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WORLDS AWAY FROM YOUR TYPICAL RESORTS AND RIGHT IN THE THICK OF PRISTINE BEACHES IS A TURKS AND CAICOS PARADISE THAT WILL HAVE YOU COMING BACK AGAIN AND AGAIN.

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The Turks and Caicos has excellent bread. Crisp-cruled French loaves, perfectly tangy sourdoughs and flaky croissants with a dark chocolate center that will make your eyes roll back. Sure, you don't pack a bikini and jet to the Caribbean anticipating a full-on carb fest, but when one this appealing presents itself, remember this salient nutritional advice: You diet before vacation, not on one (see also: umbrella drinks and conch fritters).

I start here because we all know that the Turks and Caicos—a British overseas territory a short 75-minute flight from Miami and two hours from New York—has crystal-clear water and 360 days of ideal weather conditions. We know Turks has white sandy beaches and luxury resorts aplenty. But the island chain is also home to some unexpected delights: the aforementioned bread (made daily at Crust Bakery using the finest-grade European flour), an active and growing wellness community, and, thanks to steady trade winds and 2-mile shallow waters, perhaps some of the finest kite surfing conditions in the world.

This is the Turks and Caicos that Vasco Borges wants you to experience. The details that set it apart from other every other “spit of sand.” The Turks that will make you fall in love with the island and return year after year. Borges is the CEO and founder of Beach Enclave (beachenclave.com), a brand of luxury villas with three swaths of prime real estate on the coveted Providenciales Island. (Beach Enclave North Shore, which offers nine villas, debuted in 2016; the second development, Beach Enclave Long Bay, opened in 2018; and Beach Enclave Grace Bay will



open for rentals in 2019.) Aside from magnificent views, the villas—between four and seven bedrooms with rates starting at \$4,400 a night for a minimum three-night stay—offer exceptional architecture and design, butlers trained at the best schools in Europe and award-winning on-site chefs who will whip vibrant vegan lunches and gourmet marshmallow roasts on the beach.

Beach Enclave also offers a curation of the best water sports in Turks, including an exclusive partnership with Kite Provo, the islands' premier kite surfing company. Take one adrenaline-packed lesson and if the sensation of flying over turquoise water doesn't get you hooked, the desire to burn all those carb calories certainly will. ■

Clockwise from above: Kite surfing at Beach Enclave Long Bay; the garden entrance; villas provide seamless indoor-outdoor living; fine dining courtesy of Provence in Grace Bay. Opposite page: The view from the pool deck.

