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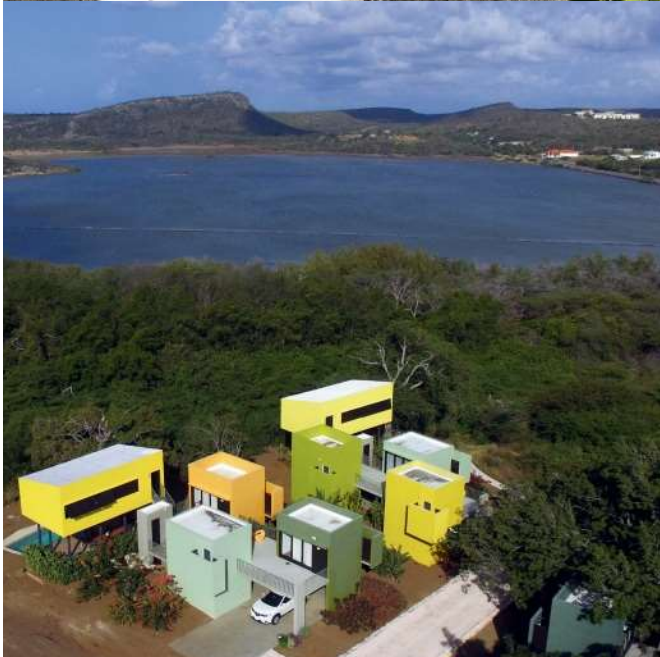
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An underwater scene showing a diver in a black wetsuit and mask, swimming in clear blue water with sunlight filtering through the surface.

**DIVING BOCA SAMI
@DIVE WEDERFOORT**

A sunset scene at a beach with palm trees silhouetted against a bright orange and yellow sky.

**SUNSET SUNDAYS
@KOKOMO BEACH**

A close-up profile of a bright pink flamingo's head, showing its yellow eye and black beak.

**FLAMINGO SPOTTING
@SALINA ST. MICHEL**

A close-up of a bright red lobster on a black plate, with fresh herbs and spices scattered on a wooden surface.

**FRESH FISH
@DIVERSE SAUSEN**

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Highlights





A warm welcome to Bohémí Villa's!

Bohémí is unlike any other place on Curaçao. A secluded paradise, built on the former plantation of Klein St. Michiel. Surrounded by a protected nature area with a unique flora and fauna. A place where **nature**, **design** and **history** come together, to create an unforgettable experience. Unwind, relax and surrender yourself to the peacefulness of untouched nature. Dive into the local lifestyle. Explore the island. Uncover Boca Sami's secrets. Eat the freshest fish. Get inspired by the colours, flavours and sounds of the island.

This magazine is our gift to you. We share our local secrets and favourite places to go. Curaçao has so much more to offer than cocktails and coconuts. Let the island surprise you! Fall in love with it, like we have.

The Bohémí Team

A BOHÉMIAN LIFE

FOR ME

The name Bohémi refers to the 19th century idea of bohemianism. The pursuit of an unconventional and free-spirited lifestyle with few permanent ties. Wanderers. Adventurers. Admirers of music, art, literature and, critics of the status quo. This philosophy of freedom is translated into the design of your Bohémi Villa. The design lets go of the formalities of a regular holiday house. Have you noticed that there is no formal front door? Rather than having all rooms under one roof, each villa consists of different units connected through an open floor plan. Like Esher's famous artwork 'Relativity', each space provides you with a new perspective on the surrounding nature.

Connecting architecture and nature is essential to the spirit of Bohémi. The color palette is inspired by the colors of nature. The different shades of green. The bright yellow of a flowering kibrahacha tree. Fluorescent orange like the Troupial bird. When building houses in the middle of nature, the matter of sustainability is inevitable. Curaçao has a tropical climate all year round. Ideal for a vacation, but challenging when developing sustainable housing. Salty winds, alternating times of extreme drought and heavy rains, and approximately 3000 hours of sunshine per year. To withstand these climate factors, the villas are primarily build with highly durable materials such as concrete and hardwood. For the interior design we work with high quality long-lasting products. Both to maximize your comfort and to reduce unnecessary waste.

Look around your villa and notice that it is surrounded by century-old trees. Those trees house an abundant bird life. Not only do those trees and birds give you a nice view. The openness of the design, like the outdoor showers and open living room, create the feeling of being emerged in nature. This makes your Bohémi Villa an experience itself. **Become one with nature** and *feel what freedom feels like.*

HIDDEN HISTORY

The colorful, modern houses of Bohémi leave a futuristic impression. However, your villa stands on historic soil. The land where you walk, swim, eat, laugh and sleep today was part of a large plantation in the 18th century. It started as a salt plantation. Salt came from the lake behind Bohémi, the Saliña Sint Michiel. When you walk around the lake you can still see some remains of the stone basins. The salty sea water flooded the basins. The water evaporated from the heat of sun, leaving salt behind in the basins. Later on, livestock was kept at the plantation too.

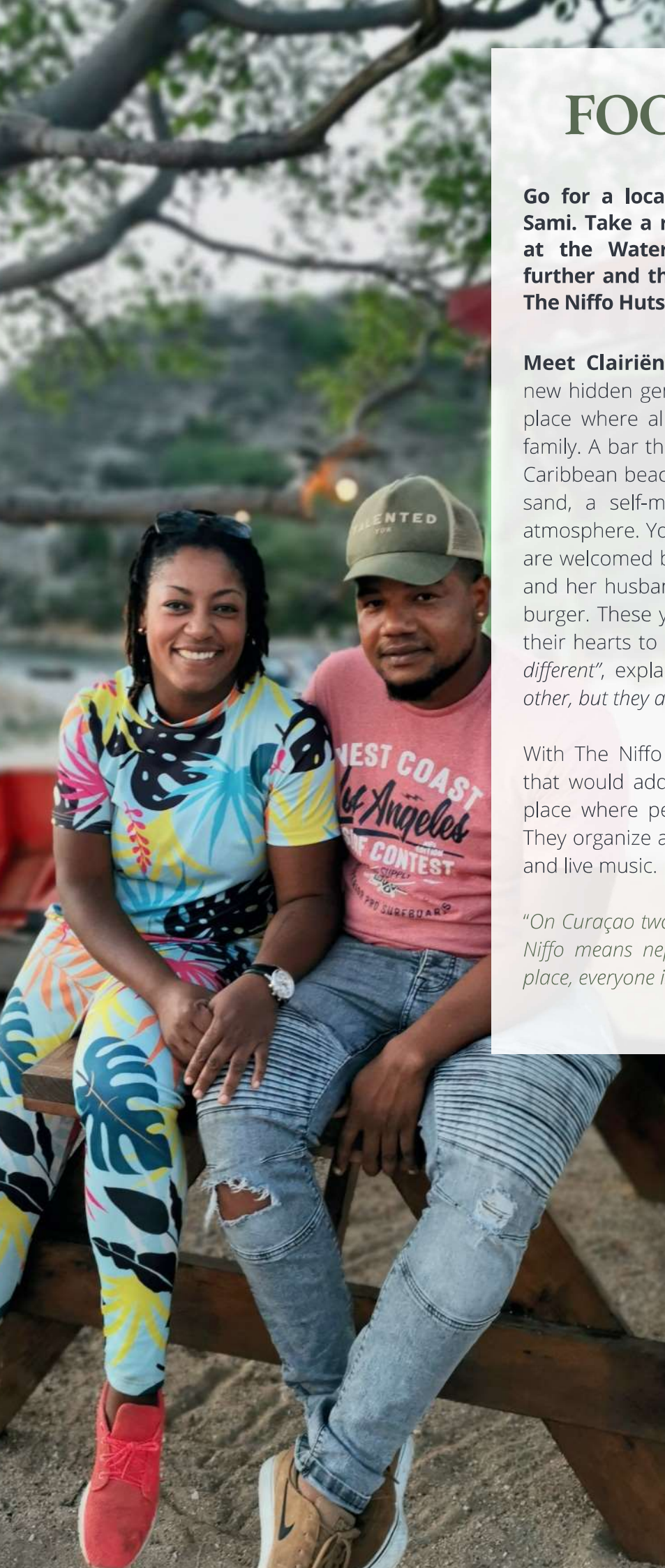
Until the abolition on July 1st 1863, slaves worked the land and the salt plantation. They lived in small self-made huts on the plantation. Where the huts used to be exactly is unknown.

