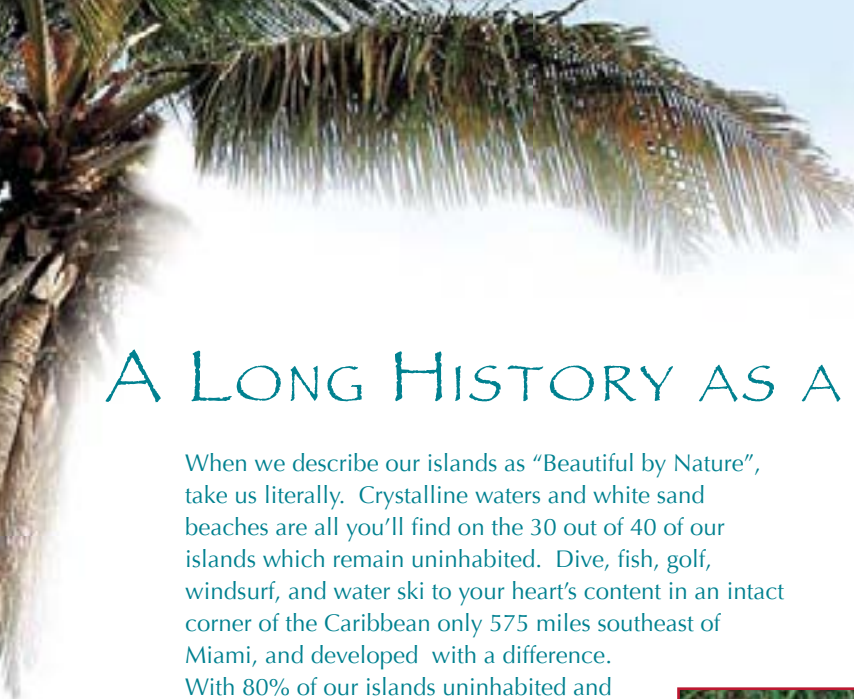




BEAUTIFUL BY NATURE





Columbus' possible first landfall in 1492

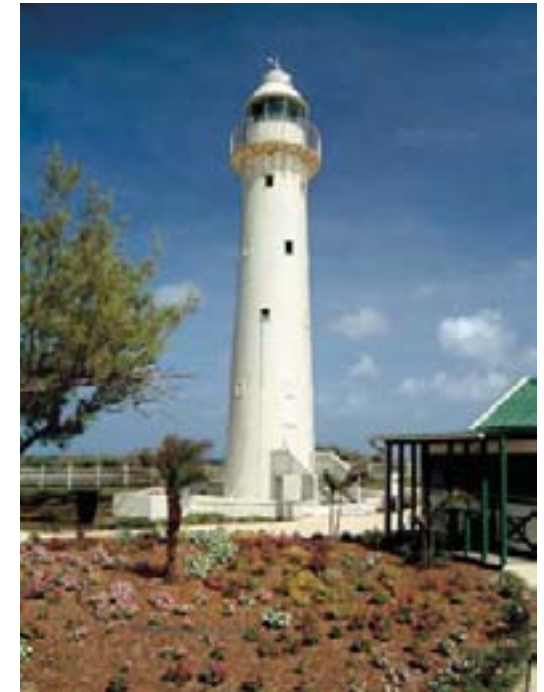


A LONG HISTORY AS A PLACE OF DISCOVERY AND REFUGE

When we describe our islands as "Beautiful by Nature", take us literally. Crystalline waters and white sand beaches are all you'll find on the 30 out of 40 of our islands which remain uninhabited. Dive, fish, golf, windsurf, and water ski to your heart's content in an intact corner of the Caribbean only 575 miles southeast of Miami, and developed with a difference. With 80% of our islands uninhabited and accessible only occasionally by small plane, helicopter or private or chartered boat, Turks & Caicos is where those who've got it go.

TCI has a long history as a place of discovery and refuge: from Columbus' first landfall in 1492, to the British Loyalists who came fleeing the American revolution beginning in 1776. For centuries the islands have also been home to migrating Atlantic humpback whales that enjoy the warmer waters of the 22-mile wide Columbus Channel separating the Turks from the Caicos islands. Our size, 193 square miles of land area stretching hundreds of miles west to east, south of the Bahamas and east of Cuba, guarantees exploration of virgin beaches and waters and the third largest coral reef system on earth. Our Grace Bay Beach is one of the world's ten best, but there are hundreds of other pristine beaches in our islands that rival it. Our shallow turquoise waters abound with every imaginable species of tropical marine life. Our lobster, conch, or grouper - cooked fresh and served in any local style - makes for a perfect welcome.





