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A YEAR OF TRAVEL

## Water worlds

Coastal escapes to Providenciales,  
Todos Santos and the Scottish Highlands

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# Sun

# trap

Turks and Caicos  
and its Wymara  
resort are dazzling  
backdrops for  
spring's holiday-  
ready fashion

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### ROMANTIC GETAWAY

Just east of Providenciales, Half Moon Bay is one secluded spot to discover among Turks and Caicos's 40 coral islands.

Simone Rocha Dress, overlay, socks, shoes, all price on request through [simonerocha.com](http://simonerocha.com).

Private charter courtesy of Red Hospitality and Leisure ([ladygracecatamaran.com](http://ladygracecatamaran.com)).



**TO THE BEACH**

On Grace Bay's cool, soft sand, a Chloé dress mimics the open weave of a fishing net.

Chloé dress, \$7,285, sandals, \$1,760 through [chloe.com](http://chloe.com).







### POOL CUES

With a lobby-side pool, private cabanas and a walkway to the sand as the focus of its design, Wymara puts you in a vacation state of mind as soon as you step off the airport shuttle.

Proenza Schouler top, \$1,290, trousers, \$1,290, platforms, \$1,625 through proenzaschouler.com.

# Clean getaway

On Providenciales, a Canadian-born hotelier puts a modern spin on an island escape

**GRACE BAY BEACH ON** Turks and Caicos's Providenciales is consistently ranked one of the best in the world. But that hasn't stopped Bruce Maclaren from attempting to create another world-class stretch of sand on the island. The Ottawa-born developer owns the Wymara Resort, which overlooks Grace Bay's ultra-turquoise waters. Its recent expansion is focused on a growing campus of modern villas that are a quick hotel shuttle drive away from the main property on the opposite coast. There, next to a Slim Aarons photograph-worthy sports club, Maclaren is creating a new coastline punctuated by an in-ocean pool that will overlook some of the archipelago's best sunsets.

"We have one of the world's best beaches at the hotel," says Maclaren. "And obviously, I never felt I could contend with that. But I'm really excited about how well [the villa] beach has turned out." When completed by the end of 2023, the villas' amenities will also include a restaurant and bar that will be open to all. Over the next two years, phase two of the villa development should also wrap up construction and double the number of accommodations available to its mix of owners and guests.

The hotel's expansion was kickstarted by a US\$10-million renovation of its main property, which was unveiled in late 2020. In the spring of 2022, Maclaren, who had moved to Turks and Caicos from Australia in 2008 and was first involved in the construction of the hotel property, bought out his partner to fully take the reins. "Over the years, learning about the hotel and what the guests needed and how to make the hotel better, I became a student of hotels and hospitality," he says. One of the things he learned was the design preferences of his guests. "Whether they live in a traditional style home or a modern home, they really liked holidaying in our modern rooms," he says. "The room, when you come in, it's a clean canvas, the focal point being the blue, turquoise water. As soon as they're there, people feel like it's their space, it's their holiday."

At the resort, that minimal aesthetic is expressed through 91 rooms and suites with white-upholstered furniture, rustic wood elements and ample-sized terraces that look out past palm trees toward the ocean. At the villas, the aesthetic is most striking in four one-bedroom guesthouses with sharp silhouettes that are carved into a hill.

The design of the larger homes was influenced by Maclaren's own travels, incorporating courtyard spaces he noticed while visiting Central and South America. "For us, [the courtyard] was to give a different climate, a different feel to the villa," he says. "The second pool in the courtyard is where you can be on a windy day and look through the villa to the ocean." Down by the surf, sunbeds reference overwater bungalows in the Maldives. A waterslide that curls down the cliffside, however, is simply inspired by a sense of adventure and the need to escape.

— ANDREW SARDONE



**MODERN PATCHWORK**

The hotel's architecture eschews traditional island flourishes in favour of sharp lines. Gorm's pieced-together sheath has a similar angular geometry. Gorm dress, \$650 through [gormofficial.com](http://gormofficial.com).





**STONE SET**

Against a backdrop of the islands' monumental sandstone, a Loewe piece takes on a softer sculptural quality.

Loewe dress, price on request, heels, US\$1,850 through [loewe.com](http://loewe.com). Misma earrings, \$35 through [misma.ca](http://misma.ca).







**IN THE FOLD**

Issey Miyake's oversized shirt and pleated skirt channel the island's sun-washed palette. Issey Miyake shirt, \$1,421, skirt, \$1,254 through [isseymiyake.com](https://www.isseymiyake.com). Misma earrings, \$95 through [misma.ca](https://www.misma.ca).





**TAKE FLIGHT**

An Acne dress catches the dramatic wind that keeps sun worshippers cool on the hottest of days in Turks. Dress, price on request at Acne ([acnestudios.com](http://acnestudios.com)). Misma earrings, \$70, shell earrings, \$95 through [misma.ca](http://misma.ca).



**SUPER STYLISH**

With an almost Brutalist aesthetic emphasized by walls of fossil-flecked stone, a group of one-bedroom villas are the resort's most design-forward options. Cape, body suit, both price on request at Chanel ([chanel.com](http://chanel.com)). Local Woman cap, \$85 through [thelocalwoman.com](http://thelocalwoman.com).







**SCALE UP**

A sea of paillettes goes for a dip in one of the villa pools. Top, price on request at Louis Vuitton ([louisvuitton.com](https://louisvuitton.com)).

**ON LOCATION**

**WYMARA RESORT AND VILLAS**

At the resort, which is part of Leading Hotels of the World, Wymara's dining options include higher-end Indigo, surfside Zest and weekly beach barbecues and fish fries, all overseen by Aussie chef Andrew Mirosch. On-site amenities also include a 650-square metre pool that is the centrepiece of the property, a spa and fitness facility and a beach stocked with kayaks, paddle boards and snorkelling equipment.

Hotel rooms from US\$1,195/night, one-bedroom pool villas from US\$2,550/night through [wymararesortandvillas.com](https://wymararesortandvillas.com).

**LADY GRACE**

Based out of the nearby Ritz Carlton and operated by Red Hospitality and Leisure, this boat tour option includes sunset cruises aboard a stylish catamaran or private, island-hopping charters in a 37-foot Axopar craft. Private charters from US\$995 through [ladygracecatamaran.com](https://ladygracecatamaran.com).

Makeup and hair by Julie Cusson for Chanel Beauty using Chanel Stylo Yeux Waterproof eye liner and kohl pencil in 72 Or Rose and Baume Essentiel highlighting balm in 67 Rouge Frais ([chanel.com](https://chanel.com)). Videographer and photo assistant: Scott Leder. Styling assistant: Cenk Papila. Model: Nora Vai at APM New York.



**SUNSET COVE**

Below Wymara's villas, a man-made beach will become a hub for those searching out pastel sunsets.

Sportmax dress, \$1,950 at Max Mara ([maxmara.com](http://maxmara.com)).

