



The Caribbean's #1 Hotel for Romance

OVERVIEW

Welcome to Aruba's only boutique resort that caters exclusively to adults (18+). The European-inspired 104-room Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort has welcomed couples for thirty years to an unrivaled and tranquil beach experience set in a most romantic atmosphere. For the third year in a row, Bucuti is named the TripAdvisor Travelers' Choice Awards winner as the **No. 1 Hotel for Romance in the Caribbean**. In 2016, it was named the No. 1 Hotel for Romance in the World. When it comes to tranquility and romance, couples are learning that the best is at Bucuti. The resort is also honored as the No. 3 Hotel for Service in the Caribbean and the No. 5 Hotel in the Caribbean overall.



LOCATION

Situated on 14 palm-studded acres on the widest, most secluded section of Eagle Beach, one of the "Dream Beaches of the World," Bucuti is tucked away from all of Aruba's high-rise hotels and only 15 minutes from the airport. Still, the resort is conveniently located nearby all major attractions including world-class shopping, a variety of restaurants, the Divi Links nine-hole golf course and Arikok National Park.

ENVIRONMENT

Bucuti is as passionate about protecting the environment as it is caring for guests. Fresh from celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2017, the resort continues being a long-time leader in sustainable tourism. In addition to incorporating the highest level of eco-friendly practices into daily operations, owner and noted environmentalist Ewald Biemans spearheads a number of widely-recognized environmental initiatives and is committed to educating guests and the local community on the importance of conservation.

Biemans was the first individual to ever receive the Gold Adrian Award – Leader in Sustainable Tourism presented by HSMIAI and National Geographic in 2017 and was named the "Green Hotelier of the Year" in Caribbean Journal's 2014 Caribbean Travel Awards. Bucuti also holds the most eco-certifications in the region including LEED® Silver (only Caribbean property), ISO 14001 (first in the Americas), Green Globe Platinum and Travelife Gold. In 2016, Green Globe named Bucuti the "Most Sustainable Hotel & Resort in the World" and named it to the new elite level of Green Globe Platinum.

GUEST SERVICES

Bucuti includes all taxes and fees as well as a number of additional benefits in the room rate including a full American breakfast buffet daily, local calls, Wi-Fi throughout the entire property and complimentary use of an iPad (with Skype installed) in the privacy of each guestroom.

CONCIERGE

Bucuti's expert concierge team is available to provide general information and recommendations on activities and dining in the surrounding area, ensuring that guests experience the island and its unique Dutch culture. Honeymoon guests have the benefit of working with a dedicated Romance Concierge in advance of and during their stay to ensure their honeymoon is everything they have dreamed of and more. Excursions including island tours, hiking, snorkeling and scuba diving are a sampling of what's available. The concierge team is also available to provide guests with information regarding special events such as movies under the stars that are scheduled on property.



For travel needs the concierge team is happy to arrange a car rental on property, check flight statuses and provide information on local transportation.

ACCOMMODATIONS

The Bucuti Wing has 63 rooms including 48 garden view guest rooms, 10 ocean view guest rooms, three bungalows and two ocean view suites. The five-story **Tara Wing** features 36 oceanfront suites, four penthouse suites and one deluxe room. Renovated in mid-2017, all 44 Tara suites along with the lobby and lounge feature a sophisticated, comfortable interior design reflective of cultured Aruba.

All rooms and suites have a microwave, mini bar, in-room safe, hair dryer, iron and ironing board, large balcony or terrace, cable television, Wi-Fi, locally made Aruba Aloe toiletries, coffee maker, air conditioning, ceiling fan, direct dial phones and king or queen-sized beds. Penthouses include kitchens. Additionally, each room is equipped with dehumidifiers and air-purifiers with HEPA filters to keep the air clean, free of allergens and odor-free.

DINING

Guests relaxing on the beach can take advantage of Bucuti's signature red flag beach service during the day and enjoy dining at one of three on-site dining options.

Elements

Elements is Aruba's premier restaurant where guests can delight in European and Caribbean cuisine and healthy dining, in the presence of breathtaking ocean views. Wholesome menu options span the palette with extensive selections of local fare, world cuisine, and vegan, vegetarian and gluten-free preferences. Guests with special dietary needs are warmly welcomed by the resort's dynamic culinary professionals. With most tables set only for two, couples can savor the serene ambiance while dining on the oceanfront deck or enjoying beautiful Eagle Beach indoors via the floor-to-ceiling windows. The award-winning restaurant reflects Bucuti's desire to provide guests with a total sense of wellness while showcasing the beauty of Aruba's natural environment. In 2016 Elements introduced healthy portions providing guests entrée serving sizes more advantageous to their wellness goals and preferences. As added benefits, guests enjoy a more complete dining experience with room for various courses, and the new portion sizes lighten the restaurant's carbon footprint by up to 30% due to eliminated food waste.

Romantic beach dining can be enjoyed in one of Bucuti's signature private palapas. Complete with a special six-course meal, couples can select sunset or moonlight seating to savor this intimate dining experience.

