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Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort Embarks on Renovations for Enhanced Dining Experience at its Famous Elements Restaurant and Tara Lounge

EAGLE BEACH, Aruba – Sept. 17, 2024 – <u>Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort</u> is embarking on a dynamic dining transformation, featuring both interior and exterior renovations along with refreshed, planet-forward menus designed to delight the senses and enhance the guest experience. The transformation kicks off with renovations at the resort's Tara Lounge, home to its renowned Sunday brunch, which will be completed by October 15th, 2024. Following this, the beachfront Elements Restaurant—famous for its "View to Dine For" and recognized as one of TripAdvisor's Top Date Night Spots in the World—will undergo its own transformation from October 15th to December 15th, 2024. During this time, Tara Lounge will temporarily serve as the dining venue for Elements, ensuring a seamless experience for our guests. Both venues will not close simultaneously, and we look forward to unveiling these upgraded, upscale spaces just in time for the holiday season.

An artisan approach befitting this one-of-a-kind resort

Ranked as <u>Tripadvisor's No. 21 Best Hotel in the World</u>, Bucuti & Tara continues its dedication to providing world-class experiences, partnering with like-minded vendors and suppliers who share its commitment to excellence and sustainability.

The resort's <u>award-winning Elements Restaurant</u> and Tara Lounge are undergoing a design renewal in collaboration with the Netherlands-based interior architecture firm <u>FG Stijl</u>. Known for crafting luxurious, bespoke interiors in boutique hotels around the world, FG Stijl's founder Colin Finnegan brings his signature blend of elegance and functionality to Bucuti & Tara. Every detail is designed with care, incorporating custom-made furniture and artisanal craftsmanship to create spaces that feel both unique and timeless.

Bucuti & Tara community-first approach and commitment to supporting the local economy sees it exclusively employing Aruba-based construction vendors and tradespeople for the renovation projects. A firm follower of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals, Bucuti & Tara's proud investment in the local workforce exemplifies SDG 8: Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all.

A View to Dine For: A new look for laidback luxury

In a world where time and space are the new luxuries, comfort reigns. Functional, yet captivating, the renovations will create spaces where guests feel welcomed as close friends, where they can relax in the present and savor their meals as much as their conversations. Each of the materials, textures and colors draw on Aruba's rich history and its very nature that Bucuti & Tara works tirelessly to protect.

The Tara Lounge, adorned with a palette of soft whites, creams, and dark wood tones, will feature a vaulted ceiling that allows sunlight to pour in. Thickly webbed chairs and plush cushions invite guests to

relax and linger in comfort.



Elements Restaurant will feature a new live-cooking buffet placing guests in the heart of the culinary experience. The restaurant will be rejuvenated with a refined color scheme of rich browns, soft neutrals and delicate touches of lush color, all enhanced by subtle, ambient lighting. Guests can enjoy a mix of cushioned settees and webbed chairs, set against the backdrop of the restaurant's expansive deck that overlooks the resort's masterpiece - its prized stretch along iconic Eagle Beach with its white sands and turquoise waters.





As the Caribbean's most eco-certified property and <u>the region's only carbon-neutral hotel</u>, Bucuti & Tara is committed to sustainability. All materials used in the renovations align with globally recognized LEED standards, ensuring that environmental impact remains at the forefront of this project.

Elevated surroundings complemented by new dining experiences

Accompanying the new look and feel of Bucuti & Tara's dining spaces will be refreshed culinary offerings. The resort's culinary team will debut new menus that will continue its pioneering commitment of offering planet-forward, sustainable dishes. Guests can select from nutritious options and plant-based dishes, with new offerings such as açaí bowls, watermelon bruschetta and beetroot hummus with vegetarian falafel.

The new culinary creations will feature close partnerships with local producers, fostering continued growth and support for the local community. Examples include vegan based ice cream cocktails, locally-grown microgreens, fresh handmade pasta and sustainably sourced protein.

This invigorating new chapter at Bucuti & Tara promises to provide an unmatched sensory experience where design, cuisine, and sustainability meet.

To learn more, visit <u>Bucuti.com</u>.

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About Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort

Declared the first certified CarbonNeutral[®] hotel in the Caribbean in 2018, Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort is the No. 3 Hotel in the Caribbean and No. 21 Hotel in the World according to Tripadvisor. Aruba's premier adults-only boutique resort is led by celebrated hotelier and environmentalist, Ewald Biemans, who holds many accolades including multiple Hotelier of the Year awards. 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."

Home to the Caribbean's Safest, Healthiest Vacation Experience and Aruba's Health & Happiness Code

seal, Bucuti has 104 well-appointed guest rooms, suites and penthouses. It offers sunbeds and shade for every guest; freshwater infinity pool; spa; WiFi; and complimentary iPad 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 offers top-shelf cocktails and live music daily along with the Caribbean's first Healthy Hour. The resort is IGLTA and TAG Approved[®] as an LGBTQ-friendly hotel. Bucuti & Tara, a worldwide sustainable tourism leader, holds eco-certifications of CarbonNeutral[®], LEED Gold, Green Globe Platinum and Travelife Gold and was named the World's Most Sustainable Hotel/Resort in 2016 by Green Globe. The resort exemplifies an all-embracing commitment to the <u>United Nations Sustainable Development Goals</u> and the United Nations deemed Bucuti & Tara's sustainability program "highly replicable and scalable" for hotels worldwide to emulate.

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