

Travel Resources

Curaçao

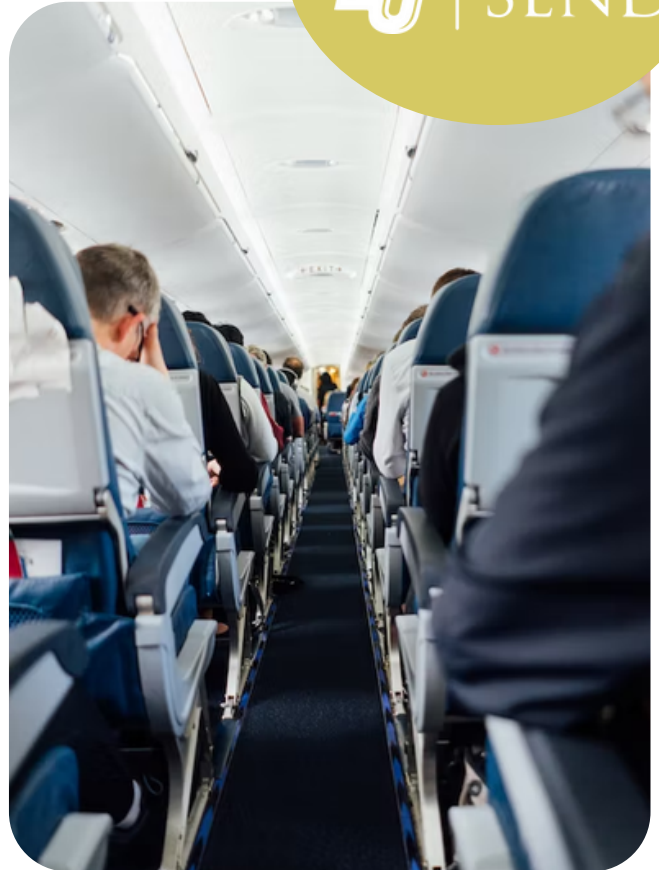
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INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL INSURANCE

International travel insurance is included within your trip costs, covering you from June 28th, 2024-July 6th, 2024. The policy is comprehensive in nature and is used throughout the University for all international travel. If you would like coverage for additional aspects of travel beyond what is highlighted in the policy, please feel free to purchase separate third-party insurance as a supplement to what is already provided. For more information on your current coverage email LUSend@liberty.edu



**“WHEREVER YOU GO
BECOMES A PART OF YOU
SOMEHOW.”**

- Anita Desai

CURRENCY & CREDIT CARDS

In Curaçao, the Antillean Guilder (ANG), also called the Florin is the country's legal tender. The US Dollar is also accepted here. Most major international credit cards are accepted on the island and are likely to incur international fees per transaction if the credit card does not include an exemption for international purchases. Local currency can be withdrawn at an ATM with a debit card, but fees will apply. Make sure to contact your bank a few weeks before departure to alert them to your international travel dates and locations. This will keep your cards active while abroad. Keep in mind that fees will be charged for international purchases. Contact your bank for these fees.



VAT

"VAT" stands for value-added tax. The tax is included in the price of the item, so the price you see is the price you pay. In Curaçao, there is no VAT, but the standard sales tax rate is 6%.

INTERNET ACCESS

Your hotels and bus may have access to the internet, however, keep in mind that unless you have purchased an international data plan for your phone, access to email, texting, and other Internet-based applications will be subject to Wi-fi availability.

CELL PHONE USAGE

Curaçao has two cellular service providers, Digicel and UTS. You can elect to use your U.S. cellular service provider, via the cell phone roaming feature, if your service provider (such as AT&T, Verizon, Sprint, and T-Mobile) offers roaming services in Curaçao, which can be extremely costly. If you plan to roam, you'll be able to do so in Curaçao with AT&T, Verizon, Sprint, and T-Mobile. However, it's less expensive to use a Curaçao cell phone number to make local calls and calls abroad. Accordingly, you can elect to purchase a Curaçao SIM card. A SIM card will cost between \$15 and \$21. Data plans can be bought separately and activated online and may cost between \$8 to \$12. For cell phones that are eSIM capable, prepaid eSIM data plans are also available. The eSIM feature will allow you to maintain your USA phone number while also obtaining a local Curaçao number that will allow you to make and receive local calls utilizing the prepaid eSIM data plan while maintaining access to and function of the USA cell phone and phone number. WhatsApp is also used on the island for local and international calls and will require local cellular service or Wi-Fi services to function.

VACCINATIONS

We recommend using resources such as the Center for Disease Control as you consult with your home doctor or other trusted medical sources, in order to make the best possible decision regarding your health. If you reside in the Central Virginia Region, below are local medical offices that you may consider consulting. Keep in mind some vaccinations require a minimum amount of time to take effect before entering another country. Communicate when and where you will be traveling.

Lynchburg Health Department
(434) 947-6785
1900 Thomson Dr. Lynchburg,
24501

Rustburg Family Pharmacy
(434) 332-1730
925 Village Hwy Suite B. Box 1005
Rustburg, VA 24588

Liberty University Health Center
(434) 338-7774
Commons 3 1606 Regents Pkwy

MEALS

Curaçao, a Caribbean island located off the northern coast of Venezuela, has a unique and diverse cuisine influenced by its history and multicultural population. The local cuisine is a blend of African, European (primarily Dutch and Spanish), and indigenous Caribbean flavors. Here are some key components and dishes of Curaçaoan cuisine:

FOOD & DRINK SUGGESTIONS

- **Seafood:** Fresh fish, shrimp, crab, and lobster are commonly used in various dishes.
- **Stews and Soups:** Stews and soups are popular in Curaçaoan cuisine.
- **Funchi:** Funchi is a side dish made from cornmeal.
- **Keshi Yena:** A cheese shell filled with a mixture of meat, onions, bell peppers, raisins, olives, and spices.
- **Warapa:** It's a refreshing beverage made from the juice of the local tamarind fruit.



*We will try our best to provide a variety of food options for meals but cannot accommodate every dietary preference. For daily touring, it is highly encouraged to bring your own snacks if you believe you will get hungry during the day. Touring will be on a tight schedule, and it's always a good idea to have a snack if we find ourselves running overtime at lunch.

FUN FACTS!

1. **Colorful Capital:** Willemstad, the capital of Curaçao, is known for its vibrant and colorful Dutch colonial architecture.
2. **Diverse Languages:** While the official languages are Dutch and Papiamentu, English and Spanish are also widely spoken.
3. **Underwater Treasures:** The island boasts stunning coral reefs, underwater caves, and a plethora of marine life.
4. **Floating Market:** The Floating Market in Willemstad is a unique experience. Boats from nearby Venezuela come to sell fresh fruits, vegetables, and fish.
5. **A Blend of Cultures:** Curaçao has a rich cultural heritage influenced by African, European, and Caribbean traditions.
6. **Laid-Back Atmosphere:** The locals, called "Curaçaoan," or "Yu di Kòrsou" are known for their warm hospitality and welcoming nature.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Lonely Planet – A helpful guide to understanding culture, travel tips, and additional insights.

Currency Converter – Plan how much money you need to bring in US Currency.

Passport Application – Don't have a passport yet? Follow the U.S. Department of State's instructions for applying for a passport