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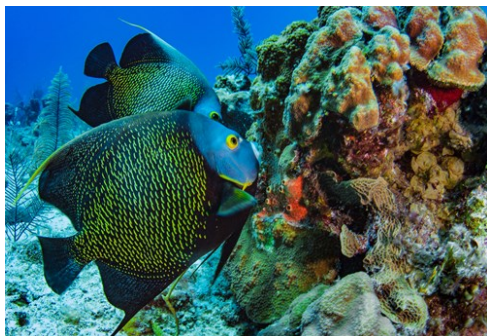
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Providenciales is the primary tourist destination of the Turks and Caicos archipelago, which sits just north of Hispaniola. Its popularity is hardly surprising: this Caribbean island offers long stretches of white sandy beaches and turquoise waters, perfect for extended snorkelling sessions. That's why so many upscale resorts and restaurants have come to line its shores, and a plethora of boutiques and galleries greet tourists that stroll around the main plazas: everything is in place for a welcoming and fun-filled stay.

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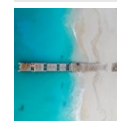
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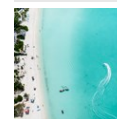
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THE ISLAND



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At 98 kilometres in size (~38 square miles), the island of Providenciales, referred to as "Provo" by locals, is the most visited and developed of the Turks and Caicos islands.

On its northern side you'll find Grace Bay and its long stretches of white beaches together with its coral reefs, which can be explored during snorkelling and scuba diving sessions. This is also the place that hosts many high-class seafront resorts, as well as the majority of the island's restaurants, which uphold Caribbean culinary tradition and flavors.

On the other end of the island, together with the beaches of Sapodilla Bay and Copper Jack, there's Chalk Sound, a natural lagoon that houses a national park famous for its clear-blue lake dotted with rocky islands. If you want more privacy during your stay, there are also private villas up for rent here.

If you head westward, you'll reach the Providenciales International Airport, which is the main point of entry for the archipelago, while on the east side there's the Blue Hills area, which features the highest elevation point on the island, Blue Mountain.

This world-renowned destination comes from

humble beginnings: it was relatively unknown until the 1970s, when the local government recognised the island's tourism potential and established the first hotels, roads and port. It wasn't until the Club Med resort and the South Dock opened during the 1980s that the island's growth in both population and visitors started to rise dramatically, marking the start of the island's steady progress towards becoming one of the main attractions in the Caribbean.

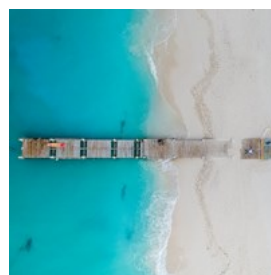
DO & SEE



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If there are two things Providenciales is famous for, those must be its beaches and crystalline waters. Grace Bay Beach is certainly the most visited, but don't forget about the stretches of white sand located at Sapodilla Bay and Turtle Tail. The many snorkelling and scuba diving companies will let you explore local coral reefs and marine life, in case you choose to go beyond simply enjoying the shoreline vistas.

Grace Bay Beach



Regarded by some as one of the best beaches in the world, Grace Bay Beach is three miles long and features pristine-white sand together with seaweed- and pollution-free waters. If you're looking for more activities other than shoreline

walks and admiring the nearby coral reefs, you can book a parasailing flight to enjoy a different viewing angle.

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Address: Grace Bay, Providenciales

Leeward Beach



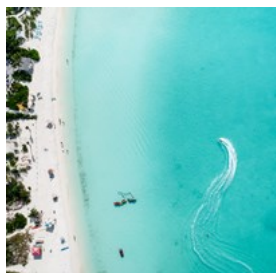
Even though it stretches to the east from Grace Bay Beach, Leeward Beach is less crowded than its neighbouring counterpart, allowing you

to find the perfect spot for relaxing on its shoreline. Walking here grants you the opportunity to enjoy the view of the many local resorts, but also to visit the Turks and Caicos Rock Iguana sanctuary. Other activities include water sports like wakeboarding and kayaking.

Photo: Jo Ann Snover/Shutterstock.com

Address: Leeward Settlement, Providenciales

Sapodilla Bay Beach



With its shallow and calm waters, Sapodilla Bay Beach makes for a fine destination for families with children. Nearby attractions include Chalk

Sound and its rocky islands, as well as Sapodilla Bay Hill Rock Carvings, featuring inscriptions that date back to the 1700s.

