

## AIRP Botopasi Suriname

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### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Dear art friends,

Take a moment to read this information properly. We have gathered all your questions and answered them so you can leave your home with confidence. If you have more questions feel free to ask. If you don't trust something you can always contact Res Artis and Trans Artists in Amsterdam. We want everything to go well, because that is the condition for sustainability.

ARTCEB Botopasi Suriname - *platform for progressive art exchange* - is an AIR community of independent minds on a spot where curious people meet. It stretches further than Botopasi, even beyond your own boundaries. ARTCEB not only creates a community through art but it also creates a whole new vibe for the artist. The participating artists form a diverse group that works in every discipline imaginable. We offer all of them the context in which their work gets a chance to stand out. In the past there were exhibitions in Amsterdam, Brussels, Berlin and New York with artwork created in Art Center Botopasi. This is your opportunity!

### PLANNING AND ORGANIZATION

#### What are the dates and program?

In the dates agreed upon you execute your programme. We will always tailor your stay.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS	
1	Group welcome
2	Getting to know Botopasi and Paramaribo (incl. visits to locals, museums, meetings with students, artists, curators and other members of the Surinamese world of art).
3	Lecture, presentation or See & Talk session during which information will be presented about art professionals and/or the previous work period and professional activities in the residency such as 'Open Studio'. It is followed by Q&A session and public discussion.
4	Botopasi Event
5	Workshop conducted by a resident (subject, material, age group and form to be agreed)
6	Final presentation in Botopasi
7	Final group event - Exhibition / Performance / Other at Paramaribo Suriname (if applicable)
8	Publication of the annual residency catalogue (if applicable)

What is the deadline to let ARTCEB know that you agree with the terms and fees of the Artceb residency ?

As soon as possible but at least at the final enrollment date the participant must have agreed.

What about visa?

Participants should contact the embassy or consulate in their home country to arrange their visa. A tourist visa is valid for 90 days, which is the maximum period a residency at ARTCEB can last. The participant is responsible for the visa procedure.

## PUBLICITY

Will there be publicity about the activities?

Yes, activities will be covered on Social media, websites Artots and ARTCEB and other art connected websites. There will be flyers and posters to promote the exhibition and presentations. Partners, curators, writers (or critics) who might cover activities are:

- Caribbean view, Blog
- Res Artis
- Trans Artists
- Srananart, Blog
- De Ware Tijd, news paper
- etc.

What is the contemporary art scene like in Suriname?

The contemporary art scene in Suriname is strongly influenced by the Dutch art scene but it also has a Caribbean / Surinamese touch. A great part of Surinamese artists study art in The Netherlands. There were often cross-over projects going on in Suriname and The Netherlands. Projects in Amsterdam, Paramaribo and Rotterdam involving Dutch and Surinamese artists.

## RESIDENCY COSTS

What is the cost of the residency period and when does this fee need to be paid?

We are not able to provide funding. Therefore the costs of participating in the AIRP are € 45.00 per day per person excluding travels, stay and subsistence outside Botopasi. For example Dutch artists can apply for funding at Mondriaan Foundation.

Full payment is due before starting the residency. Please transfer the relevant fee to our account stating "AIRP Botopasi". To keep the transaction fee as low as possible, we request you to make the payment by bank using the following information:

via IBAN:

Accountname	ARTOTS
Accountnumber	1482.47.369
Bank details	IBAN: NL71 RABO 0148 2473 69 BIC: RABONL2U
Bank name	Rabobank
Bank Address	Heltheuvelpassage 93-97, 5224 AC 's-Hertogenbosch The Netherlands
ARTOTS Address	Guldenvliesstraat 4H, 5211 AM 's-Hertogenbosch The Netherlands

or via PAYPALL:



You can pay the total amount via PayPal stating "AIRP Botopasi" and transfer the money to our PayPal account: [artceb@artots.nl](mailto:artceb@artots.nl) at <http://www.paypal.com>

Please note that all the money you spend for your residency might be tax deductible. Such as airfare, costs of living and stipend. Check out if this is the case in your country.

