

Travel Outlook

Treasure Cay is one of the top 10 beaches

It has been said by National Geographic that the beach at Treasure Cay on the island of Abaco is one of the top 10 most beautiful in all the world. From the air as one approaches this lush secluded cay in the north-west Bahamas, the beach seems unreal somehow with its almost indescribable turquoise colour set against the unnaturally white shoreline.

It isn't until one sets foot on the

Treasure Cay beach that the dreamlike quality of the setting suddenly jolts the visitor into an almost breathless reality.

This is truly one of the most beautiful beaches in the world. Not only in its amazingly vivid colours, but in its ambience of true peace. One gets the feeling that all is well on God's earth when standing alone on the beach with feet in the clear water and a specially created "Treasure

Pleasure" cocktail in hand. The hustle and bustle of city life back home quickly becomes a distant memory.

It seems unlikely that any visitor to Treasure Cay could tire of the sun, sea and sand, but even the most lazy and burnt-out of visitors eventually comes to the point in their vacation where they sit up and say, "what now?"

Lots To Do

Unlike most island oases that

offer beachside holidays, Treasure Cay, while relaxed and quiet, still offers a wide variety of "to do" options. Snorkellers can enjoy the beauty of the coral reef which lies off the coast of Abaco, or just snorkel along the beach where fishes of colourful and varied species come daringly close for a peck at the intruders. Scuba diving is also available for the more adventurous waterbug.

Water tricycles, windsurfers, parasail boats, and water skiing equipment are all for the taking at reasonable cost. In fact, guests of the Treasure Cay Beach Hotel & Villas can enjoy tricycles, snorkelling equipment, and windsurfers at no additional charge. For landlubbers, scooters, bicycles or golf carts are available to go exploring, and golf enthusiasts can enjoy a championship 18-hole course right next door.

was recently developed to give visitors an optional beach on which to saunter. Inviting hammocks sway quietly in the breeze; volleyball nets, basketball hoops, ping pong tables, beach bar and hundreds of giant palm trees combine to create an ambience of barefoot fun and relaxation.

Other nearby cays and islands give visitors another option when visiting Treasure Cay -- the ability to experience Bahamian lifestyle and culture. A \$5 ferry ride takes visitors to the nearby fishing settlement of New Plymouth. This New England-style town is truly postcard perfect with its pastel-coloured clapboard houses set against the aqua-blue waters. One gets the feeling that time has simply stopped here.

Nightlife Variety

Evenings at Treasure Cay can be quiet and relaxed. A live band plays nightly at the poolside bar. A delightful robust Bahamian woman mixes up fruity rum concoctions as she dances about and sings along to the popular island tunes. Fishermen -- thirsty after a hot day on the water -- swap fishing stories, and locals drop by to share a drink and some warm Bahamian friendliness.

Nearby Treasure Island

One of the newest attractions at Treasure Cay is the nearby Treasure Island, which boasts a 7-mile secluded beach. Day trips are available for \$10.

Treasure Island, situated on Great Guana Cay, provides visitors with a picture-perfect playground. The uninhabited island

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By Glenda Hughes, Sales Rep. 873-0300

For the very first time in 18 years that I have lived in Georgetown, I found myself wishing that we lived closer to the airport. As I write this column this week, I think of all the times, that I have had clients tell me that they were moving to be closer to work, closer to family, and closer to "the big City". I have always thought it to be a rather upsetting decision, as I love our town, but "being closer" has taken on a whole new meaning.

Over the past week, we have been to the airport several times, and we have several more to go, before the week ends. Spring Break always means either we as a family are going somewhere warm, or the kids are taking off on a jaunt. As we were nearing the airport, in early morning traffic this morning, I suddenly realized that I had forgotten the airline tickets for my daughter's trip.

With about an hour to spare before her plane took off, my hubby made the round trip back home and to the airport in about 40 minutes! Needless to say, panic had set in with all of us. No tickets, no flight - bad traffic and distance were factors that all had to be dealt with. Fortunately, due to some luck, and my hubby's superb driving (the men in blue wouldn't have thought so), the tickets got to the airport in time.

It did make me wonder though, if perhaps we should have an alternative condo or something similar, in Malton area, for the weeks that we are travelling, just in case something like this happens again. It could open up a whole new vista of real estate for the traveller (and the investor too) - no traffic, no early morning rising, no commuting, and it could be rented out when you are not using it. What a great way to advertise - can you see the headline "Flying Without Stress" - it could work and maybe I'll have a few Georgetown people who will agree with me too!

Hope your Spring Break has been fun, and you didn't have to fly on four wheels!

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