

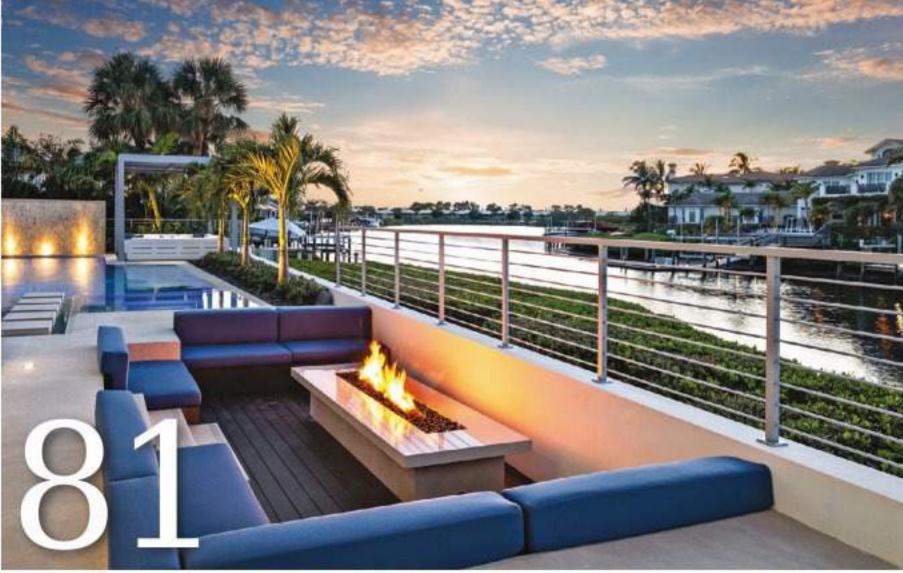
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# Island Dreaming

Turks and Caicos lives up to expectations with turquoise waters and a wealth of sea life.

by GLORIA STUART

ipping a chilled French rosé alongside a perfectly spiced gazpacho with feet in the sand, I marveled at the serenity of Grace Bay and the simplistic chic design of the Wymara Resort and Villas in Turks and Caicos. The hardest question of the day will be: spa treatment or yoga? Tomorrow would belong to the incredible turquoise waters—the islands of Turks and Caicos are

famous for their third-largest coral system in the world. Snorkeling was set on the agenda with hopes of turtle or ray sightings, but promised were an abundance of vivid tropical life within protected reefs.

Located on the island of Providenciales, Wymara Resort is comprised of 91 guestrooms, 32 suites and four penthouses, all with incredible ocean views and understat-

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ed décor. The 7,000-square-foot infinity edge pool has its own divine design that incorporates "island pods" where a special sunset dinner can be organized—perfect for a romantic trip. The staff is exceptionally friendly, yet not intrusive—eager to please guests. The resort is stunning, but with low-key elegance, allowing guests to ensconce themselves into the rhythm of

the island.

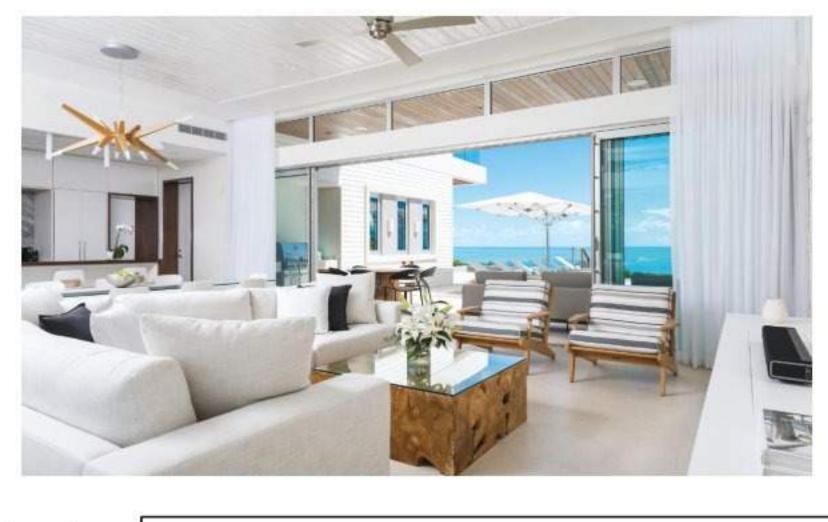
The archipelago is comprised of 40 islands and cays that lie at the southeast end of the Bahamas chain, 575 miles southeast of Miami. In 2017, Hurricane Irma devastated the area with its slow-moving Category 5 winds of more than 200 mph. This boutique resort not only survived but also thrived—the property's oceanfront villas were completed this past December. Each villa has its own outdoor fire pit lounge area and private oceanfront infinity pool with an optional private chef.

This posh boutique property is a mix of Caribbean aura and contemporary lush surroundings that are not only resilient but also luxurious and make for a true getaway.

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- -Award-winning Exhale Spa offers services from reinvigorating massages to sunset yoga.
- -On-property Stelle serves gourmet Asian fusion combined with local tropical cuisine. Make sure to order the freshly harvested conch.
- -A snorkel or scuba dive trip is a must; underwater excursions are amazing and even more beautiful than the surface view.
- -Other activities include paddleboarding, kayaking, fishing, golfing, horseback riding and windsurfing.

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