

IN TURKS AND CAICOS

Founded by a Canadian entrepreneur, Wymara Resort + Villas is a dreamy and sophisticated slice of oceanfront paradise.

By Valerie Simmons

We settled into our waterfront table, the sun shimmering across the turquoise sea, and ordered a leisurely seaside lunch. Just as the first notes of The Tragically Hip drifted through the air, we learned that this sleek, luxurious hideaway in Turks and Caicos has a distinctly Canadian connection—one that extends far beyond the playlist.

Welcome to Wymara Resort + Villas, a contemporary, designforward escape set along the pristine shores of Grace Bay Beach, widely regarded as one of the best beaches in the world. With its powder-soft white sand, dazzling waters and sweeping views, Grace Bay alone makes a compelling case for Turks and Caicos as a top-tier dream destination. But it is Wymara's seamless pairing of chic resort living and ultra-private villa seclusion that truly sets it apart.

Canadian entrepreneur Bruce Maclaren envisioned Wymara as a place where design, nature and service converge to create something exceptional. "From the start, my goal with Wymara Villas was to design a place where architecture and landscape work together to create something extraordinary," Maclaren says. "We

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A trip here begins at the 97 studios, suites and penthouses Wymara Resort, where oceanfront suites offer front-row seats to Grace Bay's legendary sunsets. Guests can spend sun-drenched days lounging by the stunning 7,000-square-foot infinity pool, indulging in cocktails at the beachside Pink Bar or unwinding at the newly refreshed Wymara Spa, now partnered with acclaimed skincare brand 1115KIN. The spa's bespoke wellness treatments, including its sought-after facial therapies, bring a cutting-edge, science-backed approach to island relaxation.

For those craving a heightened sense of privacy, a short seven-minute drive leads to Wymara Villas + Beach Club, an ultra-exclusive enclave perched on the serene Turtle Tail peninsula. Here, guests will find the Caribbean's first in-ocean pool, a remarkable 130-foot ocean-fed masterpiece carved directly into the coastline, along with private modern villas boasting panoramic sea views and infinity-edge pools.

The new Land + Sea restaurant rounds out the villa experience with a refined open-air dining concept shaped by its spectacular setting. Led by executive chef Andrew Mirosch, the menu balances premium prime cuts with freshly caught, sustainably sourced seafood, all served against the backdrop of Sunset Cove. By day, the atmosphere is airy and relaxed; by night, it transforms into a more intimate dining destination, perfect for cocktails, conversation and candlelight.

Canada's fascination with Turks and Caicos is long-standing. For more than a century, discussions have surfaced about the possibility of the islands becoming part of Canada, a tropical province tucked into the Atlantic. While such political ambitions have never come to pass, Canadian travellers remain among Turks and Caicos' most devoted visitors.

At Wymara, this connection feels intentional and inspiring. It is a place where Canadian sophistication meets Caribbean soul, where every detail, from eco-conscious operations to thoughtful design, reflects a commitment to luxury with purpose. For Canadian travellers seeking a sun-soaked escape that feels both elevated and familiar, Wymara offers not just a destination but a home away from home. \blacksquare







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