



## ***A Top 5 Hotel in the World & the Caribbean's 1<sup>st</sup> Carbon-neutral Hotel***

*Home to the world's first carbon-neutral fly destination vacation*

### **OVERVIEW**

Welcome to Aruba's only resort catering exclusively to adults (18+). The European-inspired, 104-room Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort has welcomed couples for thirty-five years to an unrivaled and tranquil beach experience set in a most romantic atmosphere. **Bucuti & Tara is Tripadvisor's No. 5 Hotel in the World and No. 1 Hotel in the Caribbean for 2025,** and its **Elements Restaurant is the No. 1 Fine Dining Restaurant in the Caribbean.** The resort has reigned on the world's largest online travel platform since 2007. Bucuti & Tara is also a Forbes Travel Guide 2025 Recommended property and joins the prestigious luxury-verified collection.



The resort's passionate commitment to sustainability also reads like a beautiful love story. In August 2018, Bucuti & Tara achieved becoming the **first certified carbon neutral**

**hotel in the Caribbean.** Bucuti & Tara continues proving that a memorable vacation and sustainability are *mutually inclusive*.

### **LOCATION**

Nestled on 14 palm tree-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 Tierra del Sol golf course created by legendary designer Robert Trent Jones, and Arikok National Park.

**Tripadvisor  
Travelers'  
Choice Awards**



**Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort**  
Top 5 Best Hotels in the World  
No. 2 "Treat Yourself" in the World  
No. 1 Hotel in the Caribbean  
No. 1 Hotel in Aruba

**Elements Restaurant**  
No. 1 Fine Dining in the Caribbean  
No. 7 Date Night Spot in the World

**Eagle Beach**  
No. 1 Beach in the Caribbean  
No. 3 Beach in the World



### **SUSTAINABILITY - Closing in on certified Net Zero!**

Bucuti is as passionate about protecting the environment as it is caring for guests. 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 several widely recognized environmental initiatives and is committed to educating guests and the local community on the importance of conservation.



In 2025, Bucuti & Tara is closing in on becoming certified Net Zero. The resort became the Caribbean's first and remains its only certified carbon-neutral hotel in August 2018 and has been recertified every year since. Bucuti & Tara became the world's first hotel to receive the Global 2020 United Nations Climate Action Award for Climate Neutral Now, which was presented in person at COP26 (Nov. 2021), where Ewald Biemans was an honoree and presenter. While there, he was named the sole independent hotelier to be a launch signatory for the Glasgow Declaration for Climate Action in Tourism. In 2023, Biemans received a personal invitation from the UNWTO to appear as a hospitality leader and original Glasgow Declaration signatory at COP28. With his presence, signatories increased by 90% worldwide.

Bucuti & Tara is the first Caribbean hotel to achieve LEED Gold Certification under the most stringent requirements in LEED history, v4.1. In March 2020, Travel + Leisure magazine named Bucuti & Tara a 2020 Global Vision Award winner and was invited to serve on the 2021 Global Vision Awards panel. In August 2020, Green Globe awarded Bucuti & Tara with the first perfect score – 100% -- in the organization's history. In October 2019, Ewald Biemans received the coveted 2019 Phoenix Award, the pinnacle accolade for sustainable leaders from the prestigious Society of American Travel Writers. In 2022, Bucuti & Tara was the recipient, again, of the National Energy Award. In 2019, Ewald Biemans/Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort was the first-ever inductee into the Caribbean Hotel and Tourism Association's CHIEF Hall of Fame for Best Practices for Environmental Sustainability. In April 2019, Bucuti was the first-ever recipient of the World Travel & Tourism's (WTTC) Tourism for Tomorrow 2019 Climate Action Award. Biemans was a featured presenter at the WTTC's prestigious 2019 Global Summit, which was headlined by former U.S. President Barack Obama in Seville, Spain. Biemans was the first individual to ever receive the Gold Adrian Award – Leader in Sustainable Tourism presented by HSMAI 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 CarbonNeutral®, LEED® Gold, 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. In 2022 at the WTTC 2022 Global Summit in Manila, Biemans was an originator and served as a launch signatory for the new WTTC Hotel Sustainability Basics, or The Basics. In June 2023, Bucuti & Tara was named the first winner of the Aruba Hotel & Tourism Association’s AHATA Impact Award for Environmental Protection. In 2025, the resort won two more AHATA Impact Awards for Environmental Protection and for Championing Cultural Heritage. The resort is also the current holder of the 2024 CHTA CHIEF Award for People Development, a recognition for its 360-degree approach to honoring, caring for and developing its staff in a sustainable manner.