Aruba Night, known as Local Arts – Local Eats, is Bucuti's weekly tribute to its home on One Happy Island. Every Monday guests can enjoy an authentic Aruban dinner at Elements, purchase local handmade items and listen to Aruban music. New for 2018, a chef-led cooking demo featuring local recipes that are as healthy as they are delicious. Aruba Night is adjacent to the SandBar from 5 - 7 p.m.

A complimentary American buffet breakfast is served daily in Elements and the Tara Lounge.

SandBar

Guests seeking a more casual atmosphere can enjoy the SandBar. The modern outdoor lounge area is exclusively open to Bucuti guests and provides a relaxing spot to enjoy a cocktail and stargaze or take in the sunset. SandBar also offers lunch service featuring a combination of classic favorites and island flavors.



New for 2018, Bucuti debuted the Caribbean's first Healthy Hour. The newest facet of Bucuti's wellness program, one of the most comprehensive throughout the Caribbean, lets guests toast to their health. Enjoyed at the SandBar daily from 3-4p, nourishing smoothies and handcrafted Bucuti-designed mocktails are half-priced and accompanied with a complimentary wholesome snack.

Happy hour at SandBar is daily from 4 - 6 p.m. and 9 - 11 p.m. and as a nod to Bucuti's guests, only top-shelf drinks are poured. Live steel band music at SandBar daily from 5 - 7 p.m.

SENSES

This chef's table experience is the creation of Executive Chef Kelt Hugo Maat and Maitre D' Bas Kruisselbrink. Originally from The Netherlands, this globally trained culinary powerhouse fuses classic French techniques with international flavors to create cuisine and cocktails that complement the spirit of their home in Aruba. Guests are treated to a gastronomic journey that delights the senses in five to eight courses. This innovative fine dining experience is served in an intimate atmosphere that tantalizes through sight, smell, touch, audio and, of course, taste.

Dine Around

For an added taste of Aruba, guests can participate in a Dine Around program for \$50 per person, per three-course dinner. Twenty-four local restaurants participate, including Elements.

WELLNESS PROGRAM

The resort's all-encompassing commitment to wellness extends to tailor-made wellness programs designed to support guests' individual needs and preferences. Interested guests work individually or as a couple with wellness specialists Isabel Struve-Rasmijn, a certified nutritionist, and Mary-Ann Middleburg who designs a personalized program based on their wellness goals in each or all of the areas of **Nutrition, Physical Fitness, Mental Wellness and Mind/Body Balance**. This is the first service of its type offered by a property on Aruba.

Wellness program guests can enjoy personalized workout offerings in the fitness center or on the beach and even off-property at Aruba's Arikok National Park and multiple water sports. Dietary guidance is provided for onsite as well as offsite restaurants. Specific spa services and mediation and relaxation offerings are also individually recommended by Bucuti's wellness specialist for guests. The wellness program lets guest maintain their continuum of wellness even while on vacation and hopefully beyond.

New for 2018, Bucuti expanded its wellness offerings including **complimentary activities and classes**. daily offerings rotate with yoga and meditation, Tai Chi on the beach, sunrise beach walks, nutritional counseling, group personal training sessions and chef-led cooking demonstrations of healthy dishes.

SPA

Bucuti's **Purun Spa** offers a range of therapeutic, rejuvenating treatments inspired by nature. Purun is an old Papiamento word for "water container." Aruba's natural resources of water, coconut, aloe, sea salt and even white sand are incorporated into many of Purun's treatments. The full-service menu includes aromatherapy, facials, body wraps and romantic couple's massages. For added indulgence, guests may also enjoy outdoor spa treatments on the beach.

FITNESS CENTER



Guests can enjoy a workout in Bucuti's spacious fitness center while enjoying a tropical view thanks to floor-to-ceiling windows. The air-conditioned facility is well-equipped with free weights, spin-bike machines, treadmills, step machines, rowing machines and more. Available to guests 24/7.

POOL

Bucuti's fresh water, infinity-edge pool is centrally located to both the Bucuti and Tara Wings and overlooks the white sands of Eagle Beach. Poolside red flag service is provided by the SandBar, Bucuti's exclusive beach bar for its guests.

OTHER AMENITIES

Additional amenities and services available to guests include:

- Sunbeds and shade for every guest
- Beach clean-up on the third Wednesday of each month
- Qigong class (form of Tai Chi) on the beach Wednesdays at 7:30 a.m.
- Gift shop
- Dry cleaning/laundry service and free self-serve laundry facilities
- Secure environment with cameras and 24/7 security team
- Multilingual staff
- Free parking
- Handicap facilities

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Biography

Ewald Biemans developed the Bucuti Beach Resort, which opened in October of 1987. The resort has enjoyed year-round average occupancies of 90%+. In March of 2004, Biemans added a luxury wing to the resort called the Tara Beach Suites, which has averaged 96% occupancy since opening.

Born in Austria, Ewald Biemans started his hospitality career with Hilton and Intercontinental in South America prior to earning his BS in International Business at Florida State University. After moving to Aruba in the early 70's, Ewald managed the famous Talk of the Town Restaurant and eventually the Talk of the Town Resort. Subsequently he managed and co-owned the Manchebo Beach Resort before developing and owning Bucuti & Tara.

