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Border Reopens to Caribbean's Healthiest Vacation Experience *Step-by-step guide for returning to Aruba and its top resort*

EAGLE BEACH, Aruba – July 14, 2020 – [Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort's](#) island home of Aruba announced its borders are set to reopen. With [new island protocols](#), high-tech, hospital-grade resort safety protocols, extensive training and upgrades, the adult's only enclave is open and ready to provide the **Caribbean's healthiest and safest vacation.**

Aruba Border Now Open and New Arrival Protocols

Aruba is once again [welcoming guests](#) from the U.S., Europe, Canada and the Caribbean except Dominican Republic and Haiti. Arriving to the island now includes new safety requirements. The two-step process is designed to keep Aruba COVID-free.

- **Step 1: Pre-arrival to Aruba.** Complete mandatory online Embarkation – Disembarkation card. This includes self-health declaration questions; sign-up for COVID-19 insurance mandated by the Aruban government at \$15 per person, per day; and either a) [upload a negative COVID-19 PCR test](#) result taken within 72 hours prior to arrival (this is the only option for [select U.S. states](#)), which is the strongly recommended option *or* b) pay \$75 in advance for a COVID-19 PCR test administered at Aruba's airport upon arrival. Masks are mandatory for travel to the island.
- **Step 2: Upon arrival to Aruba.** Thermal camera screening and symptom questionnaire administered. If at-airport COVID-19 PCR test is selected (Step 1b.), it will be administered at this time and guests are to quarantine at their accommodations until results are ready within 6-24 hours.

For any reason should an island visitor arrive with symptoms or test positive for COVID-19 anytime during their visit, they will immediately be relocated to Aruba's dedicated hotel. Being a Dutch Island, Aruba is equipped with sophisticated healthcare facilities and healthcare professionals. Bucuti & Tara places full confidence in the island's healthcare offerings.

Bucuti & Tara: The Caribbean's Healthiest and Safest Vacation Experience

As the region's most-eco certified hotel, Bucuti has long had a heightened awareness for the health and safety of both guests and the planet. Its [new COVID-19 safety protocols](#) were developed within Center for Disease Control guidelines, World Health Organization recommendations and **in-person evaluations by practicing ICU (intensive care unit) doctors and nurses** who were hosted onsite this spring at Bucuti & Tara.



Bucuti's new safety protocols rise above the use of heavy, toxic chemical blasting that has become mainstream. In addition to HEPA air-cleaners and the fact that every guest room is negative air pressure, meaning air is never recirculated between guest rooms, the resort carefully researched and implemented a multistep sanitizing process. Electrostatic wands apply EPA- and LEED-approved safe disinfectants throughout the resort. The resort's significant investment in high-tech, hospital-grade technology ensures all accommodations are also treated prior to guests' arrival with a [AtmosAir Rainier Summit ionizer](#) treatment followed by a [Sanidyne® Premium UV](#) portable air and surface sanitizer treatment. The Sanidyne® Premium provides germicidal ultraviolet disinfection to purify the room air and exposed surfaces of an unoccupied area to eradicate infectious microorganisms such as bacteria, mold, and virus. This level of treatment is found in operating rooms, hospital rooms and laboratories.

With its new touch-free experience combined with the new hospital-grade, high-tech health safety protocols and Aruba's Health & Happiness Code seal, guests can confidently relax into vacation mode.

Study reveal travelers' new priorities

A newly released study by Magma Global Travel asked guests to rank what is most important to them as parts of the world continue opening back up to travel. The overarching reveal is that 86.3% want to know exactly "how the hotel cleans their rooms." The other top priority is 59.3% indicated a hotel's cancellation policy will strongly influence their travel decision. Bucuti shares these health priorities and has also implemented a flexible policy of [waiving all cancellation fees](#) through Dec. 22, 2020.

To learn more, visit [Bucuti.com](#).

About Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort

Declared the [first CarbonNeutral®/net zero hotel in the Caribbean](#) in August 2018, Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort is one of the Top 10 Hotels for Romance in the World, No. 1 Hotel in the Caribbean, No. 1 Hotel for Romance in the Caribbean (fourth straight year) and No. 1 Hotel for Service in the Caribbean. Aruba's premier adults-only boutique resort is led by celebrated hotelier and environmentalist, Ewald Biemans, named by Caribbean Journal as the 2017 Caribbean Hotelier of the Year. The resort is nestled on the powdery white sands of Eagle Beach, home to protected sea turtles and named one of the "Dream Beaches of the World."

Bucuti offers 104 well-appointed guestrooms, suites and penthouses; sunbeds and shade for every guest; freshwater infinity pool; spa; WiFi; and complimentary iPad with Skype for use during stay. Award-winning healthy dining is enjoyed at oceanfront Elements, Tara Lounge and private beach dining. Reserved exclusively for guests and their friends, the open-air SandBar on the beach offers top-shelf cocktails and live music daily along with the Caribbean's first Healthy Hour. The resort is TAG Approved® as a LGBTQ-friendly hotel. Bucuti, a worldwide sustainable tourism leader, holds eco-certifications of LEED Gold, Green Globe Platinum, ISO 14001 and Travelife Gold and was named the World's Most Sustainable Hotel/Resort in 2016 by Green Globe.

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