

General Information for those going to Divi Village Aruba

- Good web sites to visit are visitaruba.com, and arubabound.com

- Procedure for arrival. Arrive in terminal. Go through customs, Stop at little duty free kiosk, Proceed to Baggage area, get cart and pick up baggage. Go through doors to front of building to lobby area where you can meet car pick-up. Do not pick car up at the airport Kiosks- They have added 12% surcharge, Try Econo or Royal but have them meet your flight with car so you can get it off airport premises. If you go this route you can get directions to the hotel from them, otherwise follow directions below. **Important!!!!**

- If you get your car at the airport, drive around the circle to airport exit and make left onto main road. Go up road past and around a circle but keep going straight through town and past it about 2 miles. Make left just after a couple of super markets and shopping areas. Stay on this road about a half mile. Divi Village is on the right just across from the Tamarijn Hotel. Go to the next right between golf course and Divi main building. The registration Building is right there on the right side of the road.

- Bring essentials for the first day. Stores are usually open until 5:00pm but closed when you arrive on a Sunday by the time you get there. (i.e.; coffee, sugar, snacks, etc) Saturday is no problem. We usually like to bring English muffins so we have bread when we get there. Maybe jam and peanut butter too. Price club at home has precooked bacon that lasts fine for the flight that can be thrown in the microwave for breakfast for the week (1 ½ minutes and no mess). We fill a carryon. In your welcome package you usually get ½ price sandwiches coupon from Cleo's at the Alhambra so the first night we usually go over there for a sandwich.

- Best grocery Shopping is at Ling and sons not far from (about ½ mile away) Divi- Ask for directions. Other super markets are also nearby and not much different than shopping at home.

- Wines can be purchased at the supermarket and are reasonably priced so you don't have to be carrying them in. Ling and Sons is the newest and largest supermarket around. It is within walking distance but carrying groceries that far is hard. It's about a one

half mile walk to the nearest supermarket without a taxi or car. It's doable but remember you have to carry back everything you buy.

- We usually do bring in some liquor for our own consumption. At least to start. There is a duty free booth as you walk in before customs. Not much of a selection though.
- Meats in the supermarkets are excellent and reasonably priced. Imported from Argentina and Venezuela. Gouda cheese comes straight from Holland!
- Money is in Florins in supermarkets so multiply by 60% to see what you will really be paying. (This may change based on the value of the dollar) However, US dollars are accepted everywhere.
- Rooftop Jacuzzis may only be used by occupants of the second floor
- All the facilities/activities in the Divi Tamarijn, Divi Village, Dutch Village, Phoenix and Divi Aruba Beach Club) are available for all of us to use. For activities at Divi and Tamarijn additional charges may apply
- Go to the happy hour at the bar—It's usually a good time. The Divi Manager's welcoming parties on Tuesday at 5:00PM are fun so try and attend.
- My recommendations for restaurants are; Chefs Table, Madame Jennettes, Chalet Suisse, Sole Mare or Gianni's, & Ruinias del Mar restaurant at the Hyatt (next to the water by the gardens) and in that order, also try Divi's Red Parrot (ask for an outside table by the ocean) Make reservations on line with the list of restaurants I gave you. If you don't, you must make reservations EARLY in the week for the said restaurants. Add the Aqua Grill or Buccaneer's for Seafood. Try Marandi's by the airport it is right on the water and has beautiful atmosphere, This year we rated Marandi's lower as they changed their menu but the view is still beautiful.
- Fast food; McDonald's, Wendy's, Burger King, Dunkin Donuts, all over the island.
- Sightseeing- the Natural Pool—Beyond that it's desert. Lost our Natural Bridge.

