



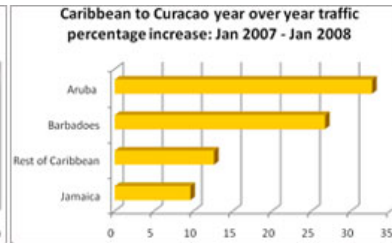
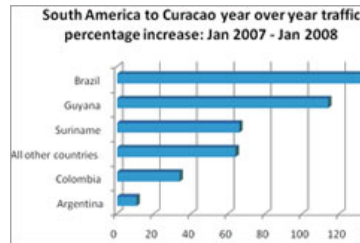
As always, the Private Economic Development Team is available to assist you by providing information about Curacao, supplying project development descriptions, making key introductions, and facilitating the investigation and investment process. Current information on investing in Curacao is always available at www.investcuracao.com. We hope to see you in Curacao in 2008.

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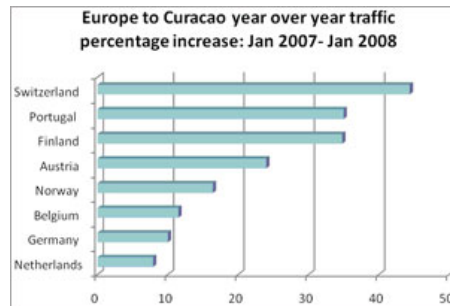
Breaking Records in Tourism

Tourism and hotel occupancy figures for Curacao are up again. Preliminary figures released by the Curacao Tourist Board for January 2008 show a 33.5% increase in tourism stopovers in Curacao over the same month in 2007. Preliminary average hotel occupancy figures released by the Curacao Hospitality and Travel Association show 89.5% occupancy for January 2008 compared with 86.5% last year; 89.5% occupancy is a level few cities in North America ever experience. Travelers from South America are way up: traffic grew by triple digit numbers: 7545 arrivals in January 2008 compared to 1555 arrivals in 2007.



Major Caribbean markets also showed exceptional percentage growth.

Traffic from Europe grew 7.0% from 10,717 arrivals in January 2007 to 11,463 visitors during January 2008. Much of the increase in European traffic



continued to come from the Netherlands, which showed a 7.9% increase in traffic, 9639 in January 2008 versus 8935 visitors in January 2007. Traffic growth was also seen from significant European markets.

The increase in visitors and hotel occupancy rates indicate a high level of vitality in the economy of Curacao vis-à-vis the rest of the world. Hotel

and resort developers will want to watch the numbers for 1Q and 2Q 2008: we expect robust growth to continue.

Curacao to Host OPTINAM 2008

OPTINAM is an annual international Optimist sailing event for children under fifteen. Children from 110 countries participate along with their team-leaders, coaches, and country representatives. Each year a different country hosts the event. OPTINAM 2008 will be held in Curacao June 28th - July 6th, 2008. Two hundred children are expected, making this the most important sailing event for children worldwide, after the world championships.

Participants from North and South America along with young world champions from New Zealand, France, and Italy will descend on three resorts at Jan Thiel: Chogogo, Livingstone, and Papagayo.



Exceptional sailing is in store for all participants and spectators. At the Athens Olympics, over 60% of the skippers and 70% of medal winning skippers were former Optimist sailors. Come to Curacao June 28 - July 6 and celebrate tomorrow's medal-winning skippers.

Curacao e-zones provide exceptional opportunity for US manufacturers and exporters

The Government of Curacao has established economic (free trade) zones on the island which provide high-value, low-cost locations for companies interested in assembly, processing, maintenance & repair, and re-exporting product to locations outside the Netherlands Antilles. Regardless of nationality, companies admitted in the e-zone benefit from:

- exemptions from import duties on all products admitted into the

- economic zone
- low 2% tax on profits obtained from export
- zero sales tax
- zero property tax

Within a zone, a company can take advantage of the above benefits even if it is 100% foreign-owned. Seventy-five percent of product imported to the zone must be exported to a location outside the Netherlands Antilles (Curaçao, Bonaire, St. Maarten, Saba and St. Eustatius) to benefit from these incentives.

The Harbor Zone is home to 85 companies and the Airport Zone houses an additional 31 companies. The Airport Economic Zone is located adjacent to International Airport Hato and is especially suited for companies that export goods by air.

Both facilities are operated by Curinde ('Curaçao Industrial & International Trade Development Co. N.V.). Curinde provides professional facility support to companies interested in establishing in either zone or Curacao's Industrial Park. Lease rates are highly competitive. Curinde also provides information on procedures for incorporating and starting a business in Curaçao. Referrals to legal, banking, tax, engineering and other specialists are available upon request.

Get more information at: <http://www.curinde.com/index.html>

Jair Jurrjens of Curaçao signed by the Atlanta Braves

Twenty-two year old right-hander and Curacao native Jair Jurrjens has given early indication that he could play a significant role in the success the MLB Atlanta Braves have this season. Jurrjens is the second player from Curaçao the Braves have signed: Andruw Jones started playing for the Braves when Jurrjens was 11 years old.

The Braves' signing means as much to Jurrjens' father as it means to the young player: Carl Jurrjens has been a Braves fan since he was ten years old... before the Braves were even in Atlanta.

The strong finish of the Pabao Little League (Willemstad) every year undoubtedly plays a critical role in preparing young Curaçaoans for the big leagues.

On the eve of his start, Jurrjens said, "Now that I know that I made the team, I can relax and have fun like I was having at the start of Spring Training."

And he did have fun: the Braves and Pirates battled April 2nd to a 10-2 finish. Jurrjens gave up seven hits and two runs in 5 1/3 innings to help the Braves win their first game of the season. He struck out five with only one walk.

Curaçao Dive Festival May 24-31, 2008

The world flies to Curaçao every spring to enjoy one of the hemisphere's best diving experiences: the Curaçao Dive Festival. The island has more than sixty identified dive spots featuring 57 coral species and more than 500 fish species. Combine that with warm water, excellent visibility and reefs close to the shore and it is easy to see why Curaçao has been rated one of the best Caribbean islands for shore diving and snorkeling.

In addition to world-class dives, there will be sessions on dive safety, underwater photography, marine art painting, coral spawning, and other educational topics. Daily happy hours, the closing sunset beach BBQ, and farewell cocktail party round out the festival's events.

Read more and register at <http://www.curacaodive.com/eng/>

Hato 5th best airport in the region

The airport of Curaçao ranked 5th place for "best airport in Latin-America and Caribbean," behind Guayaquil (Ecuador), followed by San José (Costa Rica), Mexico City (Mexico), and Port of Spain (Trinidad & Tobago). Airports Council International (ACI) assesses airports annually and ninety facilities competed for their Airport Service Quality Awards.

For the assessment, the coordinating airport uses 200,000 inquiry forms from passengers who have graded airport services on 34 points between check-in and departure.

Now is the time to invest in Curaçao. The Marubeni-Aqualectra economic development team is here to help facilitate your introduction to opportunities on the island. Contact our office in Atlanta, GA or go to www.investcuracao.com to see how we can help you get to know Curacao, identify opportunities, make contact with influential business and government leaders, and assist you as you navigate the investment process.

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