

An Afternoon at Grace Bay Club (SLIDESHOW)

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John McMahon, executive vice president and group publisher of the **Questex Hospitality + Travel Group**, paid a visit to **Grace Bay Resorts** in **Providenciales, Turks & Caicos** in December.

The host of the gathering was **Nikheel Advani**, COO and principal of **Grace Bay Resorts**, who brought together a group of some of the most talented tourism executives in the destination for the afternoon.

Included were the **Hon Premier, Rufus Ewing**; **Michel Neutlings**, president of the **Turks & Caicos Hotel Tourism Association** and **Dr. Carlton Mills**, the manager for Talent Growth and Local Affairs at **Grace Bay Resorts**, which has adopted five local schools which it assists with donations and scholarships.

While enjoying a beautiful setting at **Jars** on **Grace Bay Beach** (the dining venue provides food and wine pairings at a 30-foot-long communal table), the group discussed the future of luxury travel and how it will impact the industry as a whole, as well as specifically what's happening on **Turks & Caicos**.



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The incoming Chinese luxury market, hotel development on Turks & Caicos (as well as a hospitality school on the island) culinary advances in the Caribbean and on Turks & Caicos specifically, were some of the other hot items for discussion.

After sampling Jars, the group paid a visit to the Grace Bay Club's top suite where they were treated to lunch on the verandah. We hear the lobster fettuccine was to die for.