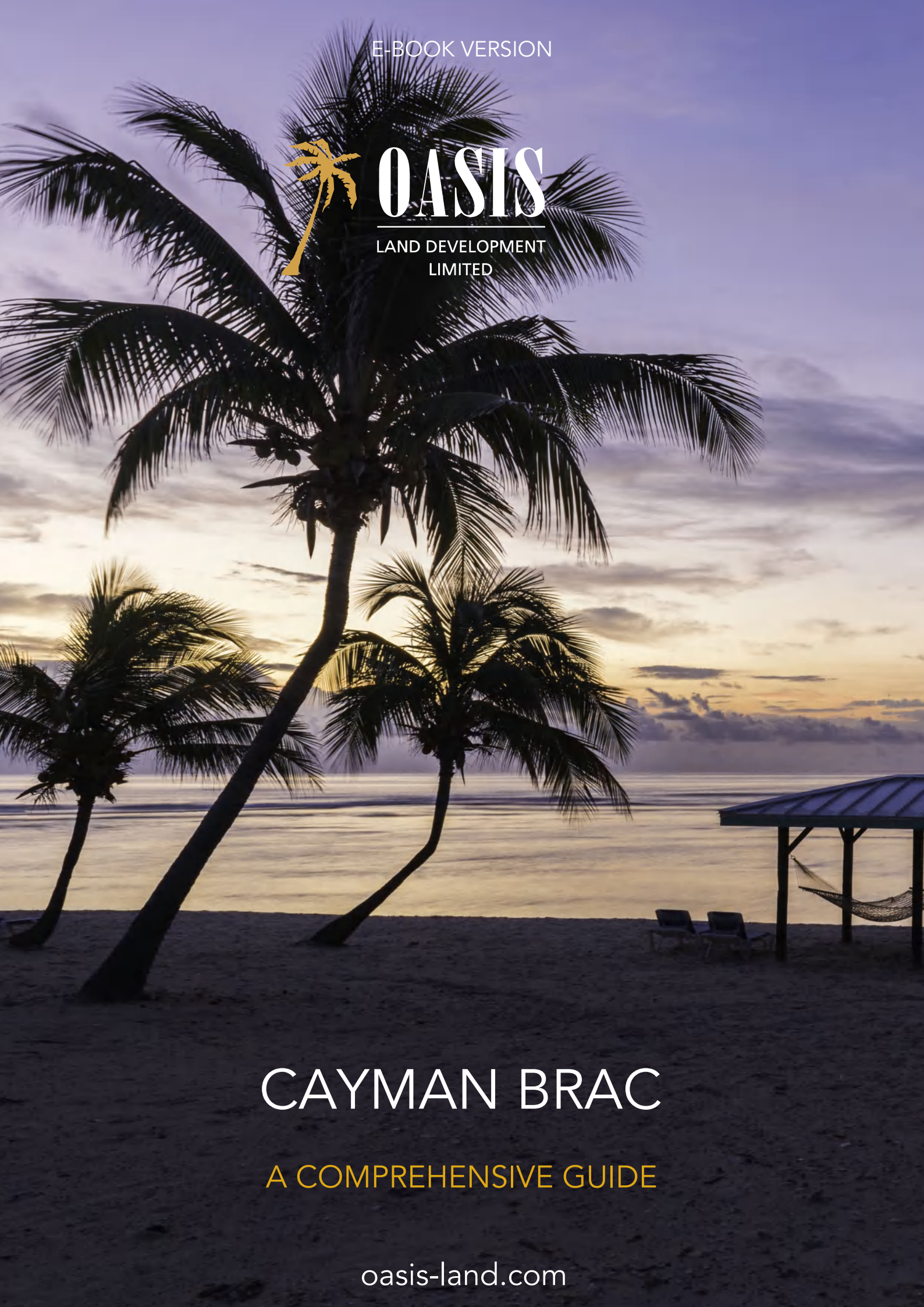

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CLIMATE & WEATHER IN THE CAYMAN BRAC

Cayman Brac enjoys summer like weather all year round. Lying between the latitudes of 19° and 20° North, in the far Western Caribbean, Cayman Brac are tempered by cooling trade winds.

Temperatures reach highs of 29°C (85°F) to 32°C (90°F) during the summer months of July and August. Relative humidity varies from 68% to 92%.

Temperatures are coolest during February, ranging from 22°C (72°F) to 30°C (86°F) during the day and 17°C (64°F) to 22°C (72°F) at night. The sea temperature ranges from 25°C (78°F) to 27°C (82°F) in the winter months and from 27°C (82°F) to 30°C (86°F) in the summer.