- Gambling— Gambling - Alhambra Casino and Shopping Bazaar now brand new and modern with new restaurants and shops open in the evenings. We like the Alhambra, not too crowded and minimums are low. Owned by Divi and Trams go back and forth to it all day and night. The RIU and Hyatt seem to be the classiest casinos but expensive and minimums are high. A few casinos are open 24 hours a day. In general, opening hours are 11 a.m. for slots and 1 p.m. through early morning for table games. Hours vary seasonally, so please check before making plans. No one under 18 is allowed in the casinos.
- We have our own Golf course on the facility –played six times this year -it was wonderful- lots of water and beautiful. Divi Golf course is 9 holes and costs \$45. Play 18 for \$75. Best to play at 7:30 so you are back before girls start moving and can make breakfast at the restaurants which close at 11:00am.
- Golf at Tiera del Sol –PGA course -it's windy but beautiful.
- Fishing- Hotel tournament is Wednesday for off-shore fishing. The cost is \$75 for four (4) hours. MUST sign-up not later than Monday to get a spot. The boats are located next to the Seaport Casino.
- Booze cruise. (Tattoo, if you are a party animal you will love it) ...Recommend that you take a 2 hour "Timeshare" tour to get free tickets to the Tattoo (costs \$45 / person if purchased). Make sure you don't go on a night with local music, oldies nights are more fun.
- Make sure you do the Sunset Cruise from the dock behind the Radisson. They also have a live band on the dock and a great bar.
- No good hair days--- Tell the Ms. to forget about it. Don't waste your time.
- Iguanas - we discourage feeding them. It causes them to be too friendly and bother guests while they are dining and relaxing at pool.

- Town is great. Good shopping, cruise ships, cyber café, two casinos, etc. Iguana Joes is the best bet for afternoon Margaritas and lunch!
- Telephoning back home—DON'T call from the Divi room...It will cost a small fortune. Sign up for Verizon from home for about 1.29 a minute to the States. Skype works great with WIFI
- Guests of the Divi Village Golf and Beach Resort may enjoy the combined amenities of a family of five Divi Aruba Resorts. The Divi family offers nine restaurants, fitness center, water sports, and more- only moments away!
- Full service spa, Indulgence by the Sea, is located in the Divi Aruba Beach Resort. The spa is a short walk or complimentary golf-cart ride from the Divi Village, and all services are available to Divi Village guests.
- Children's poolside activities are offered during the week, and the Divi staff is available to help arrange childcare. All childcare references are screened by the Divi Village.
- A "kids fun club" is available at the Divi Tamarijn Mega All Inclusive Resort across from the Divi Village. The fun club is a supervised activities program available by half day or full day. The fun club is included in the all-inclusive package available to Divi Village guests (see dining page for details). Guests may also purchase days at the fun club individually. \$15 for a half-day from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm including snacks and activities
\$25 for a full day from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm including snacks, lunch, and activities
- Active guests enjoy lighted tennis courts, and weekly tennis clinics sponsored by the Divi Tamarijn. Poolside games and beach walks are held in the early afternoon, and are a favorite for families.
- Aruba's only 30 foot rock climbing wall is located on the Divi beach. Exciting climbs are available daily from 10:00 am to

12:00 noon, and 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

- An on-site watersports center operated by De Palm Tours features catamarans, raft, sunfish, and canoe rental, as well as snorkeling excursions and windsurfing lessons.
- Bring snorkeling gear you'll love it. Try Baby Beach located on the N.E. end of the Island (near St. Nicolas) for the good snorkeling. Scuba diving and snorkeling is another favorite pastime in Aruba. Divers with Open Water Certification can enjoy the many diving sites Aruba has to offer; go wall diving, reef diving, or explore wrecks sunk during World War II. If a visitor prefers to remain close to the surface and snorkel, they may enjoy not only the beauty of the coral formations, but also the wreck sites with a visibility, at some sites, of 100 feet
- The Banana Bus or Kukukanuku is a great time, great sunset and lots of bars and drinking-only for the young at heart.
- Have fun it's a friendly, great place and that's why we bought and keep going back.
- When you are leaving, check out and enjoy the rest of the day by the pool until you leave for the airport. If you need to change, by then you will know someone well enough to change in their room.
- Other good restaurants include: French Steak House (churrasco steak from Argentina), Le Petit Cafe (3 locations-where you cook on a stone) Paddock, on the waterfront in Oranjestad for inexpensive lunch and great ribs and fries on Wednesday night's for \$12.00. Sunset Beach Bistro at the Phoenix (on the beach) for breakfast.
- Tennis clinics are now at Divi Village courts every day. Every evening there are shows at both Tamarijn and Divi Divi. Beach is absolutely GORGEOUS. Nature has returned all the sand that was previously lost and the front of the Tamarijn. Our favorite Divi Beach this year was at the Phoenix. No seaweed and soft sifted sand with

lots of Palm tree shade.

