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Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort Welcomes 2026 with a Spectacular Drone Show Over Eagle Beach

Second-year celebration replaces fireworks with a quieter, cleaner tribute to Aruba's culture, skies, ocean, wildlife and community

EAGLE BEACH, Aruba – Jan. 1, 2026 – Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort, Aruba, the Caribbean's first and only certified carbon-neutral hotel, welcomed 2026 with a spectacular New Year's Eve celebratory drone show above its iconic stretch of Eagle Beach, marking the second consecutive year the resort has chosen a cleaner, quieter and more responsible alternative to traditional fireworks.

In partnership with Drone Shows Aruba, Bucuti & Tara invited guests and the local community to experience a breathtaking midnight performance that transformed the sky into a canvas of color, movement and storytelling, proving once again that celebration does not need to come at the expense of the planet.



As the countdown reached zero, hundreds gathered along the shoreline, captivated by animated imagery celebrating renewal, love, and togetherness. The show culminated in a radiant aerial finale that marked the start of the new year with wonder, gratitude, and hope.

"New Year's is a time to reflect on all we've shared and all we dream for the year ahead," says Crescenzia Biemans, Managing Director of Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort. "And it's also a time to ask ourselves: What kind of future are we celebrating, and how do we protect it? We're proud to make this drone show an annual tradition, because honoring Aruba's skies, ocean, wildlife, pets, and people means finding new ways to celebrate that respect both our culture and our collective well-being. Progress

does not diminish tradition; it allows it to endure and evolve responsibly."

A Midnight Celebration in Sync with the Spirit of Aruba

Designed as a dynamic, choreographed experience, the New Year's Eve drone show captivated viewers with synchronized patterns of light and motion above Bucuti & Tara's expansive beach, one of the "Dream Beaches of the World."

The sky transformed into a luminous celebration featuring animated holiday and New Year imagery, including stars, shimmering bursts, champagne flutes, celebratory symbols and 2026 appearing in lights above the glistening sea. Guests and locals enjoyed the show from across the shoreline, beachfront lounges, balconies and while dining at the resort's [award-winning Elements Restaurant](#) during its special New Year's Eve dinner or concluding the newest culinary experience at the new [Terra by Jeremy Ford](#).

For Bucuti & Tara, the evening was more than entertainment; it was a shared community moment bringing people together with warmth, pride, and purpose.

A Celebration Designed with Care for Aruba

Fireworks have long been part of New Year's traditions, but around the world, and here in Aruba, there is increasing awareness that the environmental impacts can no longer be ignored. Fireworks contribute to air pollution, ocean debris, and noise pollution that can distress wildlife, pets, children, and the elderly while leaving behind waste that does not belong in Aruba's pristine natural environment.

For the second straight year, Bucuti & Tara chose a drone show to preserve the magic of midnight while stepping away from the smoke, fallout, and trauma often associated with fireworks.

Drone shows create no explosive chemicals or smoke and are significantly quieter than fireworks. They also generate minimal waste, since the technology is reusable and the drones return to base after the performance. Over time, this reusability can also make drone shows more cost-effective, adding to their long-term value as a modern and responsible celebration.

For Bucuti & Tara, this decision is a natural extension of the resort's long-standing sustainability focus and its action-backed promise to protect Aruba for generations to come, including initiatives like The [Bucuti Tara - GMC Nature Preserve](#) and its spay/neuter nonprofit [Stimami Sterilisami](#).

The approach also supports several [United Nations Sustainable Development Goals](#) that align with Bucuti & Tara's 400+ action points, a global sustainability standard recognized by the United Nations as "highly replicable and scalable" for hotels worldwide. These include SDG 12 Responsible Consumption and Production, SDG 13 Climate Action, SDG 14 Life Below Water, SDG 15 Life on Land, and SDG 11

Sustainable Cities and Communities.

A Tradition Reimagined for Aruba and the Future

Bucuti & Tara's New Year's Eve drone show was a heartfelt gift to guests and locals alike, and a bold reminder that celebration can evolve. The resort looks forward to continuing this annual tradition in partnership with innovators like Drone Shows Aruba, creating unforgettable moments that honor what makes Aruba so special: its people, its beauty, its flora and fauna, and the shared responsibility to protect it.

Learn more by visiting Bucuti.com.

IMAGES & VIDEOS

Images from the [New Year's Holiday Drone Show](#) are located here.

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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