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Address: Chalk Sound Drive, Providenciales

Snorkelling



Providenciales is filled with good snorkelling spots, but the best ones are arguably Bight Reef and Smith's Reef, both located in the central region of the island. You have good chances of spotting green turtles, southern brown stingrays and even nurse sharks. If you want to see nocturnal sea creatures like squid and octopus, you're free to do some night snorkelling (provided that you have the equipment for it).

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Address: Coral Gardens Reef, Penn's Road, Providenciales

Wake To Wake Watersports Turks and Caicos



Wake To Wake is a boat tour company that will arrange trips catering to your needs, offering half day and full day excursions, the latter including a beach BBQ and snacks. You can also take part in a wide range of water sports, from subwing to wake surfing, as well as water skiing and tubing. With enough luck, even the local dolphins will join in on the fun.

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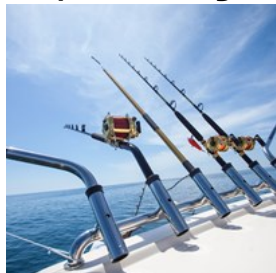
Address: Blue Haven Resort, Leeward, Providenciales

Phone: +1 649 242 9253

Internet: www.waketowake.tc

Email: info@waketowake.tc

Deep Sea Fishing with M & J's Charters



If you feel up to some big game fishing, M & J's Charters will give you the opportunity to do just that. The trained crew will guide you towards the best spots to catch barracuda, mahi-mahi, snapper and even swordfish and white marlin. The tour includes sandwiches to carry you through the day, as well as a beach BBQ at the end.

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Address: Grace Bay, Providenciales

Opening hours: Daily 24 hrs

Phone: +1 649 331 0550

Internet: www.mnjscharters.com

Email: info@mnjscharters.com

More Info: Tours can last for either four or seven hours.

Bike Tour with Caicos Cyclery



On top of selling bikes and offering repair services, Caicos Cyclery also gives you the opportunity to pedal through the main spots of the island. The "Java Cruise" is a short and relaxed ride that can be done during the morning or evening, the "North and Middle Caicos Bike Adventure" features island hopping between middle and North Caicos, while the Iron Man Road Bike Ride features a 42-mile long track that will put your endurance to the test.

Photo: YanLev/Shutterstock.com

Address: Saltmills Plaza, Grace Bay, Providenciales

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 10am-4pm

Phone: +1 649 941 7544

Internet: www.caicoscyclery.com

Horseback Riding with Provo Ponies



The oldest stable of the island, Provo Ponies offers both group and private horseback riding tours through Long Bay Beach. You'll be able to wade through the waters with the provided steed; trotting and cantering will be available, if conditions allow it, on the two rides that are scheduled every day.

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Address: 32 Dolphin Lane, Long Bay, Providenciales

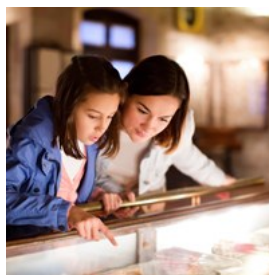
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8.30am-12.30pm 2.30pm-6.30pm

Phone: +1 649 241 6350

Internet: www.provoponies.com

Email: provoponiestci@gmail.com

Turks and Caicos National Museum



This museum is a smaller branch of the one located on the Grand Turk island, but plans are being made to expand its size, collection and exhibition spaces. It now hosts different anchors that belonged to centuries-old ships and a 1700s cannon, as well as a reproduction of a 1800s home and two examples of a Caicos Sloop, the signature vessel of the island.

Photo: Iakov Filimonov/Shutterstock.com

Address: The Village, Grace Bay Development Office and Caicos Heritage House, Providenciales

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-1pm

Phone: +1 649 941 9358

Internet: www.tcmuseum.org

Email: info@tcmuseum.org

Turk's Head Brewery Tour



Producing four different variations of the local Turk's Head Beer, this brewery offers tours detailing how their signature ale is made,

finishing off with a tasting course where you'll be able to try them all out. The gift shop here sells not only bottles that you can bring home, but also articles like t-shirts and other souvenirs.

Photo: Rene Ramos/Shutterstock.com

Address: 52 Universal Drive , Discovery Bay, Providenciales

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7am-5pm, Sat 7am-2pm

Phone: +1 649 941 3637

Internet: www.turksheadbrewery.tc

Email: info@turksheadbeer.com

More Info: Tours are held Mon-Fri starting at 11am, 1pm and 3pm.

