

Ocean Club Resort Offers Up the Surreal

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Turks and Caicos are some of the most beautiful Caribbean islands I have ever visited, and I have seen many. The colours of the island are surreal turquoise, bright blue, pink and purple all reflected in its translucent waters. Arrival at Ocean Club Resort exceeds all expectations. Pink and white buildings surround aqua pools with a backdrop of enormous hibiscus bushes. Pink and white umbrellas dotted throughout paint a thoroughly clean and crisp Caribbean scene. The condo style resort has studios, one-, two- and three-bedroom units, with views of the garden or ocean.

My suite had a view of the ocean, yet convenient steps away from the pool and the poolside Cabana bar and grill. The suite itself is equipped so well I could happily move in for the rest of my life. A large living room with dining, full kitchen with full-sized appliances including a dishwasher, two bathrooms, washer and dryer and roomy bedroom offering a king-sized bed. The living room couch is a fold-up to accommodate a third person, hence the second bathroom.

The resort itself is divided into Ocean Club West and Ocean Club East where I am staying. East has Cabana bar and grill as well as the fine dining restaurant, Opus and West features Solana, an oceanfront upscale Asian themed restaurant, Opus and Solana. A shuttle runs between both, but it's a short 10-minute walk. The beach out front has many beach loungers to choose from.

With so many amenities, it would be easy to stay at the resort and never leave, but shops, grocery stores and other restaurants are not a far walk or a resort shuttle will happily take you where you need to go.

Situated right on Grace Bay, there are 12 miles of powder white sand and amazing clear waters that you can enjoy while walking, windsurfing, and sailing. If you want an adrenalin rush, there is kiteboarding, parasailing, or a new guided land and water voyage which includes a beach bike cruise followed by a kayak or stand up paddleboard eco tour through the mangroves to see marine and bird life. I chose to kayak through the mangroves spotting small Lemon sharks, sea turtles and upside-down jellyfish.

Many guests I spoke to were repeat visitors; after a few nights there, I certainly understood and cannot wait to return.

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