

## Resort Fact Sheet

**t**heReef Resort is the only all suites beachfront resort on Grand Cayman and the secluded East End location is highly desirable for travelers committed to a restful, relaxing, and rejuvenating vacations. The East End is one of the Island's best-kept secrets as it transports vacationers to the Grand Cayman of old, whilst offering some of the Island's finest diving and snorkeling sites. Regardless of how many suites are occupied guests will always get the impression of spaciousness due to the large beachfront (1,600 ft) and the resort's low-rise building which hug the coastline.

### Location

theReef Resort's East End location is 25 miles, a scenic 45-minute drive, from the hustle and bustle of the Island's capital George Town, and the much-publicized 7-mile beach. Vacationers seeking solitude, uncrowded beaches, bright-white sand and an island-style retreat with boundless opportunities to enjoy nature will appreciate this resort's off-the-beaten path location.

The Cayman Islands are a British Crown Colony located in the Western Caribbean, 480 miles south of Miami, 150 miles south of Cuba, and 170 miles northwest of Jamaica. The Island is served by the following airlines:

- Air Canada •American Airlines •Air Jamaica •British Airlines •US Airways
- Cayman Island Airlines •Continental Airlines •Delta Airline •Northwest Airlines

### Lodging

All guests staying at theReef Resort will relish all suite beachfront accommodations with private balconies and/or patio overlooks and the largest resort beachfront (1,600 feet) in the Cayman Islands. Guests can choose from 110, one or two bedroom beachfront suites/condos, with kitchens or kitchenettes:

- One-bedroom suites – offer 900 sq. ft. and are popular for families or vacationers seeking an extended stay
- Two-bedroom condominiums – offer 1,400 sq. ft. and a two-bedroom condo unit well-suited for small groups or families of up to six desiring a spacious getaway
- Deluxe studio suites – offer 500 sq. ft. featuring an oversized Jacuzzi Tub which are ideal for couples on a romantic retreat or just relax
- Studio suites – offer 450 sq. ft. and accommodate two guests. Ideal for adventurers on the go

### Practical Matters

- Passports are required as of 1/1/07
- Please have your diving certification card or proof of training to dive
- Time zone – U.S. Eastern Standard Time
- Dress code – casual – shirt and shoes in all restaurants – no nude beaches
- Voltage – same as USA
- Currency for the Cayman Islands is the Cayman Island dollar but the U.S. dollar is widely accepted as is Visa/American Express/MasterCard and travelers checks
- Airport departure charge of \$12.50 per person (charge may be included in ticket – ask your travel agent)
- Legal drinking age – 18 years of age
- Internet Cafe –The Thirsty Surfer – The Reef Resort
- Most U.S. cell phones work in Grand Cayman; check with your provider for pricing
- Gratuities/Service charges – 15% is added to checks in many restaurants, but not at The Reef Resort, where this is left to the guest's discretion
- Room taxes and gratuities/service charges – 10% tourism accommodation tax is added to all room rates. Again, no room service charges are added at The Reef Resort, this is left to the discretion of the guest, and please note; it is traditional, Island-wide, to add a 10% a gratuity – room service charge
- Accepted methods of payment: cash, travelers checks, MasterCard, Visa, American Express,
- Transportation – A rental car is recommended as are advanced reservations

## Amenities

- Activities Director
- The Beach Locker – The Reef’s own dive, watersport(s) and retail shop
- Castro’s Hideaway – Caribbean beach bar and grill serving delicious; breakfast, lunches and dinners in the fine dining restaurant upstairs
- Concierge/onsite catering to all island planning pre and post arrival
- Cyber café – Thirsty Surfer
- Eco-ventures – The Reef’s own adventure tour company
- Hot tub
- Lighted tennis court
- Private dock
- Poolside, hot freshwater showers
- *Ocean Frontiers* – An on-site island watersport company
- Thirsty Surfer – Liquor store and Internet Café
- Spa
- Swimming pools (3) Chlorine Free/Uses the latest in Saline-clean technology
- Wedding services/Vow renewal programmes

## Activities

theReef Resort’s on-site concierge, [www.concierge@thereef.com.ky](http://www.concierge@thereef.com.ky) one of Cayman Island’s ultimate insider can arrange spectacular dive/snorkeling excursions, personal shoppers, Cayman-style restaurant reservations, attraction tickets, and act as a personal guide, providing information on what’s worth seeing, doing, eating and share their favorite “local hangouts”. Best of all this five-star service is complimentary to all guests of theReef Resort. Listed below are the onsite activities:

- Aqua aerobics
- Water volleyball
- Diving – *Ocean Frontiers* is a PADI 5-star Gold Palm IDC Center
  - Stingray dives
  - Night dives
  - Nitrox/computer/tech diving
- Eco-ventures – An on-site adventure tour operator
- Supervised family activities
- Fishing/kayaking trips
- Snorkeling
- Submarine excursions
- Sunset cruises
- Windsurfing

## Dive Facilities at theReef Resort

The resort’s off the beaten path location offers some of the best wall-dive destinations on the island plus clear-water snorkeling. Guests who want a true water adventure will find it at the East End as unspoiled dive or snorkeling sites are abundant. The Beach Locker, a satellite dive center operated by Ocean Frontiers, is now open at theReef Resort. Ocean Frontiers a PADI 5 Star Gold Palm IDC Center offers all levels of instruction from a basic beginner lesson in the pool to Divemaster and Instructor programs.

## Entertainment

Barefoot Man, [www.barefootman.com](http://www.barefootman.com) is a Cayman Island entertainment legend. His Island retrospective tunes have attracted tourists and locals alike for over 35 years, and his shows are often sell-outs. For one insane moment, he left the Island in pursuit of Hollywood, writing and recording the *Money, Money, Money* song for the Tom Cruise/ Gene Hackman film: *The Firm*. His offbeat sense of humor and copulation of musical talents – foot-stomping calypso beats, swaying reggae rhythms, and a bit of country twang– are a great source of island entertainment.

Entertainment: Guests and visitors of theReef Resort can enjoy the music and magic of Barefoot man in the air-conditioned comfort at Castro's Hideaway for a dinner show every Tuesday and Thursday. Be sure to make reservations with the concierge and visit the Barefoot Calendar on theReef's website for scheduling updates, prices and more.

### **Spa –**

*LeSoleil*, the resort's new spa uses the resort's mantra of keeping things simple. The intention of the spa is to provide resort guests with simple solutions to soothe the soul, keeping the experience real and affordable while using a decadent yet pioneering skincare line from Paris, France, Yonka. The spa is simpatico with its surrounding location, as the East End of Grand Cayman is restful, relaxing and rejuvenating

### **About LeSoleil**

The spa is an intimate 800 square feet retreat with three treatment rooms, one being a dedicated couples suite, while each suite equipped with private shower. The spa is minimalistic yet stylish using rich dark woods and light sea-green hues to keep the atmosphere tranquil and synergistic with the turquoise and green colors of the Caribbean Sea.

### **The Spa's Skincare line: Yonka**

The Parisian skincare line Yonka Therapy, is celebrating 50-years, and is one the pioneers of esthetic aromatherapy and phytoteherapy since its inception in 1957. The product line centers around two key concepts: phytobionintegrity and personalized treatments. Phytobiointegrity refers to Yonka's focus on using the maximum benefits from the plant world allowing the skin to reap the maximum benefits from each product. Yonka's four botanical therapies of healing and nurturing products are; Aromatherapy, Phytotherapy, Marine Therapy, and Fruit Acid Therapy. *Please see the Spa Fact Sheet for additional information.*

### **Weddings**

One of the hottest trends in the wedding industry are destination weddings, vacation getaway that wraps the wedding and honeymoon into one neat package. According to *Conde Nast's Bridal Group Infobank* and *Modern Bride Magazine*, as many as 10% of the 2 million American couples who marry each year now plan destination weddings, a 200% increase over the past decade.

Whilst the Caribbean is one of the top choices for destination weddings, much of the reputation has been build on "production line" weddings at the all-inclusive mega resorts, at theReef Resort we guarantee only one wedding a day. For those seeking a truly magical wedding event with the emphasis on their personal needs theReef Resort offers an intimate location, the widest, white beaches, tropical-color-changing waters and a peaceful tranquility only found on The East End of Grand Cayman. This picture-perfect setting is ideal for distinct, private weddings or vow renewal ceremonies with family and/or friends. The chefs and staff at Castro's Hideaway can cater scrumptious buffets, delicious heavy Hors D'oeuvres receptions, or customize menus for that special day. theReef Resort can also coordinate with Cayman wedding specialists and photographers to create elegant, barefoot weddings set on the beachfront, the private dock, at Castro's Hideaway, or the fine dining restaurant. Email [weddings@thereef.com.ky](mailto:weddings@thereef.com.ky)

Additional wedding information can be accessed via a brochure 'Getting Married in the Cayman Islands' containing complete guidelines and information available from Government Information Services, Broadcasting House, Grand Cayman. PH: 345-949-8092; FAX: 345-949-5936

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