

11 of Grand Cayman's Best Kept Secrets | Christopher Columbus Condos

You are here We asked our owners to give us some inside tips on Grand Cayman. They shared everything from their favorite quiet spots on the island to tips for making your vacation activities more convenient. Many of these tips aren't widely publicized and can sometimes be overlooked. Roll them all together and we have 11 of Grand Cayman's Best Kept Secrets! It's no secret that Seven Mile Beach is amazing. Because of its world wide fame, though, the commercial/hotel side of Seven Mile Beach (south side) can be quite crowded. We love the quieter north side of Seven Mile Beach which is where Christopher Columbus Condos is located because we're not surrounded by high rise hotels. We have a huge private beachfront for only 30 units, so you end up sharing the beach with much fewer people. While you're on the East End make sure to check out the Blow Holes. When waves come in they shoot up through the rocks here like huge geysers. It's a free stop, and a cool part of nature! Several diving operators will pick you up at your beachfront! Call ahead of time to check if your diving group offers boat pickup service to save yourself the drive and to enjoy a fun ride on the Caribbean Sea. There are many professional photographers on Grand Cayman island. After all, this place is a photographers dream. Take the opportunity to book a photographer to capture pictures of your family and friends. Our owners recommend Rebecca Davidson of Picture This (who took the photo on the left) and the ladies of Deep Blue Images. Stories of how these islands came to be are incredibly interesting. Dive into Cayman history at the National Museum, Savannah House, Fort George and little forgotten spots like Heroes Square (pictured here in downtown Georgetown). You'll thank yourself for the sense of place and people that you'll get from these historic treasures. The Mastic Trail is a rustic trail that weaves through ancient dry forests and the Black Mangrove wetland. This is one of the absolute best places on the island to see wildlife and to imagine what Cayman was like before it was developed. It's a 2.3 mile long trail, so it's long enough to give you a taste of nature, but short enough to make it easy to convince less adventuresome family and friends to join. There is some rough terrain though, so

make sure to wear good hiking shoes! Don't miss the glowing creatures of the Mangrove Wetlands. You can take a kayak tour out at night to see the water light up like a Disney animation, and it's all a work of nature! You can see trails of light from your paddle and from sea life swimming below you. The darker the night, the better! Check out the farmer's markets and add some fresh Caymanian produce to one of your dinners. All of the condos at CCC have full kitchens, so we suggest making at least one big family dinner together while here. It's fun to feel like a local, and there's no better way than making your own meal with locally grown food. Camana Bay hosts a weekly Farmers Market on Wednesdays from Noon to 7 p.m. and "The Grounds" in Lower Valley, Bodden Town hosts a market every Saturday from 7 a.m. to noon. Make reservations to take a boat from Camana Bay all the way to the lively restaurant and bar, Kaibo, on the northern tip of the island. These scenic rides take about 30 minutes and are available every Tuesday leaving Camana Bay at 6 p.m. and arriving at Kaibo for their weekly Caribbean/Barefoot BBQ and live music. Cost per person is \$45 and includes unlimited BBQ. Boat departs for the return trip to Camana Bay at 9 p.m. Such a fun party! Barker's National Park is a quiet paradise in West Bay. You may see bikers on the West Bay bike loop, people riding horses or kite surfers if you're lucky! But mostly this undeveloped area is full of mangrove trees and peace and quiet. Every Wednesday night artists come out to paint on canvases set up on easels at KARoo. It's so cool to watch them paint away in the beautiful environment of Camana Bay. Grab dinner at KARoo or one of the surrounding restaurants to eat and watch an artist bring their painting to life. Do you have any best kept secrets to share? Tell us in the comments!

East End Grand Cayman: Exploring the Hidden Gems

Jetset Jansen Travel Blogger By Ashley | Updated On: March 9, 2024 | [Leave a comment](#) This post may be sponsored or contain affiliate links, which means we may receive a small commission, at no cost to you, if you make a purchase through a link. Grand Cayman's most popular area is on the west side where you'll find Seven Mile Beach. There's lots of restaurants, places to stay, and it's in close proximity to the airport. You can easily spend your whole vacation on that side of the island, but if you want to see the lesser visited side, head to East End Grand Cayman. We actually stayed near Rum Point, which is in the central, north part. Since we were relatively in that vicinity, exploring the other side was easy for us to do and there are several highlights along the way to see. There are six districts in the Cayman Islands. Grand Cayman has five districts: West Bay, George Town, Bodden Town, North Side and East End. The two smaller islands, Little Cayman and Cayman Brac, make up the 6th district called Sister Islands. Grand Cayman is a very flat island and there isn't much to be found in the center of the island because of the landscape, which can be swampy. In fact, more than 50% of Grand Cayman is made up of swamp communities. You can get around Grand Cayman by following a few main roads that are along the edge of the coast. And there's one main road that cuts through the center of the island near the East End (seen below) that will take you up to the north coast. The light colored lines are main roads throughout the island. To get to the East End, you'll follow the coast all the way around to the north side. You can (and should) explore the North Side district before finishing the loop and heading back down Frank Sound Rd. The roads around the island are mostly paved and you don't need to have a 4x4 for any reason other than that they're fun to have. There are many beach access roads that are dirt and a little bumpy, but nothing that a normal car wouldn't be able to handle. The road below (which was a random dirt road we pulled off on) was probably one of the bumpiest and it was still fine. If you don't have a rental car, there are bus routes that will stop along different parts of the island. Though you might have to wait a bit, they can take you all the way up towards Rum Point and back. If you're doing Grand Cayman on a budget, one of the good things about the East End is that most of the things to

do are free. You can either start along the south coast of the island and explore the East End counter clockwise, or head north up Frank Sound Road to go around clockwise. We happened to be staying on the bioluminescent bay near Rum Point, so we started along the north coast to go clockwise. If you're staying on the west side, I'd suggest starting along the south side so you can end up at Rum Point for sunset. The first attraction you'll come across if you're starting out along the south coast is Lovers Wall. It's a long stone wall right next to the road that's marked on both ends with a red, wooden sign in the shape of a heart. I'm not quite sure the significance or how it got its name. But it did land a coveted spot as an attraction on the Grand Cayman tourist map. And though the view is partially obscured by shrubs and the shoreline is rocky, it's a cute photo op. A minute down the road from Lovers Wall is where you'll find the blow holes. There's a short stairway that leads out onto the rocky coast. The tide pushes water through openings in the rocks creating a blow hole. If the tide is higher and the ocean is rough, you're more likely to get a pretty high water spout. The ocean was rather calm when we went and this was about as high as it got, but still fun to check out. You'll also want good shoes on here if you want to walk around the rocks. The worst shipwreck in the Cayman Islands was off the East End in 1794. Several merchant ships sailed in the middle of the night against orders and by morning, ten ships had wrecked on the reef. Now, there's a monument on the coastline overlooking the ocean and reef in the distance. The main sidewalk has plaques of information and it's a short walk to the coastline and monument. There's a large brass propeller outside the gift shop and a short walk through some foliage that leads to the coast. It's another quick stop along your way around the island. Grand Cayman in general is a hot spot for diving with 240 dive sites around the island. There are 55 dive sites that can be found on the East End with many opportunities for wall dives. You can explore reefs, coral towers or sheer drop offs depending on where you dive. We ended up diving on the west side of the island to explore Devils Grotto and Eden Rock (which were great dive sites) but I would have loved to explore more areas! If you're looking for secluded, calm beaches on Grand Cayman, Colliers Beach is a great place to go on this side of the island. It has a wide beach area and shallow water. Though it has a lot of sea grass and the water is not the most scenic, you might just have it all to yourself. There are shaded

picnic tables, a restroom facility and a short dock to walk out on. Parking is right on the sand under some trees. Along the north coast of the island is where you'll find a long stone wall and sidewalk right next to a rocky cliff. We stumbled upon this by accident when we turned down a random dirt road. But if you go to Barefoot Beach (below), there are actually stone steps leading up from the ocean around the corner of the rocks. We took the bumpy dirt road to explore and while the area is overgrown and abandoned, it has some incredible views of the ocean. It also has some of the sinister black rocks along the cliffside that you can see at Hell Grand Cayman. We had to turn around on the one-lane road at some point because the road fizzled out into some bushes, but it's a complete empty spot to see. Right after the stone wall is Barefoot Beach. This too, was a completely empty spot with not a soul around. The beach is pretty narrow with not a lot of space between the bushes and the water. And there was quite a bit of sea grass in the water and on the sand. But, the water was calm and shallow. The road to Barefoot Beach leads to a large dirt section with lots of trees that provide a shaded parking area. It definitely seems like a local spot and we assumed it was a popular party place based on the litter that we found around the ground. If you're exploring the East End of Grand Cayman, you might as well explore the North Side too. That's because you'll be traveling along the main road that runs through the island and you can take the coastal road left or right to go to either district. (And technically, the main road runs through the north side.) And if you want to see some of the things to do in Grand Cayman towards the north, it's an easy detour on the route. I wrongfully assumed that places to eat would be a little more affordable on the less visited side of the island. But they were pretty equivalent prices as some of the places on the west side. But if you're spending the day exploring the island, here are a few places to check out for a bite to eat: Though it's further to see and you'll end up driving a fair share, we liked exploring around this lesser visited area. It gave us more of a sense of the island and we liked leisurely stopping to see what we could find. PIN IT FOR LATER Blog Caribbean Cayman Islands Home Your email address will not be published. Required fields are marked *

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Grand Cayman Hidden Gems

Written By Morritt's Whether you're a long-time Cayman visitor or someone thinking about spending more time here, there are so many things to do beyond the great places to eat, swim, sunbathe and relax. Here, we've gathered a few of our favourites that you may or may not know. You'll find this curious and isolated beach on the north side of Grand Cayman at the western extremity of Rum Point. The sea here is wonderfully clear and great for snorkeling, but the real attractions are the many red cushion sea stars that feed in the shallows. With ample parking, it's an ideal place for a picnic and to watch the sunset but there's little else there. Don't expect bars or cafes. (If sea-life is your thing, you might also consider the more popular Stingray City, a series of shallow sandbars near George Town where you can swim with and pet stingrays.) See the swirling otherworldly colours as you move your hands through the water and imagine yourself in a science-fiction alternate reality. The magical bioluminescence at Rum Point is best seen when snorkeling at night as part of a boat or kayak tour that can also involve an astronomy element and an introduction to the starfish. We have several companies that depart from Kaibo, Starfish point or Rum point " and our local team can help you plan your bioluminescent adventure! The Hamlin Stephenson farmers' market at the Cricket Square in George Town (Mon-Sat) is known for its fresh fruit and vegetables, arts and crafts, pastries, juices, sauces, preserves and other goods from Cayman's farmers and craftspeople. Visit to discover freshly made lemonade, cassava cakes, coconut bread, scented candles, peppermint foot scrub, towels, hand-made jewellery, smoothies and houseplants among many other treats. Perfect for sourcing local ingredients or buying presents and souvenirs. See a list of vendors here. Built in the 1700s, this historic structure is one of Cayman's oldest buildings and once housed Presbyterian missionaries. You can take a tour to walk in the footsteps of early settlers, see a collection of interesting artifacts and learn how the building's residents lived in the 1800s. The gift shop on-site offers the opportunity to buy souvenirs (all proceeds to the National Trust) and you should also look out for the traditional cooking and craft classes held here twice monthly. HOURS:

Monday-Friday: 9am-5pm; Saturday: 11am-4pm. ADDRESS: Gun Square Road, Bodden Town.

TEL: +1 345-945-3769 1981 may have been a year known for the emergence of electronic pop music, but that has nothing to do with the brewery named for the nautical co-ordinates of the Cayman Islands and famous for its craft beers: Cayman Blonde, Island Session and Tropical IPA.

You can take a tour of the brewery and visit the tap room to sample some of the brews straight from the source. HOURS: Tuesday-Thursday: 3pm-7pm; Friday: 3pm-8pm; Saturday: 12pm-5pm;

Sunday: Closed. ADDRESS: 273 Dorcy Drive, George Town, Grand Cayman. TEL: +1

345-945-0440 Created to revive the art of handcrafting premium cigars, the company uses only the finest hand-selected boutique tobaccos sourced from passionate growers using organic, sustainable

farming practices. Master Roller Barbara Garcia oversees the creation of premium smokes.

Unusually, this is a non-profit organisation, with 100% of net profits going back into the island through charitable donations. To book a private cigar rolling event, schedule a tour of Beacon Farms

or ask questions about how to roll or store fine cigars, contact the company directly:

info@caymancigars.com. TEL: +1 345-946-2447 Fancy a walk? The Mastic Trail is a 7.4km

(4.6-mile) round-trip trail near Bodden Town and should take 2-3 hours. Expect to see beautiful wildflowers, small lizards, butterflies, crabs, snakes (non-venomous), parrots and woodpeckers, as

well as a variety of trees, including a fine mastic tree after which the track is named. The route may

not be suitable for the elderly or very young, and youâ€™ll need solid shoes to negotiate the odd root or craggy volcanic rock. Guided tours are scheduled Tuesday and Thursday mornings by

reservation via the National Trust website. A centre of local art and island-style gifts for almost thirty years, this Cayman cottage just south of George Town offers Caymanian paintings, prints, jewellery,

handmade crafts, gifts and more. Great for presents or just to treat yourself because, well, you

deserve it! Youâ€™ll also find housewares and tempting treats such as pepper jelly, jams, hot sauces, spices, Cayman sea salt, Tortuga rum cake and Cayman coffee. HOURS: Monday and

Tuesday 9am-4pm; Wednesday: closed; Thursday, Friday and Saturday 9am-5pm; Sunday: closed.

ADDRESS: South Church Street, South Sound, Grand Cayman. TEL: 345-949-9133 What do kids

love more than ingesting vast quantities of sugar? Petting cute animals! In the Pony Park, children

can meet Lulu the donkey, Pebbles the miniature horse, bunny rabbits and goats – all of which love to be petted. You can also book the park for birthday parties. Entry fee: \$5 per child (including pony ride). HOURS: Saturday mornings 9:00am to 10:30am. ADDRESS: Halfway Pond, just off the Linford Pierson Highway. TEL: 345-516-1751

Was there anything there that that you™ve not experienced? If so, let us know your recommendations to get the best of Cayman. We™re always looking for insider tips! The sea around the Cayman Islands is a paradise for divers and watersports enthusiasts, with crystal waters, fascinating wrecks and an amazing abundance of sea life. If you™re already a keen diver, or if you™d like to dip your toe in the water (literally), there are many options for you. Red Sail Sports has a full-service dive and watersports centre at Morritt™s Tortuga Club operating under the name of Tortuga Divers. As well as a whole range of watersports and sailing activities, Tortuga Divers can also help you to train and get Scuba certified at various levels. Feel free to contact them for more information (1-877-506-6368 / info@tortugadivers.com), but in the meantime here™s a guide to what they offer.

This two-hour East End course teaches you how to dive in one day and discover the undersea world with an experienced instructor. You™ll start easily in a swimming pool and get confident with the theory – how to breathe! – before taking a dive off a shallow reef with all the necessary equipment. The dive will last around 30-40 minutes and goes to a maximum depth of 40 feet. If you fall in love with Scuba immediately, you can take a Repeat Resort Dive.

The advantage of the eLearning course is that you can save four days of your vacation time by studying before you arrive. Complete the theory and tests online and then use your time on Grand Cayman to learn master dive skills with one of our expert instructors over three days.

DAY ONE – Get to grips with the equipment and put theory into practice in a swimming pool (confined water). DAY TWO – Take two shallow-water dives in the sea (open water) to reinforce your skills. DAY THREE – Enjoy two more open-water dives to be certified by your instructor and given your temporary PADI open water certification card. You™ll then receive a personal certification card with photo and ID number by mail. This can then be used anywhere in the world!

The referral course is perfect for people who have already started Scuba certification back home and who want to complete their four open-water training dives in Grand

Cayman with all equipment included. After a quick pool session to test underwater skills, youâ€™ll complete the four "check-out" dives over a two-day period. Then a Tortuga Divers instructor will sign your referral forms to verify completion. Courses are available for all the largest recognized diving agencies: PADI, NAUI, SSI, IDEA, PDIC, YMCA, and HSA. Build on the open water course with new capabilities and new activities while increasing your confidence. No need to wait if youâ€™ve discovered a new passion " you can go straight into this course after completing the PADI Open Water course (above). If thinking about this course prior to arriving on the island, you can save time by doing the PADI theory online. When you arrive, youâ€™ll do five dives over one full day and a half day: a deep dive, a navigation dive and three others to be decided with your instructor. These could include a night dive, a search-and-recovery dive or boat diving. This course includes equipment, boat dives and certification materials. Your PADI Open Water certification card must be presented upon enrollment. If you haven't dived for two to six years, you may want to refresh your skills, knowledge or confidence before putting on the tanks again. This two-hour course starts in the pool to go over the basic dive theory and then moves to the sea for a shallow afternoon dive. Only previously certified divers may take this course. If youâ€™re already an experienced diver, Tortuga Divers operates boats to various dive sites such as Anchor Point, High Rock Drop Off, Turtle Pass, Northern Lights, Snapper Hole, Chub Hole, Grouper Grotto and Black Rock Reef to name a few. Contact them for more details. Please also note that all certification courses need to be pre-booked. All the PADI courses are eLearning, which means you complete the theory online prior to arriving.

April 20 The eastern districts of Grand Cayman are the least populated on the island, however they are full of activities for the whole family to enjoy. Here's a selection of the attractions that are just a short drive away from Morrit's. Located just before Tukka restaurant on Austin Connolly Drive, the Cayman Parrot Sanctuary is one of the island's newest attractions but it is already growing in popularity. As the name implies, the facility is a place where injured Cayman parrots (the Islands' national bird) can be rehabilitated with the ultimate goal of being released back into the wild. The sanctuary offers a fun, interactive and educational experience where families of all ages can see, hold and feed a

variety of Caymanâ€™s native animals.Â Â TheÂ Queen Elizabeth IIÂ Botanic ParkÂ showcasesÂ the best of Caymanâ€™s natural beauty, where guests can enjoyÂ guided or self-guided toursÂ through colourfulÂ gardens, botanic, lake and natureÂ displays.Â You might even see an endangeredÂ blue iguana or two, which roam freely throughout the park.Â They are found nowhere else in the world â€“ only in the Cayman Islands!Â Â If youâ€™re feeling especially adventurous, grab your hiking shoes andÂ water bottleÂ for aÂ 2.3-mileÂ hike throughÂ theÂ Mastic TrailÂ to seeÂ some of the last remaining untouched old-growth forests of the CaribbeanÂ as well asÂ severalÂ species ofÂ birds,Â reptiles and insectsÂ that live within the reserve. GuidedÂ tours are also available.Â Â Enjoy a fun day at the beachÂ in North Side atÂ Rum Point ClubÂ orÂ Kaibo. Both locations offer casual beachsideÂ restaurants and bars, loungers andÂ watersportsÂ activities.Â KaiboÂ also has a coffee shop and a fine dining restaurantÂ for dinners.Â From Rum Point youÂ can catch a catamaranÂ to visitÂ world famous Stingray City, where you can swim and touch the rays. Note that Rum Point is currently closed but is expected to re-open.Â Check their social media for updates.Â Â A short walk fromÂ KaiboÂ on Water Cay Road, Starfish Point is a popular destination forÂ theseÂ specialÂ creaturesÂ to naturally congregate in the shallow waters.Â JustÂ be sure to not remove any from the waterÂ when you pay them a visit!Â Â Â AÂ guided walking tour throughÂ theÂ Crystal CavesÂ andÂ flora and fauna of theÂ surrounding tropical forestÂ will not disappoint!Â Â Â Kids and adults alike will delight atÂ this glowing natural wonder in theÂ Bio Bay. Night tours are available via kayak or boat where you will be able to view the natural splendour of glowing dinoflagellate plankton that twinkle like stars at the slightest movements in the water. The tour companies go out only when the moon phases are favourable and some provide gear for you to swim in the water to see the magic up close. Of course, Morrittâ€™s is packed withÂ on-site activities and amenitiesÂ includingÂ watersports, swim-up pool bars, diving and snorkelling â€“Â so you never have to leave the resort!Â Be sure to check outÂ ourÂ daily activities programme, which includes a little fun for everyone!Â December 12 Here at Morrittâ€™s, weÂ areÂ all about offering you the best experiences. When it comes toÂ food and drink, weâ€™ve got it covered. Thereâ€™s Davidâ€™s restaurant withÂ its fresh, modern menu

and spectacular sea views. There's Mimi's unique dock bar amid the lapping waves and balmy breeze. For hearty pub fare, you have The Cavern, while the Grand and Premier Pool bars offer handy snacks. However, we know it's also fun to explore and enjoy the local districts of East End, North Side, Bodden Town and Kaibo or Rum Point in search of delicious options. With that in mind, here are some suggestions of great places to eat within easy reach of the resort.

Right across the street in the Morrit's Shopping Centre, the Italian Kitchen sources its ingredients from local farmers and fishermen for the freshest tastes. Don't be put off by the exterior architecture – the elegant dining room is friendly and smells great! TRY: Excellent wines, antipasti with a Cayman twist, tempting brick-oven pizzas and a selection of pasta mains that will have you ordering con gusto! Around 20 minutes by car from Morrit's, you'll find both luxury and casual beach dining at Kaibo. The a la carte beach menu (12.00-7.00pm) draws heavily on the surrounding sea and local produce, but for special occasions you need to try Kaibo Upstairs which also has an extensive rum selection (reservations recommended for Upstairs). Breakfast and/or coffee? Drop in at Kaibo Beach Espresso. TRY: Almond and white bean hummus with garlic flatbread, crispy coconut fried fish with a curry sauce, and a triple-chocolate brownie for dessert. Why not? If you also like to play pool or carrom, this place is just a 12 minute drive from Morrit's at Health City Cayman. The cuisine is international drawing on influences from Colombia, Jamaica, India, Mexico, Italy and even the UK (fish and chips!). Drinkers will enjoy the huge array of spirits, cocktails and wines. Beers are both bottled and on tap. Don't miss discounted drinks during the daily happy hour. TRY: The blackened shrimp quesadilla, a slow cooked biryani curry, a classic burger or a sinful sticky toffee pudding accompanied by a Shellshock IPA on tap or a mango mojito. Note that Rum Point is currently closed but is expected to re-open. Check their social media for updates. Rum Point on the tranquil North Side is the perfect place to chill out 20 minutes away from Morrit's. The shallow water is great for families, while couples can simply get a hammock and relax. The Wreck Bar and Grill is perfect for a

hearty lunch, while the Rum Point Club Restaurant offers an elegant dinner choice with magnificent views. TRY: The mudslides (invented here!), the renowned Caybrew-battered fish and chips, the traditional jerk chicken, seafood hotpot, or the notorious Rum Point Challenge: 16oz of flame-grilled beef stuffed with pickled jalapenos and topped with Swiss cheddar. Australian cuisine with a Cayman twist is just a three minute-drive south if you'd like to try yellow-fin tuna, mahi-mahi, wahoo, snapper, lionfish and (seasonally) the Caribbean spiny lobster pulled fresh from the ocean. Watch the frigate birds and tarpon from the shady terrace as you enjoy food from an award-winning chef and menus that change from week to weekend. TRY: Coconut panko prawns, lobster bisque with cognac or a steak and mushroom pie followed by date and walnut pudding Mon-Thurs. Fri-Sun, try the black Angus filet mignon or Thai bouillabaisse. Enjoy Caribbean cuisine on the sand, on the seaside patio or inside the air-conditioned dining room just 16 minutes away from Morritt's. TRY: Caribbean classics such as ackee and codfish, jerk chicken, curried goat or stewed conch. On the North Side 10 minutes drive from Morritt's, Over the Edge offers truly authentic Caymanian dining and a real island experience. They grow all the vegetables on their own farm and their seafood is locally sourced from daily catches. TRY: Caymanian classics such as turtle steak, lobster with garlic, conch steak and grilled tuna. Four minutes south brings you to the sea-grape shade and rustic charm of Miss Vivine's, where the menu and ambience is authentically Caymanian. How authentic? The restaurant is literally Miss Vivine's house and she cooks in her own kitchen. The jerk chicken on your plate was probably running round the yard the previous day. TRY: The salt beef and seafood come recommended, as do the turtle, conch and whelk stews. Reports of the fresh mango juice are stellar. If you like grilled stuff, you'll love Big Tree BBQ close to Miss Vivine's. Let father and son team Arvid and Henry feed you some of the best home-cooked Caymanian food hot off the BBQ and aromatic with smoke and spices. Fans of ribs have said it puts Texas to shame. NOTE: cash-only payment. TRY: Ribs! You also can't go wrong with Cayman-style lobster, turtle stew and the amazing sides such as the

coleslaw,Â corn on the cob, fried plantains andÂ mommaâ€™s corn bread.Â Â Â Â Eight minutes down the coast takes you to the Captainâ€™s green-and-blue shack surrounded by palmsÂ and with the sound of the surf close by. Known for its fresh local fishÂ (heâ€™s a real captain!) and localÂ flavour, this is a great place to relax with an island vibe.Â TRY:Â The famousÂ oxtail soup,Â curried goat,Â sweetâ€“andâ€“sour shrimpÂ and the classicÂ CaymanÂ cassavaÂ cake.Â Â If laid-back and informal is the atmosphere you seekÂ andÂ no-fuss, excellent food your goalÂ (and if eating off a surfboard is not aÂ significant etiquetteÂ problemÂ for you), welcome to the Czech Inn! Reasonable prices, local food and a friendly welcome is what you can expectÂ a 20â€“minute drive along the south coast from Morrittâ€™s.Â TRY:Â The laudedÂ chicken schnitzel, burgers,Â tacos andÂ quesadillasÂ Â Wherever you go,Â bonÂ appetit! Weâ€™ll be waiting for you back at Morrittâ€™s with a cocktail by the pool or a night cap for sweet dreams.Â March 29 2289 Queenâ€™s Highway East End, Grand Cayman Cayman Islands Â© Morrittâ€™s 2024. All rights reserved.

Local Hidden Gems to Discover on the Cayman Islands | Seafire Residence Rentals

You are here It's easy to get caught up with Cayman Island's vast attractions while visiting the island. Places to visit include the famous Seven Mile and Stingray City. For those who are looking to explore a more authentic destination, a place where the locals seek out when they want to leave the crowded tourist scene, here are three places worth your time that will leave a lasting memory of the Cayman Islands.

1. Starfish Point - One of the island's most serene and picturesque spots, offering a quiet destination from the crowded tourist spots that feature calm, shallow waters perfect for snorkeling and wading. The water around Starfish Point is dotted with vibrant orange and red starfish, which contrasts the turquoise waters these native starfish live in. This is an absolutely perfect destination for the family to enjoy, allowing visitors an up-close and personal experience unlike any other. Seafire Residences' local team can help guide you while staying at one of their vacation rentals, suggesting the best times to check out Starfish Point to observe these delicate creatures in their natural habitat.
2. Mastic Trail - This 200-year-old path offers a journey through one of Grand Cayman's last remaining dry forests, providing a glimpse into the island's natural habitat. Along your 2-mile hike, you will get a chance to see a variety of native plants, including mahogany trees, orchids and Silver Thatch palm - the native tree of the Cayman Islands. Steeped in the island's history, the Mastic Trail was once a vital route for moving goods through the interior of the island. Today, it serves as a peaceful retreat away from the tourist-heavy areas and clogged destination traps. Seafire Residences can arrange guided tours with local experts that will help you find and discover the unique flora, fauna and historical significance of the trail.
3. Barkers National Park - Outdoor adventurers would appreciate this hidden treasure with its unspoiled, natural landscape located on the northwest tip of Grand Cayman. This undeveloped park is home to miles of rugged coastline, pristine beaches and undisturbed mangrove forests offering visitors who dare to explore the island's wilder side for hiking, kite surfing and horseback riding. Take a stroll along one of the pristine, secluded beaches and discover local wildlife such as exotic birds and marine life

while journeying through this untainted park.

Explore the Top-5 Hidden Gems of Grand Cayman - Villas of the Galleon

These Top-5 Hidden Gems of Grand Cayman will take you off the beaten path. With Villa Of The Galleon's 7th Night Free offer, you can explore these unique island delights! Stay for a week and get the seventh night free from May 1st to September 30th, 2022! Rest peacefully in your pristine 1-, 2-, or 3-bedroom villa after a day of sunbathing, drinking rum and vodka, participating in enlightening tours, and savouring local food.

Distillery and Brewery Tour At local distilleries and breweries, savour the perfume of distillation and learn about the history of fermentation. After you've had your fill of rums, beers, and vodka, head over to Tortuga Rum Cake Factory for their world-famous rum cakes.

Davidoff Sculpture Showcase Don't miss the quirky cement art done by quasi-local artist David Quasius, aka Davinoff. His works depict the natural beauty of the island and its inhabitants, which include octopuses, crocodiles, and mermaids. You can even swim alongside a shark without concern!

History & Heritage Tour With a guided tour that focuses on the most interesting aspects of our legacy, you can learn about Grand Cayman's rich history. Admire Pedro St. James Castle, Grand Cayman's oldest structure, before touring the Governor's Residence, the National Museum, and more!

Lovers Wall A stone wall with two modest plaques reading "Lovers Wall" exists on Queen's Highway in the Eastern Grand Cayman district. From the wall enjoy views of local flora and impressive rock formations. It is preferable to explore this mystery sight at sunset, as the region is underwhelming during the day. It's worth a visit following a visit to the Blowholes, which are only 2 kilometres away.

Vivine's Restaurant With the authentic Caribbean and Western fare on offer, the food is delicious and appeals to any patron's taste. Because it's also in the East End, it's a great place to visit before or after the Blowholes.

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23 Unique Things To Do In Grand Cayman Solo From An Expert (2024) - Epic Nomad Life

According to travel statistics, more and more travelers are discovering the bliss and empowerment of solo travel in general. I could not agree more. I visited Grand Cayman solo recently for over a month, I can testify that this Caribbean island is a great destination for solo travel. The amazing perks of solo traveling are that solo travelers have infinite flexibility or wait for others when making decisions. Grand Cayman is perfect for solo travelers, as it is a safe destination, a small island, and has lots of fun activities. Here is the list of unique things to do in Grand Cayman: traveling solo! I have blissfully embraced solo travel for YEARS! Traveling solo is a great way to get away and recompose yourself, explore the world on your own terms, where you're the boss ? and do what YOU want to do, exactly when you want to! But it is nice to be able to choose when you want to be on your own and when you would like some company. Here is a good mix of Grand Cayman things to do solo or on tours. You can choose to be social and do activities and sights and go places with new friends, or you can explore in majestic solitude! My absolute favorite tour in Grand Cayman: Visiting Stingray City is one of the most popular things to do in Grand Cayman and a must-do for solo travelers looking for an unforgettable experience. This tour was so much more fun than I anticipated beforehand, and for solo travelers, this is a unique and super fun group tour that makes it easy to get to know your fellow stingray swimmers! Located off the north shore of the island, this natural sandbar offers you a unique chance to swim with stingrays and interact with these beautiful creatures in their natural habitat. With the clear shallow waters, this is an ideal spot for it (thoroughly organized by professional guides)! You can also do a bit of snorkeling while observing the amazing array of sea life living in the coral reefs. It's also a great opportunity to learn more about stingrays, as the experienced guides teach you while they are hands-on to ensure you both have a safe and unforgettable experience! Starfish Point is a great spot for solo travelers looking to get away from the hustle and bustle of Grand Cayman's tourist spots, also with the company of other enthusiastic travelers wanting the same experience. Located on the north shore of Grand Cayman island, this

tranquil beach offers you encounters with starfish and sea urchins. You can safely have a close encounter with both of them while learning a bit from knowledgeable guides that go with you onto the shallow water on the beach. If you're looking to explore the best snorkeling spots on Grand Cayman, most require a boat tour off the shore. These types of tours typically depart from the west side of the island, and you can easily book online in advance. Or you can bring your own snorkeling gear (or buy one), and head out for a tranquil day in your own company, only disturbed by the tropical fish! One lovely experience is swimming in the Bioluminescent Bay water at night. See the science at work when your movements in the dark water light up the plankton in this area; it is actually a super fun experience! For the social solo traveler, a group biking tour is probably the perfect combination of solo and company time! This Cayman Island tour lasts three hours, during which you will make 10-12 stops to explore the island and take pictures. You can hang back on your own or speed up and start a conversation with the others about the scenery you pass. Your tour includes a drink voucher that can be used after the tour or any day during your trip. The tour operator will also give you a free gift as a reminder of your time in the Cayman Islands! For a Grand Cayman full-day experience with shopping, brunching, happy-houring at KARoo, and even heading straight into dinner at Agua or Abacus. You will find plenty of things to fill a day in Camana Bay. This grand waterfront district is home to a variety of shops and restaurants, perfect for solo travelers looking for a bit of retail therapy. With a variety of shops ranging from luxury brands to budget shopping, make the shopping experience exactly what you want it to be! Stroll the grand boutiques and the small specialty shops and local gems, sample short-traveled cuisine (like sausages!), and every now and then, take in grand views of the harbor with a coffee or fresh drink! After a day of shopping, if you have the stamina, you can stay and start your evening out here; the service does not close until 1 a.m.! Grand Cayman's Seven Mile Beach is a paradise stretch of white sand along the island's western side, perfect for an afternoon spent soaking in the Caribbean sun. Seven Mile Beach changes composition in different zones, and the beach has a changing ambiance. You can spend the day close to a vibrant waterhole on the beach or find a tranquil spot where there is nothing but zen. If you're looking to get active from the get-go, start your vaycay by heading over to

Seven Mile Beach, where you can go snorkeling and swimming in the gorgeous blue waters. If you want to go snorkeling the vibrant coral reefs, you might want to choose the area called Cemetery Beach for that. For those looking to explore further offshore, there are plenty of opportunities for kayaking and paddleboarding, too. For solo travelers looking to learn more about Grand Cayman's culture and history, visiting the National Museum is perfect; take the time to learn and contemplate in peace and quiet. Located on Grand Cayman's waterfront, the museum has an extensive collection of artifacts dating back centuries that tell the story of Grand Cayman's cultural heritage! The museum also features interactive exhibits that invite you to explore and engage in an immersive learning experience. It's also a great opportunity to learn more about stingrays, as the experienced guides teach you while they are hands-on to ensure you both have a safe and unforgettable experience! For solo travelers looking for a more independent way to explore Grand Cayman, renting a car could be a really good solution. Grand Cayman is not huge, but there are some distances to cover between the West Bay and the East End. With your own car, you can discover all of Grand Cayman's things to do at your own pace! Just make sure you brush up on your island driving skills before hitting the roads; in the Caymans, they drive on the left! You can also get your rental car at the airport when you get there; it takes about 2 minutes! If you're looking for an adventure without the need to rent a car, renting an electric bike is a great option for exploring one part of the island at a time. I spent a day exploring the West End on my rented electric bike, and that was simply awesome. Plus, electric bikes are eco-friendly, so you can enjoy the beauty of the island without worrying about your carbon footprint ? Grand Cayman has plenty of areas to explore along its beautiful coastline, and with flat terrain and wide bike paths, Grand Cayman is a great destination for solo cyclists. With an electric bike, you can fly across the island, covering more ground at your own pace while getting a lot of fresh air and not worrying about parking issues. Also read: [7 Fabulous Days In Grand Cayman Itinerary!](#) For solo travelers looking for a great place to dine on a date with yourself, the Agua Restaurant in Camana Bay is perfect for that. I found the Agua Restaurant by accident while strolling around the Camana Bay waterfront (there are lots to do and see here!).. Luckily, I remembered the name, so I could call and book a table for the evening! Agua

offers an array of delicious dishes crafted with fresh ingredients and inspired by local flavors. You will love something on the menu, whether it's their signature ceviche, tacos, or traditional Caribbean classics. I had tuna steak and a glass of Chardonnay with it?absolutely delicious! With its outdoor seating overlooking the marina in Camana Bay, it is a great spot to enjoy dinner while the sun is setting and the night lights come to life around the bay. The Tortuga Rum Cake Factory in Grand Cayman is a must-do for solo travelers when you want something sweet. The factory gives tours that highlight the creation of rum cakes, from baking to packaging. Of course, you get to test some of the delicious flavors while learning the history of rum cake production on Grand Cayman. Choose between a wide selection of rum cakes, including classic flavors, or unique tropical creations like coconut pineapple or mango-passionfruit. A souvenir to gift to someone at home? Be serious about your gadget security while traveling! There are an estimated 365 scuba diving sites around Grand Cayman (the dive guide told me they actually had a competition to discover more spectacular dive sites!). So, your options for underwater adventures around Grand Cayman are almost infinite! For experienced divers, you have the unique opportunity to explore an artificial reef on the USS Kittiwake Shipwreck. This former US Navy submarine rescue vessel, now coral reef, attracts plenty of tropical fish and other marine life, making it a great spot for scuba diving. With its depths ranging from shallow to over 100 feet, the Kittiwake offers an array of dive zones suitable for all levels. Plus, the ship's grandeur and interesting features make it a popular destination for both recreational and professional divers. For a unique and educational experience, the Cayman Turtle Farm on Grand Cayman is a must-visit. The farm is home to around 20,000 green sea turtles, so you will have an amazing opportunity to learn more about these amazing sea swimmers! You can interact with the turtles up close in their natural habitat and explore the interactive exhibits to learn more about their lives. The farm also offers activities such as kayaking and snorkeling, getting you an intimate view of Grand Cayman's marine life, so make sure you have plenty of time for your visit! Located in West Bay, these underground limestone Crystal Caves have stunningly clear pools of water that sparkle like diamonds. You'll also get to see some of the most interesting rock formations in the world, such as stalactites and stalagmites, along with various species of bats, roosting birds, and other

creatures. With over 2700 feet of passages and tunnels, you'll get to explore the grandeur of the ancient environment. The majestic beauty of the cave will leave you mesmerized ? a truly unique experience! Located on the north side of Grand Cayman, Rum Point features an expansive white sand beach and plenty of activities for visitors to enjoy. Here, you can lounge in a hammock beneath swaying palm trees, take walks along the shore, or enjoy water sports such as kayaking, windsurfing, or paddle boarding. The nearby beach bar is the perfect spot to relax with a refreshing rum punch and take in the stunning views of Grand Cayman's coastline. It's an ideal spot for solo travelers looking for some relaxation and tranquility! Plus, Rum Point is home to a variety of restaurants, bars, and shops offering something for everyone. Dolphin Discovery Grand Cayman is an interactive facility that is home to a variety of different species of dolphins. It offers visitors the chance to get up close and personal with these majestic creatures. You can choose guided tours and in-water experiences and enjoy activities such as swimming, snorkeling, and even hugging dolphins. They also run educational programs to teach the importance of conservation and dolphin welfare. Dedicated to providing a healthy home for its residents, Dolphin Discovery Grand Cayman states that they are committed to safe and responsible activities. For a tranquil and peaceful experience, be sure to check out Queen Elisabeth II Botanic Park on Grand Cayman. Here, you'll find over 65 acres of lush gardens filled with vibrant tropical plants and wildlife. The park offers guided tours throughout the grounds, allowing visitors to learn more about the local environment and history of the island. Take the combo tour to Queen Elisabeth Botanic Garden and Pedros Castle at the same time! Take a step back in time and explore the Pedros Castle on Grand Cayman. This historic fort was built by the Spanish over two hundred years ago and stands as a reminder of their colonization of the island. With its weathered walls, grand turrets, and breathtaking views, you can't help but ponder the dramatic history of the Caribbean region as a whole! The castle is open to the public and offers a fascinating glimpse into Grand Cayman's past. You can also take the combo tour to Pedros Castle and the Queen Elisabeth Botanic Garden. For a taste of Grand Cayman's tasty things to do, be sure to check out Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville. This beachfront hotspot is the perfect place for solo travelers looking for a good time! Guests can enjoy food and drinks and a

vibing Caribbean atmosphere while taking in grand views of the ocean and nearby mountains. The restaurant also features live music, outdoor bars, and a vibrant atmosphere that hopefully makes you feel happy! And don't forget to try the signature margarita! Kayaking is a wonderful way to explore the elements and the sea world, so close to everything, just inches above the surface! These guided trips will take you through some of Grand Cayman's most beautiful waters, allowing you to explore hidden coves and get super close to local wildlife. Along the way, you'll also have plenty of opportunities to stop for some snorkeling and swimming in Grand Cayman's turquoise waters. When deciding on unforgettable things to do in Grand Cayman, be sure to check out the kayaking tours! Grand Cayman is one of the few places in the world where you can safely "go to Hell" and back! This special destination is a limestone formation that some think looks like it could have been pulled straight from the depths of hell, forming sharp rock formations interrupted by greenish water. It's an interesting spot, but the area is very small, and unless you have an above-average interest in rocks, this place is done in a couple of minutes, really. Spend a few hours in George Town, too, the capital of the Cayman Islands! This small city is the capital of the Caymans and features a vibrant mix of culture and history. Here, you can explore colonial architecture, sample Grand Cayman cuisine, and occasionally take part in lively street festivals. Beautiful art galleries and other top-notch shopping, including duty-free shops and delicious eateries. And wherever you go, there are jewelry shops and clock shops in George Town! There are no adults-only resorts in Grand Cayman, which would have been a good criterion for a solo traveler. But there are a wide range of great places to stay. But here are three top-rated places to stay in Grand Cayman with lots of activities and possibilities to socialize in common areas and with activities if you want to!

EpicNomadLife Tip: 3 Top-rated places to stay Grand Cayman: Grand Cayman is an ideal destination for solo travelers who are looking for great things to do and explore on their own; it is safe, fun, and not too big! Whether you're up for an action-packed vaycay or just want to take it easy with some sightseeing, it's up to you. Enjoy some peace and tranquility in the Caribbean sun and have plenty of opportunities to meet new people if you want to! Go for a bike ride, lounge on the beach or the pool by yourself, or stroll through Camana Bay or George Town in your own

company. Also read: [Easy Guide: How To Plan A Solo Trip For Beginners](#) I would say YES! Grand Cayman is a perfect destination for a traditional Caribbean getaway, with dazzling shiny blue waters and miles of pristine white sand. Beneath the surface lies an untouched wet and wild side that you also want to explore. A world that is rich with flora-filled trails, shipwrecks, and rare species of sea life that will take your breath away! Grand Cayman also offers an abundance of colorful, culturally rich art and craftwork to admire with your feet all dry. Not to mention the amazing short-traveled seafood! Phew! Grand Cayman, along with its smaller siblings Little Cayman and Cayman Brac are mostly famous for being idyllic getaways for travelers (and ex-pats). With crystal clear blue waters for diving or snorkeling, tantalizing food options, and engaging wildlife marine experiences like Stingray City, which is unique to Grand Cayman. Put in the Seven Mile Beach, Camana Bay shopping, and a variety of hotels and accommodation options ? Grand Cayman has everything you could possibly want from a tropical escape ? and more! Situated in the far west of the Caribbean Sea, you find the Cayman Islands approximately 450 miles south of Miami, Florida, and 272 miles northwest of Jamaica. It is a really tiny island group in the Caribbean, but so rich in adventure, flora, and fauna! The ideal period to visit the Cayman Islands is during the dry season; in the winter months. The wide interpretation of this is November through April, but be aware December and January might be a bit chilly at night! The perfect spot is between February through April. You might want to avoid the wet season from May through October and probably avoid the hurricane season around August and September. If you don't mind a bit of strong weather or heat, you can always go whenever you want! I have a whole article JUST about that! You can read the article [here](#) to find out what are the best destinations for solo female travel to the Caribbean, and why! If you like traveling solo because you have all the magic moments to yourself, you can perfectly achieve that on Grand Cayman by exploring on your own. Grand Cayman is perfect for solo travelers, as it is very safe, and the island is not too big! There are a lot of adventures you can do alone, enjoy your own company (or that of an audiobook or podcast), or join a group to socialize if and when you want to. If you want all the perks of solo travel but also like to hang around people, there is also a variety of group tours and activities you can embark upon in Grand Cayman. I am confident you will have a wonderful solo

time; I certainly had a blast. EpicNomadLife tip: Make sure you book a "romantic table for one" at Agua restaurant at Camana Bay, a perfect end to a great day. Related blog posts: [6 Top-Rated Private Boat Charters In Grand Cayman](#) [Best Area To Stay In Grand Cayman From An Expert Traveler](#) [Fabulous Grand Cayman Solo Travel Itinerary | A Complete Guide!](#) Hege Jacobsen is a solo female traveler and the founder of Epic Nomad Life. She is also a former military officer, veteran and Master of Political Science. She has traveled solo all her life, the last four years as a full time digital nomad. A life long solo and slow traveler, Hege also did a TEDx talk in 2023 about how to communicate better with [A Traveler's Mindset!](#) Along the southern island shores, Trinidad is called "the Museum of Cuba", and there are really good reasons for that nickname. I have visited Trinidad several times over the years, and my advice is that you definitely should put this destination on your itinerary and book a casa particular Trinidad Cuba, to stay there for? [Read More](#) [4 Best Casa Particular Trinidad Cuba By A Local \(2024\)](#)Continue Ladies, if you are heading for Colombia and wondering whether to put Cartagena de Indias on your first time itinerary? Is Cartagena Colombia worth visiting? You are in the right place. I can confidently say that Cartagena is not just worth it; it's a must-visit destination when you travel to Colombia (or South America for? [Read More](#) [Is Cartagena, Colombia Worth Visiting Solo? A Traveler's Guide to Its Charm and Beauty!](#)Continue If you have found your way to Havana Cuba, that is really great, and I hope you are having a blast exploring the Cuban capital. But while there, you need to know that it is only a few hours from Havana to the beautiful Vinales Valley, home of the coveted Cuban cigars. I have visited? [Read More](#) [Three Ways To Travel From Havana To Vinales \(And One To Avoid\) 2024](#)Continue There are a variety of great options for finding a top-rated five-star hotel in Havana Cuba, for your holiday these days. Back in the day, Havana (and Cuba) was infamous for horrible accommodations, hotels, food, and service. But not anymore! I have been traveling regularly to Havana for five years, and I have visited most? [Read More](#) [Best Five star hotels in Havana Cuba From An Expert \(2024\)](#)Continue Maybe the single most compelling reason to visit Grand Cayman traveling is to bask in the soft sand and waves of its incredible, picturesque Seven Mile Beach. Situated on the western side of Grand Cayman, this iconic public beach has won multiple awards. In fact, TripAdvisor ranked

it the fourth-best beach in the Caribbean, no? [Read More](#) [9 Fun Things To Do Seven Mile Beach](#)

[Flying Solo From An Expert \(2025\)](#)[Continue](#) Have you heard about bioluminescent water? When you are visiting Grand Cayman, you might want to take the opportunity to join this Grand Cayman Bioluminescence Tour to the Bioluminescent Bay, which I did; that was something else! I loved this trip; swimming in the blue-lighting water was a lot more fun than I thought it? [Read More](#) [Magic Grand Cayman Bioluminescence Tour At Night \(2024\)](#)[Continue](#)

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Introducing, the East End: Grand Cayman's Hidden Gem

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The East End Advantage

One of the significant advantages of the East End is its remote location, away from the busy tourist-centric Georgetown and West Bay on the west side of the island. This means lesser development, diver activity, and as a result - a better diving experience. These factors have helped preserve the health and dynamism of the dive sites here, making them some of the best in Grand Cayman.

A Rich Tapestry of Dive Sites

The East End presents a plethora of dive sites, each with its own distinct personality and marine life. "The Maze" is a must-visit. With its dramatic topography, abundant coral, and teeming marine life, it promises an unforgettable experience. "Frank Sound Gardens" offers a different flavor. Being a shallower site, it is ideal for those looking to spend more time exploring the marine world at a leisurely pace. "Playing Fields" is another gem that is located right offshore from the village of East End. Each of these sites provides a different perspective of the underwater world, ensuring that every dive is a unique experience.

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A Memorable Journey

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The Essence of the Caribbean

In its quietness and remoteness, Cayman's East End epitomizes the true Caribbean spirit. It is less commercial, more local, and offers a tranquil ambience that is hard to find elsewhere. The dive sites are stunning, both in their natural beauty and the diversity of marine life they host. The experience of diving in the East End is unparalleled and one that is sure to leave a lasting impression.

About Compass Point Dive Resort

Nestled in the pristine East End of Grand Cayman, Compass Point Dive Resort epitomizes the ultimate in boutique dive resort experiences. Established in 1996 with a vision to offer a unique, personalized diving experience, the resort has since set a benchmark in the industry. It is renowned for its exceptional customer service, delivered by a team of passionate, experienced staff who go the extra mile to ensure every guest's stay is memorable.

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Trip to Grand Cayman Island - Nature Talk - iNaturalist Community Forum

In July, I'll be taking a trip to Grand Cayman Island. I'll be spending a lot of time outdoors, and hopefully get the chance to snorkel, walk the beaches and also explore some inland areas. I'm excited to check out some prime snorkeling spots, shallow reefs, hiking trails, wetlands and preserves. I'm focused on just about any wildlife - birds, mammals, marine life, fungi, reptiles, amphibians, and especially insects. Anyone have any recommendations for books / guides to the wildlife? If you've been to Grand Cayman, any spots or hidden gems to visit would be much appreciated - I'm staying on the western side of the island. Additionally, I'm looking for advice on buying a somewhat cheap underwater camera for beginners (I've looked into the Olympus TG Tough lineup). Thanks! You can check the recent topics about underwater, other than Olympus people recommend certain go pros that look really fine and cost much less. I don't think these are in print anymore, but for any Caribbean adventures, I refer to three main field guides: Birds of the West Indies, by James Bond

Butterflies of the West Indies, by Norman Riley

Coral Reef Fishes of the Caribbean, by Joseph Stokes Some out-of-print books can be found on e.g. eBay for reasonable prices, especially if they are discarded library books. An excellent resource, although pricy, is the Humann & DeLoach books on fish and critter ID. I have the hardcopy Caribbean set and carry them with me, although you can now buy them as eBooks. I have the Pacific ID set as eBooks. Much lighter to carry, but harder to use. You can find them here: <http://fishid.com/> You can buy used copies online. Make sure you get one that's not too far out of date: they've been published for years and each book has multiple editions. Check out this place's prices (though I've never bought from them): <https://www.thriftbooks.com/a/paul-humann/217812/> If you're new to snorkeling (and even if you're not), it's fun to take a guided snorkel. They'll point out things you wouldn't see on your own and explain how the ecosystem works together. Try to find one that takes you places other than Stingray

City, so you'll see wildlife doing its normal thing. If you're staying at a place with a scuba/snorkel operation, they usually have an ID book you can look at between outings to ID all the things you saw. I especially recommend asking the dive guides, other divers and snorkelers, and any naturalists to help identify (and there's always that one fellow tourist who lives to help others ID, like me). After a dive or guided snorkel, the guides will look up things you saw with them in an ID book to help you remember and write down names. My underwater point and shoot is a little Sony that's a few years old. It's good for snorkeling in sunlight and has a zoom to bring the fish a little closer for a good ID. It's also fun for pool parties, taking pictures while you kayak (above and below water). Many of my underwater photos in iNaturalist were taken with this camera. I'm not sure whether they still make it! I couldn't find its current model on their web site tonight. Since you plan to walk beaches, I would encourage you to photograph the seashells that wash up there. I should be able to identify every shell you find. Also, if you really want to go cheap for underwater photos, you can buy a waterproof case for your phone. They seem to be surprisingly reliable. Like this one: https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B00LBK7OSY/ref=ppx_yo_dt_b_asin_title_o04_s00?ie=UTF8&psc=1 I bought a TG6 a couple years ago - specifically for iNat! - and I have loved it for macro shots of insects. Sadly, I haven't yet had the chance to try it out in the water, but I've seen other iNatters who take good underwater shots with the same model. I've had the pleasure to visit Grand Cayman twice, and the snorkeling is superb! Although you're staying on the west end, be sure to visit some of the beaches on the east side of the island, which is considerably less developed and a bit 'wilder.' Some of the beaches have a strong rip current, but that can be dealt with by snorkeling from one pier and letting the current take you down the beach a ways to another pier; then just get out, walk up the beach in the opposite direction, and do it again. My husband and I did this for a whole afternoon and saw ctenophores, beautiful squid 'stationing' in a line near some fan coral, and of course a plethora of tropical fish. No resources or guides really but I'll mirror what somebody has already said about how the west really isn't as 'wild' as the east, and give my personal opinion (not that it was asked for). There's stuff at the west side that I could certainly recommend (Cayman Turtle Centre, Stingray City, National Gallery of the Cayman Islands) but if you're looking

for more "wild" spots to just go around, there's not as much on the west side? That being said, I can still recommend some spots that might be more of what you're looking for (or maybe not): Pig Sty Bay (Maritime Heritage Trail), Barker's National Park and Hell! Hell is really cool. I don't think people talk about it enough. Since you plan to walk beaches, I would encourage you to photograph the seashells that wash up there. Might I mention that I'm pretty good with Caribbean beach plants. @ me for those if you wish. Thanks I will if I need help. This topic was automatically closed 60 days after the last reply. New replies are no longer allowed. Powered by Discourse, best viewed with JavaScript enabled

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20 things to do in Grand Cayman - visit Cayman islands

With sparkling turquoise water, white sand beaches, luxurious hotels and a cosmopolitan food scene, Grand Cayman offers a sophisticated Caribbean holiday experience. The Cayman Islands have come a long way since the days when they survived on turtle farming, named Las Tortugas by Christopher Columbus who sighted the islands in 1503. Turtles are still the symbol of this trio of islands, which make up the autonomous British overseas territory. Yet the vibe here feels more American than English, with Miami just a short flight away. Most visitors spend their time on Grand Cayman, where I spent a week, while the smaller sister islands of Cayman Brac and Little Cayman offer a quieter and more relaxed experience. I enjoyed the boat trips and watersports, ate fantastic seafood and dipped into the culture of the Cayman Islands. Now I can share my experience of some of the best things to do on Grand Cayman and everything I enjoyed in the Cayman Islands. This article may contain affiliate links that provide commission on purchases you make at no extra cost to you. As an Amazon Associate I earn from qualifying purchases. Table of Contents Let's start our tour of Grand Cayman at George Town, capital of the Cayman Islands and the government centre of Grand Cayman. The Cayman Islands National Museum offers a great insight into the local history and culture, and is well worth a visit when you visit George Town in Grand Cayman. It's easy to spot the museum building on the waterfront, with its red roof, white painted shiplap and shutters. This is one of the few remaining 19th century buildings on the island, the rest being destroyed by hurricanes and building development. Over the years this Cayman museum building has served as a post office, courthouse, schoolhouse, library and jailhouse so is embedded in collective Cayman memory. Check out this historic tour of George Town including the National Museum and other historical sites such as Pedro St James. You may also enjoy: The Cayman Islands: watersports, Stingray City and the best beaches in Grand Cayman Inside the museum you get a little bit of everything, from the natural history of the islands, to Cayman traditions like fishing, rope making and ship building. The talking fisherman told me all about turtle fishing in the old days. Turtles were the main source of meat in the local diet, so ships often stopped to take turtles on board as part of their

fresh provisions. When Christopher Columbus sighted the Cayman Islands in 1503 he named them Las Tortugas, the Spanish for turtles, due to the large number he saw swimming in the sea. I also learned about Cayman Airways, the national airline that has been serving the islands since 1968 and about life at home in the Cayman Islands. Until the growth of tourism daily life seemed pretty uneventful, with not much happening apart from fishing, going to church and fending off the mosquitos. More info: Cayman Islands National Museum After my visit to the National Museum, I popped along the road to Gelato & Co where they churn their own gelato, all made from fresh ingredients with no preservatives and artificial colours and flavours. Dodging the Cayman chickens outside the door I ordered a tub of gelato from the constantly changing selection of creamy and fruity tropical flavours. Mine was coconut ? yum! Check out this historic tour of George Town including the National Museum and other historical sites such as Pedro St James. I wandered around the waterfront area George Town which is tiny and seemed to be made up mainly of malls aimed at cruise visitors. There are lots of shops selling souvenirs, designer watches and jewellery. But to be honest if you enjoy shopping I think you're better to take a taxi the short distance to Camana Bay. Apart from the National Museum building, there seemed to be little left of old style Cayman houses in George Town. One other spot I enjoyed having a look was the Fish Market of Grand Cayman, just a short distance along the waterfront from the museum. ?Fish Market? actually seems rather a grand term, as when I visited there were just a couple of stalls shaded under makeshift canopies, with the fish laid out for sale on bare wooden tables. The stallholders at the Fish Market were friendly and happy to chat. You can buy some fish here and then take it to Cayman Cabana right next door, where they will prepare and cook it for you. I like the restaurant's ethos of supporting local farmers and producers. Every Thursday there's a Farm to Table feast served under the stars at a long communal table. While I didn't get a chance to eat at the restaurant, I did try a dish from their pop-up stall at the KAABOO Cayman festival where they were serving delicious Cayman style dishes made with local produce. A good place to eat on the edge of George Town is Lobster Pot, where I sat on the deck with a prime view of the ocean and the cruise ships sitting off shore. I felt quite smug as I relaxed with a view of the ocean, while the taxis passed

on the coast road behind the restaurant, taking all the cruise passengers back to the ship! Lobster Pot on Grand Cayman is one of the original seafood restaurants on the island and is on the upper floor of the building. Eat inside if you like air conditioning, or outside on the shaded deck which is what I always prefer ? that warm air is one of the reasons I love the Caribbean! The menu has plenty of local seafood and I tried the tasty ceviche followed by coconut crusted shrimps accompanied by a vibrant Miss Mona's fruit punch (the non-alcoholic version of a rum punch). If you visit: Lobster Pot Grand Cayman | 245 North Church Street, George Town Seven Mile Beach is probably where most visitors head after George Town and it's also where many of the hotels and resorts on Grand Cayman are located. A glorious white sand beach that stretches for nearly seven miles, Seven Mile Beach on Grand Cayman regularly features on those lists of best beaches in the Cayman Islands and even the Caribbean. Stay at the luxurious Kimpton Seafire Resort and Spa on Seven Mile Beach The beach stretches northwards from George Town towards the less developed end of the beach at West Bay. There are a few good spots for snorkelling such as the reef just off Governor's beach, the spot in front of the Governor's residence, at Cemetery Beach and at Boggy Sand Road. If you need transport to Seven Mile Beach, check out this beach trip from your hotel or from George Town to Seven Mile Beach. If you are used to beaches in Europe where you can easily hire sunbeds, be aware that things work a little differently in the Caribbean. If you are staying in one of the many beautiful hotel properties along 7 Mile Beach, such as the Westin Grand Cayman or the Kimpton Seafire, you will have full access to the hotel's pools, restaurants, beach bars and sunbeds. Even if you are not staying in a hotel on the beach, you can still easily access the beach itself (as beaches on Grand Cayman are public) but you may not find much in the way of facilities such as sun loungers that you can use, even if prepared to pay. Stay at the luxurious Westin Grand Cayman Seven Mile Beach Resort Instead you'll need to look for the spots of shade under the Grape Trees or perhaps use a beach equipment rental service like Adventura Cayman. There's plenty of choice for water sports on Seven Mile Beach and you can hire paddle boards, snorkel gear and dive gear from several locations such as the Red Sail Sports dive shop on the beach by Kimpton Seafire Resort, as well as organising boat trips and dive excursions. If you need transport

to Seven Mile Beach, check out this beach trip from your hotel or from George Town to Seven Mile Beach. While many of the restaurant along Seven Mile Beach are set back within the hotel grounds, there are some on the beachfront open to non-residents such as the stylish Coccoloba restaurant at the Kimpton Seafire Resort. The restaurant has a casual ambiance, open on three sides to the beach with the breeze blowing through and the ocean right in front. It's open through the day and into the evening, with a menu inspired by Mexican street food. I enjoyed my Daily Market Ceviche with plantain chips and plate of Fish Tacos. All washed down with a Homegrown Margarita with lemongrass, grapefruit, cucumber and lime. Along the West Bay Road which runs parallel to Seven Mile Beach, there are also lots of small commercial centres set back from the road with a range of shops and restaurants. I enjoyed dinner one evening at Ragazzi, a popular Italian restaurant serving excellent pizza, pasta and other Italian dishes. One of the most popular Grand Cayman excursions is the boat trip to snorkel and swim with stingrays on the sandbar known as Stingray City. This sandbar to the north of the island, is the place where fishermen would stop to anchor while they cleaned their catch of fish before returning to shore. Attracted by the prospect of a free meal, stingrays would come to feed here. The area became popular for diving and snorkelling, as a place to see the stingrays. It's now one of the most popular things to do on Grand Cayman for visitors. The activity is regulated by the Cayman Islands government. Check out lots more things to do in Cayman including a 3-stop Stingray City Tour There are lots of licensed boat trip providers who will take you to Stingray City. For instance, this boat trip that combines Stingray City with other snorkelling locations such as Starfish Point. The trip out to the sandbar took around 30 minutes. When we arrived there were a number of different boats all anchored around the same spot. Snorkel masks are provided and we took the ladder from the back of the boat, jumping into chest deep water. The guides used small pieces of squid to attract the stingrays. They then guided the large female stingrays towards the groups of people. A professional photographer was on board our boat to take pictures, that you can buy afterwards. The stingrays seemed docile and curious, and as I went snorkelling around the sandbar, I could see them swimming freely around the legs of people in the water. This is definitely one of the iconic things to do in the Cayman Islands. Staying on Grand

