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Until 1825, the exquisite Caribbean island of Curaçao had the largest, wealthiest, and best-educated Jewish community in the Americas. Join Professor Laura Leibman and a small group of travelers for this in-depth examination of Curaçao's historical legacy. Part of the Dutch Antilles and located three hours south of Miami, this island is distinguished by a rich and layered history, fascinating material culture, and picturesque and natural beauty. The capital, Willemstad, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and the small island boasts wonderful diving, birding, and hiking opportunities as well. The weather will be warm and dry. What better way to start off 2016?

### **Program features:**

- Academic focus: experience the birthplace of Jewish American life. Gain a deeper understanding of how objects of everyday life reflect religious and cultural change.
- Sights to see: world-famous synagogue, cemeteries, and domestic architecture. Amazing wildlife on land and below the water's surface.
- Memorable activities: Gothic cemetery tour. Experience the synagogue's sand floor. See live corals and tropical fish up close and personal. Eat fresh tropical fruits and vegetables from the floating market. Photography: whether you like to capture shots of animals, people, underwater vistas, or historic buildings, this island is a photographer's paradise.

### **Group Leader's Statement**

"I am offering this opportunity to examine and experience Curaçao because I wish more people knew that American Jewish history really began in the Caribbean. The island's main synagogue helped fund almost all early North American synagogues and provided rabbis to lead many of them. Because the island's economy collapsed at the end of the slave trade and because of later preservation efforts, a wealth of exquisite Dutch colonial architecture remains. The island is a living museum to early Jewish American life."

### **DAILY ITINERARY**

Please note: Times and/or order of activities may be subject to change depending on the opportunities provided by the host communities and/or unforeseen circumstances.

#### **Day 1: Monday, January 11: Arrival**

Arrival: Depending on where leave from and how you choose to route yourself, you may be spending an evening in Aruba or taking a red eye before landing in Willemstad (or both). No matter your routing, you will be greeted at the airport and driven to your accommodations in a boutique hotel in the heart of Curaçao's historic district and only a short walk to the beach and floating market. In the evening, those who have arrived in time will gather for a reception and program overview.

#### **Day 2: Tuesday, January 12: Synagogue, Fort Amsterdam, Slavery Museum**

We begin in the beautiful Punda and Otrobanda neighborhoods, the oldest portion of the island's major port of Willemstad. Key historical sites to introduce us to the three major cultural influences on the island: the Mikve Israel Synagogue (Jewish), Fort Amsterdam (Dutch), and the Kura Hulanda Slavery Museum (African). Meals: Breakfast, Lunch.

#### **Day 3: Wednesday, January 13: Cemetery & Art Gallery**

Curaçao's Jewish community was deeply mystical and some of most elaborate expressions of their beliefs can be found on the gravestones in the island's oldest Jewish Cemetery (Beth Haim Blenheim), the most significant Jewish cemetery in the Americas. Following the cemetery we will relax at the Art Gallery and Cultural Center

at nearby Landhuis Habaii (Habaii Mansion), once the residence of some of the island's most important Jewish families. Meals: Breakfast, Lunch.

**Day 4: Thursday, January 14: Plantation Houses, Nature Preserve, Snorkeling**

Although almost all Jewish families had a house in Willemstad, they also often owned plantation houses around the island. We will visit some of the most famous of these at the island's West End, including one that was the site of a slave rebellion and another that is now a nature preserve. In between plantation houses, we will relax and snorkel at the island's incredible Little Knip beach. Meals: Breakfast, Lunch.

**Day 5: Friday, January 15: Urban Villas, Gothic Graves, Curaçao Liquor**

By the nineteenth-century, most Jews had moved out of the Punda into nearby Scharloo where they built urban villas. Our tour of the Scharloo neighborhood includes the famous Wedding-Cake House (now the National Archives), the gothic nineteenth-century cemetery, and the nearby Chobolobo estate, home of Curaçao Liquor. Meals: Breakfast, Lunch.

