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# Bucuti News

Fall 2020

Good news is appreciated more than ever in our rapidly changing and often challenging existence and we've got plenty to share in this fall newsletter.

Our biggest news came this week when we were honored by the United Nations with the prestigious **Global United Nations 2020 Climate Action Award** for **Climate Neutral Now**. For the first time in the award's history, a hotel is a winner. Past recipients include global giants and household names such as Apple and Infosys.

Sustainability is our priority because protecting our natural environment and all of its beauty, ensures a safe and healthy stay for our guests and our associates now and for generations to come.

We celebrate health, safety and sustainability in this issue with our unique new wellness offerings, the extraordinary and diverse bird life in Aruba, and exciting new vegan menu offerings at Elements.

Finally we will update on our health and safety protocols and inform what our guests think about their safety they arrive daily.  
We hope you will enjoy our Bucuti News.

*- Ewald Biemans  
peace, love & happiness, naturally*

Link: <https://unfccc.int/climate-action/momentum-for-change/climate-neutral-now/bucuti-and-tara-beach-resort>

# Curated Wellness



Founded on the cornerstones of romance, health and sustainability, our wellness program is a comprehensive lifestyle experience.

In addition to our free Yoga, Tai Chi, Pilates, Strength Training and Healthy cooking course activities, our wellness concierge team arranges tailor-made offerings to support individual wellness goals in four areas – nutrition, fitness, mental wellbeing and mindfulness. In addition to our onsite wellness specialists, we now connect guests with every top certified wellness professional on island.

This elevated experience means if guests want a private, oceanside enlightenment session with top yogi Shanti or lessons with 15-time World Champion windsurfer Sarah-Quita, our wellness concierge can easily make arrangements.

Link: <https://www.bucuti.com/wellness>

# Aruba, a Birdwatcher's Paradise

Shakespeare told us: "*The Earth has Music for those who listen...*" and he was celebrating birds. Did you know that Aruba has cataloged over 280 bird species?

With great excitement, we announce that we've teamed with the island's leading seasoned birder and award-winning nature photographer, Michiel Oversteegen, to offer his extraordinary Aruba Birdwatching & Nature Tour. Birders worldwide travel to Aruba specifically to have Oversteegen guide their birding. His professional photography work and vast Aruba birding and nature knowledge appears in National Geographic, major dailies including the Daily Mail, global scientific repositories including The Macaulay Library and eBird, and in site and field guide "Birds of Aruba, Bonaire, and Curacao" by Jeffrey and Alison Wells.

Guests can work with their personal Bucuti & Tara concierge to book the Aruba Birdwatching & Nature Tour with Michiel Oversteegen. All tours are private and tailored to participants' preferences whether they are casual observers or highly skilled birding veterans. Each tour includes transportation, five to six hours of private touring at your preferred pace, with visits to multiple serene nature areas.



Link: <https://www.bucuti.com/gallery/birdlife>

# Gourmet Vegan Menu Additions



The Caribbean's healthiest, safest and *fastiest* vacation

After a 92% increase in vegan dining at the resort from 2018 to 2019, Chef Marc Giesbers knew he and the culinary team were connecting with the quickly growing plant-based dining market.

While evolving Elements international steak and seafood menu, he also dedicated his experience and creative energies to develop world-class gourmet vegan additions to the vegetarian and vegan menu as well.

From dedicated vegans to guests who occasionally seek a healthy, flavorful alternative, the extensive vegan menu weaves in flavors of the world. From the likes of classic comfort foods given a modern twist to a zesty nod to Latin favorites and Far East staples, the team relishes relationships with local farmers and procures as much on island such as its microgreens and native fruits and vegetables.

Link: <https://www.elementsaruba.com/menu>

# A Word from our Guests

Reviews from new and repeat guests who stayed with us last week:



**Debbie** wrote a review Oct 2020

9 contributions • 1 helpful vote



## Honeymoon we will never forget

“I can’t say enough about this resort. The food. The cleanliness and the friendliness!!!! The beaches were amazing. Everything was a dream. I’ve never had a better experience in my life and we fully intend on coming back year after year. Thank you !!!!”

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**Date of stay:** October 2020

●●●●● Value  
●●●●● Location  
●●●●● Service

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●●●●● Cleanliness  
●●●●● Sleep Quality



twcrea wrote a review Oct 2020

New Jersey • 3,032 contributions • 25 helpful votes



### Bucuti, about as good as it gets!

“While it was not our usual trip to Aruba, it was well worth the hassle. Bucuti did not disappoint in any way. The place was spotless as usual, and they sanitized everything. We had to cancel our April trip and rebooked for Sept/Oct, and we are glad we did. While talking it over at home, we figured if anyone would go the extra mile and do what is necessary to keep people safe, it would be Mr Biemens & the Bucuti staff! Thanks to Angela, Madeline, Mayra, Francisco, Stefano & Simone in concierge for helping with our dinner reservations and all the changes. Always smiling behind those masks!! It was great to start the day at breakfast every morning with Nakarid, Juan, Vincent & Manuel. Then off to the towel hut to see either Beverly or Anchie, just a great way to start each day. The bar staff is always on top of their game, Juan Carlos, Aldrick, Robert, Greg, Carlos & Karen. And if anything is needed on the beach, Orville is always there to help. A huge thank you to the housekeeping staff for keeping everything spotless and sanitized. Now here is where they really go the extra mile, on our first afternoon lunch at Elements, Marc, who runs Elements came over to our table to chat, and my wife mentioned that she missed having oatmeal on the breakfast menu and Marc said, give me a day or so I will have it for you. We also mentioned that we were disappointed that Chalet Suisse was not open as we love to go there for Beef Stroganoff. So, the next morning we sat down for breakfast and they had oatmeal for my wife! Also, Marc came over to our table and asked what day we would like beef stroganoff and he would make it for us. We didn’t want him to go to all the trouble, but he said, “this is what sets us apart, it’s what we do”. His wife Pauleti who helps run Elements as well was just a delight every day as we had friends joining us for a few days and she always made sure there was a table for four. This was our 17th stay at Bucuti and we are looking forward to next April and hoping things will be a little better for all. At no time did we ever feel compromised in any way, we always felt safe. Thank You Bucuti!!”

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## COVID-19 Protocols

Our heavily tested, trained and practiced COVID-19 protocols have been adopted as the gold standard on the island by the Aruban Government.

If you have any questions about our protocol, do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Link: <https://www.bucuti.com/covid-19>

## Awards and Accolades

- **Condé Nast Traveller** announced Bucuti & Tara as one of the top 20 Caribbean Resorts in October.
- **AAA Best of Housekeeping Award.** The only hotel in Aruba to achieve this since the award was created, and one of the very few in the Caribbean.
- **Green Globe** awarded Bucuti & Tara a **perfect 100% score** on their 2020 certification - the world's first ever perfect score!

Link: <https://www.bucuti.com/news/awards>



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