

#### YOUR COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO THIS DRAMATIC ISLAND

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#### CLIMATE & WEATHER IN 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 is 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.



The Cayman Islands are 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.

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).

#### Airport

Sir Captain Charles Kirkconnell International Airport (MWCB) is an international airport located on Cayman Brac, Cayman Islands.

#### 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 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.



Booby Point

O Spot Bay

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## 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 wreck 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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Experience some of the best dives in the caribbean

#### **Charles Kirkconnell International Airport**

Formerly known as Gerrard-Smith International Airport, The Charles Kirkconnell International Airport (CKIA) 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.





CONSTRUCT OFFICERY

Charles Kirkconnell ERNATIONAL AIRPORT

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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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Properties on Southside Road below the bluff on the south side of the island.

### 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.









Visit the Cayman Brac lighthouse, located at the highest point of the Cayman Brac 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 bluf The Bluff reaches a height of 140 feet above sea level and offers a great view of the coastline.

## EASTERN DISTRICTS

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.

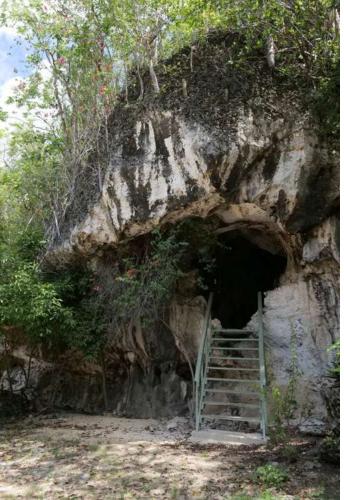


## WHAT TO DO ON CAYMAN BRAC

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, fauna and nature. Limestone caves and sinkholes contrast waters containing aweinspiring 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 & SNORKELLING

Cayman Brac Sculpture 'Foots'



Much loved by divers and snorkellers, Cayman Brac sits just alongside some of the world's most striking coral dive sites. Charming, tranquil and home to just a few hundred people, Cayman Brac offers a good selection of simple guesthouses and gorgeous boutique hideaways fit for a range of tastes and budgets. Most of the best places to stay in Cayman Brac are small, intimate and diving-focused, perfect for laid-back couples or active families.

#### **Public Beach**

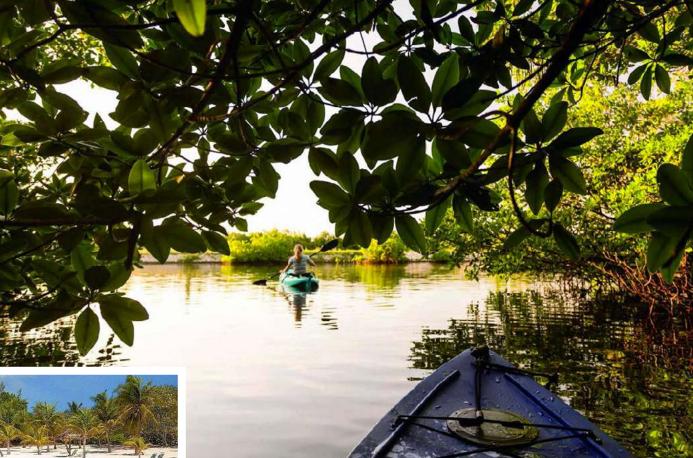
A great spot to lie in the sun, play beach Frisbee or swim out to the reef. Providing picnic areas, public showers and toilets, it's the perfect location to enjoy a full day at the beach.



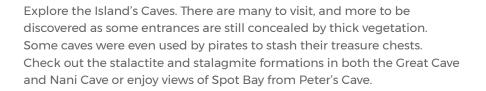
## KAYAKING & CANOEING

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.





