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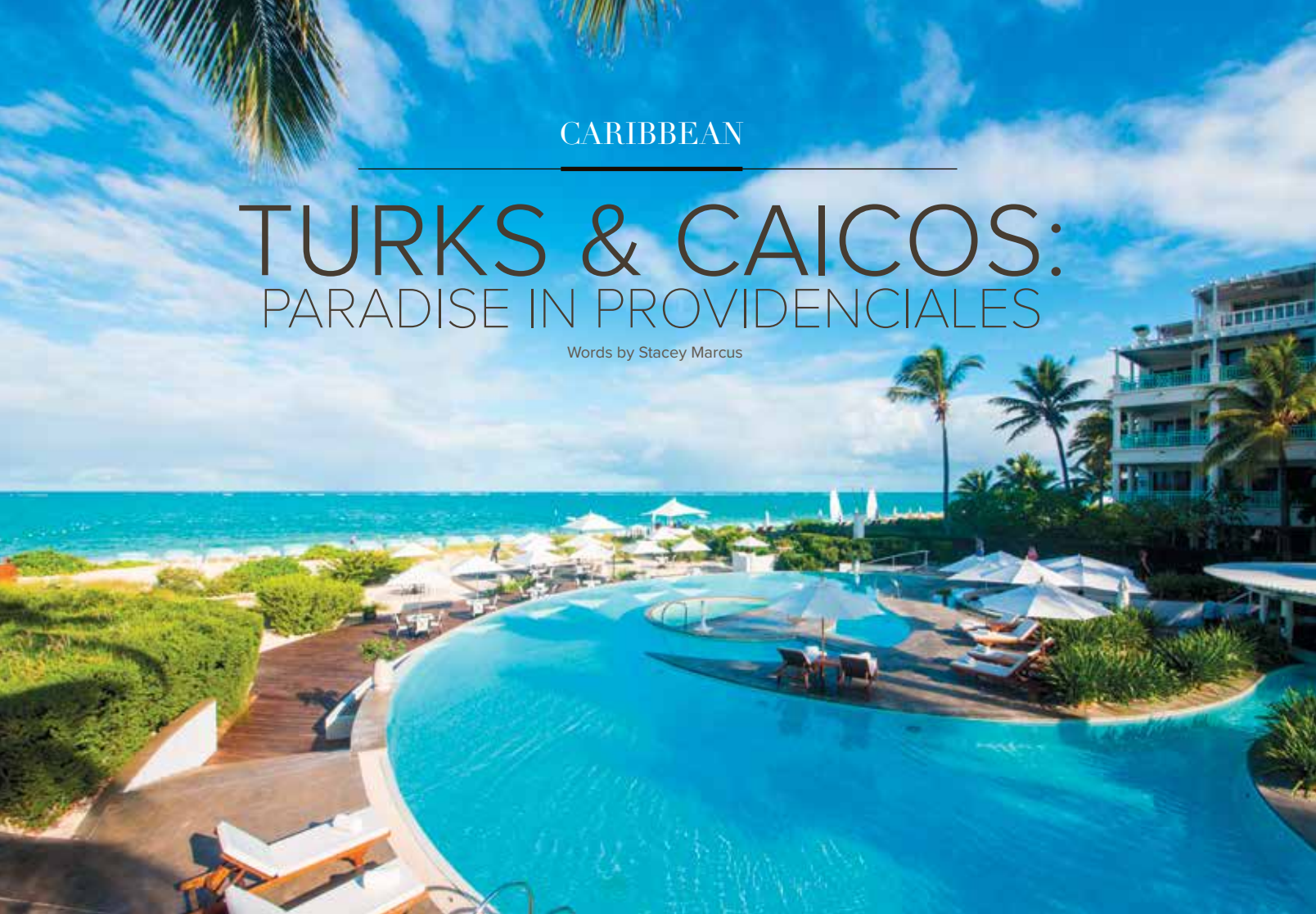
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# TURKS & CAICOS: PARADISE IN PROVIDENCIALES

Words by Stacey Marcus



Whoever said perfection is unattainable has yet to wiggle their toes in the sands of Grace Bay Beach in Turks and Caicos. Experiencing this pristine Caribbean island is like swinging in a hammock made of silk while sipping on an exotic drink and being fanned by swaying palm trees.

Lynne Watts, Wedding Planner at NILA Destinations, advises couples to embrace the award-winning island for its many attributes including “fantastic beaches, amazing sunsets, friendly people, delicious food and awesome rum punch.” Watts also explains, “Turks and Caicos is considered a high-end destination and, as such, a budget will not stretch as far as other Caribbean destinations – be aware of this and make sure you have a realistic idea of what your wedding will cost. Consider the time of year. Peak season (Christmas through April) will be more costly, and resorts and the beach more busy than other times. September is the least expensive month, but certainly the hottest and most humid.”

Turks and Caicos is accessible via direct flights from Miami, JFK, Boston, Dallas, Atlanta, Charlotte and Philadelphia. While flying time is just three hours from New York, it takes between eight to ten hours to fly from Los Angeles.

A magical spot on the island is The Palms Turks and Caicos, a 72-suite slice of nirvana, which recently underwent a \$3.5 million renovation. The resort is an ideal spot for both weddings and honeymoons. Weddings can be held beach-side at Grace Bay Beach, in the largest ballroom in Turks and Caicos, as well as in the award-winning 25,000 square-foot spa. Couples also have

the special option of having their ceremony in the expansive, yet intimate, outdoor relaxation area, surrounded by a soothing water-walkway, which can be covered for the ceremony giving the illusion of dancing on water. Launching your love life in Turks and Caicos is truly paradise found.



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