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BUCUTI BEACH RESORT FEATURING TARA BEACH SUITES & SPA

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DESCRIPTION	Aruba's most environmentally friendly boutique resort for couples, the 104-room Bucuti Beach Resort featuring Tara Beach Suites & Spa is situated on 14 palm-studded acres along Eagle Beach. Nestled on the widest, most secluded section of beach in the low-rise district, this European-inspired resort is designed to provide couples with an unrivaled tranquil and romantic atmosphere.
LOCATION	Centered between the airport and the high-rise district on Palm Beach, Bucuti is located near all major attractions. World-class shopping is available in nearby Oranjestad, a variety of restaurants are located within walking distance and the Divi Links nine-hole golf course is within walking distance. A championship golf course is situated eight miles north of the resort.
ENVIRONMENT	Bucuti has been a leader in promoting sustainable tourism in the Caribbean for more than 30 years. In addition to incorporating the highest level of eco-friendly practices into Bucuti's daily operations, founder and owner Ewald Biemans spearheads a number of widely-recognized environmental initiatives and is committed to educating guests and the local community on the importance of conservation. Bucuti was the first Caribbean resort to become ISO 14001 certified and the first in Aruba to become Green Globe 21 certified.
BUSINESS CENTER	The business center is open 24 hours a day and offers four computers with free broadband Internet access.
CONCIERGE	Bucuti's expert concierge team is available to provide information and recommendations on excursions to guests so they can experience the island and its unique Dutch culture during their stay. Island tours, hiking,



snorkeling, scuba diving and other activities can be arranged at Bucuti's concierge desk.

ACCOMMODATIONS

The Bucuti Wing has 64 rooms including 48 superior guest rooms, 11 deluxe guest rooms, three bungalows and two junior suites. The five-story **Tara Beach Wing**, completed in 2004, features 36 oceanview suites, four penthouse rooms and one deluxe room. All rooms and suites feature a sophisticated, award-winning interior design by NCQ Design.

All rooms and suites have a microwave, mini bar, in-room safe, hair dryer, iron and ironing board, large balcony or terrace, cable television, WiFi and hardwired Internet access, locally made Aruba Aloe toiletries, coffee maker, air conditioning, ceiling fan, direct dial phones and king or queen sized beds complete with Divine Dreams® pillow top mattresses.

DINING

The open-air Pirates' Nest Restaurant offers fine cuisine and service under the stars. Guests can dine on the tranquil outdoor deck or enjoy a special menu for two under a palapa on the sand. The Pirates' Nest has an expansive dinner menu featuring fresh seafood, prime steaks and island specialties like Keshi Yena. After dinner, the modern outdoor lounge area is a relaxing spot to enjoy a drink and stargaze.

The Pirates' Nest also serves a casual lunch menu. A complimentary American buffet breakfast is served daily on the deck at the Pirates' Nest and in the air-conditioned Tara Suites lounge.

For an added taste of Aruba, guests can participate in a Dine Around program for \$38 per person, per dinner. Eighteen nearby restaurants have special three-course menus as part of the Dine Around, including the Pirates' Nest.

SPA

The Intermezzo Spa operates within Tara Beach Suites and offers a full range of treatments. Beach lovers can indulge in spa treatments in an open-air palapa with soothing views and lulling sounds of the ocean.

ACTIVITIES

Aruba Nature Sensitive Hikers – Aruba local, Eddy Croes, leads guests on an educational tour of the island focusing on its natural wonders, many untouched by development. The half-day tours explore sand dunes, caves, gold mines and the Arikok National Park.

EL Tours Safari Jeep Adventure – Guests can learn about Aruba during a half or full-day guided island tour including transfers, sodas, snorkeling equipment and lunch (full day only.)

Red Sail Snorkel Excursion – This four-hour trip has three snorkel stops including the Antilla shipwreck, the Arashi reef and the Malmok shallow reef. Guests are provided with lunch, snacks, snorkeling equipment and open bar.

