



Greetings!

We hope your summer is wonderful so far.

We have a number of exciting updates to share with you here at Bucuti & Tara Beach Resorts, read on!

## **NEW "ELEMENTS" AT BUCUTI**



This past May Bucuti staff and guests shared their own personal goodbye messages on the ship's bow as we bid a sentimental farewell to the iconic Pirate's Nest restaurant. As we said goodbye to the ship we welcomed Elements, a new contemporary restaurant that is Aruba's first and only restaurant specializing in natural and organic dining.



Elements' ambiance and menu serve as an extension of Bucuti's mission to provide guests with a total sense of wellness by showcasing the beauty of Aruba's natural environment with the quality of carefully sourced ingredients. Whether dining on the newly-constructed oceanfront deck or enjoying the view through floor-to-ceiling windows, Elements is an ideal complement to the serene environment for which Bucuti has become known.



The wholesome menu features genuine certified organic options and natural products offered through three distinct menus: **world cuisine**; **organic and natural**; and **vegan and vegetarian**. In order to best provide guests with the highest quality ingredients Bucuti has established an import company to obtain the products necessary to support this new culinary venture. Through this effort, Bucuti will regularly receive quality natural and

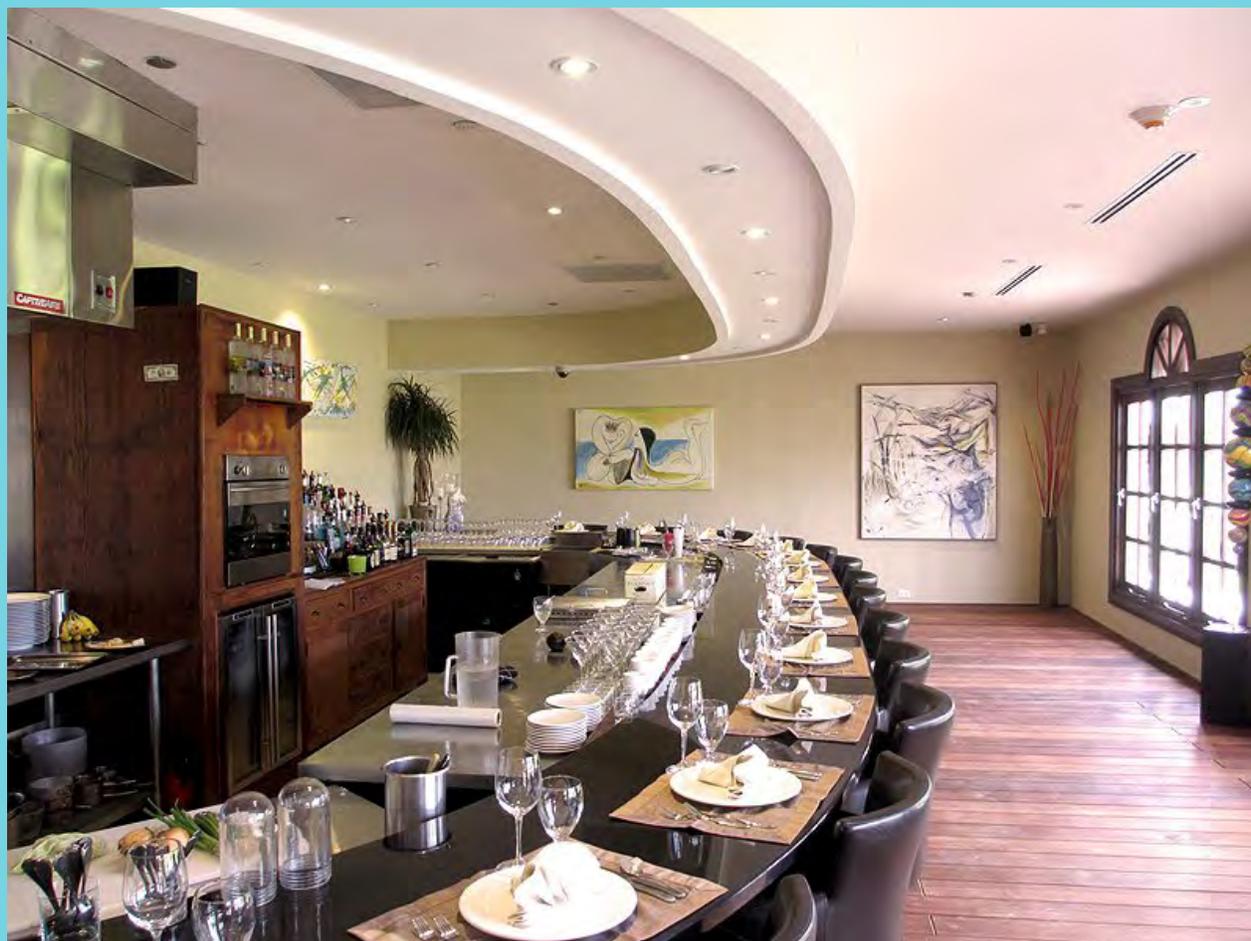
organic meats, fruits, vegetables and in the future, organic beverages. The sources of all ingredients are published to guarantee genuinely natural and/or organic selections.