In 2016, the resort founded Stimami Sterilisami, native Papiamentu for “Love me, Sterilize me.” This humane approach to helping solve Aruba’s pet overpopulation spearheaded by the resort in collaboration with island veterinarians, businesses and organizations has led to more than 42,000 local dogs and cats being spayed or neutered. The resort is the major funder having donated more than US \$2 million to drive change including changing mindsets for responsible pet ownership.

In 2019, Bucuti & Tara introduced Let’s Plant Aruba, known in native Papiamentu as Ban Lanta y Planta. The brainchild of Ewald Biemans, program founders kicked off the initiative of planting indigenous trees, including regional fruit trees throughout the island. Trees help against carbon dioxide output, provide shade, cool their surroundings and possibly bear fruit as Bucuti & Tara hopes to see as the first tree planted is a mango tree in the resort’s courtyard.

Celebrating the resort’s 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Oct. 2022, Bucuti & Tara joined in the dedication of The Bucuti Tara - GMC Nature Preserve. In the tradition of supporting the community and preserving the environment, the 32-acre/13-hectare park saves highly-valuable, undeveloped land in the center of busy Noord. The park is being reforested with indigenous flora and walking and jogging trails are being added. The small haven is for residents, visitors, and Aruba’s wildlife and nature to enjoy and thrive. Bringing together resort staff and guests, government officials, local businesses and organizations, the park is in Phase I of being planted and doubles as a carbon sink drawing down harmful greenhouse gasses from the atmosphere. The University of Aruba has joined the effort and is measuring the CO2 being drawn down per each species of indigenous tree being planted, which is estimated to be 375 tCO2 annually when the preserve is fully reforested, an ongoing effort.

### **“NO SURPRISE RATES”**

With its signature “no surprise rates,” Bucuti’s nightly pricing includes all taxes and fees, a full American breakfast daily, wellness activity of the day, reserved sun



loungers and beach umbrella, parking and EV charging, local calls, Wi-Fi throughout the entire property and complimentary use of an iPad within each accommodation.

### **CONCIERGE REIMAGINED**

Well before guests touch down in Aruba, Bucuti & Tara's expert concierge staff begins preparing their visit and working with each guest. That's because every resort guest has their own personal concierge. Upon arrival at the resort, their personal concierge greets them curbside and welcomes them in the newly unveiled entrance with a glass of Champagne. From there their concierge escorts guests directly to their room via tablet check-in. Without having to wait at a front desk, this seamless new arrival experience lets guests head to Eagle Beach to begin relaxing into vacation mode.

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.

In October 2021, Bucuti & Tara debuted the world's first **Carbon Neutrality Concierge**. This on-staff service assists guests with neutralizing the carbon emissions from their air travel, airport transfers and island excursion through high-quality, certified carbon neutralizing programs. A stay at Bucuti & Tara is already carbon neutral, now the stay becomes an entire door-to-door carbon-neutral vacation.

### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

The **Bucuti Wing** has 60 rooms including 48 garden view guest rooms, 10 ocean view guest rooms, and two ocean view suites. There are three bungalow units. The five-story **Tara Wing** features 36 oceanfront suites, four penthouse suites and one deluxe room. All 44 Tara suites along with the lobby and lounge feature a sophisticated, comfortable interior design reflective of cultured Aruba. In recent years, a sleek sophisticated entrance way and new concierge lobby debuted. The



property never shows signs of wear and tear as it has a steadfast commitment to continuous reinvestment.

All rooms and suites have a microwave, mini refrigerator, 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 onsite dining options.