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BUCUTI'S GREEN INITIATIVES AND ACCOLADES

Operational Initiatives:

- All rooms and suites at Bucuti are equipped with separate waste bins for recycling, energy-saving lamps, in-room light sensors and water saving toilets, showerheads and taps. Other room features include solar heated water, air-conditioning sensors and bulk dispensers for shampoo, conditioner and lotion.
- All water used in showers, sinks and baths is collected in the grey water recycling system, irradiated by powerful ultra violet lamps to eliminate bacteria and then re-used to irrigate the grounds.
- In the guests rooms, automatic air-conditioner sensors shutoff when doors are open longer than 40 seconds to save energy. To freshen the air, ozone machines rather than aerosol air fresheners are used.
- Each room in the Tara Wing has a sofa made out of recycled materials.
- Wastewater from the toilets flows to the government treatment plant for re-use by businesses and the two golf courses on the island. To prevent Legionnaires disease, stagnant water is flushed and UV lights are used to purify the water.
- The maintenance department, the backbone of Bucuti's green practices, has an incentive program based on conservation. Associates who find new ways to save resources receive a portion of the money saved as an end-of-year bonus. The rest of the funds saved goes toward sponsorship of local environmental causes.
- The housekeeping department uses environmentally-friendly, vinegar-based cleaning products throughout the resort.
- The food and beverage department employs HACCP food safety procedures to prevent Legionnaires disease
- Disposable utensils are not used at the restaurant and a water cooler and reusable plastic cups are available for guests at the bar area. Straws are only given upon request. Only locally bottled water and locally brewed beer is available for purchase.
- In the laundry room, solar-heated water is used along with environmentally friendly laundry detergents.
- For many years, Bucuti has used vegetable oil to manufacture soap and, since 2008, has used it to produce diesel fuel.



Local preservation:

- Bucuti is frequently used as a case study for other Caribbean resorts wanting to go green. Environmental tours of Bucuti are also frequently given to staff from other Aruba resorts as well as hospitality students from the local university. Resort founder and CEO Ewald Beimans regularly speaks around the world about Bucuti's green program.
- CEO Ewald Biemans not only engages his Green Team staff but also his guests who are encouraged to participate in beach cleanups, focus groups and recycling contests.
- Bucuti is a major sponsor of Turtugaruba Aruba's, Sea Turtle Foundation, as well as Aruba's chapter of Widecast, a network involved in sea turtle protection.
- Bucuti sponsors the island's Reef Care Foundation, which helps protect the coral reef.
- Bucuti's activities desk actively recommends cultural events, eco-tours and historical tours to guests.
- Bucuti's Green Team and upper management are required to submit monthly green action plans detailing their department's environmentally-friendly strategies.
- Bucuti's mini market is stocked with local products, including Aruba Aloe, unlike many other Caribbean gift shops that often are stocked by artists crafts made elsewhere.

Eco-friendly accolades:

- Bucuti was the first Caribbean resort to become ISO 14001 certified. In 2009, Bucuti was officially certified ISO 9001 and 14001 for the sixth consecutive year.
- Bucuti was named to ISLANDS Magazine's Blue List of sustainable tourism leaders in 2007.
- Bucuti received a Green Award at the 2008 International Restaurant & Hotel Awards.
- Bucuti was recognized by the Caribbean Hotel Association Green Hotel of the Year in 2003.
- American Express awarded Bucuti its Green Award in 1999.
- Bucuti was recognized by Green Globe Award for Superior Environmental Protection.
- Bucuti received a Green Award from the International Hotel & Restaurant Association in 2004.
- Bucuti was the first in Aruba to achieve Green Globe certification and was an active member of the Eagle Beach Area Coalition for Aruba's Sustainable Tourism.

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BUCUTI BEACH RESORT AWARDED FOR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE

Aruba resort honored with prestigious travel awards

Bucuti Beach Resort is constantly making room for new additions to its trophy case thanks to continued recognition by industry professionals and guests. Since the resort opened in 1987, Bucuti has been acknowledged as a leader in green hospitality, romance, service and ambiance with awards including:

