

12. **HELPFUL HINTS 2016**

ACTIVITIES TO ENJOY.....

In addition to the breath taking views and paradise like ocean you can enjoy kayaking and swimming pool, bars and restaurants. (within a 2 minutes drive you can enjoy the bar/restaurant of LAS BRISAS 1-649-941-4144) <http://neptunevillastci.com/wp/>

The ocean of Taylor Bay is across the street for your pleasure. They try to make it appear private but it is not. Across the road is “Sunset Blvd” a “U” road so when leaving when leaving Whipspray go right then your first left.

Walk 3-4 minutes on Sunset Blvd and you will see a tennis court go to the LEFT and follow the path THERE WILL BE A HOLE IN THE CHAINLINK FENCE TO GO THRU to a magnificent beach. Enjoy!!!

WEATHER UPDATES.....

www.stormcarib.com

RESTAURANTS.....

Most restaurants add “GRATUITY” then when you hand them your credit card they ask for a tip on top of the meal + gratuity + gov. tax. BE WATCHFUL!

Again if it is a busy week make reservations ahead of time. First DIAL 1-649-FROM THE STATES.

Be sure you spray your ankles where possible from gnats nibbling your feet. Many have Cutters or spray cans. Not a problem at the house or where you are far from the sand.

ANACAONIA***	1-649-946-5050	Good but often slow great atmosphere
BACI RESTORANTE***	1-649-941-3044	Italian small GREAT and fabulous garlic bread too
BAY BISTRO***	1-649-946-5396	Lunch and dinner right on the water
BUGALOO's		outside on beach near by. Only day time I suggest
COCO BISTRO***	1-649-946-5369	EXCELLENT Among the palm trees lit at night. Romantic!
COYABA***	1-649-946-5186	Best on the island we feel.
DA CONCH SHACK		Outside and casual
HEMMINGWAYS	1-649-946-5199	Nice for lunch, on the water's edge
FAIRWAY BAR & GRILL	1-649-946-5833	Very good food on golf course
LAS BRISAS**	1-649-941-4144	NEAR VILLA KAYAKING –SWIMMING POOL-
MAGNOLIA***	1-649-941-5108	Very Good
MANGO REEF	1-649-946-8200	Very good
THREE QUEENS		Very local in Blue Hills
TIKI HUT	1-649-941-5341	By the canal and casual no reservations

BOATING.....

ISLAND VIBES(Owners are very reputable) Fabulous new boat with a diving board on the top. Half or full days. Go fishing, snorkeling, find sand dollars, see iguanas, stay for the day and have fresh conch and great BBQ too!! Captain Shaun is a very experienced and wonderful! 649-231-8423 www.IslandVibesTours.com
info@IslandVibesTours.com

FISHING.....

BITE-ME FISHING: Chris Stubbs *deep sea fishing* 1-649-231-0366 USA # 941-803-8344
Email: biteme@tcipay.tc www.fishingtci.com

Catch the Wave: Ed Missick Bone fishing 649-941-3047 caththewave@tcipay.tc

TELEPHONE SERVICES.....

The Country Code for the Turks & Caicos Islands is 649
To dial a local number dial just the last 7 digits
All local calls made from your villa are free of charge

Outgoing international calls are prohibited from the villa.

There are several options for outgoing international calls:

To call collect or with a US calling card:

Call 1-800 255-5872 (1 800 Call USA) and follow the prompts

To call using your credit card:

Dial 1-800 744-7777 and follow the prompts

Zero Plus Dialing:

To place an overseas call either collect or by credit card, dial 0 followed by the full number required.

For example to dial Miami (305) 123-4567 you must dial:

0 + 01 + 305 + 123 – 4567

When your call is answered the number you dialed will appear on the Operator's screen and she/he will prompt you to confirm the number by reading it back to you. The Operator will ask how you wish to pay for the call and you will be connected.

Utilities

Electricity

There is one main generation plant for the island. While power shortages are not a regular occurrence during regular daily life usage, they do occur from time to time. Very rarely these days but may happen.