**Day 6: Saturday, January 16: Observe the Sabbath/Free Day.** Make an excursion back to the beaches, take a guided diving expedition, charter a sailboat, take a day trip to Bonaire or just enjoy the casual rhythms of the island. Meals: Breakfast.

**Day 7: Sunday, January 17: Departure day**

Departure day. Depending on travelers' schedules, we'll have a concluding breakfast and discussion with some optional educational activities to enjoy before the program concludes. Meals: Breakfast.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Participants should be comfortable in both urban and rural settings. The program involves moderate walking, including optional hiking. Not all areas are handicapped accessible, but reasonable accommodation will be made. The lodging will be in small, boutique hotels near the downtown area of Williamstad.

Program Cost: \$1750 per person (double occupancy--\$300 single supplement). This includes ground transportation, 6 nights lodging, two meals per day (breakfast and lunch, unless noted otherwise), entrances, and facilitated discussions. Not included: airfare, travel insurance (recommended, including med-evac), alcohol, personal items, tips, and upgraded hotel accommodations.

Group Size: 10-20 passengers.

Deposits: \$500 per person with registration, balance due within 45 days of departure (December 1, 2015).

Refunds are available if requested more than 30 days prior to departure according to the following schedule:

30-45 days prior = 25 % refund

46-90 days prior = 50 % refund

91 days or more prior= full refund- \$150.

Registration deadline: October 10, 2015.

## **INCLUSIONS**

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- Accommodations in Willemstad
- Breakfast and lunches daily (except where noted)
- Entrances to all attractions
- Ground transportation (including hotel transfers)
- All applicable hotel and lodge taxes

## **EXCLUSIONS**

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- Round trip air transportation
- Excess baggage charges levied by airlines
- Meals and beverages, other than specified
- Laundry and other items of a personal nature
- Personal and baggage insurance
- Cost for anything not specifically mentioned in the listing above

*Please note: The itinerary sequence is correct at the time of writing  
but is subject to change.*

Schedules, accommodations and prices are accurate at the time of writing. They are subject to change.

## **CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL:**

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**HOW TO BOOK:** Fill out the reservation form below and send it to Office of Alumni & Parent Relations, Reed College, 3203 SE Woodstock Blvd, Portland, OR, together with a deposit of \$500 per person by October 10, 2015. Upon receipt of your signed reservation form and deposit, we will, subject to availability, reserve your place on your tour. When we send off your confirmation invoice, your booking is confirmed and accepted by us. Final payment is due not later than 45 days prior to departure: November 26, 2015.)

**WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN THE OPTIONAL INSURANCE POLICY.**

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** We have worked to obtain the best reasonably priced accommodations available.

**MEALS:** All meals as specified in the itinerary.

**TRANSFERS:** Roundtrip transfer of travelers between airports and hotels are excluded.

**TRIP INFORMATION:** Upon receipt of your application, instructions will be sent to you concerning all aspects of your trip, such as itinerary, photographic equipment, documents, clothing, insurance, etc.

**INVOICING:** Final invoicing of your trip will be done approximately three weeks prior to departure. Final payment is due 45 days prior to departure (November 26, 2015.)

**CANCELLATIONS:** Cancellations are only effective on receipt of written notification. The following per person fees are applicable on this tour:

30-45 days prior = 75 % refund

46-90 days prior = 50 % refund

91 days or more prior= full refund- \$150.

Registration deadline: October 10, 2015.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Excess baggage charges levied by airlines; laundry and other items of a personal nature; optional personal, baggage and tour-cancellation insurance policy; cost for anything not specifically included in listing above.

