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CURAÇAO MARRIOTT BEACH RESORT & EMERALD CASINO WEDDING FACT SHEET

Curaçao Marriott Beach Resort & Emerald Casino is an alluring hideaway providing unexpected moments and fairytale surroundings. From the Cinderella stairways that lead to European fountains and Caribbean blue waters to the sprawling powdery white shores and gentle Caribbean breezes that caress the bride and groom, the Curacao Marriott Beach Resort displays scenes cast from fairytale storybooks.

POPULAR WEDDING VENUES

Located on a spectacular stretch of private beach exclusive to hotel guests, the luxurious sandy beaches and Caribbean blue seas display a wedding paradise filled with palm trees, beautiful white tents, tiki torches, a Wedding Arch overflowing with tropical flowers and a wedding song of the sea filled with the sound of Caribbean waves caressing delicate sea shells and colorful coral.

Located at the edge of the Caribbean Sea, the Curacao Marriott features a small and "intimate" gazebo that is picture perfect for small wedding ceremonies or romantic honeymoon dinners. Illuminated by the glow of the moon and surrounded by flickering candlelight and the sound of the sea the couple is enveloped in a magical ambiance.

For a royal court wedding filled with a kingdom of guests dressed in royal gowns the **Queen's Ballroom** is the ideal wedding location. Featuring 3,000 square feet of air-conditioned, flexible indoor space, this multi-purpose ballroom can accommodate up to 300 people and can be filled with fairytale decorations to meet the wishes of the bride and groom.

The **Pool** is located in the heart of the hotel in the most picturesque of areas. The free-form pool features a popular swim-up bar and often relaxes guests by offering a view of the vast sea. The pool offers sensual and luxurious setting with fabric draping across the pool and lights hanging from the palm trees. To create a romantic setting, atmosphere candles guide guests down the path to the party and colored spotlights help set the mood. Guests will also find huge vases of flowers as centerpieces and wedding themed food stations.

The newlyweds and their guests will top off the ceremony with a star-filled evening of dancing and unforgettable colorful display of fireworks.

LOCAL FLAIR

The language of **Music** is a signature of the Caribbean lifestyle. To experience real local music, the sounds from the "Merengueros" a musical group that uses old-fashioned instruments played by hand is recommended. This is music at its purest form with a hint of the 1920s swing rhythms.

Fish is very fresh on the island and is prepared in a variety of island ways. An example of a local fish dish is "funchi", which is cornmeal prepared with milk and butter as a starch and served the local onion sauce. "Pastechi" is dough that is filled with meat, cheese or tuna fish.

WEDDING REGULATIONS

The couples wishing to get married on the island of Curacao will be sent all of the information required along with the legal documents needed. Representatives from the resort will personally deliver the documents to the Civil Office in town to ensure all details are covered.

GUEST ACTIVITIES

The opportunity to go scuba diving and snorkeling along with a variety of other outdoor activities are available through the resort's on-site Watersport Center, Caribbean Sea Sport.

Near-by attractions on the island include the old native houses that show a flair for old European architecture,

while you can enjoy a cold drink of coconut water along with a native dish.

The island of Curacao is most popular for its famous liquor. Visitors of the island have the opportunity to visit Chobolobo, the Curacao Liquor Factory, where they show the special oranges used to create the liquor and offer samples for visitors to try.

In the heart of the Willemstad there is a bridge that stretches from Ottrabanda to Punda. This bridge has been around since the 1900s and is known as the "Swinging Old Lady" and opens up to allow Cruise liners and other vessels to pass into the inlet.

Another great attraction on the island is the Ostrich Farm. The Ostrich Farm is located on the east side of the island and houses over 100 ostriches. The farm offers a 45-minute tour of the farm and there is an African restaurant that serves ostrich meat. The atmosphere of the farm takes you away from the city of Willemstad and brings you a sense of calm by being out in the wilderness.

For avid golfer, the island offers two different Golf Courses. The Curacao Golf and Squash Club offer a 9-hole course and is just a 15-minute drive away from the resort. The Blue Bay Golf Course, only 10 to 15 minutes away from the resort, offers both 9-hole and 18-hole courses along with a variety of twists and turns to keep the golfer on his or her toes.

The west side of the island is particularly spectacular with the dramatic cliffs with the waves crashing against them and the different beaches that the island has to offer.