While no remains exist of the slave huts, the main house is still intact. The former head-office of the plantation, the kas di shon, is the white mansion on your left hand at the entrance gate. The small white house close to the entrance is where the Bomba, the slave supervisor, lived. Other small houses you might see, are former magasins where harvest was stored. Like other plantation houses, this one was built on a small hill for several reasons. First of all to catch the eastern cooling wind. Secondly, it allowed the shon (plantation owner) to overlook the plantation and surrounding area. Last, but not least, the elevated position allowed the plantation owners to communicate with each other over long distances.

About 100 - 160 plantation houses were built during the 18th and 19th century. Today only half of those remained, in varying conditions. Learn more about the architecture in the article about culture. The land where your Bohémi villa stands, is no longer part of the plantation Klein Sint Michiel. Today, a family lives in the plantation house and the former Bomba residence is rented out as an apartment.



BOCA SAMI



FOOD & FAMILY

Go for a local experience. Drive down to Boca Sami. Take a right and enjoy delicious, fresh fish at the Waterfront Terrace. Go down a little further and the road ends at Boca's latest catch: The Niffo Huts.

Meet Clairiënne and Braijen, the owners of the new hidden gem on Curaçao. They created a unique place where all kinds of people mix together like a family. A bar that is exactly how you would imagine a Caribbean beach bar should look like. Picnick tables, sand, a self-made palletwood bar and a relaxing atmosphere. You immediately feel at home when you are welcomed by Clariëne with a generous smile. She and her husband serve quality drinks and a big juicy burger. These young, enthusiastic entrepreneurs lost their hearts to Boca Sami. *"It's the people who make it different",* explains Clairiënne. *"People look after each other, but they are also open minded. A life a freedom."*

With The Niffo Huts they wanted to create a place that would add something different to the island. A place where people can be free and just have fun. They organize all kinds of events like a karaoke nights and live music.

"On Curaçao two things are important: Food and family. Niffo means nephew or cousin. When you are at our place, everyone is family!"

" IT'S THE PEOPLE
WHO MAKE IT
DIFFERENT "

Clairiënne

The Niffo Huts

Sint Michiel and the Ser'i Sint Michiel, are named after the archangel Saint Micheal who is celebrated as a patron on 29th of September every year. The area actually consists of several small villages, but is locally known as Boca Sint Michiel or simply Boca Sami.

The unconventional character of Bohémi suits this authentic fishing village. Boca Sami has a slightly different story of origin than the rest of Curaçao. During the 18th century, European countries like The Netherlands, England, France and Spain were at war with each other. They took their war with them to the Caribbean. Boca Sami was shaped during this time of rivalry, as well as through piracy. Walking through Boca Sami it is easy to picture these roaring times. Pirates and merchants walking the street. Instead of the oil platform, a majestic tall ship anchoring in the bay. A ford was built to protect the Bay. The remains of the fort are visible and can be visited. The fort was conquered by the Dutch, the English and the French several times for a few weeks, until it fell back into the hands of the Dutch.

A little bit of history

THE VILLAGE OF BOCA SAMI

"MAX IN THE WILD" WALKING AND

DIVING TOURS



Are you in for an adventure? Then you can book a tour through one of our employees at the reception. As a certified divemaster, Max can offer you snorkeling experiences, guided dive tours, fishing and lionfish hunting, while learning about the imposing Caribbean underwater environment. If you are not yet an experienced diver, Max is happy to take you on an introduction dive. Rental gear is available.

Max van Aalst jr is a marine biology student, born in the Netherlands and raised in Curaçao. As a child he loved to go camping, hiking, snorkeling and diving. Being surrounded by nature all the time, he was inspired to study marine biology. This is a scientific study that focuses on the study of marine life. During his study, he learned not only about the beauty of nature, but also about its fragility and the importance of taking good care of it.

Unfortunately, many important ecosystems in Curaçao, like mangrove forests and coral reefs, have been destroyed to replace them for beaches and hotels. In this respect, Bohémi Resort takes a different approach and strives to leave nature intact. Max also strives to work with nature rather than against it.

Curaçao has much more to offer than just sandy beaches and traditional dive sites. As a local marine biologist, he knows where to find the most pristine hidden gems of the island and how to enjoy them sustainably. Max would love to share his knowledge and experiences with the guests of Bohémi Resort.

" I STRIVE TO WORK
WITH NATURE RATHER
THAN AGAINST IT "

Max van Aalst jr.



max_in_the_wild

An aerial photograph of a tropical beach. The water is a vibrant turquoise color, transitioning to a lighter, sandy hue near the shore. Two people are visible in the water, leaving long, dark shadows behind them. The beach is a light tan color, and the overall scene is bright and clear.

HOW ARE YOU
FEELING *today* ?

A photograph of two women meditating on a sandy beach. The woman in the foreground is sitting cross-legged on a blue patterned mat, wearing a light blue long-sleeved top and leggings, with her hands in a mudra. The woman in the background is sitting cross-legged on a white mat, wearing a white tank top and leggings, with her hands in a mudra. The background is a sandy beach with some small rocks and a clear sky.