*Beautiful and historic
Caribbean architecture*

With no income, capital gains, or property tax, TCI reserves a fiscal welcome for investors as warm as its weather.

Venture beyond the resort center of Providenciales to Grand Turk,



the seat of government and home to some of the most beautiful and historic architecture in the Caribbean. After a 20 minute flight from Provo, you can stay the night in some of this history. Some of these landmark houses, built by merchants who for 300 years prospered from the raking of salt from our salinas, have been turned into charming beachfront boutique hotels.

“Belongers”, as TCI’s citizens are known, have good reason to relax. Mostly descended from African slaves and a turbulent history, they now enjoy enviably stable democratic government as a British Crown Colony presided by Her Majesty’s Governor. Belongers and those who make TCI a home away from home both enjoy all the guarantees for the rule of law and property owners’ and investors’ rights which TCI’s Crown Colony status provides.





Islands that never feel crowded

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT WITH A DIFFERENCE



Some of our guests now cruise into Grand Turk, and arrive at the capital's new \$40 million cruise terminal. In fact, the TCI has the only cruise terminal with a beautiful white sand beach forming a part of the facility. Even with the arrival of the cruise business Grand Turk has not lost its quaint island charm. Neither will the rest of our islands, even as they attract world-class investment and development. In keeping with our sustainable development and environmentally-friendly policies, the newest development on

West Caicos will see this island keeping 90% of its acreage protected. To assist in its conservation and sustainable development efforts, ten per cent of accommodation tax goes into a conservation fund to protect TCI's natural environment.



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ATLANTIC OCEAN

CAICOS PASSAGE

Whitby
Parrot Cay
Kew
Pine Cay
NORTH CAICOS
Bottle Creek
Little Water Cay
Conch Bar
Leeward
MIDDLE CAICOS
Bambarra
Blue Hills
Downtown
The Bight
Five Keys
PROVIDENCIALES
Lorimers

CAICOS ISLANDS

WEST CAICOS

EAST CAICOS

TURKS ISLAND PASSAGE

French Cay

CAICOS BANK

SOUTH CAICOS

Cockburn Harbour

Long Cay

Cockburn Town

GRAND TURK

TURKS ISLANDS

West Sand Spit

Fish Cays

Cotton Cay

East Cay

Balfour Town

SALT CAY

AMBERGRIS CAYS

Bush Cay

Big Sand Cay

ATLANTIC OCEAN





Grace Bay Beach, voted one of the world's ten best



FROM EXCLUSIVE OPULENCE TO SECLUDED RELAXATION

The most developed of the islands, **Providenciales** or "Provo" is the gateway to our country. Our commercial capital and most populous island, Provo is home to many ultra luxury resorts and spas lining its most famous 12 mile Grace Bay Beach - frequently voted one of the world's best beaches by Condé Nast Traveler magazine. For the more discerning traveler, Provo guarantees exclusive opulence and indulgence as well as serene solitude and pristine nature, and an easy escape from civilization.

Covering 38 square miles, Provo boasts eight national parks, nature reserves and historical sites. Princess Alexandra Marine Park is home to JoJo, the famously interactive bottlenose dolphin. Here you will also find superb reef and wreck diving and all varieties of water sports.



At the Caicos Conch Farm, the only one of its kind in the world, see how Caribbean Queen Conch is grown from tiny veligers to four year old adults ready for the local cuisine or export. In Northwest Point Marine National Park find deserted beaches and spectacular wall diving that the Turks and Caicos is famous for.



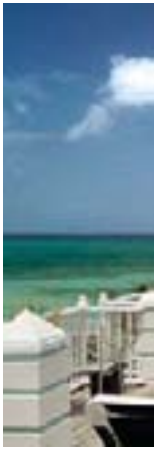


At Chalk Sound National Park get lost in the turquoise inland lake with hundreds of cays and a large variety of bird species.



Sapodilla Bay in Chalk Sound and Malcolm's Bay on Provo's northwestern tip, are fine secluded beaches. Mangrove Cay, Donna Cay and Little Water Cay, all a short boat ride off the north coast of Leeward Marina, are nature reserves which protect about 5000 rock iguanas (Little Water Cay), ospreys, pelicans and flamingoes. Cheshire Hall, a historic site of remnants of plantation houses built by Loyalists fleeing the American Revolution which ended in 1783, will intrigue you. The Bight, Five Cays and Blue Hills are Provo's oldest and main settlements and feel like real Caribbean villages.