DINING



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Being an island, Providenciales' cuisine has always centred around fish, clams and other seafood, but thanks to the surge in tourists and visitors, you can now find food inspired by different traditions and cultures from all around the world. The go-to place for both high-class dining and budget eateries has to be Grace Bay, where many restaurants are concentrated, but there's one thing you won't find on the island: international fast food joints, something that is held up as a badge of honour by the Turks and

Caicos.

Coco Bistro



Coco Bistro is located in Grace Bay, inside the largest palm grove of Providenciales. The menu is largely based on local seafood: starters feature conch, lobster and salmon tartare, while the main courses include pepper crusted tuna, pesto rubbed Atlantic salmon and roasted mahi, but there are also lamb racks and beef tenderloin. Other than an ample selection of white and red wines, there are also cocktail specials and beers to pair with your meal.

Photo: thanasus/Shutterstock.com

Address: 10 Oak Road, Grace Bay Road, Providenciales

Opening hours: Daily 5.30pm-10pm

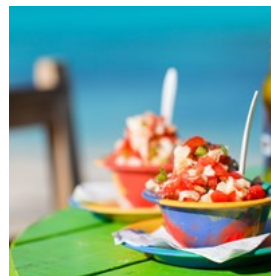
Phone: +1 649 946 5369

Internet: www.cocobistro.tc

Email: cocobistro@tcway.tc

More Info: Located next to Sunshine Nursery.

Da Conch Shack



This restaurant doesn't just provide seafood-based dishes like conch chowder, lobster and locally caught fish, but it also has meat

offerings like pork ribs and chicken breast, as well as vegetarian salads. Your meals will be accompanied by live music every Wednesday and Sunday, while DJs make their appearance on Fridays.

Photo: BlueOrange Studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: Blue Hills Road, Providenciales

Opening hours: Daily, September: 11am-4pm. All other months: 11am-9pm

Phone: +1 649 946 8877

Internet: www.daconchshack.com
Email: daconchshack@gmail.com

Hole In The Wall Restaurant



Whether you decide to order their popular curried goat meat, jerked chicken or red snapper, they will come with two different sides of your choice, such as white rice, mashed potatoes and coleslaw. Hole In The Wall is located near the airport, making it a fine place to grab a bite before leaving or after landing.

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Address: Williams Plaza, Old Airport Road, Providenciales
Opening hours: Daily 8am-8pm
Phone: +1 649 941 4136

Le Bouchon Du Village



The menu chalked on their blackboard changes depending on the daily catch, but at Le Bouchon Du Village you can always find local seafood with a French twist. Some of the dishes that you can find here are steak au poivre, shrimp pasta and calamari a la plancha that can be enjoyed on their outdoor seats.

Photo: Mark Skalny/Shutterstock.com
Address: Regent Street, Providenciales
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 11am-3pm 5pm-Midnight
Phone: +1 649 244 1134
Email: lebouchonduvillage@gmail.com

Chinson's Grill Shack



If you feel like sampling some typical Caribbean flavours, Chinson's Grill Shack can satisfy that craving. You can start your meal with traditional 'manish wata', goat chunks and beef tripe with vegetables, and then move on to shrimp skewers, grouper filet or stewed ox tail. They also have a side Chinese dinner menu.

Photo: PRESSLAB/Shutterstock.com
Address: Leeward Highway, Providenciales
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8am-10pm
Phone: +1 649 941 3533
Email: info@chinsonsgrillshack.com

Omar's Beach Hut



Omar's Beach Hut is a restaurant facing the ocean, a view to be enjoyed from their covered patio that features bright blue wooden tables. They have many lobster-based options if the season allows for it, including salads, rolls and pasta, but you can also order conch fritters, jerked pork and chicken or coconut shrimp.

Photo: MevZup/Shutterstock.com
Address: Five Cays, Providenciales
Opening hours: Fri-Wed 11am-9pm, Thu 11am-6pm
Phone: +1 649 231 6691
Email: omarsbeachhut@gmail.com

Hideaway Grill and Chill



This restaurant provides options for breakfast, with muffins, croissant sandwiches and bagels available, or lunch, during which you'll be able to try some Jamaican specials like oxtail, chicken or pork jerk and snapper, all coupled with rice and peas or coleslaw. Outdoor seating is available, right beside the beach.

