executives are always at your service.

Maintenance and security

We do our utmost to maintain and improve our facilities and provide a safe, secure and accessible business environment.

Client area

We have developed an online client area for companies operating in the Free Zone. On this platform we share news, articles, business opportunities, etc.

Costs and Fees

All services provided by Free Zone Aruba (FZA) in relation to the admission procedure are free of charge. However, there are a few operational costs and fees.

Startup costs

The startup costs are mainly notary charges. These are paid directly to the notary to incorporate a corporation (NV) or limited liability company (VBA). The current notary fees are about Afl. 3000,- (+/- US\$1700,-).

Freezone Facility Charge

Once a free zone company is admitted to the Free Zone it is required to pay a Freezone Facility Charge (FFC). The FFC is currently set at 1% of the net turnover and will be charged on a monthly basis, figured over the previous month.

We use the FFC to cover the costs of various facilities and investments, such as security, maintenance, marketing, promotion and further development of the Free Zone.

Office spaces and warehouses

The monthly rental prices of the office spaces range from US \$ 250 to US \$ 750 the average monthly rental price for warehouses is about US \$ 1350.



Locations and Facilities

The Aruba Free Zone currently consists of two designated areas in Bushiri and Barcadera. We offer warehouses for rent or access to long-lease land to construct your own facility at the new Barcadera Free Zone.

Bushiri Free Zone

The distance between the Bushiri Free Zone and downtown Oranjestad is approximately 2 km (1 mile); the distance to the international airport is approximately 5 km (3 miles).

Warehouses

The standard warehouses are on average 300 square meters (3,200 square feet). The floor to ceiling height is 5.5 meters (18 feet) measured from the lowest point and 7.5 meters (24 feet) measured from the highest point.

The units are suitable for goods storage or for industrial activities and can be rented on a yearly basis. All units have standard utilities such as electricity, water and toilet facilities.

Office spaces

The office spaces at Bushiri Free Zone are different sizes and convenient for all types of service-oriented business activities. The units may also serve as a showroom space. The office spaces are ready-to-use facilities, with: air conditioning, carpeting, blinds, standard telephone/fax/small network lines, alarm monitoring access doors and an intercom system.

Bushiri Quick Facts

Covers area of 9.2 hectare (22 acres)

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7000 square meters (75,000 feet)
of warehouse space

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Approximately 5 hectare (12 acres)
of open-air storage space

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Office and showroom spaces

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On-site custom services

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24/7 security

Barcadera Free Zone

Masterplan Free Zone Barcadera



This property is an ideal showcase location. The new Barcadera Free Zone is located in a growing industrial area, adjacent to the new cargo port at Barcadera and approximately 3 km (2 miles) east of the international airport.

Lease land for construction

At Barcadera Free Zone there are ready-to-build sites available for business activities that require custom-made buildings. The Barcadera area is roughly divided into three sections: Industrial and Technology zone, International Trade zone and Global Services zone.

Acquiring the right of long-lease land for the construction of buildings at Barcadera Free Zone goes through the Department of Infrastructure and Planning (DIP).



Setting up a Company

Do you see potential in the business opportunities offered by the Free Zone of Aruba? We offer a one-stop shop approach to have your business up and running as soon as possible. Our team is ready to help you and guide you through the admission process, making it easy and efficient.

After contacting us, you will be referred to an account executive who will assist, guide and support you through the various procedures. To initiate the admission procedure, your account executive will make a preliminary assessment of the proposed type of business activities and how your requirements can best be met. The admission procedure is as follows:

1. Contact Free Zone Aruba (FZA)

We will review with you if your business fits the free zone concept and how we can meet your needs for particular facilities (such as location, public utilities and operational support).

2. Sign pre-admission agreement

If you decide to go ahead with the application, a pre-admission agreement will be signed. This document regulates the information necessary to complete the admission process.

3. Submit business information

A business plan and personal data are needed to assess the establishment of your free zone company. It is required to have substantial economic activity on Aruba.

4. Formal admission

When the legal documents have been submit-

ted, reviewed and incorporated by notary, your free zone company is formally admitted to the Free Zone by means of an admissions license and contract.

Local representation

In case the managing director is a non-resident, a local representative needs to be appointed.

Please contact us for more detailed information regarding local representation.

Intermediary services

We work closely with different government departments, notaries, banks and legal, tax and financial advisors.

We can facilitate in the process of obtaining long-lease property if you wish to construct your own facility.



Aruba

All the characteristics that have made Aruba a tourist destination are in fact components that make it a successful international business destination: location, safety and security, multilingual and highly educated workforce.

Location

Aruba is located at the center of many world trade routes. It has a unique position as the most westerly of the OCTs (Overseas Countries and Territories, holding a special status within the European Union) in the Caribbean. An ideal place in the east-west, north-south trade corridors.

Ideal business location

Aruba is world-renowned as the perfect location for a high-class vacation experience. And, Aruba is also the perfect place to set up a business operating on an international scale.

Tourist and business destination

Tourism is the island's principal industry, employer and foreign exchange earner. Constant warm weather and some of the most beautiful beaches in the world attract over one million visitors a year, mainly from Europe, North and South America.

Aruba, the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the European Union

As a part of the Dutch Kingdom, Aruba positions itself as a hub for business between Europe and the Americas in cooperation with the Netherlands. Aruba is the Kingdom's neighbor in Latin America.

Safety

Aruba has a very low crime rate and the island breathes a general sense of security.

The island lies outside the hurricane belt and therefore usually avoids the effects of tropical storms.

Business climate

The population of Aruba enjoys one of the highest levels of education and per capita income in the region, and the quality of life is high.

The fact that Aruba is tourism-oriented has many benefits for the business community:
Service oriented – Friendly – Multi-lingual – 24/7 economy – Excellent international connections

Port

The **Port of Aruba** has modern facilities. The commercial harbor is located east of the airport. This close location, together with the Free Zone, will create a unique hub for air/sea cargo.

The port complies with international security regulations (ISPS), securing its position in the region.

Airport

The **Reina Beatrix International Airport** offers modern passenger and cargo facilities and there are (multi) direct daily flights to Europe, the US and Latin America. The airport proudly offers US Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) preclearance.

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