THE MIGRATION OF ATLANTIC HUMPBACK WHALES IS ONE OF NATURE'S GREAT SIGHTS



Our historic and political capital, 7 square mile **Grand Turk** is home to Cockburn Town, one of the greatest and best-preserved collections of traditional Caribbean architecture. Compact enough for a leisurely walking tour shaded by bougainvillea and yellow elder, Duke and Front Streets are lined with restored landmark 18th and 19th century Bermudian buildings of the

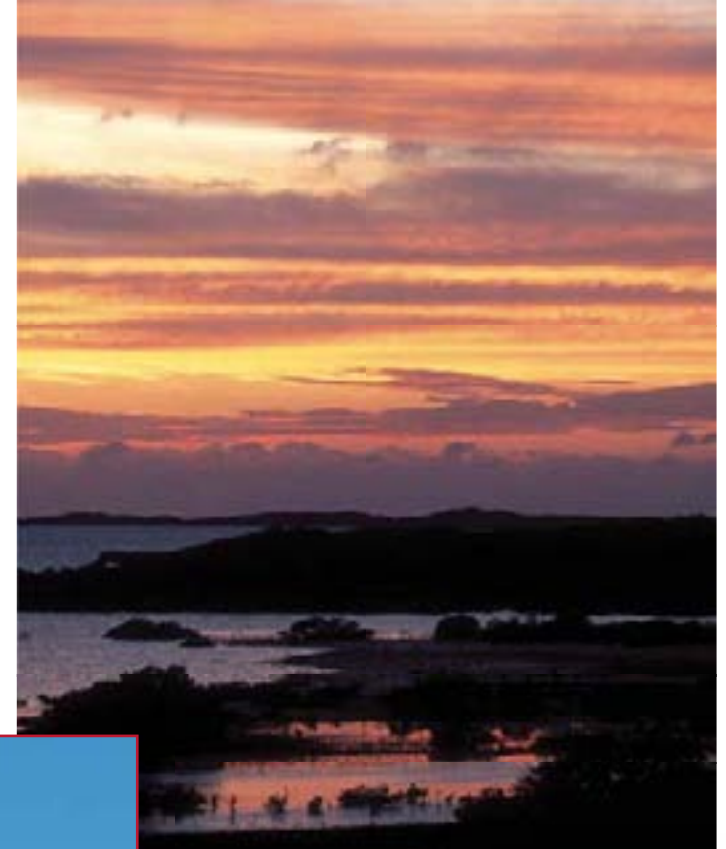


salt raking era. Some have become boutique hotels and another is the Governor's residence, built in 1815, and located right on the beach in Columbus Landfall Park.

Grand Turk offers divers one of the world's greatest wall-diving meccas, with a drop of nearly 7000 feet. This Mt. Everest of wall dives is just 1/4 mile from the beach.

The lighthouse, which once directed maritime traffic off the northern tip of the island, was brought in pieces from the UK where it had been constructed in 1852. A prized historic site, protected by the National Trust, it provides some shade, a picnic area and an excellent viewing spot for the Atlantic humpback whales' migration in February and March.





The Turks & Caicos National Museum will take you back in time to the Molasses Reef wreck, the oldest known European shipwreck in the Western Hemisphere, which dates from around 1510. Located in the stone Guinep House, the museum houses the only collection dedicated to the Lucayan Indians, who inhabited TCI from about 700 - 1520 AD. Visitors will also travel back to a more recent time, with the story of John Glen's and Scott Carpenter's space expeditions and subsequent splashdowns right off Grand Turk's shore.

Grand Turk has only 70 hotel rooms, so reserve early in high season.



*Immerse yourself in our history,
marvel at our wildlife*



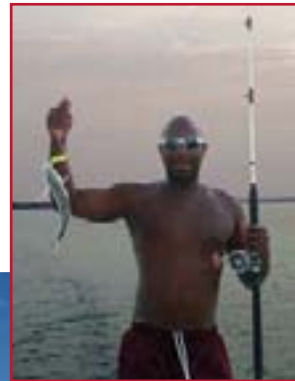
A GROUP OF ISLANDS AS DIVERSE AS OUR VISITOR'S INTERESTS



The most lush of all our islands, **North Caicos** is known as the "garden island." Located only a few minutes from Provo by boat or plane, North's greater rainfall allows forests of Caribbean pine unique to TCI and the northern Bahamas to flourish in the island's interior. Among the lush vegetation which grow only

here are sugar apples, guineps and the sweetest of sapodillas, a cross between a kiwi and a fig. As a sanctuary for wildlife and protected wetlands, North Caicos and its five national parks and nature reserves

are a unique eco-tourism destination for nature and watersports lovers. North was originally settled by one Wade Stubbs, a loyalist refugee from the American revolution. His Wades Green cotton plantation did not last long, but the island's current population are the descendants of the African slaves he brought with him.



