owned by a celebrity – perhaps Keith Richards?) on a private island in Turks and Caicos. An archipelago of more than 40 small islands just south of the Bahamas, Turks and Caicos is known for its enchanting turquoise waters and white sandy beaches. Here, our must-book places to fully indulge in the art of relaxation on vacation. **COMO PARROT CAY**

It might just be a dream. I have one foot out of the diaphanous mosquito netting that wraps my Balinese-style

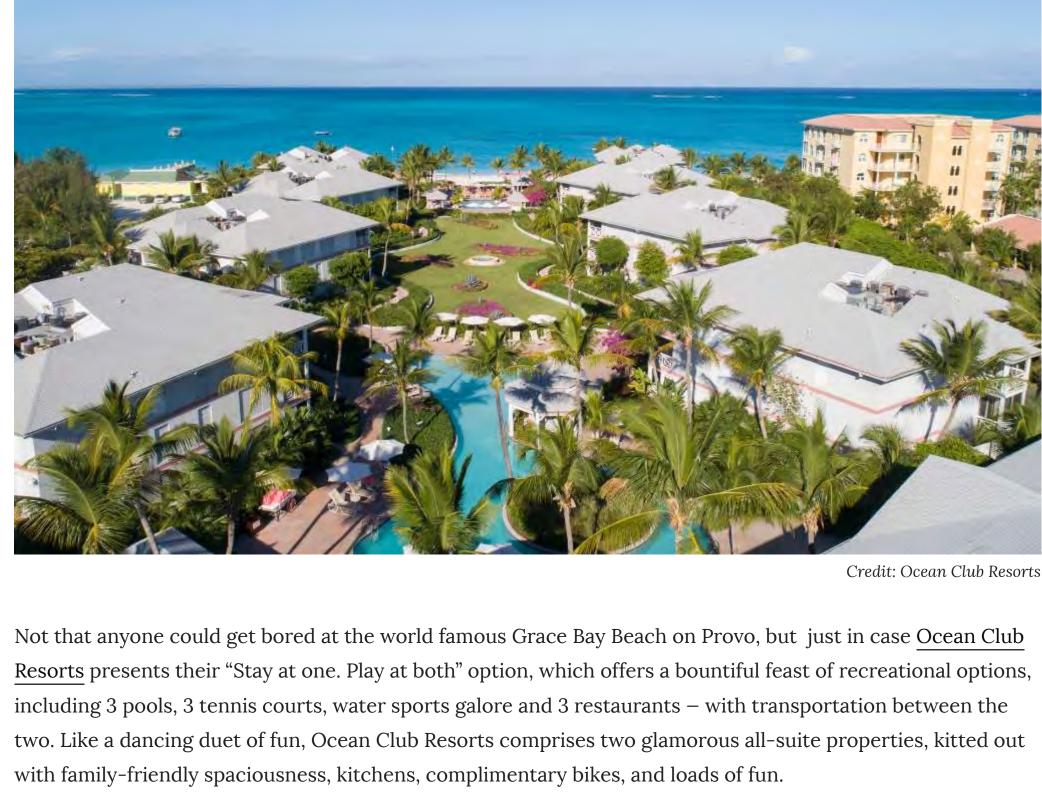
bed before I recognize the moment as blissful reality. I'm sleeping in a private, three-bedroom villa (said to be



