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## 36 Hours in Aruba

Mesmerizing sunsets, a windblown park, fantastic wreck-diving and romantic dining on the beach: just a few reasons travelers find this island in the southern Caribbean so irresistible.

### Friday

#### 1) 3 p.m. Beach-bumming

If you're in Aruba, you're probably interested in the beach, so waste no time in setting yourself up with a chair in the sand. [Eagle Beach](#), sandwiched between the cruise terminal in Oranjestad and the high-rises in Palm Beach, has some of the most beautiful turquoise water and white sand on the island — or even in the Caribbean — in a low-key setting. Don't forget to snap a selfie with the photogenic, wind-bent divi divi tree at the north end of the beach. One of the most chic ways to enjoy the sunset is by lounging at the bar of [Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort](#) hotel, right at the point on Eagle Beach, where the sand juts into the ocean. Although the chairs in the sand are reserved for hotel guests, anyone can post up at the bar. Grab a gin and tonic and settle in for a stunning sunset between palm trees.