

Provo Golf Club in Turks and Caicos

Amazing Grace, Amazing Course

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You may think residing next to the most beautiful beach in the world would give its closest neighbor an inferiority complex. For Provo Golf Club, located next to Grace Bay Beach in the Turks and Caicos Islands, nothing could be further from the truth. In fact, Provo keeps getting better every year.

Provo Golf Club became Turks and Caicos' first golf course in 1992. Almost 20 years later, this 6700-yard track of palm trees, Bermuda grass, and exotic bird life is still the only game in town. Golfers from around the world annually land in Turks and Caicos to see "what's new" and are rarely disappointed.

If you're seeking a tropical golf getaway guaranteed to take your breath away, then check out Providenciales or "Provo," Turks and Caicos' most inhabited island. Located 38 miles southeast of the Bahamas, Provo draws scores of admirers seeking a pristine island environment and the beach Trip Advisor voted the "Most Beautiful in the World." Provo Golf Club is located just a three-iron from Grace Bay Beach. Provo is consistently ranked as one of the Top 10 courses in the Caribbean.

Provo – A Caribbean-style Welcome

What's amazing about Provo Golf Club is how the course continues to invest and improve. One can't help but be impressed by the colorful new species of trees and flowers, as well as a sparkling renovation to the clubhouse and dining areas.

A Caribbean-style welcome awaits those climbing the entrance steps to Provo's elevated clubhouse. There is a definite charm to the friendly atmosphere the course exudes. The warmth and pace of living on *island time* easily wins over newcomers while welcoming back long-time friends.



Provo's clubhouse is a welcoming elevated retreat.

Upon entering the clubhouse doors, one's eyes are drawn skyward to the rainbow of golf flags hoisted high on the ceiling and walls. The flags represent some of the most famous and infamous golf courses from around the planet. Each flag has a story. After your round, take the time to seek out a Provo staff member for details on how these flags happened to adorn Provo's clubhouse interior. Listen and you'll detect a bit of mischief in the air. The best way to *really* learn flag insider stories is over a relaxing cocktail on Provo's outdoor deck.

Grace Bay's International Allure

Provo Golf Club is the delicious dessert to Providenciales' main entrée, the turquoise water framing Grace Bay Beach. You'll find Grace Bay to be a beach paradise and dream photograph for the ages. Twenty years ago, no one had heard of Grace Bay. Today, the beach's reputation has grown to the farthest reaches of our globe. Nowhere is this international pull more evident than when reading Provo Golf Club's membership list.

"We have members from Canada, the U.S., Iceland, Scotland, Ireland, England, Italy, France, Haiti, Switzerland, Belgium, Germany, the Bahamas, and New Zealand," Provo Golf Professional and Sarnia, Ontario native Dave Douglas said. These members coexist famously, and their camaraderie extends to first-time visitors with a caring nod that is as pleasant as the island's gentle trade winds.

Conch, Orchids, and Pink Flamingos

There is no mistaking you're in the Caribbean when stepping up to the Par 4, 333-yard first hole. Provo's distinctive tee markers are actually made from Providenciales' trademark conch shells. Seafood lovers, as well as scuba and snorkeling enthusiasts, will discover that Turks and Caicos is the conch capitol of the world.



Provo golf course is a feast of palm trees, flowers and bird life.

If waving palm fronds are one of the calling cards that drew you to the Caribbean in the first place, then Provo is like paradise found. Virtually every species of palm tree known to man can be found at Provo Golf Club. Over the past three years, Provo's Superintendent Jason Bailey has also drenched the course in colorful flora to enhance your golf experience. African tulips, Hong Kong orchids, yellow blooming Cassia, and resplendent bougainvillea all make for a head-turning golf experience.

For some, golf is all about birdies and even eagles. What's great about Provo, is how the bird life extends to feathered friends you'll rarely find back home. On the back nine there is even a good chance of sighting a pink flamingo. Provo is a natural golf environment that is as unique as it is memorable.

Fly for the Turquoise Blue, Come Back for the Fairway Green

It's never been easier to arrange for a Turks and Caicos golf escape. American, Delta, US Airways, Continental, United, JetBlue, Air Canada, and WestJet, all make regular direct flights to Providenciales International Airport (PLS.) When Provo Golf Club opened in 1992, there were but a handful of hotels available for vacationers. Today, there are over 20 hotels located steps from Grace Bay Beach. These oceanfront retreats look forward to making your Turks and Caicos stay one you won't soon forget.



Stunning Grace Bay Beach awaits vacationers before or after your round of golf.

Provo Golf Club has no problem knowing that its stunning neighbor, Grace Bay Beach, may be the reason you first chose Turks and Caicos. Provo also knows that the memories you'll relish from playing their 18 holes may be why you come back again and again.

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