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TO TRAVEL IS TO DREAM ...
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TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS, North Caribbean

This island paradise delivers the world's most perfect beaches with ample splurging on the side. The two groups of 40 tropical islands sit at the bottom of the Bahamas, just above the Dominican Republic.

STAY: Wymara Resort and Villas on Grace Bay Beach is full-on barefoot chic, with 90 dazzling suites dressed up with big bathrooms and full kitchens, plus oceanfront cabanas and a quiet infinity pool. For the truly private, the series of four- and five-bedroom Wymara Villas at Turtle Tail Bay on the south side of the island offer luxury in the nth degree. The water is even bluer over here, it seems.

PLAY: Truly, it's all about the water sports in Turks and Caicos: diving, snorkelling, fishing, sunset sailing, sand-castling. The ocean is so clear, snorkellers and scuba divers are thrilled with the visibility and with the third-largest barrier reef in the world.

FEAST: The food scene in Turks and Caicos is a blend of culinary cultures and combinations — African, Jamaican, Hispaniolan and Bahamian heritages all play a part in the kitchens here.

VISIT: Boat charters let you explore the coastline, head out for some fishing or whale-watch in the **Turks Island Passage**.

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