- Computers available in Tamarijn but cheaper downtown at Cafe Internet (where you can phone internationally for 25 cents a minute. WIFI worked in our room.
- They will convert the Florins to dollars at the supermarket checkout counter. And there are ATMs as well as the ability to use credit cards.
- And you'll get a hearty Bon Bini (Welcome) from everyone on Aruba.
- Best Time to Visit
There is no wrong time to visit Aruba. Temperatures are consistently mild, there is no major rainy season, the island lies completely outside the hurricane belt, and the ocean temperature hovers around 82 all year long.
January, February and March are the most popular times to visit. During Carnival, just before Lent, the island is hopping with parades, festivities and parties. If you prefer smaller crowds and a more relaxed atmosphere, plan your trip for mid-April through September. Or, if you can't stand another morning of scraping ice from your windshield, hop the next plane and come in the middle of December.
In other words, choose your own time. Come just because you feel like it, whenever you feel like it.
Aruba, after all, isn't just a place where happiness visits now and then. It's where happiness lives. Year-round.
- Dress Codes
For the most part, casual, informal summer clothing is the rule in Aruba. Women may want to bring along a scarf or hat; the constant trade wind, while refreshing, is not compatible with a carefully arranged hair style.
The days of formal dress at shows, casinos and restaurants is gone, but if you plan to visit some of the island's elegant restaurants, night clubs or casinos, one or two dressier outfits would be appropriate. Jackets and ties for men are not required except at a very few restaurants. As for bathing suits, please remember that they're acceptable only on the beach, and not on the streets.
- Currency
The official currency of Aruba is the Aruban florin, which is divided into 100 cents. Silver coins are in denominations of 5, 10, 25 and 50 cents, one florin, 2 1/2 florins and 5 florins. The 50-cent "yotin"

coin, which is square, is probably Aruba's best-known coin. The florin fluctuates with the dollar on the world market. U.S. and Canadian dollars are widely accepted in Aruba, and banks may exchange other foreign currency. Please call or stop by the individual banks for further information.

- **ATM's and Banking**
Banking hours: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to noon and 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Most bank branches remain open during lunch. The Aruba Bank branch at the airport is open daily from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., except on official holidays.
- **ATM machines:** Travelers with ATM cards bearing the CIRRUS or Plus System network logos can withdraw cash in Aruban florins, or some machines will now dispense U.S. dollars. Home bank accounts will be debited in dollars at a favorable exchange rate, and a service charge will apply. Before departing for Aruba, it's important to verify whether your PIN number will work in Aruba by calling your local bank. ATM machines are available at many locations including:
ABN/AMRO Bank:
 - Caya G.F. Betico Croes 89 (main street, downtown)
 - Sun Plaza Building at L.G. Smith Blvd. 160
 - Port of Call Mall at L.G. Smith Blvd. 17
 - Seaport Market Place
 - Kong Hing on L.G. Smith Blvd.
 - Dr. Horacio Oduber Hospital in Eagle
 - Main street in San Nicolaas
 - Marinierskazerne in Savaneta.Caribbean Mercantile Bank:
 - Caya G.F. Betico Croes 51 (main street, downtown)
 - L.G. Smith Blvd. 17
 - Seaport Village Mall
 - Royal Plaza Mall, on Coastal Gasstation Boulevard
 - Palm Beach 48, Noord; Zeppenfeldstraat 35, San Nicolaas
 - Santa Cruz 41, Santa Cruz.
- **Money Transfer**
Money transfer: Western Union Money Transfer Service offers fast, secure and convenient money transfer service to more than 60 countries. For more information, please call (297) 58-24400.
Credit Card and Traveler's Check Representatives
- **American Express**
S.E.L. Maduro & Sons, Rockefellerstr, 1, Oranjestad, Tel. 5823888, office hours 8:00 - 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday thru

Friday. Closed on official holidays. Services include personal check cashing, refunds, exchange and replacement of American Express Traveler checks, American Express Card replacement service, report of lost or stolen American Express Cards.

