



# Ticket to PARADISE

Escape to **Grand Isle Resort & Spa** for turquoise waters, white sand beaches and luxury oceanfront homes



Blue Bloods

Survivor contestants learn to outwit, outplay and outlast on them. Amazing Race contestants sometimes hop them to get to the finish line. A-list celebrities and seasoned sailors like **Johnny Depp** sometimes buy one to call their own ... islands, that is. **The Exumas**, and the cluster of 365 isles, inlets and cays in southwest Bahamas, is one of those fab places that make you want to hop on a boat—floppy hat, bikini and “umbrella drink” in hand. **David Copperfield, Nicolas Cage, Faith Hill, Tim McGraw** and the Pirates of the Caribbean star all own private islands among the dreamy turquoise blue waters. Here’s why you should dive in. — Mona Buehler

## GRAND PENTHOUSE

The jewel of Great Exuma is the palatial four-bedroom, 4½-bath villa at the highest point in the resort, which includes amenities such as a dining room that seats 12, a 1,100-square-foot oceanfront balcony and in-villa dining.

**GOOD FOR:** Blue Bloods’ hard-working and close-knit clan.

## STYLISH SANCTUARIES

At the award-winning **Grand Isle Resort & Spa** on Great Exuma, two words say it all: *vacation villa*. Skip the hotel and stay in your own piece of paradise, where the creature comforts and coziness of home come wrapped in one big luxurious package ... with a view!

The elegant vacation homes on a private stretch of Emerald Bay come in all shapes and sizes, and feature amenities that the most discerning traveler expects. Each has custom furnishings, bold Bahamian décor, fully appointed gourmet kitchens, sumptuous beds, private balcony, Bosch washer/dryer, Wi-Fi, 50-inch plasma TV, daily housekeeping, concierge services and a golf cart for cruising around the sprawling resort.



## BAHIA MAR

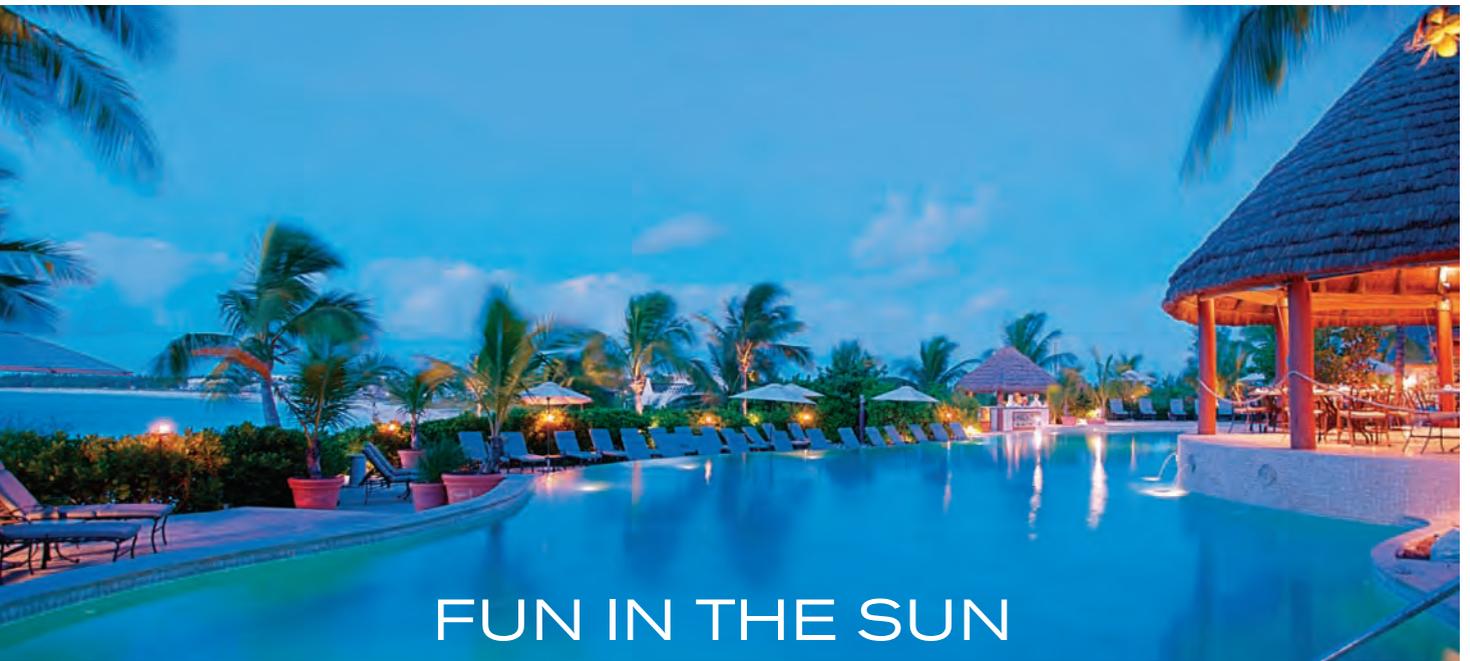
Spread out over two levels, this stylish two-bedroom, 2½-bath villa combines luxury and intimacy—perfect for a couple seeking a romantic getaway.

**GOOD FOR:** Newly engaged Joe and Ali (David Krumholtz and Sophia Bush), *Partners*.



David Krumholtz and Sophia Bush, *Partners*

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## FUN IN THE SUN

### Outdoor adventures and activities

appeal to all at the Grand Isle Resort & Spa. Hit the links on the adjoining Greg Norman-designed championship golf course. Sail the sea and try free-diving,

bone fishing or swimming with sharks in Compass Cay. Enjoy beach volleyball, horseshoes, sand castle building, bonfires, kite flying, treasure hunts, snorkeling, ocean kayaking and skim

boarding—on the house! Take a walk along the Undersea Park, right off the private and pristine beach. Luxuriate beside the infinity pool overlooking Emerald Bay (pictured).



### ISLAND BITES

From Caribbean jerk-style seafood to Bahamian barbecue and American-style fare, you'll find a variety of delectable dishes at **The Palapa Grill**, the resort's on-site restaurant. Dine alfresco on the patio and enjoy chef Romeha Forbes' local dishes such as pan-roasted Nassau grouper, spiny lobster tail and Bahamian conch chowder.

### TRANQUIL TREATMENTS

Find relaxation and rejuvenation at the **SeaStar Spa**, named the best on Great Exuma. The full-service spa's sophisticated treatments—including a signature Hot Lava Shell rubdown and the Cellulox Aroma Spa and Ocean Detox Wrap, a seaweed treatment that detoxifies, stimulates and deep-cleanses the body inside and out—ensure that you'll leave the island a whole new person.



### EXUMA BLUE

*The Palapa Grill's signature sipper just may be the secret to tropical bliss. The citrus-based liqueur blue curaçao, from the Caribbean isle Curaçao, gives this tropical tippie its bright blue hue, which looks best in a tall balloon stem glass (pictured).*

#### INGREDIENTS

- 1 ounce blue curaçao liqueur
- 1 ounce coconut-flavored rum
- 1 ounce vodka
- 2 ounces sweet-and-sour mix
- Splash of pineapple juice
- Splash of lemon-lime soda

#### INSTRUCTIONS

Shake all ingredients over ice. Pour contents, including ice, into glass and garnish with a slice of orange, or pineapple and a red cherry.

*Grand Isle Resort & Spa villas are available for sale and rent. For reservations, call 866-380-5213 (toll-free in the U.S.) or visit [grandisleresort.com](http://grandisleresort.com)*