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1. CAYMAN ISLANDS GENERAL

The Cayman Islands is a British Overseas Territory located in the Western Caribbean. Some key facts about the islands, made up of Grand Cayman, Cayman Brac and Little Cayman, are presented below:

Language:	English
Currency:	KYD (Cayman Islands Dollars) USD also widely accepted
Fixed exchange rate of:	0.82 KYD to USD
Capital City:	George Town
Location:	Grand Cayman and its sister islands are located just south of Cuba in the Caribbean Sea approximately 1-hour flight south from Florida, USA (Miami, Fort Lauderdale).
Law:	Combination of common law and statute, heavily based upon the law of UK
Major Industries:	Financial Services, Tourism, Banking, Insurance, Construction and Construction materials

CAYMAN BRAC

Cayman Brac is one of three Cayman Islands and a Sister Island to Grand Cayman and smaller, nearby neighbor, Little Cayman. The island is roughly 14 square miles—approximately 12 miles long and 1.2 miles wide. It was named for the 140-foot bluff (called a "brac") at the western tip.

Compared to its sister islands, Cayman Brac has a more rugged terrain with a sweeping lime-stone bluff, caves and several hiking trails. Its natural beauty and breath-taking scenery make it the ideal place to explore.

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2. WHAT TO SEE ON CAYMAN BRAC

Brac is Gaelic for bluff, named after the limestone ridge that runs down the centre of the island reaching an elevation of 150ft at the eastern end. This is also the highest point on all three islands.

The friendly 'brackers' share their Island with over 200 different bird species and numerous iguanas. The dramatic scenery and rugged terrain boasts a plethora of hidden caves and winding trails that the whole family will love exploring. The atmosphere is tranquil, crime is almost non-existent and the people are friendly and welcoming. Cayman Brac is also famous for its superb diving, which should not be missed.

West End

In Cayman Brac's West End you will find the airport, grocery stores, a gas station and a couple of condo complexes in this area. The north shore of the West End has the highest population of residents on the island. The famous Russian wrech dive, lies just offshore.

Stake Bay

On the north side, Stake Bay roughly refers to the middle section of the Island. Stake Bay is the capital of the Island and is where you will find the main Government building, the hospital, and the museum.

The Bluff

The Island's gentle ascent eventually leads to the limestone cliffs which are its namesake. A lighthouse crowns the 150ft tall seaside edge of the bluff, providing beautiful ocean views. The birds circling overhead may eventually lead you back inland to the ancient woodlands of the Brac Parrot Reserve. It is home to many endemic flora and fauna species of the Cayman Islands.

Eastern Districts

Continue east to Watering Place, Creek and Spot Bay and you'll find a true Cayman Brac welcome. The Cayman Brac Heritage House is located between Creek and Spot Bay and compliments the Cayman Brac Museum, offering reenactments of our country's past, with displays showing how islanders of the past used natural resources to create houses and tools.

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Cayman Brac, Cayman Islands

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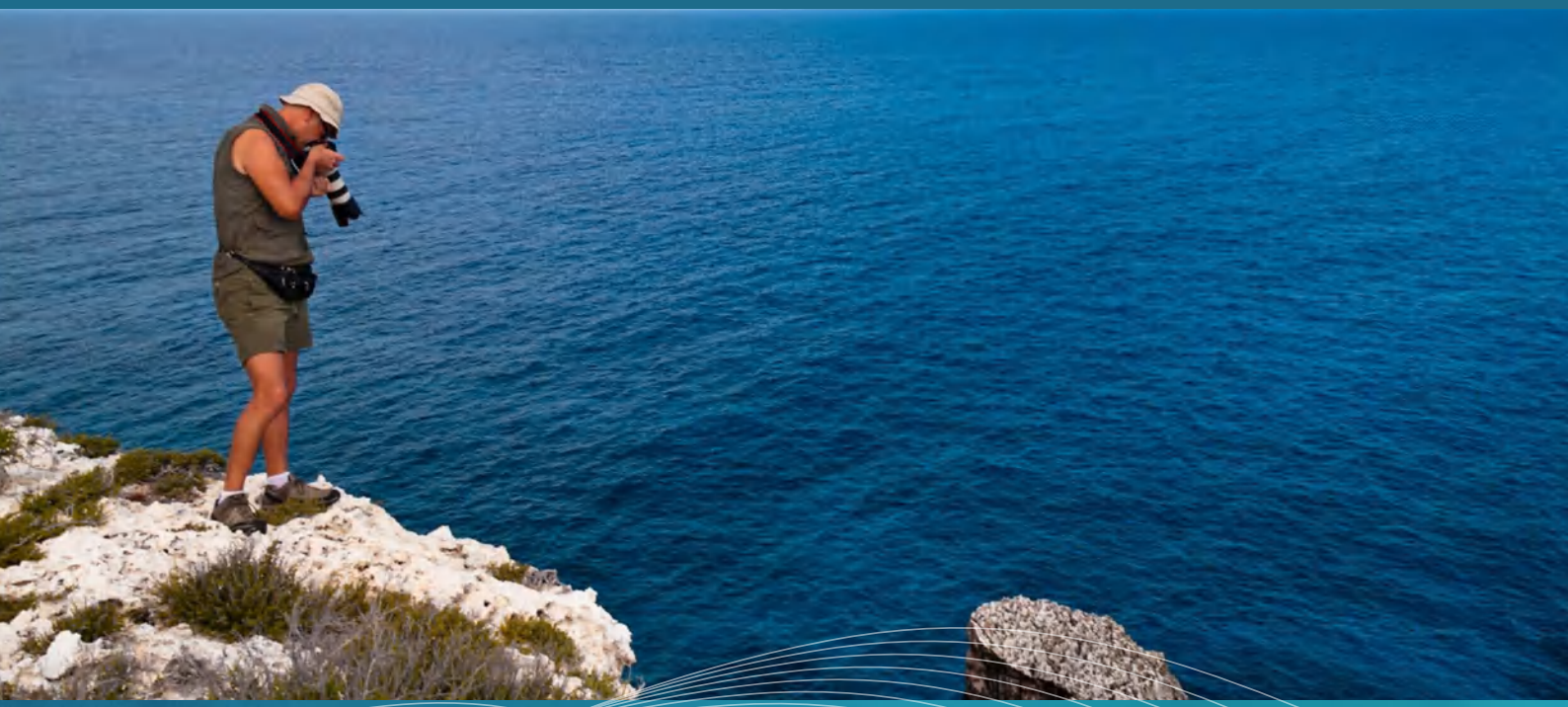