Cayman and want to have a less crowded experience? I'd suggest choosing a time when there are less likely to be cruise ship excursions at the sandbar. Visit in the afternoon or on days when no cruise ship is in port. If you need any gear for snorkelling check out Globo Surf. Stay at the luxurious Westin Grand Cayman Seven Mile Beach Resort Looking for a boat tour to make the most of your time on Grand Cayman? Check out this 3-stop Stingray City tour with snorkelling There are lots of other boat trips on offer in the Cayman Islands. We took a sunset cruise on Grand Cayman with Red Sail Sports, leaving from the beach in front of Kimpton Seafire resort. It was a beautiful evening, with the light turning golden. We left Seven Mile beach behind and headed offshore with the breeze blowing through our hair. The catamaran had plenty of different places to sit, including the webbing area at the front where the waves rippled underneath the boat below us. Rum punch was flowing from the on board bar, as the sun set in a golden haze. Sadly the cloud meant that we didn't get fireworks of orange and purple. But, this sunset sail on Grand Cayman was a most enjoyable and relaxing trip out on the ocean. Our sunset cruise as offered by Red Sail Sports, with pickups from Kimpton Seafire or Westin Hotel on Seven Mile Beach. It is one of a number of Grand Cayman excursions offered by the company. If you continue your drive to the north of the island you'll reach the popular beach at Rum Point. This is also included as a stop for many boat trips and cruise excursions. The water here is shallow, and there are lots of facilities. It's also ideal for families with young children or those who want to settle in for a few hours. There's a large car park, busy beach bar, restaurant, shop, rest rooms and changing facilities. Free beach chairs are provided for the use of customers. Rum Point is more of a party beach, and when boat trips arrive I imagine it can get quite crowded. The atmosphere is lively and fun. At the beach bar look out for their Mudslide cocktail, with vodka, Baileys Irish Cream and Coffee Liqueur which is seductively sweet and deceptively alcoholic! To reach Rum Point by car, it's around 40 minutes drive from the island capital of George Town. From Camana Bay you can also take the Cayman Ferries service to the Kaibo Beach Bar and then take the shuttle bus to Rum Point. Or visit on a tour like this one that includes a trip to Stingray City. For a boat tour that includes snorkelling at Starfish Point, check out this 3-stop Stingray City tour with snorkelling at Starfish Point. Starfish Point is close to Rum Point

and may be a better choice if you like a beach that is natural and unspoiled. It's just a 10 minute walk from the Kaibo Beach Bar. You can also reach it on the ferry from Camana Bay or there's a small car park. The shallow waters here are well known for the starfish that sit on the sandy bottom and can be seen if you go swimming or snorkelling. When I visited on a Sunday afternoon, the area was busy with boat trips. It felt a bit touristy, although there are no cafe or facilities here. I didn't see any starfish near the beach so I think that you may need to swim and snorkel around to find them. If you find any starfish while swimming, don't take them out of the water as they will die. Instead gently hold them under the water for a photo. Close to Starfish Point is a bay where you can visit at night to see the Bioluminescence. This is a natural phenomena that makes the water glow in the dark. Looking for a tour to make the most of your time on Grand Cayman? Check out this 3-stop Stingray City tour with snorkelling I visited Camana Bay in Grand Cayman a couple of times during my week's visit. This purpose built development of shops, restaurants and apartments was a fun and relaxing place to hang out, especially for those who enjoy shopping. This is where you'll find a collection of stylish and upscale boutiques and clothes shops, including Sand Angels. Their store has one of the biggest collections of swimwear on the island. You can perfect your beach look, whatever your shape or size. The neighbourhood is largely pedestrianised, with shady avenues lined with palm trees, leading down to the waterfront. At the Crescent overlooking the marina, jets of water made a fun play area for the children. Parents keep an eye from the terrace cafés and restaurants. Cross the small bridge to your own miniature desert island to swing in a hammock or visit the island's only movie theatre. In an island that fuses Caribbean and American influences, Camana Bay has a European feel. Its five small squares offer a place to relax among sculptures and water features. Every Wednesday there's the Local Harvest market (Aug-Nov) offering farmer's locally grown produce for sale. Later this switches to the Farmers and Artisans market. (Nov-July). A pedestrian bridge leads across the main highway to enable you to walk from here to Seven Mile Beach. Look out for the colourful murals in the car park that were created by AmandaLynn as part of the KAABOO Cayman festival. Stay at the luxurious Kimpton Seafire Resort and Spa Deserving of its own mention is the observation tower at Camana Bay. This is a contemporary Caribbean version

of the campanile and church towers of old Europe. It offers a perfect view point over the town. Rising 75 feet, the slatted shutters of this square tower allow natural air conditioning from the sea breezes. The interiors are decorated by mosaics created from Venetian glass by artist Jim Hellemn. Walking up the double helix staircase, you'll want to pause and take in the colourful murals. Scenes of coral and fish from the sea life of the Cayman Islands. On each floor there are viewpoints and by the time you reach the top of the tower you can see far across the waters of the marina. Then take the lift down if you want to rest your legs! Take this tour of the West side of Grand Cayman, including a stop to swim at Seven Mile Beach and a visit to the Turtle Centre. Let's continue north on Grand Cayman to the West Bay neighbourhood where there are few more things worth seeing. The Cayman Turtle Centre is a popular place to visit for families. You can easily spend the whole day here seeing the turtle enclosures, snorkelling in the lagoon and playing on the waterslides. In many parts of the world turtles are endangered and the centre has an element of conservation in its activities. However, be aware that it is more like visiting a zoo where you can see turtles in a captive rather than a wild environment. Although billed as a wildlife encounter, the centre also farms turtles for food. This will appear on the menus of some more traditional restaurants. To put this in context, in the past turtle meat was a staple of Cayman culture, with an economy supported by turtle fishing. So the centre supplies turtle meat to meet local demand, preventing wild stocks being used and also releases some turtles back into the wild. Personally I'd prefer to do my bit for conservation by not eating turtle meat at all. Instead, look for invasive species like lionfish and green iguana that are increasingly on local menus. There's a two tier pricing structure at the Turtle Centre. One ticket allows you to access the Turtle Centre Exploration tour. Here you can see the huge sea turtles swimming in their enclosure and visit the turtle touch tanks. Hold the smaller turtles under supervision and wade into a small pool with them. I enjoyed holding one of the small turtles to take a closer look. The area appeared well controlled around hygiene and handling the turtles. The higher priced ticket for the Turtle Adventure Tour allows you to access a wider range of activities. For instance, the Turtle Lagoon where you can snorkel with the turtles and the Breaker's Lagoon with water slides. The Predator Reef aquarium and Caribbean Free Flight Aviary to see some of the

native bird species. Take this tour of the West side of Grand Cayman, including a stop to swim at Seven Mile Beach and a visit to the Turtle Centre. If you are going to pay for this level of ticket then you probably need to make it a day out to get your money's worth and make use of all the attractions of the Turtle Centre. Personally I'd prefer to find a beach where I could snorkel with turtles in the wild. However, I can see that the safe, controlled environment and guaranteed access to see the turtles will be attractive to many. This is especially good for families with young children. If you Visit: Cayman Turtle Centre While on Grand Cayman I enjoyed some fabulous restaurants and diverse cuisine. The Cayman Islands easily justifies its reputation as the "Culinary Capital of the Caribbean". Some of my favourite memories however, were from the more local places where you can eat "Fish Fry." Local fried fish served with sides of bakes (a fried savoury doughnut), potato salad and rice & peas. One I'd certainly recommend was Heritage Kitchen on Grand Cayman. It's tucked slightly off the main road on Boggy Sand Road, facing the beach at West Bay. It opens from 12pm at lunchtime and I was there a little too early, but luckily the proprietor took pity on me. They served me a plate of delicious coconut grouper with bright red guava juice, which tastes like a sweet fruit cordial. I was recommended a few other local places that offer Cayman style home cooking of fried fish and other dishes. Most are normally served take-away style on informal picnic benches beside the sea. These are the places you might come on a Sunday afternoon to hang out with your friends over a few beers or rum punches. Then spend the day swimming and relaxing at the beach. For fish fry on Grand Cayman you could also try; Captain Herman's Fish Fry in East End - a beach kiosk serving locally caught fresh fish to eat on the tables outside overlooking the sea. Vivine's Kitchen in East End - Caribbean style home-cooked dishes with table seating outside overlooking the sea - expect fried fish, barbeque meats with rice and peas and other local favourites. Grape Tree Cafe in Bodden Town - On the public beach at Bodden Town, serving fried fish, fritters, sodas and other local favourites. While fish fry is the local foodie experience, you can also eat cosmopolitan and upscale in the West Bay area of Grand Cayman. The Cayman Islands Yacht Club boasts two excellent restaurants. This is the place to wander around in the daytime to admire all the yachts. Imagine yourself into the millionaire lifestyle! I ate at Morgan's Grand Cayman one evening,

which has a wonderful waterfront position. If I went back I'd probably go for lunch, since you can eat on the terrace with a fabulous view over Governor's Creek. The focus here is on the seafood, with an 'ocean to table' philosophy. A fresh daily catch is on the menu delivered direct by local fishermen. Inside the restaurant is airy and open to the rafters. The outdoor terrace is also very pretty as the lanterns coloured light up at night. My 'catch of the day' was beautifully grilled and presented with a lime butter sauce and fresh vegetables on the side. We finished with a tangy key lime pie. Nearby and also overlooking the waterfront was B&caro. It's modelled on the simple Venetian restaurants that serve cicchetti or small plates designed to accompany a glass of wine. The Cayman islands version was a somewhat less humble and more stylish version of the Italian working man's caf  . Of course the menu featured lots of delicious seafood, such as the black tagliolini with lobster, jumbo shrimp skewers and seared octopus. This was perfectly executed, high end cuisine with an excellent wine list and a range of different size plates. You can choose starter or main course size portions. I stayed for a couple of nights at the Westin Resort Grand Cayman. This luxurious Grand Cayman hotels faces Seven Mile Beach and makes a great base for your holiday. The hotel decor feels calm and relaxed, with pale tones, iridescent finishes and shades of blue inspired by the ocean. It's a luxury resort that has something to offer families, couples and groups of friends. My balcony had a delightful view over the pool area, Tortuga Beach Grill and swim up bar with views towards the beach beyond. I loved the modern style that's inspired by nature with soft blue accents and a lobby bar that's curved like a local fisherman's catboat. The airy lobby is a place to relax or meet friends. Local artwork is on display and a cooling burst of fragrance in the air when you walk in from outside. Stay at the luxurious Westin Grand Cayman Seven Mile Beach Resort The resort offers a busy programme of free activities such as yoga on the beach. Of course you can also just relax and swim in the pools. Or, access all the water-sports available through Red Sail Sports that has a location at the hotel. Along the beachfront of the resort are beautifully maintained gardens and plantings with colourful tropical foliage under the casuarina trees that shade the two restaurants, upscale Beach House and more relaxed Ferdinands. I also spent several nights at the Kimpton Seafire Resort and Spa which is a truly luxurious property. It is inspired by the

vibrant Caribbean sunsets, with accents of warm pink in the bedrooms and lobby. The materials of stone, marble and woven cotton used in the design are relaxed and natural. Intriguing details are everywhere that reference the natural beauty and heritage of the Cayman Islands. The bedroom headboards are inspired by local fauna. A ground floor library features the local silver thatch rope and faded framed photographs that hark back to the old style Cayman. Stay at the luxurious Kimpton Seafire Resort and Spa Dining is the Ave restaurant, with a sea view balcony serving Mediterranean style seafood and steaks. It incorporates the relaxed Avecita section with communal tables serving Spanish inspired tapas plates. Although I didn't dine in the restaurants, I very much enjoyed a relaxed sunset dinner at the Kimpton Seafire's beachside Coccoloba restaurant. They serve small dishes inspired by Mexican street food. The Kimpton Seafire Resort and Spa is the newest property to be built on the gorgeous Seven Mile Beach. There's access to all the water sports and ocean activities you could wish for at the beachfront dive centre of Red Sail Sports. I suspect that many visitors to Grand Cayman barely get further than George Town and Seven Mile Beach. But, use your hire car to explore the other parts of the island. You will be rewarded with lots more things to see on Grand Cayman. Driving south along the coast road from George Town you'll find Smith Cove. This lovely beach is more of a local's spot. Also known as Smith's Barcadere, you can relax in the shade of the sea grape trees around the beach. Bring a picnic and stay here for a few hours. There's no restaurant or sun beds here but there are restrooms and showers, with a small car park across the street from the beach. The rocky outcrops around the beach curves around to enclose a swimming lagoon and the water deepens as you swim out. It's easiest to get to by car, so one to combine with your swim at Smith Cove. Or, visit when you are driving to see some of the other attractions in the Bodden Town neighbourhood such as Pedro St James. There's snorkelling around the rocks, which also form a natural diving board to jump off. This is a fun place for families and all ages, as the beach is sheltered by the rocks. There's fine sand and shallow water as you enter. Check out this historic tour of Grand Cayman including 8 major historical and cultural landmarks such as Pedro St James. An easy next stop is the heritage attraction of Pedro St James. Find it near the coast road in the Bodden Town neighbourhood, on the south side of Grand

Cayman. The stone tower that forms the heart of this 'Great House' was built in 1780 by an Englishman, William Eden, using the labour of enslaved people from Jamaica. At the time that he established his house and plantation, most people lived in single storey wattle and daub buildings. This house was seen as very grand and known locally as 'The Castle'. Over the years the building was used as a courthouse, jail and government building. It's known as the 'Birthplace of democracy' on Cayman Islands. The decision was made here in 1831 to form an elected parliament for the islands. Gradually the building fell into disrepair, until it was bought and renovated in the 1960s and 70s for operation as a restaurant and hotel. It closed in the 1980s after damage by a hurricane and fire. In the 1990s the Cayman Islands government bought and restored the historic property to make it a heritage visitor attraction, reflecting the history of the Cayman Islands. A visit to Pedro St James begins with an audio-visual presentation about the history of the house. After that you can take a guided tour of the house and wander around the grounds. The central rooms within the stone tower are furnished in traditional Caribbean style with painted walls and dark wood antique furniture. This shows how the owners would have lived in comfort in the 18th and 19th century. Around the stone centre, shady wooden verandahs offer views towards the sea and a chance for the cooling sea breeze to blow through the house. On the ground floor you can see the kitchen and the room that was once used as the jail. I especially enjoyed visiting the small Watler House in the grounds, a traditional Cayman style house. It has been filled like a mini museum with information and photos about the history and culture of the Cayman Islands. If you visit: Pedro St James

Another attraction that I really enjoyed in Grand Cayman was the Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Garden. You'll find it on the road as you drive to the north side of the island. Entrance is through an air conditioned visitor centre. Pathways that take you on the circular woodland trail and lead to the lake and wetlands area, with several different garden areas along the way. To be honest, I found the woodland trail unremarkable, taking you through shady scrub and trees on a flat path. However, it is a true reflection of the natural Cayman habitat. The part of the garden I enjoyed most was the floral colour garden, where different borders and pots had been planted according to colour. They displayed exotic plants in red, pink, yellow and orange, mixed in with pergolas, palms and a gazebo

overlooking the lake. Check out this tour of the Eastern side of Grand Cayman, including a visit to see the Blue Iguanas at Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Garden. Also interesting was the heritage garden with a pretty old Cayman House containing a few small rooms. It's furnished simply as a family would have lived a hundred years ago. Around the cottage had been made as a sand yard, a traditional domestic garden, where the sandy ground is planted with shrubs. Shells are used as decoration, and a separate kitchen and privy located away from the house. The garden around a house like this would have contained fruit trees, medicinal plants and useful trees like the silver thatch palm that was used to make baskets and rope. If you visit: Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Garden. Also at the Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Garden I went on the Blue Iguana Safari Tour, which I highly recommend. If you visit the gardens, you can see a few of the native blue iguanas in their pens. The tour takes you right into their enclosure for a behind the scenes look at their breeding programme. Since the fast breeding and voracious green iguana has arrived on Grand Cayman, the slower breeding native blue iguana has become endangered by its invasive cousin. Just 30 years ago the numbers of Blue Iguana on the Cayman Islands had fallen to dangerous levels of only 20 animals. But with the captive breeding programme numbers have now risen to 1100 and animals are being introduced back into the wild. Our naturalist guide Nick told us all about the breeding programme and the habits of the blue iguana. They become a more intense blue later in the day after they have eaten more vegetation. In the wild this native species would only have a 20% chance of surviving to adulthood. This is increased to 80% survival within the breeding programme. During the tour we saw some of the larger iguanas roaming around the enclosure. We even got a chance to handle one of the more passive animals Gloria, who was unusually docile. The blue iguanas tend to be aggressive and bite, so you definitely wouldn't want to try this if you were lucky enough to see one in the wild! I strongly recommend that you take this fascinating special tour, which is normally held daily at 11am except Sundays and takes around 1.5 hours. Check out this tour of the Eastern side of Grand Cayman, including a visit to see the Blue Iguanas at Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Garden. Just before the coast road turns north past the Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Garden, you'll see the Lighthouse restaurant on Bodden Town Road. It's an Italian style

restaurant built around an old lighthouse. There's a cosy bar filled with nautical memorabilia and a light filled dining room and deck overlooking the sea. There was an outside deck but it was a bit windy. So, I sat inside and ordered a salad and conch fritters from the extensive menu, with a mix of Italian and local dishes as well as lots of fresh fish. I can also highly recommend a visit to the Crystal Caves of Grand Cayman. They are located a little further along the road from the Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Garden. The caves can be visited on a pre-booked tour. From the car park our guide Rudy drove us up a track up to the caves, where we started our tour at the small cafe and relaxation area. This area of natural caverns was formed millions of years ago under the sea. Although known to the locals, they could only be accessed by ropes hanging down through holes in the cave ceiling. In the 1990s the caves were developed as a tourist attraction, with stairways and new openings constructed. Lighting was installed to enable visitors to see the amazing shapes of the stalactites and stalagmites within the caves. As we passed through the caves, Rudy pointed out the different shapes in the rock that had been seen by other visitors. A herd of tiny elephants, the snowman, the Neptune's trident. In one of the caves a pool of water was lit up, with a powdery bottom of fine silt. If it gets stirred up the water takes weeks to become clear again. The caves had been used in the past as a place of shelter and a refuge from hurricanes. We were assured that the caverns had been searched thoroughly for pirate treasure, but none had been found! In one of the caves we saw bats clustered on the ceiling, their guano a source of fertiliser for farmers in the past. This really was a fascinating tour and our guide was both amusing and knowledgeable, a fount of stories and folklore about these ancient caverns. If you visit: Cayman Crystal Caves Further along the south coast of Grand Cayman, the shoreline becomes wild and rocky in the East End part of the island. You can stop to see the blowholes where the waves crash up through holes in the rock on the shore. These spout a high jet of water every so often, especially when the wind is blowing from the south and the tide is high. You'll see the sign on the road where there's a pull in area to park your car. Then walk down the wooden steps onto the rocky shore ? there isn't a sandy beach here. Depending on when you visit there might be an impressive amount of spray or just a gentle swell, so you probably won't need to stay long. Following this coast road will give you a feel for the more natural and local part of

Grand Cayman. I didn't manage to get any further but I'd have loved to make a driving tour around the Eastern side of the island. If you are looking for a place to eat, I heard good things about Tukka. This restaurant and bar offers an Australian twist on Caribbean food. It's one of the places you may find the invasive green iguana or lionfish on the menu, so that you can do your bit for conservation. Check out this tour of the Eastern side of Grand Cayman, including a visit to the Blowholes and the Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Garden At the point of the coast road, where Frank Sound Road turns north towards the Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Garden I stopped at a local market stall. They were selling local veg and snacks, and I bought some cakes and pastries. I really appreciated the semi-frozen fresh juices that appeared out of the cool box. For the curious foodie I've found these roadside stalls in the Caribbean can often be a source of delicious home-made things to try. The Flip Flop tree on Grand Cayman is ?.. a tree with lots of old flip flops nailed to it! Not really sure why it's become a tourist attraction, but in this instagram age, the strangest things seem like a novelty. Apparently it started as a way of drawing attention to the amount of unwanted garbage that is left behind on Grand Cayman's beaches. The message is ?Enjoy our beaches but take your plastic and old flip flops home with you!? You'll find the Flip Flop tree on South Sound Road as you drive along the coast on the South West of Grand Cayman. There's a spot where you can pull over and take your photo. There's nothing else around there so it probably won't take you more than 10 minutes. What a fantastic time I had at KAABOO Cayman, a two day festival that was held on Grand Cayman in February 2019. The festival site was at the end of Seven Mile Beach and right next to the Kimpton Seafire Resort where I was staying. You can read my full review of KAABOO Cayman [here](#). The organisers of KAABOO San Diego had brought the same relaxed format of a weekend music festival by the ocean. Lots of art, food and comedy as well as some legendary music artists covering a range of genres and tastes. I loved singing along to my generation's rock anthems from Duran Duran, Brian Adams and Blondie. The younger crowd and Caribbean audience were appreciating artists like Salt-N-Peppa, Shaggy and Sean Paul. I also enjoyed the artistic vibe of the festival with large scale murals on shipping containers. Artists were working on their murals which developed throughout the festival. Local and international artists were featured in a popup art

gallery. It's curated by artistic director AmandaLynn, with help from the National Gallery of the Cayman Islands. Other art installations used plastic waste to create colourful montages. This aimed to remind us of the work done by the festival on recycling and sustainability. Food was a big part of KAABOO Cayman, with local and international chefs appearing in the PALATE Food theatre. Thomas Tennent showed us how invasive species such as green iguana and lionfish can be used to create tasty dishes. Many of the local Grand Cayman restaurants had food stands. It's a fun way to dip into the food culture of the Cayman Islands. Other festivals worth checking out if you can time your visit with them; Cayman Cookout Festival ? held in January, this week long festival features cooking demonstrations, beach barbecues, artisan marketplaces and food events with top local chefs, hosted at the Ritz Carlton Hotel. Batabano Carnival ? in February carnival events take place all over the Cayman Islands, especially on Grand Cayman with a big weekend street parade. Pirate Week Festival ? takes place in November on all three islands, with pirate themed parades, street parties, boat races and a firework finale. For those of you who's like to bring a little piece of the Cayman Islands home as a souvenir, there are a few things to look out for. The Tortuga Caribbean rum cake is sold everywhere, not just in Cayman Islands, but it's a delicious rum soaked cake to try. As you'll find on most Caribbean islands there are spicy and hot sauces on sale. Use these as a meat marinade or to spice up your dish with a Caribbean flavour. Look out for the spicy sauce range created by local chef Thomas Tennant with options like Plantain on de side and Coco Fiyah. They are on sale direct from the Tomfoodery website or at Cayman Spirits distillery. While in the Cayman Islands you can learn the secrets of rum and vodka making on a guided distillery tour. At KAABOO Cayman I got chatting to Kelly Reineking. Kelly uses the fins of invasive lionfish to make iridescent pendants, cufflinks and earrings. She also makes jewellery from the skins of the invasive green iguanas. If you visit Cayman Islands, this would make an unusual souvenir that supports conservation efforts on Cayman. The jewellery is sold through artisan markets such as those at Grand Harbour and The Strand. Check the Mermaids Touch website for times and locations. The Wednesday artisan market at Camana Bay is another good place to find locally made gifts. You may think you've hit some pretty sophisticated spots on Grand Cayman until you spot its wild chickens in

the most incongruous of places. Chickens pecking by the roadside, chickens in the car parks, chickens outside swanky designer shops. In other places you'd imagine that the chickens had escaped from someone's farm! Here they are just part of the local wildlife, fending for themselves in the bush, the ultimate free range chicken! Need a guide book for the Cayman Islands? We recommend Fodor's InFocus Cayman Islands Full Color Travel Guide More Caribbean articles to enjoy Top 10 things to do in St Kitts ? for cruise visitors 30 things to do in Antigua ? best beaches, heritage, food and more! Hiking, volcanoes and waterfalls in St Lucia Shopping in St Kitts ? where to shop for local crafts and souvenirs Heather flew from the UK with British Airways, which flies direct from London Heathrow to Grand Cayman via Nassau four times a week. Other flights are available via Miami and there are many direct flights from US airports. More information on getting to Cayman Islands on the Cayman Islands Tourism website. Discover The Cayman Islands: watersports, Stingray City and the best beaches in Grand Cayman My trip was hosted* by the Cayman Islands Tourism Authority who provided the experiences, accommodation stays, and meals mentioned. * More info on my policies page This article is originally published at Heatheronhertravels.com Posted on Last updated: November 22, 2024 Discover the best Algarve boat trips and beaches ? Portugal Things to do in Extremadura: A driving tour of Trujillo, Mérida, Cáceres, Badajoz ? Prilin Wednesday 24th of April 2024 Great list, Heather! Grand Cayman truly offers something for everyone. For water enthusiasts, I'd recommend adding a snorkeling trip to Kaibo Beach. The coral reefs there teem with colorful fish and underwater wonders, making it a fantastic experience for all ages. Have you had a chance to visit the Cayman Crystal Caves? They're a natural marvel, showcasing otherworldly geological formations and offering a glimpse into the island's prehistoric past. Thanks for sharing this comprehensive guide to Grand Cayman! It's sure to be a valuable resource for travelers planning their Caribbean escape. Heather Cowper Wednesday 24th of April 2024 @Prilin So pleased you enjoyed the article. Yes I did visit the caves, they're mentioned at the end of the article, it was a fun experience. amara_brown Thursday 18th of July 2019 Great place to go. next it will be on bucket list. Shruti Aggarwal Thursday 27th of June 2019 Your choice of words, the way you write about a place coupled with amazing pictures, makes it so appealing. I liked your

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10 Best Kept Secrets of Grand Cayman | HuffPost Life

Producer, writer, documentarian, photographer, historian, public speaker, musician Wherever you go on vacation or travel, popular sites and locations are popular for a reason. Whatever their attraction, whether it be a beautiful view or a tasty meal or an unusual land formation, activity or attraction, they have been tried and tested and been proven to be worth your time and effort to get there. However, there's always another angle to visiting new places, and that's the local's angle. So, here are 10 things that the guidebooks won't tell you about Grand Cayman Island that you might be sorry if you missed!

10. Mastic Trail Grand Cayman is 79 feet above sea level at its highest elevation. People do not flock to this Caribbean paradise to hike and go mountain climbing. However, if you are in the mood for a nice mellow four-mile round trip hike -- this is where you want to go. Located on the North side of the island this slow incline trail is full of birds, Cayman rabbits and other wildlife. If you park on the main road and walk into the trail, you can add another two miles to your hike.
9. The Shoe Tree Ever since Hurricane Ivan, people have been writing their names and dates on shoes, flip flops, swim fins and sandals and tacking them to this tree on the East side of the island. It's easy to find right on the main road West of Bodden Town.
8. Anchors Tucked in at the Cayman Islands Yacht Club is a little convenience store called ANCHORS. This is the only package store that sells carry out alcohol on Sundays. So, if you find yourself high and dry on a Sunday during your stay -- head to Anchrs for a six-pack of local beer or bottle of wine.
7. Cemetery Beach This is a nice beach, and fairly well known. However, what most folks don't know about is the awesome snorkeling reef that is a short swim out. There are schools of Tangs, eels, Parrot Fish, sea turtles, rays and the occasional Nurse Shark that will swim by. It's an interesting walk in from the road to past one of the many historical cemeteries on the island.
6. The Pirate's Den PD's to the locals - this sports bar has some of the best sandwiches and wings on the island. It's in a little strip mall across from Seven Mile Beach, and you'll miss it if you blink driving by. Enjoy flat screen TV's a full bar and pool tables. Buffalo Shrimp are one menu item that should NOT be overlooked.
5. The Farmers and Artisans Market at Camana Bay Every Wednesday from 12 noon to 7pm at Camana

Bay local farmers and artists set up booths in a beautiful open air courtyard environment to show and sell their wares. Everything from fresh produce, to local arts and crafts is easily accessible and sold by the hands that grew and crafted the items. There is even an "open canvas" art exhibition that invites any one to sit and paint with beautiful view of the Camana Bay beach and harbor. While relatively new and mostly attended by locals, this event is open to tourists as well and is a perfect place to pick up unique souvenirs like Camanite jewelry and sculptures. I should also add that secret #2 can be purchased here.

4. Shopping Cart Pick-Up This may seem strange, but will prove extremely helpful if you are staying in a house, condo or anywhere with a kitchen and plan on doing your own grocery shopping while staying on Grand Cayman. The two major grocery stores -- Foster's Food and Fain & Kirk -- offer a cart pick up service all over the island. So, you load up your groceries and truck them off to wherever you're staying and leave the cart out at the curb. The best part of this convenience is walking around at night before the pick up and seeing shopping carts all over the place.

3. Black Pearl State Park That's right, Grand Cayman has a skate park! It was opened and christened by the one and only Tony Hawk back in 2007. So, tell your kids to pack their boards because this park is huge and will keep them shredding all day long.

2. Cayman Pepper Patch This local artisan pepper jelly is prepared in small batches and can only be purchased on Grand Cayman Island. It is 100% Cayman made, they do not ship or export this stuff - so stock up while you're there. I cleared out a whole jar with goat cheese on cracked pepper water crackers. The brochure comes with many suggestions and recipes, but I can't imagine anything that this stuff won't make taste better.

1. Diving With Silversides Every year the Dwarf Herrings come to the Cayman Islands around early summer and stay through the beginning of fall. The only way I can describe it is like being underwater in a swarm of a million bees that aren't going to sting you... AND IT'S COOL! If you've seen the footage on National Geographic films or BBC World documentaries where giant masses of fish that all move in the same direction in unison -- almost like a dance -- and part when a seal swims through them... YOU'RE THE SEAL! This is seriously one of the coolest things I've ever done, and the dive shop to take you is Ambassador Divers. They know the waters, the reefs and the fish better than anyone on the island, and will make sure you get the full silverside experience. So, if

unique experiences with a local flair are what it takes to make your vacation a memorable experience -- any one of these best-kept secrets of Grand Cayman Island should fit the bill to a fun and successful adventure. Check them all off your list or maybe these will lead to other adventures not mentioned here. Whatever the case have a blast and safe travels always! By entering your email and clicking Sign Up, you're agreeing to let us send you customized marketing messages about us and our advertising partners. You are also agreeing to our [Terms of Service](#) and [Privacy Policy](#).

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This post may contain affiliate links. Let me help you plan a memorable tropical vacay with these unique things to do in Grand Cayman from my summertime travels! Each activity is well-suited for solo travelers and groups alike. And if you enjoy this article, you'll love my day-by-day Grand Cayman vacation itinerary! This shallow underwater area is full of starfish on the north side of the island not far from Rum Point. I visited Starfish Point as part of a tour including the Bioluminescent Bay and Jellyfish Point but you can technically get to Starfish Point without an excursion. I highly recommend the package deal, though, as snorkeling in the Bio Bay is an unforgettable thing to do in Grand Cayman at night. This evening snorkeling tour includes the Bioluminescent Bay, Starfish Point, Jellyfish Point and Stingray City for under \$100! My favorite meals came from non-touristy spots but there's a little bit of everything available on the island. Whether you want authentic Caribbean fare or formal British dining, food catered to the American palette or world class prepared seafood, you can find it. Here are my recommendations on where to eat on Grand Cayman! The Cayman Islands take part in the rich carnival history of the Caribbean with their national Carnival Batabano. If you're visiting the islands during the springtime, try to time your visit to coincide with this set of Grand Cayman events. The Carnival tradition emerged from primarily Afro-Caribbean celebrations marking the end of the transatlantic slave trade so it is part of Black history with great historic and cultural significance to Caribbean Islanders. But the celebrations like the demographics of locals, are diverse. Check out the [Grand Cayman Carnival site](#) to learn more. The Cayman Turtle Centre is fun, family-friendly entertainment. You can get up close and personal with wildlife in a variety of ways but my favorite activity was swimming with the young turtles! Bring your swimsuit and snorkel gear or you can rent gear onsite (cash only). There are locker rooms with showers onsite. If you want to do something less underwater, visit the turtle hatchery, adult turtle feeding time or aviary. Purchase tickets to the Turtle Farm directly or book a guided tour of the west island that includes the turtle experience! Or this [Grand Cayman tour](#) option that includes the turtles and

botanic garden. Beach bumming is a must for any island vacation but especially here. If you're looking for cheap things to do in Grand Cayman?matter of fact, free, spend a chill morning on Seven Mile Beach, Governor's Beach or Smith's Bracadere?just to name a few. If you're visiting on a cruise, this tour from Georgetown to Seven Mile Beach is top rated. All Cayman beaches are open to the public so you don't necessarily need to go through the hotels to access them. I highly recommend staying at the Kimpton Grand Cayman, partially because it's on a beautiful stretch of Seven Mile Beach! Touring the Cayman Crystal Caves is unlike other excursions because it takes place mostly underground. This was the first group activity I did on the island and I especially recommend it for solo travelers because I made a friend haha! Walking and climbing among literal hidden gems in Grand Cayman is pretty cool. But it does get hot in the caves so be sure to ready my full review of the Crystal Caves tour for everything to know before booking! The caves are situated in a jungle with an onsite cafe, gift shop, roaming wildlife, and a zipline. I didn't get to try the zipline as it was in construction during my visit. Whether you're visiting solo or on a romantic baecation or in a group of friends, I recommend hitting up a restaurant or bar with live music for the vibes. Two of my stops that had bomb live music where Pepper's in the Seven Mile Beach area and Next Door in Camana Bay?both at night. Here's my advice for solo travelers no matter your destination! Fancy afternoon tea hits different on an island. I thoroughly enjoyed myself and want to go back with my girlfriends and sisters. The fusion of European tradition with Caribbean flavor made this a can't-miss luxury experience in Grand Cayman. For bonus points, this indoor activity is chic cover when it rains. I didn't find the environment to be stuffy but would still recommend this activity for adults and kids around 12 and up. Advance reservations are required. Check out what to expect at Ritz-Carlton Grand Cayman afternoon tea! I rented a convertible for my time on Grand Cayman and have no regrets! Dropping the top and cruising along the main roads that curve with and hug the shoreline felt like the epitome of living my best life. So, how long does it take to drive around grand cayman? A little over two hours with no stops and minimal traffic. But of course, you'll want to stop along the way so I recommend making a morning or afternoon of it. The Cayman Islands do not have Uber so here's a guide about how to drive on Grand Cayman. Grand Cayman is the largest of

three islands, with the other two being Little Cayman and Cayman Brac. If you have time, you can experience a little something different on each! While Grand Cayman is more metropolitan, Cayman Brac is great for communing with nature, with hiking trails and unique wildlife. Little Cayman is less developed, making it more picturesque. So it's not only a hotspot for diving but also nature photography. I hope you can enjoy some of these fun things to do in Grand Cayman soon and very soon. And sharing is caring so be sure to pin this post for later and follow me over on Pinterest. Thanks for reading! In my honest review of Hotel Des Grands Boulevards in Paris, I'll tell you everything you need to know about this property before booking from my personal experience as a solo woman traveler! [Read More Paris Hotel Des Grands Boulevards Review](#)[Continue](#) Instead of stressing over planning, copy my exact Grand Cayman itinerary for five fun-filled days in tropical paradise! [Read More Solo 5 Day Grand Cayman Itinerary](#)[Continue](#) This vacation guide to driving in Grand Cayman will break down all you need to know from my experience renting a car in the Cayman Islands and getting around! [Read More Vacation Guide to Driving in Grand Cayman](#)[Continue](#) Highlights from a last-minute girls' weekend getaway to Phoenix, Scottsdale, and Sedona, Arizona, including wine country recommendations! [Read More Girls Weekend Getaway to Phoenix](#)[Continue](#) What entrees and cocktails to order when you go to brunch at Kulture in downtown Houston, Texas [Read More Brunch at Kulture Houston](#)[Continue](#) Why you need to experience Houston's newest active, social event, Vibe & Ride, for yourself. Over the past couple of weeks, I've participated in Vibe & Ride events featuring Beyonce (on Bey Day, known by some as Labor Day) and Erykah Badu (Badu on the Bayou). Each one was a fantastic time and I fully? [Read More 5 Reasons to Vibe & Ride in Houston, TX](#)[Continue](#) Your email address will not be published. Required fields are marked * Comment * Name * Email * Save my name, email, and website in this browser for the next time I comment. Hey! I'm Jazzmine, a millennial woman balancing travel adventures with my 9 to 5. My goal is to help you travel on your own terms. [Privacy Policy](#) [About](#) | [Contact](#) | [Press](#) © 2024 Jet Set Jazzmine

Grand Cayman's Hidden Gems by Scooter ... Vroom! ? Joan Jetsetter

There's a certain sense of freedom that comes with having your hand on the throttle, the wind on your face and an open road before you. It's that delight of the unknown and unexpected that makes renting a scooter in a foreign country such a memorable thrill. In place of a guided tour, my travel pal and I decided to explore Grand Cayman by scooter and cram in as much as we possibly could in a single day. From the Port of George Town, we walked to nearby Cayman Scooters Rental, which conveniently operates inside of the Cayman Coffee Club. There, we sipped espresso and cold press juice while completing the necessary paperwork. The price for an all-day rental with insurance was an affordable \$60—far less than we would have paid for a package tour. Of course, when exploring this way, there's no one to hold your hand and show you where to go. What follows is a suggested road map for exploring Grand Cayman based on our experience on two wheels. ??

About a 35-minute scooter ride away, the Cayman Crystal Caves await. Here, guests walk inside three very different caves to find stalactite and stalagmite crystal structures, formed by single drops of water and the slow passage of time. A personable guide talks about the history of the region and points out peculiar formations as well as impressive calcium carbonate crystals that seem to sparkle as far as the eye can see. The 'Blue Lake' is one of many highlights on a tour of the Cayman Crystal Caves. With great excitement, our guide directed our attention to a corner of the cave. It was pitch-black, and the only source of light came from his flashlight. At the end of the beam of light—hanging upside down and roosting among stalactites—a pair of fruit bats fluttered their wings. Someone in our group shrieked. Luckily, we all walked out of the cave unscathed and soon became desensitized to the dozens of bats we saw throughout the duration of our tour. The caves have only been open to the public for two years and are still relatively unknown to many travelers who go to Grand Cayman. Admission is \$40 per person. If a local tells you to "go to Hell," don't take it the wrong way. Hell, located in West Bay, is a jagged black limestone and dolomite rock formation that's millions of years old. It's worth stopping for a few minutes to check out the rocks and send your friends and family back home a "postcard from Hell" via the adjacent post office. Sure, the

rock formations won't floor you with their uniqueness, but if nothing else, you leave with a funny story to tell your friends back home. When most people think of Grand Cayman, they think of Seven Mile Beach. I, too, thought I had to see it. But to be honest, Seven Mile Beach seemed like just about any other major beach in the Caribbean—pretty but crowded with tourists and watersports activities. Rather than sunbathe with the crowds, opt for the far superior Smith Cove, which is about a 10-minute ride from George Town. Limestone formations flank the beach, creating a protective cove that's ideal for snorkeling and swimming in turquoise waters. If you don't have time to hop in the water, at least stop here to snap a few photos—you'll want to remember this view. After a day of zooming around in the sun, what could be better than alfresco dining on the waterfront? The Lighthouse at Breakers Grand Cayman, located about a 15-minute ride from the Crystal Caves, is just the place. The restaurant — which was built in 1966 to resemble a lighthouse — specializes in fresh-caught local seafood and Italian dishes with a decidedly Caribbean twist. Menu highlights include conch chowder, lobster tail ravioli and seafood pizza topped with mussels, clams, shrimp, lobster, mozzarella and fresh basil. Patrons rave about the Sunday brunch, but lunch or dinner here any day of the week is worth pumping the breaks and taking in the understated beauty of Grand Cayman. A version of this article originally appeared on TravelAge West's website. You can read it [here](#).

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South Sound Serenity: Exploring Top Attractions in Cayman Islands

Nestled just three miles from the Cayman Islands capital, George Town, South Sound unveils an array of hidden gems and local treasures that offer a tranquil alternative to well-known Cayman Island attractions. From pristine, uncrowded beaches and scenic strolls by the sea to a visionary artist's unique canvas and vibrant culinary scene, discover why South Sound, Cayman Islands is the perfect blend of sophistication and laid-back island living. Dive into these South Sound activities and discover a different side of Cayman Islands: Escape from the crowd at Consuelo's Beach

Consuelo's Beach is your seaside oasis, offering a tranquil escape for sun-seekers who desire a more quiet and laid-back atmosphere. Formerly known as South Sound Community Beach, it was renamed in honor of Caymanian environmentalist, Anna Consuelo Ebanks. Unlike the bustling Seven Mile Beach, this South Sound, Cayman Islands gem offers relaxing, uncrowded bliss. With the ample space, you can spread out a beach towel and soak up the warm Caribbean sun, enjoy a picnic on one of the beachside tables, and just take in the ocean views and soothing rhythm of the waves. While the waters may not be ideal for swimming or snorkeling due to stronger currents, surfers flock here to tackle the waves with Surfers Beach breaking just close by. Despite the lack of calm waters, the beach's peaceful charm makes it a favorite sunset viewing spot as well as a sought-after destination for beach weddings in Cayman Islands. Catch some waves at Surfers Beach

Wondering if there are surf spots in the Cayman Islands? The island paradise might not be a known surfing destination but there are a few breaks for experienced surfers looking for a challenge. Just next door from Consuelo's Beach is Surfers Beach, which earned its name from its popularity in the local surfing community. If you're a seasoned wave rider, you can catch some good swells from June to November. Just remember to prioritize safety and be aware of the conditions before hitting the waves. Take a dip at Smith Barcadere

Less than a mile from Consuelo's Beach is Smith Barcadere (also known as Smith Cove). With its calm and crystal-clear turquoise waters, the beach is perfect for a refreshing dip, as well as a great spot for snorkeling with plenty of fish and corals to see. This pristine cove is framed by limestone rock formations providing a sheltered swimming area

ideal for families with young children. You can sunbathe on the soft white sand, enjoy a picnic, or simply relax under the shade of palm trees. Just a short five-minute walk from the cove, you'll find Pure Art Gallery & Gifts, a quaint little shop tucked in a Caymanian cottage. Here you'll find a selection of art and prints by local artists and a treasure trove of island-inspired finds. Go for a stroll along South Sound Boardwalk A relaxing stroll along the boardwalk is one of the best ways to spend your downtime in South Sound, Cayman Islands. Whether you wish to go for a run, walk your furry companions, or simply soak up the panoramic seascape, the South Sound Boardwalk offers a nice leisurely escape any time of day. You can find the 1,500-foot long walkway on South Sound Road's eastern end near Cayman Crossing, continuing towards South Church Street. Take a glimpse into Miss Lassie's Mind's Eye One of the most unique gems in South Sound gives visitors the opportunity to behold a piece of Cayman Island history and art in the form of a traditional Caymanian wattle and daub home. Caymanian visionary artist Gladwyn Klosking Bush, more affectionately known as "Ms. Lassie," lived with her family in this house built by her father and grandfather from 1878 to 1881. Ms. Lassie's home isn't just any house, as it reflects her artistic journey and serves as a living testament to Caymanian cultural heritage. Driven by a profound visionary experience, Miss Lassie began channeling her visions into art, transforming the home into her canvas. She adorned the walls, windows, and even furniture with paintings that offer a glimpse into her life – celebrating both the ordinary and the sacred. You can book a guided tour of Miss Lassie's Mind's Eye through the Cayman National Cultural Foundation. Have fun at Dart Family Park Dart Family Park, located on South Church Street, is one of the best child-friendly parks in Grand Cayman. You can take the kids out to enjoy seafront playground facilities featuring several slides, as well as an amphitheater, climbing frames, and gazebos, all nestled amidst lush gardens. The park is open everyday from morning to evening. Visitors can also learn about Cayman's unique flora and fauna at the National Trust office located within the park. Try a new sport If you're thinking of trying your hand at a new sport, or if you're already a regular player of tennis, rugby, or squash, South Sound has something for you. The area is home to several sports clubs, offering a chance to learn new skills, meet new people, and maintain an active lifestyle. The Cayman Tennis Club

features nine courts and offers several programs for individuals, groups, kids, and families. Whether you're a seasoned player seeking to refine your skills or a curious beginner eager to pick up a racket, the club provides a welcoming environment and expert instruction. You can also book a court or explore membership options and be part of the active community. Rugby enthusiasts and newcomers alike are welcome at the Cayman Rugby Club. This esteemed club fosters a vibrant community for players of all skill levels. Offering competitive matches, social events, and a strong emphasis on sportsmanship, the Cayman Rugby Club is a cornerstone of the Cayman Islands' sporting landscape.

The South Sound Squash Club is a premier squash facility in the Caribbean. It boasts six air conditioned international-standard courts, suitable for players of all abilities. The club ensures a well-rounded squash experience in a supportive environment as they offer professional coaching, social leagues, and a state-of-the-art fitness area. Check out local hangouts

While primarily a tranquil residential area, South Sound offers residents and visitors convenient access to essential amenities, with close proximity to pristine beaches and other major attractions in Cayman Islands. South Sound's location is even more desirable because of the wide selection of restaurants, bars, cafes, and other local hangouts nearby. Here are some of our favorite spots within easy access from South Sound:

Seven Mile Beach Renowned for its pristine beauty with miles-long stretch of white sand, Seven Mile Beach is the quintessential Cayman Islands destination. The crescent-shaped paradise is just a short 15-minute drive from South Sound. If you're in the mood for a more bustling beach vibe, Seven Mile Beach is the best destination on the island. The shore is abuzz with bars and restaurants beside luxurious resorts, so there are plenty of places to unwind amidst the stunning seascape, cocktail in hand. The beach is also perfect for long walks with its uninterrupted stretch of powder-soft sand. If you're feeling adventurous, there's a plethora of water activities to do. You can go snorkeling, jet skiing, kayaking, parasailing, paddleboarding, and more. Then cap off your day by soaking in breathtaking views of the Caribbean's fiery sunset.

West Bay attractions West Bay is a dynamic district, just 20 minutes north of South Sound. It boasts world-class diving sites rich in marine biodiversity, pristine beaches, and an array of watersports activities.

George Town attractions Conveniently located beside South Sound is George Town, the

capital of Cayman Islands. Here you can get a world-class shopping experience and relive the rich history of the Cayman Islands. North Side attractions Tucked away on the northern coast of Grand Cayman, North Side's charm lies in its laidback lifestyle that invites you to reconnect with nature. From subterranean wonders to lush nature trails and marine encounters, North Side boasts a diverse range of Cayman Island attractions: Bodden Town attractions Bodden Town, nestled amidst lush greenery in the heart of Grand Cayman, exudes local charm and offers a glimpse into Caymanian history. Just around 20 minutes from South Sound, the former Cayman Islands capital features heritage sites, unspoiled beaches, and charming local hangouts. Cayman Islands events and festivals The Cayman Islands come alive with a vibrant calendar of outdoor festivals throughout the year. These celebrations showcase the rich culture of the islands, bringing together residents and visitors alike. Searching for your tranquil private enclave in the Caribbeans? We at The Bovell Team offer unrivaled insights and expertise in Cayman Islands real estate. Find your dream island home today! Reach out to us as +1 (345) 233-3000 or send us an email. Contact RE/MAX Cayman Islands

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7 Unique Things To Do In Grand Cayman On Your Next Vacation

Grand Cayman offers tons of activities for all ages! People aren't exaggerating when they call Grand Cayman paradise. Visitors can escape to a world of lush tropical forests, crystallized caves, and coral-sand beaches that go on forever. As the culinary capital of the Caribbean, Grand Cayman offers more than 150 amazing restaurants where visitors can get their fill of conch stew, coconut shrimp, fitters, and dense sponge cake made with rum-soaked dried fruit. It's also easy to enjoy poolside luxury at a spot like Ritz Carlton Grand Cayman or your own private vacation rental. While Grand Cayman is every bit as beautiful and relaxing as people expect in all of the predictable ways, many visitors are surprised to discover the amount of truly unique things to do in Grand Cayman. Life here isn't just about getting a tan back at your resort. Do you love the idea of combining the most popular tourist attractions with some spots that only Grand Cayman's insiders know about? Here's a look at fun things to do in Grand Cayman! Some popular tourist attractions in Grand Cayman can only be accessed by boat! That's why so many people are looking for unforgettable adventures on the high seas. At Anchor Boat Tours, we cater to people seeking boat tours in Grand Cayman that allow them to enjoy snorkeling, kayaking among the mangroves, or jetting off to stingray territory. Here's a glimpse into the popular itinerary options that await you when you book a tour with us: Getting in the water with tame stingrays at the iconic Stingray City Sandbar Snorkeling at Coral Gardens and Barrier Reef Enjoying the beach at Starfish Point Enjoying the beach and restaurant at Rum Point Enjoying the sand and visiting the restaurant at Kaibo Beach Reef fishing and deep sea fishing We offer full-day and half-day tours that fit your itinerary and budget. You'll always be in the best hands with our professional captains and crew. We also provide all of the safety gear and equipment needed for our excursions. Anchor Boat Tours is located in beautiful Camana Bay. That means that our guests can enjoy the great boutiques, restaurants, promenade, and courtyards of this vibrant retail and entertainment district just north of George Town. Don't miss out on the adventure of a lifetime ? book your spot with us today and dive into the wonders of Grand Cayman! Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Park is home to the endangered Grand Cayman blue iguana.

Grand Cayman is the only place on the globe where the blue iguana is still found. When you visit, you'll see the 2-acre lake that serves as this creature's habitat. As you tour the 65 acres that make up the park, you can dip into these seven attractions within the attraction: Floral Garden Orchid Boardwalk Xerophytic Garden Heritage Garden Woodland Trail Don't miss your chance to possibly spot a rare blue iguana in person at this beautifully preserved green space in the Cayman Islands!

Pro tip: Visit the Botanic Park early in the morning to enjoy the tranquility of the gardens before the crowds arrive. This is also the best time to spot the vibrant blue iguanas that inhabit the park, as they are more active during the cooler hours of the day. Don't forget your camera to capture the stunning flora and fauna! Let's cover some of the most beautiful beaches in Grand Cayman! Seven Mile Beach is proof that you don't have to go very far off the beaten path to experience beauty in Grand Cayman. As Grand Cayman's most popular beach, Seven Mile Beach offers a free way to enjoy natural beauty on the west end of the island. The warm, gentle waves at this beach are perfect for swimming and snorkeling. Cemetery Beach is a popular beach nestled within Seven Mile Beach. This beach is known for its abundant coral. This is also a great spot for seeing abundant fish varieties while snorkeling. If you're craving adventure, Cayman Brac is a wonderland of limestone caves and shipwrecks just 30 minutes from Grand Cayman. The only catch is that this spot is only accessible by plane. While things can feel secluded here, there are several towns with resorts and restaurants. Here's a look at the most popular attractions: The lighthouse and lighthouse footpath Parrot Preserve Peter's Cave Skull Cave Charlie's Reef Anchor Wall West End Point Lookout If you want to learn about local history, the Cayman Brac Museum is the oldest museum of the Cayman Islands. Little Cayman is another spot that can only be accessed by plane. Located roughly 60 miles off of Grand Cayman, the island is just 10 miles long by 1 mile wide. While its human population is around 200, the island is home to the Caribbean's largest colony of red-footed booby seabirds. The island also has more birds and iguanas than people! Little Cayman was a favorite diving spot of Jacques Cousteau. The Cayman Turtle Centre is a conservation facility that invites tourists to enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime wildlife adventure while swimming alongside majestic sea turtles in Grand Cayman's West Bay. The Cayman Turtle Centre is not just a place to observe

turtles; it's an immersive experience that educates visitors about the importance of marine conservation. You'll have the opportunity to learn about the life cycle of turtles, their natural habitats, and the challenges they face in the wild. The knowledgeable staff is passionate about sharing their insights, making your visit both informative and inspiring. One of the highlights of your visit will be the chance to interact with the turtles up close. Don't miss your chance to snorkel with dozens of sea turtles in a beautiful lagoon! Pro tip: Before you leave, be sure to visit the gift shop, where you can find unique souvenirs and support the centre's conservation efforts. Every purchase helps fund the important work being done to protect these incredible animals and their habitats.

Everybody thinks about authentic island-made rum when they think about the Cayman Islands. That's why a rum tour is always one of the best things to do in Grand Cayman! Cayman Spirits Company offers distillery tours at its 5,000-square-foot facility that makes the only handcrafted spirits in Grand Cayman. Following your tour, you'll move to a tasting room where you can sample fresh batches from Seven Fathoms Rum, Governor's Reserve Rum, and more. You can also pick up some local rum from the gift shop! Grand Cayman is one of the only places on the globe to have a bioluminescent bay. This phenomenon is caused by millions of tiny plankton that glow when their movement triggers a chemical reaction in the water that converts energy to light. There's nothing like being surrounded by otherworldly bioluminescence as you explore by boat or jump in the water in your snorkeling gear. Visitors can book after-dark tours that bring them to the glowing bay. Put this one on your bucket list if you're looking for unique things to do in Grand Cayman! The Crystal Caves are naturally occurring caves found in Grand Cayman. These magnificent caverns full of stalagmite crystal, fossilized shells, and animal remains were only discovered during the 1990s. As of 2016, they are open to the public for tours. When you want that perfect mix of relaxation and adventure when visiting Grand Cayman, only the hypnotic waters of the Caribbean Sea will do! That's why there's nothing like a boat trip. Anchor Boat Tours is your gateway to unforgettable experiences, offering the best way to explore iconic destinations like Stingray City, Rum Point, Kaibo Beach, Starfish Point, and more. Our experienced captains and crew will handle every detail to ensure a safe, relaxing voyage. Don't just dream about your perfect getaway ? make it a reality!

Whether you're swimming with stingrays, lounging on pristine beaches, or discovering hidden gems along the coast, your Grand Cayman experience awaits! Book your spot with us today and set sail on an adventure that will leave you with memories to cherish for a lifetime! Fueled by his passion for showcasing the Cayman Islands' treasures, Jedd founded Anchor Tours with a vision to provide unforgettable experiences for tourists while promoting sustainable tourism practices. Anchored in his deep love for his homeland and a commitment to... Explore, Experience, Embrace! Join us on a journey that transcends the ordinary! Our cultural bus tours are designed to immerse you in the rich tapestry of our local traditions and heritage. Whether you're a history buff, a biodiversity enthusiast, or simply curious about Grand Cayman's rich culture, our tours offer something for everyone. Discover the Magic of Stingray City Sandbar! Join us for an unforgettable boat tour to the stunning Stingray City Sandbar in Grand Cayman! This unique experience lets you swim and walk in shallow waters where you interact with friendly stingrays in their natural habitat. Experience the magnificent underwater world of Grand Cayman, a premier destination for snorkeling enthusiasts. With its crystal-clear waters and vibrant marine life, the island offers a variety of snorkeling spots suitable for all skill levels. Embark on an unforgettable boat tour to Stingray City and Star Fish Point and have lunch on us! These stunning destinations in Grand Cayman are known for beautiful scenery and vibrant marine life. This tour offers a unique opportunity to interact with stingrays and starfish in their natural habitats. Includes stops to: Cayman Spirits Company, Caybrew Cayman Islands Brewery, Boggy Sand Beach and Heritage Kitchen Along this journey we will eat, drink and lounge merrily on the beach. Our distillery stops include guided tours and tastings where you can try Cayman's celebrated Seven Fathoms Rum or a local beer. You'll also want to try our famous Rum Cake! Then we'll head for delicious traditional cuisine at Heritage Kitchen. Snuggled up alongside Boggy Sand Beach in West Bay, Heritage Kitchen offers authentic dishes in a friendly, outdoor setting. Grab your plate and feel free to head down to this spectacular beach where you can get your toes in the sand, enjoy a great meal and take a dip in the crystal-clear waters surrounding you.

6 Most Secluded Beaches in Grand Cayman | Explore Cayman

Whilst Seven Mile Beach is idyllic, it's also popular. There are a few beaches in Grand Cayman that on any given day, you might find yourself alone... Not many can resist the allure of calming solitude on a tropical island, even if just for a brief moment of escape. In the Cayman Islands, a handful of beaches beckon, offering a perfect blend of seclusion and serenity without venturing too far from the well-trodden paths. Here, one can bask in the splendour of the sun, sea, and breathtaking views, undisturbed by the presence of another soul or the intrusion of external sounds?save for the occasional leap of a fish, or the melodious call of a visiting bird. The top most popular beaches in Grand Cayman. Cayman Kai's public beach offers unparalleled snorkelling in clear waters. With basic facilities?restrooms, a lone cabana, and ample parking?it's an isolated oasis. Bring your own essentials for a serene escape, as there are no on-site vendors. [Click here for marriage requirements in the Cayman Islands.](#) Consuelo's Beach, while not ideal for swimming or snorkelling, feels like a haven of solitude. This charming and meticulously maintained spot, has several picnic tables and ample parking. Its allure peaks during sunsets, when Island weddings often take place. Governor Russell Beach, a tranquil retreat along the Island's coast road, has a single cabana overlooking the ocean and narrow, pristine beach?a perfect spot for a peaceful picnic or serene stroll. Colliers Beach, out east, is spacious and perfect for a relaxing visit, if you catch it at the right time on a weekday. The shallow sands make it accessible and, embracing simplicity, it features basic wooden cabanas, a dock and picnic areas, all shaded by surrounding trees. Although tucked next to the road, this oasis of tranquility feels like a lakeside retreat in the south of France, seemingly detached from the passage of time. As the wind gently rustles through the trees, it creates a serene atmosphere and an idyllic haven of calm and relaxation. This hidden gem offers a serene vantage point for captivating sunrises. A seemingly undiscovered paradise, there's a pristine beach, clear waters, and captivating wildlife. Not ideal for swimming, but certainly for a cooling paddle. Whilst some of these beaches are not exactly remote, they are better accessed by car. If you do choose to walk, always carry enough water, some kind of head protection and sunscreen

too. Please let us know if you have any comments, corrections or ideas to improve! The 2024 edition of the Explore Cayman magazine is a 160 page full colour magazine and is available on Island for free! The Explore Cayman app is the #1 app for the Cayman Islands and can be downloaded for free from the Apple app store. Monthly tips, articles and stories

Grand Cayman Island Planning Guide - Travel Caffeine

The Cayman Islands are the Caribbean's most picturesque place, popular with travelers and cruise-goers. This vacation planning guide offers tips for visiting Grand Cayman, best & worst things to do, where to eat, hotel & resort recommendations, beach photos, and more. (Updated January 3, 2024.) We love Cayman and look forward to our next visit; Sarah has been visiting Grand Cayman every year since she was a kid, so it's tradition for her. Cayman is a leisurely experience for us; we largely continue working as normal, just in a different place. When we're not working, we aren't doing much of anything. In other words, visiting Grand Cayman is akin to a work-play vacation, and not our normal style of go-go-go travel. With that said, I have done several things in our down time, and Sarah has done pretty much everything on Grand Cayman over the course of her life. The purpose of this post is not to offer a comprehensive Grand Cayman trip planning guide. Rather, I think a non-comprehensive Grand Cayman guide is worth posting because a lot of the information about Grand Cayman that's out there is pretty poor. Most of the information you'll find once arriving in Grand Cayman are sponsored pamphlets written by sponsored, advertorial content prepared by travel service providers, and it seems like a lot of online posts are just regurgitation of that. We've been burned by some of these "recommendations" so I thought I'd jot down some of my tips for visiting Grand Cayman here. Grand Cayman seems dissimilar to other places we've visited in the Caribbean. Grand Cayman is safer and its cities are better-developed, for starters. While over 2 million people visit the Cayman Islands each year, it feels less touristy than other Caribbean islands. There's much more to Grand Cayman than the tourist side, and even the areas of heavy development don't have that vibe to them. As with other islands in the Caribbean, travel and tourism is a huge sector of the economy in Grand Cayman, but there's less of a sleazy side, and more that's high end. In that regard, Grand Cayman probably has as much (if not more) in common with Hawaii than it does the Bahamas. Fortunately, just like Hawaii, there's a vibrant local culture throughout Grand Cayman that gives it a rich and unique character. One thing that strikes me about Grand Cayman is its diversity: expats slightly outnumber native Caymanians. This is true even in the

tourism sector, and it's a point that's illustrated by Rum Point. There, a sign post shares the origin of the staff and crew at the businesses, and a dozen or so countries are represented, including locations in Europe and Australia. This seems to be the rule, rather than the exception, elsewhere in Grand Cayman, too. Then you have the financial sector in Grand Cayman, which is no doubt a large driver of the local (and not-so-local) economy. I'm still trying to get my shady off-shore banking on in an effort to retire next year off my profits, but I've been told repeatedly, "sir, \$179 is not enough to open an offshore investment account." Nevertheless, I'll persist. Kidding aside, while Grand Cayman was once a tax haven and shelter for shady business transactions (and probably still is to some degree), this has been curtailed significantly due to legislation in the United States and other countries over the course of the last 7 years. It's unlikely the kind of notorious scenario like that of The Firm could occur in the Grand Cayman today. But it's still kind of interesting to speculate as to what each suitcase from Miami is carrying? snorkels and fins, or fat stacks of cash? Despite being a relatively small airport with only one runway, Owen Roberts International Airport in George Town is service by most major air carriers (some have only 1-2 flights per day, though). Many flights to Grand Cayman from the United States are via Miami, which is a little over an hour away. We recommend ITA Software to search for flights to Grand Cayman. ITA is the best way to find the lowest prices on airfare for set dates of travel. If you're in the preliminary stages of researching your flight, use fare alerts on Airfarewatchdog.com. You can set some parameters for the alerts here and receive email updates when they deem prices to be low. Airfare costs to Grand Cayman range in price dramatically, and depend more upon demand through Miami for your travel dates than your originating airport. For times we visit, we typically pay ~\$400-500 round trip, and this is true whether we have flown out of Los Angeles, Orange County, or Indianapolis. (All of which require connecting via Miami or, sometimes, Charlotte.) There are several car rental options at Grand Cayman's airport, and like flights, they range dramatically in prices. Book as early as possible because inventory is extremely limited, and cancel if you find a better rate. We typically pay ~\$15/day by booking early and monitoring fluctuations, but have seen rates above \$100. If you're staying on Seven Mile Beach, the cost of a taxi is likely to be minimal? certainly lower than what you'll pay for

daily parking. Note that, as a British Overseas Territory, driving on Grand Cayman is on the left side of the road. This is disconcerting and confusing for many Americans (me included). As most visitors to the Cayman Islands are Americans, there are "convenient" arrows painted on many roads. Driving around Cayman is generally safe and laid back (there are a ton of roundabouts), but every once in awhile, you'll see someone on the wrong side. The far more frequent hazard is crabs and chickens in the road, though. One of my favorite things to do in Grand Cayman is absolutely nothing. No joke. It's a great place to decompress, just sitting there under a palm tree or from a hotel balcony watching the waves hit the shore. More than anything else, my days in Grand Cayman are spent on a beach chair with my laptop in hand, doing exactly that. Grand Cayman is a perfect spot for a true vacation, one that is spent unwinding rather than doing "things." Of course, "nothing" is not very good suggestion if you're trying to find activities around Grand Cayman, so here's some other stuff we've done aside from nothing, some of which we recommend, some of which we do not recommend?

