Beautiful by Nature
Belongers,” as TCI’s citizens are known, have good reason to relax. Mostly descended from African slaves and a turbulent history, they now enjoy enviably stable democratic government as a British Crown Colony presided over by Her Majesty’s Governor. Belongers and those who make TCI a home-away-from-home both enjoy all the guarantees of the rule of law and property owners’ and investors’ rights which TCI’s Crown Colony status provides.

When we describe our islands as “Beautiful by Nature,” take us literally. Crystalline turquoise waters and white sand beaches are trademarks of the 40+ islands and cays that make up the country. Dive, fish, golf, windsurf, and water-ski to your heart’s content in an intact corner of the Caribbean only 575 miles southeast of Miami, and developed with a difference. With 80% of the archipelago uninhabited and accessible only by small plane, boat, Turks & Caicos is where those who’ve got it, go.

TCI has a long history as a place of discovery and refuge: from Columbus’ first landfall in 1492, to the Bermudian salt rakers in the late 1600s to British Loyalist cotton planters fleeing the American revolution in the late 1700s. The Islands also host migrating Atlantic humpback whales crossing the 22-mile wide Columbus Channel separating the Turks from the Caicos islands. Our one, 153 square miles of land area stretching hundreds of miles west to east, located south of the Bahamas and east of Cuba, guarantees virgin beaches and waters and includes the third largest coral reef system on earth. Grace Bay Beach is one of the world’s five best, but there are dozens of other pristine beaches that rival it. Our shoreline was shared with countless species of colorful tropical marine life. Our lobster, conch, and grouper - cooked fresh and served in any local style - make for a perfect welcome.

With no income, capital gains, or property tax, TCI offers a fiscal welcome for investors as warm as its weather. Venture beyond the resort center of Providenciales to Grand Turk, the seat of government and home to charming, and historic Bermudian Colonial architecture. After a 20 minute flight from Provo, stroll the quaint, gated lanes to soak in the reminders of salt-raking and sea-faring days in the past. Visit the well-respected National Museum, housed in 150+ year-old Guinep Lodge.
Many of our guests now arrive via the Grand Turk Cruise Centre, featuring an 18-acre recreation complex with two white sand beaches, swimming pool, FlowRider attraction, duty-free shopping, and the Caribbean’s largest “Margaritaville” themed bar and restaurant. Yet even with the arrival of the cruise business, Grand Turk has not lost its quaint island charm. Neither will the rest of our islands, even as they attract world-class investment and development. In keeping with our sustainable development and environmentally-friendly policies, all new development must undergo extensive environmental impact assessments to ensure that TCI remains “Beautiful by Nature.”

And don’t forget, the country boasts 34 protected national parks, nature reserves, sanctuaries and historical sites.
Sapodilla Bay in Chalk Sound and Malcolm’s Bay on Provo’s northwestern tip are fine secluded beaches. Mangrove Cay, Donna Cay, and Little Water Cay, all a short boat ride off the north coast of Leeward, are nature reserves which protect the native Turks & Caicos Rock Iguana (Little Water Cay), ospreys, pelicans, and other waterbirds. On Provo, Cheshire Hall is a historic site holding remnants of a cotton plantation built by Loyalists fleeing the American Revolution in the late 1700s. The Bight, Five Cays and Blue Hills are Provo’s oldest native settlements, each with a unique, authentic atmosphere.

Grace Bay Beach, voted one of the world’s ten best

The most developed of the Islands, Providenciales (or “Provo”) is the gateway to our country. Our commercial capital and most populous island, Provo is home to many ultra-luxury resorts and spas lining its most famous 12 mile Grace Bay Beach - consistently voted one of the world’s best beaches by international travel magazines and travelers’ websites. For the more discerning traveler, Provo guarantees exclusive opulence and indulgence as well as serene solitude and pristine nature, and an easy escape from civilization.

Covering 38 square miles, Provo boasts eight national parks, nature reserves and historical sites. Princess Alexandra Marine Park is home to JoJo, the famously interactive wild bottlenose dolphin. Here you will also find scientists and local divers and all varieties of water sports.

At Chalk Sound National Park you can kayak or paddleboard the turquoise inland lake with hundreds of cays and a large variety of bird species.

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At the Caicos Conch Farm, the only one of its kind in the world, see how Caribbean Queen Conch are grown from eggs to four year old adults ready for the local cuisine or export. In Northwest Point Marine National Park find deserted beaches and spectacular wall diving that the Turks & Caicos is famous for.
The Turks & Caicos National Museum includes well-done exhibits that tell the tale of the Islands from their Lucayan roots through to modern times. Collections include Taino artifacts, a presentation on maritime excavation centered around the Molasses Reef wreck (the oldest known shipwreck in the Western Hemisphere), relics from the Colonial era, a coral reef re-creation and an exhibit on space exploration, detailing John Glenn’s splashdown off Grand Turk’s shore.

Grand Turk has only 70 hotel rooms, so reserve early in high season.

residence at Waterloo, built in 1815, is located right on the beach in Columbus Landfall Park.

Grand Turk offers divers one of the world’s greatest wall diving meccas, with a drop of nearly 7000 feet. This “Mount Everest” of wall dives is just a ¼ mile from the beach.

The lighthouse, which once warned passing boats of the treacherous reefs, was shipped in pieces from the UK and constructed in 1852. A prized historic site, protected by the National Trust, it provides shade, a picnic area and an excellent viewing spot for the Atlantic humpback whales’ migration in the winter months.