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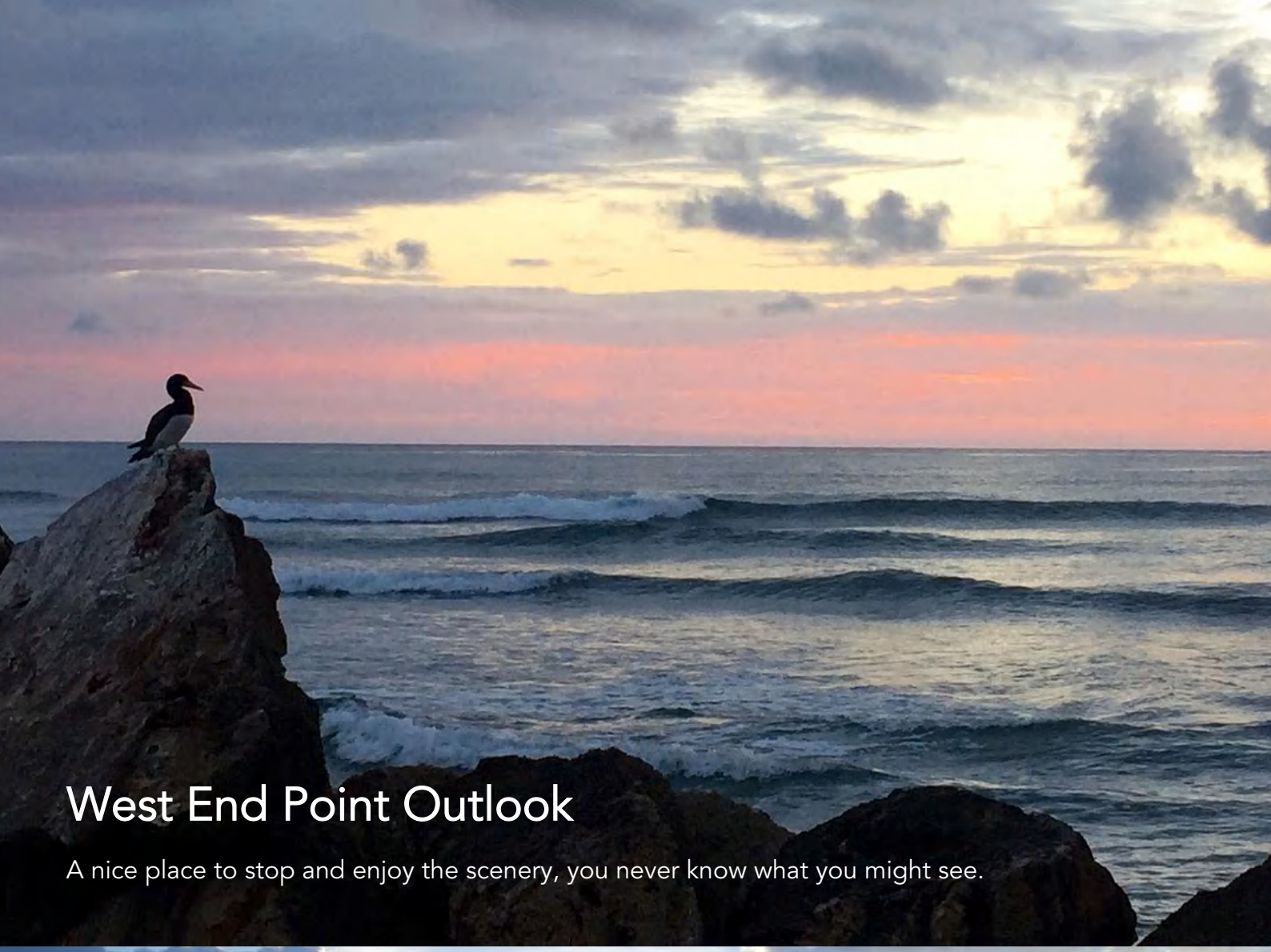

West End Point Outlook

A nice place to stop and enjoy the scenery, you never know what you might see.

