Oranjestad Historic Walk

Cruise ships dock in the heart of the Oranjestad historic district, placing passengers within walking distance of many historical and noteworthy sights. Along with a rich history spanning from native history, through the colonial and modern era, downtown Oranjestad offers abundant shopping, casinos, excellent restaurants and lively bars.

Start Renaissance Mall
Distance 0.8-miles
Duration 20 minutes of walking, allow 3 hours

1. From the Renaissance Mall head east on Lloyd G Smith Blvd and then veer right onto the Linear Park Trail. Explore Wilhelmina Park, built in honor of Queen Wilhelmina in 1955.

2. Return to Lloyd G Smith Blvd, turn right (north) onto Oranjestraat, and walk to the Willem III Tower. Aruba’s first lighthouse. Take a moment to visit the Historical Museum nearby, housed in Fort Zoutman.

3. Continue north on Oranjestraat and turn left (west) onto Wilhelminastraat, stopping by the historic City Hall, originally the private home of Eloy Arends and one of the most impressive historic homes on the island.

4. Continue west on Wilhelminastraat to Plaza Daniel Leo, a beautiful square surrounded by colonial-style buildings that now house shops and restaurants.

5. Walk north on Kazernestraat, and then veer left (west) onto Shelpstraat and visit the Aruba Archaeological Museum, featuring relics of indigenous history.

6. Continue west on Kazernestraat, then turn left (south) onto Weststraat. You’ll pass the Royal Plaza Mall, a multi-story colonial building filled with shops, restaurants, and bars that overlook the cruise port.