While Bottle Creek is the geographic and commercial center of North Caicos, the settlement of Whitby, on its main highway, is home to most of its guest houses and hotels. With miles of deserted white sand beaches to enjoy in solitude, Whitby is also home to one of TCI's main natural wonders: the hundreds of flamingoes at Flamingo Pond Natural Reserve, an internationally protected RAMSAR site. Flamingoes are also found at Three Mary's Cays Sanctuary.

Sandy Point is named for the beautiful white sand beach which is attracting hotel and condominium developments. It is also home to Cottage Pond: a perfectly circular "blue hole" of fresh water, a "solution sinkhole", formed from the collapse of the roof of an underground cave. This easily accessible phenomenon is home to numerous perching bird species.

At North Caicos' east coast find Bottle Creek, a shallow passage of shimmering turquoise connecting the Atlantic Ocean to the Caicos Banks. Paddle a couple of miles down the creek, beach your kayak and then float lazily with the current from the passage's shallow waters to where the channel's mouth opens to the sea.





Only a 15 minute flight from Provo, **Middle Caicos** is also a favorite for heritage and ecotourism. Dive into Caribbean localism: sample local food at Daniel's Café or choose some local crafts by the Middle Caicos Artisans Co-op. Arrange to take a shoreside bike ride to a picnic at Mudjin Harbor. Visit with the friendly residents of Bambarra and Lorimers, or explore the awe-inspiring Conch Bar Caves in the nearby national park that shares the same name. The caves have lagoons, three species of bats, and 38 Arawak Indian and other archaeological sites. Middle Caicos is also home to an 18th century cotton plantation and remnants of this can still be seen today.



On the west coast of the island, visit Vine Point & Ocean Hole nature reserves, which are habitats for frigate birds, and a marine sinkhole 400 meters wide and 70 meters deep with sharks, turtles and bonefish.

Middle Caicos is the TCI's largest island, with the fewest people - only 200 inhabitants.





IN THE ISLANDS THAT TIME FORGOT, YOU CAN FORGET ABOUT TIME



Commonly referred to as "The Big South", **South Caicos** is the fishing capital. The main attractions on this approximately 18 square mile island: fishing, snorkeling and scuba. Go bonefishing in the shallows of Bell Sound Nature Reserve or dive and snorkel straight off the beaches.

Favorite dive sites are Amos' Wall, Eagle Nest, The Arch, Shark Alley and the vertical wall which wraps around the island's southern edge and drops to an astonishing 7000 feet.



One of the islands' historic hotels is home to Boston University's Center for Marine Resources Studies program. The salt ponds testify to TCI's status as one of the salt production centers of the world in the 17th -19th centuries.

At the far west of the Caicos islands chain, lies 11 square mile **West Caicos** which has remained uninhabited, except for a brief period when it was a sisal plantation. Today you can still see remnants of this period and the old community which was called Yankee

Town, with its sisal press, railroad and steam engines. With the pending opening of a five star Ritz Carlton hotel and accompanying villas, which are currently being constructed, and with the restoration of these historic treasures, West Caicos will return to its heyday.

West Caicos is a great location for sport fishing and snorkeling and is considered an underwater photography mecca. A wall running two miles along the western shore offers some of the finest diving in TCI. This is where live-aboard dive boats often stop for the views of brilliantly coloured Purple Tube, Antler and Rope Sponges. Lake Catherine nature reserve, on the west coast, is a scenic habitat for flamingoes, ospreys, ducks and waders.





The tiny one square mile isle of **Salt Cay** guarantees visitors a secluded escape from civilization to the World as it ought to be. Donkeys and cows have the right of way and only six cars inhabit the entire island. Whaling was once a big industry here, and, for several weeks in February and early March, you can see one of nature's great spectacles: the northward migration of the Atlantic humpback whales, through the Columbus passage, to their winter breeding grounds just off the island. Although Salt Cay is the smallest island in the Turks and Caicos, the warmth and hospitality of its residents is matchless.