RELAXED?

When you are on vacation it is not about what you *have* to do, but what you *want* to do! Give your mind and body that much needed rest. Spoil yourself. You are on vacation after all. Here is some inspiration for things to do so you can unwind and relax.

SPA & MASSAGE TREATMENTS

Treat yourself with a relaxing spa treatment with real-life ocean sounds on the background. Let the ocean breeze carry away your stress and tension, while enjoying a massage or spa treatment with natural oils made from local herbs, fruits and vegetables. Located right at Kokomo Beach.

If you prefer a massage at home, your Bohémi host can book you a private massage at your Bohémi Villa.



Yoga

Combine a relaxing massage with a private yoga class at Bohémi. Ask your host for more information and prices.

If you prefer a group class, the closest and a favorite place for yoga is Blue Bay. On Wednesdays, power woman Miriam offers a yoga class from 08:30 to 09:30. On Thursdays from 09:00 to 10:00.

A yoga studio that is also located nearby would be Ahimsa, which is given in both English and Spanish.

Another option is **The Space** in Otrobanda. They offer yoga, meditation and breathwork classes. Beautiful location and skilled teachers.

BOAT TRIPS

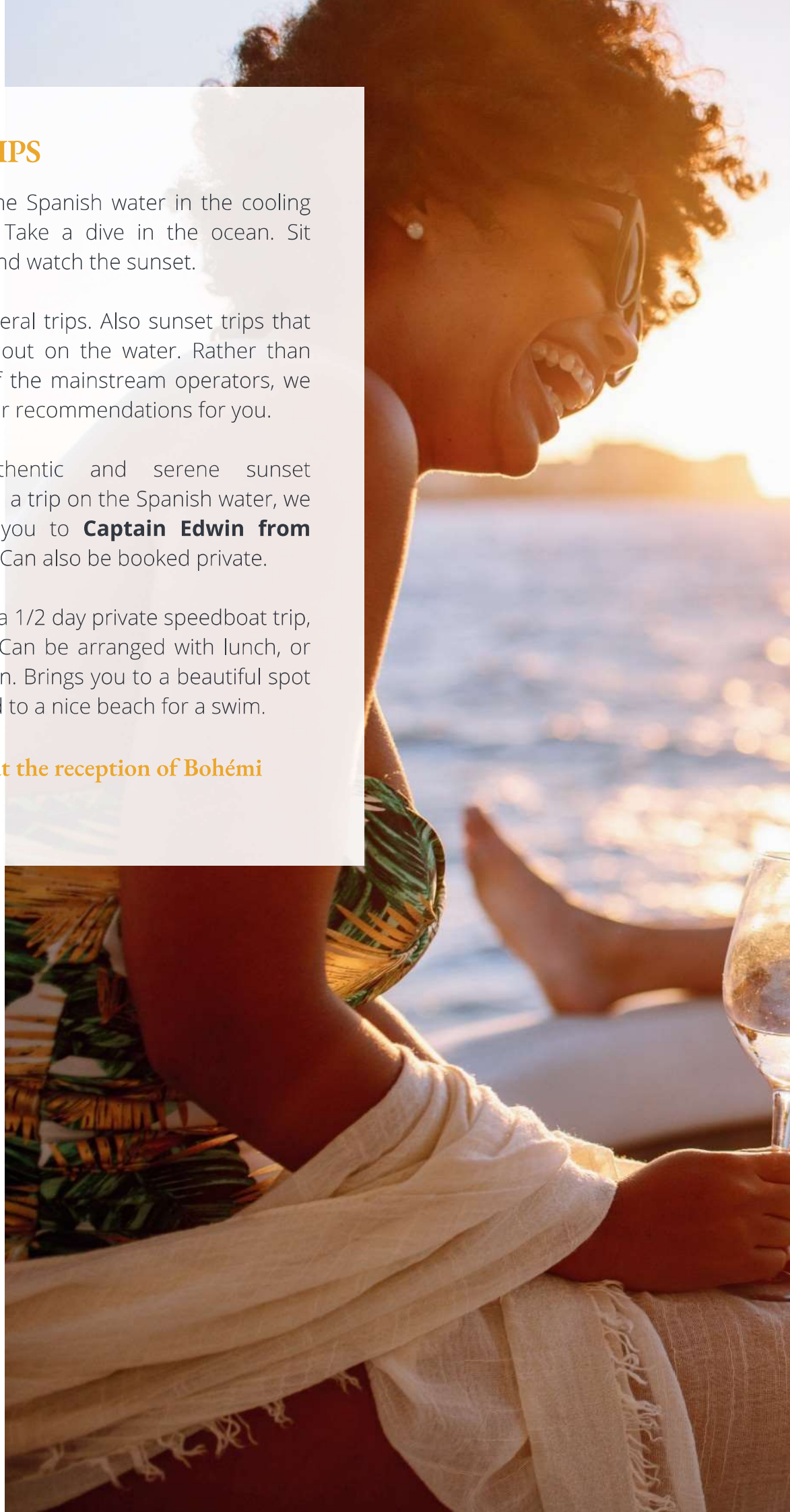
Cruise over the Spanish water in the cooling evening sun. Take a dive in the ocean. Sit back. Relax. And watch the sunset.

There are several trips. Also sunset trips that will take you out on the water. Rather than joining one of the mainstream operators, we have two other recommendations for you.

For an authentic and serene sunset experience or a trip on the Spanish water, we can forward you to **Captain Edwin from Rasta tours**. Can also be booked private.

We also offer a 1/2 day private speedboat trip, with skipper. Can be arranged with lunch, or bring your own. Brings you to a beautiful spot to snorkel and to a nice beach for a swim.

Book a tour at the reception of Bohémi



An aerial photograph of turquoise water with intricate white foam patterns, likely from a reef or shallow lagoon. The water is a vibrant teal color, and the foam creates a complex, branching network of white lines and patches.

OR ACTIVE?

Vacation is all about switching up your daily routine. Try out something new! Curaçao has something for everyone. Here's a glimpse of one of the many things to do under, outside, and on the water.

DIVING

The number one activity on the island is diving. There are numerous diving spots on the island. From easy shore dives, to deep dives, wreck dives and more. Founded in 1955, **Dive Wedervoort** is one of the first certified dive schools on Curaçao. Luckily for you, it is right at downtown Boca Sami. The owner offers professional guided dives and courses. Owner Patrick and his team can tell you all about the best diving spots.

Another good dive school nearby is **Central Dive Curaçao**. The owners are Swiss, so this is one of the few dive shops where they speak good German, Swiss German and French. Besides dive courses, they are there for you to create a custom-made dive experience. You can even have your wedding picture taking underwater!