In the event that the power does go out during your stay at the Villa, Please:

- Be patient and allow time for the fault to be repaired
- Do not turn on the taps or flush the toilet, as the villa's water pump is electric. It will not operate during an outage. Or you can get a bucket of ocean water and when filled high enough it will flush automatically. **Attempting to use the pump without it's power supply may mean that it will need to be re-set once the power is restored**, and this will ultimately result in an inconvenience and delay for you.

Air Conditioning:

Air conditioning at "Whipspray" is available at a supplement of \$25.00 a day. Please let us know if you would like the air conditioning turned on during your stay. The units are operated by remote controls.

Water:

The water supply at the villa is primarily piped main water. You may use this or you may choose to purchase water in gallon bottles at the local grocery store.

Cable TV

WIV Cable TV provides digital cable TV service. Should there be any disruption to your service please contact our office.

- **Please remember that water and electricity are precious commodities on a small island and come with a high price tag and they have added taxes to utilities! It would be greatly appreciated if you are conservative in your use of both during your stay.**

Security

The entrance doors at Whipspray are fitted with a digital lock so there is no need for you to worry about keys! You will have been given the code for this lock in your Welcome Pack. Please keep this for your reference.

Whipspray is also fitted with an alarm and we recommend that you set the alarm whenever you leave the villa for long periods and at night. The code for the alarm will be found in your welcome pack along with operating instructions.

Please remember not to leave security codes for the alarm and door lock in the villa, and please destroy this information when you leave.

Villa Supplies

Cleaning and Paper Products

There will be a supply of laundry detergents, cleaning products, garbage bags, bath soap, bathroom tissues etc. already in the villa when you arrive.

Food and Beverage: NO LIQUOR MAY BE BOUGHT ON SUNDAY!

You may find some food items in the refrigerator or cupboards on your arrival such as sauces, condiments, tea and coffee etc. Please feel free to use whatever you wish. On your departure please feel free to leave whatever you haven't used and our maids will dispose of it for you. Being a hot climate, you will find that the shelf life of fresh items is shorter than at home, For example fruit will last much longer if stored in the refrigerator rather than a bowl on the counter. Please remember not to leave opened packages on the counters (cakes, chips, bread, etc.) as they will attract ants.

Housekeeping:

Your rental fee includes a light mid-week cleaning halfway through your stay. Typically this would include changes of linens, light cleaning of bathrooms, kitchen and floors.

Your welcome pack will include a note of the scheduled date.

Should you require additional maid service during your visit, please don't hesitate to let us know, and we will gladly arrange this whenever possible.

Please feel free to leave a tip for the housekeeping staff if you wish.

Garbage Supplies

Please dispose of your garbage in the bins provided outside in an enclosed garbage area.. Please do not leave bags outside of bins, on the floor etc. they are likely torn open by stray cats and dogs foraging for food and you will wake up to find a nasty mess in the driveway.

Garbage collection service runs twice a week, please have all of your garbage in the bins at these times for collection.

Pest and Insects:

The Villa is sprayed once a month to reduce the population of ants and other household insects. From time to time you may see small lizards or geckos inside the villa. These creatures are harmless and in fact help to keep the insect population down to a minimum, particularly the mosquitoes. Please be assured that the Turks & Caicos Islands has no poisonous snakes or spiders.

Check Out Time:

Check out time for this villa is 11am. As most weeks we have arrivals and departures on the same day it is essential that this timing be adhered to if we are to have the villa ready for our next guests. While we will try to accommodate later check out times where possible, we can only do so if there are no previously scheduled guests arriving later that day.

Providenciales Airport is extremely busy between the hours of 11:30 am and 4:00 pm on Saturday and we strongly recommend that you allow 3 hours of time to check in for your flight and check you baggage early then go off and have lunch at the Gilly's Restaurant at the airport or do last minute shopping then return to the airport for boarding.

Excursions, Activities and Things to Do!

