

The Curaçao Ostrich Farm

Established in 1995, the Curaçao Ostrich Farm offers guests the opportunity to meet and eat the world's largest birds. We joined a tour of the farm, which taught us a lot about the ungainly beasts and allowed us to get up close to them. Perhaps a little too close.



I'm going to preface our account of the Curaçao Ostrich Farm with a statement which shouldn't be the slightest bit controversial: ostriches are horrifying. They're freakishly ugly, alien birds which just get stranger the longer you look at them. Their dumb, staring eyes are scary enough, and it just becomes worse as you consider their towering size, speed and strength, their ability to shatter bone with a single kick, and their nasty disposition. And have you ever seen one poop? There's a word for it, and that word is "[disgusting](#)."

Shudder. The Curaçao Ostrich Farm is home to over 200 ostriches, and we met quite a few of them during our 45-minute tour of the premises. We started at the oldest birds, who have been at the farm since its inception. Our guide told us that, in captivity, they can live to be over 100. But most of the ostriches being raised here won't make it nearly that long; they're being bred for slaughter, and young ostrich meat is the best ostrich meat.