- Apple Vacations' Golden Apple Award based on standards of quality, service and value, 2002-2009
- Ewald Biemans was honored as a leading hotelier and visionary for the island of Aruba, Aruba Tourism Authority, 2009
- TripAdvisor's Top 10 Best Hotels for Romance in the Caribbean and Latin America, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009
- Expedia's Insider's Select List, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009
- AOL Travel Top 10 North American Adult-Only Getaway, 2009
- *Modern Bride* magazine Top 50 Honeymoon Destination in the World, 2009
- *National Geographic* Traveler's Stay List for exceptional sense of place and authenticity, 2008
- TripAdvisor's Top 10 Best Hotels for Romance in the World, Traveler's Choice Award, 2008
- International Restaurant & Hotel Awards, Green Award, 2008
- Aruba Hotel Association Employee of the year for Bernice Dennis, Housekeeping, 2008
- Caribbean Hotel Association Supervisor of the Year, 2005 2008
- *ISLANDS* magazine's BLUE Award for Sustainable Tourism, 2007
- *BRIDES* magazine's Top 20 Best Honeymoon Hotels in the Caribbean, 2007
- *Caribbean Travel + Life's* Best Mid-Size Hotel Readers Choice Award, 2005
- Interior Design award hospitality industry for room renovation by the International Interior Design Association, 2005
- International Hotel and Restaurant Association, Green Award, 2004
- Caribbean Hotel Association Hotelier of the Year' for Ewald Biemans (of over 1,000 hoteliers in the Caribbean), 2002
- Aruba Hotel Association Hotelier of the Year, 1999

For a complete list of green awards, please visit: http://www.bucuti.com/en/about_us/environment.php

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GREEN TRAVEL TIPS FROM A PIONEER IN SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

Owner of Bucuti Beach Resort in Aruba gives the inside scoop on authentically green resorts

As the importance of sustainable tourism continues to grow, environmentally sensitive travelers should be aware of the difference between authentically green resorts and “greenwashed” resorts and hotels that position themselves as environmentally friendly, but only have minimal green practices in place. Ewald Biemans, owner of Bucuti Beach Resort in Aruba, has been an environmental advocate for more than 30 years and has lead Bucuti to become a model resort in sustainable tourism throughout the Caribbean and the world. Biemans helps savvy travelers identify the greenest resorts by offering green tips.

Ten things to look for in a green resort (plus a bonus for the future of green resorts):

- **Guest Participation:** Are guests informed of and invited to be involved in resort-wide environmental activities? Are guests given the opportunity and encouraged to diminish their environmental footprint by purchasing carbon credits? Guests at Bucuti can participate in recycled crafts contests, island-wide clean ups, educational seminars and “back of the house” tours to meet Bucuti’s Green Team and learn about the technology and best practices involved in the resort’s environmental policy. Also, the resort has strong traditional programs that focus on reducing, reusing and recycling.
 - **Staff Training:** Does the hotel or resort have a strong company culture where all associates are involved in implementing green practices? Every Bucuti employee plays an important role in implementing sustainable and environmentally friendly practices from their first day on the job. Working with the maintenance department, Green Team representatives take part in quality control. The team documents consumption, system checks and supports the company culture throughout the resort.
 - **Renewable Resources:** Does the resort harness solar, hydro and/or wind power? Depending on where travelers are vacationing, various natural resources can be used.
 - **Stewardship:** How does the hotel or resort promote environmental preservation within their community? Does it set the example by proactively and publically educating the community? All members of Bucuti’s Green Team, including Biemans, take time to share best practices through education in schools and local organizations as well as participation in community events. Biemans is often asked to present to local and international service clubs, associations and government entities on the subject of environmental practices.
 - **Native Environment:** Does the resort help promote and protect local culture, fauna and flora? Does the resort sponsor and actively pursue preservation of historical and cultural architecture, national parks and traditions? Some resorts support native animal protection programs or are located within land preserves - for example in Aruba, Bucuti supports the Donkey Sanctuary; Turtugaruba, which supports of the protection of giant sea turtle nesting sites; and Animal Rights Aruba. Bucuti also offers local cuisine in its restaurant, promotes local musicians in the bar, introduces the local language, Papiamentu, in the Web site and on property, and indentifies the indigenous plants around the resort with signage. The gift shop is stocked with local products such as Aruba Aloe and crafts from local artisans.
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- **Eco-Recognition:** Has the resort achieved internationally recognized certification for its policies and standards in environmental protection such as ISO 14001 or Green Globe



21? Has the resort received green awards from hotel associations and leading travel publications for its exemplary practices?