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Address: Turtle Cove Landing, Providenciales

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 7am-10pm, Sun 7am-4pm

Phone: +1 649 244 8046

Somewhere Cafe And Lounge



This restaurant is located in the Coral Gardens Resort, and specialises in Tex-Mex food available for breakfast, lunch and dinner. You'll be able to order nachos, fajitas and mixed BBQ plates with meat and seafood, all while listening to live music right beside Grace Bay Beach. Other than their Happy Hour taking place every day from from 4pm to 6pm, they also have daily discount events like Margarita Monday or Draft Friday.

Photo: Iriska_Ira/Shutterstock.com

Address: Penn's Road, Coral Gardens Resort, Providenciales

Opening hours: Daily 8.30am-11pm

Phone: +1 649 941 8260

Internet: www.somewherecafeandlounge.com

Sweet T's



A nice option for those who are looking for eats below the hefty average restaurant bill, Sweet T's is hard to miss due to its bright pink and white-coloured front, and is located near Sapodilla Beach. You order fried chicken wings and chips by stating how much you want to spend, and you can also add their signature hot sauce batter as well as a cold drink.

Photo: Arkadiusz Fajer/Shutterstock.com

Address: Downtown, Providenciales

Opening hours: Daily 8am-10pm

Phone: +1 649 343 3655

Turks Kebab



This restaurant focuses on Turkish and Greek cuisine, offering dishes such as pita wrap burgers with either meat or fish, and kebab plates with beef, lamb or chicken meat. There are also many options for vegetarians: salads, hummus and veggie pitas are all available here, to be enjoyed either indoor or in their patio lush with surrounding vegetation.

Photo: gkrphoto/Shutterstock.com

Address: 8 Alverna's Craft Market, Dolphin Drive, Providenciales

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 11.30am-9.30pm

Phone: +1 649 431 9964

Internet: www.turkskebab.com

Email: info@turkskebabtci.com

More Info: Located between Seven Stars Resort and Leeward Highway

CAFES



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There are several options sprinkled throughout Providenciales for either kick-starting your morning or stopping for an afternoon break: from coffee shops coupling baked goods with hot drinks to juice bars where you can have fruit smoothies and ice cream, you will most likely find a place to take care of your cravings.

The Patty Place



At The Patty Place you can choose between sweet or savoury treats. They have an ample selection of ice cream flavours and milk shakes, as well as banana split as an option, but they also serve vegetable and beef patties along with their signature meatballs with cheese.

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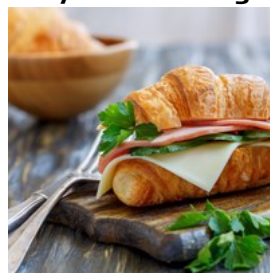
Address: Grace Bay Road, Providenciales

Opening hours: Mon-Wed 10am-8.30pm, Thu-Sat 10am-10pm, Sun 11am-10pm

Phone: +1 649 339 9001

Email: thepattyplace@gmail.com

Shay Café & Lounge



This café serves dishes for both breakfast and lunch that are made with organic & fair trade ingredients, just like their teas, coffees and espressos. Your hot drinks can be accompanied by sandwiches, omelettes and wraps. Ice creams are also available if you want to grab something sweet on the go.

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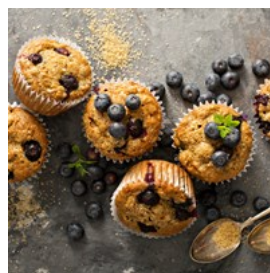
Address: Le Vele Plaza, Grace Bay Road, Providenciales

Opening hours: Daily 7am-3pm

Phone: +1 649 941 4959

Email: shaycafelounge@gmail.com

Retreat Kitchen



Retreat Kitchen is a vegetarian café that offers vegan-friendly options as well. You can take a seat either inside their white-walled interiors or on their patio, and then order one of their soups and hummus with honey toast. They also have a juice bar serving smoothies, as well as dairy- and gluten-free pastries.

Photo: Elena Veselova/Shutterstock.com

Address: Ports of Call Plaza, Gracebay Road, Providenciales

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-3pm, Sat 9am-Noon

Phone: +1 649 432 2485

Lemon 2 Go



This café may use selected shipped beans for its coffee, but the pastries here are made with exclusively local ingredients. You'll have many options for both breakfast and lunch,

including both hot and iced drinks that go together with either salads, paninis or sandwiches. Outdoor seating is available, as well as free Wi-Fi.