IMPORTANT NOTE: Bring Plenty of **CASH** with you for many local places **DO NOT EXCEPT credit card... ONLY CASH!** This is especially important if you are renting a car... **to get GAS, you'll need CASH.**

Be sure to call your credit card company and let them know you will be traveling in the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Some credit cards charge a foreign exchange fee (even though the USA dollar is used here.) American Express is not welcome by many vendors.

Some tourist attractions, souvenir shops, and restaurants accept credit cards.

RESTAURANTS OFTEN CHARGE A “GRATUITY” ON THE BILL THEN WHEN YOU GET THE CREDIT CARDS RECEIPT THEY ASK FOR A “TIP”. LOOK AT YOUR FIRST BILL BEFORE HANDING YOUR CARD OVER IS OUR SUGGESTION.

The Turks and Caicos Islands are described by many as one of the last un-spoilt destinations in the Caribbean. The islands are blessed with pristine white sand beaches, calm clear waters and beautiful coral reefs teeming with tropical fish.

Development is being carefully monitored – you won’t find any high-rise resorts or hotels along the beach. The 12-mile stretch of white sand beach on the northern shore of Providenciales, known as Grace Bay, is entirely public and forms part of the national parks.

Most visitors to the Turks and Caicos Islands come to enjoy the beautiful beaches, first class diving and relaxed lifestyle. There is however plenty of things to see and do while on vacation. This guide is designed to help you make the most of your time here. Whether you decide to fill your days with every activity possible, or just sit back, relax and enjoy the scenery, we’re here to help you!

Catamaran Cruises

Enjoy a half-day or full day cruising the coastal waters on a comfortable 48 or 52 ft catamaran. Plenty of shade is provided by hard top decks as well as large trampolines for basking in the sun. All snorkeling equipment and life jackets are provided as well as bathroom facilities. You have a choice in choosing from half say or full day cruises. Lunch is available on the full day and some half day cruises, with complimentary rum punch and soft drinks on all cruises. Weather permitting you will be collected and dropped off at the beach; otherwise the trip will depart form Leeward Marina. It’s a great way to see the islands, and experience the beauty of our turquoise waters.

Choose from:

Half-Day Cruise -

Enjoy a sail on the North East shore of Providenciales, snorkel along the barrier reef, and visit Little Water Cay, home of the indigenous Rock Iguana.

Half-Day with Sunset -

Enjoy the same experience as the half day cruise, but leave a little later and take in the glorious sunsets as you sail home. Sip a rum punch along the way!

Half-Day with Lunch -

A popular cruise, this allows you to spend more time on the water but without taking up an entire day. Sail along Provo's North East shore snorkel at the barrier reef and visit the Iguana Island. Stop for a delicious Deli Buffet lunch on board next to a beautiful uninhabited cay, and take a quick swim before sailing home. Paradise!

Snorkel Safari -

Dedicated to snorkeling lovers everywhere, this 4 hour cruise is a great mix of sailing and snorkeling along the barrier reef, visiting great snorkeling locations only accessible by boat.

Full day with Lunch -

This 7 hour cruise is the perfect getaway from the mainland. Sail along the North East shore Providenciales stopping at multiple snorkeling locations along the barrier reef. Stop for a quick tour of the Iguana Island then onto some deserted island cays where you can swim in shallow water and hunt for shells and sand dollars. Full deli lunch on board as well as complimentary rum punch, sodas and ice water.

Two Hour Sunset Cruise -

Can there be a better way to finish your day or start your evening than a leisurely sail at Sunset? Enjoy two hours of the best scenery and serenity anywhere in the Caribbean. Wednesday's cruises features wines and cheeses selections, while Friday offers Rum Punch and Chip'n'Dips.

Glow Worm Cruise

Every month, a few days after the moon, a truly mesmerizing phenomenon occurs. After sailing into the sunset watch the mating ritual of the glowworms, and their luminescent glow, which will truly amaze you. Rum punch and island conch fritters included.