Do you prefer snorkeling? Basically every beach has good snorkeling options, so always bring your snorkel set with you to the beach. Ask the local restaurant, food-truck or diving school for the best spots! Ask your host about renting snorkeling equipment.



GOLF COURSE BLUE BAY

Right next door is the **Blue Bay Golf course**. A joy to play and to see. How often have you played golf with an ocean view? No license required, you can simple book your tee time through the website.



Horseback Riding

Across the street is **Rancho Alegre**.

A former plantation where, among many other animals, the owner keeps South American Paso Fino horses. The owner will take you on a tour over her estate with rewarding views and through forests full of ancient mango and calabash trees.

You will need some riding experience.

SURFING

Surf's up at Curaçao! Always wanted to try out kite-, wave or windsurfing? This is your chance! Kite and windsurfing happens as Sint Joris Bay and the Spanish Water. One of the best places to get classes and rent gear is **Windsurfing Curaçao** at the Spanish Water.

This surfshop also offers SUP tours, mountainbike tours, snorkel trips and wake boarding. If you want to try something completely different, ask about foiling. You will be flying over the water!

Curaçao might not be the first country to come to mind when thinking of **wave surfing**, but it is nevertheless possible. At the only beach on the North side, Playa Canoa has a reef break that is fun for experienced surfers, but is easy enough for beginners. Contact Chanty for classes, coaching and board rental.



Need more inspiration? Follow us on Facebook & Instagram @bohemiessort

INVEST IN SUSTAINABILITY

The villas of Bohémi Resort are built with sustainable materials and according to European standards. The kitchens, built-in appliances and plumbing are sourced from Europe.

Electricity

Since November 2022, we have managed to install solar panels on the roof of Villa Peace. This is our first energy-neutral villa. The test with solar energy is working out well. Therefore, it is planned to install solar panels on as many villas in the park as possible in the short-term. Despite the use of renewable energy, we encourage people to use electricity sparingly. Among other things, by turning off the air conditioning when you are away. Steps have also been taken by Bohémi itself such as more economical electrical appliances, LED lighting and the power is turned off (where possible) in villas that are empty for more than a week.

Water

In addition to the use of solar panels, brown water is used during construction and in the gardens. This means that the water is taken from the ground with a pump. Water is in fact taken from the sea here in Curaçao and purified locally. This makes the water high quality and also drinkable from the tap. However, this costs a lot of money and energy. Therefore, we try to save as much drinking water as possible. We also inform guests and encourage them to save water as well.

Recycle

On the Resort are several recycling bins of Green Force Curaçao. Unfortunately, little waste is separated on Curaçao. Fortunately, there are a number of organizations that try to change this. Of course, we are happy to cooperate, to keep nature as beautiful as possible and to do our best together to make a positive difference. Through Green Force Curaçao, we can recycle plastic PET bottles and aluminum cans of ourselves and our guests. We are very happy with this!

CULTURAL CURAÇAO

Curacao not a cultural destination? We strongly disagree! For the Bohémians who enjoy art, architecture and history, there are many options. You will be surprised by the colorful street art and the rich history behind the plantation houses.



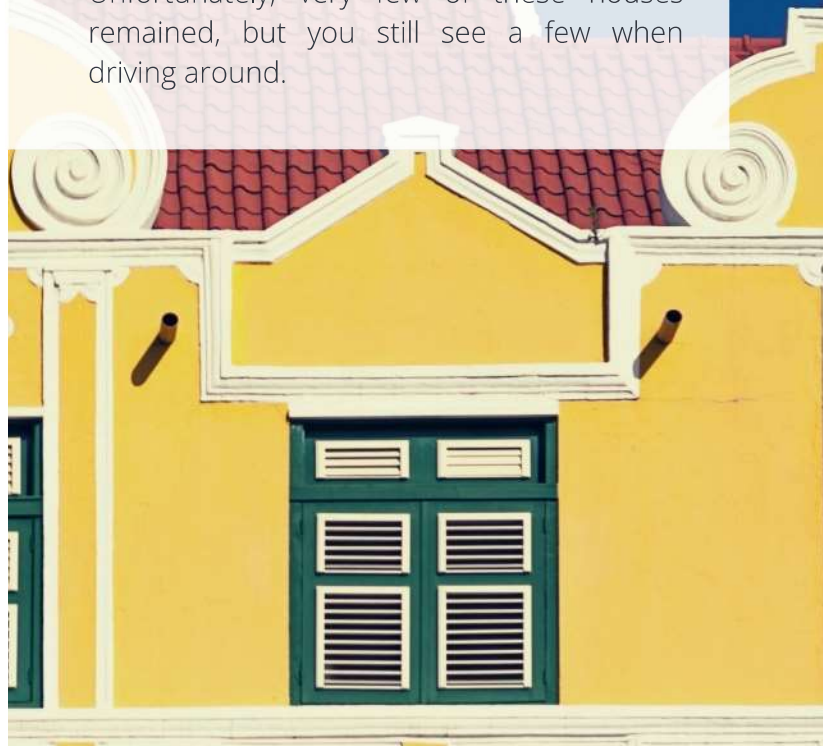
WORLD HERITAGE ARCHITECTURE



Coming from a controversial past, the plantation houses are nevertheless an important part of the island's cultural heritage. Built during the 17th, 18th and 19th century, all plantation houses are from Dutch origin, but the owners were not only Dutch colonizers. According to an article published by Dutch magazine *Historisch Nieuws-blad*, some plantations were actually owned by former slaves, during the 19th century. The slave Clementina and her nine children inherited half of her master's (who was also her lover and a widower) fortune. From this heritage Clementine bought several plantations and promptly became a free and wealthy woman.

During the slave trade, Curaçao was the logistic heart of the WIC. Slaves were shipped to Curaçao, examined, selected and sold to the other colonies. Some stayed on the island and worked on the plantations. Their live, work and punishments were hard. Slave villages were built on the plantation land itself and slaves were ought to build their own houses and grow their own food.

They used all sorts of natural materials like twigs, clay and manor to build their homes. That is why these houses are called *kas di kunuku* or *kas di pal'i maishi*. Coming from African countries, the shape was similar to the huts that can be found in many West-African countries. Interestingly, these houses were not oriented favorably towards one another or the wind or sun, but rather randomly scattered around the field. Unfortunately, very few of these houses remained, but you still see a few when driving around.