### **Elements**

With a path created via Michelin-starred restaurants, Nicolas Nemalceff leads the food-forward, climate-forward dining experience at Bucuti & Tara. Set against a backdrop of breathtaking ocean views, Elements is Aruba's premier restaurant offering Mediterranean-style dining with Caribbean flair. The restaurant continues as a year-over-year winner of the Award of Excellence from Wine Spectator. In 2024, Elements continued to be named by USA TODAY 10Best as the Best Restaurant in the Caribbean. Tripadvisor has twice named it to its Top 25 Date Night Restaurants in the World – the only Caribbean restaurant to win twice.

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. A leader among the Caribbean dining scene, Elements is also at the forefront of Aruba's thriving vegan experience. The restaurant offers a full, designated [vegan menu](#) to the delight of many whether they are dedicated vegans or making the first foray into plant-based dining. Sunday Brunch served in the Tara Lounge, prepared by Elements, now rotates themed, gourmet selections with just as many traditional offerings as vegan offerings with each course served individually.

Elements was reimagined both in design and culinary offerings in time for the 2025 high season. Globally lauded interior designer FG Stijl of the Netherlands created an intimate setting inspired by Aruba's rich history and abundant nature. Local island craftspeople brought the new look to life.



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% from plated dishes due to the eliminated food waste. In working with the World Wildlife Fund, by 2018, the restaurant further reduced its food waste by another 30%, for an even smaller carbon footprint while still exceeding the expectations of guests.

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

On Monday evenings, guests can also enjoy meeting local artists and purchase handmade items during a special arts and crafts market at the resort.

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

### **Terra by Jeremy Ford - Opening Soon at Bucuti & Tara: Where Michelin Star Artistry Meets Eco-luxury**

In mid-Oct. 2025, Terra by Jeremy Ford, the Caribbean's most anticipated new dining experience, will be unveiled at Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort. Bucuti & Tara's carbon-neutral leadership pairs with the culinary vision of Chef Jeremy Ford, heralded for his Michelin-starred and Michelin Green Star-awarded Miami restaurant Stubborn Seed and his Top Chef win.

### ***A Culinary First for Aruba***

Terra redefines fine dining in the Caribbean by rooting haute cuisine in sustainability and deeply authentic local partnerships. Early experiences have diners raving over the picked-at-peak ingredients sourced through Chef Jeremy's collaborations with island farms and with Aruba's dedicated fishermen. This honors Bucuti & Tara's practice of supporting the island community and delivers ingredients when Mother Nature signals they will be at their freshest.





### ***The Spirit of Aruba at the Plate***

At the heart of Terra beats an unmistakable Aruban rhythm. Two of the island's rising stars, Executive Chef Jeanclaude Werleman and Chef de Cuisine Moises Ramirez, have joined Chef Ford to shape a dining experience that marries global technique with local heritage. Werleman, whose path began in pastry and grew through Aruba's top kitchens, brings discipline and artistry. Ramirez, who honed his craft under Michelin masters in the Netherlands before returning home to win Iron Chef Aruba, adds European precision and island pride. Together, they channel their roots from family grills to festive ayacas into a modern expression of Aruban soul.

### ***An Elevated, Harmonious Experience***

Guests savor conscientiously refined menus. Each dish of the à la carte experience or chef's tasting menu highlights individual flavor profiles, while courses are designed to complement one another, ensuring variety works in harmony. Guests are captivated rather than overwhelmed through the intimate dining journey.

### ***Why It Matters for Today's Discerning Travelers***

Chef Jeremy and his team were intentional in choosing Bucuti & Tara, just as the resort was in welcoming a partner who shares its values of sustainability and excellence. As [Tripadvisor's No. 5 Hotel in the World and No. 1 in the Caribbean](#), along with the Caribbean's first certified carbon-neutral resort and the United Nations' only Climate Action Award-winning hotel, Bucuti & Tara is the natural home for Terra. Together, [they align as two green stars](#).

Terra by Jeremy Ford is set to become a destination-defining experience, blending exceptional cuisine with sustainability and authenticity. With limited seating and meticulous detail, it is ideal for discerning travelers who want their journeys to leave a positive footprint.