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Charles Kirkconnell International Airport

The Charles Kirkconnell International Airport (CKIA), formerly known as Gerrard-Smith International Airport, commenced operations in 1955 when Cayman Brac Airways started an air link to Grand Cayman. The Airport, which boasts a runway of 6,010 feet long by 150 feet wide, plays an important role in Cayman Brac's development as a top tourist and dive destination catering to a myriad of visitors, including residents who chose to "getaway" from the hustle and bustle of Grand Cayman.

Stake Bay

Cayman Brac, Cayman Islands

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Government Buildings

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The Cayman Brac Museum

The Cayman Brac Museum, the oldest Museum in the Cayman Islands opened its doors to the public on December 3rd, 1983. Through the years our efforts have been focused on preserving the unique history of Cayman Brac & Little Cayman and creating informative exhibits. The Museum's home is the Old Government Administration Building built in 1983 which housed the Post Office, Customs, Treasury and much more under one roof before it was repalced by a new building in 1983.

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The Bluff

Cayman Brac, Cayman Islands

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Brac Parrot Reserve

The Brac Parrot Reserve encompasses 282 acres of contiguous protected land that is dominated by pristine, ancient dry forest on a very rough and rocky terrain. A great diversity of native trees support breeding pairs of the Cayman Brac Parrot as well as other forest birds such as the Red-legged Thrush, White-crowned Pigeon ('Bald Pate") and Black-whiskered Vireo.

LIGHTHOUSE

Visit the iconic Cayman Brac lighthouse, located at the highest point of the Cayman Brac Bluff.

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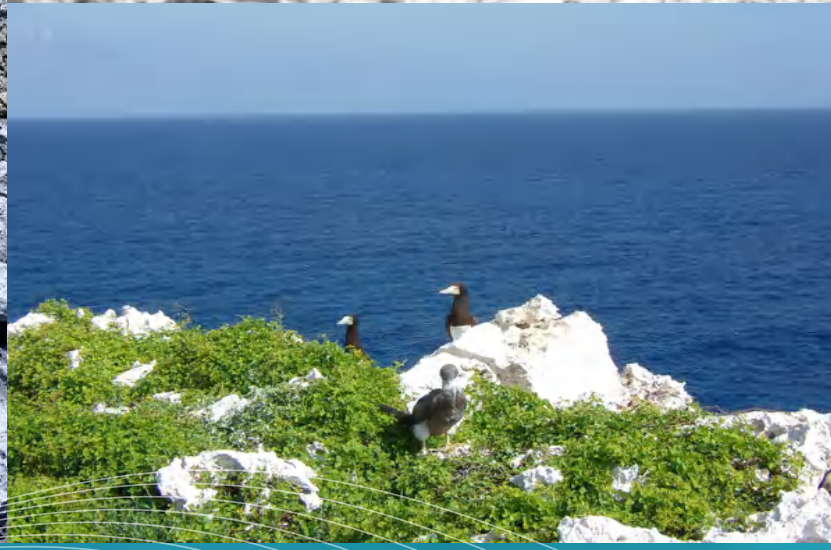
The Bluff

The Bluff of the Cayman Brac is a plateau made out of karstic limestone on the eastern side of the island. "Brac" actually means Gaelic for bluff. The Bluff reaches a height of 140 feet above sea level and offers a great view of the coastline.



Eastern Districts

Cayman Brac, Cayman Islands

Continue east to Watering Place, Creek and Spot Bay and you'll find a true Cayman Brac welcome. "Mom and Pop" stores and small local restaurants showcase authentic souvenirs and traditional Caymanian fare. The Cayman Brac Heritage House is located between Creek and Spot Bay and compliments the Cayman Brac Museum, offing reenactments of the country's past, with displays showing how islanders of the past used natural resources to create houses and tools. There are two primary schools, Creek Primary School and Spot Bay Primary School, in this area.