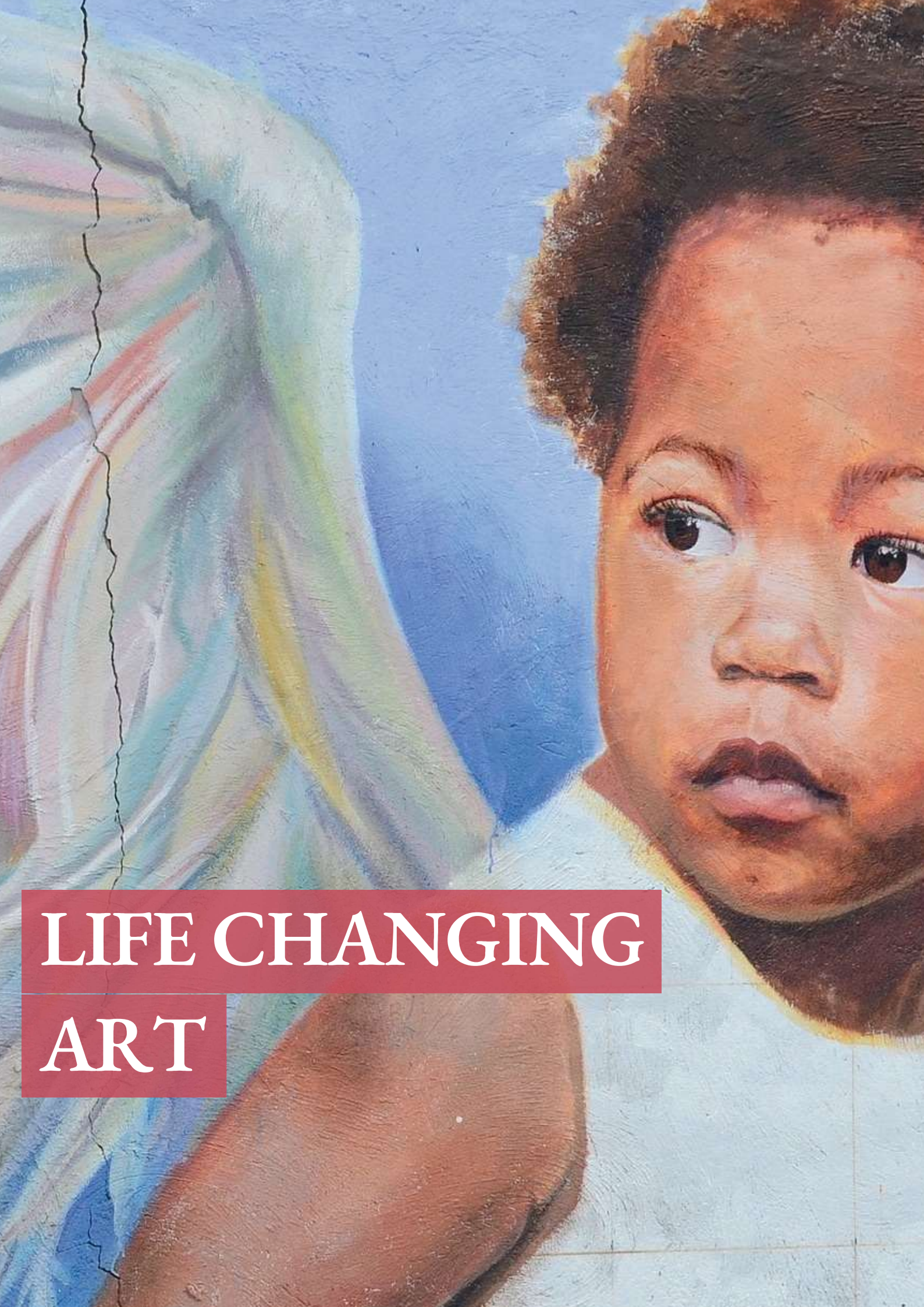
The plantation houses were built according to Dutch knowledge of architecture and adjusted to two important climatological factors: Wind and sun. The often large residences are built on the highest point of the estate to catch the cooling eastern wind. Galleries on one or more sides of the house offer protection from the sun and a shaded place to reside outside. To optimally use the eastern wind, bedrooms were originally located on the east side of the building. The kitchen on the other hand faces the West to prevent smoke being blown into the house.

More so than the lay-out, the façade of a plantation house is architecturally interesting. Popular styles from Europe like neo-classicism and baroque can be recognized when looking at the façade of a plantation house. Mixing these styles while adjusting to local environmental factors gave rise to a unique Dutch-Caribbean style of architecture that nowadays is considered World Heritage.

The walls of colonial houses on Curaçao are made from coral stone that was plastered afterwards. Originally, many houses were white. A doctor in the 18th century noticed that many people on the island had eye problems. He concluded that the reflection of the sun on the bright white houses was the cause. A successful plead at the governor's office led to a 100-years lasting law that obliged home owners to color paint there houses. Many plantation houses were painted in a distinctive deep yellow-orange color.

Coral stone is a very porous material. Because of the intensive (and expensive) maintenance many houses are decaying. The original owner has passed away, leaving the house to four or five children. As siblings do, they fight about what to do with the house and ultimately just leave it be. When walking through Willemstad, you will undoubtedly see the result: World heritage houses turning into ruins. Luckily, several organizations are dedicated to renovate these buildings and save their historic value.