Elements is open from 7 a.m. until 10:30 p.m.

You can keep up with the latest news by liking [Elements Facebook](#) page.

## CARTE BLANCHE RESTAURANT

Bucuti is also home to the renowned Carte Blanche Restaurant, a unique culinary experience based around a chef's table concept that features Chef Dennis van Daatselaar skillfully preparing a five-course "chef surprise" meal in front of diners. Due to the intimate setting and limited availability this culinary experience is available on a reservations basis: [www.carteblanchearuba.com](http://www.carteblanchearuba.com)



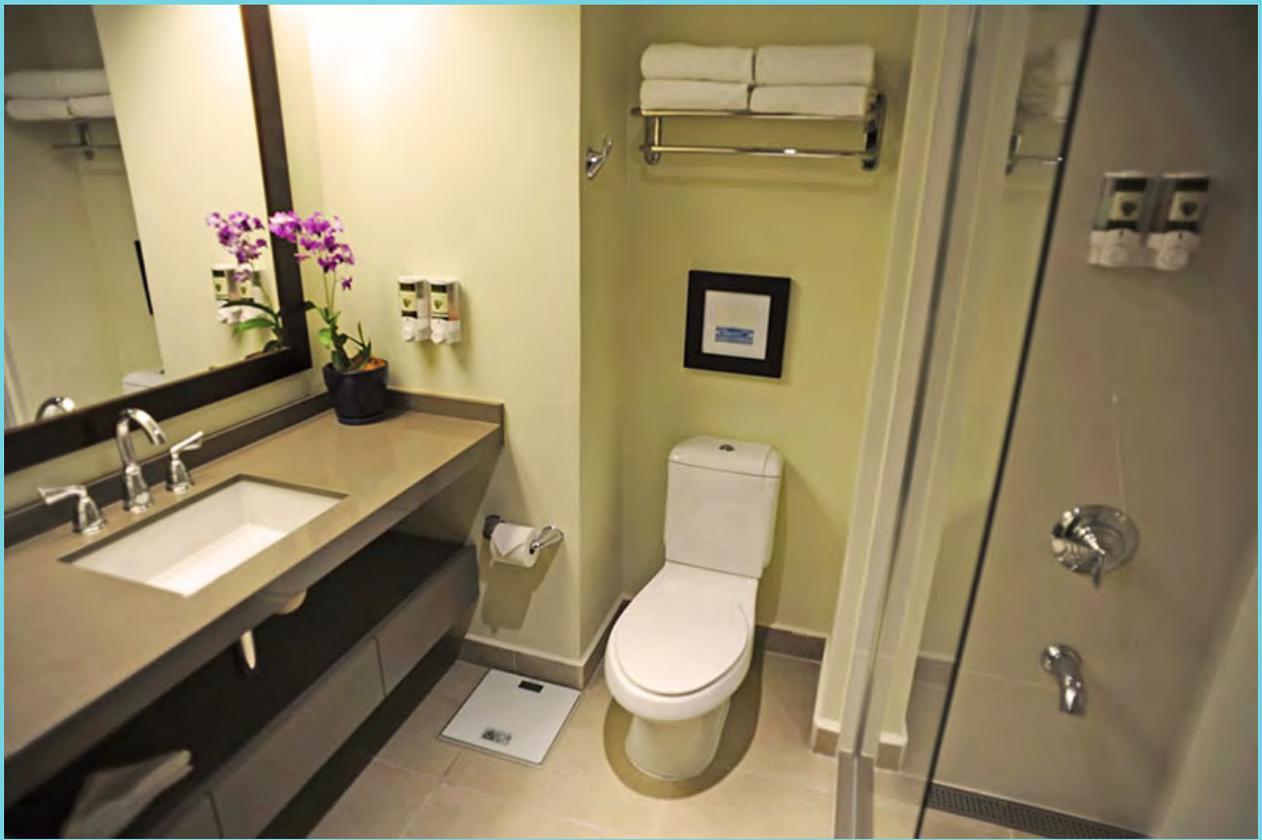
## THE SANDBAR

An improved SandBar has also opened and Bucuti's friendly bartenders are ready to mix you a delicious, refreshing tropical cocktail of your choice. Due to limited seating at SandBar, we have implemented a new policy to keep the bar service exclusive to our resort and restaurant guests (of Elements and Carte Blanche). Our goal is to focus our service exclusively on our guests and provide them with ample space to relax. Our guests can invite friends to join them at the bar as well.



## **BATHROOM MAKEOVER**

Guests returning to stay in the Bucuti wing will be delightfully surprised with the new look of our bathrooms. While the resort was closed earlier this summer the Bucuti wing bathrooms were upgraded with new counters, sinks and tile work. Additionally, a glass walk-in shower replaced the tub. Aruba Aloe shampoo & conditioner, bath gel and lotion, all freshly made with 100 percent pure aloe, will still be available for guest's enjoyment.



## **FOR YOUR COMFORT!**

One of the preferred activities for our guests is to simply spend the day doing nothing at all, and Aruba's stunning Eagle Beach provides a tranquil ambiance for just that. In addition to the powdery white sand and turquoise water, our guests will now find new cushioned lounge chairs and oversized umbrellas that create the perfect place to lounge the day away.

Once you are situated, there is no need to get up again, unless of course you decide to take a dip. Our friendly beach attendants will give you a red flag with your lounge chair, which should be used to call his or her attention when you are ready to order from the nearby SandBar.



## TRAVELERS RATE BUCUTI ON TOP!



Earlier this year TripAdvisor announced the winners of the 2013 Travelers' Choice hotel awards, which identifies the world's top properties, and Bucuti was thrilled to be honored with:

- Placement in Top 25 hotels in the Caribbean, the only resort in Aruba to receive this distinction.
- #2 out of 10 in Top Hotels for Romance in the Caribbean.

TripAdvisor Travelers' Choice winners are based on millions of valuable reviews and opinions from travelers around the world and we would like to extend a special thank you to all our valued guests who took the time to share the feedback and make this possible.

Please share your review on [TripAdvisor](#).

We have also been honored this year with the prestigious Condé Nast Gold List placement, as voted by their readers.

