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How are Caribbean hotels putting sustainable principles into practice?

Hotels of every size are responding with meaningful measures. Small hotels like Tiamo on South Andros and Dominica's 3 Rivers Eco-Lodge follow a strictly sustainable model. Dominica's newest eco-resort Jungle Bay, is powered by hydroelectricity, recruits and trains staff from the surrounding area and offers micro-loans to local entrepreneurs. The eco-chic Hotel Mocking Bird Hill in Port Antonio, Jamaica, offers a honeymoon package that offsets a couple's carbon footprint with a donation to the Jamaica Conservation Development Trust, which plants trees to slow local deforestation. Other guests of the 10-room inn are invited to donate between \$10 and \$30 to the JCDT.

Midsize hotels have also gotten with the program. Guest rooms at Aruba's 71-room Bucuti Beach Resort feature energy-saving bulbs; water-efficient shower heads, faucets and toilets; locally made toiletries; laundry bags made from recycled sheets; and air conditioners that shut off automatically when doors are opened.

Bucuti Beach Resort ARUBA

A stay at the Euro-chic, 104 room Bucuti Beach Resort will put you on the white sands of Eagle Beach, the low-rise alternative to Palm Beach. You'll want one of the 36 oceanfront Tara Beach Suites, which have up-to-date amenities, kitchens, living rooms and primo views. If you get thirsty while sunbathing simply plant a handy flag in the sand, and a bar attendant comes to take your order. Now that's what we call service. BOOK: *Tara Beach Suites*. RATES: \$375 in low season (\$495 high). CONTACT: 011-297-583-1100; bucuti.com



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