LIFE CHANGING

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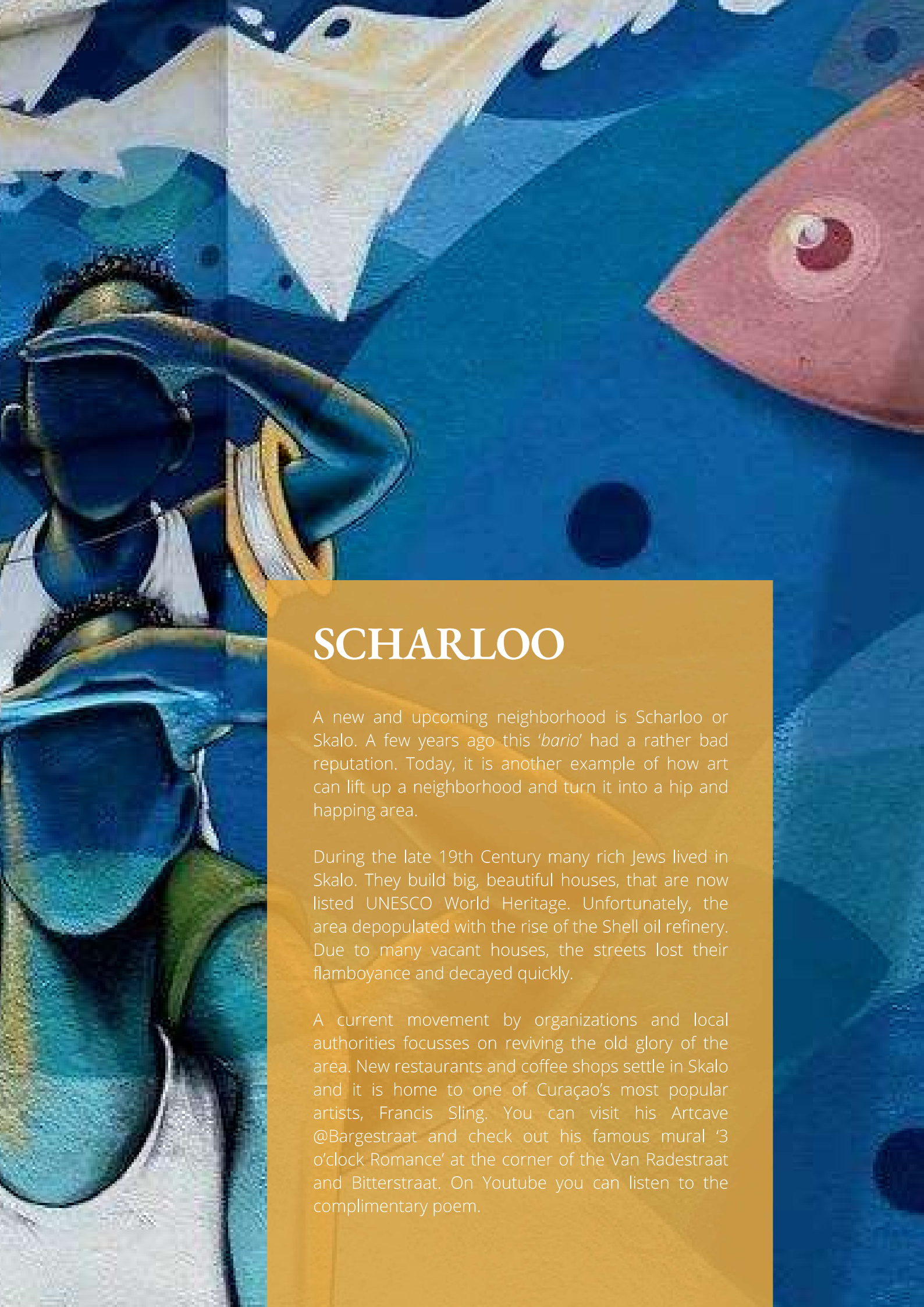
Perhaps not surprisingly, Willemstad with its colorful World Heritage facades is the cultural capital of Curaçao. Surprising however, is the amount of street art you see in the city! Walking through Willemstad, it is difficult not to notice the expressive colorful murals. Big artworks that cover entire buildings, and smaller hidden gems.

Art has a great impact on a city. Not only does it brighten up a dodgy street, it actually helps to create hope, decrease crime rates and lift up entire neighborhoods.

Kaya Kaya uses this principle to create impact. They organize street parties in Otrobanda with the slogan:

Leave it better behind.

Prior to each party, the location gets a complete make-over. Cleaning the streets and inviting local and international artists to create murals on old buildings. One of the most popular and most photographed art works are Avantia Damberg's 'Colorful Steps' @Lennepstraat and 'Punda Wings' @Hanchi Angel Job.



SCHARLOO

A new and upcoming neighborhood is Scharloo or Skalo. A few years ago this *'bario'* had a rather bad reputation. Today, it is another example of how art can lift up a neighborhood and turn it into a hip and happening area.

During the late 19th Century many rich Jews lived in Skalo. They build big, beautiful houses, that are now listed UNESCO World Heritage. Unfortunately, the area depopulated with the rise of the Shell oil refinery. Due to many vacant houses, the streets lost their flamboyance and decayed quickly.

A current movement by organizations and local authorities focusses on reviving the old glory of the area. New restaurants and coffee shops settle in Skalo and it is home to one of Curaçao's most popular artists, Francis Sling. You can visit his Artcave @Bargestraat and check out his famous mural '3 o'clock Romance' at the corner of the Van Radestraat and Bitterstraat. On Youtube you can listen to the complimentary poem.

GO ON AN ARTISTIC EXPEDITION ON CURAÇAO!

Dumdu tours

Walks or scooter tours through Scharloo and Otrobanda. A mix of art, history and modern living.

Art Now Tours Curacao

Many different art tours all over the island, guided by local artists. You are not unlikely to catch a mural-in-the-making while on one of their tours.

More information at the reception of Bohemi.



Landhuis Bloemhof

Art. History. Nature. Walk through the fairytale sculpture garden. Amidst the garden is the impressive **Cathedral of Thorns**. A community art project by Herman van Bergen. Together with a group of unemployed people, he created a building-size labyrinth made of actual thorns. Inside it showcases contemporary art by local artists, and it is used as a performance stage. Combine your visit to landhuis Bloemhof with the Nature Museum and lunch at Number10, located right next door.

Gallery Alma Blou @Landhuis Habaai

The oldest art gallery on the island, presenting both local and Caribbean art. The exhibitions change continuously and vary greatly in style and type. Visit their website to see the current exhibition.

AVANTIA DAMBERG

Talks about 'Art Now Tours'

"In 2016 I went on a 6-month journey around the world. Something I have wanted to do for very long. Traveling the continents of Africa, Europe and the USA, I realized how much Curaçao actually has to offer. It made my love for my country even bigger! Coming back to Curaçao in January 2017, I went on a stroll through Punda from my studio in Casa Moderna. I ran into Garrick Marchena, whom I've known since high school. He was working on the great mural of the Partawela bird, to celebrate 100-years MCB. Then I saw the three happy bananaquits made by Omar Sling, another artist I know personally. I crossed the Jojo Correa square and the bridge to Skalo-Abou.

I promised myself a nice lunch at Baygelz. On the other side of the parking lot, I noticed new art works. The whole parking lot was transformed with murals! Particularly, the work of Sander van Beusekom popped out. He and his sister successfully launched the Street Art Skalo movement. During my trip around the world, I was very inspired by all the street art and this new upcoming development I witnessed was a very welcome change of scenery. On that same stroll, I watched Omar's brother, Francis sling, work on his 3-o'clock romance. Another famous artist-in-action! Francis I knew from back when I lived in Amsterdam. We caught up and made a selfie. Walking back to my studio, I thought: WOW! I just went on an art walk with the latest urban art! I was going to offer art walks. Art from today. Art Now Tours! This year we are celebrating our 3-year existence. It definitely helps me survive as an artist. The same year I made Punda Wings, right before I left for Hawaii. Again, I was amazed by the murals of the industrial area, Kakaako. This is what Willemstad needs. Art brings life to a neighborhood. Ever since, I re-discover Punda, Scharloo and Otrobanda Show people these places through a new lens: Seeing through art."