Photo: BirdShutterB/Shutterstock.com

Address: 101 Venture House, Grace Bay Road, Providenciales

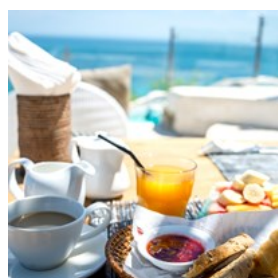
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 7am-6pm, Sun 7am-1pm

Phone: +1 649 941 4069

Internet: www.caicoscafe.com

Email: info@lmn2gotci.com

Market Café & Convenient Store



Located inside the Blue Haven Resort, Market is a café that also acts as a small grocery store, and stocks a good amount of produce, wine, beer and cheese for your stay. If you decide to stop by, you'll be able to order a cup of coffee or espresso at their bar, which may then can be coupled with smoothies, pastries, crepes and sandwiches.

Photo: Ajan Alen/Shutterstock.com

Address: Blue Haven Resort, Leeward, Providenciales

Opening hours: Daily 7am-8pm

Phone: +1 649 946 9900

Top O' The Cove Deli



This New York style café has options for breakfast and lunch hours, as well as takeaway for dinner. Their wraps can be stuffed with tuna, grilled chicken, hot roast beef or prosciutto, and they also have house specials such as their Jumbo Deli Bacon Cheeseburger and Philly steak with onions. Drink options include hot coffees and lattes but also cold juices, smoothies and beer.

Photo: Ezume Images/Shutterstock.com

Address: Suzy Turn, Leeward Highway, Providenciales

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7am-5pm, Sat 7am-3pm, Sun 7am-2pm

Phone: +1 649 946 4694

Internet: www.topothecove.com

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Lounges and bars can be found along Grace Bay Beach and inside the many resorts that line its shore, where you can order some of the local brews and ales, like Turk's Head Beer and the Bambarra rum, which come in different flavours. Most - if not all - of these bars offer a sea view and live music, a relaxing combination in full Caribbean style.

Grace Bay Pub Crawl



With Grace Bay Pub Crawl you'll hop on their 15-passenger bike and pedal through some of the best sights in Providenciales on a

one-hour tour. You'll be able to meet locals and fellow travellers alike or book a private ride, but regardless of your choice, unlimited rum punch is included in the price.

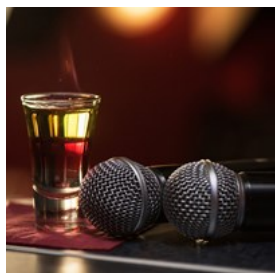
Photo: Volodymyr Baleha/Shutterstock.com

Address: Grace Bay, Providenciales

Opening hours: Daily 24 hours

Phone: +1 649 442 0820

Danny Buoy's



Danny Buoy's is an Irish pub that is packed with events for every day of the week: karaoke nights are held every Tuesday and Thursday from

8.30pm to 00.30am, you can enjoy country music every Friday starting from 8.30pm while DJs are hosted here on Saturdays, performing from 10pm to 2am. Their drink specials change daily, and their happy hour lasts from 5pm to 7pm every day.

Photo: Olinchuk/Shutterstock.com

Address: Grace Bay, Providenciales

Opening hours: Mon Tue 11am-2am, Wed 11am-1am, Thu-Sat 11am-2am, Sun 11am-Midnight

Phone: +1 649 946 5921

Internet: www.dannybuoys.com

Email: info@dannybuoys.com

Coconut Grove



Coconut grove acts as both a restaurant and lounge bar, where you can couple small bites like shrimp rolls, conch

finger food with fries and curry chicken with a drink of your choice. Open mic nights are held every Monday and Wednesday, and they host local DJs as well; special offers on beverages are available during these events.

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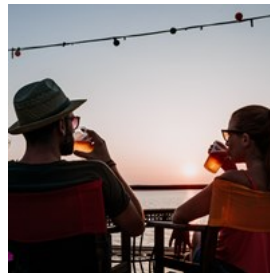
Address: Down Town, Providenciales

Opening hours: Daily 11am-10pm

Phone: +1 649 941 7300

Email: coconutgrove@yahoo.com

Sharkbite Bar & Grill



The Sharkbite Bar & Grill sits right beside the waters of Turtle Cove, a view that can be enjoyed from their outdoor seating area. You can

order typical Caribbean seafood like grilled snapper, lobster and conch fritters to accompany you through their daily happy hour going from 5pm to 7pm. The local Bar Band plays live music every Friday, or - alternatively - you can enjoy sports on their televisions or pay a visit to their mini gambling parlour.

