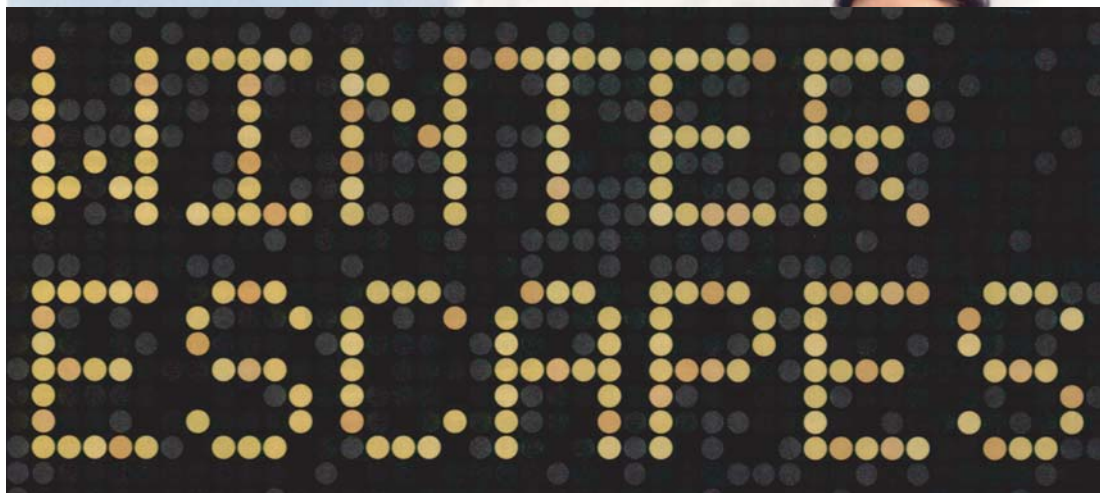


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The beach at Amanara in the Turks and Caicos.

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THREE HOURS, 30 MINUTES

Shrouded in palm trees and privacy, the Turks and Caicos offer the posh a convenient getaway (Ben and Jen chose the 40-island archipelago for their 2005 nuptials). The two main isles, Grand Turk and Providenciales, have luxe spas, snorkeling, diving, and kayaking, while some of the surrounding cays are home to five-star resorts.

TAKE OFF American's 11 a.m. flight touches down in Providenciales on Saturday. The return leg, Flight 1524, lands in Boston on Saturday at 7:20 p.m. 800-433-7300, aa.com. **STAY** The newest retreat from the VIP-friendly Aman Resorts, Amanara encompasses 40 oceanside glass-and-wood pavilions, clay tennis courts, and a 30-seat screening room. Doubles from \$1,450; 649-941-8133, amanresorts.com. **EAT** The Somerset's O'Soleil restaurant on Grace Bay puts an island twist on old favorites. Try the tequila-cured salmon and the caesar salad with plantain croutons. 649-946-5900, thesomerset.com. **WATCH** From January until April, more than 2,500 humpback whales swim through the West Indies. Boaters and scuba divers can hear their migratory calls. 649-946-6909, turksandcaicoswhalewatching.com. **PACK** Bug spray. Without it, mosquitoes will make a meal of your ankles.

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