#### What will ARTCEB provide?

- Outdoor workspace
- Exhibition in Botopasi (costs exhibition space, publicity, opening)
- Water purification unit for drinking water
- The organization costs for traveling in the neighborhood of Botopasi.
- We will also provide access to Botopasi communities for the artist.

#### EXCLUDED:

- Private initiatives
- Travels, stay and subsistence outside Botopasi.
- Material and machinery costs. The costs for material and the use of machinery depend on the size of the work and the chosen materials or machinery.
- Group exhibition in Paramaribo; rent exhibition space, publicity and opening event. Estimated costs € 150.00 per person.
- Possible overview groupexhibition in The Netherlands with the results of the work period.

Not mentioned / unforeseen issues are agreed upon in consultation.

#### How is ARTCEB funded?

The success of the ARTCEB cultural exchange projects is reliant upon the active participation of independently funded or commercially sponsored artists.

## FOOD / DRINKING WATER

#### What are the options for fresh fruits and vegetables?

In the area there are almost always fruits and vegetables available that you can pick to eat. It depends on the season. Otherwise we can arrange fruits and vegetables to be delivered. People often come by with baskets filled with fresh fruit which we can buy.

#### What about options for drinking water?

You can buy bottles of water. We will ensure that water is present. ARTCEB uses a ceramic filter to purify water.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

Does each artist get a private room? What kind of sleeping options are there, (bed/hammock)? Are linen and mosquito nets available?

Each artist gets his own room. Artists share shower and toilet with each other. You can sleep as you like. There are beds and hammocks available and linens and mosquito nets. If we decide to go to other villages and spend the night there we can take hammocks with us.

Is there hot water for bathing?

As the daily temperature is above 25 degrees one usually does not shower with warm water. But if necessary, water is boiled for a hot shower. We usually bath or take a swim in the river.

What are the bathroom facilities like?

The bathroom facilities are up to date.

Is there electricity?

Yes, from 18.00-23.00 hours. There is no electricity 24 hours a day but we can get it on demand.

Is there internet access or a nearby internet shop?

You can take your laptop/smart phone with you and arrange prepaid internet so you can have internet all the time.

Studios:

Is there a dance studio space or will nature be used as dance space?

Both are possible. There is a community hall (approx. 12 x 30 meters) we use as studio.

## TRAVELLING

How do I get to Botopasi?

You arrive in Suriname at the JP airport in Paramaribo. Isidoor Wens (or someone appointed by him) will pick you up. Look for a sign with your name. Then you travel with him to a hotel in Paramaribo where you will stay for 1 or 2 days with the other artists. Or you can arrange it yourself.

At Saramaccastraat in Paramaribo you can take a bus to Ajoni. With the busdriver you can make arrangements for your connecting boattrip from Ajoni to Botopasi.

The days in Paramaribo are usually used to visit the city, get acquainted with each other, visit artists, presentation- and exhibition locations. We will buy the goods necessary to take with us to Botopasi. Then we will leave for Botopasi by bus and boat, or if you choose so by inland flight (not included), from Paramaribo to Botopasi.

## Contact

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## MEDICAL

### What vaccinations / shots are needed to reside in Suriname?

Please check your local medical center or the Suriname embassy in your country. For your health you should take the same precautionary measures you would take when going on vacation to Suriname. Isidoor Wens has visited Botopasi frequently the last 20 years and never had any problems. The information below is what we have translated for you from a Dutch health page on the Internet. But please consult your doctor for more information about these possibilities.

Translated info from <http://www.gezondopreis.nl/>: In Suriname there are possibilities to encounter infectious disease Bilharzia, Malaria, Diphtheria Tetanus Polio, Yellow Fever, Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B.

- Bilharzia precautions recommended.
- There is risk of Malaria (domestic)
- Diphtheria Tetanus Polio Vaccination is recommended
- Yellow fever vaccination is recommended and required by law if you also come from an endemic yellow fever area.
- Hepatitis A vaccination is recommended
- Hepatitis B Vaccination recommended for travelers at risk. In any case recommended for stays > 3 months.

**Please consult your doctor for information.**