- **Waste Reduction:** Does the hotel track and measure the use of water, electricity and other resources? Are bulk dispensers used throughout the resort to reduce waste? Does the resort use reusable glassware and utensils as opposed to throwaway plastic materials? Are low-flow toilets, faucets and showers in place? Does the resort exclusively use natural cleaning and biodegradable products?
- **Transportation:** Does the resort support local transportation systems that use alternative fuel sources like bio fuels or electrical-powered vehicles to mitigate emissions? Does the resort support use of public transportation and encourage employees to carpool?
- **Construction:** Is the hotel structure designed to allow for breezy, open-air areas to reduce energy consumption by using natural lighting and not running air conditioners? Are the rooms designed to be energy efficient? Does the facility use natural wood from a sustainable farm and local building materials and labor?
- **Safety and Quality:** Are quality control systems such as HACCP (Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point) in place for food safety? Bucuti's food and beverage department operates under HACCP policies to prevent Legionnaires' disease. Bucuti is the only resort in Aruba to implement disinfection systems for fluids and surfaces, based on advanced ultraviolet light technology, and all water intake travels through this sophisticated pipe system. These advanced systems complement the daily routine of the maintenance department in monitoring and flushing water lines.
- **Future Green Technology:** Is the resort at the forefront of green advances and following industry trends like using the latest energy-saving equipment to mitigate consumption? Are there in-room sensors (for air conditioners, power sources, etc.) to determine if electricity can be conserved in an empty room?

Many resorts brand themselves as “eco-friendly” but savvy travelers can recognize greenwashed resorts from those truly dedicated to protecting the environment. For more on all Bucuti Beach does to protect the environment for future generations, visit http://www.bucuti.com/en/about_us/environment.php.

Bucuti will continue to be a leader in sustainable tourism while supporting environmental government lobbying, the Environmental Committee within the Aruba Hotel and Tourism Authority, community education programs and organizing island-wide cleanups. Bucuti's early adoption and promotion of environmental protection within the resort and throughout the community and region has earned recognition with awards from notable organizations like Green Globe, the Caribbean Hotel Association, the Aruban Ministry, American Express, ISLANDS Magazine, National Geographic and the International Hotel and Restaurant Association.

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THE PERFECT PROPOSAL

Bucuti Beach Resort helps guests plan to pop the question

Romance is Bucuti Beach Resort's specialty. The white sandy shores of Eagle Beach create the ideal backdrop for a picture-perfect proposal, and the resort's accommodating staff is available to help make sure every detail is in place. From an anticipation-filled treasure hunt on the beach to an off-shore snorkeling excursion, the team at Bucuti has experience in creating memories that will last a lifetime.

Bucuti will work with guests prior to arrival in order to design the proposal of their dreams. With remarkable attention to detail, right down to the number of rose petals and specific type of champagne, guests can rest assured their proposal will go off without a hitch. Some of the most out-of-the-box proposals include:

- **Beach Proposal:** Guests wishing to follow a traditional route can propose on an isolated area of Eagle Beach. Resort staff will set up the scene with everything requested from candles, red roses, chilled champagne and chocolate covered strawberries. Created hours before, the locations will be completely void of Bucuti staff, making it seem as if the couple just happened to stumble upon this romantic beach setting.
- **Treasure Hunt:** Those seeking fun and games may choose an adventurous scavenger hunt to lead their soon-to-be fiancée to the ring. Guests coordinate with Bucuti staff on a location for the ring to be buried, and then create clues leading their significant other directly to where the X marks the spot of the buried treasure.
- **Snorkel I-Do:** Another unforgettable moment leads the couple to a surprise proposal while on a snorkel excursion in the Caribbean Sea. Carefully planned with resort staff, the ring will be packed into a special box and hid beneath the water. Bucuti staff will coordinate drop anchor at the ring's location where the soon-to-be fiancée will discover this treasure beneath the sea.

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REAL ARUBA BRIDES OFFER THEIR BEST DESTINATION WEDDING TIPS

Brides can focus on the advantages of Caribbean nuptials with these 11 pointers

As destination weddings continue to grow in popularity, couples have a lot to consider during the planning process. With that in mind, real brides from Bucuti Beach Resort, Aruba's premier resort for couples and one of TripAdvisor's top 10 romantic resorts, have offered to share their tips on how to create the storybook Caribbean wedding.

