

Kingdom of the Netherlands

Aruba, Curaçao, Sint Maarten and the European part of the Netherlands form the Kingdom of the Netherlands



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The Caribbean part of the Kingdom

The Caribbean part of the Kingdom comprises:

- the countries of Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten;
- the three public entities (special municipalities) of Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba.

King Willem-Alexander is the head of state of the Kingdom.

Cooperation

The Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations coordinates the cooperation between:

- the Netherlands and the other countries that comprise the Kingdom (Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten);
- the central government and the public entities (Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba).

In the areas of:

- good governance;
- sound public finances and economic development;
- a safe and secure society.

For public entities, the Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations also coordinates cooperation on:

- combating poverty;
- infrastructure.

The Caribbean Netherlands

Together, the three public entities of Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba are referred to as the Caribbean Netherlands.

Aruba

- Capital: Oranjestad
- Surface area: 180 km²
- Population: 112,309 (2019)
- Population density: 631/km²
- Languages: Dutch, Papiamentu
- Anthem: Aruba Dushi Tera
- Currency: Aruban florin

Special public holidays:

- 25 January – Betico Day
- 40 days before Easter – Carnival Monday
- 18 March – National Anthem and Flag Day



Curaçao

- Capital: Willemstad
- Surface area: 444 km²
- Population: 158,665 (2019)
- Population density: 317/km²
- Languages: Dutch, Papiamentu, English
- Anthem: Himno di Kòrsou
- Currency: Antillean guilder

Special public holidays:

- 40 days before Easter – Carnival Monday
- 2 July – National Anthem and Flag Day
- 10 October – Dia di Outonomia



Sint Maarten

- Shares the island of Saint Martin with the French territory Collectivité de Saint-Martin to the north.
- Capital: Philipsburg
- Surface area: 34 km²
- Population: 41,486 (2016)
- Population density: 1,220/km²
- Languages: English, Dutch
- Anthem: O Sweet Saint Martin's Land
- Currency: Antillean guilder

Special public holidays:

- 30 April – Carnival Day
- 1 July – Emancipation Day
- 14 October – Constitution Day
- 11 November – St Martin's Day



Bonaire

- Capital: Kralendijk
- Surface area: 288 km²
- Population: 20,104 (2019)
- Population density: 60/km²
- Languages: Dutch, Papiamentu
- Anthem: Tera di Solo y Suave Biento
- Currency: US dollar

Special public holidays:

- 30 April – Dia di Rincón
- 6 September – Dia di Boneiru, Dia di Himno i Bandera
- 15 December – Kingdom Day



Sint Eustatius (Statia)

- Capital: Oranjestad
- Surface area: 21 km²
- Population: 3,138 (2019)
- Population density: 191/km²
- Languages: English, Dutch
- Anthem: Golden Rock
- Currency: US dollar

Special public holidays:

- 16 November – Statia Day
- 15 December – Kingdom Day



Saba

- Capital: The Bottom
- Surface area: 13 km²
- Population: 1,915 (2019)
- Population density: 152/km²
- Languages: Dutch, English
- Anthem: Saba You Rise from the Ocean
- Currency: US dollar

Special public holidays:

- First Friday of December – Saba Day
- 15 December – Kingdom Day



Read more about the Caribbean part of the Kingdom

In the autumn of 2021, Boekman published a special issue on the Caribbean part of the Kingdom (in Dutch). You can order the issue using the link below. Many of the articles can also be read online.

[Order issue](#)

The Cultural Participation Fund supports projects in the field of cultural education and cultural participation in the Caribbean part of the Kingdom. For examples and further details, go to:

<https://cultuurparticipatie.nl/caribbean>

<https://cultuurparticipatie.nl/projecten#province=caribisch>

Issue 5-2022 of *Kunstzone* magazine features a section on the theme of arts education in the Caribbean part of the Kingdom (in Dutch).

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