Rum Point ? This is the beach from which we leave for our Stingray City tour. There's a lot of recreation here, ample lounging space, a waterfront open-air restaurant, gift shop, and more. We both really like this area, particularly on an uncrowded day. It's busiest when cruise ships are in port at Grand Cayman (it's a popular port adventure), so check out the George Town Port Schedule and go at a time ships are not here.

Cayman Turtle Centre: Island Wildlife Encounter ? Known as the Cayman Turtle Farm, this is another one that's popular as a cruise excursion. Per Sarah, this changed dramatically after Hurricane Ivan. Before that, it was an intimate experience that allowed you to get close with turtles while also sharing information about their conservation. Now, the experience is much more touristy. The central element, holding a turtle, is still there, but dramatically reduced in duration. Everything else is more aimed at getting visitors to part with their money rather than teaching guests about the animals.

Starfish Point ? This is a location that's listed as a hidden gem in just about every Grand Cayman travel guide I've read. Sarah has been going here for a while, and says it definitely was a hidden gem at one point. That's not the case any longer. There are a variety of jet ski and boat tours that stop here, and on our recent visits, it was absolutely packed during the day. This does not mean it's overrated or we do

not recommend it. To the contrary, it's a beautiful little beach, and the starfish here are incredibly abundant. Our recommended approach is arriving early in the morning or going for sunset. The goal here should be to avoid the times tour operators are taking visitors. If you drive yourself (there's a small parking lot) and go after 5 p.m., you can still have the beach entirely to yourself. Stingray City ? This sandbar to which stingrays swarm is one of the coolest things I've ever done. It's one of Grand Cayman's most popular points of interest and is incredibly touristy, but it's also oh-so-awesome. The location is gorgeous, there are a ton of stingrays, and the interactions with them are really fun. We've been up close to stingrays elsewhere, but nowhere compares to Stingray City. It's hard to articulate just how awesome this is. I've done this a few times now, and I'll admit that it still makes me a bit uneasy. After Steve Irwin spent a lifetime of croc wrangling but somehow succumbed to a stingray, I think this is a pretty common fear. Freak accidents can happen anywhere and in any circumstances, something of which I remind myself when getting in the water at Stingray City. These little creatures are so playful that I usually warm up to the stingrays here within a few minutes. A variety of companies offer excursions out to Stingray City, but the one we recommend is Red Sail Sports. Sarah does her dives through them and was pleased with the service, so we decided to use them for Stingray City, too. All of our encounters with their staff have been phenomenal; they are incredibly friendly, knowledgeable about stingrays, and seem passionate about their jobs. This isn't to say other Stingray City tour groups are not good (I have no clue), but we stick with Red Sail Sports because our experiences with them have been unanimously positive. As with Rum Point in general, be mindful of the cruise calendar when considering when to do Stingray City. We've done tours that are half-full with only a couple of other boats out there on off days, and other days the tours are totally full with a half-dozen other boats out at Stingray City.

Seven Mile Beach ? Some of the Cayman Islands travel guides I've read tout the array of best beach in the world awards Seven Mile Beach has received. It's a nice beach, no doubt, but I think a number of these accolades stem from the fact that it's the most prominent beach in Grand Cayman, and where most of the luxury resorts are located. In that regard, it's like Waikiki Beach in Hawaii far from Hawaii's best beach, but the one everyone knows about since it's near so many hotels. Pretty

much every beach in Grand Cayman is absolutely gorgeous. Aside from Seven Mile Beach's length, I'd say its defining characteristic is the level of development and number of people on it. There's nothing wrong with Seven Mile Beach, per se, but I would definitely recommend any number of beaches in less-developed areas if you're looking for a serene experience. Smith Cove ? I guess you could say Smith Cove/Smith's Barcadere is near Seven Mile Beach. It's still in George Town, and is near-ish Seven Mile Beach to be convenient to visitors staying at those hotels, but far enough away to not draw hordes of tourists. This is a great spot for snorkeling, having a barbecue, and just swimming in calm water. In my experience, this is also the absolute best spot for photographing the sunset on Grand Cayman. From the cove itself to the rock formations, you have some interesting foreground material, and the beach faces the correct direction for shooting into the setting sun. (Seven Mile Beach similarly faces the correct direction, but you'll be hard-pressed to find an interesting foreground and will have other people in your shots, so unless you want nothing but ocean and sky, it's a poor spot.) Scuba Diving ? I don't dive anymore, but Sarah does, and she says the Cayman Islands offer the best diving of anywhere she's visited. The visibility is excellent, there is excellent diversity among the Cayman Islands' dive sites, and there are several relatively inexpensive dive companies that pick up guests from their resorts (even where we stay, off the beaten path on the East End). Beyond excellent visibility, the dive sites in the Cayman Islands feature a wealth of beautiful fish and 365 engaging dive sites. Sarah mentions the Kittiwake artificial reef, Babylon canyon, and Devil's Grotto & Eden Rock as being some of the best scuba diving anywhere. If you're traveling to the Cayman Islands, there's a relatively good chance you are going for the primary purpose of scuba diving. As such, we'd recommend reading posts about diving in the Cayman Islands from more knowledgeable sources. [Here](#), [here](#), and [here](#) are a few good options. Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Park ? This botanical park is known for its blue iguana. When Sarah was growing up, she says it was world-renowned for this, and you'd routinely spot dozens of huge blue iguana roaming freely. That sounds really cool, but unfortunately, it's no longer the case. The last time we visited, most of these iguana were in "protective custody" because local dogs had been eating them (no joke). You could pay extra to go near their cages, but it's hardly the same

experience. As a botanical garden, this Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Park is incredibly weak. The trails are nice and there's some flora, but it's nothing all that impressive. It's also really, really hot and humid. The blue iguana were the main draw here, and without them roaming freely, we see little point in visiting. Snorkeling ? If you're not certified to go scuba diving, you'll still want to snorkel. There's exceptional snorkeling all over the place, and you can see a variety of vibrant tropical fish, huge Tarpon, beautiful reefs, and even nurse sharks. If you do a trip out to Stingray City, many providers (including the aforementioned Red Sail) include a snorkeling stop along Cayman's barrier reef. Other recommended locations include Smith Cove and Spott's Beach. Really, though, just about anywhere offers something to see. Even under the dock at Morritt's is a great location for fish-spotting. East End Blow Holes ? These can be a bit difficult to find because the signage is small, but they are quite stunning. A couple of blowholes along the craggy coastal rock that sprays water up over 20 feet into the air on a good day. The Blow Holes are not a major draw, but they're worth seeing, nonetheless. I enjoy just sitting and watching these, particularly around sunrise when literally no one else is there. There's something oddly calming about them, and their repetitive nature is soothing. Colliers Beach ? This public beach gets our seal of approval because it's right on your way to the Blow Holes (about 7 km away), is usually uncrowded (save for the chickens), offers some shade, and a stretch of beautiful coastline. It's not the most dramatic beach in the world, but it's nice. Plus, where else are you going to see chickens wandering around on a beach?! Hell ? This is a "city" in West Bay, and it's totally pointless. It exists exclusively for purveyors of dad jokes to boast about visiting "Hell in Paradise," sending postcards "from Hell" to their friends back home, and buying incredibly tacky souvenirs from Hell. It's a complete and utter waste of time for anyone else. There are a handful of other things in Grand Cayman we'd like to do that we have not yet done, most notably the Cayman Crystal Caves and Pedro St. James Castle, but that covers the major points of interest we've experienced thus far. This is a big gap in our knowledge, as the only place we stay on Grand Cayman is Morritt's Tortuga Club and Resort on the East End. Sarah has stayed elsewhere, but it's been ages since she did. Located approximately in the middle of nowhere, Morritt's Tortuga Club is a fairly large resort, and is directly adjacent to Wyndham Reef

Resort. Aside of these two resorts (that are also timeshares), there's not a whole lot along this stretch of beach. Morritt's is fine, and from what we've seen of the Wyndham Reef Resort, it's also fine. Neither are ritzy nor do they offer the type of luxury you'll find along Seven Mile Beach. We've visited some of those resorts (including the Ritz-Carlton Grand Cayman, Kimpton Seafire Resort, and Grand Cayman Marriott Beach Resort), and the difference is night and day. Those offer 4 or 5-star service and amenities, whereas these East End resorts are 3.5-star properties with 4-star service. With that said, the distinct advantage Morritt's and the Wyndham Reef offer is their isolation. The stretch of beach between the two is quiet, and is not overrun with people, jet skis, or boats. The stretch of beach beyond the resorts is almost completely devoid of people, if you want to totally escape the crowds (something that is not possible in the Seven Mile Beach vicinity). There are a few other areas outside of the East End that offer similar, isolated resort experiences, but I have not been to any of those. Basically, when choosing a place to stay on Grand Cayman, it comes down to the development and luxury of Seven Mile Beach versus the seclusion and serenity of somewhere else. Which you prefer depends upon your priorities, but after experiencing the secluded side of Grand Cayman, I have no interest in Seven Mile Beach. Airbnb is also a popular option on Grand Cayman, and based on prices I see when browsing, it would definitely be an appealing option to me. I'd still avoid Seven Mile Beach and instead seek more secluded spots. Almost without exception, we've found the food on Grand Cayman to be expensive and underwhelming. We've been to a number of popular places, including Kaibo Restaurant (their beachfront bar is a good option for wood-fired pizzas), Agua Restaurant, The Wharf, and several other spots. We left each disappointed. Not because the food was necessarily bad, but because it didn't live up to the cost (even assuming you're paying a premium for ocean views). The lone exception to this for us has been a place called Kurts Korner. This place deserves serious hole-in-the-wall status, as it's tucked away behind a combination liquor store (?Water Boyz?) and dive bar, and is an outdoor seating area attached to a kitchen. There's no indoor seating, and the bugs can be sort of bad depending upon when you go, but the food is phenomenal and inexpensive. Whereas most everywhere else on Grand Cayman has premium pricing (ostensibly due to foods costing more on an island), Kurts

Korner is inexpensive by virtually any metric. The fried bread service (included if you're dining there) and conch fritters are both must-dos, and the rotating specials are all good. If available, we recommend any of the curries (coconut curry grouper and goat curry are the highlights), any of the fish, or jerk chicken. We've gone to Kurts Korner many, many times, and at this point, it's one of the few restaurants on Grand Cayman that we have any inclination to visit in the future. Its prices are about on par with the local Wendy's, and the food is exceptional. We'd also try other hole-in-the-wall spots, but probably wouldn't go back to Seven Mile Beach to eat unless it were a special occasion. Too rich for our blood! Speaking of the local Wendy's, it's nearby a supermarket called Hurley's. This store has a few locations on Grand Cayman, and you should seek one out if you plan on preparing some of your own meals. Smaller convenience stores are located all around the island, including near hotel and timeshare developments, but typically have exorbitant prices. Hurley's is more expensive than a United States grocery store, but by Cayman Islands standards, it's reasonable. Here are a few other things we didn't cover elsewhere, but that are probably worth mentioning: Finally, the Cayman Islands are generally known for being an expensive place to visit, which is perhaps in part spillover from its ties to the financial sector and in part reputation earned from the spots along Seven Mile Beach. If you're staying on Seven Mile Beach, eating there, and scuba diving from that area, Grand Cayman will be incredibly expensive. Your hotel could easily be \$400/night, meals at oceanfront restaurants could cost \$100/person, and the sky is the limit on daily entertainment depending upon how many dives you do. By contrast, if you stay at an Airbnb or a hotel on a different area of the island, you're looking at \$150 (or less) per night, potentially \$15/person meals (or less if you prepare your own food), and inexpensive entertainment if you're just spending your days on the beach. I wouldn't go as far as to say it's a "misconception" that Grand Cayman is expensive. It's a totally accurate conception, it's just largely true about one specific area that is most popular with tourists. Get away from that, and prices drop precipitously. For now, that's all I have in terms of what to know before visiting the Cayman Islands. As I mentioned at the outset, this is not to be viewed as a comprehensive guide to the Cayman Islands—it's based upon our experiences only. Consider this post a work-in-progress, too. If there

are reader questions about particular topics that seem pertinent, I'll supplement the main post over time. If you're traveling to the Cayman Islands, hope you have a fun and relaxing trip! Have you vacationed in the Cayman Islands? What did you think of the experience? If you've visited other Caribbean islands, how do you think Cayman compared to those? Planning on visiting Grand Cayman in 2024 or beyond? Any tips of your own to add about visiting Grand Cayman, or things to do while you're in the Cayman Islands? Any questions? Hearing from readers is part of the fun (and is helpful to others), so please share your thoughts in the comments below! Hi, we're thinking about travelling to Cayman Island in the spring of 2025, end April, start of May. We're looking for someplace quiet but near to restaurants etc if we decide to venture out. We're beach goers. Sandy beaches are a necessity. Any suggestions? My family is planning on visiting Grand Cayman, but it looks like Seven Mile beach is the only area that has beautiful, clear water. Is this true, or are there other beaches without the grasses and sargassum that you would recommend? My husband and I are going to the island in a week. We enjoy deep sea fishing but all I can find are private fishing charters at the cost of \$600 and up. We typically do a charter that anyone can book for around \$125 per person. Is there anything like that in the Cayman Islands? I have been looking for deep sea fishing as well. Let me know if you have found anything. We are hoping for a Mother and son fishing trip in November with our stay Thank you so much for this guide. My husband and I are timeshare owners and were looking at Morritt's for May 2024 for our anniversary. We've done Oahu, the Big Island, Great Exuma and Antigua so far and were wondering how this compares. We definitely enjoy a slower vacation style and off the beaten path is right up our alley, with short day trips to more touristy spots. Thank you for helping us decide to visit Grand Cayman!! We love Grand Cayman and we also steer away from 7 mile beach due to the cost. We go to Hurleys for groceries and pack a lunch each day while we are out exploring and snorkeling. We always clean up and go for dinner. We enjoy the food at the Lobster Pot and watch the tarpon feedings. It is expensive but we're on vacation. My husband always wants to eat at the Burger King on the beach. Favorite snorkeling spots are Eden Rock and Spotts Beach for the turtles. Love that you can shore snorkel from almost anywhere. Wreck of the Gamma. Starfish point is a must do. Our first trip to Cayman we

did the typical tourist spots including going to hell. We no longer waste our time with that. We still continue to visit stingray city and the blow holes. We have visited several other Caribbean destinations and Hawai'i but we return to Grand Cayman again and again. The color of the water, laid back vacation and abundant snorkeling. We say nothing compares to Grand Cayman. Please, need some help with a question. I want to go to stingray city and snorkel. I can't sign up for the Princess excursion, because they won't let you go anymore if you are over 70. I am 86 and like a fish in the water, but need to know which tour group has the easiest boat to climb back up on from the water. I see the Marineland one says it's easy, but they do not answer my emails! How about Captain Bryan's boat, is it easy? Thank you for this detailed info! I prefer to stay off the beaten path and also eat at local spots. Also, really getting out and exploring the island, I'm not a sit around at a luxury resort kind of person Is this 'safe' to do here? Question:

How far are Rum Point, Sting Ray City and Seven Mile Beach from where the cruises port?! Rum Point is a 50 minute drive, seven mile beach a 5 minute cab ride, and sting ray city a 10 minute cab ride to the boat dock then 25 minutes boat ride. Super informative Tom! Quick question: we're considering a January visit. Too cold for real beach & swim time? Thanks! Fine time for a swim but pools are not heated. We always visit in Jan/ Feb and swim. Are common options avail on Grand Cayman for purchasing prepaid Visa Cards, etc? Do grocery stores or drug stores sell them? We will be visiting Grand Cayman Aug 2019 via ship and would like to know favorite but not to spendy shopping spots after tendering on shore. Also: How far is Georgetown and taxi services to the shopping areas. Cruise ship tender right to Georgetown with a wide range in shopping from \$\$\$\$ to typically low end tourist junk shops. [?]

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Non Touristy Things to Do in Grand Cayman

Home » Cayman Islands Non Touristy Activities and Things to See You're headed to Grand Cayman, but you're not one for the typical tourist traps, right? You crave the road less traveled, the hidden gems that give you a true taste of the locale. You're in luck, there is a treasure trove of things to do that are non-tourist attractions where you can get off Seven mile beach and explore things off the beaten path. I've spent considerable time exploring this Caribbean paradise beyond the beaten path and I've got some insider tips to share. From secluded beaches to local eateries, Grand Cayman is teeming with off-the-grid experiences that'll leave you with unforgettable memories. So, forget the crowded resorts and overpriced souvenirs, let's dive into the real Grand Cayman! Table of Contents There's no shortage of unique experiences in Grand Cayman, all waiting to be explored by the curious traveler. Here's my take on some must-see attractions and activities you shouldn't miss. Nestled within lush tropical forest, the Crystal Caves offer an impressive display of stalactite and stalagmite formations. A guided tour gives a peek into these underground formations, their rich history spanning millions of years. This geological wonder, often overlooked by tourists, indeed deserves a spot in your itinerary. Recognized as a wildlife haven, you'd be amazed at the unique species you'll encounter at Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Park. From the vibrant Cayman Blue Iguanas, an endangered species native to Grand Cayman, to a myriad of exotic plants, this tranquil setting is teeming with natural beauty. The natural habitat within the park provides a critical breeding ground for the Cayman Blue Iguana, enriching the visitor experience with opportunities to observe these magnificent creatures in a serene environment. Pedro St. James, also known as "Pedro Castle," provides insight into the island's history, culture, and architectural heritage. Visitors can stroll through restored historical rooms and watch a 3D multimedia presentation to learn about the pivotal role it played in Grand Cayman's development. Held in Camana Bay every Wednesday, the Farmers & Artisans Market is a delightful confluence of local flavors and crafts. It's the perfect spot to sample local delicacies, purchase handmade crafts, and interact with the island's residents. For adventurers, maneuvering through the serene waterways of

Grand Cayman's mangrove forests in a kayak is a rewarding experience. Cayman Kayaks offers unique bioluminescence tours, featuring their electric bio boat experience and informative guides who educate participants about the bioluminescent plankton and their habitats. You'll get a chance to observe diverse marine life and bird species up-close while enjoying the tranquility of nature. Remember, the real charm of Grand Cayman lies far beyond the tourist thronged resorts and cruise ship ports. So, venture off the beaten path and uncover the island's hidden splendors, for a genuinely unforgettable island experience. Indulge in Cayman's British heritage with an elegant interpretation of this classic English tradition. Featuring dainty English sandwiches, cakes, biscuits, and a grand selection of teas, the Afternoon Tea at the Ritz Carlton encapsulates charm and grandeur. The lobby bar offers alternate beverage choices, if you'd prefer skipping tea and heading straight for champagne. Prepare yourself for a naturally illuminating spectacle as you swim or kayak through warm waters on this captivating nighttime journey. Cayman Kayaks offers a unique electric bio boat experience that allows you to explore the bioluminescence in a safe and informative way. Keep in mind: for the best underwater light performance, schedule this activity on a dark night, away from a full moon's glare. Why stick to a studio when you can practice yoga on clear, shimmering Cayman waters? Kirsten Cousins, renowned Paddleboard and Yoga expert from VitaminSea, is your guide. Her expertise has earned her global recognition as a premier paddleboarding teacher. If you'd rather retain more solid footing, join the free community beach yoga class on Sunday mornings at Governor's beach. This rejuvenating experience is a fantastic way to kick off a Sunday morning - entirely free of charge! Refuel post-yoga with a hearty brunch. In Cayman, brunch isn't just a meal - it's an event. Dress up and choose from an array of brunch hotspots to suit your mood. Experience sensual burlesque performances and soulful live music at Next Door. This modern speakeasy offers much more than just great jazz. You'll find their signature cocktails every bit as enticing as their music schedule. Start your journey at The Tasting Room and Cellars for an indulgent selection of Italian delicacies and fine wines. Cemetery Beach is also a peaceful spot for a picnic. Then choose your picturesque picnic spot from some of Cayman's iconic historic places, including the park at the wreck of the ten sails or the Queen Elizabeth botanic park lake. Enjoy a

boat ride to the tranquil Rum Point Club, a serene destination perfect for dining and leisure activities, or head to the glamorous Kaibo Beach Club for lunch or dinner. Spend the afternoon in your swimwear, lounging around on their upscale Ibiza-inspired beach daybeds while a live DJ provides the soundtrack to your relaxed afternoon. You can't go wrong at any Rum point venue! In fact, I proposed to Michelle at Kaibo! It was one of the most romantic things to do in Grand Cayman! Experience the pinnacle of VIP enjoyment with a private catamaran sail around the North Sound. Snorkeling gear is essential for enhancing your experience while exploring the vibrant underwater ecosystems. Savor gourmet treats onboard as you journey to meet the stingrays, guided by a private snorkeling expert. If you're planning a prolonged trip, consider checking out some suggestions for what to take on a sailboat. >> Here's a list of charter companies in Cayman. While frequented by tourists, places like the Crystal Caves and the Queen Elizabeth Botanic parks are unmissable highlights due to their natural beauty. These locations are perfect for nature lovers who appreciate exploring lush forests, unique flora and fauna, and engaging in activities like birdwatching and hiking. From the vibrant prints found in the Queen Elizabeth Botanic Park to the spiritually enriching energy of the Crystal Caves, these locations are worth a visit. Active vacationers might enjoy a morning practice session with a golf, tennis, or pickleball pro. Learn something new or indulge in a sport you don't often find time for at home. Savor the fine work of local artists at The National Gallery of the Cayman Islands. With regularly rotating exhibits, you'll get a profound glimpse into local island life. The gift shop offers a splendid array of stylish, Island-inspired souvenirs. Unleash your creativity at 3 Girls and a Kiln or the popular Art Nest Studio. Their weekly rotating class roster promotes new activities and potential hobbies. Reserve the VIP Movie theater at Cayman for a private film projection. Enjoy the film on comfy luxury seats, accompanied by pleasing company. Alternatively, revel in a beachside movie screening hosted by The Westin Hotel, complete with a scenic sunset backdrop and dinner service from a beach-front restaurant. Shop till you drop at George Town or Camana Bay. They provide the best shopping avenues, housing a range of local and international brands, boutiques, and upscale hotel shops. Spend a relaxing afternoon or evening sampling a diverse array of wines for a fixed rate. Situated on a cozy courtyard

at Camana Bay, you can enjoy your favorite vintage while basking in the vibrant island vibe. Visit one of the best gelato stores worldwide, run by Italian owner Marcella. Grab a gelato and relax on the waterfront, enjoying the coastal ambiance at Camana Bay or George Town. Experience life before tourists on the Cayman Brac and Little Cayman islands. Immerse yourself in secluded beaches, explore Owen Island, or climb the striking bluffs of Cayman Brac. Get grooving with Salsa lessons at The Wharf restaurant. Look out for sizzling dance nights or private lessons from skilled teachers at Fuego Latin Dance. For a more elegant choice, take up jazz, pole and aerial dance classes with Quintessential Movement on Seven Mile Beach. Join fellow food enthusiasts at Bon Vivant's show kitchen for a private culinary masterclass with the island's best chefs. Of course, the highlight of the session is relishing the fruits of your labor! Savor a meal amidst chic, vintage surroundings at Palm Height's beachfront restaurant, Tillies. Laze around on the beach between courses or find a vintage gem at their delightful bookshop. Having covered quite a few activities in Grand Cayman, I still have a few unique experiences up my sleeve that take you further off the beaten path. Here are some noteworthy picks from the pile: Hang Out with Stingrays in the Open Sea:

Indeed, it's popular among visitors, but the Stingray City sandbar remains one of the most captivating experiences in Grand Cayman. This natural sandbar, located in the beautiful North Sound, is home to a crowd of, incredibly friendly, stingrays that don't shy away from human interaction. Dine Under the Stars at Yara:

For an unparalleled culinary experience, I recommend Yara Global steakhouse. Nestled in the heart of the Seven Mile Beach resort area, Yara not only serves delectable meals but also runs a "Dinner under the Stars" night where they serve your meal right under the twinkling Caribbean sky. Pedal Kayaking in Bioluminescent Bay:

While we have already touched on Bioluminescence Bay, I want to bring your attention to the magic that is pedal kayaking in this awe-inspiring natural spectacle. Here, you can pedal your way into the mystic neon glow of the bioluminescent organisms for a truly mesmerizing ride. Mastic Trail Hiking: If you're nature-inclined, trekking the Mastic Trail is for you. Considered the country's best kept

ecological secret, this trail gives you a unique peek into Grand Cayman's native wildlife and flora. What's even better? The Mastic Reserve, which the trail traverses, is home to over fifty bird species and some rare, indigenous trees. This catalogue of activities exudes uniqueness, providing visitors with experiences not possible elsewhere. From swimming with stingrays to dining under the stars at a sophisticated steakhouse, pedal kayaking to hiking trails, there is something on offer for everyone.

Snorkeling: Okay, this may be not be non touristy, but get some snorkeling gear because you'll see more species of fish here in the Caribbean sea than you will back home. You can trust me on that one! There's more to Grand Cayman than what meets the eye. Delve deeper and uncover the secret spots and activities that mainstream tourists often overlook. Splendid wonders waiting to be discovered are ready to offer you an unforgettable Caribbean retreat. One of the most intriguing and less crowded historical treasures in Grand Cayman is Pedro St. James, often referred to as Pedro's Castle. A national historic site, it's steeped in rich history and past controversies of slave emancipations. Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Park, home to a dazzling array of flowering trees, shrubs, and exotic orchids, often gets overlooked by laid-back beach seekers. Take a leisurely stroll among these botanical beauties while you soak in their serenity. One way to enrich your island exploration is by tasting local cuisines distinct to Grand Cayman. The Cayman Sunday Roast at traditional beach-side shacks like Heritage Kitchen or The Brasserie are just two examples. Don't miss trying conch fritters, a local delicacy. Wreck diving in Grand Cayman takes a new meaning with USS Kittiwake, a submerged naval ship that turned artificial reef. It's a paradise for marine enthusiasts and underwater photographers. In the Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Park, you'll find endangered Blue Iguanas. Participate in feeding sessions and help protect these fantastic creatures. After a day filled with explorations, rest under the shade of sea grape trees and unwind at Smith's Cove, an intimate, hidden beach spot away from the bustling crowds. Remember, experiences at Grand Cayman aren't just about the most famous or popular attractions. They are about discovering places off the beaten track and soaking in the authentic island life it offers. Experience the variety, tranquility, and unique activities in your own time, and craft an unforgettable island adventure that's uniquely yours. Indeed, Grand Cayman justifies every single travel penny spent. It's a place where island charm

meets sophisticated living, where tranquil coastlines intersect with vibrant life under the sea. You can read my deeper dive on this topic here. Pedro St. James, often referred to as the "Birthplace of Democracy" in the Cayman Islands, stands as a testament to the island's rich history. Here, visitors can take a scenic stroll down memory lane, exploring the grandeur of a traditional Caymanian home. Remote from the bustling city, the Botanic Park offers a tranquil haven. It's not just decorated with stunning tropical flora but also provides a habitat for the Blue Iguana, an endangered species endemic to the Caymans. Grand Cayman showcases an array of local and international cuisines. From the delicious conch stew to the spicy jerk chicken, the island's culinary landscape is ripe for exploration. For the divers, the Kittiwake Shipwreck is a dream come true. Lying 60 feet beneath the turquoise waves, the former submarine rescue ship now houses marine life, making it a top diving attraction. Lastly, Smith's Cove's secluded beaches offer an idyllic setting away from the crowded tourist spots. The tranquil beach is a quintessential spot for relaxation, sunbathing, or simply appreciating the beauty of the Caribbean Sea. In summarizing all this, I'd emphasize Grand Cayman presents more than a mere vacation resort. It offers a journey of discovery, a trip beyond commercial attractions, encapsulating cultural experiences, natural wonders, culinary delights, aquatic adventures, and serene beaches. So there you have it - Grand Cayman isn't just about sunbathing and sipping cocktails by the beach. It's a place where you can get up close with stingrays, dine under the stars, and dive into a shipwreck. It's where you can feed Blue Iguanas, bask in the beauty of the Botanic Park, and soak up the history at Pedro St. James. Don't forget to try out the local delicacies and spend some quiet time at Smith's Cove. These are the experiences that'll give you a real taste of the Caribbean, far from the madding crowd. So, next time you're planning a trip, remember Grand Cayman. It's more than a vacation spot - it's a journey of discovery. And trust me, it's a journey worth taking. Safe travels, my friends!

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The Cayman Islands, renowned for their stunning beaches, crystal-clear waters, and vibrant marine life, are perched in the western Caribbean Sea. While these tropically blissful locations attract countless tourists each year, there is much more to discover beyond the sun-kissed shores. This article delves into the hidden gems of the Cayman Islands, offering a glimpse of the rich culture, breathtaking landscapes, and unique experiences that await those willing to venture beyond the typical tourist spots. One of the most captivating hidden treasures in the Cayman Islands is the enchanting island of Little Cayman. Despite being the least developed of the three islands—Grand Cayman, Cayman Brac, and Little Cayman—it is a treasure trove of natural beauty. Little Cayman is home to the iconic Bloody Bay Marine Park, where divers can explore exquisite coral reefs teeming with marine life. Visitors to Little Cayman can witness the impressive underwater landscape, which promises encounters with turtles, rays, and colourful fish. For those seeking solitude, the island's long stretches of pristine beaches, such as Owen Island, offer a perfect setting for unwinding away from the crowds. The waters here are clear and shallow, making it an ideal spot for snorkelling or just basking in the sun. Little Cayman's vibrant bird life is another highlight; a visit to the Booby Pond Nature Reserve provides opportunities to view red-footed boobies and frigatebirds in their natural habitat. Moving from Little Cayman to its slightly larger counterpart, Cayman Brac, visitors will find a landscape imbued with history and adventure. The island boasts a rich tapestry of stories, which can be traced back to its humble beginnings. One of the most fascinating sites is the Cayman Brac Heritage House. This impressive museum showcases traditional island life through exhibits on fishing, farming, and the Caymanian culture, giving visitors a deeper understanding of the islands' past. Outdoor enthusiasts will be delighted with the hiking trails that wind through the island's rugged terrain, particularly the trail leading to the top of Brac Bluff, the highest point of the Cayman Islands. From up high, panoramic views of the island and its surroundings are breathtaking—a well-deserved reward for those who brave the ascent. The island is also popular for rock climbing,

with various crags and cliffs, including the impressive "The Lighthouse" area, attracting climbers from around the world. For an authentic culinary experience, head to the local eateries where one can sample traditional Caymanian dishes. The famous dish "Conch Fritters" can be found across the islands, while the fresh seafood prepared with Caribbean spices exudes a unique flavour. For an additional treat, attending a local fish fry on Cayman Brac, where the community comes together to enjoy fresh catches and live music, is an absolute must. Back on Grand Cayman, the capital city of George Town, often overlooked in favour of its beaches, offers a vibrant cultural experience. The town is adorned with colourful buildings that house local businesses, art galleries, and shops. The National Gallery of the Cayman Islands presents a stunning array of local art, showcasing the talents of Caymanian artists. This institution serves as a hub for cultural education and appreciation and hosts various exhibitions throughout the year. To further immerse yourself in island history, visit the Cayman Islands National Museum. Housed in a historic building by the waterfront, the museum showcases the evolution of the islands through artefacts and informative displays, providing an exceptional overview of its maritime, cultural, and natural history. For those interested in local wildlife, the Mastic Trail offers a true glimpse into the islands' lush greenery and significantly diverse ecosystem. Stretching over two miles through the wooded interior of Grand Cayman, the trail is ideal for hiking, and you might encounter various birds, reptiles, and other wildlife. The trail is a testament to the Cayman Islands' commitment to preserving their natural environment, allowing visitors to connect with the beautiful flora and fauna that abound. Another hidden gem is the enchanting Crystal Caves in North Side. Comprising intricate underground formations, these caves are a geological wonder encompassing crystalline stalactites and stalagmites. Guided tours allow visitors to delve into the stunning underground world while learning about the caves' formation and significance. This geological marvel provides a respite from the sun and is ideal for families seeking an adventure off the beaten path. For those looking for personal connection and memorable experiences, consider participating in a cultural tour. Organised by local community members, these tours foster direct interaction with Caymanians, allowing visitors to gain insights into daily life, traditions, and customs. Engaging in local crafts such as weaving, cooking, or even traditional music

gives guests an opportunity to leave with a deeper appreciation of the islands and their welcoming inhabitants. In conclusion, while the beaches of the Cayman Islands are undeniably breathtaking, the true essence of these islands lies in their hidden gems. From exploring the natural wonders of Little Cayman and Cayman Brac to immersing oneself in the culture and history of George Town, the Cayman Islands offer a wealth of experiences waiting to be uncovered. Those who venture beyond the sandy shores are rewarded with unforgettable memories that will linger long after the last sunset fades. Q1: What is the best time to visit the Cayman Islands?

A1: The best time to visit the Cayman Islands is between mid-December and mid-April, which coincides with the dry season. This period offers favourable weather and conditions for outdoor activities. Q2: Do I need a visa to visit the Cayman Islands?

A2: Visa requirements depend on your nationality. Many countries, including the US and UK, do not require a visa for stays of less than six months. Always check current regulations before travelling.

Q3: Are the Cayman Islands safe for tourists?

A3: The Cayman Islands are generally considered safe for tourists, with low crime rates. However, it's always best to exercise standard safety precautions, such as avoiding isolated areas at night and securing valuables. Q4: What are some traditional foods to try while visiting?

A4: Traditional Caymanian dishes include Conch Fritters, Fish Rundown, and Cayman-style beef. Don't forget to sample local seafood available at roadside eateries and fish fry events! Q5: Is it possible to do eco-tourism activities in the Cayman Islands?

A5: Absolutely! The Cayman Islands offer various eco-tourism activities, including hiking, bird watching, and exploring marine parks and nature reserves that promote sustainable interaction with the environment. Be notified when new content is added to the Loving Travel website or when new videos are added to the Loving Travel YouTube channel.

Private Boat Charters in Grand Cayman: Discover Hidden Gems - Caymanvisitor

Welcome to Grand Cayman Island, a tropical paradise nestled in the captivating waters of the Caribbean. If you're seeking a truly exceptional experience, look no further than private boat charters in Grand Cayman. These charters offer a personalized journey that allows you to uncover the island's hidden gems. In this blog post, we will explore the allure of private boat charters in Grand Cayman and highlight a remarkable private boat charter experience that will leave you with unforgettable memories. Private boat charters in Grand Cayman provide the perfect opportunity to design your own customized itinerary, ensuring every moment on the water aligns with your interests. Whether you're looking to explore secluded beaches, snorkel amidst vibrant coral reefs, or indulge in thrilling water sports, a private boat charter in Grand Cayman offers the flexibility to create a unique and personalized adventure. From leisurely cruises along the coastline to exciting deep-sea fishing expeditions, the options are endless. When you choose a private boat charter in Grand Cayman, you can expect the expertise of experienced captains and crews. These local experts possess extensive knowledge of the island's marine ecosystems, wildlife, and history. They will guide you to the best snorkeling sites, introduce you to diverse marine life, and share captivating stories about the island's culture and heritage. With their guidance, your journey becomes both educational and unforgettable. Gain insights into the behavior of marine creatures and discover the fascinating history that has shaped Grand Cayman's identity. One of the most enticing aspects of a private boat charter in Grand Cayman is the ability to venture to remote and secluded locations off the beaten path. Explore hidden coves, untouched beaches, and secret snorkeling spots away from the crowds. These serene and pristine locales offer an intimate experience, allowing you to immerse yourself in the natural wonders of Grand Cayman Island. Marvel at the breathtaking beauty of secluded beaches with powdery white sand and crystal-clear turquoise waters. Snorkel along vibrant coral reefs teeming with colorful fish and other fascinating marine life. A private boat charter ensures exclusive access to these hidden gems, enabling you to discover the true essence of the island.

One exceptional private boat charter experience in Grand Cayman is the renowned Stingray City adventure. Embark on a guided journey to this famous sandbar, where you'll have the extraordinary opportunity to interact with friendly southern stingrays in their natural habitat. Wade into the shallow waters as these magnificent creatures gracefully glide around you, offering a truly immersive and unforgettable experience. Learn about the unique relationship between humans and stingrays in Grand Cayman and create lifelong memories as you connect with these gentle creatures. Private boat charters provide the perfect atmosphere for cherished moments and lifelong memories. Relax, unwind, and create lasting connections with your loved ones in a private and intimate setting, away from the crowds and distractions. Whether you're planning a romantic getaway, a family vacation, or a special celebration, a private boat charter ensures exclusive access to the boat and crew. Bask in the sun and simply take in the breathtaking views of the Caribbean Sea. The personalized attention and secluded atmosphere make for a truly memorable experience. Embarking on a private boat charter in Grand Cayman is an invitation to discover the island's hidden gems and create unforgettable memories. Tailored experiences, expert guidance, access to remote locations, and the privacy and intimacy of a private charter ensure a truly exceptional adventure. Experience the ultimate blend of luxury, exploration, and relaxation as you embark on a private boat charter in Grand Cayman. Discover the captivating wonders of the island, from secluded beaches to vibrant marine life, and create memories that will last a lifetime. Book your private boat charter today and unlock the true essence of Grand Cayman Island. From the renowned Stingray City to the colorful Cayman Turtle Centre to cultural activities at the Mission House, discover exciting Grand Cayman destinations and excursions ? on and off the beaten path ? with Cayman Visitor. International (866) 714-2309 Local (345) 326-2701

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National Geographic touts Cayman's hidden charms - Cayman Compass

It may only be 26 miles from end to end, but Grand Cayman and its charms were significant enough for a National Geographic publication to recommend an island road trip to its readers. The Cayman Islands features in the January issue of National Geographic Traveler magazine, which has 9.6 million readers worldwide according to its website. The coverage features a two-page spread, titled "Road Trip Grand Cayman," featuring a multi-stop tour of the island. Starting at the Kimpton, which it labels as a "hip hangout," it directs visitors on a round-the-island tour taking in the Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Park, the Blow Holes and the Wreck of the Ten Sail, Old Man Bay and Davinoff's Concrete Sculpture Garden before finishing up at Starfish Point. The article points visitors beyond the sun, sea and sand of the conventional Cayman holiday, highlighting the hidden gems of the island's eastern districts. It states, "On the other side of the island and tucked into the undeveloped interior, discover blue iguanas, hidden beaches, shipwrecks, blowholes and surprising sculpture. Despite its name, Grand Cayman, mostly unaffected by recent hurricanes, is easy to explore in a daylong road trip - leaving time to revel in more classic island life." For tourism officials, the impact of a National Geographic spread is huge. The Department of Tourism runs a visiting journalists program to help fund visits to island attractions from travel writers. In this case, according to Rosa Harris, director of the Department of Tourism, the Kimpton resort's public relations team arranged the visit and coordinated with the department over the activity schedule. Ms. Harris said helping fund such visits was part of the department's marketing strategy. "Having someone visit the destination and give their firsthand experiences is of great value," she said, "particularly in a magazine as well established and highly regarded as National Geographic." [Log in to leave a comment](#)

Best Attractions in Cayman Islands | Jacques Scott Online

Before you get started, you may want to make sure your favorite beverages are on hand to enjoy before, during or after your Grand Cayman adventures. Jacques Scott Wines & Spirits is the leading retailer of premium wines, beers and spirits in the Cayman Islands. Order everything you need online, including mixers and soft drinks, and have your purchases delivered to your home, office, vacation villa, resort hotel, or anywhere else in Grand Cayman. Choose free delivery to anywhere on Island, or pick-up your order in our flagship store on Shedden Road. We will deliver on the same day if you order online before 3:00 pm. If you prefer to pick up, order before 6:00 pm and pick up until the store closes at 7:00 pm. The two most popular tourist attractions in Grand Cayman are Stingray City, where you can interact with the majestic, graceful Caymans Southern Stingrays that inhabit the shallow waters surrounding the Islands, and the Cayman Turtle Farm, where you can swim and snorkel with thousands of Green Sea Turtles in the 1.3-million-gallon saltwater lagoon. When cruise passengers are in George Town, you can expect both attractions to be packed with people. Why not spend some time at one of Grand Cayman's lesser-known, but equally interesting, hidden gems? Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Park ? This beautiful 65-acre botanic park is paradise if you're drawn to native flora and fauna. Vibrant, colorful gardens will treat you to all kinds of rare, beautiful flowers, such as the rare Ghost Orchid, the Banana Orchid (Cayman's national flower) as well as endemic animal species, such as the Cayman Blue Iguana, which is found nowhere else on earth, the West Indian Whistling Duck, and the majestic Cayman Parrot, the national bird of the Cayman Islands. The Park is also home to the endangered Blue Iguana Recovery Project. Rum Point ? This expansive beach is on the north side of Grand Cayman, about 10 miles from George Town. Lounge in a hammock in the shade of the Casuarina trees or snorkel out beyond the shallow beach area, where you'll enjoy swimming with sea turtles, sting rays, parrot fish and lobsters. And, don't miss the Wreck Bar and Grill where you can savor authentic island cuisine and delicious cocktails. Crystal Caves ? This geologic wonder, situated in a lush tropical forest in North Side, Grand Cayman, took millions of years to form as seawater erosion created caverns filled with stalagmites, stalactites,

crystal-like mineral deposits, and a gorgeous interior lake. They are rumored to have been a hideout for pirates, but three of them are now available for daily tours (except Good Friday and Christmas Day). Bioluminescent Bay ? For a unique evening adventure, take a kayaking tour of the small, protected Bioluminescent Bay on the north side of Grand Cayman. The magical phenomenon, which causes the sea to glow during the darkest nights, is created by tiny single-celled organisms called dinoflagellates that emit light as they move in the water. Be sure to reserve a trip to Bio Bay in advance because the brightest light displays follow the moon cycle. The Cayman Islands offer some of the best attractions in the world for residents and visitors alike. Feel free to stop in at one of our Jacques Scott Wines & Spirits liquor stores in George Town, Seven Mile Beach, Savannah or East End for more tips! © Jacques Scott 2024 | [Privacy policy](#)

Discover Grand Cayman: Ultimate Travel Guide & Tips | Life, Love & Travel

Support Life, Love & Travel Grand Cayman, the largest of the Cayman Islands, is a paradise renowned for its stunning beaches, crystal-clear waters, and vibrant marine life. This tropical gem, nestled in the Caribbean Sea, offers a perfect blend of relaxation and adventure, making it a sought-after destination for travelers from around the world. Whether you're exploring its rich underwater world or soaking up the sun on Seven Mile Beach, Grand Cayman is a destination that promises an unforgettable Caribbean experience. Grand Cayman captivates travelers with its pristine beaches, vibrant coral reefs, and welcoming atmosphere. This Caribbean jewel is known for its exceptional diving and snorkeling opportunities, particularly at Stingray City, where visitors can interact with friendly stingrays in their natural habitat. The island's rich cultural heritage, showcased in events like the Cayman Carnival Batabano and historic sites such as Pedro St. James, offers a fascinating glimpse into its past. With a culinary scene that blends local flavors with international influences, and accommodation options ranging from luxury resorts to cozy boutique hotels, Grand Cayman promises a vacation experience that is both relaxing and exhilarating. Discover why Grand Cayman is the perfect destination for those seeking adventure, culture, and unparalleled natural beauty. Grand Cayman is home to some of the most beautiful beaches in the Caribbean. Each beach offers a unique experience, from tranquil shores to lively spots filled with activities. Grand Cayman's culture is a vibrant mix of influences, reflecting its rich history and diverse population. Grand Cayman is a playground for adventure seekers and those looking to explore its natural beauty. The island's culinary scene is a delightful fusion of Caribbean flavors and international cuisine. Grand Cayman offers a variety of accommodation options to suit different tastes and budgets. Grand Cayman's VIP airport service offers an exclusive and luxurious experience, including expedited check-in, customs clearance, and comfortable lounge access. This premium service ensures a seamless and stress-free journey, perfect for travelers seeking privacy and convenience from arrival to departure. Renting a car in Grand Cayman offers visitors the freedom to

explore the island's stunning beaches, quaint towns, and natural attractions at their own pace. With straightforward rental processes and the convenience of driving on the left-hand side of the road, it's an ideal option for those looking to discover the island's hidden gems and scenic routes. The official currency for the Caymans is the Cayman dollar, but the U.S. dollar is widely accepted across the island. Credit cards are accepted at most restaurants as well. However, American Express is widely accepted. Tap water in Grand Cayman is entirely safe to consume, so there is no need to buy bottled water while you are there. They use a reverse osmosis process to ensure it's completely safe to drink. The Cayman Islands use the same plug and voltage as those in the United States and Canada; therefore, North Americans will not need to bring a converter on their trip. Take any coral from the Cayman's waters. You won't see any fun souvenirs with coral pieces, either. So, as much as you want to grab some, I would advise against it. In Grand Cayman, English is the official language, spoken with a distinctive Caymanian accent that reflects the island's rich cultural heritage. This makes communication easy for visitors, as all signs, menus, and services are provided in English, ensuring a seamless and welcoming experience for travelers from around the globe. The national dish of Grand Cayman is conch stew, a flavorful and hearty meal made from the marine mollusk conch, combined with various spices, tomatoes, and vegetables, slow-cooked to perfection. This beloved dish reflects the island's deep connection to the sea and its bounty, offering visitors a taste of traditional Caymanian cuisine. Grand Cayman operates on Eastern Standard Time (EST) without observing Daylight Saving Time, placing it five hours behind Greenwich Mean Time (GMT-5). This fixed time zone ensures that the island remains consistently aligned with the same schedule year-round, making travel planning straightforward for visitors. The Caymans are located directly in the hurricane belt, so it's best not to visit during hurricane season. That being said, March thru June are the best months to visit, which makes it a perfect Spring Break destination. Dive into Grand Cayman's beauty and excitement with this detailed e-book guide. From hidden gems to popular attractions, this guide covers everything you need for an unforgettable island experience. Enjoy expert insights on the best places to stay, eat, and explore, all conveniently available on your digital device. Whether you're planning your adventure or seeking spontaneous

A Visitor's Guide to Grand Cayman's Seven Mile Beach 2024-25

Updated. November 14 2024 If you've ever googled "the best beaches in the world," odds are that Grand Cayman's Seven Mile Beach has come drifting across your screen. And, while being touted among the best in the world doesn't come lightly, you'll quickly find it's true. There's no doubt about it, this stretch of cerulean seas and pearly, powder-soft sand is the picture of heaven. But, before you can submerge your soul into paradise, AKA Seven Mile Beach, here is a visitor's guide you'll need to know how to get there. Start by centering yourself smack-dab in the middle of the Caribbean. It's a precious pocket of sea pinched between the Americas, where the Cayman Islands are arguably the king of the proverbial sandcastles. Seven Mile Beach, well, it's the icing on the cake—er, castle. It's THE place to be on Grand Cayman Island. The hub of utopia if there ever was one. Located on, you guessed it, seven miles (well, almost) of pristine beaches. Butted up against dreamy seaside accommodations, epic beach bars, and obviously, seafood eateries with million-dollar views. Exploring your transportation options in Grand Cayman will make for a seamless and relaxed travel experience, especially if you're planning on driving in Grand Cayman to explore hidden gems and local spots. Whether you're looking for flexibility with a rental car, the convenience of a taxi, or the budget-friendly public bus, there's something for every type of traveler. If you're looking for something to do besides basking beneath palm trees and bobbing in heaven's seas, you'll find there's a little bit of something for everyone on and around Seven Mile Beach. Seven Mile Beach is one of the most popular destinations for water sports and activities in the world. This stunning stretch of sand is known for its warm, turquoise waters and gentle waves, making it perfect for some on-the-water fun. Whether you're looking to swim, surf, jet ski, or snorkel, the options are endless. You're promised to be kept entertained in Seven Mile Beach. One popular activity in this area is stand-up paddleboarding. With its paddle attached to a longboard, this growing sport lets you explore the ocean up close and personal. And because of the calm waves and shallow reefs found along many parts of Seven Mile Beach, stand-up paddling is an ideal way to take in all the area has to offer. Other popular water sports here include kiteboarding, windsurfing,

and kayaking. In addition to its beautiful beaches, Seven Mile Beach is also known as an ideal spot for swimming, sunbathing, and soaking up some rays. With shallow water that stretches out into the sea and no strong currents, it's easy to splash around or go for a relaxing dip any time of day. The shallow waters make it great for families with young children who want to learn how to swim. Feel like ditching the sea legs? There's plenty to do ashore, too! Be it a safari, a spa, a golf course, or an art gallery, they have thought of it all on this stretch of Grand Cayman. You can even go shopping and head to the theater, or spend the day stretching for drop shots on a tennis court. How about stretching your muscles at a yoga studio? Other popular land activities include hiking, biking, and picnicking. You can also find several playgrounds located along the beach, making it a great spot for families with young children. There is also plenty to see if you enjoy bird watching in this area. With a diverse range of local species flocking to the beach throughout the year, it's a great spot for avid bird watchers looking to spot some incredible species. Visitors are in for some delicious dining options along Seven Mile Beach, with the area boasting a variety of exceptional restaurants that range from beachfront casual to exquisite fine dining. Sample local cuisine at some of the inland restaurants or enjoy international fare at any number of spots with spectacular beach views. This Caribbean oasis has something for everyone! LUCA offers contemporary Italian cuisine with stunning beachfront views, making it a favorite among visitors. For a taste of Mexico, Casa 43 Mexican Kitchen & Tequila Bar serves authentic dishes and an extensive selection of tequilas in a vibrant atmosphere. Seafood enthusiasts will appreciate Morgan's Seafood Restaurant, known for its fresh, ocean-to-table offerings and elegant waterfront setting. Traveling to Seven Mile Beach from the skies is an experience unlike any other! Aerial Tours take you on a breathtaking journey across the island with incredible views of turquoise waters, white sand beaches, and lush green jungles. Get a unique perspective of the picturesque island that you might not be able to get anywhere else ? explore untouched areas of Seven Mile Beach and enjoy the beauty of it all from an aerial view! There is no easy answer to this question, as the entire stretch of Grand Cayman's Seven Mile Beach is stunning. From the crystal-clear water, and powdery white sand to the serene, balmy weather and vibrant marine life, it's difficult to pick a favorite section of this incredible beach. Some

might prefer the quiet solitude offered by the northernmost tip of the beach, while others may gravitate towards the lively bars and dining spots closer to downtown. For those planning a honeymoon in the Cayman Islands, this beach offers an ideal setting to explore and create lasting memories. Ultimately, it all comes down to personal preference, so the best way to find your ideal spot on the beach is simply to explore and enjoy! After all, an afternoon spent soaking up the sun or kicking back in a lounge chair with a good book is sure to be time well spent on any part of this exquisite beach. Without a doubt, whatever area of the beach you find yourself on you're bound to be impressed. Accommodation options on Seven Mile Beach are as varied as the fish in the sea, so long as you're looking for condos, resorts, and villas! It is undoubtedly the best place to stay on Grand Cayman Island, particularly if you're yearning for ocean views, sea breeze, and endless amenities. Tip: be sure to book your stay well in advance, especially if you're planning to visit during the high season or for special events. Here are 3 popular complexes: With 9 beautifully renovated one and two-bedroom condos, a large canal-front swimming pool, private storage lockers, ample parking, and an 186-foot private boat dock, Snug Harbour View is the ideal choice for beach lovers. You can rent boats and jet skis steps from your front door and explore shopping, restaurants, bars, and entertainment attractions just minutes away! If you want a hassle-free beach vacation, check out Regal Beach Club. You can enjoy pristine sugar-white beaches and lush palms, as well as nearby restaurants, shops, and entertainment steps away. Luxury 2 and 3-bedroom condos have been remodeled with designer furnishings and high-end bedding ? ideal for travelers who want to be close to the action but still have the privacy of their own vacation rental. Experience luxury and relaxation like never before at Seven Mile View Condos! Enjoy beautiful oceanfront views from each of the five units, making it the perfect destination for couples or families seeking an unforgettable, VIP getaway. Watch the sunrise over the Caribbean Sea from your very own private balcony, take part in world-class activities, or simply relax and enjoy the warm sunshine. Saying there isn't a good time to visit Seven Mile Beach is like saying there isn't a good time to eat chocolate, it's not true! After all, air and sea temps have little variation throughout the year. It's always summer in the Caribbean! However, if you are looking for special distinctions like on or off-season, it may indeed

matter. The high season for the Cayman Islands is from mid-December through mid-March. This is when lodging, tours, and activities have both the highest booking rates and the least availability. So it's the crucial season to plan and book ahead. You might also be wondering about hurricanes, which is a natural concern in the Caribbean. The greatest chance of hurricanes affecting the Cayman Islands is from September through November. Although, that certainly doesn't mean the islands are closed up. You can still visit, and likely enjoy a less expensive trip. Fortunately, there hasn't been a major disturbance from hurricanes on Grand Cayman in nearly 20 years. Arguably, the best time to visit Seven Mile Beach and Grand Cayman is during the shoulder season. This is the time of year when the crowds are less, costs are down, and the threat of storms is minimal. The shoulder season on Grand Cayman is during summer in the Northern Hemisphere. This means the perfect time to book an island getaway is during the months of May through August. With so many amazing vacation properties to choose from, you'll have no shortage of options when it comes to finding the perfect place for your island escape. Start planning your dream Cayman Islands getaway today! For more information on visiting the Grand Cayman Islands, please visit our national tourism board website. Seven Mile Beach is actually approximately 6.3 miles long, but it is referred to as Seven Mile Beach due to its reputation as one of the longest and most beautiful beaches in the Caribbean. You can enjoy different activities at Seven Mile Beach including swimming, sunbathing, snorkeling, parasailing, kayaking, and more. There are also a few beachfront bars, restaurants, and shops that offer refreshments and souvenirs. Yes, there are a few restrictions for visitors, including that nudity is prohibited and you are not allowed to bring glass containers onto the beach. No, there is no entrance fee for Seven Mile Beach. However, some of the beachfront facilities and activities may require a fee, such as beach chairs and umbrellas, water sports, and equipment rentals. Yes, Seven Mile Beach in Grand Cayman is a great place for families with children. The beach has gentle waves, calm waters, and different activities to keep everyone entertained. The best way to get to Seven Mile Beach in Grand Cayman is by car, with several large parking areas available for visitors. Taxis and shuttle buses are also available from George Town and other parts of the island, and the beach is easily accessible by foot from many nearby hotels and resorts. Seven Mile Beach in Grand

Cayman is home to a variety of wildlife, including sea turtles, iguanas, and a number of bird species. Visitors can also see schools of colorful fish while snorkeling and may even spot dolphins or rays from the shore. It's important to respect wildlife by not disturbing or feeding them. Setting off on a Grand Cayman journey in 2025 and beyond is the gateway to an extraordinary experience where the beauty of azure waters meets? [Continue to Read »](#) New Cayman Airport Opened The highly anticipated announcement of the newly expanded Owen Roberts International Airport on Grand Cayman took place yesterday afternoon, with the? [Continue to Read »](#) The Annual Cayman Cookout 2018! The tenth annual Cayman Cookout will take place on January 10-14, 2018, when The Ritz-Carlton, Grand Cayman becomes the culinary? [Continue to Read »](#) Pirates Week 2019 Dates Announced! Perhaps no other Caribbean nation celebrates its pirate legends and cultural heritage quite like the Cayman Islands, which erupts into? [Continue to Read »](#) Toll Free

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The Ultimate Guide to Exploring Grand Cayman

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landscapes and scenic hiking trails, offering panoramic views of the Caribbean Sea. Experience the freedom of exploring Grand Cayman's coastal wonders on your own terms with a private boat charter. Set sail aboard a luxurious vessel equipped with all the amenities you need for a day of adventure and relaxation. Cruise along the coastline, stopping to snorkel in secluded coves, swim with stingrays at Stingray City, or simply bask in the sun on deck. With experienced captains at the helm, you'll have the flexibility to tailor your itinerary and create memories that will last a lifetime. In conclusion, Grand Cayman offers a taste of paradise like no other destination in the Caribbean. From offshore adventures to reef fishing thrills and everything in between, this island paradise beckons travelers with its irresistible allure. Whether you're seeking relaxation, adventure, or a bit of both, Grand Cayman has something for everyone. So pack your bags, chart your course, and prepare for the adventure of a lifetime in this tropical paradise. Your email address will not be published. Required fields are marked *

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Where to Stay in Cayman Islands: The BEST Areas in 2024

Home » Europe » United Kingdom » Where to Stay in the Cayman Islands (2024 ? COOLEST Areas!) Infamous across the world as a major tax haven, the Cayman Islands aren't just for the rich and famous ? they also offer a stunning tourism destination. Most visitors arrive as part of a Caribbean cruise, but it's totally worth considering as a destination in its own right. Scuba diving is a massively popular activity here, thanks to the crystal clear waters and diverse marine life. Stretched across three islands to the south of Cuba, it's important to get an idea of what you most want to visit before you arrive as there's so much to see and do on the islands. If you want to maximise your time, you need to do your research to make sure you choose the right base. That's where we come in! We've combined our own experience with advice from locals and travel experts, to bring you the lowdown on the three best places to stay in the Cayman Islands. Whether you want stunning beaches, laid-back coastal towns or unique local culture, we've got you covered. So let's jump right in! The Broke Backpacker is supported by you. Clicking through our links may earn us a small affiliate commission, and that's what allows us to keep producing free content ? Learn more.