- **Visa/Master Card**
Aruba Bank, Caribbean Mercantile Bank and Interbank. Services available to cardholders include cash advance, report of lost or stolen Visa/Master Card. Either passport or two other valid identifications required.

- **Telephone Service**
If you are calling Aruba from abroad, the area code and country code is (297). If you are calling abroad from Aruba, there are a number of options for making international telephone calls:
 - Hotel Operators.
 - Direct dial from your hotel room
 - Setar Teleshop offices at three locations: Palm Beach, in front of the Hyatt Regency Aruba. Resort; Strada Complex II, at the beginning of the main street in Oranjestad; and Royal Plaza.
 - Telegraph offices in the Post Office Buildings in Oranjestad and San Nicolas.
 - Telephone booths throughout the island with a Setar phone card, available at the Setar Teleshops and at most refreshment centers, gas stations and retail stores. Pre-paid phone cards purchased in other countries are not valid.
 - USA Direct, which is available only in the departure hall of the airport and the cruise terminal.

- **Cellular Phones and Pagers**
To rent a cellular phone in Aruba, you'll need valid identification and a credit card for the required deposit. You'll also be requested to give your U.S. address. For more information refer to your hotel guest services desk or the telephone directory in your room.

- **Telex and Telegrams**
These can be sent via your hotel, or by the Government Telegraph and Radio Office at the Post Office Building in Oranjestad.

- **Weddings in Aruba**
Aruba's Parliament changed the laws regarding weddings on the island, effective January, 2002. You may now get married on Aruba after meeting specific requirements. A great many of Aruba's best resorts and hotels offer all-inclusive honeymoon packages, and the island itself is simply perfect for newlyweds.

- **Children's Programs**
 Aruba's resorts offer a variety of programs and facilities for children and their parents, including qualified babysitting services, kids' and teens' day camp programs, and water and land activities for the entire family.
 Tira Koochi Park, a children's playground in Oranjestad, is open from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. daily. The playground is located at Savaneta 338A, right behind Prome Paso School. For more information, please call (297) 5847761.
 Kibaima Miniature Village and Park is a whole-family adventure that features miniature versions of typical Aruban houses and buildings, along with exotic birds, animals and tropical plants. There's also a separate playground for kids. For information, please call (297) 5860536.
- **Drinking Water**
 Aruba has pure, refreshing water, distilled in the world's second largest saltwater purification plant. The plant is called the WEB, and there are many requests to tour it. It's located at Balashi. Phone 297-824700 for tour information.
- **Electricity**
 The electrical voltage is 110 A.C. (60 cycles), and the outlets are the same as in the United States. No adaptors are required for visitors from the U.S.
- **Facilities for the Handicapped**
 Limited facilities for the handicapped are available. Specific hotels can offer ground-floor rooms and doors wide enough to accommodate wheelchairs. In most cases, wheelchairs and/or canes are available. There are no specially equipped vans or busses available. Please check in advance with the hotels you are considering.
- **Hotel Service Charge**
 There is an 17.66% service and government tax on room rates. The service charge on food and beverages is 10% to 15% in lieu of gratuities at the hotels.
- **Medical Services**
 Hospital: Dr. Horacio Oduber Hospital, L.G. Smith Blvd., Oranjestad, located near the hotel area. The hospital is modern and well equipped. Hemodialysis and oxygen tanks are available. Phone (297) 5874300.

