

## Xander Bogaerts makes Aruba One happy nation

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ORANJESTAD, Aruba, Oct. 31, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- As Xander Bogaerts helped make history in last night's Series win, giving Boston fans another victory parade, he also made the happy island of Aruba

, One happy nation. Bogaerts is the fifth Aruban to make it to the majors and the first to play in and win the Series.

Tens of thousands of fans cheered wildly from Boston's stadium, but there was a special fan there for Bogaerts: his mother, Sandra Brown.

"I couldn't be prouder of Xander, and wouldn't have missed seeing him play in the series for anything," Brown said. "There's a lot of love, support and happiness for him back home in Aruba, and so I'm here on behalf of our entire island."

"Xander, you proved to be a sunny lucky charm for Boston, and we hope you know all of Aruba is rejoicing with you today," Aruba Tourism Authority CEO Ronella Tjin Asjoe-Croes said. "You are our hometown hero and we look forward to celebrating with you on our One happy island soon."

A special thank you from Aruba to its baseball star can be viewed at [aruba.com/onehappynation](http://aruba.com/onehappynation). Join the celebration at #onehappynation.

**About Aruba**As one of the most revisited destinations in the Caribbean, Aruba -- One Happy Island -- is an island of contradictions, where pristine turquoise waters collide against the desert-like terrain of the north shore; where peace and relaxation coexist with wild and rugged adventures; where Dutch influence meets American ease; and where a diverse history parallels a bright future. Nestled in the Southern Caribbean on the fringes of the hurricane belt, the island is just a two-and-a-half hour flight from Miami

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and a four-hour flight from  
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and also boasts year-round cooling trade winds and an average 82-degree temperature.

Aruba

offers beach lovers, adrenaline junkies, relaxation seekers and everyone in between a slice of paradise, including breathtaking beaches, a booming culinary scene, world famous festivals and events, exciting land and water activities, art galleries and museums, sumptuous spas, championships golf and exclusive shopping. With all-inclusive resorts, boutique hotels in charming Eagle Beach, high-rise branded hotels in

Palm Beach

or a cosmopolitan city hotel in

Oranjestad

, the island of contradictions provides the perfect getaway for first-time guests and loyal visitors.

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