Photo: Marjan Apostolovic/Shutterstock.com

Address: Lower Bight Road, Turtle Cove Marina, Providenciales

Opening hours: Sat-Thu 11am-Midnight, Fri 11am-1am

Phone: +1 649 941 5090

Casablanca Casino



Whether you're an experienced gambler or a newcomer, at Casablanca Casino you'll be able to join local players for games of poker, blackjack

and roulette. On their website you can find the rules applying to the six different games that they have, and you can also join their monthly events, like raffles and promotion parties.

Photo: Studio Romantic/Shutterstock.com

Address: 226 Grace Bay Road, Grace Bay, Providenciales

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 4pm-4am, Sun 7pm-4am

Phone: +1 649 941 3737

Internet: www.thecasablancacasino.com

Email: casablancacasino1@gmail.com

SHOPPING



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In Grace Bay Road you will find stores like groceries for articles that you may need during your stay, plus boutiques and shops for gifts and souvenirs to bring back home with you. Providenciales is famous for its arts and crafts, such as jewellery made with beach sand and conch, but also prints and paintings, which can be bought in the local boutiques.

Atelys



This jewellery store fuses Dominican style with local materials. Larimar, water pearls and sea glass are all used to craft many of the articles that

can be purchased here, including bracelets, necklaces and bracelets. They are further divided into collections, such as stamped pieces reporting the Grace Bay coordinates and seashells made with silver.

Photo: seeshooteatrepeat/Shutterstock.com
Address: 3 Caicos Cafe Plaza, Grace Bay Road, Providenciales
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-6pm
Phone: +1 649 332 2017
Internet: www.atelysadrian.com
Email: atelys@me.com

Unicorn Bookstore



At Unicorn you'll find not only books, but also toys, gifts and magazines. It may be a small family-run business, but they take pride in the fact that they

cater to every guest's needs: if you can't find what you're looking for, you can have it ordered for you (although you'll need to be staying between another 10 and 14 days to pick up your order).

Photo: Brian A Jackson/Shutterstock.com
Address: Graceway Plaza, Leeward Highway, Providenciales
Opening hours: Daily 10am-6pm
Phone: +1 649 347 4848
Internet: www.unicornbookstore.com
Email: shop@unicornbookstore.com

Saltmills Plaza



Saltmills Plaza comes with a wide selection of stores, art galleries and boutiques. You can find the jewellery store The Wellington Collection,

The Blue Surf Shop for your water sports needs and Caicos Cyclery, offering tours as well as repair services for your bike. You can also have a meal at one of the restaurants located here, like Yoshi's Sushi.

Photo: WSW1985/Shutterstock.com
Address: Grace Bay Road, Grace Bay, Providenciales
Opening hours: 10am-6pm
Phone: +1 649 344 5555
Internet: www.thesaltmills.com
Email: saltmills@visittci.com

Anna's Art Gallery



This boutique has a lot of different articles for sale, most handcrafted by local artists: house decor such as paintings and prints adorn its walls, but also souvenirs, gifts, jewellery and wooden sculptures can be found on the shelves. If you have found an item that would be hard to transport back home on your own, delivery can be arranged.

Photo: Monkey Business Images/Shutterstock.com

Address: Saltmills Plaza, Grace Bay Road, Providenciales

Opening hours: Daily 9am-6pm

Phone: +1 649 941 8841

Internet: www.anna.tc

Email: AnnasGallery@gmail.com

Graceway IGA



Graceway IGA is the biggest supermarket in the Turks and Caicos, making it a fine option if you want to have the widest selection of groceries for your shopping. Pre-made food platters are also available, and the bakery can make customised cakes if you happen to be celebrating a special occasion.

Photo: 1000 Words/Shutterstock.com

Address: 102 Leeward Highway, Providenciales

Opening hours: 7am-10pm

Phone: +1 649 941 5000

Internet: www.gracewaysupermarkets.com/iga

Alverna's Craft Market



Alverna is one of the oldest souvenir shops on the island, stocking items that are locally produced but also some imported from nearby Haiti. It is located in Dolphin Drive, and some of the articles that you can find here are souvenirs made of metal and painted, wood carvings and jewellery made of conch shells.

