

THE HIT LIST OF GHO RESORTS

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Guy Harvey Outpost resorts and lodges give die-hard anglers, divers and ocean nuts a resort experience that allows them to enjoy the water in a responsible way. From the easily accessible resort at St. Pete Beach to the secluded island of Little Cayman, each Outpost sets its foundation on conservation and offers guests an authentic and salty adventure. These destinations offer something unique, too—mostly world-class fishing and diving along with proven outfitters. Depending on the locale, guests can cast flies to warty bonefish, troll for blue water species or freedive with dolphins. New Outposts are being added all the time, but this issue we round up the current list of ten exotic locations.



BIMINI SANDS

South Bimini

Considered the birthplace of the International Game Fish Association, Bimini remains a nirvana for big-game sportfishing. Attracted to the variety of bait washing past Bimini in the Gulfstream, blue marlin, tuna, wahoo and dolphin are easily found.

BASICS: A series of villas surrounding a beautiful deep-sea marina, Bimini Sands is the perfect home away from home.

WHAT WE LIKE: Neal Watson's Undersea Adventure is guaranteed to give you a diving experience you won't forget. And Bimini Sands is the only marina in Bimini to carry the internationally recognized Blue Flag designation for environmental stewardship.

SOUTHERN CROSS CLUB

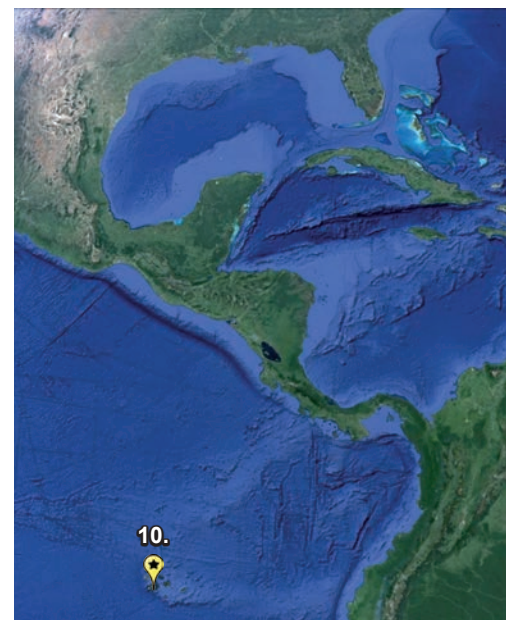
Little Cayman

With its tropical seclusion, miles of shallow flats, and deep ocean canyons just offshore, Little Cayman is the sportfishing destination of choice in the Cayman Islands.

BASICS: With very little commercial development on Little Cayman, this is a true getaway experience. The Southern Cross Club has 14 beachfront bungalows with adventure waiting at your doorstep.

WHAT WE LIKE: From dining accommodations to diving adventures, the staff is attentive and dedicated to helping you get the most out of your stay. The Club is also committed to sustainable tourism, and its owner, Peter Hillenbrand, is chairman of the Central Caribbean Marine Research Institute.

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GREEN TURTLE CLUB

Green Turtle Cay, Abaco, Bahamas

Green Turtle Cay's powder white sand beaches make this the perfect snorkeling destination. The flats around the Cays are plentiful with bonefish for flyfishermen and spin casters looking for a challenge.

BASICS: Offering a variety of rooms, waterfront townhouses and villas, the Green Turtle Club has the perfect accommodations for a couple, family or group.

WHAT WE LIKE: Ocean Beach and Bit Bay Beach are just minutes from the Green Turtle Club and are great for snorkeling, as beautiful reefs lie in all directions. You can spend a day snorkeling in the crystal clear waters of the Sea of Abaco or explore the many Atlantic Ocean reefs, just a short distance offshore.

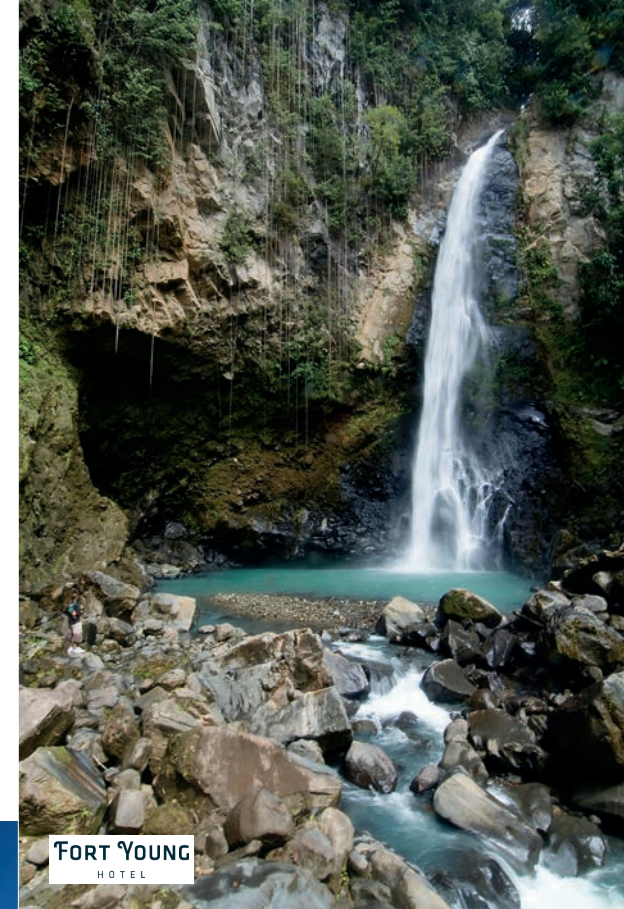
OLD BAHAMA BAY RESORT

West End, Grand Bahama

Internationally acclaimed dive operator Stuart Cove and his team of professionals offer the ultimate scuba experience, a thrilling day of diving at Tiger Beach.