Amber Fahnestock Hahn, North Carolina **Wedding date: April 24, 2009**

- **Wrinkle-free dresses:** Pick a dress that travels well. Many wedding lines have beachy destination dresses as well as fuller dresses that don't wrinkle. Don't forget that flight attendants will happily hang your dress up if you ask them.
- **Personalize vows:** Since you might be unable to meet the officiant before hand, ask your wedding planner for a script of his wedding. See if you can add your own vows or touches.
- **Legal docs:** Start getting the proper marriage documentation early. It is not difficult to get, but it may take time and each destination varies. Try not to make the mistake of having to rush at the last minute (the only stress of planning my wedding.)

Katherine Ray Umstetter, South Carolina **Wedding Date: Dec 6, 2008**

- **Trust your planner:** If you have a reputable wedding planner, try to relax and enjoy the easygoing planning. Sometimes brides want to micromanage every detail of a wedding, but the point of a destination wedding is to do as little as possible and enjoy the trip.

Beth Martyniak, Michigan **Wedding Date: September 3, 2008**

- **Save on the bridesmaid dresses:** Check out low-cost summer dresses instead of expensive bridesmaid dresses for the ladies. For the men, linen pants and a button down shirt work nicely for a beach wedding instead of renting tuxes or suits.
- **Save on the menu:** In the islands, brides can get away with offering seafood and Caribbean dishes whereas back home a menu might need to consist of steak or higher cost food items.
- **Extend the honeymoon:** Since you are already in the honeymoon location, you have a longer honeymoon and can start enjoying the relaxation even days before the wedding. Take advantage of it!



Leanne Archer, U.K.

Wedding Date: June 3, 2008

- **“Cool” wedding dress:** Think very carefully about your style of dress as you will potentially get very hot in a full length gown. No one likes a sweaty bride! (Ditto for the groom's outfit!)
- **Sure-stay hair:** If you are getting married in Aruba where there is a constant breeze make sure you invest in some strong-hold hairspray to keep your hairstyle in place.

Panagiota Razzano, New York

Wedding Date: May 28, 2009

- **Sightseeing:** Choose a destination like Aruba that offers things for guests to do. Plan or suggest activities beforehand so guests can mix, mingle and enjoy the destination stress-free. Guests get to attend the wedding of a loved one and experience their own getaway at the same time.
- **Smaller might be better:** Some couples don't really want a huge wedding but don't always consider a destination wedding for various reasons. The intimacy and privacy of destination weddings can be just as unforgettable for the couple and their guests.

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ARUBA WEDDING PLANNER OFFERS DESTINATION WEDDING TIPS FOR BRIDES-TO-BE

Brides can focus on the benefits of Caribbean nuptials with these 10 pointers

With hundreds of successful oceanfront weddings under her hat, Bucuti Beach Resort's Nashette Wouters knows the ins and outs of destination weddings, and that is just how this full-time wedding planner wants it to be. Wouters is Aruba's only professionally-trained wedding planner licensed through the Association of Certified Professional Wedding Consultants. Planning storybook weddings at a resort deemed by TripAdvisor as one of the most romantic in the world comes with high expectations, and Wouters has several insider tips for destination brides on how to make their island nuptials a success.

Top 10 tips for destination weddings:

- **Contain costs:** The cost of a destination wedding tends to be less than a wedding at home. Yes, guests need to ante up for airfare, but many wedding packages tend to save money for both couples and guests. Be sure to work closely with your resort to secure the best rates possible for your guests.
- **Theme:** The backdrop for an oceanfront wedding can create the tropical theme without a lot of work. Bringing in local musicians, floral arrangements and cuisine is a great way to incorporate the location into your ceremony.
- **Weather:** Weather conditions are a major factor when planning a destination wedding. Consider annual weather patterns and try to pick a Caribbean destination such as Aruba, which is outside of the hurricane belt, if the wedding falls between June and October. No matter what, always have a back-up plan in case of rain.
- **Accessibility:** Make sure the destination is easily accessible. For example, Aruba can be accessed through all major U.S. gateway cities with daily flights. Some destinations only offer weekly flights or require multiple flights, which can be time consuming and more expensive.
- **Personalized service:** Many resorts offer wedding planning services included in the wedding package price. Local planners will connect you with the top local vendors and with today's technology, communicating via e-mail or Skype is easy...take advantage of it.
- **Sunset or Sunrise?:** The side of an island you are on determines what kind of ceremony can be performed. Evening weddings are popular at Bucuti since the resort has spectacular sunsets daily. Early birds might opt for a sunrise ceremony on the opposite side of the island.