Airbnb Luxe properties are specially selected for their high-end facilities and gorgeous interiors. This property comes with optional spa services, private drivers and even a chef. Even without all of this, it is well worth splurging on ? with an inviting private pool and gorgeous sea views. The high ceilings add a sense of elegance and class to the interiors. It's a little rustic, but this is the perfect getaway in the Cayman Islands for couples traveling on a budget. You'll get to enjoy your own secluded cove, which adds to the castaway vibes of this cute little villa. There are major historical attractions within walking distance, as well as regular transport options to George Town and the other side of the island. This four-star waterfront hotel beautifully combines modern comfort with rustic charm. Room rates are more than reasonable given the location and star rating, and Seven Mile Beach is right on your doorstep. The beach décor creates a soothing and calm environment ? perfect for a laid-back vacation in the sun. We also adore the on-site tropical gardens, where you can marvel at native turtles. Home to both the biggest harbour and the airport, it's pretty much guaranteed you will

arrive in George Town. This is the only city in the territory and offers the most diverse range of activities by far. Seven Mile Beach stretches along the western coast of Grand Cayman. It is home to some of the most exclusive resorts, condos, and villas in the territory. West Bay is at the northern tip of the beach and is much more peaceful than George Town in the south. Grand Cayman is easily the most popular island in the territory ? and we're sticking to it in this guide. While Little Cayman and Cayman Brac offer some fascinating destinations, they're much harder to get to and generally far more expensive than Grand Cayman. The main island also has such a diverse range of destinations in its own right that you'll barely have time to cover it all in one trip! George Town is the capital and only city in the Cayman Islands. It's the main destination for cruise ships and first-time arrivals, so it's full of visitor information, great tour guides, and historic attractions. It's also at the start of Seven Mile Beach which is lined with some fantastic vacation rentals in the Cayman Islands. Heading further up Seven Mile Beach, you will reach West Bay on the northern tip of the island. This is a much more peaceful neighborhood, making it the perfect choice for families visiting the Cayman Islands. It does have a more exclusive vibe so you will need to prepare to splurge ? but it's totally worth it to enjoy quieter beaches, and the best cuisine on offer in the territory. The Cayman Islands are generally quite expensive, but heading slightly off the beaten path can uncover some surprises for anyone traveling on a budget. Bodden Town is only 15 minutes from George Town but has a more local vibe, so accommodation and dining options tend to be much more affordable here than in the bigger tourist strips. Still not quite decided? We totally get it ? it's a difficult decision to make! To help you plan a little more, we've got more detailed guides for each neighborhood below. We've also included our favourite accommodation and activity picks in each. Want to save money on accommodation? We got you. For reals. Home to both the biggest harbour and the airport, it's pretty much guaranteed you will arrive in George Town. This is the only city in the territory and offers the most diverse range of activities by far. Whether you're looking for history, cuisine or beaches, you'll find it in George Town. For this reason, it's our top pick for first-time visitors. Need some help knowing where to explore? George Town is home to a variety of tour guides and excursion providers offering trips across Grand Cayman. Transport connections up the entire length of Seven Mile

Beach and east to Bodden Town are also quick and affordable. Aptly named the Sanctuary, this gorgeous boutique apartment is located just outside Central George Town in the Grand Harbour region. While this area has plenty of attractions in its own right, it is also well connected to the heart of the capital. With colourful façades and breezy shores, the resort has an artsy and laid-back feel to it. Looking to splurge? Look no further than this lavish villa on the southern George Town coast. It has a secluded charm that will give your trip an exclusive vibe, and even comes with its own little slice of beach. The oceanfront cabana is a romantic little hideout, with stunning sunset views across the Caribbean Sea. This vast resort sprawls along its own section of Seven Mile Beach, where you can enjoy endless vistas of the Caribbean Sea. The hotel is surrounded by other major attractions, including the Links at Seahaven Golf Course. This makes it a great choice for a laid-back holiday, as you won't have to travel too far to get around. The complimentary breakfast is also pretty incredible, with enough options to keep you going for days. We've tested countless backpacks over the years, but there's one that has always been the best and remains the best buy for adventurers: the broke backpacker-approved Osprey Aether and Ariel series. Want more deets on why these packs are so damn perfect? Then read our comprehensive review for the inside scoop! There's no escaping it ? the Cayman Islands are an expensive destination. The tax haven status has attracted the wealthy for generations, and the remote location makes imports expensive. You'll have to prepare your wallet, and come fully prepared, but Bodden Town makes that a little bit easier. It has a more local atmosphere than George Town, so many of the restaurants and accommodations are more affordable. You'll also get to see the real Grand Cayman. Cultural attractions are quite laid-back here, but you'll get a more authentic view of the island and its population. Bodden Town is far enough off the beaten path to provide a unique experience, while close enough to George Town to offer quick transport links. Picture this ? you roll out of bed in the morning, walk over to your own private little cove, and listen to the ocean waves lapping up the coast. This romantic hideaway is perfect for couples on a budget, and it's only a two-minute walk from central Bodden Town. There are also some great caves and hiking trails nearby, making this our top pick for adventure travellers heading to the Cayman Islands. This villa is on the splurge end of the scale, but is still far more

affordable than other luxury accommodations on the island. It comes with stunning views of the ocean, which can be admired from the infinity pool. You will have your own private stretch of oceanfront away from the tourist crowds, although the main Bodden Town area can also be reached on foot within a few minutes. Moon Bay is a little bit more affordable for those that still want to stay in a villa. Operated by Cayman Villas, you can sleep easy knowing you'll be well taken care of throughout your stay. The wider resort area comes with two pools and some tennis courts, as well as a small private beach for guest use. The villa itself is modern, and comes with a balcony and ocean views. Seven Mile Beach stretches along the western coast of Grand Cayman, and is home to some of the most exclusive resorts, condos, and villas in the territory. West Bay is at the northern tip of the beach, and is a much more peaceful area than George Town. It's a great choice for families looking to avoid the major tourist crowds, though you will have to prepare to splash out a little. Alongside families, West Bay is also a great destination for traveling couples. The resorts are more popular among families, so we recommend booking a condo or villa if you want to avoid this. There are beaches everywhere you look in the area, so there's plenty of room for everyone. This secluded gem in Cayman Islands is well-worth the price. Follow the palm tree-lined street that connects it to Seven Mile Beach for unspoiled views of the sunrise every morning. The apartment itself is kitted out with everything you could want for the ultimate comfort. You'll also have a whole host of add-on services to choose from to make your stay even more luxurious. For families on a budget, this is a great choice for accommodation located right on the beach! It sleeps up to four guests in two bedroom, and has modern interiors. Snorkelling gear is available for guest use ? perfect for keeping everyone entertained. The Westin are known for their luxurious elegance across the world ? and their Grand Cayman resort is no different! The on-site Hibiscus Spa offers every holistic therapy and beauty treatment you can imagine. The rooms are spacious and stylishly decorated, with guaranteed great views across the coast. All of this is only steps away from Seven Mile Beach. Stash your cash safely with this money belt. It will keep your valuables safely concealed, no matter where you go. It looks exactly like a normal belt except for a SECRET interior pocket perfectly designed to hide a wad of cash, a passport photocopy or anything else you may

wish to hide. Never get caught with your pants down again! (Unless you want to?) Here's what people usually ask us about the areas of Cayman Islands and where to stay. West Bay, located at the northern end of Seven Mile Beach, is gorgeous! The best places to stay here are right on the beach, so you can enjoy the sun and sand to the fullest. I recommend this stunning Airbnb, only a 4-minute walk from Seven Mile Beach. I absolutely loved Grand Cayman Marriott Beach! It's right by Seven Mile Beach, so you can enjoy the glorious Cayman Islands' sun and sand. Plus, they have lovely tropical gardens, where you can marvel at native turtles. Grand Cayman is the biggest and most developed of the three islands. It's my top pick for where to stay. You'll find old mansions, beautiful gardens, and museums to explore here. You also don't wanna miss the ICONIC Seven Mile Beach! Yes, sharks are there? But encounters are rare and the majority of species are not seen as threats to humans. In fact, spotting a shark here is often considered a special event, indicating thriving coral reefs. You can enjoy a totally safe stay here! Pants, socks, underwear, soap?! Take it from me, packing for a hostel stay is not always quite as straightforward as it seems. Working out what to bring and what to leave at home is an art I have perfected over many years. Snoring dorm-mates can ruin your nights rest and seriously damage the hostel experience. This is why I always travel with a pack of decent ear plugs. Trust us, this is an absolute game changer. Super compact, a hanging mesh laundry bag stops your dirty clothes from stinking, you don't know how much you need one of these? so just get it, thank us later. Hostel towels are scummy and take forever to dry. Microfibre towels dry quickly, are compact, lightweight, and can be used as a blanket or yoga mat if need be. Forget about Poker! Monopoly Deal is the single best travel card game that we have ever played. Works with 2-5 players and guarantees happy days. Always travel with a water bottle! They save you money and reduce your plastic footprint on our planet. The Grayl Geopress acts as a purifier AND temperature regulator. Boom! Check out my definitive Hotel Packing list for even more top packing tips! ALWAYS sort out your backpacker insurance before your trip. There's plenty to choose from in that department, but a good place to start is Safety Wing. They offer month-to-month payments, no lock-in contracts, and require absolutely no itineraries: that's the exact kind of insurance long-term travellers and digital nomads

need. SafetyWing is cheap, easy, and admin-free: just sign up lickety-split so you can get back to it! Click the button below to learn more about SafetyWing's setup or read our insider review for the full tasty scoop. The Cayman Islands are a stunning destination in the heart of the Caribbean offering more than just unspoiled views. The beaches here are the perfect spot for discovering marine life and enjoying water sports. In the towns, you will also find some fascinating historic attractions, unique local cuisine, and vibrant cultural highlights. The Cayman Islands are more than just a cruise ship stopover ? especially if you want to veer slightly off the beaten path. In terms of our favourite neighborhood, you really can't beat George Town. The official capital of the Cayman Islands, it has everything you'll need including grocery stores, restaurants, and visitor guides. It's also well connected to both West Bay and Bodden Town. If you can, I recommend travelling around the islands. While we've only included destinations on Grand Cayman, the smaller islands have are well worth a day-trip and have some hidden gems of their own. We hope this guide has helped you narrow down your options for your upcoming trip to the Cayman Islands. All that's left to do is pack your beach bag and get going! Did we miss anything? Let us know in the comments! A couple of you lovely readers suggested we set up a tip jar for direct support as an alternative to booking through our links. So we created one! You can now buy The Broke Backpacker a coffee. If you like and use our content to plan your trips, it's a much appreciated way to show appreciation ? Share or save this post Your email address will not be published. Required fields are marked * Comment * Name * Email * Website Save my name, email, and website in this browser for the next time I comment. Notify me of followup comments via e-mail. ??

Hidden Treasures of the Eastern Districts - Corcoran Cayman

The Cayman Islands is renowned for their unparalleled beauty and unmatched serenity, offering some of the most sought-after real estate opportunities in the world. When it comes to island living, the districts of North Side and East End stand out as hidden gems. Here are some spots that make these districts so extraordinary. Rum Point is located on the northern side of Grand Cayman. It's a serene oasis known for its powdery white sand beaches and crystal-clear waters, as well as the friendly stingrays that pay a visit from time to time. A day at Rum Point often involves snorkelling, paddleboarding, or simply basking in the sun. Don't forget to stop by the Rum Point Beach Bar for a refreshing piña colada or their signature mudslide. Just a stone's throw away from Rum Point lies the shores of Starfish Point, a beach that's tucked away from the hustle and bustle you'd usually find along the Seven Mile Strip. As the name suggests, Starfish point is the perfect place to observe these beautiful creatures up close in their natural habitat. The shallow, tranquil waters and quiet beach are also perfect for swimming, enjoying a picnic or simply taking in the sunset. As beautiful as the starfish may be, visitors are reminded not to touch them or remove them from the water as this can cause stress to these beautiful animals. Nestled in North Side, the Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Park is a haven for nature enthusiasts. This lush oasis boasts a diverse range of flora and fauna, including the indigenous and protected blue iguana, which you can spot while strolling through the woodland and wetland trails. The park's picturesque surroundings make it a fantastic place for a leisurely family outing or a peaceful escape. Explore the mystical wonders of Cayman's underground world at the Crystal Caves. These stunning caves are adorned with crystal-like stalactite and stalagmite that have been formed over millions of years. Guided tours take you on an unforgettable adventure through this subterranean wonderland, making it a must-visit attraction. Although these caves have always existed, they've recently been open for exploration by the public, making this attraction a unique go-to spot for educational and historic excursions. The mesmerising, natural phenomenon in Bioluminescent Bay is nothing short of magical. Witness the waters come to life with a stunning blue glow as tiny, light-emitting organisms respond to movement.

This natural spectacle is a rare and unforgettable experience. Kayak, swim, or even snorkel under the night sky, as you bask in the water's bioluminescent glow. Owning property in the eastern districts means having easy access to the island's many wonders of nature. Living in these districts means not just owning a home, but embracing a lifestyle that seamlessly blends luxury, nature and tranquillity. At Corcoran Cayman Islands, we're here to help you turn your island living dream into a reality. If you're ready to make North Side or East End your forever home, contact us today and let us assist you in finding the property that matches your vision. [Prev](#) [Post](#) [Next](#)

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The Cayman Islands have long been celebrated for their culinary diversity, where world-class dining is just another part of life in paradise. With Restaurant Month 2024 in full swing, it's the perfect time to indulge in the island's vibrant food scene. From waterfront seafood spots to modern fusion cuisine, there's no shortage of great dining [?]

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Hidden Gems in the Caribbean | Panache Cruises

For many people, when they think of a luxury cruise, their mind immediately jumps to the Caribbean. They're certainly not wrong, as many luxury ocean cruises and super yachts visit the myriad of beautiful islands and sail the crystal blue waters of the Caribbean Sea. In fact, most seasoned cruisers have probably been on at least one Caribbean cruise throughout their time. But where are the hidden gems in this well-known area? This is a topic we wanted to delve into, as bookings for the Caribbean are on the rise and it seems that cruising may return to this part of the world before other destinations open up. Luckily our expert Connoisseur Emma Taylor is here to help out! Here's Emma's top recommendations for the Caribbean's hidden gems... This happens to be one of my favourite ports and it's specifically due to one memory I have. St Kitts and Nevis are connected by a causeway and whilst on an independent tour of the island, our driver suggested, at the end of the day, that we drive up to the highest point on St. Kitts to be able to view Nevis.

This was such an incredible view, that even years on, it still sticks with me.

The view of Nevis is not only spectacular in terms of the scenery, but it also gives you an amazing view of the Caribbean Sea vs the Atlantic Ocean. The causeway cuts right between the two, so on one side you have the calmness of the Caribbean Sea and just a matter of feet apart, is the choppy Atlantic.

It really was a special end to the day. As an animal lover, I'm always keen to see any wildlife on my cruises and this port really didn't disappoint! Cozumel is incredible for diving and snorkeling with some of the best reefs in the Caribbean, as well as a subaquatic art exhibit with submerged sculptures! The island is much smaller and feels more authentic than other Mexican islands, and gives you a wonderful opportunity to see sea turtles, manatees, and dolphins without the crowds of tourists. With shimmering blue waters lined with starfish and stingrays, Grand Cayman is also an excellent destination for any animal lovers out there. There is the opportunity to make the most of a wonderful experience at a turtle sanctuary, where you can really learn about the incredible conservation work they do there and even spend the afternoon on the beach swimming with the

turtles too! Well worth a visit! St. Maarten is a world record holder for being the smallest island to host two nations: France and the Netherlands. Philipsburg is the capital of the Dutch side of St. Maarten and is often overlooked as the French side is twice the size with more islands off its coast. It is the only town on the island with a 'city' feel and is home to some of the best places for authentic Caribbean cuisine which you can enjoy on Philipsburg's golden beach. One of the lesser-known ports of the Caribbean can be found on the French-speaking island of Guadeloupe: Iles des Saintes. Boasting white sand beaches, azure waters and swaying palm trees, this small island port is one of the most untouched and unexplored regions of the Caribbean, making it the perfect port of call for a spot of R&R. Surrounded by lush jungle, the mountains, waterfalls, and La Soufriere volcano present opportunities for more adventurous excursions by day; while restaurants and bars offer a surprisingly vibrant nightlife, featuring traditional Caribbean cuisine and music. It goes without saying that we are all excited for cruising to restart later this year, but I'm eagerly anticipating my next cruise in the sunny Caribbean! For some of our best offers on Elite Ocean and Yacht-Style cruises in the Caribbean for the end of 2021 and throughout 2022/ 23. Want to experience this? Give the Panache Cruises team a call on 0161 513 8200 and they'd be happy to help! Dedicated Cruise Connoisseur to work exclusively with you We will get to know you and understand your preferences Nothing will be too much trouble Your entire cruise holiday is tailored around your requirements From the moment you leave your front door to returning home we will take care of everything for you. Let Panache Cruises create your perfect cruise holiday Our founder has started and built some of the world's most successful cruise brands Our management team has decades of cruise industry experience Panache Cruises is solely focussed on luxury cruise. Supported by The Travel Network Group, one of Europe's largest travel businesses Our Customer Trust Account means that your money is 100% safe Our ATOL license ensures you are fully bonded and protected

AskOliveJames - Discover the Enchanting Beauty of the Cayman Islands: A Tropical Paradise Awaits

We may earn money or products from the companies mentioned in this post. The Cayman Islands is a British Overseas Territory found in the Caribbean Sea. The Caymans consists of three islands: Grand Cayman, Cayman Brac, and Little Cayman. Most people visit the islands for its excellent diving and snorkeling adventures. Grand Cayman is a magnificent small island boasting breathtaking natural beauty, clear waters, historic sites and delectable cuisine. It's also the largest of the three islands that make up the Cayman Islands. But not all your activities on the island need to be the typical tourist experiences. During your visit, you can partake in more curated activities, including indulging in a luxurious afternoon tea at the Ritz Carlton, practicing paddleboarding yoga, listening to live jazz at an authentic speakeasy, and chartering a sailboat for a day. Best of all, getting a taste of these activities offers a chance to support local businesses and immerse yourself in the unique local culture. So let's dive in!

Seven Mile Beach in Grand Cayman is known for its stunning white sand and crystal-clear waters, making it a popular destination for visitors looking to relax and enjoy the natural beauty of the Caribbean. Some popular activities for visitors on Seven Mile Beach include:

1. **Swimming and Snorkeling:** The calm, clear waters of Seven Mile Beach are perfect for swimming and snorkeling. Visitors can explore the colorful coral reefs and marine life just offshore.
2. **Water Sports:** Visitors can also enjoy a variety of water sports activities such as paddleboarding, jet skiing, kayaking, and parasailing.
3. **Sunset Cruises:** Experience the beauty of the Caribbean Sea with a sunset cruise along Seven Mile Beach. Enjoy the stunning views as the sun sets over the water.
4. **Beach Bars and Restaurants:** Seven Mile Beach is lined with beach bars and restaurants where visitors can enjoy delicious Caribbean cuisine and refreshing cocktails while taking in the ocean views.
5. **Shopping:** Explore the shops and boutiques along Seven Mile Beach for souvenirs, local crafts, and designer goods.
6. **Beachcombing:** Take a leisurely stroll along the beach and search for seashells, sand dollars, and other treasures washed up on the shore.
7. **Relaxing:** Of course, one of the best activities on Seven Mile Beach is simply relaxing on the soft

sand, soaking up the sun, and listening to the sounds of the ocean. Overall, Seven Mile Beach offers a wide range of activities for visitors to enjoy, whether they are looking for adventure, relaxation, or simply soaking up the natural beauty. Best time to visit Your best time to travel is in the spring and early summer, sometime between March to June. The weather is normally around 80 degrees. Best Hotels & Resorts The Westin Grand Cayman Seven Mile Beach Resort & Spa- it has the largest pool in the Grand Cayman. Kimpton Seafire Resort + Spa The Ritz-Carlton, Grand Cayman Palm Heights is one of the best new hotels Best Restaurants and Bars 1. Blue by Eric Ripert ? Located at The Ritz-Carlton, Grand Cayman, Blue by Eric Ripert offers a fine dining experience with a focus on fresh seafood and innovative culinary creations. 2. Agua Restaurant ? Known for its elegant atmosphere and delicious Mediterranean cuisine, Agua Restaurant is a popular choice for both locals and tourists in the Cayman Islands. 3. Luca ? Luca is a contemporary Italian restaurant located in the heart of Grand Cayman. The restaurant offers a diverse menu featuring homemade pasta, fresh seafood, and traditional Italian dishes. 4. The Brasserie ? The Brasserie is a farm-to-table restaurant that sources ingredients locally and offers a menu that changes daily based on the availability of fresh produce and seafood. 5. Calypso Grill ? Located on the water in West Bay, Calypso Grill is known for its stunning views and delicious Caribbean-inspired cuisine. The restaurant is a favorite among locals and visitors alike. 6. Ortanique ? Ortanique is a popular Caribbean fusion restaurant located in Camana Bay. The menu features a mix of Caribbean flavors with international influences, creating a unique dining experience. 7. The Wharf ? The Wharf is a waterfront restaurant in George Town that offers stunning views of the harbor and a menu featuring fresh seafood, steaks, and Caribbean-inspired dishes. 8. Catch ? Catch is a seafood restaurant located in Morgan's Harbour that offers a casual dining experience with an emphasis on fresh, locally sourced seafood. The restaurant also has a sushi bar and a raw bar. 9. Agave Grill ? Agave Grill is a Mexican restaurant located in Grand Cayman that offers a menu of traditional Mexican dishes, as well as creative cocktails and a selection of tequilas. 10. Tukka ? Tukka is a unique restaurant located in East End that specializes in Australian and Caribbean fusion cuisine. The menu features dishes like kangaroo loin, barramundi, and jerk

chicken. Bars that are fun to checkout: Mango Tree Bar Calico Jack's Bar & Grill ? This popular beachfront bar in Seven Mile Beach is a great spot to enjoy live music, tasty food, and refreshing drinks. Royal Palms Beach Club ? Located on Seven Mile Beach, Royal Palms Beach Club is a lively beachfront bar with a large outdoor seating area and a menu of tropical cocktails. Lone Star Bar & Grill ? This laid-back bar in West Bay offers a relaxed atmosphere, friendly service, and a selection of local beers and cocktails. The Anchor & Den ? Situated in the Marriott Beach Resort in Seven Mile Beach, The Anchor & Den is a stylish bar that offers a variety of handcrafted cocktails. Camana Bay Not far from Seven Mile Beach is the Camana Bay Area. Take a catamaran cruise from the harbor Rum Point Kick back and enjoy their famous mud slide cocktail on the beach East End The local food is worth the visit There are plenty of things to do in the Cayman Islands! Some popular activities and attractions include: 2. Visiting Stingray City to interact with friendly stingrays in their natural habitat. 3. Relaxing on the beautiful beaches, such as Seven Mile Beach, and enjoying water sports like paddleboarding and kayaking. 4. Exploring the Cayman Islands' culinary scene with fresh seafood and local delicacies. 5. Taking a boat tour to see the stunning coastline and hidden coves. 6. Visiting the Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Park to see native plants and wildlife. 7. Shopping for duty-free goods in George Town. 8. Discovering the history and culture of the Cayman Islands at the National Museum. 9. Hiking the Mastic Trail for a scenic nature walk. 10. Enjoying a sunset cruise or beach bonfire for a memorable evening experience. These are just a few ideas to get you started on your adventure in the Cayman Islands! Drop us a comment if you have been before and let our readers know some fun things to do. XOXO There are no perfect parents, and no perfect children, but there are plenty of perfect moments along the way.

Revealing Cayman's best kept (beach) secrets - 80 Degrees Today

Grand Cayman is famous for its white sand beaches. However, if you are looking to travel to the island, any tourism website will tell you that Seven Mile Beach is the best option for a day at the beach. Yet, any curious traveler will ask themselves: what is there beyond Seven Mile Beach? Sometimes the most magnificent beaches on this island are off the beaten track and slightly more difficult to find. As a Caymanian born and raised, I have found myself stumbling across exquisite beaches that are out of sight, but stunning and secluded. Over the years, I have narrowed it down to four hidden gems. Visiting and experiencing these beaches will change everything you thought you knew about the captivating beauty of Cayman's sand and sea. Beach Bay, Bodden Town

Beach Bay is one of the most tranquil, secluded beaches on island. Located at the deepest end of Beach Bay Road, in Bodden Town on the island's south, it is home to a sandy paradise. Many locals are unaware that if you drive as far as possible down that road, you will discover a beach all to yourself. Beach Bay is perfect for catching the sun and watching the ocean. There is a long, rocky walkway that meanders over into the water as a make-shift dock. It is simply wonderful. Head over to Beach Bay if you are looking for a beach that provides a stunning backdrop for your Caribbean adventures. In 2022, you'll also be able to stay in a luxury resort on Beach Bay. In late November 2019, revised designs and plans for the new Mandarin Oriental Grand Cayman were approved. The hotel will be the first five-star offering outside of Seven Mile Beach. It includes two, nine-storey buildings, 125 rooms and an assortment of residences. Collier's Beach, East End

If you do not mind a longer journey, Collier's Beach is the place for you. Famous for silence and solitude, this public beach on the East End of the island is the perfect place to take a moment to enjoy being outdoors. There are some lovely cabanas you can sit on in the sand, alongside the view of tranquil waters that are away from the crowds. Collier's Beach is where you can unwind, and simply breathe. Barker's Beach, West Bay

Barker's Beach has become renowned for its amazing wind and waves, making it a great location for kitesurfing and sight-seeing. This beach is pet-friendly, quiet, and simply a relaxing place to

spend a beach day. Additionally, located on Barker's Beach is Kitesurf Cayman, a sports company that offers professional kitesurfing training, lessons and equipment repairs on island. If you are not that much of a kiteboarder, try Stand Up Paddleboarding with Vitamin Sea Cayman, which also offers classes at Barker's in Beach Yoga and other fitness activities. Boggy Sands, West Bay

On Boggy Sands Road in West Bay, there are public beach access entry points dotted along the shore. This road is known for having a mixture of historic buildings and beautiful vacation homes. Boggy Sands Beach, however, is one of the best beaches to experience some amazing views of South Sound, George Town and the Caribbean Sea. Your ultimate Caribbean beach experience is not complete without Caymanian food. Head over to Heritage Kitchen, which is adjacent to the beach. You can dine at wooden tables outside the restaurant, or sit on the wall a few feet away from the beach to watch the waves crash and fall over the Boggy Sands coastline. Welcome to Cayman Crossing, where modern living meets island charm. This recently refurbished 2-bedroom, 2.5-bath townhouse offers a luxurious lifestyle with high-end finishes and thoughtful design. Liv Cayman Breakers Oasis presents an opportunity rarely found in the Cayman Islands. This one of a kind property is nestled on 200 feet of beach front on a site of almost 1.8 acres. This tropical boutique style oasis was created with [...] This is a low-density luxury beachfront development located on Seven Mile Beach. Sea Breeze has nine units with two units per floor. There is underground parking with two spots per unit with an elevator that allows direct access to each floor. Amenities [...] ?

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This post may contain affiliate links. The Cayman Islands is a Caribbean destination known for beautiful beaches, nature encounters, and laid-back yet luxurious hospitality. Instead of stressing over planning, copy my exact Grand Cayman itinerary for five fun-filled days in tropical paradise! The Cayman Islands are truly a year-round destination, though you'll get slightly different experiences depending on when you go. For example, May is the best time to go for a Caribbean carnival experience as this is when Cayman Carnival Batabano occurs. The weather is warm all year, with the rainy season lasting from June through November. Don't let this deter you, though because I visited in early August and had beautiful sunshine almost the entire trip. The rainy months are also when you'll see more diverse wildlife. Though a lot of Grand Cayman things to do are marketed for tourists, there are plenty of non touristy hidden gems to enjoy off the beaten path. There are currently no Grand Cayman visa requirements for US citizens (and permanent residents) but you need a passport. The Caymans Islands is a British territory so no passport needed for UK citizens. I flew into Owen Roberts International Airport from Houston, Texas, with a stopover in Fort Lauderdale. The airport was easy to navigate, clean, and uncrowded. There was also no line to get through immigration and customs. When I visited, leisure travelers staying fewer than 30 days and Caymanian residents and their spouses children holding US and UK passports were able to use automated entry kiosks that made entry quick and easy. Here's how I use my travel credit card for free Global Entry membership! The Grand Cayman airport is about 20 minutes from Seven Mile Beach and about 35 minutes from the former capital, Bodden Town, where I stayed for the first couple days of my trip. In August, they were aligned with Central Daylight Time so I had no jet lag or time difference to mind. Check out all my tips for catching flight deals and traveling on a budget to any destination! You will need wheels for getting around Seven Mile Beach and certainly beyond. I rented a car and was able to explore the entire island from early morning excursions to nightlife and highly recommend it. Here's all you need to know about driving in the Cayman Islands. Grand Cayman also has a public mini-bus system that runs through all districts of the island. The buses are

actually large vans holding up to 14 passengers each and driven by contracted drivers. Cash is the only accepted method of payment and you can use either KYD or USD. Taxis are probably the most popular mode of transportation for tourists because they are uninformed about the buses and apprehensive to drive on the left side of the road. But they can be quite expensive. My cousin took a Grand Cayman vacation just a few weeks before I did and found it more convenient and practical to hire a private driver than traveling by taxi. I initially stayed at Sea Palm Villas, a small vacation rental complex in Bodden Town. It was conveniently located for getting to local eats and activities away from the Georgetown, however, I would not recommend it for a few reasons. While beachfront, the water was full of smelly seaweed. I woke up with bed bug bites on my second day and decided to change my accommodations at additional expense. Lastly, communication from the owner also left much to be desired. I do, however, highly recommend the Kimpton Seafire Resort and Spa, which is where I moved over to and thoroughly enjoyed for the rest of my trip. Here's my detailed honest review of the Cayman Islands Kimpton hotel! I arrived early in the afternoon on a Friday and checked into my rental in Bodden Town off Governor's Beach. After getting settled, food was the first order of business! Chill Spot is a casual authentic Caribbean restaurant in the Bodden Town district serving Caymanian versions of staples like oxtail, curry shrimp, and conch stew. I hit them up multiple times during this trip and made sure to get a carrot juice or coconut water with every meal. Highly recommend! Smith's Bracadere is a picturesque and popular local swimming and snorkeling spot right off the side of South Church Street. There are tables and rustic grills for cooking out and eating. I saw roosters and chickens running around the sand and little fish in the water. The ground is a bit rocky and can be uncomfortable closest to the water so I recommend water shoes if you have delicate feet! Parking is across the street. Pepper's is a touristy bar & grill located in the Seven Mile Beach area. I drove out for a late dinner. It was not my favorite meal by far but the Pepper's punch (rum punch) was on point. Due to its popularity, it was tough to find a parking spot and there was a bit of a wait even to sit at the bar. Here are Grand Cayman Island restaurants I do recommend adding to your itinerary! Crystal Caves Experience was my first excursion on the island and something that I think sets Grand Cayman apart from other Caribbean destinations I've visited

so far! This guided small group tour went through several underground quartz cave. Read my full Crystal Caves Grand Cayman review for more details on this excursion! Afternoon Tea at the Ritz is a luxury bucket list Cayman Islands activity, in my bougie girl opinion. I spent the afternoon being catered to with classic tea service with champagne and British bites infused with tropical flavors. Though the weather is generally sunny and bright, indoor experiences like this one are great for riding out passing rain. There's a dress code here so make sure you read my full breakdown of the Grand Cayman Ritz tea experience so you know what to expect! Next Door ? I ended the day in the upscale Camana Bay complex for drinks, dinner, and live music at this speakeasy. This was recommended to me for adults only nightlife places to go with a sexy and chill vibe. I thoroughly enjoyed myself as a solo diner but would definitely go back with my partner for date night or my friends for girls night out! Tillie's ? I mistakenly hit them up for brunch, which wasn't actually a thing when I went, so I had a fabulous lunch instead. Although it was quite hot, the view of Seven Mile Beach couldn't be beat and my meal was delicious. Five stars for service, too, from the waitstaff to the valets. Seven Mile Beach Day ? I spent some time on the beach near Tillie's, the Kimpton, and the Westin and the water was consistently crystal clear, warm, and shallow. There were rocks in some places but no seaweed. I see why it's a favorite family friendly beach! The beach is dotted with hotels but there are public access points as well. For one point, I parked at the Marriott and walked a couple of minutes to the beach. People were doing all kinds of water sports like jet skis, kayaking, and kiteboarding. I will note that there was plenty of space on the Palm Heights and Kimpton strips of Seven Mile Beach but the Marriott has experienced significant beach erosion so there's very little sandy area to lounge on. Ice Cream between beach hopping, I refreshed myself with ice cream from Cayman Scoops. Library Bar ? Since I was completely settled into the Kimpton by this day, I made my first of two (or three) stops into the Library by the Sea cocktail bar located inside my new digs. The bartenders were excellent and I had a hard time deciding which cocktails and mocktails to imbibe. Everything I tried was tasty and smooth. Hence, me making multiple visits! Room Service Breakfast ? I started the day slowly enjoying breakfast on the balcony of my ocean view room and was shook by how tasty the food was and how quickly it came. Cayman Turtle Farm

seemed to be a family and kid centered thing to do but I (and my inner child) had fun. I wouldn't say it's one of my must-do Grand Cayman activities but it was a cool experience. I booked the adventure tour option. So I watched feeding time for the large turtles, swam with the babies, visited the hatchery, and walked through the aviary to try to get a look at some local birds. No luck on that last endeavor. Their gift shop is a good place to shop if you have turtle fans in your life like I do. Budget 1 1/2 to two hours of time for this. Souvenir Shopping with this being my second-to-last day on the island, I stopped into a few different souvenir shops around the resort area and in George Town to find gifts for family and mementos for myself. I liked Treasure Teez most and purchased most of my items there. Bioluminescent Bay Tour was the last structured piece of my Cayman Island itinerary a super memorable way to go sightseeing on the water. I highly recommend the public tour I booked, which included stops at Starfish Point, Jellyfish Point, and the Bioluminescent Bay with education along the way. Starfish Point is a shallow area near Kaibo where starfish naturally congregate and it's open to the public. Jellyfish point was full of mosquitoes and we got torn up! Bug spray is not allowed as it poisons the sea creatures so this stop our tour was cut short. Bioluminescent Bay is shallow (about 4-6 feet deep) and we arrived after dark in order to see the glowing particles in the water. I even got to hold a jellyfish! This was all made even more dreamy by the glittering stars in the sky above, unencumbered by any smog. Our crew was really fun and helpful and we embarked on a nice clean boat that looked brand new. Light refreshments and snorkeling gear were included. The meeting point is just five minutes from the Kimpton practically across the street. Nightcap ? And, off course, I toasted to my final night in town at the Kimpton Library Bar! Island Taste came highly recommended for the best patties on the island so I had to go twice—once for breakfast and again for the journey home! It's located in George Town so accessible even if your just visiting for a day from the cruise port. Kimpton Seafire Pool ? I soaked up the last little moments of rest and relaxation by the pool enjoying patty filled cocoa bread and a good book. The vibe was just right for final reflection. When planning a trip to Grand Cayman, I didn't see anything marketed specifically to solo travelers but my experience was still awesome. I had no concerns exploring Grand Cayman on my own as a solo female traveler. A common question I've

been asked since getting back is Grand Cayman worth visiting? and my answer is absolutely yes. It's certainly not the most affordable but I have zero regrets. These are my top tips for women traveling solo to help you make the very best of your trip! The U.S. Department of State advises visitors to exercise normal precautions with a Level 1 travel advisory. This is the safest destination designation. I personally, did not have any safety issues during my trip. It really depends on how much you want to see. For me, four or five days are enough but I wouldn't turn down one week. I hope this Grand Cayman Island travel guide helps you plan the most memorable visit soon and very soon. And sharing is caring so be sure to pin this post for later and follow me over on Pinterest. Thanks for reading! Seeing the Teotihuacan Pyramids from above in a hot air balloon ride is the ultimate Mexico bucket list experience! [Read More Mexico City Hot Air Balloon Experience](#) [Continue](#) What to wear and how to prepare to visit the Tulum Mayan Ruins & Hidden Beach plus other useful tips [Read More Tulum Mayan Ruins & Hidden Beach ? Useful Tips for Your Visit](#) [Continue](#) Here's everything you need to know before visiting Getaway Houston, including a packing list, things to do, and a discount code! [Read More Unplugged Weekend with Getaway Houston](#) [Continue](#) Take inspiration from my trips to different Mexican destinations with over 30 women's Mexico vacation outfits already put together for you! [Read More 30 Women's Mexico Vacation Outfits](#) [Continue](#) Explore the best of Houston's Historic Third Ward neighborhood and learn about its rich Black history through the eyes of a current resident with generations-deep roots in the area. [Read More My Neighborhood Guide: Historic Third Ward in Houston, Texas](#) [Continue](#) Two-day travel diary for a luxurious solo trip to Cabo San Lucas for nothing but peaceful pampering, rest, and relaxation. [Read More Cabo Luxury Vacation Getaway Guide](#) [Continue](#) Your email address will not be published. Required fields are marked *

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the world of automobiles under one roof! We were pleasantly surprised to learn that the very first vehicle to hit the pavement in Cayman was a 1905 Cadillac, and they have an exact replica on display. There is so much to see and so many RARE vehicles and WAIT, stop the press, they have the "Batmobile." It's so extraordinary! Who knew this treasure was right in our own backyard? The Cayman Motor Museum is a must see, don't miss this hidden gem. It has been so very worth the trip! Our afternoon is covered with 2 plus hours well spent. Ferraris, Jaguars and Rolls Royce's, oh my! This has been a phenomenal day so far. Time is quickly leaving us, so our last group decision is a stop at Cayman's own Margaritaville. We've heard this is not to be missed and rumor has it they've even got a very cool indoor water slide. So off we go, Margaritaville it is! What a treat and the simply awesome margarita's do not disappoint, and yes, they do have an indoor waterslide. It's a very nice touch! Many signature cocktails tantalize our taste buds with some delicious treats. Oh the joys of island living! With the evening chasing us, it's time to head back. look for more to come on those hidden spots right here in Grand Cayman! Thank you for helping us make our dreams come true. We loved working with Kristina and hope to have the opportunity to work with you all again.

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Best Snorkeling in the Grand Cayman Islands

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? 8 months, 3 weeks ago The Grand Cayman Islands are a snorkeler's paradise, with crystal-clear waters teeming with colorful marine life. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced snorkeler, there are plenty of amazing spots to explore. In this article, we will take a closer look at the best snorkeling locations in the Grand Cayman Islands, the marine life you can expect to encounter, when to snorkel, important tips, hidden gems, and what you should bring for your snorkeling adventure. When it comes to snorkeling in the Grand Cayman Islands, there are several spots that stand out from the rest. Here are some of the top snorkeling locations: Aside from these popular spots, the Grand Cayman Islands offer a plethora of other fantastic snorkeling locations waiting to be explored. One such hidden gem is the Coral Gardens, located off the coast of Seven Mile Beach. Here, snorkelers can marvel at a diverse range of coral species and colorful fish, creating a mesmerizing underwater paradise. For those seeking a more adventurous snorkeling experience, the Wreck of the Cali is a must-visit site. This sunken shipwreck, located near George Town, provides a unique opportunity to witness marine life thriving amidst the remnants of a historic vessel. Exploring the nooks and crannies of the wreck, divers may encounter schools of fish and even the occasional sea turtle gliding gracefully through the water. The Grand Cayman Islands are a true paradise for marine enthusiasts, offering a rich tapestry of underwater life waiting to be explored. As you dip beneath the crystal-clear waters, a world of wonder unfolds before your eyes. Here are some of the fascinating creatures you might encounter while snorkeling: Exploring the underwater world of the Grand Cayman Islands is like stepping into a living postcard, where every flip of a fin reveals a new marvel to behold. The delicate dance of marine life unfolds around you, showcasing the intricate balance of this vibrant ecosystem. From the smallest clownfish seeking refuge in swaying anemones to the graceful eagle rays gliding effortlessly through the depths, each encounter offers a glimpse into a world teeming with beauty and diversity. The Grand Cayman Islands offer

fantastic snorkeling opportunities year-round. However, the best time to snorkel is during the dry season, which runs from November to April. During this period, the water visibility is at its best, and the weather is generally calm. It's important to note that hurricane season takes place from June to November, so be sure to check the weather conditions before heading out. Snorkeling in the Grand Cayman Islands is a mesmerizing experience that allows you to explore vibrant coral reefs teeming with colorful fish and other marine life. The crystal-clear waters provide an ideal environment for snorkelers of all skill levels, from beginners to advanced enthusiasts. The underwater world of the Cayman Islands is a treasure trove waiting to be discovered, with unique species such as the majestic eagle ray and the elusive octopus. Aside from the incredible marine biodiversity, the Grand Cayman Islands boast stunning beachfronts and picturesque landscapes that add to the allure of snorkeling in this tropical paradise. Imagine basking in the warm Caribbean sun on powdery white sands after a rewarding snorkeling session, with the gentle sound of waves lapping at the shore in the background. Whether you're seeking adventure or relaxation, the Grand Cayman Islands offer the perfect setting for an unforgettable snorkeling escapade. Before diving into the underwater wonders of the Grand Cayman Islands, here are some valuable tips to enhance your snorkeling experience: Snorkeling in the crystal-clear waters of the Grand Cayman Islands offers a glimpse into a vibrant underwater world teeming with colorful fish, coral reefs, and other marine life. To make the most of your snorkeling adventure, consider these additional tips: Exploring the underwater world of the Grand Cayman Islands is a mesmerizing experience, with opportunities to encounter majestic sea turtles, playful stingrays, and a variety of tropical fish. Remember to move slowly and avoid sudden movements to not startle the marine life around you. Additionally, consider investing in a good quality snorkel mask to ensure clear visibility and comfort while exploring the vibrant coral reefs. If you're seeking a more secluded snorkeling experience, here are some hidden gems worth exploring: While the Grand Cayman Islands are renowned for their popular snorkeling spots like Stingray City and Cemetery Beach, venturing off the beaten path can lead to unforgettable underwater encounters. East End, located on the eastern tip of the island, offers a serene snorkeling experience away from the bustling tourist areas. The crystal-clear waters here provide excellent

visibility, allowing snorkelers to marvel at the vibrant coral formations and an array of tropical fish species that call this area home. For those looking to immerse themselves in a truly pristine marine environment, Barker's National Park is a must-visit destination. This protected area boasts an abundance of marine biodiversity, including colorful reef fish, eagle rays, and even the occasional sighting of a gentle nurse shark. Snorkeling along the park's shoreline reveals a kaleidoscope of marine life thriving in its untouched waters, making it a hidden gem for nature enthusiasts and underwater photographers alike. Before heading out for a snorkeling adventure in the Grand Cayman Islands, make sure you have the following essentials: Snorkeling in the Grand Cayman Islands is an experience like no other. Whether you're exploring popular hotspots or discovering hidden gems, the vibrant marine life and crystal-clear waters will leave you in awe. So pack your snorkeling gear, book a guided tour with Getmyboat, and get ready for an adventure of a lifetime! Embark on your ultimate snorkeling adventure in the Grand Cayman Islands with Getmyboat, the #1 app for boat rentals and charters. Discover the ease of booking your perfect boat, from jet skis to yachts and pontoon boats, for both captained experiences and drive-it-yourself rentals. With over 150,000 boats available in top destinations, your ideal snorkeling excursion is just a click away. Connect with boat owners and captains, customize your day on the water, and book securely online with flexible refund conditions. Don't just dream about the vibrant marine life and crystal-clear waters; Make it a boat day and dive into the beauty of Grand Cayman! Author 4.9 out of 5! 500,000+ reviews

7 Fun Things To Do In Grand Cayman - Amazing Vacation Awaits

There's nothing quite like a getaway to the Caribbean islands! No matter where you choose to go, you're destined to be surrounded by the stunning turquoise waters of the Caribbean Sea. However, before choosing one of the many other Caribbean islands for your next getaway, consider all the amazing things to do in Grand Cayman! From swimming with majestic stingrays in Stingray City to lounging on pristine beaches like the popular Seven Mile Beach, there's a neverending list of unique things to do in Grand Cayman. Grand Cayman is a popular destination for cruise ships, meaning there are plenty of shore excursions just waiting to lead you to some of the most beautiful destinations Grand Cayman offers. Here at Cayman in A Nutshell, we offer tours from the Eastern District all the way to the West side of the Grand Cayman. Check out coastal villages in Camana Bay, lush tropical landscapes, and popular beaches like the famous Seven Mile Beach. If lounging on the Seven Mile Beach or strolling the streets of Grand Cayman's capital city, George Town, isn't exciting enough for you, then rent out one of our private charters to whisk you away to locations like Stingray City, Starfish Point, or Rum Point to get up close and personal with some of Grand Cayman's most popular destinations. Check out our website to contact us about your upcoming visit to Grand Cayman or to learn more about our tour experiences! Known to locals as "Pedro Castle," the Pedro St. James National Historic Site is a stunning edifice that stands three stories tall and welcomes visitors to stroll its halls and take in the rich history of its past. This stone building was built using slave labor and used as a variety of things, like a jail, courthouse, and even government assembly. There are even whispers around Grand Cayman that the so-called castle is haunted or jinxed! Are you brave enough to take a tour of this historic building? There are two popular destinations in Grand Cayman for those who love the flora and fauna of the Caribbean. In West Bay, you'll find the largest land-based attraction in Grand Cayman; the Cayman Turtle Centre. The Cayman Turtle Centre is a great place to get up close and personal with sea turtles, other marine life, and even feathered tropical friends! At the Queen Elizabeth Botanic Park, you'll stroll along lush landscapes and water features to capture a glimpse of the tropical flora and fauna that make

Grand Cayman such a beautiful place to be. From birds, butterflies, and blue iguanas to stunning orchids you won't see anywhere else, this is a site you won't want to miss! Pro tip: Remember to purchase a souvenir at the Visitors' Centre. They offer a diverse range of books for both children and adults, covering various topics. One notable book is "Flora of the Cayman Islands" written by the world-renowned botanist Dr. George Proctor. The Cayman Crystal Caves are amongst some of the most exciting things to do in Grand Cayman. Whether you need a short excursion away from your cruise ship or you want a different kind of adventure than you'll find on the beaches, this is truly a hidden gem in Grand Cayman! The caves are full of stalactites, stalagmites, and crystal clear waters, with evidence that this location used to be deep underwater. Venture into a fascinating tour through the enchanting tropical forest, where the caves have formed. Within this lush forest and caves, you will encounter captivating tropical plant and animal life, such as air plants, strangler balsam trees, bats, and parrots. What an incredible adventure to have on your Caribbean vacation! Bioluminescent Bay is another popular hidden gem in Grand Cayman! As one of the few places in the world where you can experience the phenomenon of bioluminescence, there are tours and other experiences that allow you to dive in and see how these microorganisms glow and create a light show of their own in the water! This natural wonder is a sight to behold, with its glowing waters that come alive at night. Experience the magic as you kayak or swim through the sparkling bioluminescence, creating a truly unforgettable experience. This is a great place to visit if you're looking for something to do after dark. Step away from the hustle and bustle of Grand Cayman and spend some time on the tiny island of Little Cayman. Without a town to speak of there are limited resources on the island, nonetheless, you'll have everything you need: Grocery store Bank with an ATM Gas station Bars and restaurants Some resorts Though it doesn't sound like much, this small island provides some of the most stunning scuba diving locations around! Grab your gear or rent some on the island to spend some time in the serene turquoise waters of the Caribbean Sea! One of the best things to do in the Cayman Islands for thrill-seekers and nature enthusiasts is to take a trip to Cayman Brac for a day. This location is named for the striking bluff that stretches from one end of the island to the other. You'll discover limestone caves and sinkholes leading to contrasting waters

that make for an incredible scuba diving experience along seawalls and even a sunken ship! Here are just a few more adventures to take while you're visiting the Brac: Birdwatching in the lush forests above the bluff Traverse hiking trails on the ground level Fish along the coast Pro tip: To make the most out of your trip to the Brac, book a guided tour to ensure you don't miss any must-see sites! Whether you came to Grand Cayman for a shore excursion, a deep-sea fishing trip or you're just spending some time away from your cruise ship, there are so many exciting things to see and do on the islands. Cayman in a Nutshell makes it easier to see all the beautiful sites the Cayman Islands have to offer! Just reach out to us via our website so we can help you create a shore experience you'll never forget! At Cayman In A Nutshell, we turn your dream Caribbean getaway into reality. Join us on a journey to paradise, discovering hidden gems and vibrant marine life of Cayman Islands. Make your dream vacation unforgettable! Embark on an unforgettable bus tour departing from the vibrant 7 Mile Beach or the bustling George Town, as we journey through Bodden Town, to two of Grand Cayman's most iconic destinations: Starfish Point and Rum Point. Indulge in the flavors of the Caribbean as you savor these delectable treats. Throughout the tour, you'll be captivated by the stunning scenery of the Seven Mile Beach area, with its pristine white sands and crystal-clear waters. Sit back, relax, and soak in the beauty of Grand Cayman's West Bay district as you journey through its historical landmarks, such as the Governors House, and The Olde Homestead, and natural wonders such as the Town of Hell, stop at the Rum Cake Factory and gift shop. On the way back to your Hotel/condo or Ship you can opt to be dropped off at the beach where you can catch a bus or taxi to your chosen destination. Group transfers offer a seamless and efficient way to ensure that everyone in your party arrives together and on time at their destination. Whether you're organizing a corporate event, a family reunion, or a wedding party, group transfers provide comfort and convenience, eliminating the stress of coordinating multiple vehicles or navigating unfamiliar routes. With spacious and comfortable vehicles equipped to accommodate various group sizes, from small gatherings to large conferences, you can relax and enjoy the journey while professional drivers handle the logistics. Group transfers not only enhance the travel experience by promoting camaraderie and shared moments among participants but also guarantee

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Welcome to the Grand Cayman travel blog, your source for all things Cayman Islands tourism, from the latest Cayman Islands news and updates to tips for planning the perfect Grand Cayman vacation. You'll also find insider travel tips, details on local activities and events, information on the Caribbean culinary scene, and a virtual Grand Cayman travel guide to help you plan your perfect Cayman adventure. If you're planning your summer vacation to the Cayman Islands and wondering how to get around Grand Cayman, you'll be relieved to know there are lots of ways to explore [?]

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Seven Mile Beach: Often voted "The Caribbean's Best Beach", Seven Mile Beach is actually only 5.5 miles long, but it's packed with most of Grand Cayman's best hotels and condos and some of the best cuisine in the Caribbean. Try kayaking, kite surfing, jet-skiing, parasailing or paddle boarding, or simply while away the day under a Casuarina tree on the glorious white sandy beach.

Cayman Turtle Farm: If marine biology and wildlife conservation interests you, there's nothing quite like a trip to the world-renowned Cayman Islands Turtle Farm. It's the only facility of its kind in the world, and features 23 acres, a nature trail, a free-flight bird aviary, a 1.3-million-gallon saltwater snorkeling lagoon, a Predator Reef which features sharks, eels and other predatory fish, and a world-class research and educational facility.

Museums: For a taste of Cayman's history and heritage, start at the Cayman Islands National Museum. It's in the oldest public building in the Cayman Islands, dating back to the 1800s. Next, admire a collection of quality Caymanian artworks at the National Gallery of the Cayman Islands that capture life in the Islands over the last 40 years.

Kittiwake Shipwreck & Underwater Museum: Dive or snorkel on the wreck of the USS Kittiwake, a 251-foot-long former submarine support ship that was sunk in 2011 to serve as an artificial reef. It is Grand Cayman's biggest shipwreck and a haven for 50 species of coral and more than 500 species of fish. It can be enjoyed by all skill levels of snorkelers and scuba divers, and the water is clear enough to see the wreck from the surface.

Bioluminescent Bay: If you're looking for something fun to do after dark, consider a kayaking tour of Grand Cayman's Bioluminescent Bay. The magical phenomenon, which causes the sea to glow during the darkest nights, is created by tiny single-celled organisms called dinoflagellates that emit light as they move in the water. Be sure to book in advance because the bioluminescent schedule follows the moon cycle. Enjoy some of the best attractions on Grand Cayman. When you're ready to buy rum or other liquor and spirits, visit Jacques Scott Wine & Spirits where you'll enjoy an incomparable selection, expert customer service and FREE DELIVERY. © Jacques Scott 2024 | [Privacy policy](#)

Grand Cayman Travel Guide - Styled Snapshots

Instagram Pinterest Facebook Liketoknow.it As I am sitting here typing out our Grand Cayman travel guide, I want to go give Matt another high five for successfully completing our first trip with two kiddos. I have learned (thanks to you all) that traveling with kids is now called a trip and when you leave the kids behind, that is a vacation! As wild, fun, exhausting and all the in between as this trip was, I would do it all over again in a heartbeat. We heard such great things about Grand Cayman, especially how kid friendly it was, and it didn't disappoint. I will work on a separate blog post about traveling with kids, as I saw lots of questions roll in, so stay tuned for that! We were lucky to catch a direct flight out of Newark, NJ making the flight just around 3.5 hours which was more manageable. I was hesitant to even add this since it is ever changing, so just make sure to do your own research before going! To go to Grand Cayman, Matt and I had to test within 24hr before our flight (certified rapid test is acceptable). We also had to fill out and print off certificate to travel declarations for the Cayman Islands for all FOUR of us. Matt filled these out several weeks before going and was able to print them instantly (meaning if you satisfy the requirements, you will instantly get the declaration, there is no prolonged approval process). You do need to be vaccinated to go (if over 5) and you must upload your vaccination status to the web portal. Overall, everything was very straight forward and easy. For returning home to the US, Matt, Logan and I all had to test within the same 24hr timeframe. We called a few places and the Marriott ended up offering testing the morning of our flight. It was right next door where we were staying and the most convenient so we did that since we had an afternoon flight. We were in and out with our results all within 15 minutes. Just make sure you book and pay ahead of time! The burning question you all are waiting for!? Our friends actually got married in Grand Cayman and since then go back almost every year and now have two kids they bring with them. They started staying at this hidden gem called South Bay Beach Club (we were villa #34), which are a bunch of owned villas/condos in which some owners rent out. Matt and I always say that to make a trip more enjoyable for us, AirBNB is always the best option. This was similar to an AirBNB, but better as it provided a few more amenities (management on property

Monday ? Friday, your condo was cleaned each day, they could help organize activities and groceries, etc.). Maggie, the property manager, oversees everything, so we chatted with her a bunch and sent our grocery list directly to her. But, keep in mind, the property still doesn't have the full amenities of a hotel (no restaurants, room service, etc). The amenities it does have though, outweighed those lost via hotel life for us personally. The boys were able to have their own bedroom and they provided us with two cribs. While their rooms had darker curtains, I brought two blackout shades to make it extra dark?one for each room worked perfect. We also had a full size kitchen (we did all breakfasts at home), huge outdoor space and washer and dryer, which allowed to cut down on packing (I brought a travel size laundry detergent in my checked back). I saved a ?villa tour? in my Grand Cayman Highlight on Instagram. South Bay Beach Club also has it?s own pool and was directly on the beach (it is the building in the picture above). It was also situated right next to (maybe 20 steps away) from the Marriott, so it was honestly the best of both worlds. If we wanted a quick bite, a fancy drink (their mudslides are the BEST), etc. we just popped over there. We actually ended up doing a few of our meals over there because it was just easy and Logan could even swim in that pool while we hung out there! I will also say for you Marriott/Bonvoy fans, it is a pretty nice one (I think it is a category 7 for point redeemers and we learned it was once the number one Marriott property for redeeming points). Logan also spent a TON of time searching for turtles and lizards in their back courtyard area. We will 110% stay here again every time we visit, it was just so easy and practical! Before I jump in, I will say getting around was probably the most expensive part of this trip. Taxis come within 10 seconds of calling them which was amazing, but the cost to go anywhere was a lot. We did not rent a car (you drive on the opposite side of the road, fyi) and after talking to a family that did, I think we ended up spending around the same amount on cabs or maybe a little less. I should also note that the whole Island is generally expensive ? it has been awhile since we traveled to other islands, but I think with the exchange rate, Grand Cayman is definitely on the more expensive side compared to other islands (but don?t quote me on that!) Hands down, my favorite activity was renting a boat through Sail With Friends and heading over to Sting Ray City and Starfish Cove. Pat and Alice own and run the company and are the absolute

sweetest Irish couple with the best hospitality! We did the half day charter which was perfect for our little crew. They took a pause/hit during Covid and were so excited to finally be able to get back out on the water again. Not only did they show us around, they helped with Landon, entertained Logan and surprised us with treats while sailing (fresh fruit, pizza ocean side and local beers). Camana Bay was a quick (and easy) walk from where we were staying. There is a big splash pad for the kids to play in, tree lined area with shade (perfect for feeding Landon) and lots of restaurants/shopping and yummy gelato! A cute area to walk around and unwind. We ate lunch outside at Auga which was delicious. Cayman Turtle Center was one of the most suggested activities from you all so we decided to check it out. To be honest, in the beginning I was a bit underwhelmed for the price (although both Logan + Landon were free which was a bonus) as we weren't seeing any animals and a few of the areas were closed. However, when we got to where Logan could touch the turtles, that was a big hit along with the water slide and swimming area! If we never made it here I wouldn't feel like I missed out on anything, but it was an overcast morning so ended up being a good activity.

Tillies ? This restaurant is within the Palm Heights and Matt and I both said if we ever came back without kids (although I truly think I would always bring the kids to Grand Cayman, just perfect for a family) we would stay at this beautiful boutique style hotel?we saw Katie Holmes staying here ? The decor and layout is absolutely stunning and Tillies was a great spot nestled right on the beach to grab lunch for our crew. Logan played in the sand and ocean, while I hung out on the couch with Landon in the shade. Food was incredible and drinks delicious!

The Wharf ? We grabbed dinner here one night and the big fish that swim up were the perfect entertainment for Logan. Apparently they feed them every night at 7:30pm, we just always eat early with the kids so missed that. Also, I have to give a big shoutout to the waiters who pushed Landon in the stroller while he was fussing so I could eat my dinner. It was the sweetest gesture. Food was fresh and amazing. This is actually where our friends got married!

Coccoloba ? One of the best nights was spent here! Tuesdays are tacos and tequila night (\$5 tacos // \$8 margs) so clearly we choose wisely and went this night. They had live music which Logan LOVED, a tequila competition and the most beautiful sunset as this bar and grill is located right on the beach. It is within the Kimpton hotel, which is beautiful and a great

family-friendly option if you are wanting a hotel when you visit. Sunshine Grill ? So many of you recommended this spot for their fish taco! We stopped here after the turtle center to grab lunch. They had a pool Logan quickly hopped in to swim and Matt and I both got the fish tacos, which were so yummy. Ms. Piper?s Kitchen + Grill ? The CUTEST spot right in the ?backyard? of where we were staying. The vibe/decor is spot on, food is incredible, and they typically have live music at night. We came here on our last night for the perfect relaxing end to the trip. They also have a big outdoor bar area if you are just wanting to grab a drink. Calypso ? As we were walking in, one gentleman we were chatting with told us this is his favorite spot on the island. It was his first night back and he wasted no time dining here again. This was the furthest drive we did, but worth it! Highly recommend going off the ?chef?s recommendations? board when you order and the watermelon mojito was delish! I forgot to snap a pic, so here is what I wore that night! Veranda ? We clocked in a lot of meals here as it was the Marriotts outdoor casual restaurant. The food did not disappoint and was just simple and easy with staying next door. Follow & Connect Hi there and welcome! I?m Kendall Kremer the voice and creator behind Styled Snapshots. This site is meant to be a place to find inspiration, connect with others and become empowered. I hope you enjoy these snapshots of my style, life, home, travel and so much more. More about kendall © styled snapshots 2024 // site by katelyn calautti + made to thrive

What Not to Miss on Your Beach Vacation to Grand Cayman

Grand Cayman's year-round perfect weather and stunning beach resorts make travel planning especially easy. Vacations here normally include sunbathing and relaxation, but there's more than gorgeous beaches to explore. Add these local and understated experiences to your next beach vacation to Grand Cayman. Divers and marine enthusiasts visit Grand Cayman for hidden ocean caves. These underwater treasures are teeming with schools of fish and underwater wonders. A few weeks each summer, tiny silverside fish gather and move as one massive school between popular spots including Devil's Grotto and Eden Rock, an event known as the Silver Rush. Divers and underwater photographers relish the chance to swim with the school, a natural phenomenon only found in Grand Cayman. Everyone needs a good souvenir to take home from a memorable vacation. With a visit to Grand Cayman, you'll be lugging back suitcases full of gourmet pepper jelly, locally made by island-dweller Carol Hay. This sweet hot pepper jelly is a Grand Cayman favorite that's popular among tourists and locals alike. It's perfect for pairing with sweet goat cheese atop a cracker, or for spicing up your morning eggs and toast. Hit the Cayman Pepper Patch and take home some for your friends and family. This beloved retail district runs right along Camana Bay, and is an idyllic way to sample local flavors while entertaining the whole family with local eats and souvenir shopping. Occurring weekly, the farmers and artisan market showcases local culture through demonstrations of basket weaving, conch blowing, and even hermit crab racing—a Caribbean tradition. This pub and grill is a great spot for grabbing drinks and food or catching sports games. The Pirate's Den is close to Seven Mile Beach, and boasts killer burgers, wings and service that attracts hungry locals. Set on the calmer end of Seven Mile Beach, Cemetery Beach has crystal blue waters and white sand beaches, and is set along a reef that's full of marine life, a favorite spot for divers and snorkelers. The reef itself is only 30 yards offshore, making it accessible for any strong swimmer. Bask in the sun or cool off in the shade of the palm trees and sea grape trees that line the beach. This little general store has it all—from beach supplies like sunscreen and shades, to snacks and ingredients for the perfect seaside cocktail. There's ample outdoor seating here,

offering a placid view of the West Bay if your shopping experience gets too stressful. Visitors cite friendly service and varying choices, so if you're looking to stock up for your next adventure, Anchors General Store is the top choice on Grand Cayman. A jaunt down South Sound Road leads you to the spot where locals have taken to retrieving shoes and tacking them to two trees along the water to limit litter on the beach. Known as the Shoe Tree, this attraction is festooned with discarded sandals and flip-flops. It's an unusual sight to see in paradise, but this quirky landmark is ready-made for your next Instagram post. If you're looking for a break from the beach, head into the rolling green hills of Grand Cayman via Mastic Trail. Close to the Cayman Crystal Caves, Mastic Trail draws ecotourists with its natural fauna and tropical botanicas that extend for miles. Guides are available from the National Trust, but if you want to go solo, the hiking trails are well-manicured and clearly marked—all you need are some good hiking shoes for the more rugged parts of the trek. Another uncommon attraction on Grand Cayman is Lover's Wall, a stacked stone stretch of wall along Queen's Highway on the island's quieter eastern region. Views of the ocean and shore make for a picturesque vista, and the breeze and gulls round it out as a relaxing place to take it all in. While it's not immediately clear how Lover's Wall got its name, it's a magically romantic spot to take sunset with your one and only. Tags: Grand Cayman Island Sign up for news on local beach cleanups, ocean conservation and more. Beach.com is the #1 travel discovery platform for beach destinations. It's our mission to help you find the perfect beach destination, and then give you the tools to turn beach dreams into beach days. We partner with destinations for beach cleanups and conservation efforts to ensure beautiful beaches will be enjoyed for generations to come. © 2024 Beach.com All Rights Reserved.

Guide to Visiting Cayman Islands on a Budget | Cayman Islands Tourbase

 +1 844 450 1044 +1 No results found Often viewed as a playground for the affluent, the Cayman Islands haven doesn't have to break the bank. In this guide, we'll share some insider tips on how to enjoy the sand, sun, and vibrant local culture without emptying your wallet. Whether you're a solo adventurer, a couple seeking a romantic getaway, or a family looking to create unforgettable memories, let's dive into how you can make the most of your visit to this tropical paradise? all while maintaining a budget that keeps your finances as calm as the island's gentle waves. While the Cayman Islands are often associated with luxury and opulence, it's entirely possible to experience crystal-clear waters without breaking the bank. In this section, we'll set the stage for how you can smartly navigate through paradise with your wallet intact. To experience the Cayman Islands on a budget, timing is everything. Visiting during the off-peak season can significantly reduce the cost of flights and accommodations: Securing budget-friendly flights to the Cayman Islands requires a blend of strategy and flexibility. Here are some tips to help keep your airfare within budget: Navigating the Cayman Islands can be an adventure of its own, and choosing your mode of transportation is key to a seamless experience. Public transportation: While cost-effective, it can have limitations in terms of schedules and routes, which could hinder spontaneity when exploring the islands. Rental cars: Renting a car offers the most convenience, with the freedom to travel at your own pace and explore off-the-beaten-path locations. However, this comes with higher costs for rental fees and insurance. Scooters: Scooters represent a middle ground, providing both freedom and affordability. However, they are best for those comfortable with two-wheeled vehicles who won't be venturing too far from the main areas. Affordable accommodations that offer comfort, convenience, and a touch of local charm are within reach if you know where to look. Let's explore some budget-friendly options that promise a pleasant stay without sacrificing the essence of your island experience. Hotels often provide a full suite of amenities and services, yet guesthouses or budget hotels bring their own unique advantages for the discerning

traveler. Typically family-owned, guest houses offer a warm, personal touch and a deeper sense of connection with local cultures and communities. They often boast unique charm, with fewer rooms than hotels, resulting in a quieter, more intimate atmosphere that many travelers find appealing. Budget hotels, on the other hand, while sometimes lacking extensive amenities, provide the essentials at a fraction of the cost, allowing travelers to allocate more of their budget to experiences and exploration. Further, both options tend to be located in residential areas that may grant closer proximity to authentic local cuisine and everyday life, enriching the travel experience significantly. For travelers in groups, opting for vacation rentals such as apartments or houses can be a cost-effective strategy. These accommodations often offer more space and a homelike atmosphere where every member of the group can stay comfortable. Here's how they can help you save money: For those looking to merge lodging with the great outdoors, beach camping presents an exceptional opportunity. Not only does it offer the serenity of waking up to ocean views, but also serves as an extremely budget-friendly option. Setting up a tent on the beach usually costs much less than a hotel stay, allowing travelers to allocate funds to other experiences. Before pitching your tent, check out the rules and regulations of the Cayman Islands Public Lands Commission site to avoid any unwanted fees or tickets. Eco-lodges offer a different kind of value. These sustainable accommodations are designed to minimize environmental impact while providing unique experiences that traditional hotels can't match. Often nestled in remote locations, eco-lodges provide an intimate encounter with nature, local culture, and wildlife. They may offer guided tours, wildlife watching, and other eco-friendly activities, creating memories that are both unforgettable and affordable. Savoring local flavors and specialties doesn't have to drain your wallet. Whether you're a foodie on a shoestring budget or just looking to cut costs, there are plenty of strategies to enjoy the culinary delights of the Cayman Islands affordably. Stepping into the warm embrace of local diners and roadside food stalls in the Cayman Islands offers an authentic taste of island life. These hidden gems typically serve up hearty portions of traditional dishes at a fraction of the cost of restaurants in tourist areas. In these casual settings, you're not just a customer; you're a guest, often greeted with a friendly smile and stories that add a personal touch to each meal.

