Immigration Process - Entry Requirements

A. Arrival via AIRPORT/AIR:

It is advisable for all arriving crew/pax to travel with a letter from their employer, stating details of traveler and reason to travel to Aruba (eg.: "to join ship X in Aruba"). Furthermore, the agency should issue ok to board letters for crew traveling to Aruba, for which the agency should receive all travel itineraries in advance. This okay to board letter should be hand carried while traveling to Aruba.

For vessels staying in port 48 hours or less, crew (with valid seaman book) do **NOT** require visa's to travel to Aruba and for joining the vessel in ARUBA. For arriving crew staying in ARUBA longer than 48 hours (even if staying on board), visa's are required for certain countries. See below list for visa required countries:

Visa application can not be done in Aruba. It must be initiated in the country of origin, at the Royal Dutch Embassy. Application must be for a Caribbean (Aruba) visa. A MULTIPLE entry

Afghanistan	Equatorial Guinea	Maldives	Saudi Arabia
Albania	Eritrea	Mali	Senegal
Algeria	Ethiopia	Marshall Islands	Sierra Leone
Angola	Fiji	Mauritania	Serbia
Armenia	Gabon	Micronesia	Solomon Islands
Azerbaijan	Gambia	Moldova (Rep. of)	Somalia
Bahrain	Georgia	Mongolia	South Africa
Bangladesh	Ghana	Montenegro	Sri Lanka
Belarus	Guinea Republic	Morocco	Sudan
Benin	Guinee-Bissau	Mozambique	Swaziland
Bhutan	Haiti	Myanmar	Syria
Bolivia	India	Namibia	Tajikistan
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Indonesia	Nauru	Tanzania
Botswana	Iran	Nepal	Thailand
Burkina Faso	Iraq	Niger	Togo
Burundi	Jamaica	Nigeria	Tonga
Cambodia	Jordan	North Korea	Turkmenistan
Cameroon	Kazakhstan	Northern Mariana Isl.	Tunisia
Cape Verde Islands	Kenya	Oman	Turaku
Central Africa Rep.	Kiribati	Pakistan	Turkey
Chad	Kuwait	Palau	Tuvalu
China (People's Rep.)	Kyrgyzstan	Palestinian National	Uganda
Colombia	Laos	Authority	Ukraine
Comoros Isl.	Lebanon	Papua New Guinea	United Arab Emirates
Congo (Brazzaville)	Lesotho	Peru	Uzbekistan
Congo (Kinshasa)	Liberia	Philippines	Vanuatu
Cote d'Ivoire	Libya	Qatar	Vietnam
Cuba	Macedonia	Rwanda	Yemen
Djibouti	Madagascar	Russian Federation	Zambia
Dominican Republic	Malawi	Samoa	Zimbabwe
East Timor		Sao Tomé and Principe	
Egypt			

Schengen visa is also valid in Aruba. Required documents to present to Embassy/Consulate for visa application are as follows:

- Letter from employer stating that crew will travel to Aruba, as crew, to join an ocean going vessel (state vessel name, if possible);

- Valid passport;
- Visa invitation letter from agent.

It is advised to apply for a visa min. 2 weeks before travel (for some Embassies even longer). If visa's are granted for a certain period and the crew members overstay this period in Aruba (for example: if the vessel stays longer than was anticipated), the agency is able to apply for an extension of the visa through to local Ministry of Foreign Affairs or the Immigrations Department, in ARUBA.

B. Arrival via SHIP/SEA:

For those crew arriving via Sea on a ship, they will be granted an "automatic" entry (no visa's required), even if the crews are from visa required countries and the ship stays longer that 48 hours. Your agent will take care of the required procedures for this "automatic" entry.

This passport procedure is also applicable for off signers in Aruba. Your agent will collect the passports when the vessel arrives, to have them scanned at harbor immigrations (scanned "in") and to have the immigrations form processed (stub should be kept in the passport for airport clearance !). When the crewmembers depart via the airport, the crewmember passports are again scanned by Airport immigrations (scanned "out"), and so the procedure is completed.