

Thrilla of a Villa in Turks and Caicos
The Regent Grand and Villa Renaissance in Providenciales
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The ambiance at Regent Grand on Grace Bay Beach is comfortably luxurious.

Grace Bay Beach is a Caribbean wonder of the world. This 12-mile stretch of powdery white sand and turquoise water is the photogenic headliner of the Turks and Caicos Islands. To reside for even a day on the beach's epicenter – is a memory a guest won't soon forget.

The Villa Renaissance and the Regent Grand hotels are neighbors flanking the equivalent of the Grace Bay Beach 50-yard line. A balcony ocean view from these villa-style properties means looking to one's left *or* right is a "win-win" proposition.

The sheer convenience of these two pristine locations is what makes one's stay on the island all the more perfect. Luxurious hotel amenities, nearby restaurant choices, and championship golf, all make the Villa Renaissance and Regent Grand what will be remembered as *paradise within walking distance*.

Providenciales – Getting There

Located 38 miles southeast of the Bahamas, the Turks and Caicos Islands are comprised of 40 islands and cays, eight of which are inhabited. Providenciales or “Provo” is the most populated of the islands. For vacationers seeking a Caribbean dream location where English is the main language and the dollar is currency, then consider this destination discovered by Christopher Columbus in 1492.

Currently, Delta, American, US Air, and Air Canada, all have regular flights to the Providenciales airport (PLS.) Flights from Miami to Providenciales take one hour and 15 minutes. Remember to bring your passport.



The Caribbean Sea is just a short stroll from the Villa Renaissance.

The Villa Renaissance

Over the past five years, a unique development has occurred in Turks and Caicos

regarding hotel accommodations. Most of the upscale properties now offer villas or suites as a standard form of stay. This means guests can expect elaborate kitchens, resplendent living areas (featuring island décor,) and multiple bathrooms. This is in addition to a wealth of other perks and amenities.

The Villa Renaissance is comprised of 28 luxurious one, two, and three-bedroom beachfront villas, and eight charming poolside cottages. Italian-style architecture, a mosaic pool, and lush gardens are evident throughout the grounds. Over the past two years, the Villa Renaissance has been awarded a number one “Travelers Choice” ranking by guests amongst all Turks and Caicos hotel properties.

The Regent Grand

In 2007, the Villa Renaissance’s new sister property, The Regent Grand, burst on to the Providenciales hotel scene. The Regent includes 54 two and three-bedroom suites, each with extraordinary amenities. Granite kitchen countertops, marble floors, roomy bathrooms, and spectacular balcony ocean-views are yours for the asking at the Regent Grand.



The Regent Grand’s unparalleled luxury is matched only by the convenience of the hotel’s location. A free tennis court, The Teona Spa, and the most upscale shopping site in all of Provo are located just two minutes from the Regent entrance.

Shopping – The Regent Village

A multitude of fine shops and retail options can be found along Grace Bay Road, Provo's main thoroughfare. Provo's newest retail plaza is The Regent Village. Vacationers will find dining options, artwork, jewelry, clothing, and real estate enterprises. For companies looking to combine business with pleasure, the Regent Village's brand-new conference center is the answer.

This 2,000-square-foot facility offers seating for up to 150 people, as well as private dining or full-scale catering. The conference center also features state-of-the-art audiovisual and teleconferencing services. For those who fall in love on the island, the facility will also host weddings and receptions.

Provo Golf and Country Club



Provo Golf and Country Club is just a three wood drive from Grace Bay Beach

An added bonus to staying at the Villa Renaissance or Regent Grand is their affiliation with the Provo Golf and Country Club. This 6,700-yard track of lush Bermuda grass is an environmental refuge framed by hundreds of palm trees and inhabited by abundant bird life.

Provo was ranked by *Golf Magazine* as one of the *Top 10 Courses in the Caribbean*. Guests staying at the Villa Renaissance and Regent Grand can play Provo at a discounted rate, even in high season.

Dining

Many of the best restaurants along Providenciales' restaurant row are within walking distance from the Villa Renaissance and Regent Grand. Coco Bistro, O'Soleil, Bay Bistro, and Hemingways are all about a 10-minute stroll from the two hotels.

Excursions and Activities

A trip to the outer islands is a great way to really experience Turks and Caicos. Your concierge can arrange for a half or full-day excursion. One escape to consider is a snorkeling tour that includes cruising by the spectacular home of Bruce Willis at Parrot Cay or the luxury yachts on Nikki Beach. Top off your day by diving for a conch shell. Then kick back on your very own private island while devouring the conch salad you snared yourself. The beautiful conch shell souvenir you bring back home will be a lifetime reminder of your day living like an islander.



Grace Bay Beach – *The Headliner*

If beach walking is your passion, then Grace Bay Beach is sure to become an all-time favorite destination. The beauty of Grace Bay is this – one can walk in virtual solitude on this picturesque natural pathway, even in high season.

The ocean water is an amazing shade of turquoise. The tepid water is relatively shallow all along the shore line. The elements of beach, water, and sky make for a Caribbean memory one won't soon forget.

Rates

At the Villa Renaissance, rates for a one bedroom suite through Dec. 19, runs from \$445 to \$770 per night. A two bedroom suite during this same time frame runs from \$645 to \$1325 per evening. The three-bedroom suite is \$1085 through Dec. 19. There are special rates for Christmas week.

After January 5, one bedroom suites begin at \$600 and top out at \$870 per night. Two-bedroom suites are \$755, \$1025, \$1140, and \$1920. The three-bedroom suite is \$1525 per evening after January 5.

At the Regent Grand, one-bedroom suites run from \$570 to \$910 per evening through Dec. 19. After January 5, these suites begin at \$690 and go to \$1155 per evening. The two bedroom suites are from \$660 to \$1340 through Dec. 19. After January 5, they run from \$920 to \$1640 per evening. The three-bedroom suites are \$1600 to \$2000 per evening through Dec. 19. After January 5, rates run from \$1990 to \$2500 per evening.

The Villa Renaissance and the Regent Grand are the best of both worlds: an island getaway with unforgettable views, and a luxurious retreat with all the comforts of home. When one stays in a *thrilla* of a villa, the Turks and Caicos Islands will give you waves of reasons why ocean turquoise will become your new favorite color.

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