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TURKS AND CAICOS IS THE PERFECT WINTER ESCAPE FOR ANGLERS

The crystal clear waters of the Turks and Caicos Islands are a fisherman's dream, offering spectacular opportunities for flats, reef and offshore action. These islands and their vast flats are synonymous with year-round world class bonefishing, while the reef encircling the islands provides outstanding action for grouper and snapper. The islands' offshore waters cater to anglers from all over the world who come to battle blue and white marlin, yellowfin tuna, mahimahi, wahoo, sailfish, king mackerel, barracuda and sharks.

The Turks and Caicos Islands are well known for their secluded fishing spots where fisherman can relax and enjoy nature. The most popular islands to fish are South Caicos, known for its famous 40-mile stretch of bonefishing flats; North Ca-

icos, world renowned for offshore fishing, reef fishing and bonefishing; Middle Caicos, best known for its bonefish flats in the calm backwaters between the islands; and Providenciales, another highly regarded destination for those wishing to challenge the grey ghost of the flats, and featuring miles upon miles of shallow crystalline flats and creeks.

The Turks and Caicos Islands host several major fishing tournaments annually, drawing anglers from all corners of the world. Among them is the Grand Turk Heineken Game Fishing Tournament, which takes place on Grand Turk Island in late June. Last year's grand prize of \$100,000 was taken by a 436-pound blue marlin.

The Caicos Classic takes place on Providenciales Island at the Turtle Cove Marina the first week of July, and the Winter Wahoo Tournament, also based out of Turtle Cove Marina, takes advantage of the world class wahoo fishing found off the islands during the winter months. For complete details on this year's tournament schedule, go to www.caicosclassic.com. For more information on the fishing opportunities on Turks and Caicos, contact Jennifer Myres or Emma Gilbert at 619-234-0345. ♡