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HIGH LIFE

A new private villa enclave—and the bespoke services that come with it—emerges on Providenciales' windswept North Shore

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BEACH ENCLAVE NORTH SHORE VILLAS SIT 65 FEET ABOVE THE COAST. VILLAS HAVE POCKETING DOORS FOR INDOOR/OUTDOOR LIVING, FOUR OR FIVE BEDROOMS, AND PRIVATE POOLS, AND ARE ATTENDED BY A BUTLER.



For the past decade, the stock of Providenciales has been rising. The Turks and Caicos' most populous—and most popular— island has become home to ultra-chic resorts by some of the biggest names in the hospitality industry, Aman and Gansvoort among them. Yet not every luxury accommodation on Provo has a splashy brand behind it. The newest, and arguably the most compelling, offering is brought to you by Beach Enclave, a name you might not have heard—but will.

What sets this property apart is, for starters, its location on Provo's secluded North Shore. Perched on a coral stone outcropping

65 feet above the coastline, Beach Enclave villas are elevated in more ways than one. They guarantee sweeping views and privacy, as the North Shore is sparsely developed, and resemble residential masterpieces rather than traditional hotel rooms.

The nine villas have four- and five-bedroom plans in addition to wide-open living spaces inside and out. Lofty ceilings, spare modern decor, and organic finishes rendered in a sun-bleached palette inspire a sense of serenity, an ability to exhale. This induces a desire to throw open the glass doors and step onto broad wood-plank decks, take a dip in the pri-

ivate pool, or follow a path of stone steps down to a solitary beach.

The water is so inviting, it's hard not to explore aquatic pursuits. They're plentiful here. Fishing, from reef to deep sea, yields wahoo, tuna, mahi-mahi, and bonefish. Since the world's third-largest barrier reef is located in the Turks and Caicos, the snorkeling and diving are stellar. The Princess Alexandra National Park (visittci.com), with its abundant coral and marine life, lies just offshore the resort.

It's tempting to stay out there, in the delicious sunshine and ultramarine ocean, until the deepening sky signals time for a sundowner. That's the magic hour in the Turks and Caicos, and at Beach Enclave North Shore, the enchantment is ratcheted up a notch by a private butler who sees to your every whim, including mixing up coconut mojitos as you recline on a suspended daybed. Cocktails lead to dinner by a personal chef who's colonized the kitchen to prepare delights like snapper, lobster, or conch caught in the local waters, crab cakes, pigeon peas and rice, the freshest salads, and dreamy desserts with



an island twist. It's a feast every night, should you choose to dine in.

Restaurants around Provo are worth sampling too, particularly Da Conch Shack (daconchshack.com), which is famous more for its toes-in-the-sand vibe and the kick of its rum punch ("Fuzzy Happy Feeling: Free," the menu promises) than for its culinary prowess. The conch, served curried, frittered, cracked, and stewed, is by far the best thing to order. By day, you can even watch the conch divers come out of the water with their catch. It doesn't get fresher than that.

Whether dining alfresco at the villa or out on the town, the best postprandial activity is a walk on the beach by starlight, followed by conversation by the poolside fire pit. Everything, from the whistle of the breeze through palm fronds to the softly illuminated surf below, conspires to convince you this is your own private paradise. And for a few days, it is. (beachenclave.com) ◀◀

BEYOND THE SHORE

Beach Enclave North Shore is the first in a series of villa communities presented by the developer. Beach Enclave Long Bay, with five residential villas on a hyper-exclusive beach, will debut late this year. In 2018, BE will arrive in Grace Bay, Provo's most popular beach. All Beach Enclave villas are privately owned but serviced and operated like a resort.



GENEROUS DINING ROOMS (TOP LEFT AND BELOW) ALLOW FOR IN-VILLA DINING AND ENTERTAINING. A FITNESS CENTER (LEFT) PROVIDES WELLNESS OPTIONS, AND WATER SPORTS ABOUND.