- Doctors and dentists: All hotels have medical doctors on call. There are also excellent dental facilities. Appointments can be made through your hotel.
- Air ambulance service: Please call Mr. Richard Rupert at (297) 829197.
Centro Medico, San Nicolas: Dr. Rudy Engelbrecht, Bernardstraat 75, San Nicolas. Consulting hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to noon and 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Emergency assistance is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Phone (297) 5848833.
- Labco Medical and Homecare Service NV: Cabuyastraat 6A, Ponton.
- Rental of wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, bedpans and other medical equipment. This service is available 24 hours a day, and delivery is free. Phone (297) 825541, fax (297) 5826567.
Posada Clinic Aruba: L.G. Smith Blvd 14.
- This center for hemodialysis has eight stations equipped with modern Fresenius 2008H machines. Each station has a TV, VCR and telephone.
The treatment schedule is flexible, and the staff is multilingual. One person is allowed to accompany the patient during treatment. Reservations must be made three months in advance. For more information, or to make reservations, please call the clinic at (297) 5820840, fax (297) 5835664.
- Movies
Most movies shown in Aruba are American films. You'll find a variety of choices playing on the six screens of Oranjestad's Seaport Cinema. Occasionally a European or Latin American feature is shown at the Drive In Theatre at Balashi. This year a new Cinema opened up by the High Rises
- Pets
No pets from South and Central America are allowed. Otherwise, dogs and cats are permitted entry to the island when accompanied by a valid rabies and health certificate issued by a recognized veterinarian. Pets are not allowed at most hotels, however, so please check in advance with your hotel to ask about its policy.
- Postage Stamps
Aruba has its own postage stamps in many attractive designs. Collectors can subscribe for new issues in person or by writing to Philatelic Service, Post Office, Oranjestad, Aruba. Phone (297) 5821900, fax (297) 5827930.

- **Religious Services**
Visitors to Aruba are welcome at all religious services. The Anglican, Baha'i Faith, Baptist, Catholic, Church of Christ, Dutch Reformed, Evangelical, Jewish, Jehovah's Witness, Methodist and Seventh-Day Adventist faiths all hold services on the island. Please ask your hotel for more information, or check directly with the church or synagogue.
- **Taxes**
There is a 6% government room tax on all accommodations. New, a three percent sales tax. Taxes are now on rental cars.
- **Time Zone**
Aruba is on Atlantic Standard Time, which is the same as Eastern Daylight Savings Time but is effective year-round.
- **Tips**
A service charge of 10% to 15% is usually included in your restaurant bill. This amount is divided between your wait person and other restaurant employees. If you received good service, a tip of 10% to 20% given directly to your waitperson is appropriate.
- **Entry Requirements**
Passports are required for U.S. citizens for RE-ENTRY of U.S. citizens to the United States, tentatively scheduled to take effect on January 1, 2006.

Note: Your airline will require that the name on your ticket be the same as the name on your identifying document(s).
Passports are required for citizens of the United States.
US citizens Must have Passports for reentry to the US. Birth certificates issued by churches or hospitals are NOT valid for entry into Aruba.

Canadian visitors must have ONE of the following in their possession upon arrival:

A valid Canadian passport;

Canadian citizens born in Canada must have a miniature birth certificate OR miniature baptismal certificate OR a miniature Proof of Canadian Citizenship;

Canadian citizens born outside Canada must have either an original Certificate of Naturalization OR a miniature Certificate of Proof of Canadian Citizenship;

Canadian residents must have a national passport together with a Canadian Immigration Identification Certificate (CIIC) with a landing

stamp in the national passport or a Certificate of Identity.

Nationals from the following countries are allowed to stay in Aruba for a maximum of 3 months:

Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Colombia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland, U.S.A., United Kingdom, Venezuela.

Visitors from European Union member countries must have ONE of the following:

A valid passport OR A European Union Travel Card.

Children under the age of 18 travelling with BOTH parents must have the same last name as the parents and an original or certified copy of birth certificate. A photo ID is not required.