Mr. Biemans is committed to being involved in the community and taking a leadership role whenever possible, encouraging other resorts on-island to take the initiative to protect Aruba's natural resources. Biemans is currently on the board of the Aruba Hotel and Tourism Association (AHATA), previously served as Chairman of the Board of AHATA and served on the board of the Aruba Tourism Authority. His contributions have included serving as president of Aruba's SKAL club chapter, Creator and longtime Chairman of the Environmental committee for AHATA, and Director of the Board of the island's Arikok National Park.

The resort operates with a long list of best practices in environmental sustainability, including the support and stewardship of local environmental causes, a pet adoption program to find homes for stray animals and Pack for a Purpose, where Bucuti and its guests provide school supplies to support a local orphanage. Food safety, water safety and general health and wellness are a priority at the resort and managed with



HACCP program, UV filters and air purifiers and dehumidifiers in every room. The smoking policy limits smoking to designated areas to enhance the clean air experience. Bucuti proactively takes steps to protect the environment and save energy, while offering its guests the opportunity to participate in unusual ways, which many do. Guests join forces with staff to clean Aruba's Eagle Beach once a month and make use of a sophisticated temperature control system in the rooms. Guests receive water canteens as a gift from the hotel to use instead of purchasing bottled water to eliminate the use of plastic because plastic is not recyclable on the island. This practice eliminates an estimated 289,000 plastic water bottles annually kept out of Aruba's landfill. As a devoted member of its community, since 2016, Bucuti created and continues to lead the "Love me. Sterilize me." program where it teams up with island veterinarians to reduce the number of Aruba's homeless dogs and cats and make responsible pet ownership a reality. This community outreach provides island dogs and cats with much-needed spay and neutering surgeries and microchipping. Today, more than 4,600 dogs and cats from pet owners and homeless shelters are subsidized for in the program.

As an industry leader in eco-friendly practices, Bucuti holds the most eco-certifications in the Caribbean. Bucuti has achieved 17 consecutive years of Green Globe Certification and in 2016, Green Globe declared Bucuti as the "Most Sustainable Hotel & Resort in the World," naming it to the new elite level of Green Globe Platinum. The resort also holds the distinction of being the first hotel in the Americas to earn the highly coveted ISO 14001 environmental certification every year since 2003. Bucuti is Travelife Gold certified and in 2015 earned the Caribbean's only LEED Silver certification for lodging, a remarkable achievement for retrofitting a property, which is much more difficult than incorporating LEED standards in new construction. Bucuti is also a TripAdvisor GreenLeaders Platinum Level member.

Mr. Biemans, a sought-after guest speaker on eco-tourism, has been honored on numerous occasions both locally and internationally for his environmental preservation work, starting with CHA's award for Environmental Stewardship in 1997, the Green Globe Commendation award for environmental stewardship in 1998 and the CHA Environmental award in the small hotel category in 2003. Recognitions also included the International Hotel & Restaurant Association 2004 Environmental Award (worldwide) for "Innovation in Environmental Best Practice" and the Green Globe High Achievement Award in 2011. Biemans earned the title of "Green Hotelier of the Year" by Caribbean Journal's 2014 Caribbean Travel Awards. In 2015, Aruba's government honored Biemans' great contributions by naming an island street after him, Caya Ewald Biemans, including recognition on the sign for being the "Hospitality and Sustainable Tourism Pioneer of Aruba." Under his leadership, Bucuti & Tara received the 2017 CHIEF Award for Environmental Sustainability from the Caribbean Hotel & Tourism Association. Most recently, Biemans was the first individual to ever receive the 2016 Gold Adrian Award – Leader in Sustainable Tourism presented by the Hospitality Sales & Marketing Association International and *National Geographic Traveler*.

Additional recognitions are Aruba's Hotelier of the Year for 1994 and 1999, the "Influence Award of high distinction" by Western International, and Hotelier of the Year in 2002 by The Caribbean Hotel Association, and many other distinctions.

The resort is the recipient of a multitude of quality awards, Bucuti & Tara was named Travel + Leisure's 2018 Top 25 Resorts in the Caribbean, Bermuda and the Bahamas. The resort was honored in three categories of TripAdvisor's 2017 Travelers' Choice Awards, including named the No. 1 Hotel for Romance in the Caribbean, the No. 2 Hotel for Service in the Caribbean and the No. 6 Hotel in the Caribbean overall. In 2016, TripAdvisor named it the No. 8 Hotel for Romance in the World. Additional accolades include: *Condé Nast Traveler* Gold List of top resorts in the Caribbean, Best Hotel in Aruba – *US News & World Report*, the International Five Star Diamond Award, *ISLANDS* top 100 worldwide sustainable organizations, *Brides* magazine "Best Resorts for Honeymoons" list, and *National Geographic* award of the 100 top hotels worldwide.



Ewald lives on Aruba, where he appreciates the natural beauty and personally takes great care of 7 rescue dogs at his home. He actively manages his properties and is the leader of Bucuti's Green Team.

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