

Turks & Caicos



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Why Go?

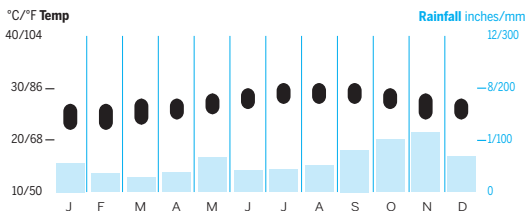
The Turks and where? That's the reaction most people have when you mention these tropical isles. Like all great Shangri-Las, this one is hidden just under the radar. Be glad that it is, as this tropical dream is the deserted Caribbean destination you've been looking for. And the best part – it's only 90 minutes by plane from Miami.

So why would you want to go there? How about white-sand beaches, clear blue water and a climate that defines divine. Secluded bays and islands where you'll see more wild donkeys than other travelers. Historic towns and villages where life creeps along at a sedate pace.

Divers and beach aficionados will rejoice: clear warm waters teem with marine life, yet are devoid of crashing waves. Islands like Grand Turk – set in a time long since past, with its dilapidated buildings, salt ponds and narrow lanes – contrast with the ever expanding Providenciales. While development is on the rise, all one has to do is catch a boat to the next island over and the solace of solitude returns.

When to Go

Turks Island



Best Beaches

- » Grace Bay Beach (p202)
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- » Bambarra Beach (p211)
- » Governor's Beach (p214)

Best Places to Eat

- » Grace's Cottage (p207)
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January–April

The islands' high season is rightly popular – the weather is normally dry and warm.

July

The country's biggest fishing competition, the Grand Turk Game Fishing Tournament, arrives.

November

Blow a conch shell or just head for the tasting tent at the Turks & Caicos Conch Festival.