**RESPONSIBILITY:** Neither Reed College nor any person or agent acting for, through or on behalf of Reed College shall be liable for any loss or damage whatsoever arising from any cause whatsoever and without restricting the generality of the foregoing shall particularly not be responsible for loss or damage arising from any errors or omissions contained in its brochure or other literature, loss or damage caused by delays, sickness, theft, injury or death. The college may at its discretion and without liability or cost to itself at any time cancel or terminate the guest's booking and in particular without limiting the generality of the foregoing it shall be entitled to do so in the event of the illness or the illegal or incompatible behavior of the guest, who shall in such circumstances not be entitled to any refund. The person making any booking will, by the making of such booking, warrant that he or she has authority to enter into a contract on behalf of the other person included in such a booking and in the event of the failure of any or all of the other persons so included to make payment, the person making the booking shall by his/her signature thereof assume personal liability for the total price of all bookings made by him/her.

Schedules, accommodations and prices are accurate at the time of writing. They are subject to change.

**PHOTOGRAPHY:** The college reserves the right without further notice to make use of any photograph or film taken on the tour by our photographers without payment or permission. We guarantee that no photographs of a compromising nature will be used.

**CHANGES TO SCHEDULES:** Although every effort is made to adhere to schedules it should be borne in mind that the college reserves the right and in fact is obliged to occasionally change routes and hotels as dictated by changing conditions.

**REFUNDS:** While the college does its best to ensure that all anticipated accommodations are available as planned, there shall be no claim of any nature whatsoever against the college for a refund either in the whole or part, if any accommodations or excursion is unavailable and a reasonable alternative is not found.

**DELAYS:** We cannot be held liable for any delays or additional costs incurred as a result of airlines not running to schedule.

**CONSENT:** The payment of the deposit OR any other partial payment for a reservation on the program constitutes consent by all guests covered by that payment to all provisions of the conditions and general information contained in this brochure whether the guest has signed the booking form or not. The terms, under which you agree to take this program, cannot be changed or amended except in writing signed by an authorized director of the college.

**INSURANCE:** It is a condition of booking, that the sole responsibility lies with the guest to ensure that they carry the correct comprehensive travel and medical insurance to cover themselves, as well as any dependents/traveling companions for the duration of their trip to Curaçao. This insurance should include cover in respect of, but not limited to, the following eventualities: cancellation or curtailment of the program, emergency-evacuation expenses, medical expenses, damage/theft/loss of personal baggage, money and goods. Reed College, including its representatives, employees and agents will take no responsibility for any costs, losses incurred or suffered by the guest, or guest's dependents or traveling companions, with regards to, but not limited to, any of the above mentioned eventualities. Guests will be charged directly by the relevant service providers for any emergency services they may require and may find themselves in a position unable to access such services should they not be carrying the relevant insurance cover.

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RESERVATION FORM: *Curaçao: the Oldest Jewish Community in the Western Hemisphere*

Enclosed is my deposit for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$500 Per Person) to hold \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) on the journey to Curaçao. Cost is \$1750 per person, double occupancy, land only). Final payment due date is: December 1, 2015.

Please make check payable to REED COLLEGE or charge deposit to credit card:

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ CCV \_\_\_\_\_  
Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1) NAME (*As appears on passport*):  Mr.  Mrs.  Ms. \_\_\_\_\_  
Reed Class Year \_\_\_\_\_

2) NAME (*As appears on passport*):  Mr.  Mrs.  Ms. \_\_\_\_\_  
Reed Class Year \_\_\_\_\_

NAME FOR NAME BADGE IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE: 1) \_\_\_\_\_  
2) \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_  
STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONES: HOME: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ OFFICE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
MOBILE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that I have not recently been treated for, nor am I aware of any physical or other condition or liability that would create a hazard to myself or the other members of this tour.

The two of us above are sharing a room and, where possible, would like a room with:  
 ONE  TWO beds (Make one selection only)

I am sharing with \_\_\_\_\_ (form sent separately)

I need assistance in securing a roommate. I understand if REED COLLEGE cannot locate one for me by final payment date, I agree to pay the additional single supplement. I prefer to share with:  Smoker  Non-smoker

I/WE HAVE READ THE GENERAL INFORMATION SECTION OF THIS BROCHURE AND UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS STATED HEREIN:

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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(We recommend that you keep a copy of your selections as noted above for your files)