Unassuming on the outside, these eateries have a knack for providing a culinary journey that is as rich and satisfying as the island's culture itself. For those who prefer to prepare their own meals, self-catering is a cost-effective alternative to dining out. Here are some tips for grocery shopping in the Cayman Islands that can help save on meals: Happy hour specials can be the key to enjoying the island's vibrant bar scene without overspending. To find the best deals, consider the following tips: Exploring the island's charm doesn't have to be costly. Below, you'll find an array of free and low-cost attractions that promise to enrich your travel experience without breaking the bank. The Cayman Islands offer breathtaking natural attractions that can be enjoyed without spending a dime. Here are some must-visit spots: Discovering the rich cultural tapestry of the Cayman Islands is easily accessible with community events and spots where the only cost is your curiosity. Here are some notable cultural experiences: The Cayman Islands, renowned for crystal-clear waters and magnificent marine life, present abundant opportunities for snorkeling and diving enthusiasts to explore without breaking the bank. Here are some strategies for an affordable underwater adventure: When planning excursions and tours in the Cayman Islands, comparing prices and booking in advance can significantly affect cost and experience. Many tour operators feature online booking discounts that reward travelers who plan ahead. For instance, booking through platforms like Cayman Islands Tour Base provides a comparison of various tours, from stingray encounters to jet ski adventures, ensuring you find the best fit for your interests and budget. Keep an eye out for package deals, which commonly include multiple activities or tours at a reduced price. For example, the Ultimate Cayman Combo Excursion - Caves, Castles and Mission offers three unique experiences for a discounted rate. Or, the Stingray City and Snorkeling on Grand Cayman experience includes two popular activities at a special price. Additionally, many tours and activities in the Cayman Islands offer group discounts for larger parties. So, gather your friends and family to save even more on your island adventures. Cait is a Chicago-based Greek-American but spends most of her year floating around the globe. She holds a B.A. in Communications and a M.A. in Nonprofit Management. Her favorite destinations include visiting her homeland in Greece, the Black Hills of South Dakota, and wherever her partner is stationed abroad. All of our content at Tourbase

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Grand Cayman Restaurants - Discover Local Caribbean Food

? In the Culinary Capital of the Caribbean with over 200 restaurants, you'll delight in savoring the best of world-renowned international and local chefs. You'll find it difficult to choose from the variety of cuisines and styles, so here are a few of our favorites. Morgan's ? Situated seaside in the newly developed Cayman Islands Yacht Club overlooking Governor's Creek, Morgan's menu showcases many ocean-to-table dishes. Chefs receive fresh fish daily from restaurants own fisherman. Morgan's is casual with a pinch of European chic, a cozy and airy atmosphere with inside and outside seating options. Whether enjoying fresh local seafood, or perhaps a juicy meat dish or savory vegetarian option, you are sure to have a memorable experience dining at Morgan's. Catch ? Nestled in Morgan's Harbour overlooking the North Sound, Catch is best described as by Cayman Good Taste ? casually elegant. The staff at Catch do their best to use fresh local ingredients whenever possible, from their talented mixologists using local fruit in your cocktails, to the chefs using local produce to complement your main dishes, and of course, only the freshest fish is used at Catch. Daily dinner specials at Catch vary based on what was biting that day. With plenty of other tasty vegetarian and meat dishes, everyone is sure to find something to suit their tastes at Catch. Calypso Grill ? Overlooking Morgan's Harbour near the fishing docks, chefs at Calypso Grill have a very short commute to ensure that only the freshest fish ends up on your plate! Choose to sit outside on the veranda to enjoy the evening breeze and the stars, or inside in the cozy island-style ambiance. Make sure to order their famous sticky toffee pudding for dessert! So well-known, there is even a street named after it in Cayman. VIVO ? Offering an eco-friendly menu with vegan, vegetarian, gluten-free and dairy-free options, VIVO Cafe really is an alternative restaurant gem in Cayman. VIVO specializes in a range of Lionfish dishes, making use of the invasive fish which requires constant culling to prevent the destruction of the native reef fish in Cayman. Overlooking the rocky ironshore and sea in West Bay, VIVO is the perfect place for a sunset drink or dinner. Agua ? Located in Camana Bay, Agua has a unique combination of international seafood dishes is present on Agua's menu, and they ensure everyone is done justice with their international staff.

In-house they have representatives from twenty-four different countries, so each dish you order is prepared by the chef with the same origin as the dish! If seafood does not suit your taste, you may choose from the variety of other salads, pasta and other meat dishes they offer. Kaibo ? Kaibo offers guests two choices all in one convenient location: the casual, barefoot beach restaurant downstairs, or their excellent dining restaurant and Cayman?s most extensive rum bar upstairs. Kaibo?s Beach Restaurant is the favorite casual food stop on Crazy Crab adventures and offers simple seafood entrees and snacks, fresh salads, eclectic sandwiches, thin crust pizzas made in their outdoor brick oven and more. Consider joining Kaibo on a Tuesday night for their Barefoot Beach BBQ with music, dancing, beach games, and bottomless local BBQ. Kaibo is accessible by car or conveniently by taking the water ferry from Camana Bay. Grapetree Cafe ? You won?t discover much about this hidden gem in the tourist publications, but the locals know that Grapetree is the place to head to on the weekends for the best fried fish in Grand Cayman. Located on the coast in Bodden Town, you can grab your fish for taking away or relax and enjoy your fish and fritters sitting under a thatched covered table on the beach. Heritage Kitchen ? Named by Cayman Good Taste in Cayman?s Best Local Eating, Heritage Kitchen gives an authentic taste of Caymanian heritage. Order one of many authentic local dishes such as Cayman style grouper at a sensible price, and enjoy it while overlooking the ocean. Located on Boggy Sand Road in West Bay. If you are interested in the Caribbean Food and wants to visit the Grand Cayman Restaurants, check out our Seafood, Pizza & Mudslides Tour. Miles of Sand & Hidden Gems Pirates Week, Batabano and more Adventures, Activities & Attractions At Stingray City, one of the most amazing wildlife encounters in the Caribbean, you can swim with, touch, and feed the beautiful, gentle stingrays. Splash into the beauty of Coral Gardens and the barrier reef. In warm, crystal-clear water, snorkel among dazzling fish, coral, sponges and sea fans. A magical evening swim in of the world?s best bioluminescence bays, where at night millions of microscopic plankton light up the water when stimulated. Gently touch and hold the radiant starfish populate the calm, shallow water at Starfish Point, a beautiful stretch of golden sand beach. Enjoy a slow cruise through our pristine mangrove forests and learn about this valuable and fragile ecosystem as you look out for the abundant wildlife.

A variety of dockside restaurants and bars to choose for a relaxing seafood lunch, a quick wood-oven pizza or famous "Mudslide" cocktail. Photography courtesy of: Monte Lee Thornton

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Search Destinations, Experiences, Club Journal articles and more. Read on for a guide that will fill the days of your next island visit with Michelin-worthy meals, world-class art, and adventures beyond the expected. It's a winning combination that makes for so much more than meets the eye. Sure, Grand Cayman has plenty of the requisite luxury resorts lining its stunning Seven Mile Beach, but that's only the beginning. Because this island has taste ? in everything from food to art and fashion. It even has a novel perspective on how the great outdoors should be done (hint: it's much more than beaches). Read on for a guide that will fill the days of your next island visit with Michelin-worthy meals, world-class art, and adventures beyond the expected. Think the Caribbean is all Jerk and conch (as if that would be so bad)? Think again. Just ask Eric Ripert, chef extraordinaire of New York City's three-Michelin-star restaurant Le Bernardin ? and the mastermind behind the Cayman Cookout. Now in its 15th year, the event ? held every January at the Ritz-Carlton, Grand Cayman ? is a veritable who's who of haute cuisine, with celebrity chefs (to name a few: José Andrés, Emeril Lagasse, and Kwame Onwuachi) descending on the island to eat, drink, cook, and be merry in over-the-top experiences like a private-jet day trip to Jamaica hosted by Ripert himself, plus cooking demos and a star-studded gala. No matter what time of year you come to Grand Cayman, you can catch Ripert's culinary creations at Blue, his restaurant at the Ritz-Carlton- ? and the island's most coveted reservation since 2005. The elegant dining room plays host to an ever-changing tasting menu, where dishes like tuna foie gras and bread-crusted queen snapper demonstrate Ripert's inimitable talents ? and the Cayman Islands' exceptional gastronomic bounty. Venture to the capital of George Town and you'll find plenty of options for seaside dining, but the newest spot in town, Ms. Piper's Kitchen + Garden, is easily the most fun. Set amid a charming cottage and beachfront lawn lined with pretty pink umbrellas, the tropical café combines flavors from around the world with a decidedly island flair. Sip on limoncello lemonade or a berry Negroni in the garden, then indulge in grilled branzino, risotto Milanese, or Korean ribs with pineapple in the dining room. The appeal of Rum Point Club is obvious: It's the rum, which you'll find in everything from the Colada Colada to

the Rumslide. (Curiously, the Mudslide, made with vodka, was also invented here). However you drink the Caribbean's signature spirit, you can do it with toes in the sand and island barbecue in hand while watching the sunset over the pier. For the best arrival to this waterfront gem, ask your Exclusive Resorts concierge to book a charter boat. In West Bay, Le Petit Bar is a cozy bolthole where wine is serious business. The lengthy list ? curated by sommelier Christian Esser ? tops more than 200 labels, all of which pair exceptionally with elevated Caymanian dishes like wahoo crudo and seafood charcuterie. It's true, Seven Mile Beach is about as magical as white sand and blue sea can get (even if it is technically only 6.3 miles long). And Stingray City ? where you'll be surrounded by dozens of harmless stingrays in open water ? is nothing if not an Instagram opportunity. But don't stop there. Grand Cayman and its surrounding islands are brimming with natural wonders beyond the beaten path. Case in point: the Cayman Crystal Caves, a sprawling network of caverns adorned with naturally occurring stalactites, stalagmites, and black diamonds. Long a secret source of shelter for locals (and even further back, pirates looking to stash their booty), the underground caves spread across 200 acres just below the lush tropical forest above. See more of Grand Cayman's endemic flora and fauna at the Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Park, a 65-acre preserve that serves as a breeding ground for rare species like the West Indian Whistling Duck. Anthophiles can explore the floral garden and orchid boardwalk; a visit to the Blue Iguana Conservation is a must for a chance to see the Blue Iguana, a once-endangered species that is now on the rise thanks in part to the center's efforts. Explore the Grand Cayman's neighbors on a day cruise organized by your Exclusive Resorts concierge. Little Cayman is an adventurer's paradise for hiking, scuba diving, cycling, kayaking, and snorkeling. On Cayman Brac, enjoy a slower way of life with birdwatching, fishing, or beachcombing on the quiet shores of Hawksbill Bay. For a taste of contemporary island culture, your first stop should be the National Gallery of the Cayman Islands, where Caymanian works in painting, photography, and sculpture are on display in two modern galleries and the surrounding gardens. A platform largely for local artists, the museum's permanent collection and temporary exhibitions showcase prolific artists such as Al Ebanks (whose works have gone for upwards of \$50,000) and Nasaria Suckoo Chollette. For art you can take home ? including

works from many of the artists you'll see at the National Gallery ? head to the Ritz-Carlton Art Gallery, whose rotating exhibitions are curated by another local creative, Chris Christian. In George Town, the Cayman Craft Market brings together all of the island's most talented makers and creatives. Browse hand-braided thatch bags and hats, Caymanite and black coral jewelry, and wood carvings, plus local flavors like Jerk spices and pickled peppers. More retail therapy awaits at Camana Bay, Grand Cayman's answer to the shopping mall, where luxury boutiques like Polo and Caymanian brand NKY sit among towering palm trees and sidewalk cafes. You'll also find live music and other performances, plus a weekly farmer's market and regular events like yoga and book readings.

Location - Botanica Luxury Cottages - Grand Cayman

At Botanica, we offer a truly distinctive experience, providing our guests with a seamless transition from the vibrant Seven Mile corridor to the peaceful haven of our lush cottage gardens. Nestled just across from Seven Mile Public Beach, our prime location gives you easy access to sun, sand, and sea. To make your stay even more convenient, we now offer a complimentary shuttle service in our luxurious vintage Defender, operating daily to select beaches and shopping locations. Getting Around While some guests may enjoy the short walk to the beach, our Defender shuttle is perfect for those looking to explore quieter, more secluded beaches or nearby shopping spots. It's also a great option for families with young children or anyone seeking an added layer of convenience. Chat with our reservations team for more information. For those who prefer to experience the island at their own pace, we highly recommend hiring a vehicle. Renting a car allows you the freedom to discover hidden gems and explore all that the island has to offer on your own time. We also provide exclusive discounts on car rentals for Botanica guests. Upon booking, all guests receive our exclusive beach guide with insider tips on parking and accessing the island's best beaches. Additionally, we provide all the beach essentials you might need—umbrellas, towels, chairs, cooler boxes, snorkel gear, and even kids' beach toys—ensuring a perfectly relaxing beach day.

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high season. For an even more relaxed stay, there are select experiences which can be enjoyed on the property, including private chef services, mobile spa treatments and yoga sessions. Our general recommendations to enjoy while on Cayman also include: Escape to the tranquil waters of the Cayman Islands, where you can explore 365 captivating dive sites ? one for each day of the year. These pristine sites cater to divers of all experience levels, whether you're a seasoned pro or seeking certification. With our serene and crystal-clear waters, you're bound to have an unforgettable adventure. Unwind in the balmy beauty of the Cayman Islands, where you'll discover a treasure trove of boutique shopping experiences. Indulge in the luxury of high-end jewelry retailers, peruse the shelves of quaint bookstores, or browse through fashionable resort wear options. With duty-free shopping available, you can explore the charming streets of Camana Bay and George Town to your heart's content, and immerse yourself in the peaceful ambiance of this island paradise. Indulge in the culinary scene of the Cayman Islands, where over 200 restaurants offer delectable flavours and cultures from around the globe. Whether you seek five-star elegance, charming cafes or local favourites, our island has it all. Discover the farm-to-table and sea-to-plate movement that inspires our high standards of dining, and allow us to guide you to unforgettable dining experiences. Embrace the idyllic beauty of the Cayman Islands, where an array of water sports operators offer transportive experiences on the water. From a serene sunset catamaran cruise to the thrill of an action-packed fishing charter, there is something for every pace. Don't forget to add a visit to the world-famous Stingray City to your itinerary. Explore the true beauty of the Cayman Islands from a historical and cultural perspective. Immerse yourself in the peaceful ambiance of the National Museum, the National Gallery, Pedro St. James and the National Trust. Our island also boasts an abundance of hidden inland gems, including the Mastic Trail, Crystal Caves, the Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Park, Bioluminescent Bay, bird-watching and more. Let us guide you through the rich history and natural beauty of the Cayman Islands. Rejuvenate your soul with the tranquil wellness community of the Cayman Islands. Our island is home to an array of boutique gyms, 24-hour fitness facilities, juice bars, vegan cuisine, yoga studios, and jogger-friendly routes, all accessible via the Seven Mile Corridor. Immerse yourself in the restful bliss of the

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Grand Cayman Island One Day Itinerary | Family Well Traveled

Family travel blog offering encouragement and tips for easy and affordable travel with kids The Cayman Islands is a chain of three islands in the Caribbean. People flock to the Cayman Islands for the warm climate, the tropical island vibes, and the spectacular beaches. Grand Cayman is a popular cruise ship destination. If, like us, you visit Grand Cayman for just one day, we'll show you what you can see and do on a bus tour of the West Bay of Grand Cayman Island. The Cayman Islands is an island chain south of Cuba, west of Jamaica, and east of Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula. Cayman Islands are a self-governing British territory. As such, the islands have a distinct British feel to them, from architecture, dialect, and government. And yes, residents drive on the left side of the road. Three islands, Grand Cayman, Little Cayman, and Cayman Brac comprise the island chain. Grand Cayman is the largest and most populated of the three islands. Grand Cayman is home to the capital city of Georgetown. Most people visiting Cayman Islands will arrive on Grand Cayman. Grand Cayman does not have a harbor suitable for cruise ships. Coral reef surrounds the island. As such, cruise ships anchor away from Georgetown and then tender boats traverse the waters from the ships to Georgetown. Once landing at Georgetown, passengers find a plethora of souvenir shops and restaurants at the drop off point. From here, you can venture further into Georgetown. Or, you can catch a shore excursion. This is what our family did. We booked a bus tour of Grand Cayman's West Bay. The tour, took us around Georgetown. From there, we made four stops ? at Conch Shell House, Tortuga Rum Company, Hell (yes, we took a bus trip to Hell and back), and finally Seven Mile Beach. Here's the one-day itinerary of stops on Grand Cayman's West Bay. After driving through Georgetown and learning some of it's history and governmental structure from our bus driver/tour guide, we stopped at Conch Shell House. Yes, it is a house covered in conch shells. The house built in the 1930s has 4000 conch shells embedded within the home. The home was restored in 2006. You cannot tour inside the home, as it now serves as a business. But you can walk around the perimeter of the home, snap a few pictures, and read some faded informational placards about the home. After visiting the conch shell home, we re-boarded our bus and headed to

Tortuga Rum. There was some miscommunication. The first location was closed on the day of our tour. So we went off the map (so to speak) landing at a second location in the West Bay. I'm not sure what we missed with the first location closure. But, our alternate location, right on the sea, was a fun stop for pictures. Rum was maybe the most sought after commodity in the Caribbean during the 1600 to 1800s. And pirates did patrol the sea. Tortuga Rum plays to that history with pirate statues and historic cannons on site. Of course, you can sample the rum cake, and purchase them too. Our family did not spend a lot of time within the shop, but did venture out to the back patio area and walked toward the sea while waiting for other tourists to make their purchases. After we loaded back on the bus, we were ready to head to Hell. As a family, we thought it fun to say that we had been to Hell and back. I know many people head to this small area within the West Bay to say the same thing. Hell gets its name from the black limestone formations in this boggy part of the island. How it got its name is a matter of some debate, However, it most likely got the name when a British Commissioner turning the region, saw the bizarre rock formations and allegedly claimed, "My God, this must be what Hell looks like." However, it got its name, the Cayman Island residents have milked the name for all it's worth. While visiting, you can get your passport stamped for a \$1 fee. You can mail a postcard from the Hell Post Office. You can purchase merchandise proclaiming your trip to Hell and back. It's very kitschy. Frankly, I grew a little tired with the number of ways shop vendors could make jokes using the word Hell. The limestone formations themselves are marvelous to see and take pictures of. I enjoyed seeing the cobwebs knit within the rocks. We also witnessed fish swimming the the boggy water. We witnessed many birds flying and resting on the razor sharp formations. And we saw how nature manages to make a way in the most extreme conditions when spotting shrubs and trees growing among the rocks. Our fourth and final stop was a short visit to Seven Mile Beach. The world renown beach is where the rich and famous come. Most of Cayman's high end resorts span the seven mile stretch of West Bay beach. Unfortunately, our stop at Seven Mile Beach was a short 20-minutes, leaving us little time to do much more than take pictures or pull off our shoes and walk quickly through the sand. I think our family would have preferred spending a little more time at the beach. Unfortunately, the tour had reached its end. So we re-boarded the bus

for our trip back to Georgetown. We did enjoy the bus tour and a few spots along the west bay district. However, our family found the tour underwhelming. Often, we spent too much time at some spots (Conch Shell House and Tortuga Rum) and far too short a time at Seven Mile Beach. I also think the time allotted for Hell is too long for what is available in the region. There truly is not a lot to see and do here. When booking our shore excursion, we thought this would be a fun way for our family to see a few unique places on the island. However, I think we would have been better served by booking an excursion to just one location where we could really feel like we had a full experience. I am, however, pleased we took a mini-tour of the island during our short stop over at Grand Cayman. We did get to see a lot and learn a good deal about the Cayman Islands too. A tour of Jamaica's Green Grotto Cave. A beach day at Belize's Starfish Island. Roatan Island, Honduras has many animal encounters at Gumbalimba Park.

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Cayman Islands travel guide: 5 reasons to visit

Get to know the Caribbean's most stylish hidden gems For a low-key luxury getaway, it doesn't get much better than the Cayman Islands. Whether you take up residence on lively Grand Cayman, laid-back Cayman Brac or unspoilt Little Cayman, this glamorous archipelago in the Caribbean ocean ticks all the idyllic beach holiday boxes, with its abundance of clear turquoise waters, warm white sands and balmy average temperature of 28 degrees all year round. It's not just scenery and sunshine that makes the Cayman Islands so special – their diverse dining options, elegant accommodation and high-end spas are increasingly securing them the reputation as chic destinations to escape to for 2025 and beyond. British Airways' frequent flights, which run five times per week via Nassau Bahamas from London Heathrow, make the perfect portal to this veritable paradise, with a choice of premium travel classes and a free-to-join Executive Club loyalty programme that unlocks access to plenty of perks. If the Cayman Islands aren't already on your travel bucket list, here are five reasons we'd recommend adding them ASAP. Whether you picture yourself snorkelling around secluded coves or reclining with a holiday read in hand, the Cayman Islands can fulfil your fantasy. On Grand Cayman, the award-winning Seven Mile Beach is a cross-generational crowd-pleaser – a palm-fringed stretch lined with restaurants and bars to suit all tastes – while Cayman Kai, on Grand Cayman's northern tip, offers a more sequestered experience, with ample opportunities for swimming in its scenic lagoon. For pinch-me sunrise or sunset views, head to East End Beach, tucked away in the far corner of Grand Cayman – locals flock to this petite retreat on special occasions for its natural beauty and tranquil ambiance. Accommodation can make or break a holiday, but the Cayman Islands certainly deliver when it comes to five-star hotels – from the grandeur of the iconic Ritz-Carlton, Grand Cayman to the revered oceanfront retreat of The Westin Grand Cayman. For an authentic taste of Caymanian hospitality, try the 14 colourful Caribbean beach bungalows of Little Cayman's Southern Cross Club, which opened in 1958 and remains popular to this day. If you prefer the privacy of an entire property, there are also plenty of luxe villas and condos to consider on all three islands, many of

which come complete with housekeepers and wellness instructors. On the subject of wellness, rest and relaxation come as standard with the Cayman Islands' stellar selection of spas. Spa at Seafire is a reliably brilliant haven for massages, manicures et al, plus it has a state-of-the-art fitness centre and on-site hair salon. Or for rejuvenation that goes beyond surface level, boutique hotel Palm Heights also runs regular retreats and wellness events, including nervous system resets and face and body sculpture. Vida Cayman Islands is another bookmark-worthy spot for beachfront yoga, cookery classes and sound baths. Barbecue and fish fry are plentiful ? and rightly so ? but that's just the start when it comes to the Caymanian culinary experience. Book a table at farm-to-table restaurant Brasserie Cayman for inventive plates that showcase fresh, locally grown seasonal produce, or indulge in contemporary cool backyard dining in Ms. Piper's Kitchen. Bonny Moon Beach Club is great for beachfront salads, while Japanese Izakaya bar Lucky Rabbit will serve up your sushi fix. And let us not forget that the decadent mudslide cocktail ? essentially a rich, creamy chocolate milkshake infused with vodka, coffee liqueur and Irish cream ? was created in the Cayman Islands, so it'd be rude not to sample at least one. The best version is said to be found at the Wreck Bar & Grill on Rum Point beach. Perhaps you're booking your break with the intention of remaining horizontal on a sun lounger for the duration ? a perfectly valid choice. But if it's an action-packed getaway you're seeking, the Cayman Islands will not disappoint. It's one of the world's finest diving destinations, with plenty of gorgeous coves to snorkel your way around. Sailing, paddleboarding, wind-surfing and kayaking are also excellent ways to explore the surrounding seas. On dry land, Cayman Brac is known for its hiking and rock climbing ? or if you're there for the culture, not the cardio ? discover the works created by local artists who open their studios during Cayman Art Week. Pick up an original piece to hang at home and you'll smell the sea air and hear the waves crashing in the distance every time it catches your eye. With an extensive route network serving more than 200 destinations from London's three major airports, and travel classes ranging from economy to first, British Airways is the global airline of choice for any discerning traveller. Book your Cayman Islands holiday at [ba.com/cayman](https://www.britishairways.com/cayman)

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Discover The Hidden Gems - Best Shopping Spots In Grand Cayman

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Key Takeaways Whether you're in the mood for a new pair of flip-flops or a fresh resort wardrobe, you have many options for the best places to go shopping in Grand Cayman. In addition to boutiques featuring international brands, you'll find plenty of local artisanal treasures, bestselling books, and high-tech gadgets. The swanky waterfront town of Camana Bay offers a sophisticated shopping destination just a short stroll from Seven Mile Beach. This sea-to-sound community features contemporary Caribbean architecture and swaying palms, creating an island paradise setting. Locally owned specialty boutiques showcase the latest fashion, beauty, skincare, and technology items alongside a curated international and Island gifts collection. Many jewelry and watch stores such as Rolex and Citizen feature top brand names. Precious gems, including diamonds and emeralds, are available at reasonable prices. Other popular souvenirs include rum and rum cakes, which can be found at most grocery and liquor stores, and handmade items like sea glass, pottery, and coral. Those with an eye for fashion will enjoy visiting the luxury shops at Camana Bay Town Centre and Cardinal Avenue in George Town. For a unique Cayman experience, shop on the first Wednesday of each month when participating shops stay open late and offer special offers and spot prizes to evening shoppers. One of Cayman's central shopping districts is George Town's Cardinal Avenue. The area is renowned for its duty-free shops, where you can purchase jewelry, watches, fragrances, crystals, and more at bargain prices. Kirk Freeport Plaza Ltd offers one of the largest Rolex collections in the world, as well as other luxury brands. For souvenir knick-knacks, head to the Cayman Craft Market, where vendors sell woven thatch hats and handmade jewelry made from shells, wood, and Caribbean clay. Some items seem

cheesy, but many are artistic statements with lasting value, including pieces crafted from caymanite, a hard marble-like stone found in cliffs on the islands. Those looking for more high-end products can browse boutique stores and malls in George Town, which carry many current styles and trends. Boutique shops specializing in a specific designer sit with mega stores offering a complete selection of the world's best choices. Art enthusiasts can visit Guy Harvey's Gallery & Shoppe, a 4,000-square-metre store carrying everything from paintings to flip-flops with colorful underwater scenes. Health food fans can check out Island Naturals Retail near the Ritz Carlton Grand Cayman, which carries vitamins and supplements from brands such as GNC and Bulletproof. Try Bluewave for beach and resort wear, which carries RVCA, OluKai, Billabong, and Roxy clothing. Whether you're looking for a unique souvenir or something that evokes your Cayman Islands experience, the Island offers plenty of shopping opportunities. Browse jewelry shops, art galleries, and leather goods stores in central George Town for unique gifts. There are also several luxury boutiques selling designer handbags and luggage sets. Shop for a taste of the Caribbean with jewelry from the Island's precious gem, Caymanite. This stone's layered earth-tone colors create a unique finish to jewelry and carvings. Shops such as Pure Art Gallery & Gifts, the Museum shop, and the craft market sell this beautiful Caymanian treasure. Regarding clothing, the Island's Red Sail Sports retail boutiques offer stylish fashions for men, women, and children. Men can refresh their look with a new polo shirt, while ladies can pick up a new swimsuit or pair of shorts from one of the many designer brands on display. Known locally as Blue Plaza, Galleria is an upscale shopping center south of Seven Mile Beach featuring exotic home-accessories stores, a spa, and our very own Jacques Scott Wine Cellar. It's a great spot to shop in Cayman for jewelry, gifts, and other luxury goods, as it's duty-free, so the prices will be less than you would expect to pay at home. Rum Point is a sliver of beach on the north end of Grand Cayman. While it is less exciting than Camana Bay or Seven Mile Beach, it is a lovely spot for shopping and relaxation. During the day, the beach at Rum Point is lined with lounge chairs, hammocks, and brightly colored picnic tables. Visitors enjoy relaxing under the sun, snorkeling, and soaking up the Caribbean breezes. It is a beautiful place to find a spot of shade and a sip of a tropical cocktail. At night, the sands at Rum Point come alive with

fun local live music and dancing. Many guests enjoy the upscale Solis restaurant, which features lounge and table-side seating, a center bar, and TVs for watching special sporting events. For high-end shoppers, Rum Point has several jewelry stores and a few fine boutiques selling designer watches and accessories. It is a great place to find souvenirs that convey the spirit of your vacation. It is a short drive or water taxi ride from Rum Point to Starfish Point. This secluded beach is famous for its shallow waters, home to many starfish. Many past visitors recommend bringing your snorkeling gear and taking one of the combo tours, including a visit to this unique destination. Tazim crafts engaging content that inspires a sense of wonder, curiosity, and adventure. As a 40-something South Asian woman based in the Vancouver area of British Columbia, she brings a unique perspective to her explorations of new cultural experiences, connections with nature, and savouring delicious plant-based food. Tazim was born in Metro Vancouver in 1980 and has lived there for over 20 years total. She spent her childhood in Calgary, Alberta and Houston, Texas. She is a certified Whistler expert from her time working for Whistler Blackcomb and currently works in the tourism industry. Hi! I'm Tazim! I share Canadian travel guides, slow and mindful travel tips, and itineraries that inspire a sense of wonder, curiosity, and adventure. As a 40-something South Asian woman born and based in Vancouver, British Columbia, I bring a unique perspective to new cultural experiences, connections with nature, and savouring delicious plant-based food. Read more about Tazim here. REACH OUT TODAY! [tazim \[at\] celebratelifesadventures.com](mailto:tazim@celebratelifesadventures.com) © 2024 Celebrate Life's Adventures and Tazim Damji | All Rights Reserved This website is a participant in the Amazon Services LLC Associates Program, an affiliate advertising program designed to provide a means for sites to earn advertising fees by advertising and linking to [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com). [Terms and Conditions](#) | [Privacy Policy](#) | [Disclaimer](#) | [Cookies Policy](#)

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Learn More By Kieran Meeke Last updated: May 16th, 2024 Hidden gems in the Caribbean are not just the stuff of legends; they are real and waiting for any visitor to discover. These treasures range from secret beaches to historic mansions, tiny uninhabited islands, and beautiful tropical gardens. Best of all, you don't need to embark on a complex quest to find these enchanting spots. Dive into the details below to explore some of the most captivating and lesser-known attractions in the Caribbean.

River tubing in Dominica A visit to this charming village allows you to explore the Kalinago heritage of Dominica. Canoe or raft building and cassava bread-making were among the skills used by these people long before the arrival of the Spanish. You can hike, taking in sea views while exploring the rainforest, to find out why Dominica is known as "The Nature Island". A local guide can point out the many medicinal and culinary uses of some local herbs or other plants.

River tubing in Dominica Finish with a cooling dip in the river near a beautiful hidden waterfall. If water levels allow, you can also take a tube ride down some gentle mini rapids. The village is on a clifftop pounded by Atlantic waves. In the village itself you can enjoy tasting typical Kalinago cuisine or discovering their art and crafts. [Read: Best Things to Do in Dominica](#)

Klein Bonaire, Bonaire This small, uninhabited island is a haven of clear waters, coral reefs, and thriving marine life. About half a mile off the western coast of Bonaire, it's reached by a short boat ride from the main island. Klein (?Small?) Bonaire is just over two square miles in size. That makes it perfect for a day of exploration, either along its beaches, its reefs or its interior. The island is mostly flat, with low-lying vegetation, so it's hard to get lost. Still, most visitors stick to the sandy beaches, several of which are nesting sites for green and hawksbill turtles.

Bonaire National Marine Park This is also home to some of the best snorkeling and diving in Bonaire. The island's coral reefs are part of the Bonaire National Marine Park, well known for its strong conservation program.

Landhuis Chobolobo, Curaçao This historic plantation house in Willemstad, Curaçao's capital, dates back to the 19th

century. Originally the heart of a citrus fruit plantation, it's better known as the home of 'Blue Curaçao' liqueur. Taking a distillery tour is one of the best things to do in Curaçao to learn about the process, and pick up some cocktail recipes. You'll doubtless also return with a bottle of the blue, orange, coffee, or rum raisin flavors. Landhuis Chobolobo, Curaçao Sweet Valencia oranges were introduced to the island by Spanish settlers in the early 1500s. The harsh local environment could not support them, but the bitter Laraha orange hybrid now used for Curaçao lacquer eventually evolved over the centuries. The Landhuis itself is a beautiful building, with much history amid its architecture, and furnishings. The shady gardens are also a delight, and very popular with photographers.

Tobago Historical Museum, Tobago The island of Tobago is itself a bit of a hidden gem, somewhat overshadowed by its sister island of Trinidad. However, if you can tear yourself away for a few hours from the island's many tropical charms, visiting this Historical Museum is one of the best things to do in Tobago. You'll find it in the former Officer's Barracks of Fort King George. This strategic strongpoint was built by the British around 1777 and has amazing views over the Tobago harbor as well as the surrounding sea. Those three centuries of history, and more, are brought to life in the museum with Amerindian artifacts, militaria, and other artifacts. More detail is offered in documents, paintings, and historic maps. The island's history of colonization, slavery, emancipation, and independence are all covered. Afterwards, the views and the beautiful tree-shaded grounds add to the rich experience.

Grand Etang National Park, Grenada Away from its lovely beaches, you'll find the Grand Etang National Park in the heart of Grenada. This beautiful natural reserve is a place to find rainforest, mountains, and a lake. It's one of the loveliest hidden gems in the Caribbean. Only six miles from the capital, St. George's, the park's focal center is Grand Etang Lake. This is a crater lake formed by a now-extinct volcano. Grand Etang National Park, Grenada Visiting here is one of the best things to do in Grenada. You'll find hiking trails of various lengths in the park. Many will bring you to the amazing view of the blue lake surrounded by rich green vegetation. A guide or information from the visitor center will help you in identifying some of the island's unique flora and fauna. These include towering mahogany trees, and species such as the national bird, the Grenada dove. Botanical Gardens, Nevis Nevis has a number of distinctive

private gardens, which bloom vividly thanks to the rich volcanic soil. Many of these island gardeners find inspiration in the imaginative Botanical Gardens of Nevis. You'll find them on the historic Montpelier Estate, a former slave-holding sugar plantation. This is also where Captain Horatio Nelson married Frances Nisbet, the owner's niece, in 1787. The gardens were established in the early 1990s by the owners of what is now the beautiful Montpelier Plantation Inn. Covering some seven acres, they include a Palm Avenue, Rainforest Conservatory, water features, and more than 100 species of orchids. As you walk around, you will come upon many whimsical sculptures and statues. These include a giant Buddha, African animals, and a miniature Stonehenge. Read: Things to Do in St. Kitts & Nevis

Caye Caulker, Belize If you are searching for the perfect tropical island, Caye Caulker off the coast of Belize is a good candidate. This small coral island is split in two by a channel that adds considerably to its appeal. The Split forms a crystal-clear, river-like setting, its banks lined with laid-back bars, and relaxed beach life. Sandy streets meander away through colorful shacks and wooden houses. Belize Barrier Reef

Caye Caulker is part of the Belize Barrier Reef Reserve System, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. You'll find some of the best diving and snorkeling in Belize within easy reach, amid dazzling coral reefs.

Devil's Bay National Park, Virgin Gorda, British Virgin Islands Devil's Bay National Park is on the southwestern tip of Virgin Gorda, one of the larger of the British Virgin Islands. It's renowned for its spectacular setting of soft, sandy beaches, crystal-clear waters, and unique geological formations. The Baths of Virgin Gorda, British Virgin Islands

The most famous of these rocks are The Baths, a set of enormous granite boulders. These tumbled rocks form a maze of tunnels, caves, and pools along the water's edge that make it one of the best places to swim in the world. From The Baths, it's an easy walk or hike along the shore to Devil's Bay itself. You can also take a boat to land at what is literally called White Sandy Beach. The beach looks even brighter in contrast to the bright turquoise waters in front and lush green vegetation behind. It's a perfect setting for strolling, sunbathing, swimming, or snorkeling.

White Bay, Jost Van Dyke, British Virgin Islands Jost Van Dyke, the smallest of the four main British Virgin Islands, has a population of about 300 people. Only three square miles in area, it's known for its laid-back atmosphere and beautiful white sand beaches. The island is a popular stop

for boaters and sailors exploring this part of the Caribbean. White Bay is where many of those visitors meet to enjoy its soft sand and clear turquoise waters. With no dock to moor at, many of those visitors swim ashore. No prizes, then, for guessing why the bar here is called 'Soggy Dollar Bar'. The bar claims to be where the Caribbean cocktail Painkiller was invented. This potent combination of rum and tropical juices, is therefore a must-try drink at White Bay.

Buck Island, U.S. Virgin Islands Two miles south of St. Thomas is a tiny slice of paradise called Buck Island. Protected as the Buck Island National Wildlife Refuge, it's of vital importance to migratory birds. While visitors are not allowed to land on what is a very arid island, its reefs are open to visitors. Boat excursions bring snorkelers, divers, and swimmers to enjoy the remarkably clear waters and colorful marine life.

Snorkeling in Buck Island, U.S. Virgin Islands You may also be able to spot birds such as the brown booby, bridled tern or magnificent frigatebird. The island's abandoned, Danish-built lighthouse is a photogenic landmark. Many tours here also include a visit to Honeymoon Beach on Water Island, just off St. Thomas.. This scenic beach is well known for the sea turtles in its clear waters.

Diamond Falls, St. Lucia Diamond Falls in St. Lucia is a mineral-rich waterfall where the cascading water has left a rich pattern of colors on the rocks. This kaleidoscope ranges from yellow and green to blue and purple. The falls are in the Soufrière region, which is well known for its geothermal activity. An unmissable thing to do in St. Lucia is to visit the nearby Sulphur Springs, where you can experience the rejuvenating effects of a mud or mineral bath.

Diamond Falls Botanical Gardens, St. Lucia The Diamond Falls Botanical Gardens also benefit from the heat and humidity. Established in the 18th century, they have a diverse collection of tropical plants, flowers, and exotic vegetation. Follow one of the nature trails through the gardens to see the rich tropical flora and many native bird species. A highlight for many visitors is capturing a photo of the colorful hummingbirds.

The Donkey Sanctuary, Antigua Donkeys were once an important part of agricultural life on many Caribbean islands. On Antigua, they were also a mainstay of the sugar industry, working in fields on sugar mills. The last sugar factory closed in the 1970s, but many wild donkeys still roam the island. The Donkey Sanctuary aims to care for them, especially those under threat from farmers whose crops the donkeys may damage. The sanctuary is in Bethesda, on the eastern side of Antigua. It's open to

visitors, with no fee, but a donation is obviously welcome. You can tour the facility, meet the donkeys and learn about their history, and the sanctuary's mission. You might even go away having adopted a donkey, whose care you can follow as a souvenir of your island visit. Read: Best Things to Do in Antigua Hell, Grand Cayman Some rugged, black limestone formations on Grand Cayman have created an otherworldly landscape dubbed "Hell" by islanders. Not far from Seven Mile Beach, Hell is in marked contrast to that idyllic stretch of sun, sea, and sand. A small Visitor Center helps explain the millions of years of geological activity behind the jagged rocks. More crucially, it allows you to buy souvenirs proving you have been to Hell. Hell, Grand Cayman There is also a post office, from where you can post cards with an appropriate postmark that may surprise the recipient of the card. It's one of the coolest things to do in Grand Cayman. More seriously, boardwalks and viewing platforms let you walk around without damaging the delicate limestone. Fortunately, any volcanic activity happened millennia ago, so you will not suffer any fires in this particular Hell.

Vieques, Puerto Rico The small island of Vieques lies about eight miles off the main island of Puerto Rico. Part of the little-known Spanish Virgin Islands, it's easy to reach by ferry or light aircraft. The island's most popular attractions, apart from its laid-back atmosphere, are its bioluminescent bays. Mosquito Bay here is considered one of the brightest in the world. Caracas Beach in Vieques, Puerto Rico There are a number of other soft, sandy beaches to enjoy, including the evocative Playa Media Luna and Playa Caracas (Red Beach), one of the best places to snorkel in Puerto Rico. You may also see some of the island's wild horses that roam freely along the beaches and roads. A large part of the island is designated as the Vieques National Wildlife Refuge. This also protects landscapes that include beaches, wetlands, and forests.

Tres Trapi, Aruba Tres Trapi Beach on Aruba was named for the three steps cut into the rough coral rock you need to climb down to reach it. Nowadays, there are six steps but the beauty of this tiny bay remains unchanged. This Aruban beach may be small, but the big attraction here is the snorkeling, so most people dive straight into the water. (For sunbathing, stick to nearby Palm Beach, with its shady trees.) Once in the sea, you'll likely spot plenty of sea turtles, which nest here in season. To better see the turtles, swim out to the seagrass forests offshore. There is also a shipwreck, populated with plenty of

colorful marine species. Buck Island, St. Thomas Has this list of the Caribbean's hidden gems inspired you to go exploring and seek them out? Browse our Caribbean cruises to plan the perfect tropical getaway. Kieran is a freelance travel writer who has lived and worked in 12 different countries, on every continent except Antarctica. He now spends his time between Kerry, Ireland, and Granada, Spain, while writing for newspapers and websites worldwide. Key West & Bahamas Bahamas Getaway Key West & Bahamas St. Maarten, San Juan & Puerto Plata Eastern Caribbean Aruba, Curacao & Bonaire 15 Best Beaches in Curaçao 12 Best Places to Go Shopping in Aruba 14 Best Things to Do in Grenada Mexico Travel Tips: What to Know Before You Go How to Go Island Hopping in the Caribbean When Is the Best Time to Visit Curaçao? The 17 Best Beaches in the Mediterranean Insider's Guide to Naples? Spanish Quarter (Quartieri Spagnoli) 30 Best Things to Do in Mykonos 15 Best Souvenirs From Spain What Is Ireland Known For? Northern Lights Cruise: How to See the Stunning Natural Phenomenon CALL US

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Budget Travel | How to Do Grand Cayman Like a Local

This article was written by Sarah Greaves-Gabbadon and originally appeared on Yahoo Travel. You've soaked up the sun on Seven Mile Beach; swum with the rays at Stingray City; and dived the island's famous North Wall. So now you think know Grand Cayman. Think again. Beyond George Town's duty-free shops and the swanky resorts of the Seven Mile strip, there's a side of this 75-square-mile territory that islanders have been keeping to themselves. Until now. Here are eight fun and unexpected ways to experience Grand Cayman like a local, no snorkel gear required.

Related: Hurricane-Proof Caribbean Vacations A flip-flop tree grows in Grand Cayman. And it has more than 2,600 followers on Facebook. Really. So peel yourself off that chaise and hop in a cab to see the (dead) casuarina tree along the South Sound coast road that's embellished with hundreds of sandals, shoes, sneakers, and thongs nailed to its trunk. The ever-evolving installation was started back in 2008 by two residents who wanted to draw attention to the garbage discarded on the island's shores by displaying stray sandals they found on the sand. Now islanders are memorializing their own flip-flops on the tree, and the footwear fiesta has reached heights of more than 15 feet and has begun migrating to a neighboring trunk. Bring your worn-out skimmers and add a shoe to the collection. Just remember to dispose of the other foot responsibly. Let the cruise-ship hordes head for Stingray City; Caymanians cruise instead to Starfish Point, on the northeast tip of the island, where, depending on the season and tide, scores of red cushion starfish sit in gin-clear, knee-deep water. They gather here to feed on micro-organisms found on the white-sand seabed, presenting the perfect opportunity for you to snap a photo with the sea stars. Just don't lift them out of the water; they can't breathe properly unless submerged. And don't even think about taking one home as a souvenir—that'll get you a \$500,000 fine or 10 years in the slammer. Related: Cayman Islands to Build Cruise Port That Could Destroy the Environment You'll never go hungry on an island with more than 200 restaurants. But you might just go broke. Grand Cayman is one of the Caribbean's priciest destinations (its currency is worth even more than the U.S. dollar) and dining out is no exception. But if you're in town on a Wednesday night you can save as you savor by

joining local foodies on the Flavour Tour at Camana Bay. For just \$89 a person you'll enjoy a tasty four-course progressive dinner (each course served at a different restaurant in the retail village) as well as pre- and post-dinner drinks at West Indies Wine Company. Four not-so-small plates plus six cocktails for less than 100 bucks? Sold. Stroll the Seven Mile Beach strip on any given day and you'll see conventioners escaping air-conditioned conference rooms and well-oiled tourists basking in curtained cabanas. What you won't see is hotel employees hanging out on their day off. That's because they're all soaking up the rays at Smith Cove, a petite beach that's just 10 minutes' drive away yet feels a world apart. This South Sound gem has absolutely no "scene," so you can really relax. Restrooms and a few picnic tables are the only amenities, so bring your own beach chair, umbrella, and refreshments. Visit on a weekday and apart from a few locals, your only company will be a flock of vocal chickens pecking their way across the sugary sands. Sure, you can pick up a shot glass, T-shirt, or baseball cap as souvenir but wouldn't you rather buy something lovingly handcrafted and unique to the islands? The only answer to that question is yes, and the only choice for one-stop local shopping is Pure Art Gallery & Gifts, a South Sound souvenir store that features Caymanian and Caribbean art and craft items. Must-buys include: straw hats and baskets woven from the dried fronds of the national tree, the Silver Thatch palm, and jewelry made from Caymanite, a semi-precious stone only found here. Recreational diving got its start in the Cayman Islands, but you don't have to be a diver or snorkeler to explore its fish- and coral-filled depths. Atlantis Submarines takes adventurers 100 feet below the surface, no breathing apparatus required, and Grand Cayman is the only Caribbean island where you can take a nighttime tour. During 45-minute dives you'll witness all the ocean's after-dark attractions, including silvery tarpon, which hunt for prey using the sub's high-wattage lights. And with excursions timed for pre- and post-dinner hours, you won't even have to miss a meal. Related: Crazy Cool Night Activities at Hotels Around the World

Maybe it's raining. Maybe you're sunburned. Or maybe you just love air-conditioning. Either way, here's an indoor idea: Take a cooking class at the Ritz-Carlton Grand Cayman's culinary studio (launching this month), where resort chefs lead one- to two-hour classes that range from traditional island cuisine to macaron-making and tutorials on carving a cake in the

shape of your favorite designer handbag. Kids from four to 12-years-old can get in on the foodie fun at Bon Vivant, a cookware showroom at Camana Bay, where little ones join hour-long cooking demos and leave with a recipe and their own culinary creations. On Sundays Caymanian boaters (and their friends) navigate north to Rum Point, the island's quintessential Funday spot. There, the day is well spent anchored off the famous Wreck Bar & Grill. Take a dip in the warm waters; swim ashore for a Mudslide (the vodka-, Kahlua- and Bailey's-laced Mudslide invented here back in the '70s); and get to know the locals as you stand in the shallows and chat over a frosty Caybrew beer (or three). See your hotel's tour desk for boat rental info or hop one of Cayman Luxury Charters' yachts. WATCH: Going Full Local in Puerto Rico Skiing and snowboarding have always been sports that reward those who plan ahead. The best deals on ski gear can always be found before the season starts, away from the mountains, and not at the base lodge during snow day. Not only that, fresh tracks are always found by those who wake up early enough to catch the first lift.

When it comes to planning your next ski vacation, now is the best time to make your plans, before the first snow falls and the prices spike. By booking early and following a few tips, you can save hundreds of dollars on your next family trip to the mountains. Here's how to book an affordable family ski and snowboarding trip this season.

Pick your destination well

There are lots of big-named ski areas that you can visit when your goal is to impress your friends, but they don't necessarily offer the most affordable experience. I spoke with Steve Hurlbert from Winter Park Resort, who points out that visitors will find both food and lodging to be less expensive in Grand County Colorado, where the ski area is located, than they will in more expensive parts of the state such as Vail or Aspen. Winter Park Resort is also a shorter drive from Denver, and I've found it to be generally less crowded than most major Colorado resorts.

Purchase ski tickets in advance

Skiing is not an inexpensive sport and many of the larger resorts now charge more than \$100 per day for lift tickets. Thankfully, many ski areas now sell discounted tickets, but only in the fall. These tickets range from season passes to 4-packs that lock you into discounted prices, but also restrict

you to visiting a particular resort. For example, Winter Park sells a 4-pack for \$199 and an adult season pass online for just \$409 (it's even less for children and seniors), offering substantial savings for anyone skiing four days or more.

Use the right credit card for award flights

If you are thinking about redeeming frequent flier miles to fly your family to a small mountain airport for the holidays, you probably won't have much luck, as most airlines severely restrict award availability during peak travel times. On the other hand, other frequent flier programs don't impose such restrictions on award tickets. The Southwest Airlines Rapid Rewards card from Chase, for example, offers points that can be redeemed for any flight. So you could even apply for a card now and still earn enough points by the end of the year to book an award trip this ski season. Southwest doesn't fly to small airports, but serves cities in the mountain west that are convenient for skiing such as Denver, Salt Lake City, and Reno/Tahoe. In addition, cards like the Capital One Venture Rewards and Barclaycard Arrival Plus World Elite MasterCard offer miles that can be used as statement credits towards any travel expense.

Use your credit card benefits to save on baggage fees

Packing light is a great way to save money when you are visiting the beach, but it doesn't work too well when you are going skiing for a week in the winter. Instead, you can avoid paying a \$50 fee per bag each way by having the right credit card. For example, the United MileagePlus Explorer card from Chase offers a free checked bag for the cardholder and a single companion, while the American Airlines AAdvantage Platinum Select MasterCard from Citi offers this benefit to the cardholder and up to four companions. And if you are skiing with a big family or group, the Delta Gold SkyMiles card from American Express offers cardholders a free checked bag for themselves as well as up to eight others traveling on the same reservation.

This article was written by Jason Steele, Credit Card Expert at CompareCards.com. Switzerland is one of those once-in-a-lifetime, bucket-list-worthy types of trips so of course you want to make the most of it. That said, it's not the most affordable destination out there. While the country may have a reputation for breaking the bank [Editor's Note: Switzerland uses Swiss Francs for their main

currency, not euros], you'd be surprised by how many budget alternatives are available. Here are six of my best tips for sticking to your budget and still having the best trip ever.

Visit during the off-season

Like any destination, traveling off-season will likely save you money. Not only are flights less expensive but hotel rates are lower, too. In Switzerland, high season is from July through mid-September and since Switzerland is also a top ski destination, December and January are popular months, too. If you're not a fan of cold weather, shoot for either late spring or early summer. You'll still be able to experience nice weather without the crazy crowds. For skiers, book your trip after New Years.

Buy a Swiss Pass

If you're planning a multi-city trip (and even if you're not), the Swiss Pass will likely save you a good chunk of change. In a nutshell, the pass offers unlimited travel on trains, busses, and boats. There are a few options depending on how long you plan to be in Switzerland including 3, 4, 8, or 15 consecutive day passes. Another major perk of investing in the Swiss Pass is that it grants you free access to 480 museums plus discounts to other touristic attractions. All in all, it's a major money saver.

Shop at local markets

There's no way around it; Swiss dining is pricey. Instead of splurging on three decadent meals a day, take advantage of local markets. There are open-air markets in just about every major city, each selling local produce like fruits, vegetables, cheese, meats, and bread among other treats. In some cases, you can even sample wine or buy a glass for about \$6. Grocery stores in Switzerland are top-tier and affordable, especially Coop and Migros. When you do eat out, opt for bars and cafés.

Find free activities

Depending on when you visit, there are plenty of outdoor activities that don't cost a thing. In Bern, for example, it's free to swim in the River Aare. The water is chilly and the current strong, but on a hot summer day, it's instantly refreshing. Picnics are another great way to enjoy the Swiss

landscapes. Look for gardens with a city view, like the Rosengarten (rose garden) in Bern. For something a little more adventures, take a hike, literally! There is no shortage of trails in Switzerland.

Know your options

While spur-of-the-moment trips are certainly thrilling, they might result in unexpected costs. Researching ahead of time ensures that you know all of your options and can make the smartest decisions. When searching for hostels, hotels, or homestays, find out if breakfast and Wi-Fi are included. These perks can help cut daily costs. Similarly, it never hurts to ask your hotel for a ride. Some hotels offer complimentary shuttles to and from the airport or the train station.

Pack smart

Packing can be a pain but don't just throw random items into your suitcase and hope for the best. Shopping in Switzerland isn't cheap and you'll want to avoid that at all costs (pun intended)! For winter trips, bring along your own sports gear. That way, when you hit the slopes, you'll only need ski rentals. For summer stays, pack sunscreen and any medications you might need while on the road. Pharmacies are everywhere but prices are higher than what you are probably used to back home.

This article was written by Megan Eileen McDonough, Founder of Bohemian Trails. As the shadows grow longer, the leaves fall and our thoughts turn to... winter vacation! Before the snow piles up and the Polar Vortex returns, there are some amazing deals to get you on the best ski slopes, the world's most beautiful islands, and a Caribbean cruise. But you've got to press the button on these deals soon.

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Royal Caribbean's Allure of the Seas ship is mind-blowing: first Starbucks at sea, a full production of Mamma Mia, a carousel, boardwalk, ziplining, and 25 restaurants onboard.

The Bahamas are one of Budget Travel's favorite getaways: swim with dolphins and tropical fish, parasail over the islands, and shop Nassau's legendary boutiques and shops.

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\$1,148 for a package deal from Air Tahiti Nui (a French airline) that includes round-trip airfare to Auckland, New Zealand with an INCREDIBLE three-night stopover and hotel stay in Tahiti. Must book by September 30.

Your stopover in Tahiti is at one of the island's premiere resorts, where you'll have access to a perfect white-sand beach, swimming pools, amazing food and cocktails.

Then? New Zealand! Budget Travel loves New Zealand for its diverse geography ? you can explore mountains, beaches, cities, and visit the island's traditional farmstays, legendary for their hospitality and delicious meals, including lamb, fresh cheese, and great local wines. At BT, we love indulging in affordable spas when we travel. If you do too, now is a great time to take that relaxing spa vacation you've been dreaming about: October 12-18 is Spa Week, a magical time when mega-expensive treatments?think fancy pumpkin facials and soothing Swedish massages?are offered at deep discounts at luxe spas across the country. Most services are just \$50.

Where to go? Here are some of our favorite on-sale, decadent, ahhh-inducing treatments in cool

vacation destinations across the country to inspire your Spa Week escape?either as a girlfriend getaway or an excuse to take a little solo travel "me time."

Prefer a staycation instead? Search for your town at spaweek.com. Sign up with your email address to see the deals.

1. Palm Beach Gardens, Florida

Spa: Juno Dermatology (3801 PGA Boulevard, Suite 107, junodermatology.com)

Try this deal: 60-Minute Pumpkin Enzyme Facial With Extractions (\$50; regularly \$125). Because what's more festive in October than a pumpkin facial?

Budget Traveler tip: To further boost your circulation, go for a walk, run, bike ride, hike, or canoe trip in Loxahatchee Slough Natural Area, only 10 minutes or so away. Trails and wetland overlooks are open from sunrise to gorgeous sunset.

2. Scottsdale, Arizona

Spa: Amethyst Spa at Wekopa Resort & Conference Center (10438 North Fort McDowell Road, wekoparesortandconferencecenter.com)

Try this treatment: 30-minute Signature Amethyst Facial and 30-minute Yavapai Swedish massage (\$50, regularly \$190). The hydrating acai berry facial refines and resurfaces skin with vitamins A, C, and D, and you decide whether the full-body therapeutic massage should consist of slow, gentle relaxing glides or vigorous and bracing strokes to relieve stress.

Budget Traveler tip: Amethyst's Spa Week services come with a complimentary glass of champagne and h'ors d'oeuvres, plus access to the spa's outdoor desert-oasis pool area, which has a heated swimming pool and two whirlpools with views of the Sonoran Desert. Casa Grande Ruins National Monument, a somewhat mysterious preserve highlighting the ruins of an ancient desert people's community, is about an hour away by car (\$5).

3. Chicago, Illinois

Spa: Oxygen Spa Studio (400 South Green Street, oxygenspastudio.com)

Try this treatment: Gold Coast mask facial with LED light therapy treatment (\$50; regularly \$135). The facial lifts, tightens, and boost circulation; the LED treatment plumps skin and treats acne.

Budget Traveler tip: The Art Institute of Chicago is less than two miles away from this spa. Admission is free for Illinois residents on Thursdays from 5 to 8 p.m. If you're visiting from out of state and plan on doing a lot of sightseeing, a Chicago CityPass gets you into the institute as well as four other attractions at a discount, plus you get to skip the lines (from \$79).

4. Fountain Valley, California

Spa: Origins Massage and Bodyworks (18303 Brookhurst St., originsmassage.com)

Try this treatment: Specialty deep-tissue, Swedish, prenatal, sports, or trigger-point massage tailored to your pressure preference, with an enhancement of your choice, including aromatherapy, a blackberry vanilla foot scrub, or peppermint scalp massage (\$50; regularly \$130)

Budget Traveler tip: Huntington Beach?dubbed Surf City USA?is a 15-minute drive from Fountain Valley. Hang out on the beach or bike along the pier, then grab a treat at a place we can vouch for: On her recent coast-to-coast #BTRoadTrip, Budget Travel Photo Editor Whitney Tressel discovered Sandy's, a restaurant with an ocean view where the Signature S'more is legendary (\$7).

5. New York, New York

Spa: Ling Skin Care (12 E. 16th Street, lingskincare.com)

Try this treatment: 50-minute charcoal facial (\$50; regularly \$260) (Bargain alert! That's less than a fifth of the original price.) The treatment begins with a papaya enzyme peel, followed by an herbal clay clarifying mask, a ginseng moisturizing mask, and, finally, the charcoal mask to absorb oil and leave skin smooth.

Budget Traveler tip: With more than 50 spas in New York City offering \$50 treatments, you can spa-hop all week between legendary names like the Elizabeth Arden Red Door Spa on Fifth Avenue and hidden gems like Skin Spa, aloft on the fourth floor of a Flatiron District building. When you're sufficiently relaxed, take a leisurely stroll among the fall foliage on the High Line, one of the best free activities in New York City.

Hidden Gems in Grand Cayman | ScubaBoard

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Grand Cayman Hidden Gems

Written By Morritt's Whether you're a long-time Cayman visitor or someone thinking about spending more time here, there are so many things to do beyond the great places to eat, swim, sunbathe and relax. Here, we've gathered a few of our favourites that you may or may not know. You'll find this curious and isolated beach on the north side of Grand Cayman at the western extremity of Rum Point. The sea here is wonderfully clear and great for snorkeling, but the real attractions are the many red cushion sea stars that feed in the shallows. With ample parking, it's an ideal place for a picnic and to watch the sunset but there's little else there. Don't expect bars or cafes. (If sea-life is your thing, you might also consider the more popular Stingray City, a series of shallow sandbars near George Town where you can swim with and pet stingrays.) See the swirling otherworldly colours as you move your hands through the water and imagine yourself in a science-fiction alternate reality. The magical bioluminescence at Rum Point is best seen when snorkeling at night as part of a boat or kayak tour that can also involve an astronomy element and an introduction to the starfish. We have several companies that depart from Kaibo, Starfish point or Rum point – and our local team can help you plan your bioluminescent adventure! The Hamlin Stephenson farmers' market at the Cricket Square in George Town (Mon-Sat) is known for its fresh fruit and vegetables, arts and crafts, pastries, juices, sauces, preserves and other goods from Cayman's farmers and craftspeople. Visit to discover freshly made lemonade, cassava cakes, coconut bread, scented candles, peppermint foot scrub, towels, hand-made jewellery, smoothies and houseplants among many other treats. Perfect for sourcing local ingredients or buying presents and souvenirs. See a list of vendors here. Built in the 1700s, this historic structure is one of Cayman's oldest buildings and once housed Presbyterian missionaries. You can take a tour to walk in the footsteps of early settlers, see a collection of interesting artifacts and learn how the building's residents lived in the 1800s. The gift shop on-site offers the opportunity to buy souvenirs (all proceeds to the National Trust) and you should also look out for the traditional cooking and craft classes held here twice monthly. HOURS:

Monday-Friday: 9am-5pm; Saturday: 11am-4pm. ADDRESS: Gun Square Road, Bodden Town.

TEL: +1 345-945-3769 1981 may have been a year known for the emergence of electronic pop music, but that has nothing to do with the brewery named for the nautical co-ordinates of the Cayman Islands and famous for its craft beers: Cayman Blonde, Island Session and Tropical IPA.

You can take a tour of the brewery and visit the tap room to sample some of the brews straight from the source. HOURS: Tuesday-Thursday: 3pm-7pm; Friday: 3pm-8pm; Saturday: 12pm-5pm;

Sunday: Closed. ADDRESS: 273 Dorcy Drive, George Town, Grand Cayman. TEL: +1

345-945-0440 Created to revive the art of handcrafting premium cigars, the company uses only the finest hand-selected boutique tobaccos sourced from passionate growers using organic, sustainable

farming practices. Master Roller Barbara Garcia oversees the creation of premium smokes.

Unusually, this is a non-profit organisation, with 100% of net profits going back into the island through charitable donations. To book a private cigar rolling event, schedule a tour of Beacon Farms

or ask questions about how to roll or store fine cigars, contact the company directly:

info@caymancigars.com. TEL: +1 345-946-2447 Fancy a walk? The Mastic Trail is a 7.4km

(4.6-mile) round-trip trail near Bodden Town and should take 2-3 hours. Expect to see beautiful wildflowers, small lizards, butterflies, crabs, snakes (non-venomous), parrots and woodpeckers, as

well as a variety of trees, including a fine mastic tree after which the track is named. The route may

not be suitable for the elderly or very young, and youâ€™ll need solid shoes to negotiate the odd root or craggy volcanic rock. Guided tours are scheduled Tuesday and Thursday mornings by

reservation via the National Trust website. A centre of local art and island-style gifts for almost thirty years, this Cayman cottage just south of George Town offers Caymanian paintings, prints, jewellery,

handmade crafts, gifts and more. Great for presents or just to treat yourself because, well, you

deserve it! Youâ€™ll also find housewares and tempting treats such as pepper jelly, jams, hot sauces, spices, Cayman sea salt, Tortuga rum cake and Cayman coffee. HOURS: Monday and

Tuesday 9am-4pm; Wednesday: closed; Thursday, Friday and Saturday 9am-5pm; Sunday: closed.