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- **Attire:** Tropical fashion can be convenient since many designers offer wrinkle-free bridal gowns, bridesmaids can wear sundresses and men are comfortable in khakis and a simple dress shirt. The casual attire complements the beach theme. Often brides and grooms enjoy barefoot elegance.
- **Activities for guests:** Many resorts will work with brides to coordinate itineraries for guests. Island excursions before and after the big day are a great way for guests to enjoy their vacation effortlessly.
- **Low Season/Shoulder Season:** Check when the tourist season starts and ends for your destination. If you can plan during the shoulder season you might be able to save money and still experience great weather. For example, in mid-April Bucuti's rates are reduced as high season winds down.
- **Documentation:** Check the legal requirements for tying the knot in your destination. Each Caribbean island has a different policy so find one that makes sense for you. For example, Aruba requires all paperwork just 30 days before the ceremony. The legal ceremony is held at the courthouse and is traditionally followed by a beach wedding.

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Bucuti Beach Resort Owner backgrounder



Ewald Biemans
Owner and CEO
Bucuti Beach Resort

A pioneer of the green movement in the Caribbean, Ewald Biemans has become known throughout the hospitality industry for his grassroots efforts promoting sustainable tourism. As the founder of Aruba's Bucuti Beach Resort, Biemans was one of the first to create a successful luxury resort with the environment in mind.

Born in Brixen, Austria, Biemans began his career as a world champion bartender at several upscale hotels in Venezuela. In the late 1960s, he fell in love with Aruba while on holiday and moved to the island to launch a nightclub in 1970. Its overwhelming success led to the management of several other businesses, including a popular restaurant, two hotels and Aruba's airline catering company.

After a hiatus to earn an international business degree from Florida State University and a minor in Archeology, Biemans returned to Aruba to operate the Aruba Resorts. After helping the resorts regain profitability, he began the development of his own property, Bucuti Beach Resort.

Bucuti: The early years

Bucuti Beach Resort opened in 1987 to immediate praise, and quickly developed a loyal base of guests. In fact, the resort has maintained an enviable occupancy of 90 percent or above in the more than 20 years since its launch. The property's success is partly attributed to Biemans' hands-on approach. He makes himself accessible every day to chat one-on-one with guests (in one of the seven languages he is fluent in). He also utilizes focus groups to help his department heads and associates fully understand what their contributions mean to guest satisfaction and repeat business.

Eco-pioneer

Biemans has developed Bucuti into a model for other Caribbean hotels looking to go green, and he ensures everyone – from the housekeeping team, to the guests, to the community – is involved in the process.

He spearheaded the formation of the Eagle Beach Area Coalition for Aruba's Sustainable Tourism, created an Environmental Committee within the Aruba Hotel and Tourism Authority, sponsor "Tur guaruba" a turtle protection program and takes part in educational programs and expert seminars. He personally leads an in-house "Green Team" and encourages guests to take part in resort-sponsored beach cleanups, environmental focus groups and recycling contests.

Under his leadership, Bucuti was the first resort in the Americas to achieve ISO 14001 certification and one of the first resorts to become Green Globe 21 certified. His creative and practical strategies have earned awards and recognition by Green Globe, American Express, the Aruba Hotel Association, the Caribbean Hotel Association, the Aruba Ministry of Tourism and Transportation, the Aruba Tourism Authority and the International Hotel and Restaurant Association. He loves to share Bucuti's story and has spoken in front of audiences around the world and was even invited by the Dutch Royal authority to speak about the environmental initiatives he has put into place at the resort.

Industry visionary

In 2002, the Caribbean Hotel Association chose Biemans as its Hotelier of the Year, from a field of more than 1,000 applicants. In 2009, the Aruba Tourism Authority acknowledged Biemans as a visionary in Aruba. Other awards Bucuti has earned include Trip Advisor's "Traveler's Choice Award" for romance, Expedia's "Select List," *National Geographic Traveler's* "Stay List," *Fodor's* "CHOICE," *Frommer's* "FIND," *Island's* "Blue List," and *Bride's* "Hot 100 Honeymoon Resorts."