## CAVES







## **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 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.





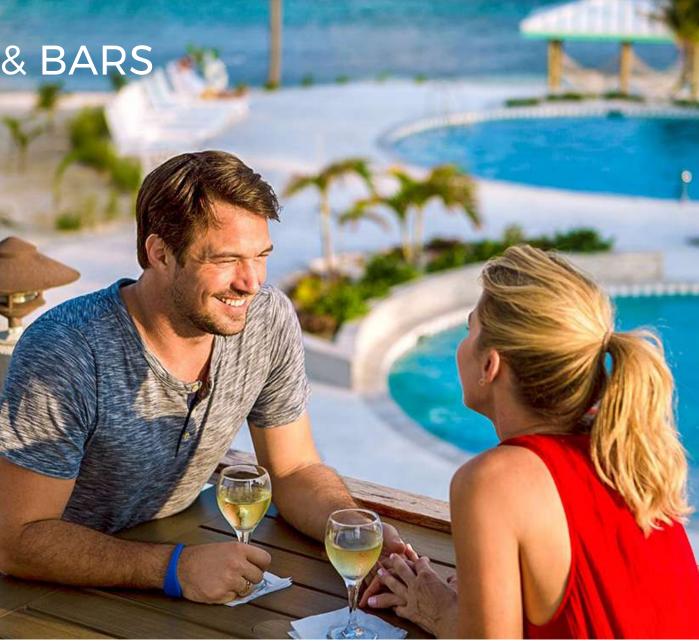
With a variety of cycling route options, it is a great way to see the island. There are coastal loops and inland routes that offer picturesque views of the Caribbean Sea.



### **RESTAURANTS & BARS**

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.





#### **BARRACUDAS BAR** & RESTAURANT

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



The cayman islands are known as the culinary capital of the Caribbean



#### ISLAND PRIME STEAKS & SEAFOOD

383 Channel Road Cayman Brac Beach Resort Cayman Brac



#### **TIPSY TURTLE BAR**

383 Channel Road, KY2-2001 Cayman Brac





#### ALEXANDER HOTEL RESTAURANT & BAR

403 Gerrard Ave, Cayman Brac KY2-2001

#### LE SOLEIL D'OR RESTAURANT

Next to Edd's Place, Cayman Brac.



#### CAYMAN BRAC SHOPPING

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.





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 HOTEL**

403 Gerrard Ave, KY2-2001 Cayman Brac www.alexanderhotelcayman.com

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.









#### CAYMAN BRAC BEACH RESORT

383 Channel Road, Cayman Brac https://www.caymanbracbeachresort.com

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

2147 South Side Road, KY2-2001 Cayman Brac www.lesoleildor.com

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



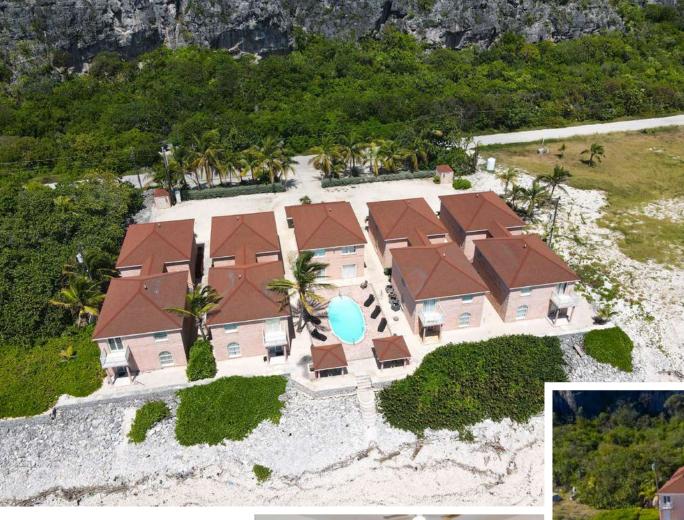
#### CARIB SANDS BEACH RESORT

193 Bert Marson Drive Southside, KY2-2101 Cayman Brac www.caribsands.com

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.







#### CAYMAN BREAKERS

1902 South Side Road, Cayman Brac

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.





#### **SEA DREAMS VILLA**

1902 South Side Road, Cayman Brac https://sea-dreams-villa.business.site

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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