First Look: H2O Life Style Resort

Kiteboarding paradise

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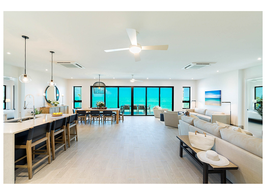
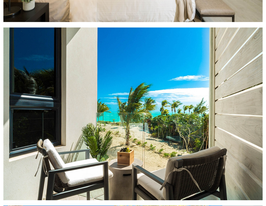
Adventurers preferring upscale accommodation to rest and recharge after a day on the waves will want to spoil themselves at **H2O Life Style Resort** on Long Bay Beach in the Turks and Caicos Islands. Describing itself as the first luxury kiteboarding resort in the Caribbean, this unquestioned beachside property tucked into the south shore of Providenciales is owned by Canadian entrepreneurs Rob Aprt and Nicolas Boucher.

Averaging 350 sunny days a year, Turks and Caicos's climate is a bonus for this five star property, which opened in late 2020. Just the ultimate amenity in the unbeatable view of the calm, turquoise waters of the Atlantic's Caicos Bank. Four acres of unspoiled and protected land border the eastern edge of the resort, which is committed to sustainable features like solar power, energy efficient air-conditioning and lighting, and water preservation practices.





Guests can pick from 21 modern and expansive suites, available with one to four bedrooms, in the H20 Beach House, Mangrove Estate, or Caicos House, each a sleek white building that stands out against the island's lush landscape. Furnishings are sourced from Restoration Hardware and adhere to a strictly neutral palette of white, cream, natural wood, and black. For even more privacy, the secluded two-bedroom Surf House is conveniently close to the 24-7 fitness centre.

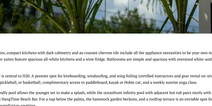
Plush sofas provide a place to Netflix and chill in the shade, and low-slung seating and picture windows in every suite insure endless island views. Bedrooms feature white linen bedding, colourful art adorns walls, and each suite includes a patio or terrace for lounging and dining.

In smaller suites, compact kitchens with dark cabinetry and au courant chevron tile include all the appliance necessities to be prize non mixologist or top chef; larger suites feature spacious all-white kitchens and a wine fridge. Bathrooms are simple and spacious with oversized white and grey marble tile.

Staying active is central to H20. A premier spot for kiteboarding, windsurfing, and wing foiling (certified instructors and gear rental on site), it also offers tennis, pickleball, or basketball, complimentary access to paddleboard, kayak or Hobie cat, and a weekly sunrise yoga class.

The child friendly pool allows the younger set to make a splash, while the oceanfront infinity pool with adjacent hot tub pairs nicely with chilled craft cocktails from HangTime Beach Bar. For a nap below the palms, the hammock garden beckons, and a rooftop terrace is an enviable spot for sunsets and impromptu constellation-spotting.

Life Style Caicos provide on site recommendations and the 411 on the island's must dos, including dining options, private boat charters, and access to the in-house Tesla.



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