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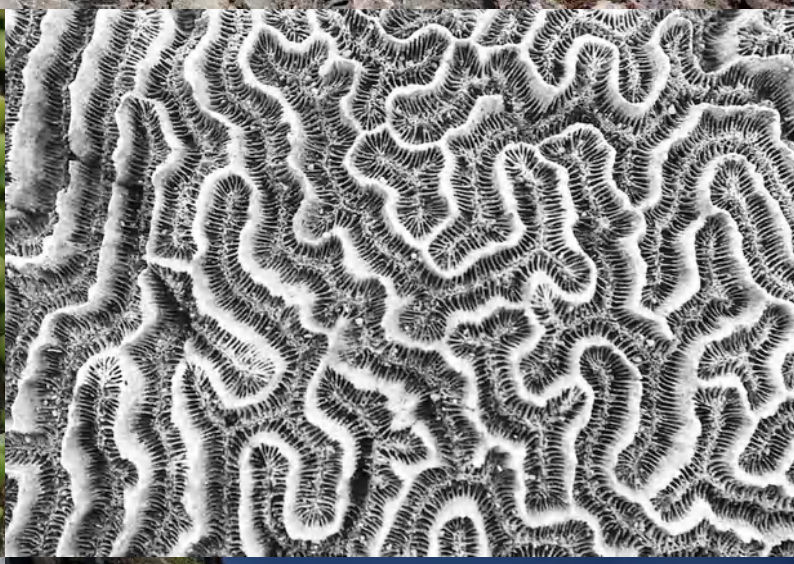
Heritage House

The Cayman Brac Heritage House is located on the beautiful island of Cayman Brac in the area of North East Bay. The Building serves as an interpretative centre for everything about the culture and heritage of Cayman Brac and Little Cayman.

The Long Beach

Long beach has a beautiful view of the bluff and a huge array of coral, flora, and birds (and fun driftwood).



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3. WHAT TO DO ON CAYMAN BRAC

Named for its breathtaking bluff, Cayman Brac is off the beaten track but remains charming, allowing thrill-seekers and nature-lovers to get up close and personal with rare flora and fauna. The tiny towns here have names like West End, Watering Place, Cotton Tree Bay, Creek and Spot Bay.

Limestone caves and sinkholes contrast waters containing awe-inspiring dives along seawalls and even a sunken ship, as adventurers of all ages can brave the elements in Cayman Brac.

Towering up above, the lush green forests throughout Cayman Brac are a birdwatcher's dream – with endangered parrots, brown boobies and peregrine falcons perched in the canopy. On the ground, a crisscross of hiking trails will lead you to unusual flowers, reptilian habitats and historic sites of all kinds.

Just a 30-minute flight from Grand Cayman, "The Brac" holds untold stories.

Shore Diving and Snorkelling

Diving on Cayman Brac is some of the best in the Caribbean with walls, drop-offs, patch and finger reefs, and the wreck of the MV Captain Tibbetts, a 330ft Russian warship to explore. The sea is pristine, visibility is excellent and marine life abundant.

Captain Keith Tibbetts wreck

Mooring line on Topsy wreck

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Cayman Brac Sculpture 'Foots'

Kissimmee wreck rests almost upside down at approximately 45-65ft deep

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Public Beach

A great spot to lay in the sun, play beach Frisbee or swim out to the reef. Providing picnic areas, public showers and toilets a perfect setup to enjoy a full day at the beach.

Kayaking and Canoeing

Rent a Kayak and take a leisurely paddle around the calm waters off the south coast. Explore the shoreline and view the Island from a different perspective.

Peters Cave

Cayman Brac Caves

Explore the Island's Caves. There are many to visit, and more to be discovered as some entrances are still concealed by thick vegetation. Some caves were even used by pirates to stash their treasure chests. Check out the stalactite and stalagmite formations in both the Great Cave and Nani Cave or enjoy views of Spot Bay from Peter's Cave.

Rock Climbing

Enthusiasts have rated Cayman Brac as one of the top ten exotic climbing destinations worldwide. There are 75 routes on offer that have bolts in place for climbers who can abseil from the top of the bluff down to the sea and climb back up again.

Bird Watching

Bird Watching is particularly good from October to April when migrating birds pass through in search of fresh water and warmer weather. With some 200 species of full and part-time resident birds, the Island is an ornithologist's paradise. Land birds you may see include the rare Cayman Brac Parrot, the Red–legged Thrush and the West Indian Whistling Duck. There are also five seabird colonies. The 310-acre Brac Parrot Reserve was established in 1990 to protect the Brac's endemic parrot and various other species of birds. A two-mile trail through the reserve gives you a chance to see some rare species.