Uninhabited **East Caicos** is large, at 18 square miles, and has a 17 mile beach on its north coast used only by sea turtles to lay their eggs. Once home to cattle rearing and a large sisal plantation, East Caicos has the evidence of railroad tracks and petroglyphs which testify to earlier settlement.



GENERAL INFORMATION

HOW TO GET TO TCI

Direct daily flights from Fort Lauderdale, Atlanta, New York, Boston, Charlotte, Miami, Philadelphia, Toronto, London, Jamaica and Nassau serve Providenciales, the main port of entry for most visitors. Grand Turk and South Caicos also have international airports with more limited scheduled services.

Currently **American Airlines** flies twice daily from Miami, once a day from New York's JFK and from Boston on Sunday and Saturday, seasonally.

US Airways has daily flights from Charlotte and flies from Philadelphia daily except Tuesday and Thursday.

Delta Airlines has daily flights from Atlanta.

From outside the US, **Air Canada** flies seasonally from Toronto, and **British Airways** flies directly from London Heathrow on Sunday.

Bahamasair flies from Nassau on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

Air lift will increase by 25% next year, and the runway expanded and terminal upgraded by 2007.

Regular **scheduled and charter flights** are also available to the Dominican Republic, Haiti, Cuba and other nearby islands.

Contact information:

Air Turks & Caicos:	649 946 5481
Sky King:	649 941 5464
Global Airways:	649 941 3222

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All visitors require passports, but no visas are necessary except from countries of the former Eastern Bloc.

Travellers are advised to contact the nearest British Consulate Office.

All visitors must hold an onward or return ticket.

Please contact the local Immigration Department (649 946 2939 / 4233) for more information.

DEPARTURE TAX

\$35 is levied on all persons over the age of 2. In most cases this tax is collected by the airline or travel agent upon ticket purchase.

LUGGAGE RESTRICTIONS

Individual airlines should be consulted.

CUSTOMS

Duty free goods that may be brought in to the Islands include: 50 cigars, 200 cigarettes, 1.136 liters of spirits or wine and perfume for personal use.

There are no restrictions for travellers on the import of cameras, film or sports equipment, except spear guns and Hawaiian slings.

To bring in firearms of any type (including spear guns and Hawaiian slings), you must have written approval from the Commissioner of Police. Controlled drugs and pornography are illegal. Please contact the local Customs Department (649 946 4241/4776) for more information.

DOMESTIC PETS

There are no restrictions on bringing domestic pets into the Turks and Caicos Islands. However, all pets should be up to date with vaccinations and pet owners should ensure that they have completed the standard documents required for their pet's international travel.

HOW TO GET AROUND TCI

TCI has several local airlines which provide local excursion and scheduled service to

North, Middle and South Caicos, Salt Cay and Grand Turk.

CLIMATE

The average temperature ranges between 85 and 90 degrees Fahrenheit (29-32 degrees Celsius) from June to October, sometimes reaching the mid 90's (35 degrees Celsius), especially in the late summer months. From November to May the average temperature is 80 to 84 degrees Fahrenheit (27-29 degrees Celsius). Water temperature in the summer is 82 to 84 degrees Fahrenheit (28-29 degrees Celsius) and in winter about 74 to 78 degrees Fahrenheit (23-26 degrees Celsius). A constant trade wind keeps the climate at a very comfortable level.

There is an annual rainfall of 21 inches on Grand Turk and South Caicos, but as you go further west the average rainfall could increase to 40 inches. In an average year the Turks and Caicos has 350 days of sunshine.

Hurricane season can vary but usually runs from June to October.

CLOTHING

Shorts are worn in town as well as at the beach during the day, it is advisable to also wear sunhats and sunscreen. In the evenings, light sweaters and jackets may be occasionally needed in the winter. Dinner is usually not formal, most restaurants accept dress shorts while others require pants with a collared shirt for gentlemen and dress slacks or dresses for the ladies.

Nudity is illegal throughout the islands.

VEHICLE RENTAL

First, we drive on the left, even though most cars' steering wheels are also on the left. There is a wide choice of car rental companies, which all charge a \$15 government tax on each car rental contract. Scooter, motorcycle, dirt bike and bicycle rentals are also available.