### ***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.

Bucuti debuted the **Caribbean's first Healthy Hour**. A 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.



Opened 11 a.m. – midnight, live music at the SandBar may be enjoyed daily from 5 - 7 p.m. and 9 - 10 p.m.

## **ROMANCE**

Kicking off 2024, USA TODAY named Bucuti & Tara one of the 10 Best Resorts in the Caribbean. As the reigning resort for romance, Bucuti offers these exclusive curated experiences.

### **VIP "Vacation Like a Celebrity"**

Arrive in Aruba like an A-lister. Be met at the jetway by a personal assistant. Receive help collecting luggage, bypass immigration lines and be whisked away by private car, lovingly featuring a "Just Married" sign, for an in-room check-in. Rockstar service without the paparazzi!

### **Timeless, Romantic Picnic**

This classic sweethearts' tradition beckons. Receive a picnic-perfect meal, blanket, pillows and a map customized by Bucuti's romance concierges with Aruba's dreamiest hideaways.

### **Champagne Beach Butler Service**

Snuggle together on the white sand beach and catch a prismatic sunset while savoring Champagne, freshly made canapés and hors d'oeuvres served by a beach butler.

### **Stargazing & Starry Nightcaps**

Curl up together on our beach beneath a blanket of mesmerizing stars while using the stargazing app on your in-room tablet while sipping an otherworldly beverage from the SandBar's Starry Nightcaps menu. Opt for such ethereal elixirs as the new Starfruit Stargazer and The Fifth Element.

### **Yacht Monforte**

Set sail on this grand teak schooner for a uniquely elegant five-hour excursion to the stunning Spanish Lagoon. Access hidden treasures of tropical coves and white sandy beaches. Indulge in free-flowing beverages from the premium bar, a gourmet meal and adventures including snorkeling, kayaking, third-lung diving and rope swinging.

### **Romantic Beach Dinner**

Bucuti's signature dining experience, relax together in a private beachfront cabana surrounded by candlelight and swaying palms. Complete with a special





three-course meal including wine or Champagne, select sunset or moonlight seating.

**Honeymooners Champagne Toast (*complimentary*)**

Held along the beach every Tuesday, Bucuti & Tara Owner/CEO Ewald Biemans invites newlyweds to gather for a Champagne toast to their honeymoons and one another.

**Sunset Catamaran Sail**

Aruba's sunsets are dazzling. As the sun melts into the ocean, cruise the tranquil waters with your "dushi" (native Papiamentu for "sweetheart") on this relaxing, intimate sail. Sip your favorite beverage from the open bar.

**Movies Under the Stars (*complimentary*)**

Settle in together on loungers and take in the classics at our beach theater under the brilliant night sky.

**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 who design 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 meditation and relaxation offerings are also individually recommended by Bucuti's wellness specialist for guests. The wellness program lets guests maintain their continuum of wellness even while on vacation and hopefully beyond.

Bucuti's expanded wellness offerings also include **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.



In 2023, the wellness program added a new line of paid classes based on demand. The offerings span functional bodyweight movement, core strength, proper stretching, beach yoga, posture fix, mobility & fascia release, and the resort's signature aloe scrub experience.

Bucuti & Tara also offers an exclusive line of wellness packages to add-on to guests' stays. Whether coming to One Happy Island for a needed medical procedure, a doctor's appointment for aesthetic changes, investing in an executive physical or even for a self-care journey with resort wellness specialists, Bucuti & Tara is outfitted to meet these guests where they most need care.

## **SPA**

Bucuti's **Purun Spa** offers a range of therapeutic, rejuvenating treatments inspired by nature. Purun is an old Papiamentu 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 CENTRE**

Guests can enjoy a workout in Bucuti's spacious fitness centre 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.

Bucuti is home to a climate-forward line of eco-fitness bikes and treadmills. Powered by human endurance, these electricity-generating bikes allow guests to burn calories while simultaneously creating kilowatts that are sent directly to the resort's power grid.

