



CURAÇAO

KC MATCH DATE: JUNE 20 | 7:00 P.M. CENTRAL

OFFICIAL TEAM NAME

Curaçao National Football Team
(*cure-ah-SOW*)

COMMON NICKNAME

The Blue Wave

TEAM COLORS

Blue and yellow

LANGUAGE & COMMUNICATION

PRIMARY LANGUAGE(S)

Papiamentu

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY

English proficiency is high!

Other Widely Used Languages:

Dutch, English, Spanish

HELPFUL GREETINGS

- ▶ Bon dia (bohn DEE-ah) — Hello
- ▶ Dank'i (DAHN-kee) — Thank you

Effort is appreciated; perfect pronunciation is not expected.

SOCCER FAN CULTURE & SPIRIT

Curaçao supporters bring the joyful energy of the Caribbean to football. Fans proudly wear blue and yellow while celebrating with music, dancing, and rhythmic chanting that reflects the island's rich blend of Caribbean, Latin, and Dutch influences.

For many Curaçao supporters, football is a powerful expression of national pride. Representing a small island nation on the world stage is deeply meaningful, and fans travel with a spirit of celebration, unity, and connection.

WHERE IN THE WORLD

CARIBBEAN



Approx. 6-8 hours travel to Kansas City

HOSPITALITY, DINING & DAILY RHYTHM

Visitors from Curaçao often embrace a relaxed pace and social dining culture. Meals are typically shared experiences, with conversation, music, and time spent together as important as the food itself. Evening activities and late dinners are common, particularly during celebrations or match days.

FOOD, BEVERAGE & COMFORT

Caribbean flavors; seafood common; preferences vary.

TRAVEL & CONSUMER BEHAVIOR

Curaçao travelers often travel in family groups or close circles of friends, combining football with vacation-style experiences. Many visitors enjoy exploring local culture, music, and food in addition to attending matches.

Because Curaçao has strong connections with the Netherlands and a global diaspora, visiting supporters may include Caribbean-born fans traveling with friends or relatives from Europe or North America. These travelers often appreciate lively social spaces, outdoor gatherings, and welcoming community atmospheres.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Cultural organizations or Caribbean-focused businesses may be of interest



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CULTURAL NORMS & ETIQUETTE

HIGH-LEVEL

Friendly, cheerful, polite interactions; hospitality is valued.

PAYMENT

Most international visitors primarily use credit or debit cards, including contactless payment methods. Businesses do not need to adopt new or specialized payment platforms. Some visitors may expect PIN-based card transactions, and occasional card declines may occur due to bank security settings.

COMMUNICATION

Many international visitors use WhatsApp for personal communication with friends, family and travel companions. Businesses and community hosts are not expected to use WhatsApp. Visitors may share directions, reservations or information via their mobile phones or screenshots.

HELPFUL TIP

Clear signage, written confirmations, patience and friendly communication go a long way in creating a positive experience for international visitors.

CURAÇAO TEAM FACTS

(Source: FIFA World Cup 2026™ Final Draw Stat Kit)

- Curaçao have qualified for the FIFA World Cup™ for the first time, a historic milestone for the Caribbean nation. With a population of just over 156,000, they will become the smallest country ever to feature in the tournament's history.
- They secured their place at the finals with a goalless draw to Jamaica on the final matchday. Unbeaten throughout qualifying, they recorded seven wins and three draws across ten matches.
- The team is led by veteran coach Dick Advocaat, who brings valuable FIFA World Cup™ experience. He guided the Netherlands to the quarterfinals at the 1994 FIFA World Cup™ in the U.S. and later managed Korea Republic during their group-stage campaign at the 2006 FIFA World Cup™ in Germany.

HOW OUR REGION CAN BE A GREAT HOST

Warm greetings, friendly conversation, and lively gathering spaces help Curaçao visitors feel at home. Music, welcoming public spaces, and opportunities to celebrate together can enhance the experience for fans traveling from the island and its global diaspora.