For sightseeing, try car rental with a guide, and hire one of TCI's certified taxi tour guides.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS & INTERNET

Visitors can buy a local SIM card and get a TCI phone number for their mobile phone for \$20 (which includes \$10 credit) at many local shops, supermarkets or Bmobile's central office on Leeward Highway. Calling the US costs \$0.35/minute, Europe \$0.50/minute. Unlike the US, there is no charge for receiving calls. For those who arrive with locked phones, there are services which can unlock your phone for \$20-30. BMobile will tell you where. North American visitors who bring TDMA and GSM handsets and have international roaming agreements with AT&T or Cingular, can use their cell phones in TCI with roaming charges billed to their home account.

Most hotels offer internet services. There are internet cafes in the Port of Call and other shopping centers open from 9-5.





CONFERENCE & INCENTIVE TRAVEL

TCI hosts many regional and international conferences and many hotels have state of the art conference facilities with all the necessary audio visual and IT services. For larger conferences, the Williams Auditorium has 1000 seats. Beaches Resort offers conference hosting facilities and all hotels will negotiate preferential rates for conference delegates.

INVESTMENT & TAXES

We are not just a holiday destination; 40% of our visitors come on business. They find no income, wealth, inheritance or capital gains taxes and fiscal hospitality to match our holiday hospitality. US investors looking toward retirement can invest their IRA account funds in TCI to take advantage of our climate which is as investor and business as it is vacation-friendly. The offshore financial sector has grown the legal and professional infrastructure to facilitate international business transactions and is equipped with modern corporate law and the personnel to effectively serve foreign investors and retirees.

Double digit growth rates for the last five years have provided foreign investors with a wealth of opportunities. Both traditional mortgage financing and construction loans are available for real estate investors. Portfolio investors can find a myriad of services from forex to stock, bond and precious metals trading. TCI is not only where those who've got it go, but where those who come with it get more. If you want to know more, visit www.TCInvest.tc or call 1 649 946 2058.

IMMIGRATION

A residence permit is required to live in TCI and a work and business license to work or establish a business. These are readily granted to those

who bring skills or qualifications not available in the islands. Priority in granting business licenses is given to businesses which provide employment and/or training.

MEDICAL MATTERS

There are several private clinics and one government clinic on Provo which handle routine medical care and emergencies. There is a small hospital on Grand Turk. Clinics are staffed by doctors, chiropractors,

dentists and optometrists. Decompression chamber and air ambulance services are available.

Though we advise visitors to bring medication they require, there are now four well-stocked pharmacies on Provo.

MOSQUITOES

TCI's main tourist areas are relatively free from mosquitoes but they can be irritating to birdwatchers or other visitors to wetland areas. Take an insect repellent and check the weather, both forecast and what has just passed, to see if the area is full of after rainstorm mosquitoes.

WEDDINGS & HONEYMOONS

An island wedding can be the dream come true way to tie the knot, especially for a couple with friends and relatives scattered around the country, or the world. Be as traditional or as eclectic and interdenominational as your heart moves you. Our experienced wedding planners will hold your hand from start to finish, so you keep your mind and heart on the magic moment to cherish, and not on the

details to worry about. Many of our hotels also offer the catering and other services which make up an unforgettable wedding or honeymoon.

The traditional church wedding is the most popular wedding in the Turks and Caicos; our places of worship represent the following religions:

Anglican	649-946-2289
Methodists	649-946-2115
Baptist	649-946-2295
Roman Catholic	946-941-5136
Faith Tabernacle	649-946-4214
Seven Day Adventist	649-946-2065
New Testament Church of God	649-946-2235
Church of Prophecy	649-946-2394



ELECTRICITY

Though we're British, our plugs are not. Visitors' US gadgets will have no problem with our outlets. Electricity is 120/240 volts and 60 HZ.

TIPPING

15% of the bill is customary.

BANKING & CURRENCY

Currency is the US dollar and banks are open from Monday -Thursday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Avoid banking, aside from an ATM, on Fridays, which is payroll day. Lines at teller windows can be quite long.

Cash machines are plentiful, but tend to run out on weekends. Take care to stock up early in the weekend to avoid cruising for cash on Sunday evening.

SHOPPING

Ports of Call is one of the main shopping areas, where you will find a wide variety of boutiques, pubs and the Bamboo Gallery, the art center of Turks & Caicos. Turtle Cove and downtown also offer a variety of boutiques and other retail shops.

LEGAL SYSTEM & POLITICS

TCI became a British Crown Colony in 1972 after being loosely associated with the Bahamas for the previous ten years. Her Majesty's Governor presides over a local self-governing legislative council headed by elected ministers and a Premier. With two parties alternating in power, TCI has enjoyed enviable stability for 250 years. TCI's legal system is based on English common law and consequent guarantees of property and investor rights and contract enforcement.





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