The Migration of Atlantic Humpback Whales is one of Nature’s Great Sights
Now accessible from North Caicos via causeway, Middle Caicos is another favorite for heritage and ecotourism. Sample local food at Daniel’s Café or choose handmade local crafts at the Middle Caicos Artisans Co-op. Arrange to take a shoreside bike ride to a picnic at spectacular Mudjin Harbor. Visit with the friendly residents of Bambarra and Lorimers, or explore the awe-inspiring Conch Bar Caves in the nearby national park. Once a safe haven for the Lucayan Indians, the cave’s corridors and caverns are home to bats, stalactites and stalagmites. Middle Caicos is also home to an 18th century cotton plantation and remnants of this can still be seen today.

The south shore is a major portion of the protected RAMSAR “wetland of international importance.” Just offshore is Ocean Hole, a huge marine sinkhole now frequented by turtles, sharks and other marine wildlife. Middle Caicos is the TCI’s largest island, yet has only 200 inhabitants.

A Group of Islands as Diverse as our Visitor’s Interests

The most lush of all our islands, North Caicos is known as the “garden island.” Located a short trip from Providenciales by boat or small plane, North’s greater rainfall allows forests of Caribbean hardwoods to flourish in the island’s interior. Among the lush vegetation are sugar apples, guavas, and the wondrous root of the slipper, a cross between a banana and a fig. A sanctuary for wildlife and protected wetlands, North Caicos and its five national parks and nature reserves are a unique eco-tourism destination for nature and water sports lovers. North was originally settled by Wade Stubbs, a Loyalist refugee from the American Revolution. His Wade Green cotton plantation did not last long, but the haunting and well-preserved ruins can now be toured.

While the village of Bottle Creek is the geographic and commercial center of North Caicos, the settlement of Whitey, as its main highway, is home to most of its guest houses and hotels. With miles of deserted white sand beaches to enjoy in solitude, Whitey is also home to one of TCI’s natural wonders—the hundreds of flamingos at Flamingo Pond Natural Reserve, an internationally protected RAMSAR site.

Sandy Point is named for the beautiful white sand beach. It is also home to Cottage Pond, a submerged sinkhole that connects to the ocean and which local cave divers have mapped to a depth of 215 feet. This easily accessible phenomenon is home to numerous perching bird species.

At North Caicos’ east coast find Bottle Creek, a shallow passage of shimmering turquoise connecting the Atlantic Ocean to the Caicos Banks. Paddle down the creek, beach your kayak and then float lazily with the current from the passage’s shallow waters to where the channel’s mouth opens to the sea.

Immerse yourself in our history, marvel at our wildlife, water sports lovers. North was originally settled by Wade Stubbs, a Loyalist refugee from the American Revolution. His Wade Green cotton plantation did not last long, but the haunting and well-preserved ruins can now be toured.

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The tiny one square mile isle of Salt Cay guarantees visitors a secluded escape from civilization to the world as it ought to be. Donkeys and cows have the right of way and transport is by golf cart. Whaling was once an industry here, and, from December through April, you can see one of nature’s great spectacles: the migration of Atlantic humpback whales through the Columbus Passage to their winter breeding grounds on the Silver Banks. Although Salt Cay is the smallest island in the Turks and Caicos, the warmth and hospitality of its residents are matchless.

Uninhabited East Caicos is large, at 18 square miles, and has a 17 mile beach on its north coast used only by sea turtles to lay their eggs. Once home to cattle rearing and a large sisal plantation, East Caicos has the evidence of railroad tracks and petroglyphs which testify to earlier settlement.

Commonly referred to as “The Big South,” South Caicos is TCI’s fishing capital. The main attractions on this approximately 18 square mile island are fishing, windsurfing and scuba diving. Go snorkeling in the shallows of Salt Pond Nature Reserve or dive and snorkel straight off the beaches. You will discover the Areni Wall, Eagle Nest, the Arch, Shark Alley and the vertical wall which wraps around the island’s southern edge and drops to an astonishing 7000 feet.

At the far west of the Caicos Islands, lies 11 square mile West Caicos which has remained unspoiled, except for a brief period when it was a sisal plantation. Today, you can still see remnants of the old community of Yankee Town, with its old wharf, railroad, and sisal engines. With the pending opening of a five star hotel and villas, West Caicos will return to its heyday.

West Caicos is a great location for sport fishing and windsurfing and is considered an underwater photography mecca. A wall running two miles along the western shore offers some of the finest diving in TCI. This is where live-aboard dive boats often stop to view the underwater coral reef and thriving marine creatures. Lake Catherine Nature Reserve on the west coast is a scenic habitat for flamingos, ospreys, duck, and waders.
Dominican Republic, Haiti and Jamaica.

Thursday and Saturday.

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60 degrees Celsius) and in winter about 74 to 78 degrees Fahrenheit

reaching the mid 90s (35 degrees Celsius), especially in the late

Fahrenheit (29-32 degrees Celsius) from June to October, sometimes

South Caicos.

Grand Turk. There is also a ferry with scheduled service to North and

scheduled service to North, Middle and South Caicos, Salt Cay and

North Caicos.

HOTEL RECEPTION

LOCAL FAVORS

The average temperatures range from 81 to 90 degrees Fahrenheit in the summer, with light to moderate winds blowing through most of the year (15 to 24 miles per hour, especially in the late summer and early autumn). The average temperatures range from 63 to 78 degrees Fahrenheit in the winter months, with sometimes a high of 80 degrees Fahrenheit (26.7 degrees Celsius), although there is a chance of rain in February and March.

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Domingo.

Veering to left is a favorite of ship owners, but left turns require caution, they could be blind corners.

VEHICLE RENTAL

Driving is on the left side of the road, even though most cars' steering

are 50% government-backed. If you have a separate accident insurance contract, secure all parties involved in any accident.

residents. So when you're on a boat in the Turks & Caicos Islands, keep your pet under control at all times.

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