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Bucuti Beach Resort Aruba ★★ *Finds* At little three-story Bucuti, you get personal service, European charm, and lush landscaping on a lovely 6-hectare (15-acre) stretch of one of the Caribbean's best beaches, the most secluded part of Eagle Beach. What this hotel has that those above don't is intimacy, a personal approach to inn keeping, and a sense of seclusion. It's a top choice for honeymooners. Each spacious, well-furnished, bright bedroom is on the beach and has two queen-size beds or one king-size bed and sleeper sofa. The most expensive units have two queen-size beds and an oceanfront balcony or terrace. The oceanfront Tara Wing, with beautiful, elegant bedrooms and a first-class spa, opened in 2004. All rooms have well-maintained bathrooms with tub/shower combos.

Across from the Alhambra Bazaar and Casino, the hotel operates the oceanfront Pirates' Nest Restaurant, a replica of a 17th-century Dutch galleon that specializes in good steaks, fresh seafood, and theme nights.

Eagle Beach, Aruba. **Tel: 297/58-31100.** Fax 297/58-25272. www.bucuti.com. 102 units. Winter US\$285–\$320 double, US\$375 bungalow or junior suite; off season US\$175–\$210 double, US\$260 bungalow or junior suite. MAP (breakfast and dinner) US\$33 per person extra. AE, DISC, MC, V. **Amenities:** Restaurant; 2 bars; outdoor pool; open-air health club; spa; tour desk; 24-hr. business center; babysitting; laundry service; coin-operated laundry; dry cleaning. *In room:* A/C, TV, dataport, minibar, fridge, beverage maker, hair dryer, iron, safe, microwave.