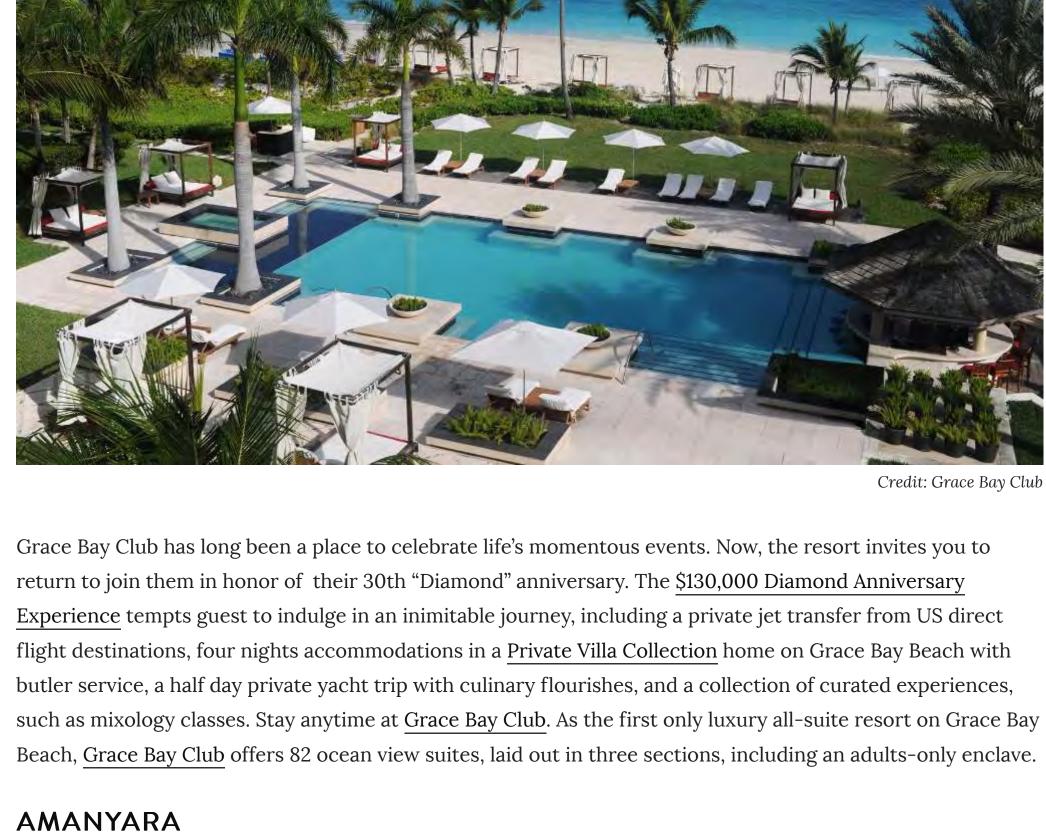
elegance. Its spare chic decor and graceful ambiance instantly erase the clutter and stresses I brought with

me, and lets the sea breeze carry them away. Deliciously free, now more interested in exploring the resort than making progress on my novel, I leap into the pool for some laps. While I swim, my butler – yeah, my butler – brings breakfast, deftly arranging an overflowing bowl homemade granola, apples, nuts and yogurt for me on an outside table. One of Turks and Caicos' most storied resorts, Parrot Cay is touted for its exclusive location and its quixotic COMO Shambhala spa. Accessible by boat, it occupies one of 40 variously-sized, lowlying coral islands that make up this British Overseas Protectorate, a two two hour flight from Miami. In recent years, Turks and Caicos has added a slew of other swanky retreats. Most of them straddle beaches on Providenciales, the tropical destination's main hub and third largest island. Actually situated in the Atlantic Ocean, not the Caribbean Sea, the hotspot – as good for families as couples – nevertheless exudes vibrant Caribbean culture. It boasts exquisite beaches, and remains the late winter home of Humpback whales who migrate thousands of miles to mate, give birth and enjoy the same warm waters that tourists adore. Read on to