ADDRESS: South Church Street, South Sound, Grand Cayman. TEL: 345-949-9133 What do kids

love more than ingesting vast quantities of sugar? Petting cute animals! In the Pony Park, children

can meet Lulu the donkey, Pebbles the miniature horse, bunny rabbits and goats – all of which love to be petted. You can also book the park for birthday parties. Entry fee: \$5 per child (including pony ride). HOURS: Saturday mornings 9:00am to 10:30am. ADDRESS: Halfway Pond, just off the Linford Pierson Highway. TEL: 345-516-1751

Was there anything there that that you™ve not experienced? If so, let us know your recommendations to get the best of Cayman. We™re always looking for insider tips! The sea around the Cayman Islands is a paradise for divers and watersports enthusiasts, with crystal waters, fascinating wrecks and an amazing abundance of sea life. If you™re already a keen diver, or if you™d like to dip your toe in the water (literally), there are many options for you. Red Sail Sports has a full-service dive and watersports centre at Morritt™s Tortuga Club operating under the name of Tortuga Divers. As well as a whole range of watersports and sailing activities, Tortuga Divers can also help you to train and get Scuba certified at various levels. Feel free to contact them for more information (1-877-506-6368 / info@tortugadivers.com), but in the meantime here™s a guide to what they offer.

This two-hour East End course teaches you how to dive in one day and discover the undersea world with an experienced instructor. You™ll start easily in a swimming pool and get confident with the theory – how to breathe! – before taking a dive off a shallow reef with all the necessary equipment. The dive will last around 30-40 minutes and goes to a maximum depth of 40 feet. If you fall in love with Scuba immediately, you can take a Repeat Resort Dive.

The advantage of the eLearning course is that you can save four days of your vacation time by studying before you arrive. Complete the theory and tests online and then use your time on Grand Cayman to learn master dive skills with one of our expert instructors over three days.

DAY ONE – Get to grips with the equipment and put theory into practice in a swimming pool (confined water). DAY TWO – Take two shallow-water dives in the sea (open water) to reinforce your skills. DAY THREE – Enjoy two more open-water dives to be certified by your instructor and given your temporary PADI open water certification card. You™ll then receive a personal certification card with photo and ID number by mail. This can then be used anywhere in the world!

The referral course is perfect for people who have already started Scuba certification back home and who want to complete their four open-water training dives in Grand

Cayman with all equipment included. After a quick pool session to test underwater skills, you'll complete the four "check-out" dives over a two-day period. Then a Tortuga Divers instructor will sign your referral forms to verify completion. Courses are available for all the largest recognized diving agencies: PADI, NAUI, SSI, IDEA, PDIC, YMCA, and HSA. • Build on the open water course with new capabilities and new activities while increasing your confidence. No need to wait if you've discovered a new passion – you can go straight into this course after completing the PADI Open Water course (above). If thinking about this course prior to arriving on the island, you can save time by doing the PADI theory online. When you arrive, you'll do five dives over one full day and a half day: a deep dive, a navigation dive and three others to be decided with your instructor. These could include a night dive, a search-and-recovery dive or boat diving. This course includes equipment, boat dives and certification materials. Your PADI Open Water certification card must be presented upon enrollment. • If you haven't dived for two to six years, you may want to refresh your skills, knowledge or confidence before putting on the tanks again. This two-hour course starts in the pool to go over the basic dive theory and then moves to the sea for a shallow afternoon dive. Only previously certified divers may take this course. If you're already an experienced diver, Tortuga Divers operates boats to various dive sites such as Anchor Point, High Rock Drop Off, Turtle Pass, Northern Lights, Snapper Hole, Chub Hole, Grouper Grotto and Black Rock Reef to name a few. Contact them for more details. Please also note that all certification courses need to be pre-booked. All the PADI courses are eLearning, which means you complete the theory online prior to arriving.

April 20 The eastern districts of Grand Cayman are the least populated on the island, however they are full of activities for the whole family to enjoy. • Here's a selection of the attractions that are just a short drive away from Morrit's. • Located just before Tukka restaurant on Austin Connolly Drive, the Cayman Parrot Sanctuary is one of the island's newest attractions but it is already growing in popularity. • As the name implies, the facility is a place where injured Cayman parrots (the Islands' national bird) can be rehabilitated with the ultimate goal of being released back into the wild. • The sanctuary offers a fun, interactive and educational experience where families of all ages can see, hold and feed a

variety of Caymanâ€™s native animals. The Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Park showcases the best of Caymanâ€™s natural beauty, where guests can enjoy guided or self-guided tours through colourful gardens, botanic, lake and nature displays. You might even see an endangered blue iguana or two, which roam freely throughout the park. They are found nowhere else in the world – only in the Cayman Islands! If youâ€™re feeling especially adventurous, grab your hiking shoes and a water bottle for a 2.3-mile hike through the Mastic Trail to see some of the last remaining untouched old-growth forests of the Caribbean as well as several species of birds, reptiles and insects that live within the reserve. Guided tours are also available. Enjoy a fun day at the beach in North Side at Rum Point Club or Kaibo. Both locations offer casual beachside restaurants and bars, loungers and watersports activities. Kaibo also has a coffee shop and a fine dining restaurant for dinners. From Rum Point you can catch a catamaran to visit world famous Stingray City, where you can swim and touch the rays. Note that Rum Point is currently closed but is expected to re-open. Check their social media for updates. A short walk from Kaibo on Water Cay Road, Starfish Point is a popular destination for these special creatures to naturally congregate in the shallow waters. Just be sure to not remove any from the water when you pay them a visit! A guided walking tour through the Crystal Caves and flora and fauna of the surrounding tropical forest will not disappoint! Kids and adults alike will delight at this glowing natural wonder in the Bio Bay. Night tours are available via kayak or boat where you will be able to view the natural splendour of glowing dinoflagellate plankton that twinkle like stars at the slightest movements in the water. The tour companies go out only when the moon phases are favourable and some provide gear for you to swim in the water to see the magic up close. Of course, Morrittâ€™s is packed with on-site activities and amenities including watersports, swim-up pool bars, diving and snorkelling – so you never have to leave the resort! Be sure to check out our daily activities programme, which includes a little fun for everyone! December 12 Here at Morrittâ€™s, we are all about offering you the best experiences. When it comes to food and drink, weâ€™ve got it covered. Thereâ€™s Davidâ€™s restaurant with its fresh, modern menu

and spectacular sea views. There's Mimi's unique dock bar amid the lapping waves and balmy breeze. For hearty pub fare, you have The Cavern, while the Grand and Premier Pool bars offer handy snacks. However, we know it's also fun to explore and enjoy the local districts of East End, North Side, Bodden Town and Kaibo or Rum Point in search of delicious options. With that in mind, here are some suggestions of great places to eat within easy reach of the resort.

Right across the street in the Morritt's Shopping Centre, the Italian Kitchen sources its ingredients from local farmers and fishermen for the freshest tastes. Don't be put off by the exterior architecture – the elegant dining room is friendly and smells great! TRY: Excellent wines, antipasti with a Cayman twist, tempting brick-oven pizzas and a selection of pasta mains that will have you ordering con gusto! Around 20 minutes by car from Morritt's, you'll find both luxury and casual beach dining at Kaibo. The a la carte beach menu (12.00-7.00pm) draws heavily on the surrounding sea and local produce, but for special occasions you need to try Kaibo Upstairs which also has an extensive rum selection (reservations recommended for Upstairs). Breakfast and/or coffee? Drop in at Kaibo Beach Espresso. TRY: Almond and white bean hummus with garlic flatbread, crispy coconut fried fish with a curry sauce, and a triple-chocolate brownie for dessert. Why not? If you also like to play pool or carrom, this place is just a 12 minute drive from Morritt's at Health City Cayman. The cuisine is international drawing on influences from Colombia, Jamaica, India, Mexico, Italy and even the UK (fish and chips!). Drinkers will enjoy the huge array of spirits, cocktails and wines. Beers are both bottled and on tap. Don't miss discounted drinks during the daily happy hour. TRY: The blackened shrimp quesadilla, a slow cooked biryani curry, a classic burger or a sinful sticky toffee pudding accompanied by a Shellshock IPA on tap or a mango mojito. Note that Rum Point is currently closed but is expected to re-open. Check their social media for updates. Rum Point on the tranquil North Side is the perfect place to chill out 20 minutes away from Morritt's. The shallow water is great for families, while couples can simply get a hammock and relax. The Wreck Bar and Grill is perfect for a

hearty lunch, while the Rum Point Club Restaurant offers an elegant dinner choice with magnificent views. TRY: The mudslides (invented here!), the renowned Caybrew-battered fish and chips, the traditional jerk chicken, seafood hotpot, or the notorious Rum Point Challenge: 16oz of flame-grilled beef stuffed with pickled jalapenos and topped with Swiss cheddar. Australian cuisine with a Cayman twist is just a three minute-drive south if you'd like to try yellow-fin tuna, mahi-mahi, wahoo, snapper, lionfish and (seasonally) the Caribbean spiny lobster pulled fresh from the ocean. Watch the frigate birds and tarpon from the shady terrace as you enjoy food from an award-winning chef and menus that change from week to weekend. TRY: Coconut panko prawns, lobster bisque with cognac or a steak and mushroom pie followed by date and walnut pudding Mon-Thurs. Fri-Sun, try the black Angus filet mignon or Thai bouillabaisse. Enjoy Caribbean cuisine on the sand, on the seaside patio or inside the air-conditioned dining room just 16 minutes away from Morritt's. TRY: Caribbean classics such as ackee and codfish, jerk chicken, curried goat or stewed conch. On the North Side 10 minutes drive from Morritt's, Over the Edge offers truly authentic Caymanian dining and a real island experience. They grow all the vegetables on their own farm and their seafood is locally sourced from daily catches. TRY: Caymanian classics such as turtle steak, lobster with garlic, conch steak and grilled tuna. Four minutes south brings you to the sea-grape shade and rustic charm of Miss Vivine's, where the menu and ambience is authentically Caymanian. How authentic? The restaurant is literally Miss Vivine's house and she cooks in her own kitchen. The jerk chicken on your plate was probably running round the yard the previous day. TRY: The salt beef and seafood come recommended, as do the turtle, conch and whelk stews. Reports of the fresh mango juice are stellar. If you like grilled stuff, you'll love Big Tree BBQ close to Miss Vivine's. Let father and son team Arvid and Henry feed you some of the best home-cooked Caymanian food hot off the BBQ and aromatic with smoke and spices. Fans of ribs have said it puts Texas to shame. NOTE: cash-only payment. TRY: Ribs! You also can't go wrong with Cayman-style lobster, turtle stew and the amazing sides such as the

coleslaw,Â corn on the cob, fried plantains andÂ mommaâ€™s corn bread.Â Â Â Â Eight minutes down the coast takes you to the Captainâ€™s green-and-blue shack surrounded by palmsÂ and with the sound of the surf close by. Known for its fresh local fishÂ (heâ€™s a real captain!) and localÂ flavour, this is a great place to relax with an island vibe.Â TRY:Â The famousÂ oxtail soup,Â curried goat,Â sweetâ€“andâ€“sour shrimpÂ and the classicÂ CaymanÂ cassavaÂ cake.Â Â If laid-back and informal is the atmosphere you seekÂ andÂ no-fuss, excellent food your goalÂ (and if eating off a surfboard is not aÂ significant etiquetteÂ problemÂ for you), welcome to the Czech Inn! Reasonable prices, local food and a friendly welcome is what you can expectÂ a 20â€“minute drive along the south coast from Morrittâ€™s.Â TRY:Â The laudedÂ chicken schnitzel, burgers,Â tacos andÂ quesadillasÂ Â Wherever you go,Â bonÂ appetit! Weâ€™ll be waiting for you back at Morrittâ€™s with a cocktail by the pool or a night cap for sweet dreams.Â March 29 2289 Queenâ€™s Highway East End, Grand Cayman Cayman Islands Â© Morrittâ€™s 2024. All rights reserved.

Local Hidden Gems to Discover on the Cayman Islands | Seafire Residence Rentals

You are here It's easy to get caught up with Cayman Island's vast attractions while visiting the island. Places to visit include the famous Seven Mile and Stingray City. For those who are looking to explore a more authentic destination, a place where the locals seek out when they want to leave the crowded tourist scene, here are three places worth your time that will leave a lasting memory of the Cayman Islands.

1. Starfish Point - One of the island's most serene and picturesque spots, offering a quiet destination from the crowded tourist spots that feature calm, shallow waters perfect for snorkeling and wading. The water around Starfish Point is dotted with vibrant orange and red starfish, which contrasts the turquoise waters these native starfish live in. This is an absolutely perfect destination for the family to enjoy, allowing visitors an up-close and personal experience unlike any other. Seafire Residences' local team can help guide you while staying at one of their vacation rentals, suggesting the best times to check out Starfish Point to observe these delicate creatures in their natural habitat.
2. Mastic Trail - This 200-year-old path offers a journey through one of Grand Cayman's last remaining dry forests, providing a glimpse into the island's natural habitat. Along your 2-mile hike, you will get a chance to see a variety of native plants, including mahogany trees, orchids and Silver Thatch palm - the native tree of the Cayman Islands. Steeped in the island's history, the Mastic Trail was once a vital route for moving goods through the interior of the island. Today, it serves as a peaceful retreat away from the tourist-heavy areas and clogged destination traps. Seafire Residences can arrange guided tours with local experts that will help you find and discover the unique flora, fauna and historical significance of the trail.
3. Barkers National Park - Outdoor adventurers would appreciate this hidden treasure with its unspoiled, natural landscape located on the northwest tip of Grand Cayman. This undeveloped park is home to miles of rugged coastline, pristine beaches and undisturbed mangrove forests offering visitors who dare to explore the island's wilder side for hiking, kite surfing and horseback riding. Take a stroll along one of the pristine, secluded beaches and discover local wildlife such as exotic birds and marine life

while journeying through this untainted park.

Explore the Top-5 Hidden Gems of Grand Cayman - Villas of the Galleon

These Top-5 Hidden Gems of Grand Cayman will take you off the beaten path. With Villa Of The Galleon's 7th Night Free offer, you can explore these unique island delights! Stay for a week and get the seventh night free from May 1st to September 30th, 2022! Rest peacefully in your pristine 1-, 2-, or 3-bedroom villa after a day of sunbathing, drinking rum and vodka, participating in enlightening tours, and savouring local food.

Distillery and Brewery Tour At local distilleries and breweries, savour the perfume of distillation and learn about the history of fermentation. After you've had your fill of rums, beers, and vodka, head over to Tortuga Rum Cake Factory for their world-famous rum cakes.

Davidoff Sculpture Showcase Don't miss the quirky cement art done by quasi-local artist David Quasius, aka Davinoff. His works depict the natural beauty of the island and its inhabitants, which include octopuses, crocodiles, and mermaids. You can even swim alongside a shark without concern!

History & Heritage Tour With a guided tour that focuses on the most interesting aspects of our legacy, you can learn about Grand Cayman's rich history. Admire Pedro St. James Castle, Grand Cayman's oldest structure, before touring the Governor's Residence, the National Museum, and more!

Lovers Wall A stone wall with two modest plaques reading "Lovers Wall" exists on Queen's Highway in the Eastern Grand Cayman district. From the wall enjoy views of local flora and impressive rock formations. It is preferable to explore this mystery sight at sunset, as the region is underwhelming during the day. It's worth a visit following a visit to the Blowholes, which are only 2 kilometres away.

Vivine's Restaurant With the authentic Caribbean and Western fare on offer, the food is delicious and appeals to any patron's taste. Because it's also in the East End, it's a great place to visit before or after the Blowholes.

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23 Unique Things To Do In Grand Cayman Solo From An Expert (2024) - Epic Nomad Life

According to travel statistics, more and more travelers are discovering the bliss and empowerment of solo travel in general. I could not agree more. I visited Grand Cayman solo recently for over a month, I can testify that this Caribbean island is a great destination for solo travel. The amazing perks of solo traveling are that solo travelers have infinite flexibility or wait for others when making decisions. Grand Cayman is perfect for solo travelers, as it is a safe destination, a small island, and has lots of fun activities. Here is the list of unique things to do in Grand Cayman: traveling solo! I have blissfully embraced solo travel for YEARS! Traveling solo is a great way to get away and recompose yourself, explore the world on your own terms, where you're the boss ? and do what YOU want to do, exactly when you want to! But it is nice to be able to choose when you want to be on your own and when you would like some company. Here is a good mix of Grand Cayman things to do solo or on tours. You can choose to be social and do activities and sights and go places with new friends, or you can explore in majestic solitude! My absolute favorite tour in Grand Cayman: Visiting Stingray City is one of the most popular things to do in Grand Cayman and a must-do for solo travelers looking for an unforgettable experience. This tour was so much more fun than I anticipated beforehand, and for solo travelers, this is a unique and super fun group tour that makes it easy to get to know your fellow stingray swimmers! Located off the north shore of the island, this natural sandbar offers you a unique chance to swim with stingrays and interact with these beautiful creatures in their natural habitat. With the clear shallow waters, this is an ideal spot for it (thoroughly organized by professional guides)! You can also do a bit of snorkeling while observing the amazing array of sea life living in the coral reefs. It's also a great opportunity to learn more about stingrays, as the experienced guides teach you while they are hands-on to ensure you both have a safe and unforgettable experience! Starfish Point is a great spot for solo travelers looking to get away from the hustle and bustle of Grand Cayman's tourist spots, also with the company of other enthusiastic travelers wanting the same experience. Located on the north shore of Grand Cayman island, this

tranquil beach offers you encounters with starfish and sea urchins. You can safely have a close encounter with both of them while learning a bit from knowledgeable guides that go with you onto the shallow water on the beach. If you're looking to explore the best snorkeling spots on Grand Cayman, most require a boat tour off the shore. These types of tours typically depart from the west side of the island, and you can easily book online in advance. Or you can bring your own snorkeling gear (or buy one), and head out for a tranquil day in your own company, only disturbed by the tropical fish! One lovely experience is swimming in the Bioluminescent Bay water at night. See the science at work when your movements in the dark water light up the plankton in this area; it is actually a super fun experience! For the social solo traveler, a group biking tour is probably the perfect combination of solo and company time! This Cayman Island tour lasts three hours, during which you will make 10-12 stops to explore the island and take pictures. You can hang back on your own or speed up and start a conversation with the others about the scenery you pass. Your tour includes a drink voucher that can be used after the tour or any day during your trip. The tour operator will also give you a free gift as a reminder of your time in the Cayman Islands! For a Grand Cayman full-day experience with shopping, brunching, happy-houring at KARoo, and even heading straight into dinner at Agua or Abacus. You will find plenty of things to fill a day in Camana Bay. This grand waterfront district is home to a variety of shops and restaurants, perfect for solo travelers looking for a bit of retail therapy. With a variety of shops ranging from luxury brands to budget shopping, make the shopping experience exactly what you want it to be! Stroll the grand boutiques and the small specialty shops and local gems, sample short-traveled cuisine (like sausages!), and every now and then, take in grand views of the harbor with a coffee or fresh drink! After a day of shopping, if you have the stamina, you can stay and start your evening out here; the service does not close until 1 a.m.! Grand Cayman's Seven Mile Beach is a paradise stretch of white sand along the island's western side, perfect for an afternoon spent soaking in the Caribbean sun. Seven Mile Beach changes composition in different zones, and the beach has a changing ambiance. You can spend the day close to a vibrant waterhole on the beach or find a tranquil spot where there is nothing but zen. If you're looking to get active from the get-go, start your vaycay by heading over to

Seven Mile Beach, where you can go snorkeling and swimming in the gorgeous blue waters. If you want to go snorkeling the vibrant coral reefs, you might want to choose the area called Cemetery Beach for that. For those looking to explore further offshore, there are plenty of opportunities for kayaking and paddleboarding, too. For solo travelers looking to learn more about Grand Cayman's culture and history, visiting the National Museum is perfect; take the time to learn and contemplate in peace and quiet. Located on Grand Cayman's waterfront, the museum has an extensive collection of artifacts dating back centuries that tell the story of Grand Cayman's cultural heritage! The museum also features interactive exhibits that invite you to explore and engage in an immersive learning experience. It's also a great opportunity to learn more about stingrays, as the experienced guides teach you while they are hands-on to ensure you both have a safe and unforgettable experience! For solo travelers looking for a more independent way to explore Grand Cayman, renting a car could be a really good solution. Grand Cayman is not huge, but there are some distances to cover between the West Bay and the East End. With your own car, you can discover all of Grand Cayman's things to do at your own pace! Just make sure you brush up on your island driving skills before hitting the roads; in the Caymans, they drive on the left! You can also get your rental car at the airport when you get there; it takes about 2 minutes! If you're looking for an adventure without the need to rent a car, renting an electric bike is a great option for exploring one part of the island at a time. I spent a day exploring the West End on my rented electric bike, and that was simply awesome. Plus, electric bikes are eco-friendly, so you can enjoy the beauty of the island without worrying about your carbon footprint ? Grand Cayman has plenty of areas to explore along its beautiful coastline, and with flat terrain and wide bike paths, Grand Cayman is a great destination for solo cyclists. With an electric bike, you can fly across the island, covering more ground at your own pace while getting a lot of fresh air and not worrying about parking issues. Also read: [7 Fabulous Days In Grand Cayman Itinerary!](#) For solo travelers looking for a great place to dine on a date with yourself, the Agua Restaurant in Camana Bay is perfect for that. I found the Agua Restaurant by accident while strolling around the Camana Bay waterfront (there are lots to do and see here!).. Luckily, I remembered the name, so I could call and book a table for the evening! Agua

offers an array of delicious dishes crafted with fresh ingredients and inspired by local flavors. You will love something on the menu, whether it's their signature ceviche, tacos, or traditional Caribbean classics. I had tuna steak and a glass of Chardonnay with it?absolutely delicious! With its outdoor seating overlooking the marina in Camana Bay, it is a great spot to enjoy dinner while the sun is setting and the night lights come to life around the bay. The Tortuga Rum Cake Factory in Grand Cayman is a must-do for solo travelers when you want something sweet. The factory gives tours that highlight the creation of rum cakes, from baking to packaging. Of course, you get to test some of the delicious flavors while learning the history of rum cake production on Grand Cayman. Choose between a wide selection of rum cakes, including classic flavors, or unique tropical creations like coconut pineapple or mango-passionfruit. A souvenir to gift to someone at home? Be serious about your gadget security while traveling! There are an estimated 365 scuba diving sites around Grand Cayman (the dive guide told me they actually had a competition to discover more spectacular dive sites!). So, your options for underwater adventures around Grand Cayman are almost infinite! For experienced divers, you have the unique opportunity to explore an artificial reef on the USS Kittiwake Shipwreck. This former US Navy submarine rescue vessel, now coral reef, attracts plenty of tropical fish and other marine life, making it a great spot for scuba diving. With its depths ranging from shallow to over 100 feet, the Kittiwake offers an array of dive zones suitable for all levels. Plus, the ship's grandeur and interesting features make it a popular destination for both recreational and professional divers. For a unique and educational experience, the Cayman Turtle Farm on Grand Cayman is a must-visit. The farm is home to around 20,000 green sea turtles, so you will have an amazing opportunity to learn more about these amazing sea swimmers! You can interact with the turtles up close in their natural habitat and explore the interactive exhibits to learn more about their lives. The farm also offers activities such as kayaking and snorkeling, getting you an intimate view of Grand Cayman's marine life, so make sure you have plenty of time for your visit! Located in West Bay, these underground limestone Crystal Caves have stunningly clear pools of water that sparkle like diamonds. You'll also get to see some of the most interesting rock formations in the world, such as stalactites and stalagmites, along with various species of bats, roosting birds, and other

creatures. With over 2700 feet of passages and tunnels, you'll get to explore the grandeur of the ancient environment. The majestic beauty of the cave will leave you mesmerized ? a truly unique experience! Located on the north side of Grand Cayman, Rum Point features an expansive white sand beach and plenty of activities for visitors to enjoy. Here, you can lounge in a hammock beneath swaying palm trees, take walks along the shore, or enjoy water sports such as kayaking, windsurfing, or paddle boarding. The nearby beach bar is the perfect spot to relax with a refreshing rum punch and take in the stunning views of Grand Cayman's coastline. It's an ideal spot for solo travelers looking for some relaxation and tranquility! Plus, Rum Point is home to a variety of restaurants, bars, and shops offering something for everyone. Dolphin Discovery Grand Cayman is an interactive facility that is home to a variety of different species of dolphins. It offers visitors the chance to get up close and personal with these majestic creatures. You can choose guided tours and in-water experiences and enjoy activities such as swimming, snorkeling, and even hugging dolphins. They also run educational programs to teach the importance of conservation and dolphin welfare. Dedicated to providing a healthy home for its residents, Dolphin Discovery Grand Cayman states that they are committed to safe and responsible activities. For a tranquil and peaceful experience, be sure to check out Queen Elisabeth II Botanic Park on Grand Cayman. Here, you'll find over 65 acres of lush gardens filled with vibrant tropical plants and wildlife. The park offers guided tours throughout the grounds, allowing visitors to learn more about the local environment and history of the island. Take the combo tour to Queen Elisabeth Botanic Garden and Pedros Castle at the same time! Take a step back in time and explore the Pedros Castle on Grand Cayman. This historic fort was built by the Spanish over two hundred years ago and stands as a reminder of their colonization of the island. With its weathered walls, grand turrets, and breathtaking views, you can't help but ponder the dramatic history of the Caribbean region as a whole! The castle is open to the public and offers a fascinating glimpse into Grand Cayman's past. You can also take the combo tour to Pedros Castle and the Queen Elisabeth Botanic Garden. For a taste of Grand Cayman's tasty things to do, be sure to check out Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville. This beachfront hotspot is the perfect place for solo travelers looking for a good time! Guests can enjoy food and drinks and a

vibing Caribbean atmosphere while taking in grand views of the ocean and nearby mountains. The restaurant also features live music, outdoor bars, and a vibrant atmosphere that hopefully makes you feel happy! And don't forget to try the signature margarita! Kayaking is a wonderful way to explore the elements and the sea world, so close to everything, just inches above the surface! These guided trips will take you through some of Grand Cayman's most beautiful waters, allowing you to explore hidden coves and get super close to local wildlife. Along the way, you'll also have plenty of opportunities to stop for some snorkeling and swimming in Grand Cayman's turquoise waters. When deciding on unforgettable things to do in Grand Cayman, be sure to check out the kayaking tours! Grand Cayman is one of the few places in the world where you can safely "go to Hell" and back! This special destination is a limestone formation that some think looks like it could have been pulled straight from the depths of hell, forming sharp rock formations interrupted by greenish water. It's an interesting spot, but the area is very small, and unless you have an above-average interest in rocks, this place is done in a couple of minutes, really. Spend a few hours in George Town, too, the capital of the Cayman Islands! This small city is the capital of the Caymans and features a vibrant mix of culture and history. Here, you can explore colonial architecture, sample Grand Cayman cuisine, and occasionally take part in lively street festivals. Beautiful art galleries and other top-notch shopping, including duty-free shops and delicious eateries. And wherever you go, there are jewelry shops and clock shops in George Town! There are no adults-only resorts in Grand Cayman, which would have been a good criterion for a solo traveler. But there are a wide range of great places to stay. But here are three top-rated places to stay in Grand Cayman with lots of activities and possibilities to socialize in common areas and with activities if you want to!

EpicNomadLife Tip: 3 Top-rated places to stay Grand Cayman: Grand Cayman is an ideal destination for solo travelers who are looking for great things to do and explore on their own; it is safe, fun, and not too big! Whether you're up for an action-packed vaycay or just want to take it easy with some sightseeing, it's up to you. Enjoy some peace and tranquility in the Caribbean sun and have plenty of opportunities to meet new people if you want to! Go for a bike ride, lounge on the beach or the pool by yourself, or stroll through Camana Bay or George Town in your own

company. Also read: [Easy Guide: How To Plan A Solo Trip For Beginners](#) I would say YES! Grand Cayman is a perfect destination for a traditional Caribbean getaway, with dazzling shiny blue waters and miles of pristine white sand. Beneath the surface lies an untouched wet and wild side that you also want to explore. A world that is rich with flora-filled trails, shipwrecks, and rare species of sea life that will take your breath away! Grand Cayman also offers an abundance of colorful, culturally rich art and craftwork to admire with your feet all dry. Not to mention the amazing short-traveled seafood! Phew! Grand Cayman, along with its smaller siblings Little Cayman and Cayman Brac are mostly famous for being idyllic getaways for travelers (and ex-pats). With crystal clear blue waters for diving or snorkeling, tantalizing food options, and engaging wildlife marine experiences like Stingray City, which is unique to Grand Cayman. Put in the Seven Mile Beach, Camana Bay shopping, and a variety of hotels and accommodation options ? Grand Cayman has everything you could possibly want from a tropical escape ? and more! Situated in the far west of the Caribbean Sea, you find the Cayman Islands approximately 450 miles south of Miami, Florida, and 272 miles northwest of Jamaica. It is a really tiny island group in the Caribbean, but so rich in adventure, flora, and fauna! The ideal period to visit the Cayman Islands is during the dry season; in the winter months. The wide interpretation of this is November through April, but be aware December and January might be a bit chilly at night! The perfect spot is between February through April. You might want to avoid the wet season from May through October and probably avoid the hurricane season around August and September. If you don't mind a bit of strong weather or heat, you can always go whenever you want! I have a whole article JUST about that! You can read the article [here](#) to find out what are the best destinations for solo female travel to the Caribbean, and why! If you like traveling solo because you have all the magic moments to yourself, you can perfectly achieve that on Grand Cayman by exploring on your own. Grand Cayman is perfect for solo travelers, as it is very safe, and the island is not too big! There are a lot of adventures you can do alone, enjoy your own company (or that of an audiobook or podcast), or join a group to socialize if and when you want to. If you want all the perks of solo travel but also like to hang around people, there is also a variety of group tours and activities you can embark upon in Grand Cayman. I am confident you will have a wonderful solo

time; I certainly had a blast. EpicNomadLife tip: Make sure you book a "romantic table for one" at Agua restaurant at Camana Bay, a perfect end to a great day. Related blog posts: [6 Top-Rated Private Boat Charters In Grand Cayman](#) [Best Area To Stay In Grand Cayman From An Expert Traveler](#) [Fabulous Grand Cayman Solo Travel Itinerary | A Complete Guide!](#) Hege Jacobsen is a solo female traveler and the founder of Epic Nomad Life. She is also a former military officer, veteran and Master of Political Science. She has traveled solo all her life, the last four years as a full time digital nomad. A life long solo and slow traveler, Hege also did a TEDx talk in 2023 about how to communicate better with [A Traveler's Mindset!](#) Along the southern island shores, Trinidad is called "the Museum of Cuba", and there are really good reasons for that nickname. I have visited Trinidad several times over the years, and my advice is that you definitely should put this destination on your itinerary and book a casa particular Trinidad Cuba, to stay there for? [Read More](#) [4 Best Casa Particular Trinidad Cuba By A Local \(2024\)](#)Continue Ladies, if you are heading for Colombia and wondering whether to put Cartagena de Indias on your first time itinerary? Is Cartagena Colombia worth visiting? You are in the right place. I can confidently say that Cartagena is not just worth it; it's a must-visit destination when you travel to Colombia (or South America for? [Read More](#) [Is Cartagena, Colombia Worth Visiting Solo? A Traveler's Guide to Its Charm and Beauty!](#)Continue If you have found your way to Havana Cuba, that is really great, and I hope you are having a blast exploring the Cuban capital. But while there, you need to know that it is only a few hours from Havana to the beautiful Vinales Valley, home of the coveted Cuban cigars. I have visited? [Read More](#) [Three Ways To Travel From Havana To Vinales \(And One To Avoid\) 2024](#)Continue There are a variety of great options for finding a top-rated five-star hotel in Havana Cuba, for your holiday these days. Back in the day, Havana (and Cuba) was infamous for horrible accommodations, hotels, food, and service. But not anymore! I have been traveling regularly to Havana for five years, and I have visited most? [Read More](#) [Best Five star hotels in Havana Cuba From An Expert \(2024\)](#)Continue Maybe the single most compelling reason to visit Grand Cayman traveling is to bask in the soft sand and waves of its incredible, picturesque Seven Mile Beach. Situated on the western side of Grand Cayman, this iconic public beach has won multiple awards. In fact, TripAdvisor ranked

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[Flying Solo From An Expert \(2025\)](#)[Continue](#) Have you heard about bioluminescent water? When you are visiting Grand Cayman, you might want to take the opportunity to join this Grand Cayman Bioluminescence Tour to the Bioluminescent Bay, which I did; that was something else! I loved this trip; swimming in the blue-lighting water was a lot more fun than I thought it? [Read More](#) [Magic Grand Cayman Bioluminescence Tour At Night \(2024\)](#)[Continue](#)

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Introducing, the East End: Grand Cayman's Hidden Gem

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The East End Advantage

One of the significant advantages of the East End is its remote location, away from the busy tourist-centric Georgetown and West Bay on the west side of the island. This means lesser development, diver activity, and as a result - a better diving experience. These factors have helped preserve the health and dynamism of the dive sites here, making them some of the best in Grand Cayman.

A Rich Tapestry of Dive Sites

The East End presents a plethora of dive sites, each with its own distinct personality and marine life. "The Maze" is a must-visit. With its dramatic topography, abundant coral, and teeming marine life, it promises an unforgettable experience. "Frank Sound Gardens" offers a different flavor. Being a shallower site, it is ideal for those looking to spend more time exploring the marine world at a leisurely pace. "Playing Fields" is another gem that is located right offshore from the village of East End. Each of these sites provides a different perspective of the underwater world, ensuring that every dive is a unique experience.

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A Memorable Journey

Traveling to the East End of Grand Cayman makes for a memorable dive vacation. The region boasts of short boat rides to the best diving spots on the island, and a historical track record of diving 363 days a year. It provides a much-needed escape from the bustling crowds of Seven Mile Beach and offers a chance to immerse oneself in the serene beauty of the East End.

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The Essence of the Caribbean

In its quietness and remoteness, Cayman's East End epitomizes the true Caribbean spirit. It is less commercial, more local, and offers a tranquil ambience that is hard to find elsewhere. The dive sites are stunning, both in their natural beauty and the diversity of marine life they host. The experience of diving in the East End is unparalleled and one that is sure to leave a lasting impression.

About Compass Point Dive Resort

Nestled in the pristine East End of Grand Cayman, Compass Point Dive Resort epitomizes the ultimate in boutique dive resort experiences. Established in 1996 with a vision to offer a unique, personalized diving experience, the resort has since set a benchmark in the industry. It is renowned for its exceptional customer service, delivered by a team of passionate, experienced staff who go the extra mile to ensure every guest's stay is memorable.

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Trip to Grand Cayman Island - Nature Talk - iNaturalist Community Forum

In July, I'll be taking a trip to Grand Cayman Island. I'll be spending a lot of time outdoors, and hopefully get the chance to snorkel, walk the beaches and also explore some inland areas. I'm excited to check out some prime snorkeling spots, shallow reefs, hiking trails, wetlands and preserves. I'm focused on just about any wildlife - birds, mammals, marine life, fungi, reptiles, amphibians, and especially insects. Anyone have any recommendations for books / guides to the wildlife? If you've been to Grand Cayman, any spots or hidden gems to visit would be much appreciated - I'm staying on the western side of the island. Additionally, I'm looking for advice on buying a somewhat cheap underwater camera for beginners (I've looked into the Olympus TG Tough lineup). Thanks! You can check the recent topics about underwater, other than Olympus people recommend certain go pros that look really fine and cost much less. I don't think these are in print anymore, but for any Caribbean adventures, I refer to three main field guides: Birds of the West Indies, by James Bond

Butterflies of the West Indies, by Norman Riley

Coral Reef Fishes of the Caribbean, by Joseph Stokes Some out-of-print books can be found on e.g. eBay for reasonable prices, especially if they are discarded library books. An excellent resource, although pricy, is the Humann & DeLoach books on fish and critter ID. I have the hardcopy Caribbean set and carry them with me, although you can now buy them as eBooks. I have the Pacific ID set as eBooks. Much lighter to carry, but harder to use. You can find them here: <http://fishid.com/> You can buy used copies online. Make sure you get one that's not too far out of date: they've been published for years and each book has multiple editions. Check out this place's prices (though I've never bought from them): <https://www.thriftbooks.com/a/paul-humann/217812/> If you're new to snorkeling (and even if you're not), it's fun to take a guided snorkel. They'll point out things you wouldn't see on your own and explain how the ecosystem works together. Try to find one that takes you places other than Stingray

City, so you'll see wildlife doing its normal thing. If you're staying at a place with a scuba/snorkel operation, they usually have ID book you can look at between outings to ID all the things you saw. I especially recommend asking the dive guides, other divers and snorkelers, and any naturalists to help identify (and there's always that one fellow tourist who lives to help others ID, like me). After a dive or guided snorkel, the guides will look up things you saw with them in an ID book to help you remember and write down names. My underwater point and shoot is a little Sony that's a few years old. It's good for snorkeling in sunlight and has a zoom to bring the fish a little closer for a good ID. It's also fun for pool parties, taking pictures while you kayak (above and below water). Many of my underwater photos in iNaturalist were taken with this camera. I'm not sure whether they still make it! I couldn't find its current model on their web site tonight. Since you plant to walk beaches, I would encourage you to photograph the seashells that wash up there. I should be able to identify every shell you find. Also, if you really want to go cheap for underwater photos, you can buy a waterproof case for your phone. They seem to be surprisingly reliable. Like this one: https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B00LBK7OSY/ref=ppx_yo_dt_b_asin_title_o04_s00?ie=UTF8&psc=1 I bought a TG6 a couple years ago - specifically for iNat! - and I have loved it for macro shots of insects. Sadly, I haven't yet had the chance to try it out in the water, but I've seen other iNatters who take good underwater shots with the same model. I've had the pleasure to visit Grand Cayman twice, and the snorkeling is superb! Although you're staying on the west end, be sure to visit some of the beaches on the east side of the island, which is considerably less developed and a bit 'wilder.' Some of the beaches have a strong rip current, but that can be dealt with by snorkeling from one pier and letting the current take you down the beach a ways to another pier; then just get out, walk up the beach in the opposite direction, and do it again. My husband and I did this for a whole afternoon and saw ctenophores, beautiful squid 'stationing' in a line near some fan coral, and of course a plethora of tropical fish. No resources or guides really but I'll mirror what somebody has already said about how the west really isn't as 'wild' as the east, and give my personal opinion (not that it was asked for). There's stuff at the west side that I could certainly recommend (Cayman Turtle Centre, Stingray City, National Gallery of the Cayman Islands) but if you're looking

for more "wild" spots to just go around, there's not as much on the west side? That being said, I can still recommend some spots that might be more of what you're looking for (or maybe not): Pig Sty Bay (Maritime Heritage Trail), Barker's National Park and Hell! Hell is really cool. I don't think people talk about it enough. Since you plan to walk beaches, I would encourage you to photograph the seashells that wash up there. Might I mention that I'm pretty good with Caribbean beach plants. @ me for those if you wish. Thanks I will if I need help. This topic was automatically closed 60 days after the last reply. New replies are no longer allowed. Powered by Discourse, best viewed with JavaScript enabled

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20 things to do in Grand Cayman - visit Cayman islands

With sparkling turquoise water, white sand beaches, luxurious hotels and a cosmopolitan food scene, Grand Cayman offers a sophisticated Caribbean holiday experience. The Cayman Islands have come a long way since the days when they survived on turtle farming, named Las Tortugas by Christopher Columbus who sighted the islands in 1503. Turtles are still the symbol of this trio of islands, which make up the autonomous British overseas territory. Yet the vibe here feels more American than English, with Miami just a short flight away. Most visitors spend their time on Grand Cayman, where I spent a week, while the smaller sister islands of Cayman Brac and Little Cayman offer a quieter and more relaxed experience. I enjoyed the boat trips and watersports, ate fantastic seafood and dipped into the culture of the Cayman Islands. Now I can share my experience of some of the best things to do on Grand Cayman and everything I enjoyed in the Cayman Islands. This article may contain affiliate links that provide commission on purchases you make at no extra cost to you. As an Amazon Associate I earn from qualifying purchases. Table of Contents Let's start our tour of Grand Cayman at George Town, capital of the Cayman Islands and the government centre of Grand Cayman. The Cayman Islands National Museum offers a great insight into the local history and culture, and is well worth a visit when you visit George Town in Grand Cayman. It's easy to spot the museum building on the waterfront, with its red roof, white painted shiplap and shutters. This is one of the few remaining 19th century buildings on the island, the rest being destroyed by hurricanes and building development. Over the years this Cayman museum building has served as a post office, courthouse, schoolhouse, library and jailhouse so is embedded in collective Cayman memory. Check out this historic tour of George Town including the National Museum and other historical sites such as Pedro St James. You may also enjoy: The Cayman Islands: watersports, Stingray City and the best beaches in Grand Cayman Inside the museum you get a little bit of everything, from the natural history of the islands, to Cayman traditions like fishing, rope making and ship building. The talking fisherman told me all about turtle fishing in the old days. Turtles were the main source of meat in the local diet, so ships often stopped to take turtles on board as part of their

fresh provisions. When Christopher Columbus sighted the Cayman Islands in 1503 he named them Las Tortugas, the Spanish for turtles, due to the large number he saw swimming in the sea. I also learned about Cayman Airways, the national airline that has been serving the islands since 1968 and about life at home in the Cayman Islands. Until the growth of tourism daily life seemed pretty uneventful, with not much happening apart from fishing, going to church and fending off the mosquitos. More info: Cayman Islands National Museum After my visit to the National Museum, I popped along the road to Gelato & Co where they churn their own gelato, all made from fresh ingredients with no preservatives and artificial colours and flavours. Dodging the Cayman chickens outside the door I ordered a tub of gelato from the constantly changing selection of creamy and fruity tropical flavours. Mine was coconut ? yum! Check out this historic tour of George Town including the National Museum and other historical sites such as Pedro St James. I wandered around the waterfront area George Town which is tiny and seemed to be made up mainly of malls aimed at cruise visitors. There are lots of shops selling souvenirs, designer watches and jewellery. But to be honest if you enjoy shopping I think you're better to take a taxi the short distance to Camana Bay. Apart from the National Museum building, there seemed to be little left of old style Cayman houses in George Town. One other spot I enjoyed having a look was the Fish Market of Grand Cayman, just a short distance along the waterfront from the museum. ?Fish Market? actually seems rather a grand term, as when I visited there were just a couple of stalls shaded under makeshift canopies, with the fish laid out for sale on bare wooden tables. The stallholders at the Fish Market were friendly and happy to chat. You can buy some fish here and then take it to Cayman Cabana right next door, where they will prepare and cook it for you. I like the restaurant's ethos of supporting local farmers and producers. Every Thursday there's a Farm to Table feast served under the stars at a long communal table. While I didn't get a chance to eat at the restaurant, I did try a dish from their pop-up stall at the KAABOO Cayman festival where they were serving delicious Cayman style dishes made with local produce. A good place to eat on the edge of George Town is Lobster Pot, where I sat on the deck with a prime view of the ocean and the cruise ships sitting off shore. I felt quite smug as I relaxed with a view of the ocean, while the taxis passed

on the coast road behind the restaurant, taking all the cruise passengers back to the ship! Lobster Pot on Grand Cayman is one of the original seafood restaurants on the island and is on the upper floor of the building. Eat inside if you like air conditioning, or outside on the shaded deck which is what I always prefer ? that warm air is one of the reasons I love the Caribbean! The menu has plenty of local seafood and I tried the tasty ceviche followed by coconut crusted shrimps accompanied by a vibrant Miss Mona's fruit punch (the non-alcoholic version of a rum punch). If you visit: Lobster Pot Grand Cayman | 245 North Church Street, George Town Seven Mile Beach is probably where most visitors head after George Town and it's also where many of the hotels and resorts on Grand Cayman are located. A glorious white sand beach that stretches for nearly seven miles, Seven Mile Beach on Grand Cayman regularly features on those lists of best beaches in the Cayman Islands and even the Caribbean. Stay at the luxurious Kimpton Seafire Resort and Spa on Seven Mile Beach The beach stretches northwards from George Town towards the less developed end of the beach at West Bay. There are a few good spots for snorkelling such as the reef just off Governor's beach, the spot in front of the Governor's residence, at Cemetery Beach and at Boggy Sand Road. If you need transport to Seven Mile Beach, check out this beach trip from your hotel or from George Town to Seven Mile Beach. If you are used to beaches in Europe where you can easily hire sunbeds, be aware that things work a little differently in the Caribbean. If you are staying in one of the many beautiful hotel properties along 7 Mile Beach, such as the Westin Grand Cayman or the Kimpton Seafire, you will have full access to the hotel's pools, restaurants, beach bars and sunbeds. Even if you are not staying in a hotel on the beach, you can still easily access the beach itself (as beaches on Grand Cayman are public) but you may not find much in the way of facilities such as sun loungers that you can use, even if prepared to pay. Stay at the luxurious Westin Grand Cayman Seven Mile Beach Resort Instead you'll need to look for the spots of shade under the Grape Trees or perhaps use a beach equipment rental service like Adventura Cayman. There's plenty of choice for water sports on Seven Mile Beach and you can hire paddle boards, snorkel gear and dive gear from several locations such as the Red Sail Sports dive shop on the beach by Kimpton Seafire Resort, as well as organising boat trips and dive excursions. If you need transport

to Seven Mile Beach, check out this beach trip from your hotel or from George Town to Seven Mile Beach. While many of the restaurant along Seven Mile Beach are set back within the hotel grounds, there are some on the beachfront open to non-residents such as the stylish Coccoloba restaurant at the Kimpton Seafire Resort. The restaurant has a casual ambiance, open on three sides to the beach with the breeze blowing through and the ocean right in front. It's open through the day and into the evening, with a menu inspired by Mexican street food. I enjoyed my Daily Market Ceviche with plantain chips and plate of Fish Tacos. All washed down with a Homegrown Margarita with lemongrass, grapefruit, cucumber and lime. Along the West Bay Road which runs parallel to Seven Mile Beach, there are also lots of small commercial centres set back from the road with a range of shops and restaurants. I enjoyed dinner one evening at Ragazzi, a popular Italian restaurant serving excellent pizza, pasta and other Italian dishes. One of the most popular Grand Cayman excursions is the boat trip to snorkel and swim with stingrays on the sandbar known as Stingray City. This sandbar to the north of the island, is the place where fishermen would stop to anchor while they cleaned their catch of fish before returning to shore. Attracted by the prospect of a free meal, stingrays would come to feed here. The area became popular for diving and snorkelling, as a place to see the stingrays. It's now one of the most popular things to do on Grand Cayman for visitors. The activity is regulated by the Cayman Islands government. Check out lots more things to do in Cayman including a 3-stop Stingray City Tour There are lots of licensed boat trip providers who will take you to Stingray City. For instance, this boat trip that combines Stingray City with other snorkelling locations such as Starfish Point. The trip out to the sandbar took around 30 minutes. When we arrived there were a number of different boats all anchored around the same spot. Snorkel masks are provided and we took the ladder from the back of the boat, jumping into chest deep water. The guides used small pieces of squid to attract the stingrays. They then guided the large female stingrays towards the groups of people. A professional photographer was on board our boat to take pictures, that you can buy afterwards. The stingrays seemed docile and curious, and as I went snorkelling around the sandbar, I could see them swimming freely around the legs of people in the water. This is definitely one of the iconic things to do in the Cayman Islands. Staying on Grand

Cayman and want to have a less crowded experience? I'd suggest choosing a time when there are less likely to be cruise ship excursions at the sandbar. Visit in the afternoon or on days when no cruise ship is in port. If you need any gear for snorkelling check out Globo Surf. Stay at the luxurious Westin Grand Cayman Seven Mile Beach Resort Looking for a boat tour to make the most of your time on Grand Cayman? Check out this 3-stop Stingray City tour with snorkelling There are lots of other boat trips on offer in the Cayman Islands. We took a sunset cruise on Grand Cayman with Red Sail Sports, leaving from the beach in front of Kimpton Seafire resort. It was a beautiful evening, with the light turning golden. We left Seven Mile beach behind and headed offshore with the breeze blowing through our hair. The catamaran had plenty of different places to sit, including the webbing area at the front where the waves rippled underneath the boat below us. Rum punch was flowing from the on board bar, as the sun set in a golden haze. Sadly the cloud meant that we didn't get fireworks of orange and purple. But, this sunset sail on Grand Cayman was a most enjoyable and relaxing trip out on the ocean. Our sunset cruise as offered by Red Sail Sports, with pickups from Kimpton Seafire or Westin Hotel on Seven Mile Beach. It is one of a number of Grand Cayman excursions offered by the company. If you continue your drive to the north of the island you'll reach the popular beach at Rum Point. This is also included as a stop for many boat trips and cruise excursions. The water here is shallow, and there are lots of facilities. It's also ideal for families with young children or those who want to settle in for a few hours. There's a large car park, busy beach bar, restaurant, shop, rest rooms and changing facilities. Free beach chairs are provided for the use of customers. Rum Point is more of a party beach, and when boat trips arrive I imagine it can get quite crowded. The atmosphere is lively and fun. At the beach bar look out for their Mudslide cocktail, with vodka, Baileys Irish Cream and Coffee Liqueur which is seductively sweet and deceptively alcoholic! To reach Rum Point by car, it's around 40 minutes drive from the island capital of George Town. From Camana Bay you can also take the Cayman Ferries service to the Kaibo Beach Bar and then take the shuttle bus to Rum Point. Or visit on a tour like this one that includes a trip to Stingray City. For a boat tour that includes snorkelling at Starfish Point, check out this 3-stop Stingray City tour with snorkelling at Starfish Point. Starfish Point is close to Rum Point

and may be a better choice if you like a beach that is natural and unspoiled. It's just a 10 minute walk from the Kaibo Beach Bar. You can also reach it on the ferry from Camana Bay or there's a small car park. The shallow waters here are well known for the starfish that sit on the sandy bottom and can be seen if you go swimming or snorkelling. When I visited on a Sunday afternoon, the area was busy with boat trips. It felt a bit touristy, although there are no cafe or facilities here. I didn't see any starfish near the beach so I think that you may need to swim and snorkel around to find them. If you find any starfish while swimming, don't take them out of the water as they will die. Instead gently hold them under the water for a photo. Close to Starfish Point is a bay where you can visit at night to see the Bioluminescence. This is a natural phenomena that makes the water glow in the dark. Looking for a tour to make the most of your time on Grand Cayman? Check out this 3-stop Stingray City tour with snorkelling I visited Camana Bay in Grand Cayman a couple of times during my week's visit. This purpose built development of shops, restaurants and apartments was a fun and relaxing place to hang out, especially for those who enjoy shopping. This is where you'll find a collection of stylish and upscale boutiques and clothes shops, including Sand Angels. Their store has one of the biggest collections of swimwear on the island. You can perfect your beach look, whatever your shape or size. The neighbourhood is largely pedestrianised, with shady avenues lined with palm trees, leading down to the waterfront. At the Crescent overlooking the marina, jets of water made a fun play area for the children. Parents keep an eye from the terrace cafés and restaurants. Cross the small bridge to your own miniature desert island to swing in a hammock or visit the island's only movie theatre. In an island that fuses Caribbean and American influences, Camana Bay has a European feel. Its five small squares offer a place to relax among sculptures and water features. Every Wednesday there's the Local Harvest market (Aug-Nov) offering farmer's locally grown produce for sale. Later this switches to the Farmers and Artisans market. (Nov-July). A pedestrian bridge leads across the main highway to enable you to walk from here to Seven Mile Beach. Look out for the colourful murals in the car park that were created by AmandaLynn as part of the KAABOO Cayman festival. Stay at the luxurious Kimpton Seafire Resort and Spa Deserving of its own mention is the observation tower at Camana Bay. This is a contemporary Caribbean version

of the campanile and church towers of old Europe. It offers a perfect view point over the town. Rising 75 feet, the slatted shutters of this square tower allow natural air conditioning from the sea breezes. The interiors are decorated by mosaics created from Venetian glass by artist Jim Hellemn. Walking up the double helix staircase, you'll want to pause and take in the colourful murals. Scenes of coral and fish from the sea life of the Cayman Islands. On each floor there are viewpoints and by the time you reach the top of the tower you can see far across the waters of the marina. Then take the lift down if you want to rest your legs! Take this tour of the West side of Grand Cayman, including a stop to swim at Seven Mile Beach and a visit to the Turtle Centre. Let's continue north on Grand Cayman to the West Bay neighbourhood where there are few more things worth seeing. The Cayman Turtle Centre is a popular place to visit for families. You can easily spend the whole day here seeing the turtle enclosures, snorkelling in the lagoon and playing on the waterslides. In many parts of the world turtles are endangered and the centre has an element of conservation in its activities. However, be aware that it is more like visiting a zoo where you can see turtles in a captive rather than a wild environment. Although billed as a wildlife encounter, the centre also farms turtles for food. This will appear on the menus of some more traditional restaurants. To put this in context, in the past turtle meat was a staple of Cayman culture, with an economy supported by turtle fishing. So the centre supplies turtle meat to meet local demand, preventing wild stocks being used and also releases some turtles back into the wild. Personally I'd prefer to do my bit for conservation by not eating turtle meat at all. Instead, look for invasive species like lionfish and green iguana that are increasingly on local menus. There's a two tier pricing structure at the Turtle Centre. One ticket allows you to access the Turtle Centre Exploration tour. Here you can see the huge sea turtles swimming in their enclosure and visit the turtle touch tanks. Hold the smaller turtles under supervision and wade into a small pool with them. I enjoyed holding one of the small turtles to take a closer look. The area appeared well controlled around hygiene and handling the turtles. The higher priced ticket for the Turtle Adventure Tour allows you to access a wider range of activities. For instance, the Turtle Lagoon where you can snorkel with the turtles and the Breaker's Lagoon with water slides. The Predator Reef aquarium and Caribbean Free Flight Aviary to see some of the

native bird species. Take this tour of the West side of Grand Cayman, including a stop to swim at Seven Mile Beach and a visit to the Turtle Centre. If you are going to pay for this level of ticket then you probably need to make it a day out to get your money's worth and make use of all the attractions of the Turtle Centre. Personally I'd prefer to find a beach where I could snorkel with turtles in the wild. However, I can see that the safe, controlled environment and guaranteed access to see the turtles will be attractive to many. This is especially good for families with young children. If you Visit: Cayman Turtle Centre While on Grand Cayman I enjoyed some fabulous restaurants and diverse cuisine. The Cayman Islands easily justifies its reputation as the "Culinary Capital of the Caribbean". Some of my favourite memories however, were from the more local places where you can eat "Fish Fry." Local fried fish served with sides of bakes (a fried savoury doughnut), potato salad and rice & peas. One I'd certainly recommend was Heritage Kitchen on Grand Cayman. It's tucked slightly off the main road on Boggy Sand Road, facing the beach at West Bay. It opens from 12pm at lunchtime and I was there a little too early, but luckily the proprietor took pity on me. They served me a plate of delicious coconut grouper with bright red guava juice, which tastes like a sweet fruit cordial. I was recommended a few other local places that offer Cayman style home cooking of fried fish and other dishes. Most are normally served take-away style on informal picnic benches beside the sea. These are the places you might come on a Sunday afternoon to hang out with your friends over a few beers or rum punches. Then spend the day swimming and relaxing at the beach. For fish fry on Grand Cayman you could also try; Captain Herman's Fish Fry in East End - a beach kiosk serving locally caught fresh fish to eat on the tables outside overlooking the sea. Vivine's Kitchen in East End - Caribbean style home-cooked dishes with table seating outside overlooking the sea - expect fried fish, barbeque meats with rice and peas and other local favourites. Grape Tree Cafe in Bodden Town - On the public beach at Bodden Town, serving fried fish, fritters, sodas and other local favourites. While fish fry is the local foodie experience, you can also eat cosmopolitan and upscale in the West Bay area of Grand Cayman. The Cayman Islands Yacht Club boasts two excellent restaurants. This is the place to wander around in the daytime to admire all the yachts. Imagine yourself into the millionaire lifestyle! I ate at Morgan's Grand Cayman one evening,

which has a wonderful waterfront position. If I went back I'd probably go for lunch, since you can eat on the terrace with a fabulous view over Governor's Creek. The focus here is on the seafood, with an 'ocean to table' philosophy. A fresh daily catch is on the menu delivered direct by local fishermen. Inside the restaurant is airy and open to the rafters. The outdoor terrace is also very pretty as the lanterns coloured light up at night. My 'catch of the day' was beautifully grilled and presented with a lime butter sauce and fresh vegetables on the side. We finished with a tangy key lime pie. Nearby and also overlooking the waterfront was B&co. It's modelled on the simple Venetian restaurants that serve cicchetti or small plates designed to accompany a glass of wine. The Cayman islands version was a somewhat less humble and more stylish version of the Italian working man's café. Of course the menu featured lots of delicious seafood, such as the black tagliolini with lobster, jumbo shrimp skewers and seared octopus. This was perfectly executed, high end cuisine with an excellent wine list and a range of different size plates. You can choose starter or main course size portions. I stayed for a couple of nights at the Westin Resort Grand Cayman. This luxurious Grand Cayman hotel faces Seven Mile Beach and makes a great base for your holiday. The hotel decor feels calm and relaxed, with pale tones, iridescent finishes and shades of blue inspired by the ocean. It's a luxury resort that has something to offer families, couples and groups of friends. My balcony had a delightful view over the pool area, Tortuga Beach Grill and swim up bar with views towards the beach beyond. I loved the modern style that's inspired by nature with soft blue accents and a lobby bar that's curved like a local fisherman's catboat. The airy lobby is a place to relax or meet friends. Local artwork is on display and a cooling burst of fragrance in the air when you walk in from outside. Stay at the luxurious Westin Grand Cayman Seven Mile Beach Resort The resort offers a busy programme of free activities such as yoga on the beach. Of course you can also just relax and swim in the pools. Or, access all the water-sports available through Red Sail Sports that has a location at the hotel. Along the beachfront of the resort are beautifully maintained gardens and plantings with colourful tropical foliage under the casuarina trees that shade the two restaurants, upscale Beach House and more relaxed Ferdinands. I also spent several nights at the Kimpton Seafire Resort and Spa which is a truly luxurious property. It is inspired by the

vibrant Caribbean sunsets, with accents of warm pink in the bedrooms and lobby. The materials of stone, marble and woven cotton used in the design are relaxed and natural. Intriguing details are everywhere that reference the natural beauty and heritage of the Cayman Islands. The bedroom headboards are inspired by local fauna. A ground floor library features the local silver thatch rope and faded framed photographs that hark back to the old style Cayman. Stay at the luxurious Kimpton Seafire Resort and Spa Dining is the Ave restaurant, with a sea view balcony serving Mediterranean style seafood and steaks. It incorporates the relaxed Avecita section with communal tables serving Spanish inspired tapas plates. Although I didn't dine in the restaurants, I very much enjoyed a relaxed sunset dinner at the Kimpton Seafire's beachside Coccoloba restaurant. They serve small dishes inspired by Mexican street food. The Kimpton Seafire Resort and Spa is the newest property to be built on the gorgeous Seven Mile Beach. There's access to all the water sports and ocean activities you could wish for at the beachfront dive centre of Red Sail Sports. I suspect that many visitors to Grand Cayman barely get further than George Town and Seven Mile Beach. But, use your hire car to explore the other parts of the island. You will be rewarded with lots more things to see on Grand Cayman. Driving south along the coast road from George Town you'll find Smith Cove. This lovely beach is more of a local's spot. Also known as Smith's Barcadere, you can relax in the shade of the sea grape trees around the beach. Bring a picnic and stay here for a few hours. There's no restaurant or sun beds here but there are restrooms and showers, with a small car park across the street from the beach. The rocky outcrops around the beach curves around to enclose a swimming lagoon and the water deepens as you swim out. It's easiest to get to by car, so one to combine with your swim at Smith Cove. Or, visit when you are driving to see some of the other attractions in the Bodden Town neighbourhood such as Pedro St James. There's snorkelling around the rocks, which also form a natural diving board to jump off. This is a fun place for families and all ages, as the beach is sheltered by the rocks. There's fine sand and shallow water as you enter. Check out this historic tour of Grand Cayman including 8 major historical and cultural landmarks such as Pedro St James. An easy next stop is the heritage attraction of Pedro St James. Find it near the coast road in the Bodden Town neighbourhood, on the south side of Grand

Cayman. The stone tower that forms the heart of this 'Great House' was built in 1780 by an Englishman, William Eden, using the labour of enslaved people from Jamaica. At the time that he established his house and plantation, most people lived in single storey wattle and daub buildings. This house was seen as very grand and known locally as 'The Castle'. Over the years the building was used as a courthouse, jail and government building. It's known as the 'Birthplace of democracy' on Cayman Islands. The decision was made here in 1831 to form an elected parliament for the islands. Gradually the building fell into disrepair, until it was bought and renovated in the 1960s and 70s for operation as a restaurant and hotel. It closed in the 1980s after damage by a hurricane and fire. In the 1990s the Cayman Islands government bought and restored the historic property to make it a heritage visitor attraction, reflecting the history of the Cayman Islands. A visit to Pedro St James begins with an audio-visual presentation about the history of the house. After that you can take a guided tour of the house and wander around the grounds. The central rooms within the stone tower are furnished in traditional Caribbean style with painted walls and dark wood antique furniture. This shows how the owners would have lived in comfort in the 18th and 19th century. Around the stone centre, shady wooden verandahs offer views towards the sea and a chance for the cooling sea breeze to blow through the house. On the ground floor you can see the kitchen and the room that was once used as the jail. I especially enjoyed visiting the small Watler House in the grounds, a traditional Cayman style house. It has been filled like a mini museum with information and photos about the history and culture of the Cayman Islands. If you visit: Pedro St James

