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HÔFI MANGO

CURAÇAO

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01 The starting point from the ticket booth, this is where you start

02 Hardin di Kazushi / Cactustuin / Cactus Garden

Because of the multitude of the kadushi on Curaçao you would almost take the beauty for granted. With the cactus garden we want to show how excitable, diverse and beautiful this incredibly strong plant species can be.

03 Graf di Willem van Uytrecht / Graf Willem van Uytrecht/ Willem van Uytrecht Grave

This is the grave of Willem van Uytrecht, former plantation owner. He was known as a strict plantation owner, but out of wedlock he handled children with enslaved women. Contrary to the usual, Van Uytrecht decided that his bastard children would also own pieces of land after his death and thus gave his bastard children as much land as his recognized children.

04 Plenchi di Amor / Plein van de Liefde / Plaza of Love

The name says it all, the square of love is the perfect location to let all your loved ones know how much you care about them.

05 Molina di Suku / Suikermolen / Sugar Mill

This is the only sugar mill in the Caribbean part of the Dutch Kingdom and is an important cultural and historical building. The sugar mill has now been restored and designated a legally protected monument. Remains of masonry from the possible distillery were identified by the Archaeological Working Group. The sugar mill will also be restored on the inside and the original hood with blades will be placed back on the mill. Before 1700, sugar cane was found on a few plantations with swampy areas such as Santa Cruz. Since the yield was too little for the manufacture of sugar, it was used for the production of rum for the local market. Father Schnabel called this rum distilled from sugar cane in 1707 'geldduivel' (Money Devil). It is unclear when rum production ceased.

06 Destileria / Distilleerderij / Distillery

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08 Hardin di Palma / Palmentuin / Palm Garden

Although the origin of palms does not lie in the Caribbean, it's impossible to imagine the Caribbean today without them as they have been part of nature in the Caribbean for years. Palms are inextricably linked to a tropical holiday feeling. The origin of the palm trees on Hofi Mango lies in the history of the park: when it was still part of the largest plantation in Curaçao, palm trees were planted here.

09 Kura di Veneno / Giftige Bos / Poison Garden

The trees in the manzanilla forest, or the poison garden, bear fruit, which locals also call 'devil's apples', because they are very poisonous. The juice of this plant used to be used as poison on arrows to poison the victim. Presumably the Spanish Juan Ponce de Leon, conquistador and slave owner, would have been killed in this way. Why don't we remove them if these trees are so poisonous? Nature revolves around balances. The apple is part of the diet of, among others, the thousands of iguanas or the entire island of Curaçao.

10 Muraya di Libertat / Vrijheidsmuur / Freedom Wall

Walking through the poison garden you arrive at the powerful Freedom wall. As you pass the Freedom wall, you will get to the most fertile ground of the park: the Mango Forest. We also call the mango forest the whisper forest; the tranquility is the ultimate beauty of the mango forest. If you have to speak, whisper. The freedom wall gives you the choice to let go, it gives you the opportunity to leave everything you've been through, all the toxic behind you. Passing through the wall, the gate illustrates the choice of transition.

11 Mond di Mango / Mango Bos / Mango Forest

This is the only mango forest on Curaçao. Almost 300 years ago a few random Mango trees were planted. Over the centuries, nature has done its job, creating a beautiful mango forest. Because the soil is fertile, hundreds of mango trees grow every year from the fruits of the older trees.

13 Trapi di Shelu / Trap naar de hemel / Stairway to Heaven

This stairway was built rock by rock in a period of three months. The stairs to the top aren't easy, it always comes with challenges. So is our way to the top. But once you've climbed the stairs, you'll end up in heaven. At the top, you'll experience heaven on earth.

14 Man di Dios / Handen van God / Hands of God

Through the man di Dios, the hands of God, you see the highest mountain of the island: The Christoffel Mountain. The top of the mountain represents this highest attainable point. It is symbolic of life: everyone aims to achieve the highest possible. It's a long and difficult road and one thing you can be sure of: If you don't start, you will never get there. But if you start with your first step today, you will be one step closer to the top tomorrow than you were yesterday.



Route Directions

The walking route is indicated with signs, the arrow points you in the right direction, the color of the arrow indicates how accessible the path is.

Yellow = easy: for everyone

Orange = medium: rocky road to the liberty wall and cactus garden; entrance for wheelchairs

Blue = heavy: 88 steps up

Hofi Mango Park rules!

- Stay on the paths, this is for your own safety and to prevent any damage to the nature
- Leave no trace behind. Use our trash bins
- Any kids with you? Make sure to keep them in sight at all times.
- Do not feed or touch any animals in the park. They are and remain wild animals.

Pay attention!

- Do you see any little green apples? Don't touch them! These are fruit of a poisonous Manzanilla tree.
- Mango may fall down from the mango trees during mango season.
- The paths can be muddy and slippery after a rain shower.
- Be careful, mind your step at all times.

Entering Hofi Mango is entirely at your own risk.