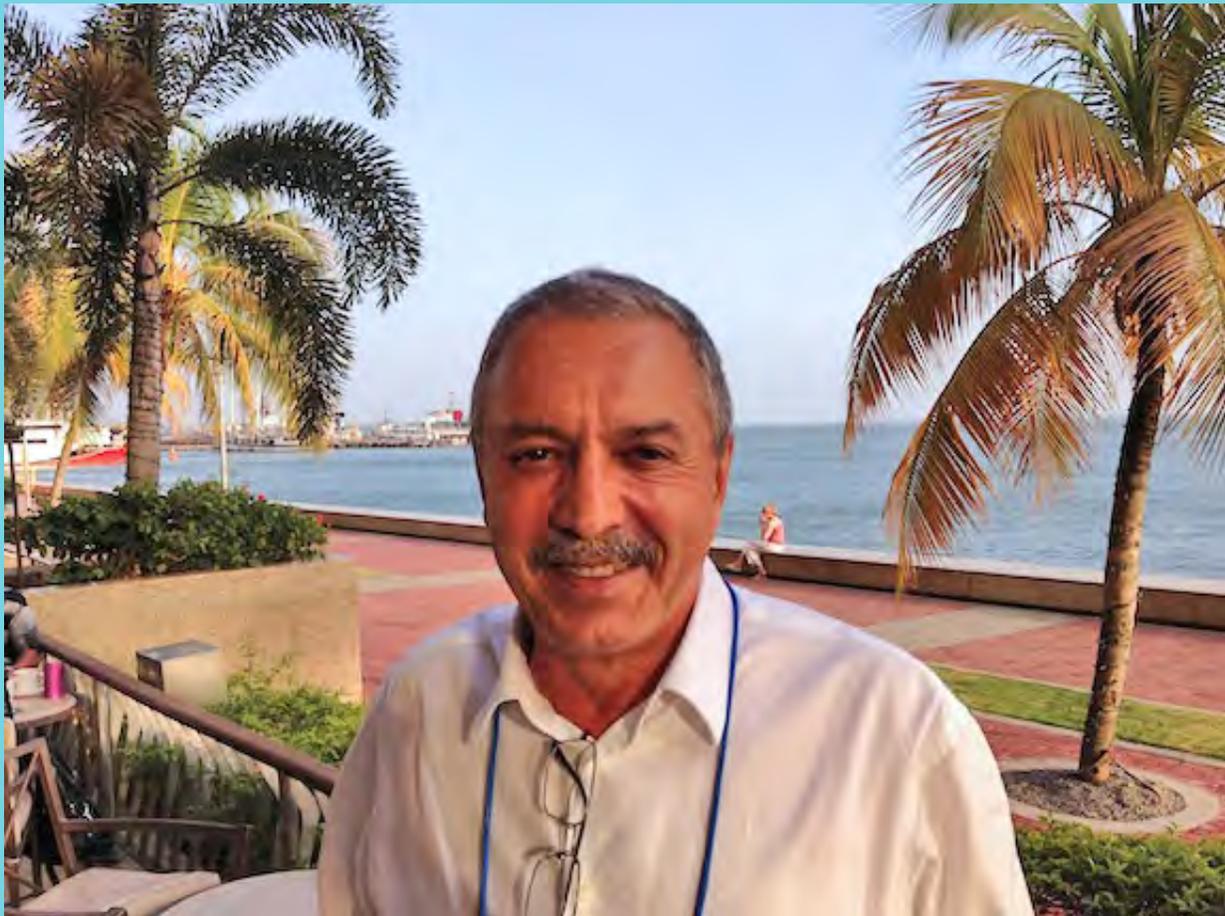
We look forward to seeing you all and hope to continue not only meeting but exceeding your expectations of the Bucuti experience.

## YOUR NEXT TRIP AWAITS

It's never too early to start planning your next trip back to see us, and our **2014 rates** are available for your perusal. Please do keep in mind that our rates are inclusive of ALL taxes, ALL service charges and ALL fees as well as a number of additional complimentary benefits including a full American breakfast buffet daily, local calls, WiFi throughout the entire property and the use of a netbook (with Skype installed) in the privacy of each guestroom. To check room availability and to make a reservation, please check out the Bucuti **website** and simply enter your preferred dates.

When booking your stay you may notice a new Standard room category for 2014. Note that the Superior rooms and Standard rooms are the same size (350 sq. ft.) and have the same design. The differences are that the Standard rooms have partial gardenview and face the neighboring resort while the Superior rooms face our courtyard garden. Also, Standard rooms allow smoking on the balconies and Superior Rooms are all non-smoking.