Another attraction that I really enjoyed in Grand Cayman was the Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Garden. You'll find it on the road as you drive to the north side of the island. Entrance is through an air conditioned visitor centre. Pathways that take you on the circular woodland trail and lead to the lake and wetlands area, with several different garden areas along the way. To be honest, I found the woodland trail unremarkable, taking you through shady scrub and trees on a flat path. However, it is a true reflection of the natural Cayman habitat. The part of the garden I enjoyed most was the floral colour garden, where different borders and pots had been planted according to colour. They displayed exotic plants in red, pink, yellow and orange, mixed in with pergolas, palms and a gazebo

overlooking the lake. Check out this tour of the Eastern side of Grand Cayman, including a visit to see the Blue Iguanas at Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Garden. Also interesting was the heritage garden with a pretty old Cayman House containing a few small rooms. It's furnished simply as a family would have lived a hundred years ago. Around the cottage had been made as a sand yard, a traditional domestic garden, where the sandy ground is planted with shrubs. Shells are used as decoration, and a separate kitchen and privy located away from the house. The garden around a house like this would have contained fruit trees, medicinal plants and useful trees like the silver thatch palm that was used to make baskets and rope. If you visit: Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Garden. Also at the Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Garden I went on the Blue Iguana Safari Tour, which I highly recommend. If you visit the gardens, you can see a few of the native blue iguanas in their pens. The tour takes you right into their enclosure for a behind the scenes look at their breeding programme. Since the fast breeding and voracious green iguana has arrived on Grand Cayman, the slower breeding native blue iguana has become endangered by its invasive cousin. Just 30 years ago the numbers of Blue Iguana on the Cayman Islands had fallen to dangerous levels of only 20 animals. But with the captive breeding programme numbers have now risen to 1100 and animals are being introduced back into the wild. Our naturalist guide Nick told us all about the breeding programme and the habits of the blue iguana. They become a more intense blue later in the day after they have eaten more vegetation. In the wild this native species would only have a 20% chance of surviving to adulthood. This is increased to 80% survival within the breeding programme. During the tour we saw some of the larger iguanas roaming around the enclosure. We even got a chance to handle one of the more passive animals Gloria, who was unusually docile. The blue iguanas tend to be aggressive and bite, so you definitely wouldn't want to try this if you were lucky enough to see one in the wild! I strongly recommend that you take this fascinating special tour, which is normally held daily at 11am except Sundays and takes around 1.5 hours. Check out this tour of the Eastern side of Grand Cayman, including a visit to see the Blue Iguanas at Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Garden. Just before the coast road turns north past the Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Garden, you'll see the Lighthouse restaurant on Bodden Town Road. It's an Italian style

restaurant built around an old lighthouse. There's a cosy bar filled with nautical memorabilia and a light filled dining room and deck overlooking the sea. There was an outside deck but it was a bit windy. So, I sat inside and ordered a salad and conch fritters from the extensive menu, with a mix of Italian and local dishes as well as lots of fresh fish. I can also highly recommend a visit to the Crystal Caves of Grand Cayman. They are located a little further along the road from the Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Garden. The caves can be visited on a pre-booked tour. From the car park our guide Rudy drove us up a track up to the caves, where we started our tour at the small cafe and relaxation area. This area of natural caverns was formed millions of years ago under the sea. Although known to the locals, they could only be accessed by ropes hanging down through holes in the cave ceiling. In the 1990s the caves were developed as a tourist attraction, with stairways and new openings constructed. Lighting was installed to enable visitors to see the amazing shapes of the stalactites and stalagmites within the caves. As we passed through the caves, Rudy pointed out the different shapes in the rock that had been seen by other visitors. A herd of tiny elephants, the snowman, the Neptune's trident. In one of the caves a pool of water was lit up, with a powdery bottom of fine silt. If it gets stirred up the water takes weeks to become clear again. The caves had been used in the past as a place of shelter and a refuge from hurricanes. We were assured that the caverns had been searched thoroughly for pirate treasure, but none had been found! In one of the caves we saw bats clustered on the ceiling, their guano a source of fertiliser for farmers in the past. This really was a fascinating tour and our guide was both amusing and knowledgeable, a fount of stories and folklore about these ancient caverns. If you visit: Cayman Crystal Caves Further along the south coast of Grand Cayman, the shoreline becomes wild and rocky in the East End part of the island. You can stop to see the blowholes where the waves crash up through holes in the rock on the shore. These spout a high jet of water every so often, especially when the wind is blowing from the south and the tide is high. You'll see the sign on the road where there's a pull in area to park your car. Then walk down the wooden steps onto the rocky shore ? there isn't a sandy beach here. Depending on when you visit there might be an impressive amount of spray or just a gentle swell, so you probably won't need to stay long. Following this coast road will give you a feel for the more natural and local part of

Grand Cayman. I didn't manage to get any further but I'd have loved to make a driving tour around the Eastern side of the island. If you are looking for a place to eat, I heard good things about Tukka. This restaurant and bar offers an Australian twist on Caribbean food. It's one of the places you may find the invasive green iguana or lionfish on the menu, so that you can do your bit for conservation. Check out this tour of the Eastern side of Grand Cayman, including a visit to the Blowholes and the Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Garden At the point of the coast road, where Frank Sound Road turns north towards the Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Garden I stopped at a local market stall. They were selling local veg and snacks, and I bought some cakes and pastries. I really appreciated the semi-frozen fresh juices that appeared out of the cool box. For the curious foodie I've found these roadside stalls in the Caribbean can often be a source of delicious home-made things to try. The Flip Flop tree on Grand Cayman is ?.. a tree with lots of old flip flops nailed to it! Not really sure why it's become a tourist attraction, but in this instagram age, the strangest things seem like a novelty. Apparently it started as a way of drawing attention to the amount of unwanted garbage that is left behind on Grand Cayman's beaches. The message is "Enjoy our beaches but take your plastic and old flip flops home with you!" You'll find the Flip Flop tree on South Sound Road as you drive along the coast on the South West of Grand Cayman. There's a spot where you can pull over and take your photo. There's nothing else around there so it probably won't take you more than 10 minutes. What a fantastic time I had at KAABOO Cayman, a two day festival that was held on Grand Cayman in February 2019. The festival site was at the end of Seven Mile Beach and right next to the Kimpton Seafire Resort where I was staying. You can read my full review of KAABOO Cayman [here](#). The organisers of KAABOO San Diego had brought the same relaxed format of a weekend music festival by the ocean. Lots of art, food and comedy as well as some legendary music artists covering a range of genres and tastes. I loved singing along to my generation's rock anthems from Duran Duran, Brian Adams and Blondie. The younger crowd and Caribbean audience were appreciating artists like Salt-N-Peppa, Shaggy and Sean Paul. I also enjoyed the artistic vibe of the festival with large scale murals on shipping containers. Artists were working on their murals which developed throughout the festival. Local and international artists were featured in a popup art

gallery. It's curated by artistic director AmandaLynn, with help from the National Gallery of the Cayman Islands. Other art installations used plastic waste to create colourful montages. This aimed to remind us of the work done by the festival on recycling and sustainability. Food was a big part of KAABOO Cayman, with local and international chefs appearing in the PALATE Food theatre. Thomas Tennent showed us how invasive species such as green iguana and lionfish can be used to create tasty dishes. Many of the local Grand Cayman restaurants had food stands. It's a fun way to dip into the food culture of the Cayman Islands. Other festivals worth checking out if you can time your visit with them; Cayman Cookout Festival ? held in January, this week long festival features cooking demonstrations, beach barbecues, artisan marketplaces and food events with top local chefs, hosted at the Ritz Carlton Hotel. Batabano Carnival ? in February carnival events take place all over the Cayman Islands, especially on Grand Cayman with a big weekend street parade. Pirate Week Festival ? takes place in November on all three islands, with pirate themed parades, street parties, boat races and a firework finale. For those of you who's like to bring a little piece of the Cayman Islands home as a souvenir, there are a few things to look out for. The Tortuga Caribbean rum cake is sold everywhere, not just in Cayman Islands, but it's a delicious rum soaked cake to try. As you'll find on most Caribbean islands there are spicy and hot sauces on sale. Use these as a meat marinade or to spice up your dish with a Caribbean flavour. Look out for the spicy sauce range created by local chef Thomas Tennant with options like Plantain on de side and Coco Fiyah. They are on sale direct from the Tomfoodery website or at Cayman Spirits distillery. While in the Cayman Islands you can learn the secrets of rum and vodka making on a guided distillery tour. At KAABOO Cayman I got chatting to Kelly Reineking. Kelly uses the fins of invasive lionfish to make iridescent pendants, cufflinks and earrings. She also makes jewellery from the skins of the invasive green iguanas. If you visit Cayman Islands, this would make an unusual souvenir that supports conservation efforts on Cayman. The jewellery is sold through artisan markets such as those at Grand Harbour and The Strand. Check the Mermaids Touch website for times and locations. The Wednesday artisan market at Camana Bay is another good place to find locally made gifts. You may think you've hit some pretty sophisticated spots on Grand Cayman until you spot its wild chickens in

the most incongruous of places. Chickens pecking by the roadside, chickens in the car parks, chickens outside swanky designer shops. In other places you'd imagine that the chickens had escaped from someone's farm! Here they are just part of the local wildlife, fending for themselves in the bush, the ultimate free range chicken! Need a guide book for the Cayman Islands? We recommend Fodor's InFocus Cayman Islands Full Color Travel Guide More Caribbean articles to enjoy Top 10 things to do in St Kitts ? for cruise visitors 30 things to do in Antigua ? best beaches, heritage, food and more! Hiking, volcanoes and waterfalls in St Lucia Shopping in St Kitts ? where to shop for local crafts and souvenirs Heather flew from the UK with British Airways, which flies direct from London Heathrow to Grand Cayman via Nassau four times a week. Other flights are available via Miami and there are many direct flights from US airports. More information on getting to Cayman Islands on the Cayman Islands Tourism website. Discover The Cayman Islands: watersports, Stingray City and the best beaches in Grand Cayman My trip was hosted* by the Cayman Islands Tourism Authority who provided the experiences, accommodation stays, and meals mentioned. * More info on my policies page This article is originally published at Heatheronhertravels.com Posted on Last updated: November 22, 2024 Discover the best Algarve boat trips and beaches ? Portugal Things to do in Extremadura: A driving tour of Trujillo, Mérida, Cáceres, Badajoz ? Prilin Wednesday 24th of April 2024 Great list, Heather! Grand Cayman truly offers something for everyone. For water enthusiasts, I'd recommend adding a snorkeling trip to Kaibo Beach. The coral reefs there teem with colorful fish and underwater wonders, making it a fantastic experience for all ages. Have you had a chance to visit the Cayman Crystal Caves? They're a natural marvel, showcasing otherworldly geological formations and offering a glimpse into the island's prehistoric past. Thanks for sharing this comprehensive guide to Grand Cayman! It's sure to be a valuable resource for travelers planning their Caribbean escape. Heather Cowper Wednesday 24th of April 2024 @Prilin So pleased you enjoyed the article. Yes I did visit the caves, they're mentioned at the end of the article, it was a fun experience. amara_brown Thursday 18th of July 2019 Great place to go. next it will be on bucket list. Shruti Aggarwal Thursday 27th of June 2019 Your choice of words, the way you write about a place coupled with amazing pictures, makes it so appealing. I liked your

blog as it shares a lot of things to do in grand cayman and helps us to plan our trip.

So Thank you for sharing such a wonderful blog. Lucian Thursday 20th of June 2019 A truly impressive destination. Thanks for your recommendations. I hope to get to Cayman Islands. It looks like you've had adventures. Johanes Tuesday 4th of June 2019 Wow! This place is perfect! From the foods, sceneries, the nature and the activities! I definitely wanna come and try all of those someday. Thanks for sharing! Heather Cowper Sunday 9th of June 2019 @Johanes Definitely recommended - hope you get to Cayman Islands! Hi, I'm Heather, an award winning travel blogger based in Bristol, UK. This is where you'll find travel inspiration for the 50+ traveller looking for an authentic and sustainable travel experience with a little luxury. Come along with me to taste the food, explore the culture, go hiking and cycling, stay in a stylish boutique hotel. Read more about Heather [Contact](#) [Work With Me](#) [Policies](#) [Privacy](#)Â© 2023 - Heather on her Travels

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10 Best Kept Secrets of Grand Cayman | HuffPost Life

Producer, writer, documentarian, photographer, historian, public speaker, musician Wherever you go on vacation or travel, popular sites and locations are popular for a reason. Whatever their attraction, whether it be a beautiful view or a tasty meal or an unusual land formation, activity or attraction, they have been tried and tested and been proven to be worth your time and effort to get there. However, there's always another angle to visiting new places, and that's the local's angle. So, here are 10 things that the guidebooks won't tell you about Grand Cayman Island that you might be sorry if you missed!

10. Mastic Trail Grand Cayman is 79 feet above sea level at its highest elevation. People do not flock to this Caribbean paradise to hike and go mountain climbing. However, if you are in the mood for a nice mellow four-mile round trip hike -- this is where you want to go. Located on the North side of the island this slow incline trail is full of birds, Cayman rabbits and other wildlife. If you park on the main road and walk into the trail, you can add another two miles to your hike.

9. The Shoe Tree Ever since Hurricane Ivan, people have been writing their names and dates on shoes, flip flops, swim fins and sandals and tacking them to this tree on the East side of the island. It's easy to find right on the main road West of Bodden Town.

8. Anchors Tucked in at the Cayman Islands Yacht Club is a little convenience store called ANCHORS. This is the only package store that sells carry out alcohol on Sundays. So, if you find yourself high and dry on a Sunday during your stay -- head to Anchrs for a six-pack of local beer or bottle of wine.

7. Cemetery Beach This is a nice beach, and fairly well known. However, what most folks don't know about is the awesome snorkeling reef that is a short swim out. There are schools of Tangs, eels, Parrot Fish, sea turtles, rays and the occasional Nurse Shark that will swim by. It's an interesting walk in from the road to past one of the many historical cemeteries on the island.

6. The Pirate's Den PD's to the locals - this sports bar has some of the best sandwiches and wings on the island. It's in a little strip mall across from Seven Mile Beach, and you'll miss it if you blink driving by. Enjoy flat screen TV's a full bar and pool tables. Buffalo Shrimp are one menu item that should NOT be overlooked.

5. The Farmers and Artisans Market at Camana Bay Every Wednesday from 12 noon to 7pm at Camana

Bay local farmers and artists set up booths in a beautiful open air courtyard environment to show and sell their wares. Everything from fresh produce, to local arts and crafts is easily accessible and sold by the hands that grew and crafted the items. There is even an "open canvas" art exhibition that invites any one to sit and paint with beautiful view of the Camana Bay beach and harbor. While relatively new and mostly attended by locals, this event is open to tourists as well and is a perfect place to pick up unique souvenirs like Camanite jewelry and sculptures. I should also add that secret #2 can be purchased here.

4. Shopping Cart Pick-Up This may seem strange, but will prove extremely helpful if you are staying in a house, condo or anywhere with a kitchen and plan on doing your own grocery shopping while staying on Grand Cayman. The two major grocery stores -- Foster's Food and Fain & Kirk -- offer a cart pick up service all over the island. So, you load up your groceries and truck them off to wherever you're staying and leave the cart out at the curb. The best part of this convenience is walking around at night before the pick up and seeing shopping carts all over the place.

3. Black Pearl State Park That's right, Grand Cayman has a skate park! It was opened and christened by the one and only Tony Hawk back in 2007. So, tell your kids to pack their boards because this park is huge and will keep them shredding all day long.

2. Cayman Pepper Patch This local artisan pepper jelly is prepared in small batches and can only be purchased on Grand Cayman Island. It is 100% Cayman made, they do not ship or export this stuff - so stock up while you're there. I cleared out a whole jar with goat cheese on cracked pepper water crackers. The brochure comes with many suggestions and recipes, but I can't imagine anything that this stuff won't make taste better.

1. Diving With Silversides Every year the Dwarf Herrings come to the Cayman Islands around early summer and stay through the beginning of fall. The only way I can describe it is like being underwater in a swarm of a million bees that aren't going to sting you... AND IT'S COOL! If you've seen the footage on National Geographic films or BBC World documentaries where giant masses of fish that all move in the same direction in unison -- almost like a dance -- and part when a seal swims through them... YOU'RE THE SEAL! This is seriously one of the coolest things I've ever done, and the dive shop to take you is Ambassador Divers. They know the waters, the reefs and the fish better than anyone on the island, and will make sure you get the full silverside experience. So, if

unique experiences with a local flair are what it takes to make your vacation a memorable experience -- any one of these best-kept secrets of Grand Cayman Island should fit the bill to a fun and successful adventure. Check them all off your list or maybe these will lead to other adventures not mentioned here. Whatever the case have a blast and safe travels always! By entering your email and clicking Sign Up, you're agreeing to let us send you customized marketing messages about us and our advertising partners. You are also agreeing to our [Terms of Service](#) and [Privacy Policy](#).

Unique Things to Do in Grand Cayman on Your Own - Jet Set Jazzmine

This post may contain affiliate links. Let me help you plan a memorable tropical vacay with these unique things to do in Grand Cayman from my summertime travels! Each activity is well-suited for solo travelers and groups alike. And if you enjoy this article, you'll love my day-by-day Grand Cayman vacation itinerary! This shallow underwater area is full of starfish on the north side of the island not far from Rum Point. I visited Starfish Point as part of a tour including the Bioluminescent Bay and Jellyfish Point but you can technically get to Starfish Point without an excursion. I highly recommend the package deal, though, as snorkeling in the Bio Bay is an unforgettable thing to do in Grand Cayman at night. This evening snorkeling tour includes the Bioluminescent Bay, Starfish Point, Jellyfish Point and Stingray City for under \$100! My favorite meals came from non-touristy spots but there's a little bit of everything available on the island. Whether you want authentic Caribbean fare or formal British dining, food catered to the American palette or world class prepared seafood, you can find it. Here are my recommendations on where to eat on Grand Cayman! The Cayman Islands take part in the rich carnival history of the Caribbean with their national Carnival Batabano. If you're visiting the islands during the springtime, try to time your visit to coincide with this set of Grand Cayman events. The Carnival tradition emerged from primarily Afro-Caribbean celebrations marking the end of the transatlantic slave trade so it is part of Black history with great historic and cultural significance to Caribbean Islanders. But the celebrations like the demographics of locals, are diverse. Check out the [Grand Cayman Carnival site](#) to learn more. The Cayman Turtle Centre is fun, family-friendly entertainment. You can get up close and personal with wildlife in a variety of ways but my favorite activity was swimming with the young turtles! Bring your swimsuit and snorkel gear or you can rent gear onsite (cash only). There are locker rooms with showers onsite. If you want to do something less underwater, visit the turtle hatchery, adult turtle feeding time or aviary. Purchase tickets to the Turtle Farm directly or book a guided tour of the west island that includes the turtle experience! Or this [Grand Cayman tour](#) option that includes the turtles and

botanic garden. Beach bumming is a must for any island vacation but especially here. If you're looking for cheap things to do in Grand Cayman?matter of fact, free, spend a chill morning on Seven Mile Beach, Governor's Beach or Smith's Bracadere?just to name a few. If you're visiting on a cruise, this tour from Georgetown to Seven Mile Beach is top rated. All Cayman beaches are open to the public so you don't necessarily need to go through the hotels to access them. I highly recommend staying at the Kimpton Grand Cayman, partially because it's on a beautiful stretch of Seven Mile Beach! Touring the Cayman Crystal Caves is unlike other excursions because it takes place mostly underground. This was the first group activity I did on the island and I especially recommend it for solo travelers because I made a friend haha! Walking and climbing among literal hidden gems in Grand Cayman is pretty cool. But it does get hot in the caves so be sure to ready my full review of the Crystal Caves tour for everything to know before booking! The caves are situated in a jungle with an onsite cafe, gift shop, roaming wildlife, and a zipline. I didn't get to try the zipline as it was in construction during my visit. Whether you're visiting solo or on a romantic vacation or in a group of friends, I recommend hitting up a restaurant or bar with live music for the vibes. Two of my stops that had bomb live music were Pepper's in the Seven Mile Beach area and Next Door in Camana Bay?both at night. Here's my advice for solo travelers no matter your destination! Fancy afternoon tea hits different on an island. I thoroughly enjoyed myself and want to go back with my girlfriends and sisters. The fusion of European tradition with Caribbean flavor made this a can't-miss luxury experience in Grand Cayman. For bonus points, this indoor activity is chic cover when it rains. I didn't find the environment to be stuffy but would still recommend this activity for adults and kids around 12 and up. Advance reservations are required. Check out what to expect at Ritz-Carlton Grand Cayman afternoon tea! I rented a convertible for my time on Grand Cayman and have no regrets! Dropping the top and cruising along the main roads that curve with and hug the shoreline felt like the epitome of living my best life. So, how long does it take to drive around grand cayman? A little over two hours with no stops and minimal traffic. But of course, you'll want to stop along the way so I recommend making a morning or afternoon of it. The Cayman Islands do not have Uber so here's a guide about how to drive on Grand Cayman. Grand Cayman is the largest of

three islands, with the other two being Little Cayman and Cayman Brac. If you have time, you can experience a little something different on each! While Grand Cayman is more metropolitan, Cayman Brac is great for communing with nature, with hiking trails and unique wildlife. Little Cayman is less developed, making it more picturesque. So it's not only a hotspot for diving but also nature photography. I hope you can enjoy some of these fun things to do in Grand Cayman soon and very soon. And sharing is caring so be sure to pin this post for later and follow me over on Pinterest. Thanks for reading! In my honest review of Hotel Des Grands Boulevards in Paris, I'll tell you everything you need to know about this property before booking from my personal experience as a solo woman traveler! [Read More Paris Hotel Des Grands Boulevards Review](#)[Continue](#) Instead of stressing over planning, copy my exact Grand Cayman itinerary for five fun-filled days in tropical paradise! [Read More Solo 5 Day Grand Cayman Itinerary](#)[Continue](#) This vacation guide to driving in Grand Cayman will break down all you need to know from my experience renting a car in the Cayman Islands and getting around! [Read More Vacation Guide to Driving in Grand Cayman](#)[Continue](#) Highlights from a last-minute girls' weekend getaway to Phoenix, Scottsdale, and Sedona, Arizona, including wine country recommendations! [Read More Girls Weekend Getaway to Phoenix](#)[Continue](#) What entrees and cocktails to order when you go to brunch at Kulture in downtown Houston, Texas [Read More Brunch at Kulture Houston](#)[Continue](#) Why you need to experience Houston's newest active, social event, Vibe & Ride, for yourself. Over the past couple of weeks, I've participated in Vibe & Ride events featuring Beyonce (on Bey Day, known by some as Labor Day) and Erykah Badu (Badu on the Bayou). Each one was a fantastic time and I fully? [Read More 5 Reasons to Vibe & Ride in Houston, TX](#)[Continue](#) Your email address will not be published. Required fields are marked * Comment * Name * Email * Save my name, email, and website in this browser for the next time I comment. Hey! I'm Jazzmine, a millennial woman balancing travel adventures with my 9 to 5. My goal is to help you travel on your own terms. [Privacy Policy](#) [About](#) | [Contact](#) | [Press](#) © 2024 Jet Set Jazzmine

Grand Cayman's Hidden Gems by Scooter ... Vroom! ? Joan Jetsetter

There's a certain sense of freedom that comes with having your hand on the throttle, the wind on your face and an open road before you. It's that delight of the unknown and unexpected that makes renting a scooter in a foreign country such a memorable thrill. In place of a guided tour, my travel pal and I decided to explore Grand Cayman by scooter and cram in as much as we possibly could in a single day. From the Port of George Town, we walked to nearby Cayman Scooters Rental, which conveniently operates inside of the Cayman Coffee Club. There, we sipped espresso and cold press juice while completing the necessary paperwork. The price for an all-day rental with insurance was an affordable \$60—far less than we would have paid for a package tour. Of course, when exploring this way, there's no one to hold your hand and show you where to go. What follows is a suggested road map for exploring Grand Cayman based on our experience on two wheels. ??

About a 35-minute scooter ride away, the Cayman Crystal Caves await. Here, guests walk inside three very different caves to find stalactite and stalagmite crystal structures, formed by single drops of water and the slow passage of time. A personable guide talks about the history of the region and points out peculiar formations as well as impressive calcium carbonate crystals that seem to sparkle as far as the eye can see. The 'Blue Lake' is one of many highlights on a tour of the Cayman Crystal Caves. With great excitement, our guide directed our attention to a corner of the cave. It was pitch-black, and the only source of light came from his flashlight. At the end of the beam of light—hanging upside down and roosting among stalactites—a pair of fruit bats fluttered their wings. Someone in our group shrieked. Luckily, we all walked out of the cave unscathed and soon became desensitized to the dozens of bats we saw throughout the duration of our tour. The caves have only been open to the public for two years and are still relatively unknown to many travelers who go to Grand Cayman. Admission is \$40 per person. If a local tells you to "go to Hell," don't take it the wrong way. Hell, located in West Bay, is a jagged black limestone and dolomite rock formation that's millions of years old. It's worth stopping for a few minutes to check out the rocks and send your friends and family back home a "postcard from Hell" via the adjacent post office. Sure, the

rock formations won't floor you with their uniqueness, but if nothing else, you leave with a funny story to tell your friends back home. When most people think of Grand Cayman, they think of Seven Mile Beach. I, too, thought I had to see it. But to be honest, Seven Mile Beach seemed like just about any other major beach in the Caribbean—pretty but crowded with tourists and watersports activities. Rather than sunbathe with the crowds, opt for the far superior Smith Cove, which is about a 10-minute ride from George Town. Limestone formations flank the beach, creating a protective cove that's ideal for snorkeling and swimming in turquoise waters. If you don't have time to hop in the water, at least stop here to snap a few photos—you'll want to remember this view. After a day of zooming around in the sun, what could be better than alfresco dining on the waterfront? The Lighthouse at Breakers Grand Cayman, located about a 15-minute ride from the Crystal Caves, is just the place. The restaurant — which was built in 1966 to resemble a lighthouse — specializes in fresh-caught local seafood and Italian dishes with a decidedly Caribbean twist. Menu highlights include conch chowder, lobster tail ravioli and seafood pizza topped with mussels, clams, shrimp, lobster, mozzarella and fresh basil. Patrons rave about the Sunday brunch, but lunch or dinner here any day of the week is worth pumping the breaks and taking in the understated beauty of Grand Cayman. A version of this article originally appeared on TravelAge West's website. You can read it [here](#).

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South Sound Serenity: Exploring Top Attractions in Cayman Islands

Nestled just three miles from the Cayman Islands capital, George Town, South Sound unveils an array of hidden gems and local treasures that offer a tranquil alternative to well-known Cayman Island attractions. From pristine, uncrowded beaches and scenic strolls by the sea to a visionary artist's unique canvas and vibrant culinary scene, discover why South Sound, Cayman Islands is the perfect blend of sophistication and laid-back island living. Dive into these South Sound activities and discover a different side of Cayman Islands: Escape from the crowd at Consuelo's Beach

Consuelo's Beach is your seaside oasis, offering a tranquil escape for sun-seekers who desire a more quiet and laid-back atmosphere. Formerly known as South Sound Community Beach, it was renamed in honor of Caymanian environmentalist, Anna Consuelo Ebanks. Unlike the bustling Seven Mile Beach, this South Sound, Cayman Islands gem offers relaxing, uncrowded bliss. With the ample space, you can spread out a beach towel and soak up the warm Caribbean sun, enjoy a picnic on one of the beachside tables, and just take in the ocean views and soothing rhythm of the waves. While the waters may not be ideal for swimming or snorkeling due to stronger currents, surfers flock here to tackle the waves with Surfers Beach breaking just close by. Despite the lack of calm waters, the beach's peaceful charm makes it a favorite sunset viewing spot as well as a sought-after destination for beach weddings in Cayman Islands. Catch some waves at Surfers Beach

Wondering if there are surf spots in the Cayman Islands? The island paradise might not be a known surfing destination but there are a few breaks for experienced surfers looking for a challenge. Just next door from Consuelo's Beach is Surfers Beach, which earned its name from its popularity in the local surfing community. If you're a seasoned wave rider, you can catch some good swells from June to November. Just remember to prioritize safety and be aware of the conditions before hitting the waves. Take a dip at Smith Barcadere

Less than a mile from Consuelo's Beach is Smith Barcadere (also known as Smith Cove). With its calm and crystal-clear turquoise waters, the beach is perfect for a refreshing dip, as well as a great spot for snorkeling with plenty of fish and corals to see. This pristine cove is framed by limestone rock formations providing a sheltered swimming area

ideal for families with young children. You can sunbathe on the soft white sand, enjoy a picnic, or simply relax under the shade of palm trees. Just a short five-minute walk from the cove, you'll find Pure Art Gallery & Gifts, a quaint little shop tucked in a Caymanian cottage. Here you'll find a selection of art and prints by local artists and a treasure trove of island-inspired finds. Go for a stroll along South Sound Boardwalk A relaxing stroll along the boardwalk is one of the best ways to spend your downtime in South Sound, Cayman Islands. Whether you wish to go for a run, walk your furry companions, or simply soak up the panoramic seascape, the South Sound Boardwalk offers a nice leisurely escape any time of day. You can find the 1,500-foot long walkway on South Sound Road's eastern end near Cayman Crossing, continuing towards South Church Street. Take a glimpse into Miss Lassie's Mind's Eye One of the most unique gems in South Sound gives visitors the opportunity to behold a piece of Cayman Island history and art in the form of a traditional Caymanian wattle and daub home. Caymanian visionary artist Gladwyn Klosking Bush, more affectionately known as "Ms. Lassie," lived with her family in this house built by her father and grandfather from 1878 to 1881. Ms. Lassie's home isn't just any house, as it reflects her artistic journey and serves as a living testament to Caymanian cultural heritage. Driven by a profound visionary experience, Miss Lassie began channeling her visions into art, transforming the home into her canvas. She adorned the walls, windows, and even furniture with paintings that offer a glimpse into her life – celebrating both the ordinary and the sacred. You can book a guided tour of Miss Lassie's Mind's Eye through the Cayman National Cultural Foundation. Have fun at Dart Family Park Dart Family Park, located on South Church Street, is one of the best child-friendly parks in Grand Cayman. You can take the kids out to enjoy seafront playground facilities featuring several slides, as well as an amphitheater, climbing frames, and gazebos, all nestled amidst lush gardens. The park is open everyday from morning to evening. Visitors can also learn about Cayman's unique flora and fauna at the National Trust office located within the park. Try a new sport If you're thinking of trying your hand at a new sport, or if you're already a regular player of tennis, rugby, or squash, South Sound has something for you. The area is home to several sports clubs, offering a chance to learn new skills, meet new people, and maintain an active lifestyle. The Cayman Tennis Club

features nine courts and offers several programs for individuals, groups, kids, and families. Whether you're a seasoned player seeking to refine your skills or a curious beginner eager to pick up a racket, the club provides a welcoming environment and expert instruction. You can also book a court or explore membership options and be part of the active community. Rugby enthusiasts and newcomers alike are welcome at the Cayman Rugby Club. This esteemed club fosters a vibrant community for players of all skill levels. Offering competitive matches, social events, and a strong emphasis on sportsmanship, the Cayman Rugby Club is a cornerstone of the Cayman Islands' sporting landscape.

The South Sound Squash Club is a premier squash facility in the Caribbean. It boasts six air conditioned international-standard courts, suitable for players of all abilities. The club ensures a well-rounded squash experience in a supportive environment as they offer professional coaching, social leagues, and a state-of-the-art fitness area. Check out local hangouts

While primarily a tranquil residential area, South Sound offers residents and visitors convenient access to essential amenities, with close proximity to pristine beaches and other major attractions in Cayman Islands. South Sound's location is even more desirable because of the wide selection of restaurants, bars, cafes, and other local hangouts nearby. Here are some of our favorite spots within easy access from South Sound:

Seven Mile Beach Renowned for its pristine beauty with miles-long stretch of white sand, Seven Mile Beach is the quintessential Cayman Islands destination. The crescent-shaped paradise is just a short 15-minute drive from South Sound. If you're in the mood for a more bustling beach vibe, Seven Mile Beach is the best destination on the island. The shore is abuzz with bars and restaurants beside luxurious resorts, so there are plenty of places to unwind amidst the stunning seascape, cocktail in hand. The beach is also perfect for long walks with its uninterrupted stretch of powder-soft sand. If you're feeling adventurous, there's a plethora of water activities to do. You can go snorkeling, jet skiing, kayaking, parasailing, paddleboarding, and more. Then cap off your day by soaking in breathtaking views of the Caribbean's fiery sunset.

West Bay attractions West Bay is a dynamic district, just 20 minutes north of South Sound. It boasts world-class diving sites rich in marine biodiversity, pristine beaches, and an array of watersports activities.

George Town attractions Conveniently located beside South Sound is George Town, the

capital of Cayman Islands. Here you can get a world-class shopping experience and relive the rich history of the Cayman Islands. North Side attractions Tucked away on the northern coast of Grand Cayman, North Side's charm lies in its laidback lifestyle that invites you to reconnect with nature. From subterranean wonders to lush nature trails and marine encounters, North Side boasts a diverse range of Cayman Island attractions: Bodden Town attractions Bodden Town, nestled amidst lush greenery in the heart of Grand Cayman, exudes local charm and offers a glimpse into Caymanian history. Just around 20 minutes from South Sound, the former Cayman Islands capital features heritage sites, unspoiled beaches, and charming local hangouts. Cayman Islands events and festivals The Cayman Islands come alive with a vibrant calendar of outdoor festivals throughout the year. These celebrations showcase the rich culture of the islands, bringing together residents and visitors alike. Searching for your tranquil private enclave in the Caribbeans? We at The Bovell Team offer unrivaled insights and expertise in Cayman Islands real estate. Find your dream island home today! Reach out to us as +1 (345) 233-3000 or send us an email. Contact RE/MAX Cayman Islands

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7 Unique Things To Do In Grand Cayman On Your Next Vacation

Grand Cayman offers tons of activities for all ages! People aren't exaggerating when they call Grand Cayman paradise. Visitors can escape to a world of lush tropical forests, crystallized caves, and coral-sand beaches that go on forever. As the culinary capital of the Caribbean, Grand Cayman offers more than 150 amazing restaurants where visitors can get their fill of conch stew, coconut shrimp, fitters, and dense sponge cake made with rum-soaked dried fruit. It's also easy to enjoy poolside luxury at a spot like Ritz Carlton Grand Cayman or your own private vacation rental. While Grand Cayman is every bit as beautiful and relaxing as people expect in all of the predictable ways, many visitors are surprised to discover the amount of truly unique things to do in Grand Cayman. Life here isn't just about getting a tan back at your resort. Do you love the idea of combining the most popular tourist attractions with some spots that only Grand Cayman's insiders know about? Here's a look at fun things to do in Grand Cayman! Some popular tourist attractions in Grand Cayman can only be accessed by boat! That's why so many people are looking for unforgettable adventures on the high seas. At Anchor Boat Tours, we cater to people seeking boat tours in Grand Cayman that allow them to enjoy snorkeling, kayaking among the mangroves, or jetting off to stingray territory. Here's a glimpse into the popular itinerary options that await you when you book a tour with us: Getting in the water with tame stingrays at the iconic Stingray City Sandbar Snorkeling at Coral Gardens and Barrier Reef Enjoying the beach at Starfish Point Enjoying the beach and restaurant at Rum Point Enjoying the sand and visiting the restaurant at Kaibo Beach Reef fishing and deep sea fishing We offer full-day and half-day tours that fit your itinerary and budget. You'll always be in the best hands with our professional captains and crew. We also provide all of the safety gear and equipment needed for our excursions. Anchor Boat Tours is located in beautiful Camana Bay. That means that our guests can enjoy the great boutiques, restaurants, promenade, and courtyards of this vibrant retail and entertainment district just north of George Town. Don't miss out on the adventure of a lifetime ? book your spot with us today and dive into the wonders of Grand Cayman! Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Park is home to the endangered Grand Cayman blue iguana.

Grand Cayman is the only place on the globe where the blue iguana is still found. When you visit, you'll see the 2-acre lake that serves as this creature's habitat. As you tour the 65 acres that make up the park, you can dip into these seven attractions within the attraction: Floral Garden Orchid Boardwalk Xerophytic Garden Heritage Garden Woodland Trail Don't miss your chance to possibly spot a rare blue iguana in person at this beautifully preserved green space in the Cayman Islands!

Pro tip: Visit the Botanic Park early in the morning to enjoy the tranquility of the gardens before the crowds arrive. This is also the best time to spot the vibrant blue iguanas that inhabit the park, as they are more active during the cooler hours of the day. Don't forget your camera to capture the stunning flora and fauna! Let's cover some of the most beautiful beaches in Grand Cayman! Seven Mile Beach is proof that you don't have to go very far off the beaten path to experience beauty in Grand Cayman. As Grand Cayman's most popular beach, Seven Mile Beach offers a free way to enjoy natural beauty on the west end of the island. The warm, gentle waves at this beach are perfect for swimming and snorkeling. Cemetery Beach is a popular beach nestled within Seven Mile Beach. This beach is known for its abundant coral. This is also a great spot for seeing abundant fish varieties while snorkeling. If you're craving adventure, Cayman Brac is a wonderland of limestone caves and shipwrecks just 30 minutes from Grand Cayman. The only catch is that this spot is only accessible by plane. While things can feel secluded here, there are several towns with resorts and restaurants. Here's a look at the most popular attractions: The lighthouse and lighthouse footpath Parrot Preserve Peter's Cave Skull Cave Charlie's Reef Anchor Wall West End Point Lookout If you want to learn about local history, the Cayman Brac Museum is the oldest museum of the Cayman Islands. Little Cayman is another spot that can only be accessed by plane. Located roughly 60 miles off of Grand Cayman, the island is just 10 miles long by 1 mile wide. While its human population is around 200, the island is home to the Caribbean's largest colony of red-footed booby seabirds. The island also has more birds and iguanas than people! Little Cayman was a favorite diving spot of Jacques Cousteau. The Cayman Turtle Centre is a conservation facility that invites tourists to enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime wildlife adventure while swimming alongside majestic sea turtles in Grand Cayman's West Bay. The Cayman Turtle Centre is not just a place to observe

turtles; it's an immersive experience that educates visitors about the importance of marine conservation. You'll have the opportunity to learn about the life cycle of turtles, their natural habitats, and the challenges they face in the wild. The knowledgeable staff is passionate about sharing their insights, making your visit both informative and inspiring. One of the highlights of your visit will be the chance to interact with the turtles up close. Don't miss your chance to snorkel with dozens of sea turtles in a beautiful lagoon! Pro tip: Before you leave, be sure to visit the gift shop, where you can find unique souvenirs and support the centre's conservation efforts. Every purchase helps fund the important work being done to protect these incredible animals and their habitats.

Everybody thinks about authentic island-made rum when they think about the Cayman Islands. That's why a rum tour is always one of the best things to do in Grand Cayman! Cayman Spirits Company offers distillery tours at its 5,000-square-foot facility that makes the only handcrafted spirits in Grand Cayman. Following your tour, you'll move to a tasting room where you can sample fresh batches from Seven Fathoms Rum, Governor's Reserve Rum, and more. You can also pick up some local rum from the gift shop! Grand Cayman is one of the only places on the globe to have a bioluminescent bay. This phenomenon is caused by millions of tiny plankton that glow when their movement triggers a chemical reaction in the water that converts energy to light. There's nothing like being surrounded by otherworldly bioluminescence as you explore by boat or jump in the water in your snorkeling gear. Visitors can book after-dark tours that bring them to the glowing bay. Put this one on your bucket list if you're looking for unique things to do in Grand Cayman! The Crystal Caves are naturally occurring caves found in Grand Cayman. These magnificent caverns full of stalagmite crystal, fossilized shells, and animal remains were only discovered during the 1990s. As of 2016, they are open to the public for tours. When you want that perfect mix of relaxation and adventure when visiting Grand Cayman, only the hypnotic waters of the Caribbean Sea will do! That's why there's nothing like a boat trip. Anchor Boat Tours is your gateway to unforgettable experiences, offering the best way to explore iconic destinations like Stingray City, Rum Point, Kaibo Beach, Starfish Point, and more. Our experienced captains and crew will handle every detail to ensure a safe, relaxing voyage. Don't just dream about your perfect getaway ? make it a reality!

Whether you're swimming with stingrays, lounging on pristine beaches, or discovering hidden gems along the coast, your Grand Cayman experience awaits! Book your spot with us today and set sail on an adventure that will leave you with memories to cherish for a lifetime! Fueled by his passion for showcasing the Cayman Islands' treasures, Jedd founded Anchor Tours with a vision to provide unforgettable experiences for tourists while promoting sustainable tourism practices. Anchored in his deep love for his homeland and a commitment to... Explore, Experience, Embrace! Join us on a journey that transcends the ordinary! Our cultural bus tours are designed to immerse you in the rich tapestry of our local traditions and heritage. Whether you're a history buff, a biodiversity enthusiast, or simply curious about Grand Cayman's rich culture, our tours offer something for everyone. Discover the Magic of Stingray City Sandbar! Join us for an unforgettable boat tour to the stunning Stingray City Sandbar in Grand Cayman! This unique experience lets you swim and walk in shallow waters where you interact with friendly stingrays in their natural habitat. Experience the magnificent underwater world of Grand Cayman, a premier destination for snorkeling enthusiasts. With its crystal-clear waters and vibrant marine life, the island offers a variety of snorkeling spots suitable for all skill levels. Embark on an unforgettable boat tour to Stingray City and Star Fish Point and have lunch on us! These stunning destinations in Grand Cayman are known for beautiful scenery and vibrant marine life. This tour offers a unique opportunity to interact with stingrays and starfish in their natural habitats. Includes stops to: Cayman Spirits Company, Caybrew Cayman Islands Brewery, Boggy Sand Beach and Heritage Kitchen Along this journey we will eat, drink and lounge merrily on the beach. Our distillery stops include guided tours and tastings where you can try Cayman's celebrated Seven Fathoms Rum or a local beer. You'll also want to try our famous Rum Cake! Then we'll head for delicious traditional cuisine at Heritage Kitchen. Snuggled up alongside Boggy Sand Beach in West Bay, Heritage Kitchen offers authentic dishes in a friendly, outdoor setting. Grab your plate and feel free to head down to this spectacular beach where you can get your toes in the sand, enjoy a great meal and take a dip in the crystal-clear waters surrounding you.

6 Most Secluded Beaches in Grand Cayman | Explore Cayman

Whilst Seven Mile Beach is idyllic, it's also popular. There are a few beaches in Grand Cayman that on any given day, you might find yourself alone... Not many can resist the allure of calming solitude on a tropical island, even if just for a brief moment of escape. In the Cayman Islands, a handful of beaches beckon, offering a perfect blend of seclusion and serenity without venturing too far from the well-trodden paths. Here, one can bask in the splendour of the sun, sea, and breathtaking views, undisturbed by the presence of another soul or the intrusion of external sounds?save for the occasional leap of a fish, or the melodious call of a visiting bird. The top most popular beaches in Grand Cayman. Cayman Kai's public beach offers unparalleled snorkelling in clear waters. With basic facilities?restrooms, a lone cabana, and ample parking?it's an isolated oasis. Bring your own essentials for a serene escape, as there are no on-site vendors. [Click here for marriage requirements in the Cayman Islands.](#) Consuelo's Beach, while not ideal for swimming or snorkelling, feels like a haven of solitude. This charming and meticulously maintained spot, has several picnic tables and ample parking. Its allure peaks during sunsets, when Island weddings often take place. Governor Russell Beach, a tranquil retreat along the Island's coast road, has a single cabana overlooking the ocean and narrow, pristine beach?a perfect spot for a peaceful picnic or serene stroll. Colliers Beach, out east, is spacious and perfect for a relaxing visit, if you catch it at the right time on a weekday. The shallow sands make it accessible and, embracing simplicity, it features basic wooden cabanas, a dock and picnic areas, all shaded by surrounding trees. Although tucked next to the road, this oasis of tranquility feels like a lakeside retreat in the south of France, seemingly detached from the passage of time. As the wind gently rustles through the trees, it creates a serene atmosphere and an idyllic haven of calm and relaxation. This hidden gem offers a serene vantage point for captivating sunrises. A seemingly undiscovered paradise, there's a pristine beach, clear waters, and captivating wildlife. Not ideal for swimming, but certainly for a cooling paddle. Whilst some of these beaches are not exactly remote, they are better accessed by car. If you do choose to walk, always carry enough water, some kind of head protection and sunscreen

too. Please let us know if you have any comments, corrections or ideas to improve! The 2024 edition of the Explore Cayman magazine is a 160 page full colour magazine and is available on Island for free! The Explore Cayman app is the #1 app for the Cayman Islands and can be downloaded for free from the Apple app store. Monthly tips, articles and stories

Grand Cayman Island Planning Guide - Travel Caffeine

The Cayman Islands are the Caribbean's most picturesque place, popular with travelers and cruise-goers. This vacation planning guide offers tips for visiting Grand Cayman, best & worst things to do, where to eat, hotel & resort recommendations, beach photos, and more. (Updated January 3, 2024.) We love Cayman and look forward to our next visit; Sarah has been visiting Grand Cayman every year since she was a kid, so it's tradition for her. Cayman is a leisurely experience for us; we largely continue working as normal, just in a different place. When we're not working, we aren't doing much of anything. In other words, visiting Grand Cayman is akin to a work-play vacation, and not our normal style of go-go-go travel. With that said, I have done several things in our down time, and Sarah has done pretty much everything on Grand Cayman over the course of her life. The purpose of this post is not to offer a comprehensive Grand Cayman trip planning guide. Rather, I think a non-comprehensive Grand Cayman guide is worth posting because a lot of the information about Grand Cayman that's out there is pretty poor. Most of the information you'll find once arriving in Grand Cayman are sponsored pamphlets written by sponsored, advertorial content prepared by travel service providers, and it seems like a lot of online posts are just regurgitation of that. We've been burned by some of these "recommendations" so I thought I'd jot down some of my tips for visiting Grand Cayman here. Grand Cayman seems dissimilar to other places we've visited in the Caribbean. Grand Cayman is safer and its cities are better-developed, for starters. While over 2 million people visit the Cayman Islands each year, it feels less touristy than other Caribbean islands. There's much more to Grand Cayman than the tourist side, and even the areas of heavy development don't have that vibe to them. As with other islands in the Caribbean, travel and tourism is a huge sector of the economy in Grand Cayman, but there's less of a sleazy side, and more that's high end. In that regard, Grand Cayman probably has as much (if not more) in common with Hawaii than it does the Bahamas. Fortunately, just like Hawaii, there's a vibrant local culture throughout Grand Cayman that gives it a rich and unique character. One thing that strikes me about Grand Cayman is its diversity: expats slightly outnumber native Caymanians. This is true even in the

tourism sector, and it's a point that's illustrated by Rum Point. There, a sign post shares the origin of the staff and crew at the businesses, and a dozen or so countries are represented, including locations in Europe and Australia. This seems to be the rule, rather than the exception, elsewhere in Grand Cayman, too. Then you have the financial sector in Grand Cayman, which is no doubt a large driver of the local (and not-so-local) economy. I'm still trying to get my shady off-shore banking on in an effort to retire next year off my profits, but I've been told repeatedly, "sir, \$179 is not enough to open an offshore investment account." Nevertheless, I'll persist. Kidding aside, while Grand Cayman was once a tax haven and shelter for shady business transactions (and probably still is to some degree), this has been curtailed significantly due to legislation in the United States and other countries over the course of the last 7 years. It's unlikely the kind of notorious scenario like that of *The Firm* could occur in the Grand Cayman today. But it's still kind of interesting to speculate as to what each suitcase from Miami is carrying—snorkels and fins, or fat stacks of cash? Despite being a relatively small airport with only one runway, Owen Roberts International Airport in George Town is serviced by most major air carriers (some have only 1-2 flights per day, though). Many flights to Grand Cayman from the United States are via Miami, which is a little over an hour away. We recommend ITA Software to search for flights to Grand Cayman. ITA is the best way to find the lowest prices on airfare for set dates of travel. If you're in the preliminary stages of researching your flight, use fare alerts on Airfarewatchdog.com. You can set some parameters for the alerts here and receive email updates when they deem prices to be low. Airfare costs to Grand Cayman range in price dramatically, and depend more upon demand through Miami for your travel dates than your originating airport. For times we visit, we typically pay ~\$400-500 round trip, and this is true whether we have flown out of Los Angeles, Orange County, or Indianapolis. (All of which require connecting via Miami or, sometimes, Charlotte.) There are several car rental options at Grand Cayman's airport, and like flights, they range dramatically in prices. Book as early as possible because inventory is extremely limited, and cancel if you find a better rate. We typically pay ~\$15/day by booking early and monitoring fluctuations, but have seen rates above \$100. If you're staying on Seven Mile Beach, the cost of a taxi is likely to be minimal—certainly lower than what you'll pay for

daily parking. Note that, as a British Overseas Territory, driving on Grand Cayman is on the left side of the road. This is disconcerting and confusing for many Americans (me included). As most visitors to the Cayman Islands are Americans, there are "convenient" arrows painted on many roads. Driving around Cayman is generally safe and laid back (there are a ton of roundabouts), but every once in awhile, you'll see someone on the wrong side. The far more frequent hazard is crabs and chickens in the road, though. One of my favorite things to do in Grand Cayman is absolutely nothing. No joke. It's a great place to decompress, just sitting there under a palm tree or from a hotel balcony watching the waves hit the shore. More than anything else, my days in Grand Cayman are spent on a beach chair with my laptop in hand, doing exactly that. Grand Cayman is a perfect spot for a true vacation, one that is spent unwinding rather than doing "things." Of course, "nothing" is not very good suggestion if you're trying to find activities around Grand Cayman, so here's some other stuff we've done aside from nothing, some of which we recommend, some of which we do not recommend?

Rum Point ? This is the beach from which we leave for our Stingray City tour. There's a lot of recreation here, ample lounging space, a waterfront open-air restaurant, gift shop, and more. We both really like this area, particularly on an uncrowded day. It's busiest when cruise ships are in port at Grand Cayman (it's a popular port adventure), so check out the George Town Port Schedule and go at a time ships are not here.

Cayman Turtle Centre: Island Wildlife Encounter ? Known as the Cayman Turtle Farm, this is another one that's popular as a cruise excursion. Per Sarah, this changed dramatically after Hurricane Ivan. Before that, it was an intimate experience that allowed you to get close with turtles while also sharing information about their conservation. Now, the experience is much more touristy. The central element, holding a turtle, is still there, but dramatically reduced in duration. Everything else is more aimed at getting visitors to part with their money rather than teaching guests about the animals.

Starfish Point ? This is a location that's listed as a hidden gem in just about every Grand Cayman travel guide I've read. Sarah has been going here for a while, and says it definitely was a hidden gem at one point. That's not the case any longer. There are a variety of jet ski and boat tours that stop here, and on our recent visits, it was absolutely packed during the day. This does not mean it's overrated or we do

not recommend it. To the contrary, it's a beautiful little beach, and the starfish here are incredibly abundant. Our recommended approach is arriving early in the morning or going for sunset. The goal here should be to avoid the times tour operators are taking visitors. If you drive yourself (there's a small parking lot) and go after 5 p.m., you can still have the beach entirely to yourself. Stingray City ? This sandbar to which stingrays swarm is one of the coolest things I've ever done. It's one of Grand Cayman's most popular points of interest and is incredibly touristy, but it's also oh-so-awesome. The location is gorgeous, there are a ton of stingrays, and the interactions with them are really fun. We've been up close to stingrays elsewhere, but nowhere compares to Stingray City. It's hard to articulate just how awesome this is. I've done this a few times now, and I'll admit that it still makes me a bit uneasy. After Steve Irwin spent a lifetime of croc wrangling but somehow succumbed to a stingray, I think this is a pretty common fear. Freak accidents can happen anywhere and in any circumstances, something of which I remind myself when getting in the water at Stingray City. These little creatures are so playful that I usually warm up to the stingrays here within a few minutes. A variety of companies offer excursions out to Stingray City, but the one we recommend is Red Sail Sports. Sarah does her dives through them and was pleased with the service, so we decided to use them for Stingray City, too. All of our encounters with their staff have been phenomenal; they are incredibly friendly, knowledgeable about stingrays, and seem passionate about their jobs. This isn't to say other Stingray City tour groups are not good (I have no clue), but we stick with Red Sail Sports because our experiences with them have been unanimously positive. As with Rum Point in general, be mindful of the cruise calendar when considering when to do Stingray City. We've done tours that are half-full with only a couple of other boats out there on off days, and other days the tours are totally full with a half-dozen other boats out at Stingray City.

Seven Mile Beach ? Some of the Cayman Islands travel guides I've read tout the array of best beach in the world awards Seven Mile Beach has received. It's a nice beach, no doubt, but I think a number of these accolades stem from the fact that it's the most prominent beach in Grand Cayman, and where most of the luxury resorts are located. In that regard, it's like Waikiki Beach in Hawaii far from Hawaii's best beach, but the one everyone knows about since it's near so many hotels. Pretty

much every beach in Grand Cayman is absolutely gorgeous. Aside from Seven Mile Beach's length, I'd say its defining characteristic is the level of development and number of people on it. There's nothing wrong with Seven Mile Beach, per se, but I would definitely recommend any number of beaches in less-developed areas if you're looking for a serene experience. Smith Cove ? I guess you could say Smith Cove/Smith's Barcadere is near Seven Mile Beach. It's still in George Town, and is near-ish Seven Mile Beach to be convenient to visitors staying at those hotels, but far enough away to not draw hordes of tourists. This is a great spot for snorkeling, having a barbecue, and just swimming in calm water. In my experience, this is also the absolute best spot for photographing the sunset on Grand Cayman. From the cove itself to the rock formations, you have some interesting foreground material, and the beach faces the correct direction for shooting into the setting sun. (Seven Mile Beach similarly faces the correct direction, but you'll be hard-pressed to find an interesting foreground and will have other people in your shots, so unless you want nothing but ocean and sky, it's a poor spot.) Scuba Diving ? I don't dive anymore, but Sarah does, and she says the Cayman Islands offer the best diving of anywhere she's visited. The visibility is excellent, there is excellent diversity among the Cayman Islands' dive sites, and there are several relatively inexpensive dive companies that pick up guests from their resorts (even where we stay, off the beaten path on the East End). Beyond excellent visibility, the dive sites in the Cayman Islands feature a wealth of beautiful fish and 365 engaging dive sites. Sarah mentions the Kittiwake artificial reef, Babylon canyon, and Devil's Grotto & Eden Rock as being some of the best scuba diving anywhere. If you're traveling to the Cayman Islands, there's a relatively good chance you are going for the primary purpose of scuba diving. As such, we'd recommend reading posts about diving in the Cayman Islands from more knowledgeable sources. [Here](#), [here](#), and [here](#) are a few good options. Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Park ? This botanical park is known for its blue iguana. When Sarah was growing up, she says it was world-renowned for this, and you'd routinely spot dozens of huge blue iguana roaming freely. That sounds really cool, but unfortunately, it's no longer the case. The last time we visited, most of these iguana were in "protective custody" because local dogs had been eating them (no joke). You could pay extra to go near their cages, but it's hardly the same

experience. As a botanical garden, this Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Park is incredibly weak. The trails are nice and there's some flora, but it's nothing all that impressive. It's also really, really hot and humid. The blue iguana were the main draw here, and without them roaming freely, we see little point in visiting. Snorkeling ? If you're not certified to go scuba diving, you'll still want to snorkel. There's exceptional snorkeling all over the place, and you can see a variety of vibrant tropical fish, huge Tarpon, beautiful reefs, and even nurse sharks. If you do a trip out to Stingray City, many providers (including the aforementioned Red Sail) include a snorkeling stop along Cayman's barrier reef. Other recommended locations include Smith Cove and Spott's Beach. Really, though, just about anywhere offers something to see. Even under the dock at Morritt's is a great location for fish-spotting. East End Blow Holes ? These can be a bit difficult to find because the signage is small, but they are quite stunning. A couple of blowholes along the craggy coastal rock that sprays water up over 20 feet into the air on a good day. The Blow Holes are not a major draw, but they're worth seeing, nonetheless. I enjoy just sitting and watching these, particularly around sunrise when literally no one else is there. There's something oddly calming about them, and their repetitive nature is soothing. Colliers Beach ? This public beach gets our seal of approval because it's right on your way to the Blow Holes (about 7 km away), is usually uncrowded (save for the chickens), offers some shade, and a stretch of beautiful coastline. It's not the most dramatic beach in the world, but it's nice. Plus, where else are you going to see chickens wandering around on a beach?! Hell ? This is a "city" in West Bay, and it's totally pointless. It exists exclusively for purveyors of dad jokes to boast about visiting "Hell in Paradise," sending postcards "from Hell" to their friends back home, and buying incredibly tacky souvenirs from Hell. It's a complete and utter waste of time for anyone else. There are a handful of other things in Grand Cayman we'd like to do that we have not yet done, most notably the Cayman Crystal Caves and Pedro St. James Castle, but that covers the major points of interest we've experienced thus far. This is a big gap in our knowledge, as the only place we stay on Grand Cayman is Morritt's Tortuga Club and Resort on the East End. Sarah has stayed elsewhere, but it's been ages since she did. Located approximately in the middle of nowhere, Morritt's Tortuga Club is a fairly large resort, and is directly adjacent to Wyndham Reef

Resort. Aside of these two resorts (that are also timeshares), there's not a whole lot along this stretch of beach. Morritt's is fine, and from what we've seen of the Wyndham Reef Resort, it's also fine. Neither are ritzy nor do they offer the type of luxury you'll find along Seven Mile Beach. We've visited some of those resorts (including the Ritz-Carlton Grand Cayman, Kimpton Seafire Resort, and Grand Cayman Marriott Beach Resort), and the difference is night and day. Those offer 4 or 5-star service and amenities, whereas these East End resorts are 3.5-star properties with 4-star service. With that said, the distinct advantage Morritt's and the Wyndham Reef offer is their isolation. The stretch of beach between the two is quiet, and is not overrun with people, jet skis, or boats. The stretch of beach beyond the resorts is almost completely devoid of people, if you want to totally escape the crowds (something that is not possible in the Seven Mile Beach vicinity). There are a few other areas outside of the East End that offer similar, isolated resort experiences, but I have not been to any of those. Basically, when choosing a place to stay on Grand Cayman, it comes down to the development and luxury of Seven Mile Beach versus the seclusion and serenity of somewhere else. Which you prefer depends upon your priorities, but after experiencing the secluded side of Grand Cayman, I have no interest in Seven Mile Beach. Airbnb is also a popular option on Grand Cayman, and based on prices I see when browsing, it would definitely be an appealing option to me. I'd still avoid Seven Mile Beach and instead seek more secluded spots. Almost without exception, we've found the food on Grand Cayman to be expensive and underwhelming. We've been to a number of popular places, including Kaibo Restaurant (their beachfront bar is a good option for wood-fired pizzas), Agua Restaurant, The Wharf, and several other spots. We left each disappointed. Not because the food was necessarily bad, but because it didn't live up to the cost (even assuming you're paying a premium for ocean views). The lone exception to this for us has been a place called Kurts Korner. This place deserves serious hole-in-the-wall status, as it's tucked away behind a combination liquor store (?Water Boyz?) and dive bar, and is an outdoor seating area attached to a kitchen. There's no indoor seating, and the bugs can be sort of bad depending upon when you go, but the food is phenomenal and inexpensive. Whereas most everywhere else on Grand Cayman has premium pricing (ostensibly due to foods costing more on an island), Kurts

Korner is inexpensive by virtually any metric. The fried bread service (included if you're dining there) and conch fritters are both must-dos, and the rotating specials are all good. If available, we recommend any of the curries (coconut curry grouper and goat curry are the highlights), any of the fish, or jerk chicken. We've gone to Kurts Korner many, many times, and at this point, it's one of the few restaurants on Grand Cayman that we have any inclination to visit in the future. Its prices are about on par with the local Wendy's, and the food is exceptional. We'd also try other hole-in-the-wall spots, but probably wouldn't go back to Seven Mile Beach to eat unless it were a special occasion. Too rich for our blood! Speaking of the local Wendy's, it's nearby a supermarket called Hurley's. This store has a few locations on Grand Cayman, and you should seek one out if you plan on preparing some of your own meals. Smaller convenience stores are located all around the island, including near hotel and timeshare developments, but typically have exorbitant prices. Hurley's is more expensive than a United States grocery store, but by Cayman Islands standards, it's reasonable. Here are a few other things we didn't cover elsewhere, but that are probably worth mentioning: Finally, the Cayman Islands are generally known for being an expensive place to visit, which is perhaps in part spillover from its ties to the financial sector and in part reputation earned from the spots along Seven Mile Beach. If you're staying on Seven Mile Beach, eating there, and scuba diving from that area, Grand Cayman will be incredibly expensive. Your hotel could easily be \$400/night, meals at oceanfront restaurants could cost \$100/person, and the sky is the limit on daily entertainment depending upon how many dives you do. By contrast, if you stay at an Airbnb or a hotel on a different area of the island, you're looking at \$150 (or less) per night, potentially \$15/person meals (or less if you prepare your own food), and inexpensive entertainment if you're just spending your days on the beach. I wouldn't go as far as to say it's a "misconception" that Grand Cayman is expensive. It's a totally accurate conception, it's just largely true about one specific area that is most popular with tourists. Get away from that, and prices drop precipitously. For now, that's all I have in terms of what to know before visiting the Cayman Islands. As I mentioned at the outset, this is not to be viewed as a comprehensive guide to the Cayman Islands—it's based upon our experiences only. Consider this post a work-in-progress, too. If there

are reader questions about particular topics that seem pertinent, I'll supplement the main post over time. If you're traveling to the Cayman Islands, hope you have a fun and relaxing trip! Have you vacationed in the Cayman Islands? What did you think of the experience? If you've visited other Caribbean islands, how do you think Cayman compared to those? Planning on visiting Grand Cayman in 2024 or beyond? Any tips of your own to add about visiting Grand Cayman, or things to do while you're in the Cayman Islands? Any questions? Hearing from readers is part of the fun (and is helpful to others), so please share your thoughts in the comments below! Hi, we're thinking about travelling to Cayman Island in the spring of 2025, end April, start of May. We're looking for someplace quiet but near to restaurants etc if we decide to venture out. We're beach goers. Sandy beaches are a necessity. Any suggestions? My family is planning on visiting Grand Cayman, but it looks like Seven Mile beach is the only area that has beautiful, clear water. Is this true, or are there other beaches without the grasses and sargassum that you would recommend? My husband and I are going to the island in a week. We enjoy deep sea fishing but all I can find are private fishing charters at the cost of \$600 and up. We typically do a charter that anyone can book for around \$125 per person. Is there anything like that in the Cayman Islands? I have been looking for deep sea fishing as well. Let me know if you have found anything. We are hoping for a Mother and son fishing trip in November with our stay Thank you so much for this guide. My husband and I are timeshare owners and were looking at Morritt's for May 2024 for our anniversary. We've done Oahu, the Big Island, Great Exuma and Antigua so far and were wondering how this compares. We definitely enjoy a slower vacation style and off the beaten path is right up our alley, with short day trips to more touristy spots. Thank you for helping us decide to visit Grand Cayman!! We love Grand Cayman and we also steer away from 7 mile beach due to the cost. We go to Hurleys for groceries and pack a lunch each day while we are out exploring and snorkeling. We always clean up and go for dinner. We enjoy the food at the Lobster Pot and watch the tarpon feedings. It is expensive but we're on vacation. My husband always wants to eat at the Burger King on the beach. Favorite snorkeling spots are Eden Rock and Spotts Beach for the turtles. Love that you can shore snorkel from almost anywhere. Wreck of the Gamma. Starfish point is a must do. Our first trip to Cayman we

did the typical tourist spots including going to hell. We no longer waste our time with that. We still continue to visit stingray city and the blow holes. We have visited several other Caribbean destinations and Hawai'i but we return to Grand Cayman again and again. The color of the water, laid back vacation and abundant snorkeling. We say nothing compares to Grand Cayman. Please, need some help with a question. I want to go to stingray city and snorkel. I can't sign up for the Princess excursion, because they won't let you go anymore if you are over 70. I am 86 and like a fish in the water, but need to know which tour group has the easiest boat to climb back up on from the water. I see the Marineland one says it's easy, but they do not answer my emails! How about Captain Bryan's boat, is it easy? Thank you for this detailed info! I prefer to stay off the beaten path and also eat at local spots. Also, really getting out and exploring the island, I'm not a sit around at a luxury resort kind of person Is this 'safe' to do here? Question:

How far are Rum Point, Sting Ray City and Seven Mile Beach from where the cruises port?! Rum Point is a 50 minute drive, seven mile beach a 5 minute cab ride , and sting ray city a 10 minute cab ride to the boat dock then 25 minutes boat ride. Super informative Tom! Quick question: we're considering a January visit. Too cold for real beach & swim time? Thanks! Fine time for a swim but pools are not heated. We always visit in Jan/ Feb and swim. Are common options avail on Grand Cayman for purchasing prepaid Visa Cards, etc? Do grocery stores or drug stores sell them? We will be visiting Grand Cayman Aug 2019 via ship and would like to know favorite but not to spendy shopping spots after tendering on shore. Also: How far is Georgetown and taxi services to the shopping areas. Cruise ship tender right to Georgetown with a wide range in shopping from \$\$\$\$ to typically low end tourist junk shops. [?]