## **POOL**

Bucuti's saltwater, 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:

- Guaranteed sunbeds and shade for every guest
- iPad tablet in each accommodation for use throughout stay
- 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.
- Seráfina Boutique – to include coral-reef friendly sunscreen, the only type allowed in Aruba
- 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

### **Caribbean's Safest, Healthiest Vacation**

Choosing to celebrate a honeymoon, anniversary, birthday or "just because" vacation at Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort includes enjoying the Caribbean's Healthiest, Safest Vacation Experience. As the Caribbean's most eco-certified resort, the health and wellbeing of both guests and staff has always been paramount and backed by evolving, detailed protocols.

Bucuti & Tara hosted ICU doctors and nurses who teamed up with the resort's leadership team in developing and implementing the most stringent hospital-grade, high-tech safety protocols. Without resorting to harmful, toxic chemicals, Bucuti & Tara employs a multistep cleaning and sanitizing system. For example, after using green cleaners in accommodations, they are then further sanitized with an ionizer and UVC germicidal lamp - the same types used in the world's highest rated hospital operating rooms.

Bucuti & Tara is among the initial recipients of the Aruba Health & Happiness Seal, promising guests the safest vacation. While hugs are now smiles, the warmth of Bucuti & Tara's proud Aruban staff continues to radiate.

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**BIOGRAPHY – EWALD BIEMANS** (*see full bio below*)



## **Ewald Biemans**

Founder & Owner

Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort, Aruba



### Biography

Ewald Biemans developed the Bucuti Beach Resort, which opened in October of 1987. He added a luxury wing to the resort called the Tara Beach Suites in March 2004. The resort enjoys year-round average occupancies of 97%+. The adults-only enclave is a setting of tranquility and laidback luxury with its three cornerstones being romance, wellness and sustainability. Through Biemans' leadership, Bucuti & Tara is Tripadvisor's No. 1 Hotel in the Caribbean and No. 5 Hotel in the World while also being the Caribbean's first and only carbon-neutral resort – a testament that memorable vacations and sustainability can be *mutually inclusive*.

Born in Austria, Biemans began his hospitality career with Hilton and Intercontinental in South America prior to earning his Bachelor of Science in International Business at Florida State University. Biemans moved to Aruba in the early 1970s, as one of the original nationalities of the more than 100 that make up the rich, diverse tapestry that is Aruba today. Biemans managed The Coral Strand Hotel, later to become the renowned Talk of the Town Restaurant and Resort. He subsequently co-owned and managed the Manchebo Beach Resort before developing Bucuti & Tara as the sole owner.

Biemans is highly involved in the tourism industry both locally and globally where his proven leadership and trailblazing sustainability solutions have both garnered the highest awards while prompting others to study his successes and implement his initiatives. He has taken on leadership roles to better the community whenever possible. He is a 40-year board member of the Caribbean Hotel & Tourism



Association. He actively encourages other hotels on-island to also take the initiative to protect Aruba's natural resources. Biemans is a long-serving board member of the Aruba Hotel and Tourism Association (AHATA). A forward thinker, he is constantly researching, embracing and welcoming new technologies to aid in implementing solutions. His contributions include serving as president of AHATA, founder of Aruba's SKAL Club chapter, creator and long-serving chair of the environmental committee for AHATA, and he is a co-founder and long-serving director of the board of the island's Arikok National Park. He also founded the resort's contribution to Aruba's pet overpopulation issue, the nonprofit Stimami Sterilisami (native Papiamentu: "Love me, Sterilize me"), which has majorly funded spay/neuter procedures for more than 41,000 local dogs and cats and created an island-wide mindset for responsible pet ownership. He co-founded Ban Lanta y Planta, the nonprofit organization that reforests Aruba including The Bucuti Tara - GMC Nature Preserve that the resort, Biemans and island friend Greta Marie Case donated and protected land for in 2022 for future generations. The preserve is reawakening fragile ecosystems, serves as a sanctuary for residents and visitors, and doubles as a carbon sink drawing down CO2 emissions for the atmosphere to help thwart climate change.