Children under the age of 18 not traveling with both parents must have an original birth certificate or a certified copy of birth certificate AND a notarized letter of permission signed by BOTH parents or a "Sole Custody" or "Father Unknown" document.

Children under the age of 18 traveling with ONE parent must have an original birth certificate or a certified copy of birth certificate AND a notarized letter of permission signed by the non-custodial parent or a "Sole Custody" or "Father Unknown" document.

A visa is required for citizens of the following countries:

Afganistan, Haiti, North Korea, Burma, Iran, Ghana, Peoples Republic of China, Cambodia,

Iraq, Cuba, Libya, Syria, Dominican Republic, Mauritania Nigeria, Vietnam, Russian Federation and all other former Republics of the Soviet Union with the exception of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

Visa applications can be made through the representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands (Embassy or Consulate) or directly through

the Department of Foreign Affairs in Aruba. The whole procedure may take up to four weeks and the Visa will be handed over to the applicant

by the Dutch Embassy and/or Consular officials in the country where the application was made or by fax if the application was made through the Aruba Department of Foreign Affairs.

The Royal Netherlands Embassy

Washington D.C. phone (202) 274-2610;

Consulate of The Netherlands

Miami, FL, phone (305) 789-6646, M-F 9 am - 1 pm;
Consulate of The Netherlands
Orlando, FL, phone (407) 425-8000, M-F 9 am - 1 pm;
Consulate of The Netherlands
Houston, TX, phone (713) 622-8000;
Consulate of The Netherlands
Atlanta, GA, phone (770) 937-7123;
Department of Foreign Affairs
J.E Irausquinplein 2-A
Oranjestad, Aruba
phone 011-297-834705
fax: 011-297-838108

Applicant is responsible for applicable fees.

Travelers without the proper documentation will be denied boarding the aircraft by airport personnel. No exceptions! All travelers MUST be in possession of a round trip ticket or a document stating departure from Aruba on a specific date.

For situations not covered here, please contact the Aruba Tourism Authority. In the US, contact 1-800-toaruba. From outside the US, contact (in the US) 201-330-0800.

Aruba Customs Regulations

Besides articles for personal use, persons over 18 are allowed to bring into Aruba one fifth of liquor and 200 cigarettes, 50 cigars, 250 grams of tobacco.

- **United States Customs Regulations**

Significant benefits for international travelers are included in the Publication No. 521 Act of 1983 of the Department of Treasury, U.S. Customs Service. Hereunder are some guidelines of the new customs exemptions for returning U.S. residents.

You will receive a Customs Declaration on board your plane or vessel as you return to the United States. To enter the United States, you must complete the identification portion. Families returning together may prepare a joint declaration, with children claiming the same exemption as adults (except for liquor). Children born abroad, who have never lived in the U.S.A. are considered nonresidents for Customs purposes.

You may declare orally all items acquired abroad and brought back with you, whether purchased or given to you as gifts, if their total value does not exceed \$600. State the price actually paid for each article in U.S. currency or its equivalent in country of acquisition.

Repairs or alterations to articles taken abroad and returned must be declared, whether paid for or provided free of charge. State the fair retail value of acquisitions not purchased.

You must declare in writing your acquisitions when:

