



# TURKS AND CAICOS WEDDING GUIDE

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# Turquoise sea, white beaches... ultimate Caribbean weddings

Turks and Caicos is an archipelago of small Caribbean islands and cays located just southeast of the Bahamas. The white sand beaches and turquoise waters found throughout this string of islands are an incredible sight, and make for memorable weddings.



The islands are protected by one of the longest barrier reefs in the world, which is itself a key congregation point for migrating Humpback whales, while “Ambassador” dolphins cruise just off Grace Bay Beach. The Turks and Caicos Islands are a magical place to plan destination beach weddings.



## Plan the perfect wedding in the Turks and Caicos

Many visitors seek out the Turks and Caicos to enjoy snorkeling, diving, and paddling, or to simply relax on the beach. However, the Turks and Caicos have also developed a quiet reputation as the setting for the most romantic weddings in the world.



With that in mind, we've prepared this Turks and Caicos wedding guide that includes information about:

- Where in Providenciales couples can go to take the best wedding photos
- The optimum time of year to plan your wedding
- Excursion ideas for honeymoons

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## Getting married in Turks & Caicos

When planning a wedding in Turks and Caicos, keep in mind the following considerations and legal requirements:

- Be in TCI for at least three business days prior to your wedding.
- Bring 3 copies of your birth certificates and passports notarized by a notary or signed by a justice of the peace.
- Any passports or documentation written in any language other than English should be translated in advance and notarized by the applicable consulate.
- You will need to supply a copy of the TCI Immigration Arrival and Departure Form. You will receive this upon entering Turks and Caicos. This will need to be notarized.
- Application for a Marriage License Form and Declarant Application Form are to be hand written by the couple upon arrival and signed with the marriage officiate.
- Marriage licenses are issued at the office of the Registrar in Providenciales.

Our resort staff can provide any assistance you may need regarding other details of your ceremony.



# Where are the Turks and Caicos Islands?

The Turks and Caicos Islands are located 90 minutes by air from the North American mainland, just to the southeast of the Bahamas.



Cockburn Town, the capital of Turks and Caicos, is located on the small island of Grand Turk. Providenciales, home to the territory's only international airport with direct flights to London, New York and other main airport hubs, is the heart of Turks and Caicos and the site of the world-famous Grace Bay Beach.



## Flying times from major cities with direct flights to Provo:

- New York – 3 hours
- Toronto & Montreal, Canada – 3 ½ Hours
- London, UK – 8 Hours
- Atlanta, GA – 2 Hours
- Bahamas; Dominican Republic; Haiti – 45 Minutes
- Miami, FL – 1 Hour
- Continental Airlines offers direct flights from New Jersey
- Boston – 3 ½ Hours



# Planning your wedding on the island of Provo

Providenciales, better known as “Provo”, is the heart of the Turks and Caicos. Besides its airport with convenient direct flights to cities all over North America and even Europe, Provo is most famous for its pristine Grace Bay Beach.



Grace Bay Beach has won numerous awards, including TripAdvisor’s prestigious 2013 Traveler’s Choice Award for “*The #1 Beach In The Caribbean.*” The island of Provo itself was named, “*The Caribbean’s Leading Beach Destination*” by the World Travel Awards in 2012. Grace Bay Beach was also voted the third best beach in the world according to CNN Travel’s 2013 “*World’s 100 Best Beaches.*”





## Ideas for wedding photo spots on Provo

### Chalk Sound

Located on the east end of the island of Provo, Chalk Sound is a protected lagoon featuring fantastic and stunning shades of aquamarine.



### Long Bay Beach

With little development, this beach on the Windward side of the island is famous for its seclusion, and is the perfect spot to get a private photo of your wedding.

### Grace Bay Beach

The powdery white sand of Grace Bay Beach contrasts beautifully with the turquoise water and onyx sky. On top of that, Grace Bay Beach is on the west (leeward) side of the island, and makes for perfect sunset photos. The Sands at Grace Bay is situated on this world-renowned beach, offering couples incredible photo opportunities with the convenience of staying at the resort.



## Menu planning ideas for your Caribbean wedding

The island-inspired cuisine of the Turks and Caicos, like that in the rest of the Caribbean, benefits from a rich variety of local influences, and the common themes in many dishes include spices, bananas, fresh citrus, corn and ocean salt.



Freshly caught fish include Grouper and Mahi Mahi, as well as Spiny Turks & Caicos lobsters when in season. The Turks & Caicos Islands are well-known for its iconic conch, a kind of shellfish notable for its distinctive shell and delicious taste that is served in a variety of different ways here in Turks & Caicos.

Right on Grace Bay Beach, with beautiful sunset views, Hemingway's Beachfront Restaurant & Bar has won numerous awards for its delectable island cuisine and is the perfect beachside venue for wedding receptions and rehearsal dinners.



### **Try the rum punch while on Provo!**

A rum-based punch is often served during celebrations and weddings, and is a popular drink in the coastal bars, eateries and at our resort.

## **Things to do in Turks & Caicos after your wedding**

Whether you're planning a luxurious destination wedding with guests from all over the world, or you're celebrating an intimate and laid-back ceremony for two, there are plenty of fun and unique things for you and your wedding guests to do during your visit to Turks & Caicos. While many visitors enjoy simply soaking up the sun or trying out the watersports activities offered on Grace Bay Beach, here are some additional island adventures and excursions...

### **Take Turks and Caicos tours**

Dive one of the longest coral reefs in the world. Take a sailing cruise to one of the many small cays that make up the Turks and Caicos island chain. Explore a limestone cave and learn more about the first inhabitants of our island chain.





### Go on sailing trips

Sailing is a great way to explore the Turks and Caicos. The Caicos Bight, to the south of Providenciales, is a shallow body of water perfect for snorkeling, swimming, fishing, or just island hopping to secluded destinations. The more open, deeper waters north of Providenciales are the gateway to everything from scuba diving one of the world's longest barrier reefs to romantic sunset cruises.

Other sailing trips can be made to Iguana Island, as well as North and Middle Caicos. Private sunset sailing charters are also offered for interested couples or wedding parties and are an ideal way to celebrate your special day with a champagne toast at sea with your loved ones and guests.

### Go snorkeling

Some of the best Turks and Caicos snorkeling spots (and indeed some of the best in the Caribbean) are located near Providenciales and our Grace Bay resort. We offer our resort guests complimentary use of our snorkeling equipment for underwater exploration during your stay. Snorkeling excursions are great for all



ages and ability levels and usually include a sailing trip that cruises past white powder-soft beaches to anchor at isolated reefs.



## Key Turks and Caicos facts:

- The Turks and Caicos Islands consist of 40 islands and cays (pronounced *keys*)
- The territory is 575 miles southeast of Miami (about an hour by plane)
- English is spoken and American currency accepted
- There are 350 days of sunshine each year
- Providenciales boasts the #1 beach in the Caribbean and #2 Beach in the world (TripAdvisor): Grace Bay Beach
- Grace Bay Beach was voted the third best beach in the world according to CNN Travel's 2013 "World's 100 Best Beaches" rankings
- US arrivals are required to display a passport, as do visitors from other countries; visas are usually not needed
- The Turks & Caicos Islands are a British Crown Colony
- From November to May, the average temperature ranges between 82 to 84 degrees.



## For more information...



For more information on how to plan a Turks & Caicos wedding, see:

<http://www.thesandstc.com/weddings/>

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