To help other island hotels and businesses have better access in a sustainable manner to eco-friendly supplies, Biemans founded and operates Tara Eco Supplies. This service helps streamline procurement and transportation to the island, lessening the carbon footprint, while providing planet-forward supplies.

Stewardship is deeply inherent to the company culture at Bucuti & Tara and it flows throughout the entire operation and staff both in their professional lives and in how they lead their personal lives. Under Biemans' direction and leadership, the staff prioritizes and invests in an extensive list of best practices in environmental sustainability, encompassing a wide range of local stewardship and environmental causes.

As an industry leader in eco-friendly practices, Bucuti & Tara holds the most eco-certifications in the Caribbean. Each provide the resort's sustainability framework and require rigorous annual renewal recertification processes:

- **Certified CarbonNeutral®** - Caribbean's First Certified CarbonNeutral® Resort; longest running since 2018
- **LEED Gold** - Highest ranking Caribbean resort for extensive retrofitting (v4.1)



- **Green Globe Platinum** - "World's Most Sustainable Hotel," holds highest scores including 100%
- **Travelife Gold** - for successfully managing environmental and social impacts

Biemans, a sought-after guest speaker on eco-tourism, has been honored on numerous occasions both locally and internationally for his environmental preservation work. At the United Nations' COP26 in 2021 where he was an honoree and presenter, he was also named the sole hotelier to be a launch signatory for the Glasgow Declaration for Climate Action in Tourism. He was honored for leading the only hotel in UN history to ever win a coveted Global UN Climate Action Award. In 2022 at the WTTC 2022 Global Summit in Manila, Biemans was an originator and served as a launch signatory for the new WTTC Hotel Sustainability Basics, or The Basics. In 2023, he received a personal invitation from the UNWTO to COP28 where as a launch signatory of the Glasgow Declaration for Climate Action in Tourism, he helped drive worldwide signatories by 90%. Under his leadership, accolades include:

#### Sustainability Awards:

- Aruba's AHATA Impact Award for Environmental Responsibility - 2025 (second time)
- Aruba's AHATA Impact Award for Championing Cultural Heritage - 2025
- CHTA CHIEF Award for People Development - 2024
- Green Globe - Only Hotel to achieve two perfect 100% scores for certification
- 2023 CHTA Hall of Fame Award for Sustainable Excellence - first inductee
- Aruba's AHATA Impact Award for Environmental Responsibility - 2023 (inaugural winner)
- National Energy Globe Winner - 2018-2020, 2022-2023
- World Travel Market – 2021 World Responsible Tourism Award
- Global Forum for Human Settlements – 2021 Sustainable Cities and Human Settlements Awards for Global Low-carbon Ecological Scenic Spot
- United Nations - Global UN 2020 Climate Action Award for Climate Neutral Now
- Travel + Leisure - 2020 Global Vision Award Winner; 2021 Selection Panel Member
- World Travel & Tourism Council – 2019 Tourism for Tomorrow Climate Action Award
- Certified CarbonNeutral® – Caribbean's first certified CarbonNeutral® Resort – annually since 2018





- Caribbean Hotel & Tourism Association - 2019 and 2023 CHIEF Hall of Fame Award for Best Practice for Environmental Sustainability
- Caribbean Hotel & Tourism Association – 2018 CHIEF Award for Social Responsibility for Spay and Neuter Program
- Caribbean Hotel & Tourism Association - 2017 CHIEF Award for Environmental Sustainability
- HSMAI/National Geographic Traveler – 2016 Gold Adrian Leader in Sustainability
- Green Globe Platinum – 2016 Most Sustainable Hotel in the World
- Green Hotelier – 2015 Award - Highly Commended in Americas
- Travel Weekly – 2015 Magellan Award Eco-Friendly Hotel
- Tripadvisor – GreenLeader Platinum 2015-2023
- Caribbean Travel Awards – 2014 Green Hotelier of the Year
- Green Globe – 2011 High Achievement Award
- Green Globe – 2009 Award for Superior Environmental Protection
- American Express - 2009 Green Award
- Caribbean Hotel & Tourism Association – 2009 Green Hotel of the Year
- International Hotel & Restaurant Association – 2009 Environmental Aware
- ISLANDS – 2009 Blue List - Environmentally Friendly and Sustainable Practices
- National Geographic Traveler – 2009 Stay List

