

## Grace Bay Club in Turks and Caicos

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Grace Bay Club villa penthouse and the turquoise sea beyond. Grace Bay Club.

Long, languorous strolls on a powder-fine sand beach, shimmering turquoise waters, starlit nights, excellent cuisine at a variety of restaurants and the sound of waves lulling you to sleep form the backdrop for a romantic [Turks and Caicos](#) vacation, honeymoon or wedding.

Grace Bay Club is divided into three separate sections for different types of travelers. Its adults-only hotel features 22 air-conditioned, oceanfront suites and promises to give a couple the privacy they crave without disturbances by children vacationing in other sections.

### **Guest Rooms at Grace Bay Club**

We stayed in a one-bedroom, 1,300-square foot suite in the hotel that included a spacious living room with a terrace facing the ocean. The bedroom has a king-size bed, an in-room safe (although crime is low in the Turks and Caicos) and a widescreen LCD television. Step outside onto the balcony for more views of the turquoise waters and shining white sands. Or step into the kitchenette to grab a snack or a cool drink from the small refrigerator.

The ample bathroom includes a walk-in glass shower, perfect for two, and a large, deep bathtub where both of you can luxuriate after a long day. [Elemis](#) soap, shampoo and shower gel and plush, oversized towels are among the amenities.



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### **Dining at Grace Bay Club**

The resort offers a number of dining experiences. Anacaona is its romantic gourmet restaurant overlooking the beach. This adults-only venue features the longest bar in the Caribbean.

Palm trees sway, soft candlelight flickers and a refreshing breeze wafts across the room. There's a focus on seafood; I recommend chilled avocado soup brimming with hearty bay scallops and topped with sour cream to start. South Caicos lobster pot pie combines a local favorite with vegetables and a truffle crust.

The Grace Bay Club Beach and Moonlight Dinner Menu, which requires a 72-hour prior booking and is limited to one couple per night, is an especially romantic experience, featuring an intimate dinner for two on the beach with a menu tailored to any specific requests. Couples can choose from a variety of menu options including seafood or grilled beef tenderloin or a combination of both.

Krave, the eatery near a pool, featuring a glass-clad high terrace and an uninterrupted view of the ocean, offers gourmet comfort food such as the boneless buffalo wings perked up with a spicy hot sauce, or their club sandwich brimming with chicken breast, oven-dried tomatoes and kalamata olives. The Grill serves breakfast, lunch and dinner.

PS: Don't leave the island without trying fresh, local conch, which can be prepared in a variety of ways.

### **Destination Weddings at Grace Bay Club**

Grace Bay only hosts one wedding a day, so couples won't feel crowded out by other parties. Plan a wedding ceremony on the beach or exchange vows on one of the uninhabited cays and islands nearby. Choose from a number of venues for the reception and/or ceremony, including the beach, poolside, or Anacaona restaurant.

A ceremony on one of the nearby uninhabited cays is the most popular of these reception sites because of its outdoor location near the beach and capacity. It can accommodate up to 180 guests.

Krave is adjacent to the resort's palm-shaded pool. Cradled on a level lower than the beach line, Krave's unobstructed water view gives guests the feel of oceanfront dining in a covered space where sparkling chandeliers softly light tables that can hold up to 120 guests. And its glassed-in high terrace provides a dramatic setting to present the bride and the groom.

The onsite, certified wedding planner is available for hire and can take care of the details and works with top local suppliers for floral arrangements, décor, photographer, music, makeup and hair and more.



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### **Romance Packages at Grace Bay Club**

The romance package includes a 50-minute couples massage at Anani Spa, a romantic candlelight dinner at Anacaona restaurant, a welcome bottle of champagne, a personal concierge, and more. Some restrictions apply, and there are blackout dates. Tax and service charge will be added to the price. For more information, see their promotions [page](#).

### **Activities at Grace Bay Club**

The Turks and Caicos comprise eight major islands and many pristine, uninhabited cays. Major draws are the soft white sands that stretch for miles and the excellent snorkeling and diving opportunities. Loll by the pool, stroll on the white sand beach or schedule a massage at the resort spa. All non-motorized water sports are complimentary to guests, and this includes windsurfing, paddleboarding and more. Take a 15-minute walk down the beach to snorkel at Smith Reef, where multicolored fish put on a show as they glide through the water.

Tennis anyone? The resort's two Har-Tru courts are free for guests and they're lit in the evenings.

### **Nearby Grace Bay Club**

The concierge can arrange day trips for you. For instance, take a boat ride in crystal clear waters to uninhabited islands. Visit secluded cays where literally thousands of [iguanas](#) roam free and seem to pose for photos as you snap away. Snorkeling in these limpid waters is amazing as tropical fish dart back and forth below you. For golfers, Provo's 18 holes is just a five-minute drive from the hotel.

### **Drawbacks at Grace Bay Club**

You're in a tropical paradise, not the busy streets of a big city, so service may be more relaxed than in an urban setting. For example, it could take 45 minutes for in-room dining to arrive — so order ahead.

Do note that paradise can be pricey. Since much of the food on the island has to be imported, it's reflected in the price. To spend less on accommodations, check the resort's website for specials and promotions, early booking discounts and the like.

### **Grace Bay Club Vibe**

If you're looking for an amazing backdrop for a [destination wedding](#), honeymoon or romantic escape, replete with tranquil waters and shimmering white sands, then this is the place. The official currency is the U.S. dollar, so Americans needn't concern themselves about exchange rates. There are direct flights from major airports in U.S. cities. A direct flight from NYC is only three hours to Provo. Visitors hail mostly from the U.S, and the age range is from couples in their early 30s to lovers in their 70s. Although children can stay in family-friendly areas of the resort, if you book a suite at the hotel, you will be in an adults-only area with a pool that only caters to grownups. Note that families tend to visit during Easter and Christmas.