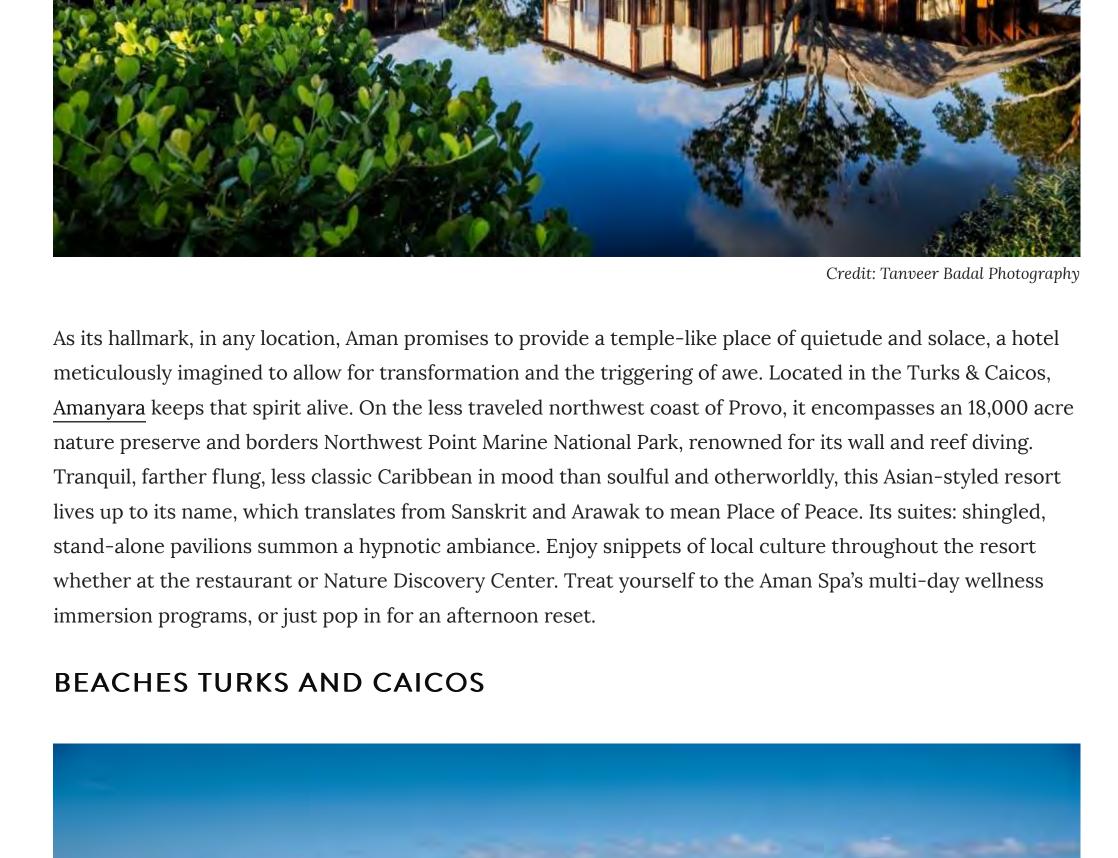
discover a few more of our favorite resort havens in the luxurious Turks and Caicos. **OCEAN CLUB RESORTS**

