

## DESTINATION GUIDE: TURKS & CAICOS

*A paradise of white sand beaches and calm, crystal clear seas.*



Providenciales (or Provo) in the Turks & Caicos has quickly become one of the most sought after Caribbean vacation destinations. Only four hours from New York and three hours from Atlanta or Charlotte, it's easy to get away to its white sand beaches and crystal clear waters. Provo is perfect for families with active and curious kids, but equally idea for couples' trips or romantic getaways. With 200 miles of beaches, it is not rare to find you're the only one strolling the sand.

### **What WIMCO Can Do For You**

From our headquarters in the US, we are in constant communication with our team members and associates in Providenciales, ensuring that we have the kind of local knowledge, insights and contacts required to create a memorable vacation for you.

Once you book a villa or hotel with us, WIMCO's Concierge Services team jumps into action - booking your international and local flights, setting-up airport arrivals service and rental cars, pre-stocking your villa with groceries or arranging private chef service, making restaurant reservations, recommending local sights and activities and so much more. You are in good hands.

Looking to consult with a Villa Specialist?

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## About the Villas

Many of our Turks & Caicos villas and vacation homes are located directly on the beach and are outfitted with a supply of kayaks, paddleboards and snorkeling gear. Most villas are modern in design, spacious in size, and have all of the modern conveniences—like washers, dryers, microwaves, and flat screen TVs—that you are accustomed to at home. Arrange to have your villa's kitchen pre-stocked with groceries, or enjoy having a chef prepare moonlit meals of grilled lobster and fresh conch by your pool.











## Concierge Service Team

Relax, you are in good hands. Once you select a villa your WIMCO Concierge will step in to organize everything you need - Air Department, cars, restaurants... WIMCO will take care of all the details, so you can focus on what's really important – sharing time with people you love.



## Things To Do

The island of Provo in the Turks & Caicos has become one of the more popular beach vacation spots in the Caribbean due to the famed Grace Bay Beach, as well as the hotels and restaurants within walking distance of it. Provo is also known for its world-class scuba and snorkeling on the nearby barrier reef, kite boarding off Long Bay Beach, deep sea fishing, and for the conch fritters that you can sample in excellent local beach shacks. Here are a few things to do... ask us for more if you don't see what you are looking for.



## Spa Services

Several hotels have full-service spas. Prefer to have a spa treatment or massage in your villa? Just let us know, we can arrange it.

## Scuba and Snorkeling

Provo boasts the third largest barrier reef in North America, right offshore. Choose from two hour to half day to full day excursions. The variety of species on the reef is unmatched in the Caribbean.





## Golf

The Provo Golf & Country Club has an 18-hole, par 72 golf course designed by Karl Litten. This green oasis hosted the 2009 Caribbean Amateur Golf Championship and it has consistently been voted one of the best golf courses in the Caribbean. Although this is a private club, visitors may use the facilities with prior arrangements; be sure to ask us how!

## Kite Boarding

Long Bay Beach is world famous for its ideal kite boarding conditions. Sign up for a lesson, or rent a board for a few hours or a full week.

## Horseback Riding

A unique and memorable way to explore the beach is on horseback. Every evening You'll notice the horseback riders taking their sunset ride along Grace Bay Beach. Rides along the secluded beaches of Long Bay are also available. It's best to make these reservations in advance, which we can happily do for you.

## Cycling

All of the Turks & Caicos islands offer a wide variety of terrain for both hardened mountain bikers and more relaxed cyclists. Most of the islands are quite flat, making cycling generally not too taxing. Cyclists can enjoy excellent views and explore more off-road tracks which lead to secluded bays, creeks and coves.



## **Beaches**

### **GRACE BAY BEACH**

This twelve mile beach on the northeast coast of the island will thrill guests with its soft white sands and sparkling waters. Grace Bay Beach is known as one of the most scenic beaches in the Caribbean, however, its length makes it easy to find a secluded spot. On one end is Smith's Reef, known for its snorkeling, while the other end "Leeward" offers quiet beauty and access to the mangroves.

### **LONG BAY BEACH**

Located on the southeastern shore, the calm, shallow waters of this quiet beach make it ideal for young children. You'll see conch shells lining the beach and you can search for your own by digging in the shallow waters. Take a horseback ride on the beach here with Provo Ponies.