- You have exceeded the personal, liquor, or tobacco exceptions explained hereunder.
 - You bring in items for business purposes or for someone else.
 - You send home items acquired in the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa or Guam or you are asked to do so by the Customs Inspector.
- **Exemption from Duty and Federal Tax**
 If you have not claimed this exemption within 30 days, you receive an exemption from duty and Federal tax on the first \$600 worth - fair retail value where acquired - of all personal and household goods you obtain abroad and bring back with you.
 Limitations on alcohol, tobacco, and perfume are listed below.
 Goods shipped for personal use may be imported free of duty and tax if the total value is not more than \$200. This exemption does not apply to perfume containing alcohol if it is valued at more than \$5 retail, to alcoholic beverages, or to cigars and cigarettes.
 If you do not meet the 30-day time requirements, you may bring in \$200 or less of items for your own personal or household use, free of duty and Federal tax. However, if you exceed \$200, all your items become dutiable and receive no exemption.
Tobacco, Alcohol and Perfume
 If you are eligible for the \$600 exemption, you may include 100 cigars and 200 cigarettes, regardless of your age. Cigarettes may be subject to state or local tax.
 If you are 21 or older, you may include 1 liter (33.8 fl. oz.) of alcoholic beverages, if it is for your own use or a gift, and if it is allowed by the state in which you arrive. Liquor cannot be mailed into the United States.
 Individual states can impose their own laws, so your point of entry could affect your liquor allowance.
 State Laws on Importing Alcoholic Beverages is available from the Customs Service.
 If you are only eligible for the \$200 exemption, you may include 10 cigars, 50 cigarettes, 150 milliliters (4 fl. oz.) alcoholic beverages, or 150 milliliters (4 fl. oz.) of perfume containing alcohol.
 If you exceed these limits, you must pay duty, internal revenue tax and possibly state tax. Duty rates for distilled spirits, wine, and beer are generally 10% of their value. Internal revenue tax is \$10.50 per proof gallon on distilled spirits, from \$0.17 to \$10.50 on wine, and \$0.29 per gallon on beer.
 Customs enforces the laws of the state in which you arrive. State laws differ as to quantity you may bring in. Some differ regarding personal possession and shipment of liquor. Some states do not allow individuals to import more liquor than listed, even by paying tax.

Check with the state liquor authorities for current practices prior to departure.

- **Duty Free Items**

Personal belongings: Present proof of prior possession such as a receipt of purchase, bill of sale, insurance policy, or jeweler's appraisal. You may take foreign-made items bearing serial numbers (e.g. cameras, watches, tape recorders) to a Customs Office for registration before leaving the U.S. marked "American Goods Returned" on the shipping carton.

- **Duty**

The Congress of the United States has set the resident exemption at \$600 to simplify the international traveler's re-entry into the United States. The next \$1,000 in items is dutiable at a flat 10% rate, bringing the total possible duty on purchases valued at \$1,400 to \$100. Families living in one household and returning together may combine their purchases on joint declaration and multiply their exemptions accordingly. For example, a family of 4 would pay duty of \$600 on the first \$5,600 of dutiable items. Families must prepare a joint declaration in order to get the flat duty rate.

Gifts you ship from abroad, if worth \$100 or less in fair retail value where shipped, can be received in the U.S. free of duty and tax if the same person does not receive more than \$100 in gift shipments in one day. Mark the package "UNSOLICITED GIFT" and indicate contents

and retail value. Duty cannot be prepaid. You do not declare gifts you have shipped.

For cultural treasures, art or artifacts, especially pre-Columbian, check with U.S. Customs and the country of export for special requirements.

Every effort has been made to indicate essential requirements.

However, all regulations of Customs and other agencies cannot be covered in full. For Customs leaflets, write U.S. Customs, OPA, 1301 Constitution Avenue. NW, Room 2133, Washington D.C. 20229 or call (201) 927- 5580.

- **Canada Customs Regulations**

- After 24 hours' absence or more (any number of times per year), you may bring in goods to the value of \$20 (except tobacco products and alcoholic beverages). A written declaration may be required.

- After 48 hours' absence or more (any number of times per year), you may bring in goods to the value of \$100. A written declaration may be required.

- After 7 days' absence or more (one every calendar year), you may bring in goods to the value of \$300. A written declaration will be required.
- Any person 16 or older may include up to 200 cigarettes and 50 cigars and 1 kg. (2.2 lbs.) of tobacco. Of course, the dollar value of these goods form part of your personal exemption.
- If you meet the age requirements set by the province or territory through which you re-enter Canada, you may include up to 1.4 liters (40 oz.) of wine or liquor.
- Original works of art valued at \$20 or more are duty free.

Please note: This information was believed correct at the time of publication, but is not official.

All information is subject to change without notice.

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1-800-toaruba. From outside the US, contact (in the US) 201-330-0800.