Private Charters

If you're traveling with a large party, celebrating a birthday. Anniversary or wedding, You may like to consider a private charter. Enjoy the experience of having the boat and the crew to your self for a day or half day. All private cruises can be customized to your desire. Rates for up to 12 passengers:

Half day Cruise -

Half day with Lunch –

Half day with Sunset-

Full Day with Lunch –

Sunset Only -

NB: Note applicable to all cruises - Children under 3 go free. There is an additional \$5.00 fee levied by the National Trust for access to the Iguana Island. This is payable on the boat should you choose to visit the Island and take the tour. You are welcome to remain on the boat should you prefer not to participate in taking the tour.

Boating

If Sailing is too slow for you why not experience the beauty of the ocean by motorboat instead? There are a variety of excursions available and you're sure to find one that tickles your fancy. Choose from one of the many choices below:

Beach Cruise -

This 3 hour tour takes you to Little Water Cay, Home of the rare Rock Iguanas National Park. Then eastwards along the coastline to snorkel and stop at Dellis Cay for beachcombing and shelling. Includes Rum Punch and bottled water and soft drinks.

Native Tour / Conch Cruise -

Snorkel over reef and then again over shallow sandy areas where conch live. Your captain will dive for conch and prepare a wonderful conch salad on the beach. Rum Punch, bottled water and soft drinks included.

Island Discovery Beach BBQ -

A day made in heaven! You will be taken to a deserted Island Cay for a full day's entertainment including snorkeling, beach volleyball, beachcombing or just relaxing in the warm shallow waters. Enjoy a sumptuous native BBQ, including fresh fish, chicken and lobster (in season) peas and rice, potato salad, fresh fruit and unlimited beer, rum punch, soft drinks and bottled water.

Beach Cruise -

This all day excursion starts with a leisurely cruise through our turquoise waters to Middle Caicos. Enjoy a guided tour by flashlight through the caves, which were once home to the Lucayan Indians, the original inhabitants of these islands. Next onto one of the most spectacular beaches in the Turk & Caicos Islands, Mudjin Harbor, where you will enjoy a lunch of assorted cold cuts, fresh breads, Tropical fruits and delicious cookies. Beer, wine, rum punch and soft drinks are on hand throughout the day to quench your thirst. On the way home to Providenciales you will stop for snorkeling, shelling and also to Little Water Cay to visit the Rock Iguanas (\$5.00 National Trust Fee)

Secluded Island getaway -

Just you and that special someone alone on a secluded island. Lunch, beer, wine, water, shade and beach chairs all provided. What more could you ask for!

Private Charters -

Wanted to get away from the crowd and set your own pace for the day? Why not take advantage of a private charter for your group. Rates vary depending on the type of vessel but start at:

27ft High performance boat- half day and full day up to 6 people. Additional passengers (up to 4) person.

43ft Open Fisherman – half day and full day up to 20 people.

52ft Power Catamaran, twin engines, luxurious, swift, two cabins- half day and full day up to 30 People.

Just Snorkeling

With 1000 square miles of Coral reef, the Turks & Caicos Island to explore- paradise! You can snorkel close to shore at Smiths Reef and The Whitehouse Reef on Grace Bay Beach. The water is shallow, so it's great for the family, and it's free!

You will find these spots marked on tourist maps, or we can give you specific directions on how to get there from your vacation villa. If you want to venture further a-field and visit snorkel locations only accessible by boat there are some great trips you can take:

Snorkel in Grace Bay-

This 2-hour trip takes you to 2 different locations in Grace Bay, inaccessible from shore. Snorkel from the platform of a comfortable dive boat and experience the magic of the reef. Soft drink included.

North West Point –

As the name suggests this is the very Northwest tip of Providenciales, Snorkel Malcolm Roads reef and the thunder dome (once built for a French Game Show) and take a quick trip ashore to visit what remains of the tiki huts. Soft drinks and snacks included.

West Caicos Adventure -

Visit this remote island once home to pirates. Go ashore and explore the remains of old development and bird watch around Lake Catherine. Snorkel near shore and out over the famous west Caicos Wall that drops to around 7000ft. Lunch, snacks, soft drinks and rum punch included on this amazing full day exploration.