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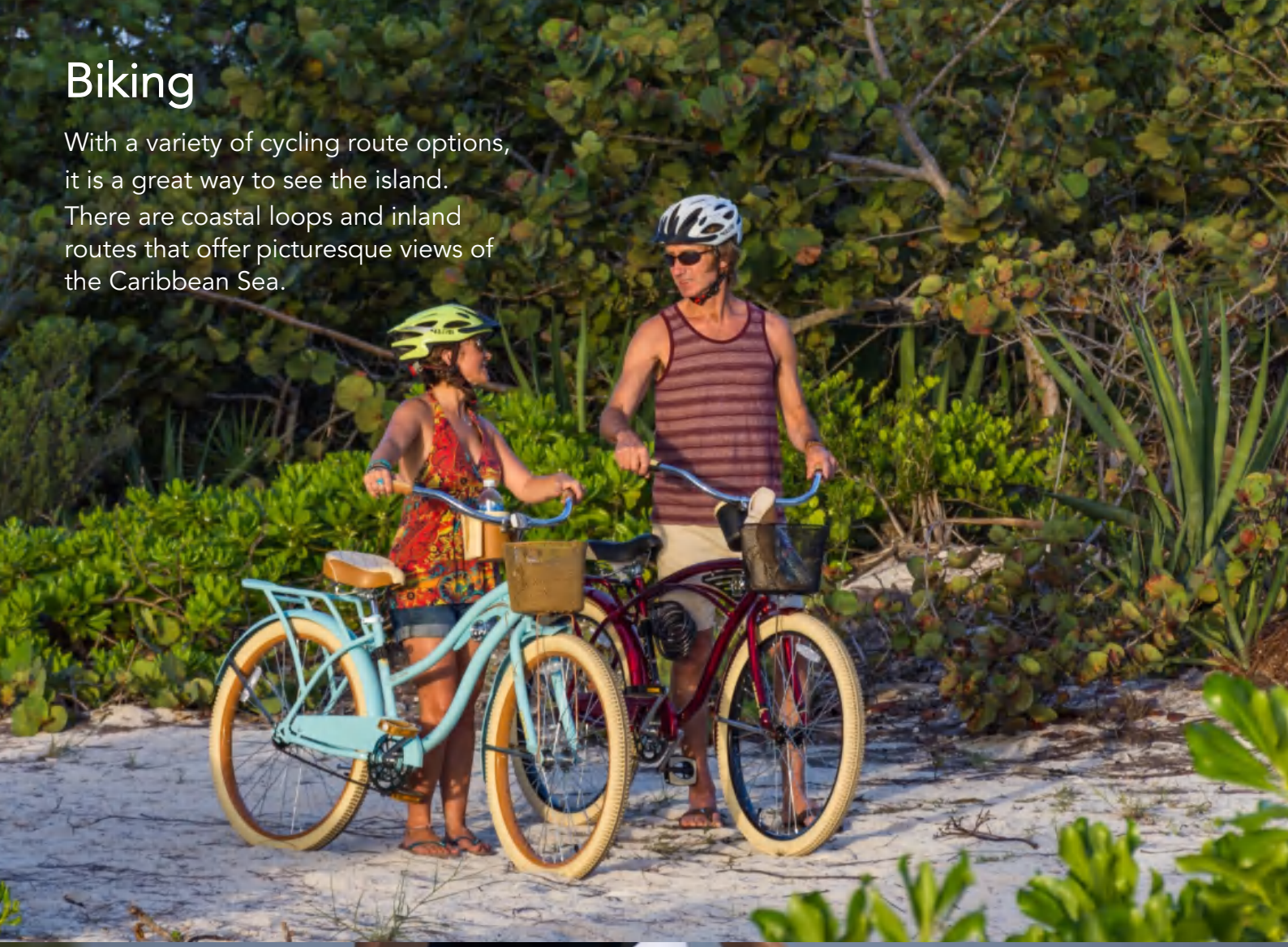
Biking

With a variety of cycling route options, it is a great way to see the island. There are coastal loops and inland routes that offer picturesque views of the Caribbean Sea.



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4. RESTAURANTS & BARS

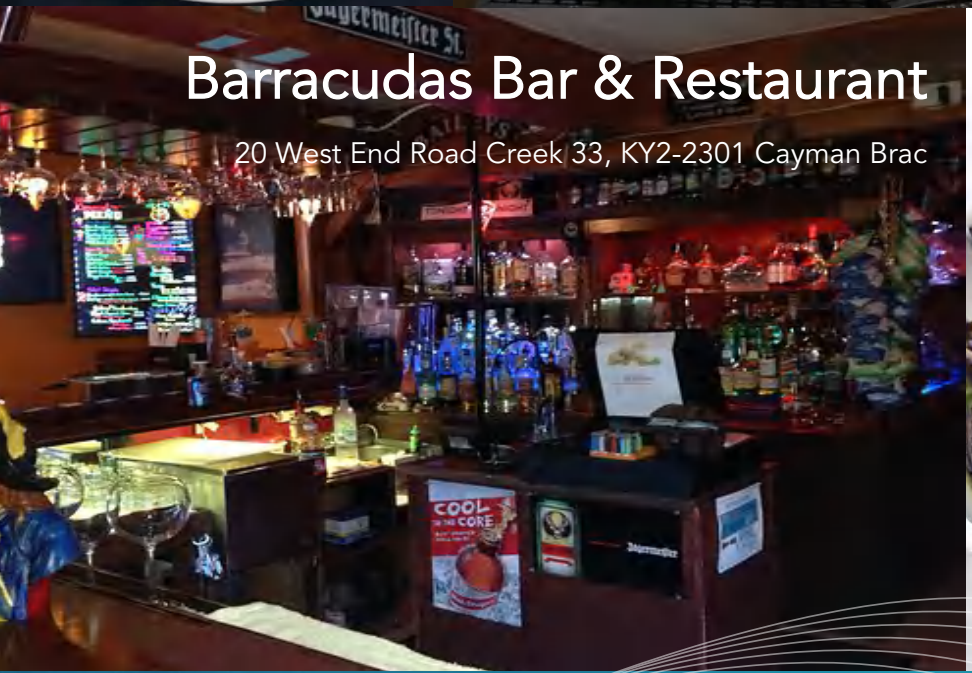
THE CAYMAN ISLANDS ARE KNOWN AS THE CULINARY CAPITAL OF THE CARIBBEAN.