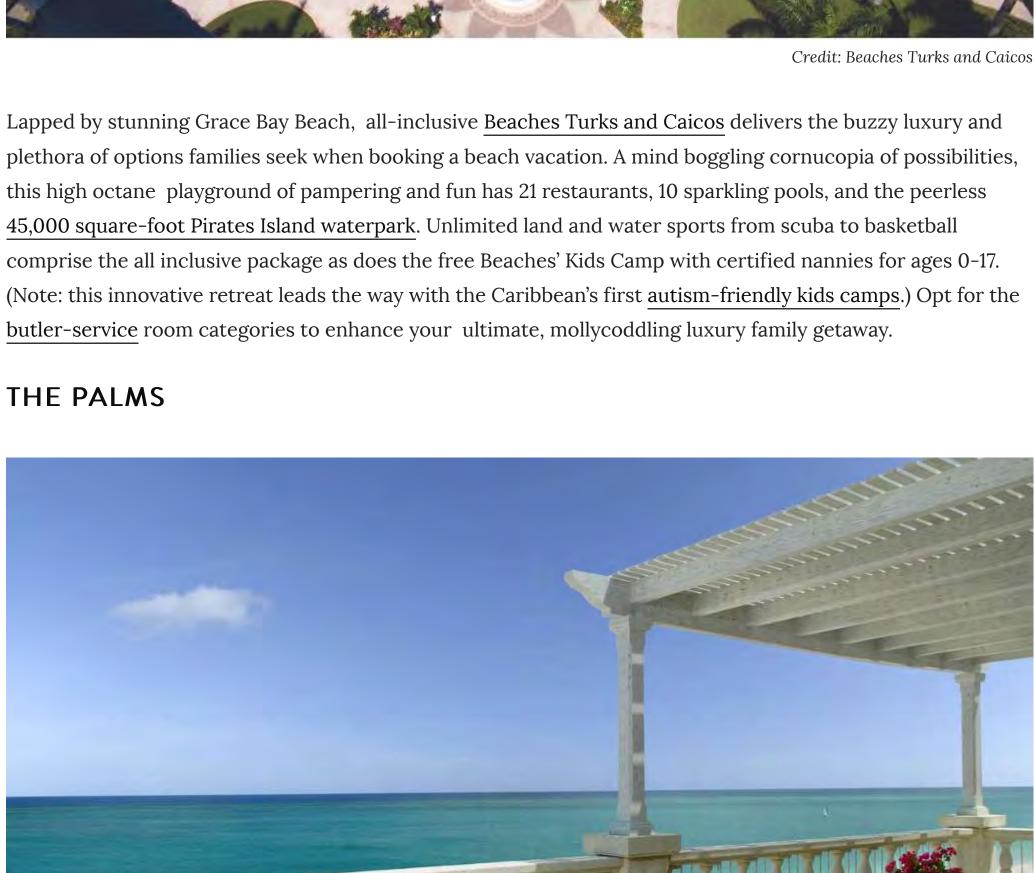


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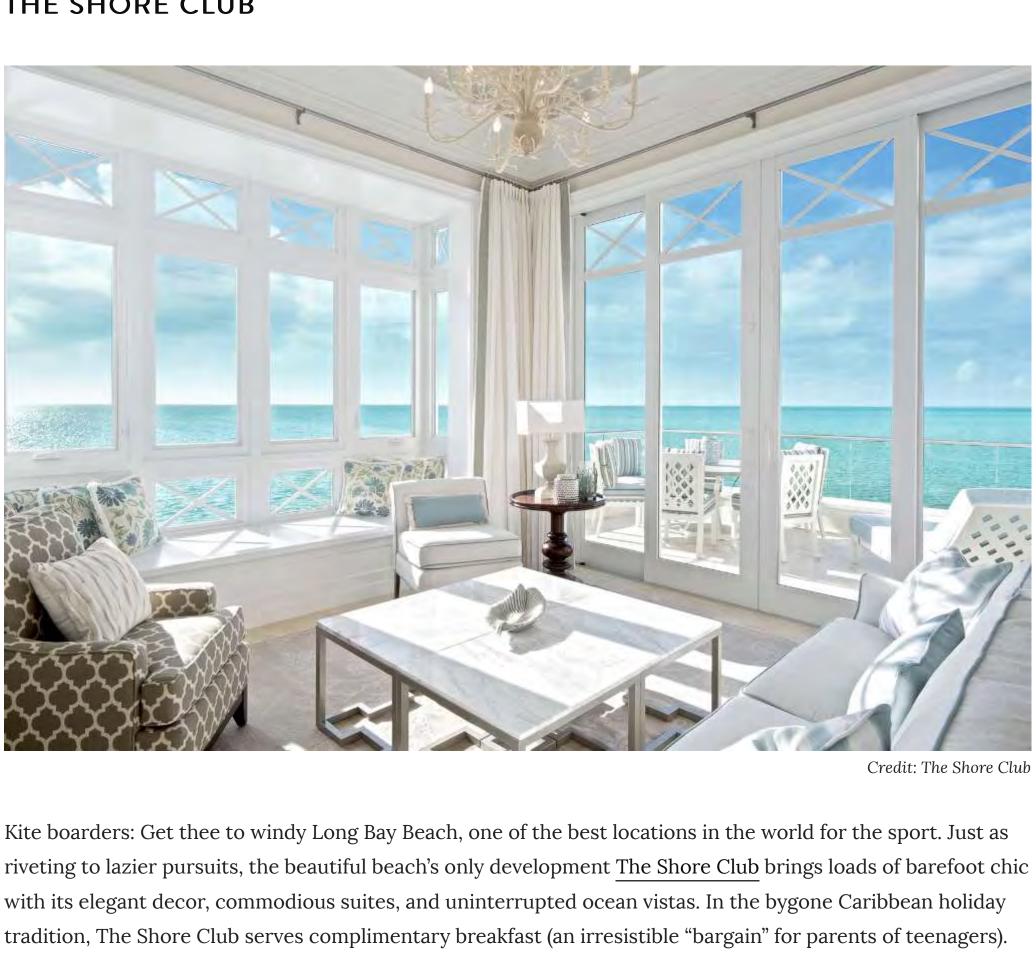