French Cay -

A beautiful Ride by boat over Caicos bank brings you to a dot in the ocean, once home to pirates but now a protected bird sanctuary. You are unable to go ashore here, but the shallow reefs are teeming with life and make for an interesting 4-hour snorkel trip. Snacks and soft drinks included.

Winter Whale Watching -

Each year between January and March humpback whales pass through the Caicos Passages on the way to their breeding grounds. Take a ride out into the deep blue water to Northwest Point and along the edge of the wall towards West Caicos. This is traditionally where many whale sightings have been. Stop to snorkel at Northwest Point on the way home. This 4-hour trip includes snack and soft drinks.

Fishing

We are blessed with an abundance of fish in the Turks and Caicos Islands. From snapper and grouper to marlin, Wahoo and tuna. The Inland Salinas are also a great place to experience “bone Fishing” –catch and release with a fly rod or light tackle. Enjoy a half or full day’s fishing complete with equipment, bait and fishing licenses. Choose from:

Bottom Fishing/ Bone Fishing

29ft Power Boat – full day with lunch or half day at 550 (max 4 persons).

Deep Sea Trolling

27 ft High Performance Boat- half day

43 ft open Fisherman – Half day-

Windsurfing, Hobbies and Kayaks

Located on the beach at Ocean Club, Windsurfing Provo offers both instruction and rentals of windsurfers and hobbies. Ocean Kayaks are also available and are an excellent way to explore the coastline. Or Charter a 16’ Carolina Skiff for a few hours and explore the nearby-uninhabited cays at your own leisure. Contact them directly by email at windpro@tcipay.tc, or call (649) 241-1687 for more details and pricing.

Sea-Doo Waverunners and Jet Boats

Available for rent at Leeward Marina from half an hour to a full day. Explore the picturesque Southside of Providenciales, or take a guided tour with your very own captain. Contact them directly by email at sunandfun@tcipay.tc or call (649) 946-5724 for pricing and details.

Parasail

Parasailing combines the thrill of Parachuting and hand-gliding and sailing in one exhilarating experience. A smooth dry take-off and landing is ensured from the flight deck of the boat. Offered daily until sunset from various locations along Grace bay beach. Prices start at \$xxx single, \$xxx tandem and \$xxx for observers. Call (649) 321-0643 to make reservation. Banana Boat rides also available at \$20.00 for person.

S/V Atabeyra****

The S/V Atabeyra is a 77ft traditionally rigged trading schooner now refitted as a charter vessel. Her trading days are over; she now stays close to home in the sheltered waters of Grace Bay and the Caicos cays. Experience this unique opportunity to sail aboard one of the last tropical trading schooners. Tend the sails, pull the lines or even take a turn at the Helm. Or just sit back and enjoy the scenery- the choice is entirely yours.

Private Charters only available

Full Day – Appox. 7 hrs sailing time- All inclusive (includes rum Punch, soft drinks, bottled water, Deli Buffet Lunch)

Price- \$xxx or up to 10 passengers, additional passengers up to 20 in total at \$xxx per person, and \$xxx each passenger over 20 but not exceeding 50

Half Day –

About 4 hrs sailing time- includes rum Punch, soft Drinks, Bottles water, chips'n'dips
Price- \$xxx for up to 10 passengers, additional passengers at \$xxx, not to exceed 50 in total

Sunset Cruise- About 2 hours sailing time- Includes Rum Punch, Soft Drinks, Bottles Water, Chips'n'dips

Price- \$xxx for up to 10 passengers, additional passengers at \$xxx each, not exceeding 50 in total

Under the Waves

Sea trek Helmet Diving

According to the Miami herald “Sea trek helmet Diving’ is out of this world!” you don’t need to be able to scuba dive, snorkel or even swim to enjoy this two hour excursions which features an underwater sea walk around some of the most dramatic coral reef you’ll find anywhere in the world. The experience has been likened to a 360 degree personalized IMAX theater expect it’s real, up close and personal. Join the crew of this rum-running schooner for a truly amazing adventure. By wearing a specially designed helmet that receives a continuous flow of air from a compressor on board the ship, and in the company of a helmeted guide, you can “moonwalk” on the ocean floor, surrounded by a kaleidoscopic array of underwater flora and sea life. With an age limit of just 8 years old, Sea Trekkin is truly an experience for the whole family. Non-divers are also welcome onboard. Relax in the sun or shade or snorkel on the reef- equipment provided.

