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Turks and Caicos' Barefoot Beach Living

A 75-minute flight from Miami and two hours from New York are the Turks and Caicos Islands in the northern Caribbean. A British Overseas Territory, only eight of the 40 small islands and cays are inhabited. Providenciales, aka Provo, is the third-largest at 38 square miles and considered the gateway to the archipelago. It's also one of the most upscale; Grace Bay Beach has been named the best beach in the world many times over. So it's no surprise that Vasco Borges, founder and CEO of **Beach Enclave**, a luxury real estate developer and hospitality operator, decided to build his spacious private villas and intimate beach houses here. "This is not St. Barth's with its dressed-up parties," says Borges. "Barefoot in shorts is part of the appeal."

When he arrived on the island, Borges found that Provo offered only the choice of condominiums, resort residences, or high-maintenance homes for real-estate investing. "I thought, why can't we combine them? So I got some investors behind the idea and looked for a large piece of land that offered a lot of privacy," he says. "That was North Shore." Beach Enclave North Shore debuted in November 2016 with six beachfront and three ocean-view villas. The homes are elevated, sitting 40 feet above the water with a private staircase to the beach. "The beaches here are public," says Borges, "but that beach, in particular, is the same as Grace Bay and is very difficult to access because of a marina. You only go there if you stay in our villas, and maybe a couple of

neighbors. So it's very private and part of a national park; you can snorkel among turtles. I've never been there and not seen a turtle."

What sets Beach Enclave apart from hotels that have private villa accommodations is that the entire concept is about personalization: a butler, chef, and housekeeper at your beck and call, as well as an on-call concierge who arranges activities when you want them, not according to a resort schedule. Stay busy with in-villa yoga, kiteboarding lessons, mangrove eco tours, horseback riding on the beach, snorkeling, and reef education, plus much more.

"Our full-on dedicated butlers are trained very specifically," says Borges. "They get the British guild training so they have that sense of intuitive service." And that service begins before you even arrive, with your assigned butler recording a video welcome message.

The other two locations, Beach Enclave Long Bay and Beach Enclave Grace Bay, were built a few years later and feature the same concept. For its second phase, Long Bay will have a new bar and restaurant in addition to its fitness gym and new beach houses designed by Brazilian architecture studio Jacobsen Arquitetura. The two-story, three- and four-bedroom



beachfront residences showcase minimalist design. Each has a great room with a double-height ceiling, opening onto an expansive covered deck with a summer kitchen, private infinity-edge pool, and multiple terraces for al fresco dining and lounging. "Long Bay is ideal for people who

really enjoy wind sports like kiteboarding because of the constant breeze offshore," says Borges. "It's also shallow, so it's amazing for kids."

Ultra-exclusive Beach Enclave Grace Bay has a raw beauty with perfect turquoise waters and sunsets. Currently featuring 10 beachfront and ocean-view villas, plans for a second phase include large estate homes with seven and eight bedrooms, also designed by Jacobsen Arquitetura. "They work with lots of organic materials and very clean lines," says Borges. "I just love what we're doing with them here." beachenclave.com

—Deborah Frank

Caribbean's First Ocean Pool

Go west along the reef-protected waters of Grace Bay Beach and you'll find the recently renovated, four-acre property of **Wymara Resort and Villas**, with its newly remodeled rooms and suites and seven brand-new villas. Known for its award-winning chef, Australian Andrew Mirosch; the newly refurbished Caribbean-inspired restaurant Indigo; and toes-in-the-sand dining at Zest, Wymara can now also boast a first-of-its-kind ocean pool. The resort built a manmade beach called Sunset Cove and carved the 130-foot-long pool out of rock. It's located by the state-of-the-art Beach Club, an exclusive-use clubhouse for guests staying in the villas. A beach restaurant and bar featuring menus created by Chef Mirosch will open soon. wymaresortandvillas.com ♦



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Down by the water at one of
WYMARA's private residences.



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