### **NORTHWEST POINT BEACHES**

Ranked as one of the top twenty beaches by Trip Advisor, Northwest Point beaches are ideal for snorkelers and avid scuba divers. The beach is known for its south Pacific atmosphere complete with tiki huts, and is the most secluded beach out of the major tourist spots.

### **TAYLOR BAY BEACH AND SAPODILLA BAY BEACH**

Located on the southern shore of the island across from Chalk Sound, Taylor Bay and Sapodilla Bay are two of the out of the way beaches worth visiting. Calm, shallow water make these ideal for families with small children.

## Events, Holidays and Festivals On Anguilla



### JANUARY

At midnight on January 1 of each year, islanders take to the streets in bejeweled masks and handmade costumes, banging away on their instruments and dancing until dawn. **Junkanoo** has been celebrated in Turks & Caicos since the sixteenth century when slaves were given one day off around Christmas time to celebrate with their families. Traditional African music and dance were part of the festivities then, as they are today.

### JUNE

In June check out the **South Caicos Regatta**, which began as a sailing race for residents of Turks & Caicos Islands with traditional Caicos sloops - small handmade boats, built on the islands. Today, the race has grown to include motorized conch boats and is a four-day celebration involving beauty pageants, kite-flying competitions and plenty of live music.

The **Eco-SeaSwim Race** for the Conch is held at Grace Bay. Both new swimmers and long time competitors are welcomed to participate in what has become known as "One of the World's Most Gorgeous Swim Races." Choose from a 2.4 Mile or 1 Mile open water race - or challenge yourself to both!

### OCTOBER

Don't miss the **Fish Fry** every Thursday at the Bight Children's park. Come enjoy this cultural event featuring local restaurants, live music, entertainment and arts and crafts.

### NOVEMBER

The **Caribbean Food and Wine Festival** is 3 day culinary event with gourmet dinners hosted at Grace Bay Club, Blue Haven, West Bay Club and Gansevort. Tickets available for gourmet dinners, tastings and a food fair.

The **Turks and Caicos Conch Festival** is a celebration of the islands' national symbol and No. 1 export, a marine snail that for years has played an integral role in local cuisine. Celebrate the annual **Conch Festival** along with local restaurants who serve up their best conch dishes in every form imaginable in Blue Hills, one of the original settlements on Provo.



## Restaurants

While islands like Anguilla and St. Barths are renowned for their food, Turks & Caicos has established itself as a place with an equal number of casual and fine dining restaurants. Below are our picks, from gourmet dining to in-the-know local gems.



### BACI RISTORANTE - (TURTLE COVE)

This small, intimate Italian restaurant nestled dockside in Turtle Cove offers Mediterranean style cuisine infused with delicate hints of the islands. Dine indoors or on their terraced outdoor dining area. Don't miss their legendary garlic bread or their owner, John Draper, who is always there to greet you at the entrance.

### BAY BISTRO - (SIBONNE HOTEL, GRACE BAY)

Just steps away from the surf of Grace Bay, Bay Bistro offers a comfortably mellow style of dining directly on the beach. Serving creative international cuisine with a distinctive Caribbean flair, this open air restaurant has remained a staple for both locals and tourists alike for the past 30 years. Menu features familiar favorites like Asian spring rolls, and pear and blue cheese salads, as well as a few award-winning conch dishes.

### CAICOS CAFÉ - (GOVERNOR'S RD. GRACE BAY)

Perhaps one of the more popular restaurants on the island, Caicos Café offers laid back, open air dining right in the heart of Grace Bay. Its Italian meets Caribbean style menu is constantly changing yet continuously serves up fresh seafood and island favorites that you are sure to fall in love with.

#### COCO BISTRO AND COCOVAN - (GRACE BAY)

Nestled under a canopy of coconut palms, Coco Bistro is a unique gourmet dining experience and perhaps the most popular fine dining restaurant on the island. Reservations are highly recommended. Can't get a reservation? Try out their Airstream turned food truck aptly named Cocovan.

#### COYABA RESTAURANT - (CORAL GARDENS)

Contemporary Caribbean gourmet cuisine served in an unmatched seaside setting. Wine aficionados will love their extensive wine list. Coyaba is an elegantly gazebo style restaurant in a lush tropical garden offering fine eclectic contemporary Caribbean Cuisine While the menu is ever changing, Chef/Owner Paul Newman's creations are always succulent and inspired and have made Coyaba a defining staple of TCI fine dining.

