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# Love Served Daily as Tripadvisor Ranks Elements Restaurant No. 1 Fine Dining Restaurant in the Caribbean, No. 7 Best Date Night Spot in the World

EAGLE BEACH, Aruba – Sept. 30, 2025— A season of global recognition continues to reign for <u>Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort.</u> <u>Aruba</u>, as Tripadvisor just named the resort's flagship <u>Elements Restaurant as No. 1 Fine Dining Restaurant in the Caribbean</u> and <u>No. 7 Best Date Night Spot in the World</u>. This year, the powerhouse hospitality professionals of Bucuti & Tara find themselves in the midst of something extraordinary with an era marked by worldwide honor, heartfelt gratitude, and a continued journey of delivering the world's most heralded vacation and culinary moments.

# **Showcasing the World's Top Dining Venues**

Tripadvisor describes its Best of the Best in Fine Dining as an honor reserved for "the world's most exceptional restaurants where culinary mastery and unforgettable experiences define every meal," a distinction now proudly held by <u>Elements</u>. The adults-only, intimate venue placed among the Top 1% of Restaurants Worldwide in Tripadvisor's 2025 Travelers' Choice Best of the Best Awards. Out of more than 8 million listings, fewer than 1% reach this level, making the recognition especially meaningful.

# The Caribbean's Fine Dining Experience Where Romance Meets Sophisticated Sustainability

For Bucuti & Tara and Elements, these honors are far more than titles. They are a reflection of the treasured moments shared between guests and Elements' passionate culinary team, set against the breathtaking backdrop of Eagle Beach. Here, love stories unfold day and night under Aruba's brilliant sun giving way to a celestial night sky.

Going into 2025, guests began to experience the <u>reimagining of Elements</u>. The famous, romantic beachfront restaurant was refreshed by globally lauded interior design firm FG Stijl, whose reawakening plans were brought to life by Aruba's tradespeople. Guests continue to select from outdoor seating, Romantic Beach Dining in private cabanas, or indoor dining where floor-to-ceiling windows transport





#### **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 Aruba's nature inside for the multisensory experience. The vegan, vegetarian, gluten-free and world cuisine menus were also reimagined, now Mediterranean style with Caribbean flair. Elements continues to transcend boundaries, combining a highly romantic experience with farm-to-future dishes prepared in its fossil fuel-free kitchen.

For <u>Nicolas Nemalceff</u>, Director of Food & Beverage, the essence of Elements is found in the union of culinary artistry and genuine hospitality. "Dining at Elements is a journey of flavors that excites the palate and encourages exploration, while also feeling warmly familiar. Our servers are trained in the kitchen, where they taste each dish, study every ingredient and understand the methods of preparation. With this knowledge, they confidently share the story of every creation, guiding guests through an experience that is as personal as it is delicious. Surrounded by one of the world's most pristine beach settings, each meal becomes more than fine dining, rather it becomes a cherished moment etched into a guest's memory for a lifetime."

# A Legacy of Romance and Recognition

At the heart of this achievement is Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort itself, <u>Tripadvisor's No. 1 Hotel in the Caribbean</u>, <u>No. 5 Hotel in the World</u>, <u>and No. 2 Hotel to Treat Yourself in the World</u> for 2025. These honors reaffirm what guests already know: Bucuti & Tara is a serene sanctuary of romance, wellness and sustainability.

Nestled on Eagle Beach, guests of the adults-only resort relax and renew themselves on Tripadvisor's No. 1 Beach in the Caribbean and among No. 3 Beach in the World. Eagle Beach continues to captivate travelers with its pristine beauty, soft white sands and turquoise waters. Together, the resort, restaurant and beach create a setting unlike any other in the world.

# **Redefining Caribbean Destination Dining with New Restaurant in 2025**

In celebration of its ongoing milestones, Bucuti & Tara is setting the stage for an extraordinary new chapter in Caribbean destination dining. This October, the resort will unveil <u>Terra by Jeremy Ford</u>, an intimate new restaurant that blends culinary innovation with local soul. Helmed by Michelin-starred Chef Jeremy Ford, who holds both a <u>Michelin Star for excellence and a prestigious Michelin Green Star</u> for sustainability at his acclaimed Miami restaurant Stubborn Seed, Terra promises to deliver an unforgettable dining experience that stirs the heart and satisfies the most discerning palate.

Building on Ford's Michelin mastery and his commitment to sustainable gastronomy, Terra will offer a thoughtfully curated, island-inspired journey. Guests will enjoy refined dishes crafted in collaboration with Aruba's farmers, fishermen, and local culinary artisans, bringing together global technique and local flavor in perfect harmony. With Terra, Bucuti & Tara continues to elevate its legacy as a leader in sustainable luxury hospitality, offering travelers not just a meal, but a meaningful connection to the people, place, and planet of Aruba.

#### **Gratitude and a Promise**

"These Tripadvisor Best of the Best recognitions are affirmations of everything we believe in and strive to provide every Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort guest and diner at Elements Restaurant," says Rik van der Berg, General Manager. "They reflect the passion of our team, the loyalty of our guests and the beauty of Aruba. We are deeply grateful, and we promise to continue growing, innovating and serving with heart."

"To our cherished guests, thank you for entrusting Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort and Elements with your milestone moments, and for generously sharing your experiences on Tripadvisor, guiding discerning travelers to discover us. To our devoted Bucuti Associates and trusted partners, your dedication and heart are woven into every guest journey and every honor we receive. These recognitions inspire us to reach even higher, and the most exciting moments are still ahead," Crescenzia Biemans, Managing Director.

Learn more by visiting <u>Bucuti.com</u> and <u>ElementsAruba.com</u>.

#### **IMAGES & VIDEOS**

Tripadvisor Awards image with both resort and dining awards located in <u>this Dropbox folder</u>. Resort and dining images are in <u>this private media gallery</u>.

## About Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort

Declared the first certified CarbonNeutral® hotel in the Caribbean in 2018, Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort is the No. 5 Hotel in the World and No. 1 Best Hotel in the Caribbean 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, a freshwater infinity pool, a spa, WiFi, and a complimentary tablet for use during the 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, live music daily, and 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 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, and the United Nations deemed Bucuti & Tara's sustainability program "highly replicable and scalable" for hotels worldwide to emulate.