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ROOM REQUEST!
GRACE BAY CLUB

See inside the most requested room at Turks & Caicos' original luxury property

One of Grace Bay Club's defining qualities—aside from its stunning white-sand beaches and picture-perfect swimming pools, of course—is its unique division into three separate sections. From the adults-only hotel to the family-friendly Villas and the uber-luxe Estate, the resort offers something for every type of traveler. It's also remarkably convenient: the



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island's Providenciales Airport is just a 3.5 hour flight from New York City (JetBlue offers seasonal nonstop routes from both JFK and Boston).

This year, Grace Bay Club partnered with interior designer Thom Filicia for a comprehensive refresh of the property. We stayed in a newly renovated and spacious one-bedroom villa, which offered ocean views and stylish, island-inspired décor.

Upon arrival, guests are treated to a delicious rum punch cocktail and given a cell phone that provides direct access to their personal concierge, available at a moment's notice for any request. The property also offers guests the complimentary use of paddleboards, kayaks and bicycles—lovely for a ride into the nearby town.



Resort lobby

Grace Bay Club is home to the longest beach bar in the Caribbean, in addition to the renowned Anani Spa. (We recommend the deep-tissue massage with Kayleen.) The hotel's restaurants are also superb. Just in time for the holidays, the resort is introducing a pop-up dining concept, *Biere et Boules*, featuring a playful menu inspired by the island's many cultural influences. Another new restaurant concept—*Infiniti*—is in the works. Designed by Thom Filicia, the space will offer a raw bar and an eclectic menu of grilled meats and fresh fish.

Below, Grace Bay Club's general manager Thierry Grandsire tells us about the most sought-after room on the property.



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The most requested room:

The Estate residences tend to be extremely popular.

What makes it so special:

The Estate is family-friendly and offers enhanced exclusivity, luxury, amenities and privacy. The rooms on the ground floor of the Estate are popular due to the size, level of luxury, plunge pool and direct access to the pool and beach—and of course a great ocean view. The rooms have access to a poolside bar, poolside cabanas and lounges, a 25-meter lap pool, beach beds, a Jacuzzi and a kids' splash pool. It's a true resort within a resort.



The Estate at Grace Bay Club

The rate:

The starting rate for Estate Junior Residences is \$925.

Your personal favorite:

I personally love the Penthouse at the Estate. There are two Penthouses (for \$10,000 per night), and they are both extremely luxurious.

Because...

Each spacious Penthouse is 7,000 square-feet and features four oceanfront bedrooms, each with its own terrace. Guests can enjoy an



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oceanfront living room, dining room, media room, full kitchen, Jacuzzi, BBQ and outdoor shower. The Penthouse can accommodate up to eight adults, making it an ideal accommodation for large groups of friends or families traveling together.

Celebrity guests:

We prefer not to talk about guests or celebrities staying in the hotel; luxury is also privacy.

Fun fact:

On December 26, Grace Bay Club celebrates Maskanoo, a traditional celebration that brings locals and visitors together for a raucous celebration. Maskanoo is an African tradition dating back to the 1500s, and originally known as Masquerade. The festival is a beloved celebration of the culture of the islands and is celebrated with live drum music, food and drink and fun masks.

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