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Aruba: Bucuti & Tara Beach Resorts Introduces Eco-Chic Weddings

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Aruba's Bucuti & Tara Beach Resorts has launched a new Eco-Chic Aruba Wedding Experience for couples looking to go green on their big day. Committed to sustainable tourism for over 25 years, Bucuti has incorporated environmentally friendly and locally influenced elements into its Eco-Chic Aruba Wedding Experience including: A location on one of the "Dream Beaches of the World" with spectacular scenery, reducing the need for air conditioning and lighting; A ceremony and reception at the same location, or within close proximity to limit travel impact and expenses. If the distance between venues is too great to walk, earth-friendly options can be arranged. A horse-drawn carriage is efficient, romantic and it doesn't burn gas. Group transportation can also be arranged; Locally inspired décor including centerpieces made from recycled wine bottles and indigenous flowers or cacti in terra cotta pots; Do it yourself (DIY) indigenous favors such as handmade boxes tied with palm leaves; Reception menus including locally grown and organically prepared food; authentic local dishes can also be incorporated; Authentic Aruban entertainment such as a renowned steel pan player, Aruban waltz dancers and a crank-operated Kah'I Orgel or a Tingilingi Box piano; Traditional Aruban wedding favors like the "Bolo Preto" or "Black Cake," similar to a groom's fruitcake; Programs and place cards printed on recycled paper using nontoxic ink; Palm leaf confetti instead of rice, which can be harmful to wildlife.

Bucuti has many water and energy-saving practices in place, sponsors several local environmental groups and has been certified Green Globe 21 since 2000 and ISO 14001 since 2003. For more information on the Eco-Chic Aruba Wedding Experience, couples can contact Bucuti's wedding coordinator Nashette Wouters. Trained by the Association of Certified Professional Wedding Consultants, Nashette holds one of the highest distinctions in the industry as a Beverly Clark Certified Wedding Professional. Weddings start at \$920.

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