Photo: Elizaveta Galitckaia/Shutterstock.com

Address: Dolphin Drive, Providenciales

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Passport / Visa



You must have a valid passport with you to enter Turks and Caicos. Upon arrival, you will need to fill out an immigration form.

Moreover, the head of each family will also be required to complete a customs form (C105). If you are travelling with people that are not family-related, each one of them will have to fill out the form.

Some countries are exempt from needing a visa in order to enter the Turks and Caicos islands. The updated list can be found at the following website:

www.gov.tc/bordercontrol/products-and-services/visa

If the name of your country does not appear on that list, you will need a visa. However, if you have either a US Tourist or Resident Visa (including a H-1B work visa or green card), a UK Tourist or Resident Visa, or a Canadian Tourist or Resident Visa, you will not need a visa. For further information on how to obtain a visa, you can call the Ministry of Border Control and Labour of Turks and Caicos at +1 649 946 2801

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Best Time To Visit



Even though weather in Providenciales is mild year-round, there are some factors to take into consideration when deciding on the period of

your stay.

The hurricane season lasts from June to September, and that's when some of the local establishments choose to close, but those who decide to stay open usually offer lower rates, especially on accommodation. Be sure to check the forecasts, and it's a good idea to have your schedule and tickets allow for some degree of flexibility, just in case.

The months going from December to April feature the highest prices and the largest amount of visitors, marking the start of the dry season.

April and May on the other hand have the lowest

amount of visitors with not particularly high chances of rainfall, if you want to pick a sweet spot between the high and low seasons.

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Providenciales International Airport (PLS)



The Providenciales International Airport (PLS) is the only airport on the island featuring flights by international companies, mainly

coming from North America but also from the United Kingdom, Canada, Cuba, Bahamas and Jamaica.

There will be immigration and customs landing cards to fill out after your landing, then you'll be able to rent a car or take a taxi to get to your accommodation location.

The airport also offers flights to the other islands in the archipelago.

There is no cruise port on Providenciales. Cruise ships enter Turks and Caicos via Grand Turk, and you will need to take a flight to reach Provo from there (no ferry service available as of late 2019).

Photo: Juan Garces

Public Transport



Providenciales does not have any organised public transportation service. Beware of the illegal 'jitney' taxis that have taken this role, as they

usually charge steep prices and do not drive safely. If you want to travel around Providenciales, car rentals and taxis are much better options.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Taxi



Most taxis in Providenciales are metered and there's a fixed rate for distances, but it is advised to always ask the full cost of your

trip before departure.

The Sea Breeze Taxi and Tours company offers, other than their regular cab service, airport drop-offs and pick-ups, sightseeing tours and nightlife excursions, as well as Wi-Fi during the entire trip.

Photo: Taxi

Address: Grace Bay, Providenciales

Opening hours: Daily 10am-1am

Phone: +1 649 245 9651

Internet: www.seabreezetaxiandtours.com

Email: darnley@seabreezetaxiandtours.com

Pharmacy



Most pharmacies tend to open at around 9am, with closing time varying between 7pm to 8pm, and they tend not to be open on Sundays. Flamingo

Pharmacy

102 Leeward Highway, Providenciales

+1 649 941 4527

Island Pharmacy

Windward Road, Five Cays Settlements,

Providenciales

+1 649 946 4150

Photo: Gemma Garner

Post



The Providenciales Post Office is located near the airport, in the Downtown, while another mailbox can be found in the Regent Village car park in

Grace Bay. Stamps can be purchased from many gift shops found commonly in the Grace Bay area, as well as at the Post Office itself.

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: Airport Road, Downtown, Providenciales

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 8am-4.30pm, Fri 8am-4pm

Phone: +1 649 946 4676

Telephone

Country Code: +1 649



Photo: Jardson Almeida

Electricity



The standard voltage is 120 V and the frequency is 60 Hz. AC power sockets are of type A (2 pins) and B (3 pins).

Photo: Stirling Tschan

Population

23,769

Currency

US Dollar, \$1 = 100 cents

Opening hours

While most stores open at 9am, the ones around the main plazas close at 7pm, but some may stay open until 10pm.

Newspapers

Turks and Caicos Weekly News – www.tcweeklynews.com
Turks and Caicos Sun Newspaper – www.suntci.com

Emergency numbers

Police, ambulance and fire brigade: 911

Tourist information

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