Avantia Damberg is a local artist. She studied at the Gerrit Rietveld Academy in Amsterdam. Look at our website to view more of her work.





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Bohemi DESIGNER VILLAS

A Review By...

"We had the best time at the gorgeous villa. Everything is top-notch and spot on. We'd love to get back to this amazing place."

Joa - Airbnb



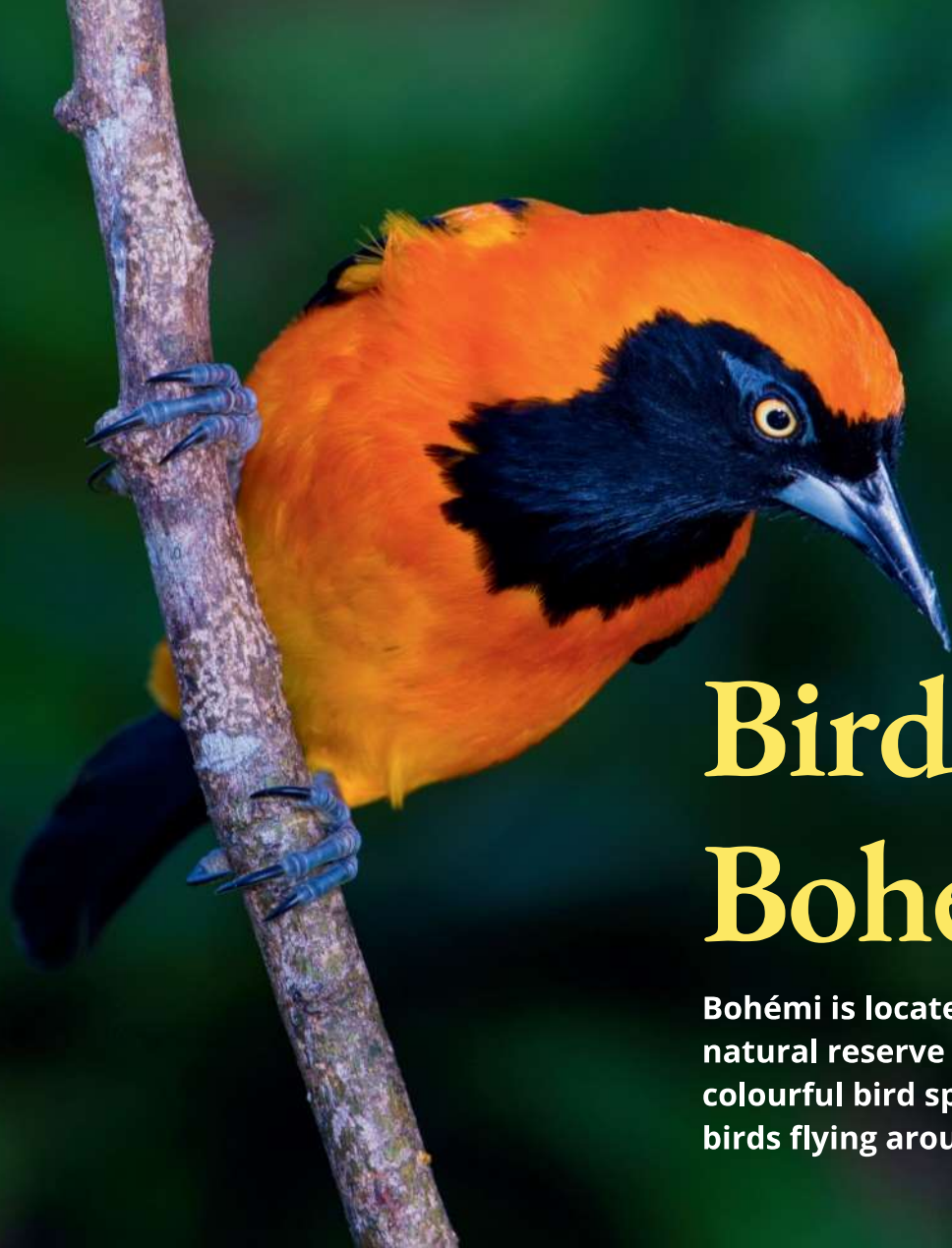
"Words cannot describe how great the villa and resort are!! It is actually a lot better than what the pictures show. The nature, surroundings and accommodation could not be better, it makes you feel like you're really part of the nature with all the comfort you need to feel like home. Hope to go back there some day!"

Fernanda - Airbnb

"The panoramic view of the surrounding nature from the living room is exceptional. Falling asleep and waking up with the birds. Very spacious and well-equipped. Very private and secluded."

Imke - Booking.com





Birds of Bohémi

Bohémi is located next to a protected natural reserve that is home to many colourful bird species. Learn about the birds flying around your Bohémi villa.

Up: Venezuelan Troupial

[*Icterus icterus*]

The bird in the photo above is locally simply known as Troupial. They feed on insects, fruits, small birds and eggs. Troupials are nest pirates. Rather than making their own, they hijack other bird's nests.

Left: Yellow Oriole

[*Icterus nigrogularis*]

The growling, barking sounds that this bird produces gave the yellow oriole the nickname of Troupial Kachó. Kachó is papiamentu for dog. Opposite to its orange brother, this yellow bird creates architectually interesting nests. They create baskets made from twigs that hang from tree branches. This keeps the eggs inside safe from predators.





Right: Northern Crested Caracara

[*Caracara cheriways*]
The *wara wara* is a relaxed bird. Cruising through the air or overlooking its territory from the top of a cactus tree. Rather than a hunter, the *wara wara* is a scavenger bird that feeds on dead or injured animals.



Left: American Flamingo

[*Phoenicopterus ruber*]
Right behind Bohémi is a big flamboyance (flock) of Flamingoes. During the day they feed on algae, small fish and shrimps. The carotene in their diet gives them their pink color. At night and during the breeding season they fly to Bonaire. Flamingoes have long term partners and trios are common. Partners eat, sleep and feed together, but usually don't mate.

Up: Brown Throated Parakeet

[*Eupsittula pertinax*]
You are more likely to hear a *Prikichi* than to see one. Particularly before sunset the flock can be noisy. It is believed that this is a social event used to evaluate individuals and foraging places. The *prikichi* nests inside termite nests. The heat produced by the insects' activity helps incubate the eggs.



Right: Blue-tailed Emerald

[*Chlorostilbon mellisugus*]
A hummingbird, or *Blenchi* in Papiamentu. They hang around blooming trees and flowers to feed on the nectar. The *blenchi* is responsible for the cupshaped nests, made of plant fibers and camouflaged with green moss. Spider webbing both strengthens the nest and adds elasticity, allowing the nest to double in size as the chick grows.



