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Bucuti & Tara Earns Gold Badge as Aruba's No. 1 Hotel and Highest Guest Rating on Booking.com

EAGLE BEACH, Aruba – Feb. 10, 2026 — In a season of global competition and excellence, [Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort](#) is grateful and humbled to bring home a Gold Badge recognition from U.S. News & World Report as the No. 1 Hotel in Aruba and the island's top-ranked property on its [Best Hotels of the Caribbean 2026](#) list. The resort's multi-year streak of excellence continues with Booking.com's newly released annual awards, where Bucuti & Tara earned an exceptional 9.7 guest rating, placing it among the highest-rated resorts in the world.

No. 1 in Aruba and Aruba's Top Resort in the Caribbean

Earning the Gold Badge as the No. 1 spot in Aruba and ranking as the top-performing Aruba resort on U.S. News' Best Hotels of the Caribbean 2026 list reinforces what guests have said for years: that Bucuti & Tara is stunningly beautiful and consistently delivers at the highest level. Travelers choose Bucuti & Tara for its adults-only tranquility, prime Eagle Beach location, personalized service, and tranquil, laidback luxury.

"The hotels highlighted in [U.S. News' 2026 Best Hotels](#) rankings set the standard for top-tier customer service, stellar amenities and truly memorable guest experiences," says Zach Watson, senior data editor, travel at U.S. News. "Recognition in this year's rankings sets hotels and resorts apart as the industry's best, and each list provides a central starting point for travelers seeking the best options for them."

For discerning travelers, U.S. News & World Report's Best Hotels rankings have become a trusted benchmark because they combine what matters most in luxury travel today: consistent expert recognition and verified guest experience. Hotels are evaluated using a methodology that weighs industry awards, professional travel expertise, and guest reviews, ensuring the final rankings reflect both critical acclaim and real-world satisfaction.

"Our guests share their most precious moments with us, whether it's a honeymoon, an anniversary, or simply a celebration of love," says Crescenzia Biemans, Managing

Director of Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort. "As a local, family-owned and independently operated resort, we are honored and humbled that their reviews on U.S. News and Booking.com have brought this recognition to our team and to Aruba. These distinctions reflect our commitment to creating unforgettable experiences while giving back to the island and community we are privileged to serve."

Booking.com Annual Awards, 9.7 Rating

Booking.com's newly released annual awards also recognized Bucuti & Tara with an exceptional 9.7 guest rating, the highest guest score of any hotel or resort in Aruba. Guest reviews placed the property in Booking.com's elite "Exceptional" category (9.5+), a distinction reserved for the top-tier resorts worldwide based on traveler feedback. Guests most often praise the warm, attentive staff, immaculate comfort, and the resort's romantic, restorative atmosphere, which make honeymoons and milestone trips unforgettable.

Why Guests Say Bucuti & Tara Is One of the World's Best Resorts

Beyond the awards, guests return because Bucuti & Tara delivers a romantic setting that feels effortless and personal, a particular favorite for newlyweds seeking one of the world's best honeymoon resorts after all that goes into a wedding. Couples most often cite the calm adults-only setting, attentive service that never overwhelms, and the rare ability to truly disconnect in comfort and privacy. Bucuti & Tara is proud to offer such recognition as a trusted signal for couples who are seeking the best.

Learn more by visiting Bucuti.com.

IMAGES & VIDEOS

Award images are located in [this Dropbox folder](#).

Resort images are in [this private media gallery](#).

About Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort

Recognized as the Caribbean's first and only certified CarbonNeutral® hotel since 2018, Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort is celebrated globally as the No. 5 Hotel in the World and No. 1 Hotel in the Caribbean, according to Tripadvisor. Aruba's premier adults-only, laidback luxury resort, Bucuti & Tara is the vision of award-winning hotelier and environmentalist Ewald Biemans, honored with multiple Hotelier of the Year accolades for his hospitality excellence and pioneering sustainability leadership.

Nestled along the pristine white sands of Eagle Beach, protected nesting ground for sea turtles and named one of the "Dream Beaches of the World," Bucuti & Tara offers 104 elegant rooms, suites and penthouses. Guests enjoy guaranteed sunbeds, a freshwater infinity pool, indulgent spa treatments, and "no surprise rates" including accommodations, all taxes and fees, full daily breakfast, WiFi and in-room tablet, EV chargers, parking and local calls.

At the heart of the resort's culinary experience is [Elements](#), an award-winning

oceanfront restaurant serving healthy, locally inspired cuisine. Guests can also enjoy Tara Lounge, private romantic beach dining, and as of Oct. 2025, the highly anticipated [Terra by Jeremy Ford](#). Helmed by the visionary chef leading Miami's Michelin Star and Michelin Green Star Stubborn Seed, Ford brings his signature artistry and sustainability ethos to Aruba, crafting a menu that honors Aruban ingredients, fishermen, and farmers while blending bold, innovative flavors with refined presentation.

Proudly LGBTQ+ friendly, Bucuti & Tara proudly holds IGLTA and TAG Approved® status. The resort's deep commitment to sustainable luxury has earned prestigious certifications including CarbonNeutral®, LEED Gold, Green Globe Platinum and Travelife Gold. Named the World's Most Sustainable Hotel/Resort by Green Globe in 2016, Bucuti & Tara's comprehensive sustainability program was praised by the United Nations as "highly replicable and scalable" for hotels worldwide, all aligning seamlessly with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

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