

# SHORE CLUB DEFINES CARIBBEAN LUXURY



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The idyllic Caribbean islands of Turks and Caicos are home to a few gorgeous resorts, and the opulent Shore Club hovers at the top of the A-list.

The Shore Club is a splendid vision of Caribbean architecture in pure white stone with elegant colonnades surrounded by manicured hedges and towering trees. Arched doorways, splashing fountains and latticework balconies give it the regal look and feel of a tropical palace, inspired by Europe of old. And year-round open-air dining is a nod to the heavenly climate.

This is classic luxury, with timeless appeal.

The Shore Club's roots are local, expressed through gourmet island cuisine, hand-painted ceramics and the occasional piece of folkloric artwork and furniture, but it offers an international level of premier hospitality.

All guests are invited to take advantage of a full breakfast, twice-daily housekeeping, bottled water, non-motorized water sports (Hobie Cats, paddle boards and kayaks) and perks like frozen fruit at the pools.

The Shore Club is medium size in terms of accommodations — 106 sumptuous suites and six gated villas — but it's grand in scope, with many more facilities than one would expect: two appealing dinner restaurants, an ultra-modern fitness club with tennis, the Dune Spa, a glorious beachfront and four swimming pools (one for adults, one for laps and two with bar-bistros). And for the kids, Jungle Jam has supervised activities, at no extra charge.



Soft colours of sea, sky and sand create serenity at the Shore Club in Turks and Caicos. THE SHORE CLUB

“We have made a substantial space feel human with comforting details like lots of greenery, some vintage accents and exceptional design creating different spaces,” said the owner, Nova Scotian Stan Hartling, “and our mission is to evoke Caribbean ambience.”

The Hartling Group also owns The Sands at Grace Bay and The Palms Turks and Caicos, and all three resorts are involved in the local community, with fundraisers and career days. Hartling has also donated \$1 million to education initiatives in Turks and Caicos, including a scholarship for island students to Saint Mary's University, his alma mater in Halifax.

**The scene:** The Shore Club is on a sun-kissed, private stretch of seafront, with shallow waters, moderate swells and trade winds that make it a top spot for water sports, especially adventurous kite-surfing. Still, most people seem to seek out the best places

to chill — lunching in a poolside cabana, idling in balmy Caribbean waters or simply enjoying their private terrasse. The Dune Spa offers heavenly treatments with sand, coconut oil, sea salts and essence of vanilla. Perhaps the ultimate in romance is the Dune's Moonbathing, with massages under the stars, sweetened with chocolate truffles and liqueurs.

The resort has villas, junior suites and one-, two- and three-bedroom condos and penthouses. The interiors are lavishly appointed, rich with colours of vanilla and cream, travertine floors, formal furniture and ornamental textures like brocade upholstery and tufted sofas with piping.

The villas embody over-the-top extravagance, each with six bedrooms, 6½ bathrooms, private pools, hot tubs, outdoor showers and an elevator down to a butler's pantry that stores all the tableware for fancy entertain-

ing. Ideal for multi-generational families, celebrations or just friends, the exclusive villas have butler service, a sports attendant and all facilities of the adjacent main resort, including breakfast. A private chef is available.

The Shore Club's service is attentive and discreet, with about 260 employees taking care of about 300 guests.

Amazingly, the staff navigate their maintenance carts through underground tunnels, so they don't disturb anyone.

If you love this posh experience, you can buy a unit and rent it out. Villas start at around \$10 million and condos at \$3.3 million.

**Dining:** Sui-Ren, the Shore Club's pan-Asian restaurant, is so special that patrons come from all over Providenciales island for shrimp, chicken, meat and fish, as well as sushi, sashimi, tempura, dumplings and pho. Among top dishes are salmon tiradito with passion fruit, lamb shank,

IF YOU GO

**The Shore Club:** 649-339-8000, 888-808-9488, [theshoreclubtc.com](http://theshoreclubtc.com); Long Bay Beach, Providenciales, Turks and Caicos.

**Price:** Junior suites from approximately \$740 (one-, two- and three-bedroom suites and penthouses available); villas, up to 14 people, from approximately \$8,200. Shuttle available to other Hartling hotels. Extra: personal training, business centre, heliport nearby, private jet and yacht charters, 24-hour in-room dining, banquet rooms.

**Turks and Caicos tourism:** [visittci.com](http://visittci.com).

seared red snapper and choice steaks — T-bone, rib-eye and filet.

On the more casual side, Almond Tree is a rustic-chic bistro built around reclaimed trees and white stone walls alive with ivy. Comfort food includes braised short ribs, mac and cheese, fried chicken, Caribbean seafood chowder and fisherman's pie.

Almond Tree's bountiful breakfast (included for all guests) starts with a buffet of all the expected, but there are treasures like Jamaican curry chicken soup, avocado toast with eggs, plus a spicy island favourite: peas and rice with eggs and jerk sauce.

The poolside menus at Sea Grapes and Colonnade feature tuna tacos, burgers, ceviche, jerk wings, coconut shrimp, pizza, salads and sushi.

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