#### DA CONCH SHACK - (BLUE HILLS ROAD)

Perhaps one of the most popular beach bars on Provo, this vibrantly hued ramshackle beach shack is justifiably famous for their fresh conch and seafood dishes, all broiled, spiced, cracked and fried to perfection. Waiters will pull conch right out of the sea and slice it up for you there and then. It's unpretentious, fun and casual, and for an island that's not overrun with places to choose from, the prices aren't too steep either. A must do on the island to enjoy local conch done every which way- conch salad, grilled conch, cracked conch, conch fritters (we're sure there are a few more variations).

#### HEMINGWAY'S - (GRACE BAY BEACH)

Perched on the scenic shore of Grace Bay Beach, Hemingway's beachfront restaurant offers a casual atmosphere and elegant open air dining. From Breakfast to Dinner, Hemingway's menu is full of choices that are anything but ordinary!

#### GRACE'S COTTAGE - (POINT GRACE)

Dine under the covered veranda or enjoy gazebo seating under the stars. The romantic Grace's Cottage, found at the outstanding boutique resort, The Point Grace, is acclaimed as the island's finest dining experience. Not only is its unique blend of Caribbean ingredients and gourmet cuisine incredible, but it is also the former home of the original Grace, of whom the world-famous Grace Bay is named after. The small but selective menu features the kind of dishes you want to eat: Grace's lobster salad, rack of lamb with pineapple chutney, and simply grilled Snapper.

#### INFINITI - (GRACE BAY CLUB)

Formerly known as Anacaona, Infiniti is the premier gourmet oceanfront restaurant on Provo, featuring fresh ingredients and modern presentations. Located at the Grace Bay Club, the ambiance of this restaurant reflects the sophisticated chic atmosphere of the islands where guests can dine enjoying the sound of waves from nearby Grace Bay Beach. The menu spans from local seafood with thoughtful accompaniments, such as passion fruit butter, as well as heartier meat and pasta dishes. Vegans and the gluten-averse will appreciate their own section on the menu, too.



### LAS BRISAS - (CHALK SOUND)

Located right above Chalk Sound, Las Brisas offers views and fresh fare. Expect to see local dishes like conch, as well as easy favorites like Caprese salads. Stop at the poolside bar to sample a creative cocktail or two before dinner.

### LE BOUCHON DU VILLAGE - (GRACE BAY'S REGENT VILLAGE)

This little French bistro, located in the heart of downtown Grace Bay in Regent Village, has an excellent reputation for its incredible food and delightful presentations. Its Parisian sophistication and casual Caribbean charm make this lovely sidewalk café not to be missed.

### MAGNOLIA - (TURTLE COVE)

Located on one of the few elevated spots on the island, Magnolia offers unbeatable panoramic views of Turtle Cove and the endless ocean from its wooden deck. Like the views, the food itself is incredible and considered some of the best on the island. Expect well-prepared, uncomplicated choices that range from European to Asian to Caribbean along with an extensive, well curated wine list to match. Be sure to get a reservation around sunset for an absolutely unforgettable experience.

### MANGO REEF - (TURTLE COVE)

This immensely popular restaurant is dockside in Turtle Cove; where you can sit on their open-air terraces, relax and watch the boats go by. Mango Reef specializes in fresh local flavors and seafood, plus a comprehensive selection of international favorites thanks to their multicultural chef staff.

### MR GROUPER'S - (THE BIGHT SETTLEMENT)

"One of the most beloved local places, Mr Grouper's is an island go-to for fresh, delicious seafood," so says Travel & Leisure and they are absolutely spot-on! From the great music to the locally caught fresh seafood, Mr Grouper's is a true island dining experience.

### OPUS RESTAURANT AND WINE BAR - (GRACE BAY)

Marrying American contemporary cuisine and Turks island specialties, OPUS brings a unique culinary experience to Provo. Not only is the food wonderful, but their cocktails and extensive wine list are certainly impressive. You can find them at the Ocean Club Resort right in Grace Bay.





## Getting There

The island of Providenciales is privileged with excellent air service to Providenciales International Airport. Access from many major U.S. airports allows connections from domestic and international feeder cities; serviced by American, Delta, United, JetBlue and South West Airlines. Leave it up to WIMCO's experienced trip specialists to help you to book all of your accommodations and deliver you safely to your destination. We will work with you to help you to get the most of what Providenciales has to offer.