Up: Bananaquit

[*Coereba flaveola*]
Locally known as *Barika hel* (*yellow belly*) or *Suikerdieffe* (*sugar thief*). This bird loves everything that's sweet. They 'steel' nectar from flowers, without pollinating it. Hence, the name.



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Visit the Natural History Museum and book or birdwatching tour.



DJABIÈRNÈ FRIDAY

#TGIF, thank god it's Friday, so let's kick off the weekend with a good 'ol Friday happy hour! Every hour is happy hour on Curaçao, and Mambo Boulevard is the classic place to be. Start at **Bar Chill** with a cocktail or two. Then make your way down to the boulevard. Just follow the crowd.

An alternative Friday night out, would be to start off the weekend at one of the cocktail bars, like **Mosa/Caña Bar & Kitchen**. An up class cocktail bar that serves carefully crafted cocktails. Next door happens to be the finest Italian restaurant on the island. **Serafina** serves classic Italian dishes in a modern way.

Feeling adventurous? Located a little further up the road on the Penstraat is restaurant **Nul-twintig**. Life does not get much better than modern fine dining in a beautiful historic plantation house with stunning sea views. The Penstraat is on your way to Mambo Boulevard. On Fridays, you can dance the night away at **Wet & Wild** and **Madero Ocean Club**.

DJASABRA SATURDAY

Saturdays are for dancing! The go-to-venue today is **Zanzibar** at Jan Thiel beach. Before you make your way over to this side of the island, head to Willemstad for diner first. You can't go wrong at the Pietermaai District. A favorite is **Rozendaels**. The menu hasn't changed for years, because it is simply too good to change. Another recommendation is **Kome**. The quality of the food and service, make up for the fact that they only have indoor seating.

If you want a night out, but want to stay away from the crowds, there is a great nearby option. Right in front of Boca Sami beach, you can eat the freshest fish on the island at the **Waterfront Terrace**. Afterwards, walk down the street to **The Niffo Huts**. A beach-vibe bar, where people from all over mingle like a family. They serve quality drinks, and organize different kinds of events. If you are lucky, you might catch their famous Saturday Karaoke night or live performance!

DJADOMINGU SUNDAY

Sunday funday! On Curaçao, that means BBQ-night. Many restaurants do a BBQ special, sometimes combined with live music. **Koraal Rooftop Terrace** on Coral Estate does a Green Egg BBQ. **Toko Williwood** offers a more local experience with live music. **Baoase Luxury Resort** replaced the BBQ for a sushi menu with live tunes by a local saxophonist.

At **Kokomo Beach**, there is a live band and Happy hour every Sunday. It starts late afternoon and combines perfectly with a day at the beach. **Hemingway** at Mambo has a salsa night with a live band. The friendly and relaxed atmosphere makes this the ideal place to try out some salsa, bachata and merengue moves!

DJALUNA MONDAY

Monday is actually a resting day for most people. A lovely night to put on your chef's hat and use the (outdoor) kitchen in your villa. Not into cooking? Invite a private chef! Ask your host for more information about private dining at your Bohémi Villa.

If you do feel like going out, we can recommend you Restaurant **Cristal**. French-Caribbean cuisine and a favorite of many people! A good place for a drink after dinner is **Mr. Porter**, in Pietermaai.

DINE
DRINK
DANCE

Every hour is
happy hour.

Festivals & holidays

Fuikdag

Party at the Bay of Fuik on the first Sunday of the new year.

Carnaval

February - The event of the year! Costumes, tumba, dancing. Feel it for yourself.

BlueSeas Festival

Eastern - International and local Blues performances

North Sea Jazz Festival

August - Curaçao Edition of NSJ Rotterdam, organized by MOJO, with an impressive line-up

Restaurantweek

October - Culinary week organized to make the island's best restaurant available for a wide audience with special menus and prizes.

Dia di Bandera

Day of the flag. Fireworks, partys and sport events

DJAMARS TUESDAY

Tuesday is another night to take it slow and relax. Several places are closed on monday and tuesday, but **Baoase** or **Blue Bay** are beautiful places to go for a cocktail and watch the sunset. It is Viva La Pasta night at **De Heeren** with live music by Tico. De Heeren opened another restaurant: **De Heeren at Sea**. They have a daily happy hour from 5 till 7 pm.

DJARASON WEDNESDAY

For many people Wednesday is the beginning of their party week. The kick-off is **Cabana** night at Mambo. If you feel like taking it slower, **Zanzibar** organizes live acoustic music sessions. Combine it with a day at the beach at **Koko's Curacao**. When you are at Jan Thiel, that is the perfect opportunity to go to **Pop's Place (Briso Do Mar)**. Very popular and for a good reason. The food is great! So are the prices. Try the lomitú with funchi.

DJAWEPS THURSDAY

Get ready for Punda vibes! On Thursdays the streets of Punda are filled with street musicians and a little market. Stroll down the streets or strike down at our secret spot **Café La Bohême**. The place to enjoy the best live music while sipping from a homemade mojito. Make sure to be on the Queen Emma bridge at 8.30 pm to watch the fireworks during Punda Vibes. Next stop is: **Mundo Bizarro** for life salsa music! Jump onto the dancefloor or enjoy watching the dancers.



BOHÉMIAN CUISINE

Restaurant X

One of the top restaurants in Curaçao is hidden in the beautiful nature of Bohémi Resort, on the old plantation of Landhuis Klein Sint Michiel.



RESERVATION IS RECOMMENDED

Restaurant X is open seven days a week, from 5 p.m.
We recommend that you make a reservation by phone or WhatsApp on +5999 9 523 6924.



STEAK TATARE



GRAND DESERT
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WINE & DINE

TOP CHEF

Gabriel Fleijsman

Gabriel Fleijsman is an international top chef. He started his impressive career in the Netherlands and then worked in the best restaurants in France, Spain, Portugal, Thailand, Indonesia, Mexico and Brazil. There he cooked for world leaders and stars, among others.

In 2020 Gabriel came to Curaçao for a vacation. He fell in love with the island and decided to stay here. 'Curaçao is truly a paradise. After working all over the world for over thirty years, this is my new home'.

After an intensive and thorough preparation period, Gabriel opened the Restaurant X in August 2021. 'We are closed for lunch and only open for dinner because I think it is important to do my own shopping during the day; to have products in my hands, to see and smell them. Something I, as a busy and successful chef, no longer had time for.

With Restaurant X we consciously opt for a small-scale set-up and limited capacity. This enables me to cook at the highest level, to develop further, and to keep looking for dishes that make my guests curious. It is important to me to get to know everyone personally and to offer tailor-made culinary solutions, always inspired by my experience and traditions from the countries in which I have worked. I want my guests to feel at home with me and have a great evening, every time'.

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