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After the Storms

Although the Bahamas escaped any major damage, we all know that some Caribbean islands took direct hits and suffered significant destruction this past hurricane season. Even so, several new resorts in these coastal playgrounds want you to know they're open and eager to pamper you. We visited four and liked what we saw. You will, too.

The Other Side of Turks & Caicos BY LOUIS MARROQUIN

Think of this alluring group of small islands in the Atlantic and resort-rich Grace Bay Beach on the island of Providenciales (Provo, to locals) likely comes to mind. But two off-the-beaten-path properties that debuted over the past year have opened up less-developed parts of the islands for those seeking quieter getaways. After brief closings for cosmetic cleanups post-Irma and Maria, both have now hit the reset button — plus both will soon unveil additional facilities.

THE SHORE CLUB

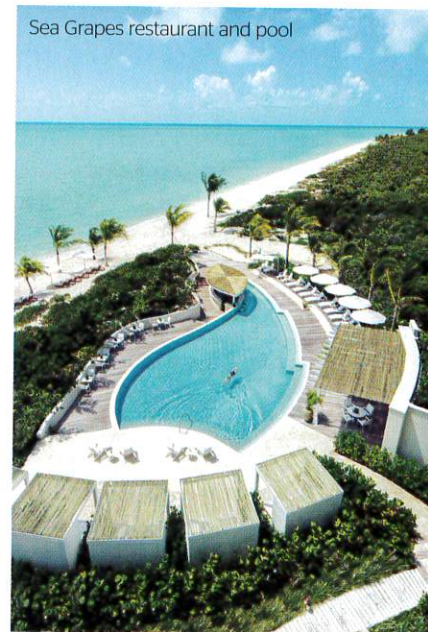
Close to Grace Bay but so private

THIS CASUALLY ELEGANT resort opened up a different side of Provo when it started welcoming guests about a year ago on Long Bay Beach. Although just a 10-minute cab ride south of Grace Bay, the beachfront property offers a more secluded getaway for couples and families. The moment you step into the welcoming open-air lobby and get offered a desk-side seat for check-in, you know you're in for something relaxed and special. The winding trails to the rooms and restaurants and the beach create a gentle maze, with each stop providing a distinctive ambience. After repairing its minor hurricane damage, the 110-room, 38-suite resort reopened late last September. It currently offers only in-room spa treatments but plans to open a full-service spa late this year. Also look for the addition of six six-bedroom villas. Read on for four things that will surprise you about this intimate escape.

1 You're away but connected. The islands are a British Overseas Territory, so English is the language of choice. Plus, the U.S. dollar is the official currency. With strong Wi-Fi reception and a multitude of American TV channels, you'll feel remarkably close to home while gratefully away from the hubbub — and free in-room calls to the U.S. up the comfort factor and the convenience.

2 Japanese food? In the Atlantic? You wouldn't expect to find Japanese food — especially of this caliber — so far from Asian shores, but the resort's standout restaurant, Sui-Ren, overseen by executive chef Daniel Delgado, excels at tasty fare blending both Japanese and Peruvian influences. My favorite: a tender Tokyo Broil Wagyu Rib-eye served with sauteed broccolini and charred Brussels sprouts. If that's not your cup of tea, you'll find plenty of other food options throughout the day here.

3 You can walk a mile out in the ocean. Step into the clear, turquoise water off of the vast undeveloped beach and you expect at some point to swim, float, or submerge. But here you can venture out a



Sea Grapes restaurant and pool

mile and never hit water deeper than 3 feet. If you're feeling adventurous, you can even walk that distance to a ship that's been grounded

SAILROCK RESORT

A plane ride away

YOU HEAR THE WORD “simplicity” a lot at this charmingly remote escape on South Caicos, a 30-minute puddle jump southeast of Provo. You hear it from executive chef Jose Francois Alias, who focuses his monthly-changing menu on simply seasoned fresh fish sans overwhelming embellishments. You hear it from spa manager Juni Erawati, who extols the use of unfussy lotions and a minimalistic approach to massages conducted in open-sided huts with the ocean and wind, not piped-in music, providing the soothing soundtrack. That simplicity theme extends throughout the property — from the blink-and-you-miss-it marker that directs the airport shuttle to the front door to the subdued furnishings in the villas and suites. The result: a therapeutic respite from everyday cares. At press time in early December, Sailrock was scheduled to reopen later in the month, adding a second restaurant with a sports bar vibe. Expect a more extensive spa to open late this year. Here, a few hints for your stay.



Beachfront Villa living room

Book a villa Though you'll get plenty of pleasure from any of the resort's 12 one- or two-bedroom Ridgetop Suites, splurge on one of the five three- or four-bedroom Beachfront Villas. Slide open the floor-to-ceiling glass patio doors to your own personal paradise. After a daily plunge in my private villa pool, I walked the short pathway from my terrace to the secluded beach for a swim, then rinsed off back at the villa in the tranquil outdoor garden shower before heading to dinner.

Eat the fish Villas feature kitchens, so you can stay in and cook if you order groceries in advance. You can also order room service or arrange a private chef. But I preferred strolling up a hill to the open-air Great House restaurant, a one-stop for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Dining against the backdrop of both the Atlantic and Caicos Bank enhances the peaceful ambience, and Chef Alias makes rounds to answer questions and make recommendations, such as always go with the fresh fish here; you can get beef back home. My favorite: a smoked-bacon-wrapped wahoo fillet served with Asiago cheese and lemon polenta. Delicious!

Make your preferences known The friendly but unobtrusive servers quickly pick up on your tastes and needs. If you like an English tea for breakfast rather than coffee, you only have to tell them once. The next day it will be at the ready. They're instinctive, too: For instance, after my