Biemans' resort is the recipient of a multitude of quality awards including:

- Caribbean Hotel & Tourism Association - 2023 CHIEF Hall of Fame (first inductee)
- Caribbean Hotel & Tourism Association – 2022 CHIEF Award for Sales & Marketing
- Caribbean Media Exchange - 2023 CMEx Leadership Media Award
- Tripadvisor Travelers' Choice Awards – No. 1 Hotel in the Caribbean (2025)
- Tripadvisor Travelers' Choice Awards - No. 5 Hotel in the World (2025)
- Tripadvisor Travelers' Choice Awards - No. 2 Hotel in the World to Treat Yourself
- Tripadvisor Travelers' Choice Awards - No. 1 Fine Dining Restaurant in the Caribbean (2025)
- Tripadvisor Travelers' Choice Awards - No. 7 Restaurant for Date Night in the World (2025)
- Tripadvisor Travelers' Choice Awards – No. 3 Hotel in the Caribbean (2024)
- Tripadvisor Travelers' Choice Awards - Top 25 Hotels in the World (2024)



- Tripadvisor Travelers' Choice Awards – No. 1 Hotel for Romance – Caribbean (2015-2022)
- Tripadvisor Travelers' Choice Awards - Top 5 Hotels for Romance in the World (2016-2022)
- Tripadvisor Travelers' Choice Awards – No. 1 Hotel in the Caribbean (2020)
- Tripadvisor Travelers' Choice Awards – Top 10 Hotels for Best Service (2016-2022)
- Tripadvisor Travelers' Choice Awards – Top 25 for Date Night in the World (2021-2022)
- Tripadvisor Travelers' Choice Awards – No. 8 Hotel in the World (2016)
- Forbes Travel Guide Recommended (2024-2025)
- USA Today - 10Best in the Caribbean – No. 1 Caribbean Resort, No. 1 Caribbean Restaurant for Fine Dining (2020), Top 10 Best Caribbean Resort and Top 10 Best Caribbean Restaurant for Fine Dining (2017-2019, 2022-2024), Top 10 Best Adults-only Resorts in the World (2023)
- U.S. News and World Report – Gold Badge: No. 1 Best Hotel on Aruba, Top 25 Best in the Caribbean (2015-2024)
- Travel + Leisure - World's Best List: Top 25 Resorts in the Caribbean, T+L 500, Global Vision Award and Judges' Panel (annually through 2025)
- Condé Nast Traveler – Readers' Choice Award (2016-2025)
- USA Today - 10Best in the Caribbean – No. 1 Caribbean Resort, No. 1 Caribbean Restaurant for Fine Dining (2020), Top 10 Best Caribbean Resort and Top 10 Best Caribbean Restaurant for Fine Dining (2017-2019, 2022-2024), Top 10 Best Adults-only Resorts in the World (2023)
- TripSavvy – Best for Romance (2022)
- EcoWorlde - Top 9 Best Vegan Resorts in the Caribbean (2023)
- Wine Spectator – Award of Excellence (2019-2023)
- Caribbean Journal Invest – 2022 Sustainable Executive of the Year: Ewald Biemans
- Caribbean Journal – 2017 Hotelier of the Year: Ewald Biemans
- Forbes – No. 1 Adults Only Getaway: Finding Paradise
- World Travel Awards – 2015 Leading Hotel in Aruba
- Booking.com - Excellence Award Score 9.6 out of 10 (2015-2022)
- Orbitz Elite - 2015 "Best Stay" Award
- Hotels.com - 2015 Excellence Award (score 4.9/5)
- Condé Nast – 2013 Gold List "Best Places to Stay"
- Aruba Hotel & Tourism Association – 2009 Hotelier of the Year
- Caribbean Travel and Life - 2009 Reader's Award



- Caribbean Hotel & Tourism Association – 2002 CHTA Hotelier of the Year

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