

Gamma IT Solutions is the Proud Developer of Aruba's New Online ED Card

Oranjestad--On December 1, Aruba's new Online ED (Embarkation/Disembarkation) Card was launched. The online card replaces the physical card that has traditionally been handed out in flight to passengers traveling to Aruba.



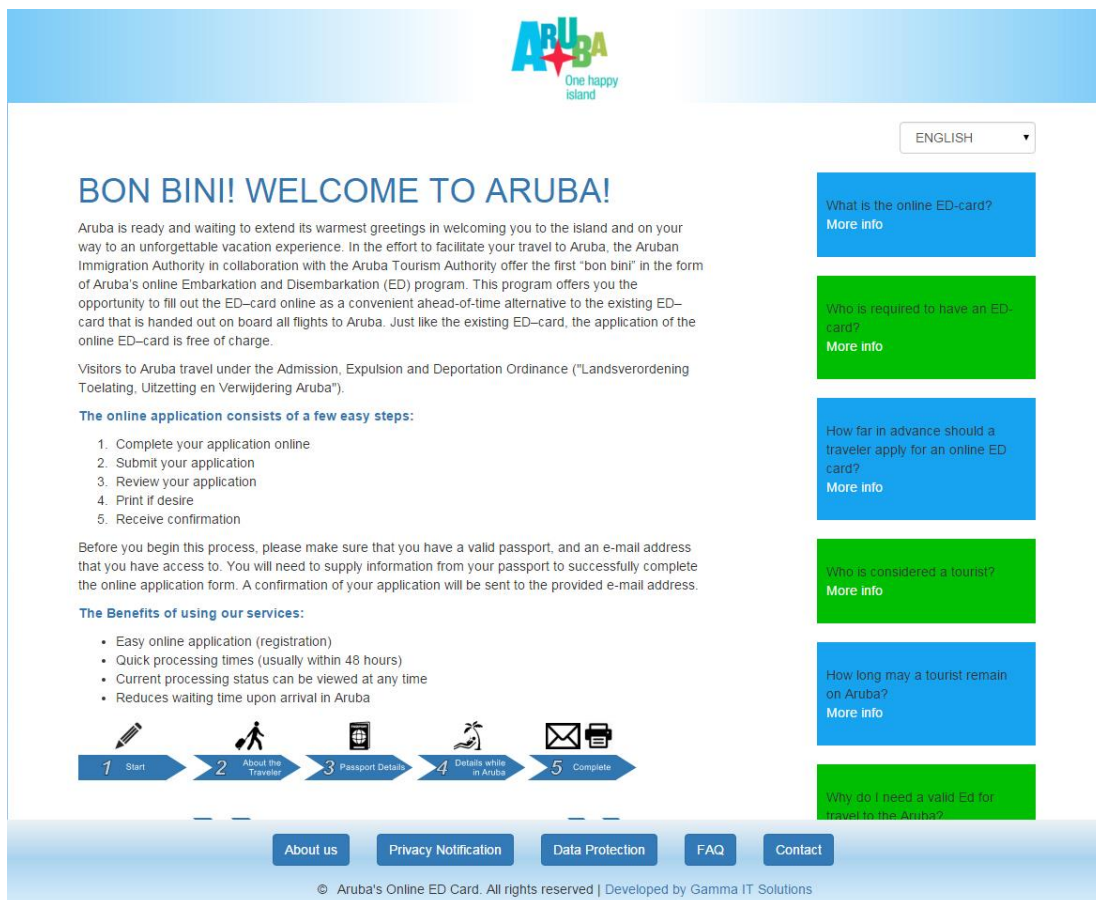
The switch to the online card was prompted by the Aruba Tourism Authority (ATA) in order to premarket to tourists. The online card also eliminates the ATA's task of inputting the data from handwritten cards, thereby avoiding input errors and freeing up the ATA to spend more time marketing the island to visitors. Furthermore, immigration officers will no longer have to scan the traditional ED card, resulting in shorter processing time per traveler and shorter waiting times for our tourists.

Locally based software developer and proud CTO member Gamma IT Solutions developed the Aruba Online ED Card (<https://edcardaruba.aw/>) that travelers are now directed to upon purchasing their plane tickets to Aruba. Known for its expertise in developing customized software, Gamma used the latest tools in software engineering to create the online card.



The project team of Gamma responsible for the successful implementation of the Online ED card

The online application is available in English, Spanish, and Dutch. It is both easy to use and visually appealing. It also proves highly informative, with a comprehensive FAQ section that covers details about the card itself, customs regulations, currency information, and visa information.



Homepage of the Aruban Online ED card

Gamma began developing the Online ED Card in January 2015, and the application was ready by September 2015 according to schedule. In November, Minister of Justice Arthur Dowers requested that the card requires additional information from passengers for security purposes.

By gathering such information in advance, the Online ED Card will act as a prescreening tool. Passengers can be checked against the blacklist as well as other databases before they even set foot on Aruba. If a scheduled passenger raises red flags, Aruban police can already be in place at the airport to detain the individual.

According to Frank Baks, director of business development at Gamma, a few hundred online applications per day are already being processed. However, the Aruba Online ED Card is still in its beginning stages, and it will take about 2 years to fully transition from the traditional physical cards, at which point, the Online ED Card will be mandatory. Gamma will continue to implement changes as requested by Minister of Tourism



Minister Otmar Oduber with his team including the head of Immigration, CEO of ATA and the president of AAA

Otmar Oduber and Minister of Justice Arthur Dowers as well as provide general support during the transition period. One change that has already been decided upon is the addition of security-related questions that will help make Aruba safer.

For more information about the Online ED card or any of Gamma's software products and services, contact Gamma IT Solutions at info@gammaresearch.com