## THE CARIBBEAN'S "GREEN GURU"



This past April, our owner Ewald Biemans was invited to speak at the 14th Annual Caribbean Conference on Sustainable Tourism Development in Port of Spain, Trinidad. The event, which is organized by the Caribbean Tourism Organization, brings together some of the most forward-thinking minds in sustainable tourism. This year's program featured panel discussions, special presentations and interactive workshops to create opportunities for delegates to interact with leading local, regional and international experts and tourism practitioners under the theme "Keeping the Right Balance: Enhancing Destination Sustainability Through Products, Partnerships and Profitability."

To learn more please visit: <http://www.caribbeanstc.com/speaker-lineup/ewald-biemans/>

For extended coverage of this event and additional interviews with Mr. Biemans, please visit:

- [Caribbean Journal](#)
- [Aruba Daily](#)
- [JaxFax](#)

Additionally, this past May, Mr. Biemans shared our green practices and commitment to sustainability and preservation during the 2nd Executive Symposium for Innovators in Coastal Tourism Development. This event served as a platform for some of the most forward thinking leaders in sustainable tourism to share what they have accomplished, what they have learned and the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. It is a collaborative effort between the Center for Responsible Travel, a research institute in Washington D.C., and Stanford University with a mission to promote responsible tourism policies and practices globally, so local communities may thrive.

## **PETS IN PARADISE**

As animal lovers ourselves we have been accommodating the needs of both man and man's best friend for over 10 years. Here at Bucuti small household pets are given a warm welcome and as a service to both animals and a convenience to owners we are happy to provide our four-legged guests with their very own sleeping mat and dishes. To welcome pets even further when meal time rolls around, Bucuti Executive Chef Kurt Hoffmann has created a mouth-watering menu exclusively for dogs, featuring Woof Woof Beef (beef tenderloin tips, hash browns, scrambled eggs and bacon) and other tasty treats. If you are interested in traveling with your pet please note our pet policy below.

- Bucuti allows one pet per room, and the pet must be identified at time of reservation.
- The resort charges a pet fee of \$15 per day in Bucuti wing, and \$20 per day in Tara Suites.
- We require that your pet never be left unattended in the resort. Pets must be leashed or held when out of the guestroom.
- No pets are permitted on the beds or furniture.
- You may walk your pet on resort grounds; however we expect you to clean up after your pet.



## **A VISIT FROM THE PRIME MINISTER!**

This summer we were honored with a visit from the Prime Minister of the Netherlands, Mark Rutte. As part of his visit to Aruba, Prime Minister Rutte joined us here at Bucuti & Tara Beach Resorts to familiarize himself with our eco-friendly practices. As the only resort on island to boast three green certifications, it was our pleasure to showcase the environmental initiatives underway both on-site and throughout the community. Upon reviewing our efforts the Prime Minister and his entourage expressed appreciation for the environmental commitment we demonstrate and the leadership role that Owner Ewald Biemans has played in regards to environmental preservation. The group was also very impressed with our facilities and the tranquil adults-only ambiance we've created. Prime Minister Rutte is seen here with Bucuti's Director of Sales, Marketing & Administration Tisa LaSorte, and Owner/Managing Director Ewald Biemans.



## KEEP IN TOUCH

Owner Ewald Biemans addresses highly discussed topics regarding the resort and its features and policies in a monthly blog. We invite you to stay informed by visiting our [blog page](#).

We also love interacting with you on Facebook, especially when you share your memories and photos of your Bucuti experience.

To stay up-to-date on the latest news and continue to interact with the Bucuti family please "like" our new [Facebook Places page](#).  
([www.facebook.com/BucutiTaraBeachResortAruba](http://www.facebook.com/BucutiTaraBeachResortAruba))

The migration to the new page has already begun and the [existing page](#) ([www.facebook.com/ArubaBucutiBeachResort](http://www.facebook.com/ArubaBucutiBeachResort)) will soon be deactivated so please be sure to connect with us today!



For your enjoyment and to share with other travelers, we have our [new brochure](#) available online.

Hope you are having a fabulous summer,

**Ewald Biemans**

Owner and Managing Director  
Bucuti & Tara Beach Resorts

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