

# ISLAND TEMPTATIONS

TOUCHING THE SOUL OF THE CARIBBEAN

RESORT LIVING



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It wasn't too long ago that standard fare for hotel beds included a repertoire of lumpy mattresses, mushy or pancake-flat pillows, and sheets with threadcounts that barely reached 100. And who can forget those lovely polyester bedspreads, so rough that you risked rubbing your skin raw from too-close contact? And, oh yes, those bedspreads always seemed to come in some obnoxious floral pattern with curtains to match!

But now us travelers can rest assured-and I mean really rest assured-that much has changed over the past decade. In fact, today's hotels utilize the latest mattress technology paired with designer upscale linens to provide the utmost sleeping comfort.

Aruba's famed boutique property, Bucuti Beach Resort, recently renovated all of its rooms and added on the Tara Suites wing. Guests enjoy the Divine Dreams® mattress, custom-designed by Simmons, and bedding textiles coordinated by award-winning interior designer, Nhora Quintero. Because Bucuti's guests are often honeymooners or couples, the bed is a focal point of the room. The sheets, made of 400 thread-count white Egyptian cotton, are in striking contrast to the warm, organic colors of the suites and rooms. Bucuti is an environmentally friendly resort, and so its rooms' earth tones reflect the company's orientation towards a harmonious relationship with nature.

Aruba's top attraction will most certainly always be the gorgeous beaches blanketed in glorious sunshine. But with the arrival of such irresistible, luxurious bedding, a few less hours will be spent lounging under the sun, and a few more will be spent lounging under 400 thread-count sheets!. So, as we say in Aruba, "drumi dushi!" ¶

## The Renaissance of the Hotel Bed