Price Per person: \$xx per adult, \$xx children under 12

\$ xxx for non-divers

Please call David Douglas at (649) 231-0624 to book a Sea Trek adventure

Undersea Explorer Semi Submarine

If your not a good Swimmer or just don't like to get wet you can still enjoy the beauty of the coral reef by taking a trip on the Undersea Explorer. Designed in Australia for Viewing the great barrier reef the vessel stays just on the surface with all passengers seated in the lower observatory five feet below the waves. This is an excellent dept to view the marvels of nature that will unfold before you, all seen through your very own viewing window in air-conditioned comfort. Every trip is different but on any day you could encounter turtles, stingrays, sharks or even Jo-Jo the Dolphin. Indeed, a great Excursion for all the Family.

Sailing twice a day form Turtle Cove Marina at 10am and 2pm

Diving

The Turks and Caicos Islands are fast becoming known as one of the tip diving destinations in the world. Providenciales is primarily noted for its excellent wall diving, it's spur and groove coral and an abundance of marine life. With a variety of dive sites offered, you're guaranteed a breathtaking experience no matter how many days you choose to dive during your vacation. Morning 2 tank dives usually leave around 8:30 am and can return at any time between 12:30 pm –3:00 pm, depending on the location of the site. Afternoon 1 tank dives to Grace Bay usually leave around 2:30 pm. Each boat operates with 2 crewmembers, one acting as an in-water guide, the other as topside safety support. Drinking water, soft drinks and snacks are provided. Rates start at:

Equipment rental is also available- Please contact us for details and additional pricing.

For Land Lovers

Provo Golf and Country Club

Consisting of a championship, 18 hole gold course (72), Signature clubhouse featuring Fairways bar and Grill, Stocked Pro Shop and Floodlit tennis courts. Golf Digest have been quoted as saying "the Provo Golf Club was easily the most surprising find of the entire trip... a first rate design, maintained to t he highest standards" designed by Karl Litten, the course was opened in 1992 and is a combination of lush greens and fairways, rugged limestone outcroppings and freshwater lakes, Don't be surprised to see the odd flamingo enjoying the scenery too! Fairways bar and Grill is also an excellent choice for Brunch, lunch or dinner!

Golf

Tennis

Please call (649) 946-5991 before 4pm to reserve a court

Horseback Riding

If you've always dreamed of riding along a deserted Caribbean beach at sunset, then dream no more!! We can offer both Novice and experience riders alike the opportunity to canter along white beaches with the wind in their hair and the sun on their shoulders. Riders from age six to sixty will cherish the experience and the opportunity to be at one with these beautiful animals. Riding times will vary depending on time of year.

Prices:

\$xxx for a 1-hour ride (200lb weight limit applies)

Call (649) 241 8246 or (649) 941 3610 for further details and bookings.

Gym

Have a fitness program that you don't want to let slip while you're on vacation? No Problem! Bodies in Motion Gym at the Graceway Sports Center, is the Perfect solution. Centrally located, this fully equipped air-conditioned gym is staffed with qualified fitness instructors who offer a range of classes and services. Whether you want to work out on your own in the weight room, or take a Pilates class, there is something for everyone.

Call (649) 941 8321 or email BIMGYM@tcipay.tc

Spa Services

After all that exertion you'll need some time to wind down and recharge your batteries! I enjoy The Regent Palms.

All Prices are correct at the time of this publication and is subject to change without notice. Many of these activities are depend on weather and we cannot guarantee that they will operate every day during your vacation.