Many of the islands restaurants offer live bands on various nights of the week, some restaurants have their own bars whilst some have their own pets. The Cayman Islands aren't known for their hectic nightlife like most western countries and only have a handful of nightclubs on Grand Cayman, Cayman is more known for its vibrant bars and live singers as apposed to DJ's.

There are a number of Cayman restaurants that have won a TripAdvisor certificate of excellence awards.

Captain's Table

South Side Road West End, KY2-2001 Cayman Brac



Barracudas Bar & Restaurant

20 West End Road Creek 33, KY2-2301 Cayman Brac

Island Prime Steaks & Seafood

383 Channel Road Cayman Brac Beach Resort Cayman Brac

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Tipsy Turtle Bar

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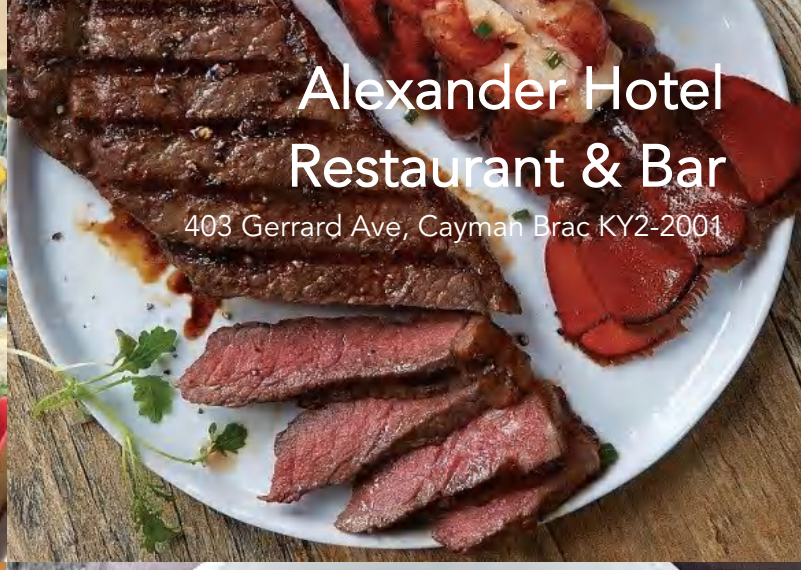

Alexander Hotel Restaurant & Bar

403 Gerrard Ave, Cayman Brac KY2-2001

Le Soleil d'Or Restaurant

Next to Edd's Place Cayman Brac

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5. SHOPS

Tax free shopping, that is what first comes to mind when you are shopping in the Cayman Islands. No products you buy in the shops will have any added tax. The price you see on the label will be just that. That is one huge advantage of shopping here.

Here are some places:

Treasure Chest - Sells local items, caymanite and black coral jewelry, souvenirs, etc.

Kirk Freeport (Stake Bay) - Sells caymanite, ornaments, t-shirts etc.

Marketplace - Grocery Store at Tibbets Square.

Miss Mary Lou's (Fine Wines & Spirits) - Beers, wines & spirits, souvenirs and Tortuga rum cakes.

6. HOTELS

The Caribbean Sea winds its way round the Cayman Islands with a warmth and tranquility that calms even the most tightly wound personalities. The endless turquoise waters unveil the sophisticated treasures that people dreams.

Lodging on Cayman Brac consists mostly of rental property, some hotels, resorts, condominiums and a bed-and-breakfast exist including;

Brac Reef Beach Resort.

The Alexander Hotel. Amenities include outdoor bar, restaurant, conference room and gift shop.

Cayman Breakers. Eighteen two-bedroom condos.

Brac Caribbean and Carib Sands

Le Soleil d'Or

Sea Dreams Villa

The Alexander

The Alexander has a rich history and events that had an impact on the establishment. There is a short walk from the sparkling ocean waters and white sand of Cayman Brac.