Credit: The Palms On 12 acres of beachfront The Palms gets kudos for its atmospheric, village-like vibe, beloved by families. But the resort also reigns as a magnet for wellness aficionados. Nobody can resist restorative time in its 25,000 square-foot world class spa, complete with one of a kind treatments. (Don't miss the Mother of Pearl Scrub.) With its en plein air design, countless water activities, and complimentary lessons (including Hobie Cat sailing, snorkeling, paddle boarding, and windsurfing), The Palms keeps active types on the move, while the infinity pool with a beach view makes Instagram followers green with envy. Cocktails to put on your list? The Spiced Rum Negroni at L'Attitude rates number one. THE SHORE CLUB

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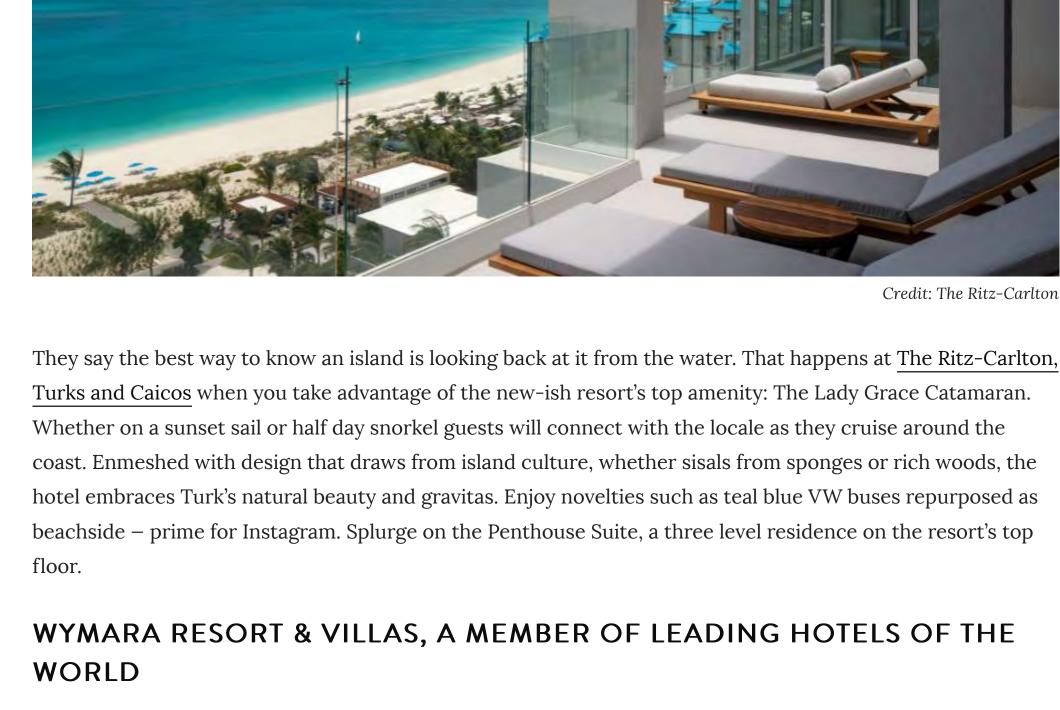


THE RITZ-CARLTON, TURKS AND CAICOS

For the rest of the day, sate appetites at four distinctive restaurants and five thirst-quenching bars. For larger

clan. Stretching 8,800 square feet, they allow for private connection with terraces, a heated pool, and en suite

groups, the resort's six-bedroom luxury The Estate Villas ensures enough space for your favorite traveling



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