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The Five-Step Guide to Selecting a Five-Star Beach

Ocean Club Resorts, which sits on the world's new No. 1 beach according to TripAdvisor's Travelers' Choice awards, reveals its easy formula to ranking the perfect beach

PROVIDENCIALES, TURKS & CAICOS - March 1, 2016 - How often is the term 'five-star' used in relation to the world 'beach'? Hardly ever but a good beach is one of the highlights of a memorable tropical vacation. Avid sea and sun seekers revel in days spent cavorting in or below the ocean and falling asleep - at leisure - being lulled by the sounds of waves gently lapping the shore.

Below, [Ocean Club Resorts](#), a dual property all-suite resort nestled on the world-famous Grace Bay Beach in the Turks and Caicos, shares its five-step process to determining the perfect beach.



1. Powder white-sand

Aah...can we say enough about the luxury of sinking your feet into soft, powder-white sand that oozes effortlessly through your toes? A type that's so refined it doesn't give you an unsolicited foot scrub or cause uncomfortable blisters after a barefoot stroll. Add a light breeze on your face and the warm caress of the sun to that wonderful combination for a perfect first category score.

2. Calm, crystal-clear water

It's no secret that water color, transparency and 'temperament' can make or break a beach lover's day. There are few substitutes for enjoying snorkeling and kayaking or other aqua-adventures in gin-clear water that does not hinder your ability to see marine life or the ocean floor. Remember

to allot extra points for being able to propel your body through an almost flat, swimming pool-like surface devoid of tempestuous or crashing waves.



3. Water temperature

Water temperature can affect the length of a swim and the overall pleasure persons derive from relaxing in the ocean too. The general rule for non-competitive swimmers is: *warm is better*. In Providenciales, that box is an easy check. May to October are officially the hot months while November to April mark the 'cool' period but even then, the average water temperature ranges from 79 - 84 degrees Fahrenheit year-round.

4. A clean and clutter-free coastline

A clean and clutter-free shoreline where traces of garbage are non-existent and beach chairs aren't cramped so tightly together that loungers have to be jostling for breathing space are possible but few and far between.



Thankfully, that is not the case on Grace Bay Beach. Our advice? Never settle for one that's less than optimal.

5. Peace and tranquility

Many a beach goer lives for the peace and tranquility during his or her time in the sun. Such serenity translates into no loud music, no rambunctious games and no spirited chatter around barbecue grills and picnic lunches. Of course, interruption

exceptions must always be made for friendly staff serving ice-cold island beers or frozen umbrella drinks!

At Ocean Club Resorts on Grace Bay Beach, we check every single box. A perfect score.

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Ocean Club Resorts

Named among *Travel + Leisure's* Top 500 Best Hotels in the World list, Ocean Club Resorts was also further praised by T+L by being named the top hotel for location in the Caribbean and recently recognized among the Top Ten Best Family Hotels in the Caribbean in the 2013 World's Best Awards listing. Ocean Club Resorts is comprised of two all-suite properties, Ocean Club and Ocean Club West, located just one mile apart and facing exquisite Grace Bay Beach. Ocean Club Resorts features a "Stay at One, Play at Both" policy. With reciprocal charging, guests staying at Ocean Club can enjoy all of the services and amenities of Ocean Club West and vice versa. Guests can indulge in spa treatments, go sailing, snorkeling, diving, fishing, parasailing or play golf. Of course, there is always the option of just relaxing under one of Ocean Club's signature pink beach umbrellas with a good book. For reservations and information please contact Ocean Club Resorts U.S. Reservations directly at (800) 457-8787 or visit www.oceanclubresorts.com.