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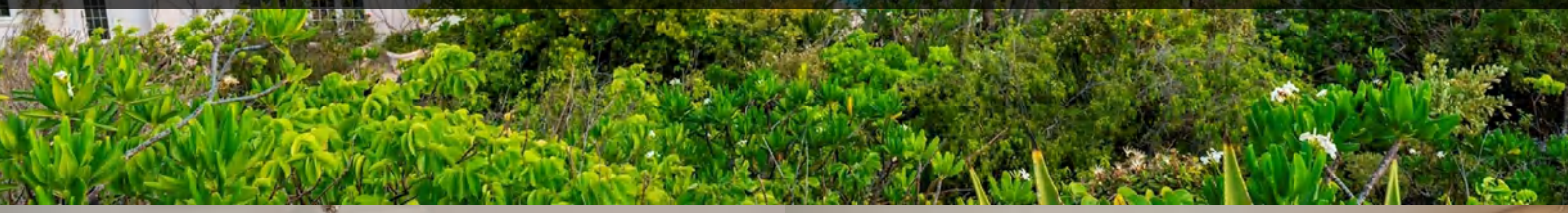
Cayman Brac Beach Resort

Enjoy some of the best diving in the Cayman Islands at a small, casual resort with expansive grounds that offer spaces for guests to play. There's plenty of beach for everyone to find their own favorite place, and the large walk-in pool offers varying depths for swimmers of all ages. Beach volleyball is a popular activity for groups and families while not exploring the underwater world. Late afternoons guests enjoy fun bar games like Bingo and weekly crab races while enjoying their favorite beverages and waiting for dinner.

Le Soleil d'Or

Lies nestled in a quiet corner of the elegant island of Cayman Brac. Healthy living, relaxation and adventure are central to the philosophy of this hotel. Boasting its own 20-acre organic garden farm, outstanding personal chef, private tennis courts, fitness center and cooking school, not to mention the extensive list of activities to do around the island and offshore, the bespoke and secluded nature of this hotel will really allow you to make this Caribbean paradise your own.



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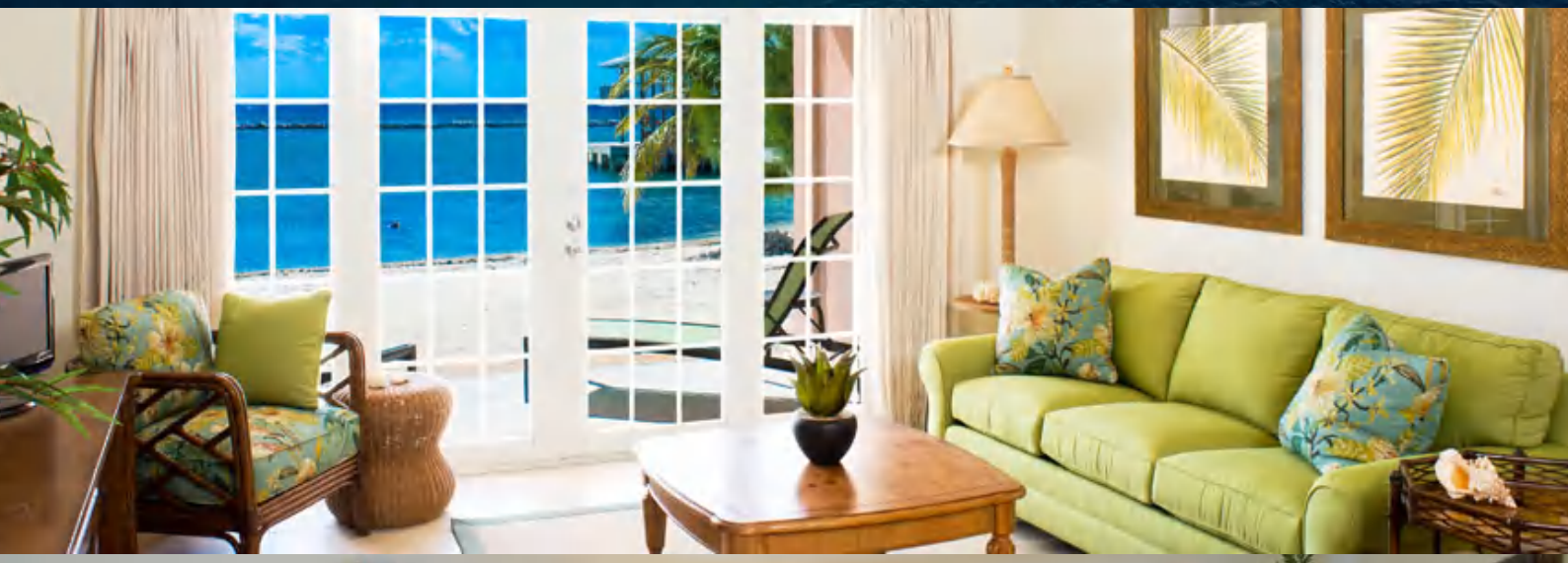
Cayman Breakers

Cute little condo complex on the water in peaceful Cayman Brac. This is the perfect weekend staycation condo. Peacefully quiet and perfect for divers and families. Enjoy days exploring the natural beauty of Cayman Brac or diving in its pristine waters. Spend your afternoons making memories by the pool.

Carib Sands Beach Resort

Carib Sands is your island escape that feels remote yet isn't difficult to reach. Here you enjoy the conveniences of a beachfront villa with the services of a vacation resort.



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Sea Dreams Villa

Nestled next to the crystal clear waters of the Caribbean Sea, this beachside bungalow ensures that relaxation comes easily and a sun-kissed glow is a given.

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