BASICS: With its postcard-perfect beach, harborfront villas, and a top-of-class, full-service marina, Old Bahama Bay is unrivaled in out-island comfort and convenience.

WHAT WE LIKE: In addition to some of the most incredible bonefishing only a mile from the resort, this resort offers the Tiger Beach Shark Excursion, a truly unique way to interact with amazing predators. The western end of Grand Bahama Island also offers virgin reefs with incredible diving. If you'd rather stay away from the sharks, snorkeling with wild dolphins on the Little Bahama Bank or diving the 1930s-era Sugar Wreck and the Mt. Olympus pinnacle are also a buzz.



FORT YOUNG HOTEL

Roseau, Dominica

This is an ecosystem that is equally unique in its natural diversity, all-around adventure and spectacular diving. With seven potentially active volcanoes, Dominica is the largest and most mountainous of the Leeward Islands. Mostly covered by rainforest, it's also home to the world's second largest hot spring, Boiling Lake.

BASICS: The luxurious Fort Young Hotel's cliffside location gives guests the ultimate view of the "Nature Island," Dominica. Seventy-one guestrooms and suites offer full amenities and comforts. Accommodations include rooms tucked into the original building of the Fort, and a variety of oceanfront rooms and suites.

WHAT WE LIKE: Dominica rises out of very deep water, and offers an outstanding variety of big game opportunities and breathtaking experiences of every kind—from encounters with sperm whales and dolphins, to swimming through the bubbles of underwater volcanic fissures. All of this comes with practically unlimited visibility. It's the dive capital of the Eastern Caribbean.



IGUANA CROSSING HOTEL

Isabela, Galapagos Islands

Isabela is the best place to see whales in the Galapagos Islands—home of the world's most active volcanic areas and amazing wildlife.

BASICS: The Iguana Crossing Hotel offers an exclusive escape as it has only 14 guestrooms, all with jaw-dropping, oceanfront views.

WHAT WE LIKE: Sixteen species of whales have been identified in the area, including humpbacks, sperms, sei, minke and orcas. Also, Isabela is home to more wild tortoises than all the other islands, and the only island presenting more than one subspecies of Galapagos tortoise.



ISLAMORADA, ISLANDER RESORT

Islamorada, Florida

Islamorada is known as the “Sportfishing Capital of the World” with its legendary fishing fleet and variety of gamefish. This Florida Keys gem is one of the angling world’s most talked about fishing destinations.

BASICS: The Islamorada Outpost features two waterfront resorts and offers you the choice of sunrise or sunset views. There’s a pristine private beach, two oceanfront swimming pools, a hot tub, volleyball court and a lighted, 200-foot fishing pier.

WHAT WE LIKE: Islamorada is in the heart of all the Keys have to offer, with equal access to offshore and inshore fishing action. You can bring your own boat or charter a trip, and after a long day on the water, you can hit Guy’s Beachside Bar & Grill to recover from it all.

GUY HARVEY OUTPOST, A TRADEWINDS ISLAND RESORT

St. Pete Beach, Florida

This is a rockin’ family-friendly resort even your kids will love with lots of beach-based fun and access to some of Florida’s best inshore fishing.

BASICS: Several room configurations are available—from standard hotel to suites—along with multiple restaurants and awesome watersports facilities that include the JetLev Flight Center.

THINGS WE LIKE: Access to thousands of experienced charter operations and the inside scoop from resort staff on local conditions and fishing trends. It’s also an easy drive to the Tampa/St. Pete metro area for access to concerts and sporting events. ➤



BLACKFLY LODGE

Schooner Bay, Abaco, Bahamas

Flyfishing entrepreneur, artist, conservationist and passionate angler, Vaughn Cochran turned a superlative flyfishing destination into an exceptional flyfishing vacation experience.

BASICS: The lodge offers only eight guestrooms, each opening onto a wrap-around balcony with waterfront views, giving visitors a more intimate stay.

WHAT WE LIKE: Founded on the principles of sustainable design and living, Schooner Bay recreates the authentic Bahamian waterfront community. Fly and flats fishing are at the top of any must-do list. Explore the southern region of Great Abaco’s virgin fishery for superb flats action. With six distinct zones, anglers of every skill level will be confident of success.

HOTEL PLAYA MEDIA LUNA

Isla Mujeres, Mexico

Isla Mujeres is considered sacred to many anglers and divers, as year-round you can find some of the world’s best fishing and mind-blowing big animal encounters in crystal clear water.

BASICS: Hotel Playa Media Luna is a small, casual and relaxed boutique hotel that sits on a secluded, crescent-shaped beach at the northeast corner of the island.

WHAT WE LIKE: The sailfish and striped marlin attract serious sportfishing boats from around the Gulf of Mexico and anglers from around the world. Also, Isla offers more than 20 dive sites, and between June and September, there is the annual whale shark migration that no scuba enthusiast should miss.