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Non Touristy Things to Do in Grand Cayman

Home » Cayman Islands Non Touristy Activities and Things to See You're headed to Grand Cayman, but you're not one for the typical tourist traps, right? You crave the road less traveled, the hidden gems that give you a true taste of the locale. You're in luck, there is a treasure trove of things to do that are non-tourist attractions where you can get off Seven mile beach and explore things off the beaten path. I've spent considerable time exploring this Caribbean paradise beyond the beaten path and I've got some insider tips to share. From secluded beaches to local eateries, Grand Cayman is teeming with off-the-grid experiences that'll leave you with unforgettable memories. So, forget the crowded resorts and overpriced souvenirs, let's dive into the real Grand Cayman! Table of Contents There's no shortage of unique experiences in Grand Cayman, all waiting to be explored by the curious traveler. Here's my take on some must-see attractions and activities you shouldn't miss. Nestled within lush tropical forest, the Crystal Caves offer an impressive display of stalactite and stalagmite formations. A guided tour gives a peek into these underground formations, their rich history spanning millions of years. This geological wonder, often overlooked by tourists, indeed deserves a spot in your itinerary. Recognized as a wildlife haven, you'd be amazed at the unique species you'll encounter at Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Park. From the vibrant Cayman Blue Iguanas, an endangered species native to Grand Cayman, to a myriad of exotic plants, this tranquil setting is teeming with natural beauty. The natural habitat within the park provides a critical breeding ground for the Cayman Blue Iguana, enriching the visitor experience with opportunities to observe these magnificent creatures in a serene environment. Pedro St. James, also known as "Pedro Castle," provides insight into the island's history, culture, and architectural heritage. Visitors can stroll through restored historical rooms and watch a 3D multimedia presentation to learn about the pivotal role it played in Grand Cayman's development. Held in Camana Bay every Wednesday, the Farmers & Artisans Market is a delightful confluence of local flavors and crafts. It's the perfect spot to sample local delicacies, purchase handmade crafts, and interact with the island's residents. For adventurers, maneuvering through the serene waterways of

Grand Cayman's mangrove forests in a kayak is a rewarding experience. Cayman Kayaks offers unique bioluminescence tours, featuring their electric bio boat experience and informative guides who educate participants about the bioluminescent plankton and their habitats. You'll get a chance to observe diverse marine life and bird species up-close while enjoying the tranquility of nature. Remember, the real charm of Grand Cayman lies far beyond the tourist thronged resorts and cruise ship ports. So, venture off the beaten path and uncover the island's hidden splendors, for a genuinely unforgettable island experience. Indulge in Cayman's British heritage with an elegant interpretation of this classic English tradition. Featuring dainty English sandwiches, cakes, biscuits, and a grand selection of teas, the Afternoon Tea at the Ritz Carlton encapsulates charm and grandeur. The lobby bar offers alternate beverage choices, if you'd prefer skipping tea and heading straight for champagne. Prepare yourself for a naturally illuminating spectacle as you swim or kayak through warm waters on this captivating nighttime journey. Cayman Kayaks offers a unique electric bio boat experience that allows you to explore the bioluminescence in a safe and informative way. Keep in mind: for the best underwater light performance, schedule this activity on a dark night, away from a full moon's glare. Why stick to a studio when you can practice yoga on clear, shimmering Cayman waters? Kirsten Cousins, renowned Paddleboard and Yoga expert from VitaminSea, is your guide. Her expertise has earned her global recognition as a premier paddleboarding teacher. If you'd rather retain more solid footing, join the free community beach yoga class on Sunday mornings at Governor's beach. This rejuvenating experience is a fantastic way to kick off a Sunday morning - entirely free of charge! Refuel post-yoga with a hearty brunch. In Cayman, brunch isn't just a meal - it's an event. Dress up and choose from an array of brunch hotspots to suit your mood. Experience sensual burlesque performances and soulful live music at Next Door. This modern speakeasy offers much more than just great jazz. You'll find their signature cocktails every bit as enticing as their music schedule. Start your journey at The Tasting Room and Cellars for an indulgent selection of Italian delicacies and fine wines. Cemetery Beach is also a peaceful spot for a picnic. Then choose your picturesque picnic spot from some of Cayman's iconic historic places, including the park at the wreck of the ten sails or the Queen Elizabeth botanic park lake. Enjoy a

boat ride to the tranquil Rum Point Club, a serene destination perfect for dining and leisure activities, or head to the glamorous Kaibo Beach Club for lunch or dinner. Spend the afternoon in your swimwear, lounging around on their upscale Ibiza-inspired beach daybeds while a live DJ provides the soundtrack to your relaxed afternoon. You can't go wrong at any Rum point venue! In fact, I proposed to Michelle at Kaibo! It was one of the most romantic things to do in Grand Cayman! Experience the pinnacle of VIP enjoyment with a private catamaran sail around the North Sound. Snorkeling gear is essential for enhancing your experience while exploring the vibrant underwater ecosystems. Savor gourmet treats onboard as you journey to meet the stingrays, guided by a private snorkeling expert. If you're planning a prolonged trip, consider checking out some suggestions for what to take on a sailboat. >> Here's a list of charter companies in Cayman. While frequented by tourists, places like the Crystal Caves and the Queen Elizabeth Botanic parks are unmissable highlights due to their natural beauty. These locations are perfect for nature lovers who appreciate exploring lush forests, unique flora and fauna, and engaging in activities like birdwatching and hiking. From the vibrant prints found in the Queen Elizabeth Botanic Park to the spiritually enriching energy of the Crystal Caves, these locations are worth a visit. Active vacationers might enjoy a morning practice session with a golf, tennis, or pickleball pro. Learn something new or indulge in a sport you don't often find time for at home. Savor the fine work of local artists at The National Gallery of the Cayman Islands. With regularly rotating exhibits, you'll get a profound glimpse into local island life. The gift shop offers a splendid array of stylish, Island-inspired souvenirs. Unleash your creativity at 3 Girls and a Kiln or the popular Art Nest Studio. Their weekly rotating class roster promotes new activities and potential hobbies. Reserve the VIP Movie theater at Cayman for a private film projection. Enjoy the film on comfy luxury seats, accompanied by pleasing company. Alternatively, revel in a beachside movie screening hosted by The Westin Hotel, complete with a scenic sunset backdrop and dinner service from a beach-front restaurant. Shop till you drop at George Town or Camana Bay. They provide the best shopping avenues, housing a range of local and international brands, boutiques, and upscale hotel shops. Spend a relaxing afternoon or evening sampling a diverse array of wines for a fixed rate. Situated on a cozy courtyard

at Camana Bay, you can enjoy your favorite vintage while basking in the vibrant island vibe. Visit one of the best gelato stores worldwide, run by Italian owner Marcella. Grab a gelato and relax on the waterfront, enjoying the coastal ambiance at Camana Bay or George Town. Experience life before tourists on the Cayman Brac and Little Cayman islands. Immerse yourself in secluded beaches, explore Owen Island, or climb the striking bluffs of Cayman Brac. Get grooving with Salsa lessons at The Wharf restaurant. Look out for sizzling dance nights or private lessons from skilled teachers at Fuego Latin Dance. For a more elegant choice, take up jazz, pole and aerial dance classes with Quintessential Movement on Seven Mile Beach. Join fellow food enthusiasts at Bon Vivant's show kitchen for a private culinary masterclass with the island's best chefs. Of course, the highlight of the session is relishing the fruits of your labor! Savor a meal amidst chic, vintage surroundings at Palm Height's beachfront restaurant, Tillies. Laze around on the beach between courses or find a vintage gem at their delightful bookshop. Having covered quite a few activities in Grand Cayman, I still have a few unique experiences up my sleeve that take you further off the beaten path. Here are some noteworthy picks from the pile: Hang Out with Stingrays in the Open Sea:

Indeed, it's popular among visitors, but the Stingray City sandbar remains one of the most captivating experiences in Grand Cayman. This natural sandbar, located in the beautiful North Sound, is home to a crowd of, incredibly friendly, stingrays that don't shy away from human interaction. Dine Under the Stars at Yara:

For an unparalleled culinary experience, I recommend Yara Global steakhouse. Nestled in the heart of the Seven Mile Beach resort area, Yara not only serves delectable meals but also runs a "Dinner under the Stars" night where they serve your meal right under the twinkling Caribbean sky. Pedal Kayaking in Bioluminescent Bay:

While we have already touched on Bioluminescence Bay, I want to bring your attention to the magic that is pedal kayaking in this awe-inspiring natural spectacle. Here, you can pedal your way into the mystic neon glow of the bioluminescent organisms for a truly mesmerizing ride. Mastic Trail Hiking: If you're nature-inclined, trekking the Mastic Trail is for you. Considered the country's best kept

ecological secret, this trail gives you a unique peek into Grand Cayman's native wildlife and flora. What's even better? The Mastic Reserve, which the trail traverses, is home to over fifty bird species and some rare, indigenous trees. This catalogue of activities exudes uniqueness, providing visitors with experiences not possible elsewhere. From swimming with stingrays to dining under the stars at a sophisticated steakhouse, pedal kayaking to hiking trails, there is something on offer for everyone.

Snorkeling: Okay, this may be not be non touristy, but get some snorkeling gear because you'll see more species of fish here in the Caribbean sea than you will back home. You can trust me on that one! There's more to Grand Cayman than what meets the eye. Delve deeper and uncover the secret spots and activities that mainstream tourists often overlook. Splendid wonders waiting to be discovered are ready to offer you an unforgettable Caribbean retreat. One of the most intriguing and less crowded historical treasures in Grand Cayman is Pedro St. James, often referred to as Pedro's Castle. A national historic site, it's steeped in rich history and past controversies of slave emancipations. Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Park, home to a dazzling array of flowering trees, shrubs, and exotic orchids, often gets overlooked by laid-back beach seekers. Take a leisurely stroll among these botanical beauties while you soak in their serenity. One way to enrich your island exploration is by tasting local cuisines distinct to Grand Cayman. The Cayman Sunday Roast at traditional beach-side shacks like Heritage Kitchen or The Brasserie are just two examples. Don't miss trying conch fritters, a local delicacy. Wreck diving in Grand Cayman takes a new meaning with USS Kittiwake, a submerged naval ship that turned artificial reef. It's a paradise for marine enthusiasts and underwater photographers. In the Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Park, you'll find endangered Blue Iguanas. Participate in feeding sessions and help protect these fantastic creatures. After a day filled with explorations, rest under the shade of sea grape trees and unwind at Smith's Cove, an intimate, hidden beach spot away from the bustling crowds. Remember, experiences at Grand Cayman aren't just about the most famous or popular attractions. They are about discovering places off the beaten track and soaking in the authentic island life it offers. Experience the variety, tranquility, and unique activities in your own time, and craft an unforgettable island adventure that's uniquely yours. Indeed, Grand Cayman justifies every single travel penny spent. It's a place where island charm

meets sophisticated living, where tranquil coastlines intersect with vibrant life under the sea. You can read my deeper dive on this topic here. Pedro St. James, often referred to as the "Birthplace of Democracy" in the Cayman Islands, stands as a testament to the island's rich history. Here, visitors can take a scenic stroll down memory lane, exploring the grandeur of a traditional Caymanian home. Remote from the bustling city, the Botanic Park offers a tranquil haven. It's not just decorated with stunning tropical flora but also provides a habitat for the Blue Iguana, an endangered species endemic to the Caymans. Grand Cayman showcases an array of local and international cuisines. From the delicious conch stew to the spicy jerk chicken, the island's culinary landscape is ripe for exploration. For the divers, the Kittiwake Shipwreck is a dream come true. Lying 60 feet beneath the turquoise waves, the former submarine rescue ship now houses marine life, making it a top diving attraction. Lastly, Smith's Cove's secluded beaches offer an idyllic setting away from the crowded tourist spots. The tranquil beach is a quintessential spot for relaxation, sunbathing, or simply appreciating the beauty of the Caribbean Sea. In summarizing all this, I'd emphasize Grand Cayman presents more than a mere vacation resort. It offers a journey of discovery, a trip beyond commercial attractions, encapsulating cultural experiences, natural wonders, culinary delights, aquatic adventures, and serene beaches. So there you have it - Grand Cayman isn't just about sunbathing and sipping cocktails by the beach. It's a place where you can get up close with stingrays, dine under the stars, and dive into a shipwreck. It's where you can feed Blue Iguanas, bask in the beauty of the Botanic Park, and soak up the history at Pedro St. James. Don't forget to try out the local delicacies and spend some quiet time at Smith's Cove. These are the experiences that'll give you a real taste of the Caribbean, far from the madding crowd. So, next time you're planning a trip, remember Grand Cayman. It's more than a vacation spot - it's a journey of discovery. And trust me, it's a journey worth taking. Safe travels, my friends!

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Exploring the Hidden Gems of the Cayman Islands: Beyond the Beaches - Loving Travel

The Cayman Islands, renowned for their stunning beaches, crystal-clear waters, and vibrant marine life, are perched in the western Caribbean Sea. While these tropically blissful locations attract countless tourists each year, there is much more to discover beyond the sun-kissed shores. This article delves into the hidden gems of the Cayman Islands, offering a glimpse of the rich culture, breathtaking landscapes, and unique experiences that await those willing to venture beyond the typical tourist spots. One of the most captivating hidden treasures in the Cayman Islands is the enchanting island of Little Cayman. Despite being the least developed of the three islands—Grand Cayman, Cayman Brac, and Little Cayman—it is a treasure trove of natural beauty. Little Cayman is home to the iconic Bloody Bay Marine Park, where divers can explore exquisite coral reefs teeming with marine life. Visitors to Little Cayman can witness the impressive underwater landscape, which promises encounters with turtles, rays, and colourful fish. For those seeking solitude, the island's long stretches of pristine beaches, such as Owen Island, offer a perfect setting for unwinding away from the crowds. The waters here are clear and shallow, making it an ideal spot for snorkelling or just basking in the sun. Little Cayman's vibrant bird life is another highlight; a visit to the Booby Pond Nature Reserve provides opportunities to view red-footed boobies and frigatebirds in their natural habitat. Moving from Little Cayman to its slightly larger counterpart, Cayman Brac, visitors will find a landscape imbued with history and adventure. The island boasts a rich tapestry of stories, which can be traced back to its humble beginnings. One of the most fascinating sites is the Cayman Brac Heritage House. This impressive museum showcases traditional island life through exhibits on fishing, farming, and the Caymanian culture, giving visitors a deeper understanding of the islands' past. Outdoor enthusiasts will be delighted with the hiking trails that wind through the island's rugged terrain, particularly the trail leading to the top of Brac Bluff, the highest point of the Cayman Islands. From up high, panoramic views of the island and its surroundings are breathtaking—a well-deserved reward for those who brave the ascent. The island is also popular for rock climbing,

with various crags and cliffs, including the impressive "The Lighthouse" area, attracting climbers from around the world. For an authentic culinary experience, head to the local eateries where one can sample traditional Caymanian dishes. The famous dish "Conch Fritters" can be found across the islands, while the fresh seafood prepared with Caribbean spices exudes a unique flavour. For an additional treat, attending a local fish fry on Cayman Brac, where the community comes together to enjoy fresh catches and live music, is an absolute must. Back on Grand Cayman, the capital city of George Town, often overlooked in favour of its beaches, offers a vibrant cultural experience. The town is adorned with colourful buildings that house local businesses, art galleries, and shops. The National Gallery of the Cayman Islands presents a stunning array of local art, showcasing the talents of Caymanian artists. This institution serves as a hub for cultural education and appreciation and hosts various exhibitions throughout the year. To further immerse yourself in island history, visit the Cayman Islands National Museum. Housed in a historic building by the waterfront, the museum showcases the evolution of the islands through artefacts and informative displays, providing an exceptional overview of its maritime, cultural, and natural history. For those interested in local wildlife, the Mastic Trail offers a true glimpse into the islands' lush greenery and significantly diverse ecosystem. Stretching over two miles through the wooded interior of Grand Cayman, the trail is ideal for hiking, and you might encounter various birds, reptiles, and other wildlife. The trail is a testament to the Cayman Islands' commitment to preserving their natural environment, allowing visitors to connect with the beautiful flora and fauna that abound. Another hidden gem is the enchanting Crystal Caves in North Side. Comprising intricate underground formations, these caves are a geological wonder encompassing crystalline stalactites and stalagmites. Guided tours allow visitors to delve into the stunning underground world while learning about the caves' formation and significance. This geological marvel provides a respite from the sun and is ideal for families seeking an adventure off the beaten path. For those looking for personal connection and memorable experiences, consider participating in a cultural tour. Organised by local community members, these tours foster direct interaction with Caymanians, allowing visitors to gain insights into daily life, traditions, and customs. Engaging in local crafts such as weaving, cooking, or even traditional music

gives guests an opportunity to leave with a deeper appreciation of the islands and their welcoming inhabitants. In conclusion, while the beaches of the Cayman Islands are undeniably breathtaking, the true essence of these islands lies in their hidden gems. From exploring the natural wonders of Little Cayman and Cayman Brac to immersing oneself in the culture and history of George Town, the Cayman Islands offer a wealth of experiences waiting to be uncovered. Those who venture beyond the sandy shores are rewarded with unforgettable memories that will linger long after the last sunset fades. Q1: What is the best time to visit the Cayman Islands?

A1: The best time to visit the Cayman Islands is between mid-December and mid-April, which coincides with the dry season. This period offers favourable weather and conditions for outdoor activities. Q2: Do I need a visa to visit the Cayman Islands?

A2: Visa requirements depend on your nationality. Many countries, including the US and UK, do not require a visa for stays of less than six months. Always check current regulations before travelling.

Q3: Are the Cayman Islands safe for tourists?

A3: The Cayman Islands are generally considered safe for tourists, with low crime rates. However, it's always best to exercise standard safety precautions, such as avoiding isolated areas at night and securing valuables. Q4: What are some traditional foods to try while visiting?

A4: Traditional Caymanian dishes include Conch Fritters, Fish Rundown, and Cayman-style beef. Don't forget to sample local seafood available at roadside eateries and fish fry events! Q5: Is it possible to do eco-tourism activities in the Cayman Islands?

A5: Absolutely! The Cayman Islands offer various eco-tourism activities, including hiking, bird watching, and exploring marine parks and nature reserves that promote sustainable interaction with the environment. Be notified when new content is added to the Loving Travel website or when new videos are added to the Loving Travel YouTube channel.

Private Boat Charters in Grand Cayman: Discover Hidden Gems - Caymanvisitor

Welcome to Grand Cayman Island, a tropical paradise nestled in the captivating waters of the Caribbean. If you're seeking a truly exceptional experience, look no further than private boat charters in Grand Cayman. These charters offer a personalized journey that allows you to uncover the island's hidden gems. In this blog post, we will explore the allure of private boat charters in Grand Cayman and highlight a remarkable private boat charter experience that will leave you with unforgettable memories. Private boat charters in Grand Cayman provide the perfect opportunity to design your own customized itinerary, ensuring every moment on the water aligns with your interests. Whether you're looking to explore secluded beaches, snorkel amidst vibrant coral reefs, or indulge in thrilling water sports, a private boat charter in Grand Cayman offers the flexibility to create a unique and personalized adventure. From leisurely cruises along the coastline to exciting deep-sea fishing expeditions, the options are endless. When you choose a private boat charter in Grand Cayman, you can expect the expertise of experienced captains and crews. These local experts possess extensive knowledge of the island's marine ecosystems, wildlife, and history. They will guide you to the best snorkeling sites, introduce you to diverse marine life, and share captivating stories about the island's culture and heritage. With their guidance, your journey becomes both educational and unforgettable. Gain insights into the behavior of marine creatures and discover the fascinating history that has shaped Grand Cayman's identity. One of the most enticing aspects of a private boat charter in Grand Cayman is the ability to venture to remote and secluded locations off the beaten path. Explore hidden coves, untouched beaches, and secret snorkeling spots away from the crowds. These serene and pristine locales offer an intimate experience, allowing you to immerse yourself in the natural wonders of Grand Cayman Island. Marvel at the breathtaking beauty of secluded beaches with powdery white sand and crystal-clear turquoise waters. Snorkel along vibrant coral reefs teeming with colorful fish and other fascinating marine life. A private boat charter ensures exclusive access to these hidden gems, enabling you to discover the true essence of the island.

One exceptional private boat charter experience in Grand Cayman is the renowned Stingray City adventure. Embark on a guided journey to this famous sandbar, where you'll have the extraordinary opportunity to interact with friendly southern stingrays in their natural habitat. Wade into the shallow waters as these magnificent creatures gracefully glide around you, offering a truly immersive and unforgettable experience. Learn about the unique relationship between humans and stingrays in Grand Cayman and create lifelong memories as you connect with these gentle creatures. Private boat charters provide the perfect atmosphere for cherished moments and lifelong memories. Relax, unwind, and create lasting connections with your loved ones in a private and intimate setting, away from the crowds and distractions. Whether you're planning a romantic getaway, a family vacation, or a special celebration, a private boat charter ensures exclusive access to the boat and crew. Bask in the sun and simply take in the breathtaking views of the Caribbean Sea. The personalized attention and secluded atmosphere make for a truly memorable experience. Embarking on a private boat charter in Grand Cayman is an invitation to discover the island's hidden gems and create unforgettable memories. Tailored experiences, expert guidance, access to remote locations, and the privacy and intimacy of a private charter ensure a truly exceptional adventure. Experience the ultimate blend of luxury, exploration, and relaxation as you embark on a private boat charter in Grand Cayman. Discover the captivating wonders of the island, from secluded beaches to vibrant marine life, and create memories that will last a lifetime. Book your private boat charter today and unlock the true essence of Grand Cayman Island. From the renowned Stingray City to the colorful Cayman Turtle Centre to cultural activities at the Mission House, discover exciting Grand Cayman destinations and excursions ? on and off the beaten path ? with Cayman Visitor. International (866) 714-2309 Local (345) 326-2701

National Geographic touts Cayman's hidden charms - Cayman Compass

It may only be 26 miles from end to end, but Grand Cayman and its charms were significant enough for a National Geographic publication to recommend an island road trip to its readers. The Cayman Islands features in the January issue of National Geographic Traveler magazine, which has 9.6 million readers worldwide according to its website. The coverage features a two-page spread, titled "Road Trip Grand Cayman," featuring a multi-stop tour of the island. Starting at the Kimpton, which it labels as a "hip hangout," it directs visitors on a round-the-island tour taking in the Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Park, the Blow Holes and the Wreck of the Ten Sail, Old Man Bay and Davinoff's Concrete Sculpture Garden before finishing up at Starfish Point. The article points visitors beyond the sun, sea and sand of the conventional Cayman holiday, highlighting the hidden gems of the island's eastern districts. It states, "On the other side of the island and tucked into the undeveloped interior, discover blue iguanas, hidden beaches, shipwrecks, blowholes and surprising sculpture. Despite its name, Grand Cayman, mostly unaffected by recent hurricanes, is easy to explore in a daylong road trip - leaving time to revel in more classic island life." For tourism officials, the impact of a National Geographic spread is huge. The Department of Tourism runs a visiting journalists program to help fund visits to island attractions from travel writers. In this case, according to Rosa Harris, director of the Department of Tourism, the Kimpton resort's public relations team arranged the visit and coordinated with the department over the activity schedule. Ms. Harris said helping fund such visits was part of the department's marketing strategy. "Having someone visit the destination and give their firsthand experiences is of great value," she said, "particularly in a magazine as well established and highly regarded as National Geographic." [Log in to leave a comment](#)

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Before you get started, you may want to make sure your favorite beverages are on hand to enjoy before, during or after your Grand Cayman adventures. Jacques Scott Wines & Spirits is the leading retailer of premium wines, beers and spirits in the Cayman Islands. Order everything you need online, including mixers and soft drinks, and have your purchases delivered to your home, office, vacation villa, resort hotel, or anywhere else in Grand Cayman. Choose free delivery to anywhere on Island, or pick-up your order in our flagship store on Shedden Road. We will deliver on the same day if you order online before 3:00 pm. If you prefer to pick up, order before 6:00 pm and pick up until the store closes at 7:00 pm. The two most popular tourist attractions in Grand Cayman are Stingray City, where you can interact with the majestic, graceful Caymans Southern Stingrays that inhabit the shallow waters surrounding the Islands, and the Cayman Turtle Farm, where you can swim and snorkel with thousands of Green Sea Turtles in the 1.3-million-gallon saltwater lagoon. When cruise passengers are in George Town, you can expect both attractions to be packed with people. Why not spend some time at one of Grand Cayman's lesser-known, but equally interesting, hidden gems? Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Park ? This beautiful 65-acre botanic park is paradise if you're drawn to native flora and fauna. Vibrant, colorful gardens will treat you to all kinds of rare, beautiful flowers, such as the rare Ghost Orchid, the Banana Orchid (Cayman's national flower) as well as endemic animal species, such as the Cayman Blue Iguana, which is found nowhere else on earth, the West Indian Whistling Duck, and the majestic Cayman Parrot, the national bird of the Cayman Islands. The Park is also home to the endangered Blue Iguana Recovery Project. Rum Point ? This expansive beach is on the north side of Grand Cayman, about 10 miles from George Town. Lounge in a hammock in the shade of the Casuarina trees or snorkel out beyond the shallow beach area, where you'll enjoy swimming with sea turtles, sting rays, parrot fish and lobsters. And, don't miss the Wreck Bar and Grill where you can savor authentic island cuisine and delicious cocktails. Crystal Caves ? This geologic wonder, situated in a lush tropical forest in North Side, Grand Cayman, took millions of years to form as seawater erosion created caverns filled with stalagmites, stalactites,

crystal-like mineral deposits, and a gorgeous interior lake. They are rumored to have been a hideout for pirates, but three of them are now available for daily tours (except Good Friday and Christmas Day). Bioluminescent Bay ? For a unique evening adventure, take a kayaking tour of the small, protected Bioluminescent Bay on the north side of Grand Cayman. The magical phenomenon, which causes the sea to glow during the darkest nights, is created by tiny single-celled organisms called dinoflagellates that emit light as they move in the water. Be sure to reserve a trip to Bio Bay in advance because the brightest light displays follow the moon cycle. The Cayman Islands offer some of the best attractions in the world for residents and visitors alike. Feel free to stop in at one of our Jacques Scott Wines & Spirits liquor stores in George Town, Seven Mile Beach, Savannah or East End for more tips! © Jacques Scott 2024 | [Privacy policy](#)

Discover Grand Cayman: Ultimate Travel Guide & Tips | Life, Love & Travel

Support Life, Love & Travel Grand Cayman, the largest of the Cayman Islands, is a paradise renowned for its stunning beaches, crystal-clear waters, and vibrant marine life. This tropical gem, nestled in the Caribbean Sea, offers a perfect blend of relaxation and adventure, making it a sought-after destination for travelers from around the world. Whether you're exploring its rich underwater world or soaking up the sun on Seven Mile Beach, Grand Cayman is a destination that promises an unforgettable Caribbean experience. Grand Cayman captivates travelers with its pristine beaches, vibrant coral reefs, and welcoming atmosphere. This Caribbean jewel is known for its exceptional diving and snorkeling opportunities, particularly at Stingray City, where visitors can interact with friendly stingrays in their natural habitat. The island's rich cultural heritage, showcased in events like the Cayman Carnival Batabano and historic sites such as Pedro St. James, offers a fascinating glimpse into its past. With a culinary scene that blends local flavors with international influences, and accommodation options ranging from luxury resorts to cozy boutique hotels, Grand Cayman promises a vacation experience that is both relaxing and exhilarating. Discover why Grand Cayman is the perfect destination for those seeking adventure, culture, and unparalleled natural beauty. Grand Cayman is home to some of the most beautiful beaches in the Caribbean. Each beach offers a unique experience, from tranquil shores to lively spots filled with activities. Grand Cayman's culture is a vibrant mix of influences, reflecting its rich history and diverse population. Grand Cayman is a playground for adventure seekers and those looking to explore its natural beauty. The island's culinary scene is a delightful fusion of Caribbean flavors and international cuisine. Grand Cayman offers a variety of accommodation options to suit different tastes and budgets. Grand Cayman's VIP airport service offers an exclusive and luxurious experience, including expedited check-in, customs clearance, and comfortable lounge access. This premium service ensures a seamless and stress-free journey, perfect for travelers seeking privacy and convenience from arrival to departure. Renting a car in Grand Cayman offers visitors the freedom to

explore the island's stunning beaches, quaint towns, and natural attractions at their own pace. With straightforward rental processes and the convenience of driving on the left-hand side of the road, it's an ideal option for those looking to discover the island's hidden gems and scenic routes. The official currency for the Caymans is the Cayman dollar, but the U.S. dollar is widely accepted across the island. Credit cards are accepted at most restaurants as well. However, American Express is widely accepted. Tap water in Grand Cayman is entirely safe to consume, so there is no need to buy bottled water while you are there. They use a reverse osmosis process to ensure it's completely safe to drink. The Cayman Islands use the same plug and voltage as those in the United States and Canada; therefore, North Americans will not need to bring a converter on their trip. Take any coral from the Cayman's waters. You won't see any fun souvenirs with coral pieces, either. So, as much as you want to grab some, I would advise against it. In Grand Cayman, English is the official language, spoken with a distinctive Caymanian accent that reflects the island's rich cultural heritage. This makes communication easy for visitors, as all signs, menus, and services are provided in English, ensuring a seamless and welcoming experience for travelers from around the globe. The national dish of Grand Cayman is conch stew, a flavorful and hearty meal made from the marine mollusk conch, combined with various spices, tomatoes, and vegetables, slow-cooked to perfection. This beloved dish reflects the island's deep connection to the sea and its bounty, offering visitors a taste of traditional Caymanian cuisine. Grand Cayman operates on Eastern Standard Time (EST) without observing Daylight Saving Time, placing it five hours behind Greenwich Mean Time (GMT-5). This fixed time zone ensures that the island remains consistently aligned with the same schedule year-round, making travel planning straightforward for visitors. The Caymans are located directly in the hurricane belt, so it's best not to visit during hurricane season. That being said, March thru June are the best months to visit, which makes it a perfect Spring Break destination. Dive into Grand Cayman's beauty and excitement with this detailed e-book guide. From hidden gems to popular attractions, this guide covers everything you need for an unforgettable island experience. Enjoy expert insights on the best places to stay, eat, and explore, all conveniently available on your digital device. Whether you're planning your adventure or seeking spontaneous

A Visitor's Guide to Grand Cayman's Seven Mile Beach 2024-25

Updated. November 14 2024 If you've ever googled 'the best beaches in the world,' odds are that Grand Cayman's Seven Mile Beach has come drifting across your screen. And, while being touted among the best in the world doesn't come lightly, you'll quickly find it's true. There's no doubt about it, this stretch of cerulean seas and pearly, powder-soft sand is the picture of heaven. But, before you can submerge your soul into paradise, AKA Seven Mile Beach, here is a visitor's guide you'll need to know how to get there. Start by centering yourself smack-dab in the middle of the Caribbean. It's a precious pocket of sea pinched between the Americas, where the Cayman Islands are arguably the king of the proverbial sandcastles. Seven Mile Beach, well, it's the icing on the cake^{er}, castle. It's THE place to be on Grand Cayman Island. The hub of utopia if there ever was one. Located on, you guessed it, seven miles (well, almost) of pristine beaches. Butted up against dreamy seaside accommodations, epic beach bars, and obviously, seafood eateries with million-dollar views. Exploring your transportation options in Grand Cayman will make for a seamless and relaxed travel experience, especially if you're planning on driving in Grand Cayman to explore hidden gems and local spots. Whether you're looking for flexibility with a rental car, the convenience of a taxi, or the budget-friendly public bus, there's something for every type of traveler. If you're looking for something to do besides basking beneath palm trees and bobbing in heaven's seas, you'll find there's a little bit of something for everyone on and around Seven Mile Beach. Seven Mile Beach is one of the most popular destinations for water sports and activities in the world. This stunning stretch of sand is known for its warm, turquoise waters and gentle waves, making it perfect for some on-the-water fun. Whether you're looking to swim, surf, jet ski, or snorkel, the options are endless. You're promised to be kept entertained in Seven Mile Beach. One popular activity in this area is stand-up paddleboarding. With its paddle attached to a longboard, this growing sport lets you explore the ocean up close and personal. And because of the calm waves and shallow reefs found along many parts of Seven Mile Beach, stand-up paddling is an ideal way to take in all the area has to offer. Other popular water sports here include kiteboarding, windsurfing,

and kayaking. In addition to its beautiful beaches, Seven Mile Beach is also known as an ideal spot for swimming, sunbathing, and soaking up some rays. With shallow water that stretches out into the sea and no strong currents, it's easy to splash around or go for a relaxing dip any time of day. The shallow waters make it great for families with young children who want to learn how to swim. Feel like ditching the sea legs? There's plenty to do ashore, too! Be it a safari, a spa, a golf course, or an art gallery, they have thought of it all on this stretch of Grand Cayman. You can even go shopping and head to the theater, or spend the day stretching for drop shots on a tennis court. How about stretching your muscles at a yoga studio? Other popular land activities include hiking, biking, and picnicking. You can also find several playgrounds located along the beach, making it a great spot for families with young children. There is also plenty to see if you enjoy bird watching in this area. With a diverse range of local species flocking to the beach throughout the year, it's a great spot for avid bird watchers looking to spot some incredible species. Visitors are in for some delicious dining options along Seven Mile Beach, with the area boasting a variety of exceptional restaurants that range from beachfront casual to exquisite fine dining. Sample local cuisine at some of the inland restaurants or enjoy international fare at any number of spots with spectacular beach views. This Caribbean oasis has something for everyone! LUCA offers contemporary Italian cuisine with stunning beachfront views, making it a favorite among visitors. For a taste of Mexico, Casa 43 Mexican Kitchen & Tequila Bar serves authentic dishes and an extensive selection of tequilas in a vibrant atmosphere. Seafood enthusiasts will appreciate Morgan's Seafood Restaurant, known for its fresh, ocean-to-table offerings and elegant waterfront setting. Traveling to Seven Mile Beach from the skies is an experience unlike any other! Aerial Tours take you on a breathtaking journey across the island with incredible views of turquoise waters, white sand beaches, and lush green jungles. Get a unique perspective of the picturesque island that you might not be able to get anywhere else ? explore untouched areas of Seven Mile Beach and enjoy the beauty of it all from an aerial view! There is no easy answer to this question, as the entire stretch of Grand Cayman's Seven Mile Beach is stunning. From the crystal-clear water, and powdery white sand to the serene, balmy weather and vibrant marine life, it's difficult to pick a favorite section of this incredible beach. Some

might prefer the quiet solitude offered by the northernmost tip of the beach, while others may gravitate towards the lively bars and dining spots closer to downtown. For those planning a honeymoon in the Cayman Islands, this beach offers an ideal setting to explore and create lasting memories. Ultimately, it all comes down to personal preference, so the best way to find your ideal spot on the beach is simply to explore and enjoy! After all, an afternoon spent soaking up the sun or kicking back in a lounge chair with a good book is sure to be time well spent on any part of this exquisite beach. Without a doubt, whatever area of the beach you find yourself on you're bound to be impressed. Accommodation options on Seven Mile Beach are as varied as the fish in the sea, so long as you're looking for condos, resorts, and villas! It is undoubtedly the best place to stay on Grand Cayman Island, particularly if you're yearning for ocean views, sea breeze, and endless amenities. Tip: be sure to book your stay well in advance, especially if you're planning to visit during the high season or for special events. Here are 3 popular complexes: With 9 beautifully renovated one and two-bedroom condos, a large canal-front swimming pool, private storage lockers, ample parking, and an 186-foot private boat dock, Snug Harbour View is the ideal choice for beach lovers. You can rent boats and jet skis steps from your front door and explore shopping, restaurants, bars, and entertainment attractions just minutes away! If you want a hassle-free beach vacation, check out Regal Beach Club. You can enjoy pristine sugar-white beaches and lush palms, as well as nearby restaurants, shops, and entertainment steps away. Luxury 2 and 3-bedroom condos have been remodeled with designer furnishings and high-end bedding ? ideal for travelers who want to be close to the action but still have the privacy of their own vacation rental. Experience luxury and relaxation like never before at Seven Mile View Condos! Enjoy beautiful oceanfront views from each of the five units, making it the perfect destination for couples or families seeking an unforgettable, VIP getaway. Watch the sunrise over the Caribbean Sea from your very own private balcony, take part in world-class activities, or simply relax and enjoy the warm sunshine. Saying there isn't a good time to visit Seven Mile Beach is like saying there isn't a good time to eat chocolate, it's not true! After all, air and sea temps have little variation throughout the year. It's always summer in the Caribbean! However, if you are looking for special distinctions like on or off-season, it may indeed

matter. The high season for the Cayman Islands is from mid-December through mid-March. This is when lodging, tours, and activities have both the highest booking rates and the least availability. So it's the crucial season to plan and book ahead. You might also be wondering about hurricanes, which is a natural concern in the Caribbean. The greatest chance of hurricanes affecting the Cayman Islands is from September through November. Although, that certainly doesn't mean the islands are closed up. You can still visit, and likely enjoy a less expensive trip. Fortunately, there hasn't been a major disturbance from hurricanes on Grand Cayman in nearly 20 years. Arguably, the best time to visit Seven Mile Beach and Grand Cayman is during the shoulder season. This is the time of year when the crowds are less, costs are down, and the threat of storms is minimal. The shoulder season on Grand Cayman is during summer in the Northern Hemisphere. This means the perfect time to book an island getaway is during the months of May through August. With so many amazing vacation properties to choose from, you'll have no shortage of options when it comes to finding the perfect place for your island escape. Start planning your dream Cayman Islands getaway today! For more information on visiting the Grand Cayman Islands, please visit our national tourism board website. Seven Mile Beach is actually approximately 6.3 miles long, but it is referred to as Seven Mile Beach due to its reputation as one of the longest and most beautiful beaches in the Caribbean. You can enjoy different activities at Seven Mile Beach including swimming, sunbathing, snorkeling, parasailing, kayaking, and more. There are also a few beachfront bars, restaurants, and shops that offer refreshments and souvenirs. Yes, there are a few restrictions for visitors, including that nudity is prohibited and you are not allowed to bring glass containers onto the beach. No, there is no entrance fee for Seven Mile Beach. However, some of the beachfront facilities and activities may require a fee, such as beach chairs and umbrellas, water sports, and equipment rentals. Yes, Seven Mile Beach in Grand Cayman is a great place for families with children. The beach has gentle waves, calm waters, and different activities to keep everyone entertained. The best way to get to Seven Mile Beach in Grand Cayman is by car, with several large parking areas available for visitors. Taxis and shuttle buses are also available from George Town and other parts of the island, and the beach is easily accessible by foot from many nearby hotels and resorts. Seven Mile Beach in Grand

Cayman is home to a variety of wildlife, including sea turtles, iguanas, and a number of bird species. Visitors can also see schools of colorful fish while snorkeling and may even spot dolphins or rays from the shore. It's important to respect wildlife by not disturbing or feeding them. Setting off on a Grand Cayman journey in 2025 and beyond is the gateway to an extraordinary experience where the beauty of azure waters meets? Continue to Read » New Cayman Airport Opened The highly anticipated announcement of the newly expanded Owen Roberts International Airport on Grand Cayman took place yesterday afternoon, with the? Continue to Read » The Annual Cayman Cookout 2018! The tenth annual Cayman Cookout will take place on January 10-14, 2018, when The Ritz-Carlton, Grand Cayman becomes the culinary? Continue to Read » Pirates Week 2019 Dates Announced! Perhaps no other Caribbean nation celebrates its pirate legends and cultural heritage quite like the Cayman Islands, which erupts into? Continue to Read » Toll Free

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The Ultimate Guide to Exploring Grand Cayman

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landscapes and scenic hiking trails, offering panoramic views of the Caribbean Sea. Experience the freedom of exploring Grand Cayman's coastal wonders on your own terms with a private boat charter. Set sail aboard a luxurious vessel equipped with all the amenities you need for a day of adventure and relaxation. Cruise along the coastline, stopping to snorkel in secluded coves, swim with stingrays at Stingray City, or simply bask in the sun on deck. With experienced captains at the helm, you'll have the flexibility to tailor your itinerary and create memories that will last a lifetime. In conclusion, Grand Cayman offers a taste of paradise like no other destination in the Caribbean. From offshore adventures to reef fishing thrills and everything in between, this island paradise beckons travelers with its irresistible allure. Whether you're seeking relaxation, adventure, or a bit of both, Grand Cayman has something for everyone. So pack your bags, chart your course, and prepare for the adventure of a lifetime in this tropical paradise. Your email address will not be published. Required fields are marked *

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Where to Stay in Cayman Islands: The BEST Areas in 2024

Home » Europe » United Kingdom » Where to Stay in the Cayman Islands (2024 ? COOLEST Areas!) Infamous across the world as a major tax haven, the Cayman Islands aren't just for the rich and famous ? they also offer a stunning tourism destination. Most visitors arrive as part of a Caribbean cruise, but it's totally worth considering as a destination in its own right. Scuba diving is a massively popular activity here, thanks to the crystal clear waters and diverse marine life. Stretched across three islands to the south of Cuba, it's important to get an idea of what you most want to visit before you arrive as there's so much to see and do on the islands. If you want to maximise your time, you need to do your research to make sure you choose the right base. That's where we come in! We've combined our own experience with advice from locals and travel experts, to bring you the lowdown on the three best places to stay in the Cayman Islands. Whether you want stunning beaches, laid-back coastal towns or unique local culture, we've got you covered. So let's jump right in! The Broke Backpacker is supported by you. Clicking through our links may earn us a small affiliate commission, and that's what allows us to keep producing free content ? Learn more.

Airbnb Luxe properties are specially selected for their high-end facilities and gorgeous interiors. This property comes with optional spa services, private drivers and even a chef. Even without all of this, it is well worth splurging on ? with an inviting private pool and gorgeous sea views. The high ceilings add a sense of elegance and class to the interiors. It's a little rustic, but this is the perfect getaway in the Cayman Islands for couples traveling on a budget. You'll get to enjoy your own secluded cove, which adds to the castaway vibes of this cute little villa. There are major historical attractions within walking distance, as well as regular transport options to George Town and the other side of the island. This four-star waterfront hotel beautifully combines modern comfort with rustic charm. Room rates are more than reasonable given the location and star rating, and Seven Mile Beach is right on your doorstep. The beach décor creates a soothing and calm environment ? perfect for a laid-back vacation in the sun. We also adore the on-site tropical gardens, where you can marvel at native turtles. Home to both the biggest harbour and the airport, it's pretty much guaranteed you will

arrive in George Town. This is the only city in the territory and offers the most diverse range of activities by far. Seven Mile Beach stretches along the western coast of Grand Cayman. It is home to some of the most exclusive resorts, condos, and villas in the territory. West Bay is at the northern tip of the beach and is much more peaceful than George Town in the south. Grand Cayman is easily the most popular island in the territory ? and we're sticking to it in this guide. While Little Cayman and Cayman Brac offer some fascinating destinations, they're much harder to get to and generally far more expensive than Grand Cayman. The main island also has such a diverse range of destinations in its own right that you'll barely have time to cover it all in one trip! George Town is the capital and only city in the Cayman Islands. It's the main destination for cruise ships and first-time arrivals, so it's full of visitor information, great tour guides, and historic attractions. It's also at the start of Seven Mile Beach which is lined with some fantastic vacation rentals in the Cayman Islands. Heading further up Seven Mile Beach, you will reach West Bay on the northern tip of the island. This is a much more peaceful neighborhood, making it the perfect choice for families visiting the Cayman Islands. It does have a more exclusive vibe so you will need to prepare to splurge ? but it's totally worth it to enjoy quieter beaches, and the best cuisine on offer in the territory. The Cayman Islands are generally quite expensive, but heading slightly off the beaten path can uncover some surprises for anyone traveling on a budget. Bodden Town is only 15 minutes from George Town but has a more local vibe, so accommodation and dining options tend to be much more affordable here than in the bigger tourist strips. Still not quite decided? We totally get it ? it's a difficult decision to make! To help you plan a little more, we've got more detailed guides for each neighborhood below. We've also included our favourite accommodation and activity picks in each. Want to save money on accommodation? We got you. For reals. Home to both the biggest harbour and the airport, it's pretty much guaranteed you will arrive in George Town. This is the only city in the territory and offers the most diverse range of activities by far. Whether you're looking for history, cuisine or beaches, you'll find it in George Town. For this reason, it's our top pick for first-time visitors. Need some help knowing where to explore? George Town is home to a variety of tour guides and excursion providers offering trips across Grand Cayman. Transport connections up the entire length of Seven Mile

Beach and east to Bodden Town are also quick and affordable. Aptly named the Sanctuary, this gorgeous boutique apartment is located just outside Central George Town in the Grand Harbour region. While this area has plenty of attractions in its own right, it is also well connected to the heart of the capital. With colourful façades and breezy shores, the resort has an artsy and laid-back feel to it. Looking to splurge? Look no further than this lavish villa on the southern George Town coast. It has a secluded charm that will give your trip an exclusive vibe, and even comes with its own little slice of beach. The oceanfront cabana is a romantic little hideout, with stunning sunset views across the Caribbean Sea. This vast resort sprawls along its own section of Seven Mile Beach, where you can enjoy endless vistas of the Caribbean Sea. The hotel is surrounded by other major attractions, including the Links at Seahaven Golf Course. This makes it a great choice for a laid-back holiday, as you won't have to travel too far to get around. The complimentary breakfast is also pretty incredible, with enough options to keep you going for days. We've tested countless backpacks over the years, but there's one that has always been the best and remains the best buy for adventurers: the broke backpacker-approved Osprey Aether and Ariel series. Want more deets on why these packs are so damn perfect? Then read our comprehensive review for the inside scoop! There's no escaping it ? the Cayman Islands are an expensive destination. The tax haven status has attracted the wealthy for generations, and the remote location makes imports expensive. You'll have to prepare your wallet, and come fully prepared, but Bodden Town makes that a little bit easier. It has a more local atmosphere than George Town, so many of the restaurants and accommodations are more affordable. You'll also get to see the real Grand Cayman. Cultural attractions are quite laid-back here, but you'll get a more authentic view of the island and its population. Bodden Town is far enough off the beaten path to provide a unique experience, while close enough to George Town to offer quick transport links. Picture this ? you roll out of bed in the morning, walk over to your own private little cove, and listen to the ocean waves lapping up the coast. This romantic hideaway is perfect for couples on a budget, and it's only a two-minute walk from central Bodden Town. There are also some great caves and hiking trails nearby, making this our top pick for adventure travellers heading to the Cayman Islands. This villa is on the splurge end of the scale, but is still far more

affordable than other luxury accommodations on the island. It comes with stunning views of the ocean, which can be admired from the infinity pool. You will have your own private stretch of oceanfront away from the tourist crowds, although the main Bodden Town area can also be reached on foot within a few minutes. Moon Bay is a little bit more affordable for those that still want to stay in a villa. Operated by Cayman Villas, you can sleep easy knowing you'll be well taken care of throughout your stay. The wider resort area comes with two pools and some tennis courts, as well as a small private beach for guest use. The villa itself is modern, and comes with a balcony and ocean views. Seven Mile Beach stretches along the western coast of Grand Cayman, and is home to some of the most exclusive resorts, condos, and villas in the territory. West Bay is at the northern tip of the beach, and is a much more peaceful area than George Town. It's a great choice for families looking to avoid the major tourist crowds, though you will have to prepare to splash out a little. Alongside families, West Bay is also a great destination for traveling couples. The resorts are more popular among families, so we recommend booking a condo or villa if you want to avoid this. There are beaches everywhere you look in the area, so there's plenty of room for everyone. This secluded gem in Cayman Islands is well-worth the price. Follow the palm tree-lined street that connects it to Seven Mile Beach for unspoiled views of the sunrise every morning. The apartment itself is kitted out with everything you could want for the ultimate comfort. You'll also have a whole host of add-on services to choose from to make your stay even more luxurious. For families on a budget, this is a great choice for accommodation located right on the beach! It sleeps up to four guests in two bedrooms, and has modern interiors. Snorkelling gear is available for guest use - perfect for keeping everyone entertained. The Westin are known for their luxurious elegance across the world - and their Grand Cayman resort is no different! The on-site Hibiscus Spa offers every holistic therapy and beauty treatment you can imagine. The rooms are spacious and stylishly decorated, with guaranteed great views across the coast. All of this is only steps away from Seven Mile Beach. Stash your cash safely with this money belt. It will keep your valuables safely concealed, no matter where you go. It looks exactly like a normal belt except for a SECRET interior pocket perfectly designed to hide a wad of cash, a passport photocopy or anything else you may

wish to hide. Never get caught with your pants down again! (Unless you want to?) Here's what people usually ask us about the areas of Cayman Islands and where to stay. West Bay, located at the northern end of Seven Mile Beach, is gorgeous! The best places to stay here are right on the beach, so you can enjoy the sun and sand to the fullest. I recommend this stunning Airbnb, only a 4-minute walk from Seven Mile Beach. I absolutely loved Grand Cayman Marriott Beach! It's right by Seven Mile Beach, so you can enjoy the glorious Cayman Islands' sun and sand. Plus, they have lovely tropical gardens, where you can marvel at native turtles. Grand Cayman is the biggest and most developed of the three islands. It's my top pick for where to stay. You'll find old mansions, beautiful gardens, and museums to explore here. You also don't wanna miss the ICONIC Seven Mile Beach! Yes, sharks are there? But encounters are rare and the majority of species are not seen as threats to humans. In fact, spotting a shark here is often considered a special event, indicating thriving coral reefs. You can enjoy a totally safe stay here! Pants, socks, underwear, soap?! Take it from me, packing for a hostel stay is not always quite as straightforward as it seems. Working out what to bring and what to leave at home is an art I have perfected over many years. Snoring dorm-mates can ruin your nights rest and seriously damage the hostel experience. This is why I always travel with a pack of decent ear plugs. Trust us, this is an absolute game changer. Super compact, a hanging mesh laundry bag stops your dirty clothes from stinking, you don't know how much you need one of these? so just get it, thank us later. Hostel towels are scummy and take forever to dry. Microfibre towels dry quickly, are compact, lightweight, and can be used as a blanket or yoga mat if need be. Forget about Poker! Monopoly Deal is the single best travel card game that we have ever played. Works with 2-5 players and guarantees happy days. Always travel with a water bottle! They save you money and reduce your plastic footprint on our planet. The Grayl Geopress acts as a purifier AND temperature regulator. Boom! Check out my definitive Hotel Packing list for even more top packing tips! ALWAYS sort out your backpacker insurance before your trip. There's plenty to choose from in that department, but a good place to start is Safety Wing. They offer month-to-month payments, no lock-in contracts, and require absolutely no itineraries: that's the exact kind of insurance long-term travellers and digital nomads

need. SafetyWing is cheap, easy, and admin-free: just sign up lickety-split so you can get back to it! Click the button below to learn more about SafetyWing's setup or read our insider review for the full tasty scoop. The Cayman Islands are a stunning destination in the heart of the Caribbean offering more than just unspoiled views. The beaches here are the perfect spot for discovering marine life and enjoying water sports. In the towns, you will also find some fascinating historic attractions, unique local cuisine, and vibrant cultural highlights. The Cayman Islands are more than just a cruise ship stopover ? especially if you want to veer slightly off the beaten path. In terms of our favourite neighborhood, you really can't beat George Town. The official capital of the Cayman Islands, it has everything you'll need including grocery stores, restaurants, and visitor guides. It's also well connected to both West Bay and Bodden Town. If you can, I recommend travelling around the islands. While we've only included destinations on Grand Cayman, the smaller islands have are well worth a day-trip and have some hidden gems of their own. We hope this guide has helped you narrow down your options for your upcoming trip to the Cayman Islands. All that's left to do is pack your beach bag and get going! Did we miss anything? Let us know in the comments! A couple of you lovely readers suggested we set up a tip jar for direct support as an alternative to booking through our links. So we created one! You can now buy The Broke Backpacker a coffee. If you like and use our content to plan your trips, it's a much appreciated way to show appreciation ? Share or save this post Your email address will not be published. Required fields are marked * Comment * Name * Email * Website Save my name, email, and website in this browser for the next time I comment. Notify me of followup comments via e-mail. ??

Hidden Treasures of the Eastern Districts - Corcoran Cayman

The Cayman Islands is renowned for their unparalleled beauty and unmatched serenity, offering some of the most sought-after real estate opportunities in the world. When it comes to island living, the districts of North Side and East End stand out as hidden gems. Here are some spots that make these districts so extraordinary. Rum Point is located on the northern side of Grand Cayman. It's a serene oasis known for its powdery white sand beaches and crystal-clear waters, as well as the friendly stingrays that pay a visit from time to time. A day at Rum Point often involves snorkelling, paddleboarding, or simply basking in the sun. Don't forget to stop by the Rum Point Beach Bar for a refreshing piña colada or their signature mudslide. Just a stone's throw away from Rum Point lies the shores of Starfish Point, a beach that's tucked away from the hustle and bustle you'd usually find along the Seven Mile Strip. As the name suggests, Starfish point is the perfect place to observe these beautiful creatures up close in their natural habitat. The shallow, tranquil waters and quiet beach are also perfect for swimming, enjoying a picnic or simply taking in the sunset. As beautiful as the starfish may be, visitors are reminded not to touch them or remove them from the water as this can cause stress to these beautiful animals. Nestled in North Side, the Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Park is a haven for nature enthusiasts. This lush oasis boasts a diverse range of flora and fauna, including the indigenous and protected blue iguana, which you can spot while strolling through the woodland and wetland trails. The park's picturesque surroundings make it a fantastic place for a leisurely family outing or a peaceful escape. Explore the mystical wonders of Cayman's underground world at the Crystal Caves. These stunning caves are adorned with crystal-like stalactite and stalagmite that have been formed over millions of years. Guided tours take you on an unforgettable adventure through this subterranean wonderland, making it a must-visit attraction. Although these caves have always existed, they've recently been open for exploration by the public, making this attraction a unique go-to spot for educational and historic excursions. The mesmerising, natural phenomenon in Bioluminescent Bay is nothing short of magical. Witness the waters come to life with a stunning blue glow as tiny, light-emitting organisms respond to movement.

This natural spectacle is a rare and unforgettable experience. Kayak, swim, or even snorkel under the night sky, as you bask in the water's bioluminescent glow. Owning property in the eastern districts means having easy access to the island's many wonders of nature. Living in these districts means not just owning a home, but embracing a lifestyle that seamlessly blends luxury, nature and tranquillity. At Corcoran Cayman Islands, we're here to help you turn your island living dream into a reality. If you're ready to make North Side or East End your forever home, contact us today and let us assist you in finding the property that matches your vision. [Prev](#) [Post](#) [Next](#)

Canadian born and a serial entrepreneur Paul's a graduate of McMaster University. Selling since the 80's Paul's passion beyond family, dogs and golf is absolutely Real Estate. His journey has taken him through several start-ups and experiences with Cayman's biggest developers, Dart and Ritz Carlton. Buying your first home in the Cayman Islands is an exciting milestone and a valuable investment in one of the Caribbean's most sought-after destinations, whether you're a native or fell in love with island life. At Corcoran Cayman Islands, we're dedicated to guiding you through each step of the process to make your real estate [?]

The Cayman Islands have long been celebrated for their culinary diversity, where world-class dining is just another part of life in paradise. With Restaurant Month 2024 in full swing, it's the perfect time to indulge in the island's vibrant food scene. From waterfront seafood spots to modern fusion cuisine, there's no shortage of great dining [?]

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Hidden Gems in the Caribbean | Panache Cruises

For many people, when they think of a luxury cruise, their mind immediately jumps to the Caribbean. They're certainly not wrong, as many luxury ocean cruises and super yachts visit the myriad of beautiful islands and sail the crystal blue waters of the Caribbean Sea. In fact, most seasoned cruisers have probably been on at least one Caribbean cruise throughout their time. But where are the hidden gems in this well-known area? This is a topic we wanted to delve into, as bookings for the Caribbean are on the rise and it seems that cruising may return to this part of the world before other destinations open up. Luckily our expert Connoisseur Emma Taylor is here to help out! Here's Emma's top recommendations for the Caribbean's hidden gems... This happens to be one of my favourite ports and it's specifically due to one memory I have. St Kitts and Nevis are connected by a causeway and whilst on an independent tour of the island, our driver suggested, at the end of the day, that we drive up to the highest point on St. Kitts to be able to view Nevis.

This was such an incredible view, that even years on, it still sticks with me.

The view of Nevis is not only spectacular in terms of the scenery, but it also gives you an amazing view of the Caribbean Sea vs the Atlantic Ocean. The causeway cuts right between the two, so on one side you have the calmness of the Caribbean Sea and just a matter of feet apart, is the choppy Atlantic.

It really was a special end to the day. As an animal lover, I'm always keen to see any wildlife on my cruises and this port really didn't disappoint! Cozumel is incredible for diving and snorkeling with some of the best reefs in the Caribbean, as well as a subaquatic art exhibit with submerged sculptures! The island is much smaller and feels more authentic than other Mexican islands, and gives you a wonderful opportunity to see sea turtles, manatees, and dolphins without the crowds of tourists. With shimmering blue waters lined with starfish and stingrays, Grand Cayman is also an excellent destination for any animal lovers out there. There is the opportunity to make the most of a wonderful experience at a turtle sanctuary, where you can really learn about the incredible conservation work they do there and even spend the afternoon on the beach swimming with the

turtles too! Well worth a visit! St. Maarten is a world record holder for being the smallest island to host two nations: France and the Netherlands. Philipsburg is the capital of the Dutch side of St. Maarten and is often overlooked as the French side is twice the size with more islands off its coast. It is the only town on the island with a 'city' feel and is home to some of the best places for authentic Caribbean cuisine which you can enjoy on Philipsburg's golden beach. One of the lesser-known ports of the Caribbean can be found on the French-speaking island of Guadeloupe: Iles des Saintes. Boasting white sand beaches, azure waters and swaying palm trees, this small island port is one of the most untouched and unexplored regions of the Caribbean, making it the perfect port of call for a spot of R&R. Surrounded by lush jungle, the mountains, waterfalls, and La Soufriere volcano present opportunities for more adventurous excursions by day; while restaurants and bars offer a surprisingly vibrant nightlife, featuring traditional Caribbean cuisine and music. It goes without saying that we are all excited for cruising to restart later this year, but I'm eagerly anticipating my next cruise in the sunny Caribbean! For some of our best offers on Elite Ocean and Yacht-Style cruises in the Caribbean for the end of 2021 and throughout 2022/ 23. Want to experience this? Give the Panache Cruises team a call on 0161 513 8200 and they'd be happy to help! Dedicated Cruise Connoisseur to work exclusively with you We will get to know you and understand your preferences Nothing will be too much trouble Your entire cruise holiday is tailored around your requirements From the moment you leave your front door to returning home we will take care of everything for you. Let Panache Cruises create your perfect cruise holiday Our founder has started and built some of the world's most successful cruise brands Our management team has decades of cruise industry experience Panache Cruises is solely focussed on luxury cruise. Supported by The Travel Network Group, one of Europe's largest travel businesses Our Customer Trust Account means that your money is 100% safe Our ATOL license ensures you are fully bonded and protected