

PROVIDENCIALES, TURKS & CAICOS

Amanyara

ITS NAME MEANS "PEACEFUL

PLACE," a moniker befitting this picturesque Caribbean refuge, which received an Andrew Harper International Hideaway Award in 2008. Set on a secluded stretch of white-sand beach near Providenciales, Amanyara offers sweeping sea views and uncompromised service, with a staff-to-guest ratio of about 6-to-1. As one Andrew Harper member says, "From airport to airport, Amanyara took good care of us. The staff expressed an eagerness to please and to provide whatever we wanted. (It was hard to think of something that wasn't already provided!)"

Amanyara features 40 individual pavilions, some with private sun decks and pools, others with ocean views. Twenty full-service, three- to five-bedroom villas are also available, and these homes-away-from-home are ideal for families and

larger groups. Each villa sits on more than one and a half acres of lush terrain with its own private swimming pool, indoor and outdoor dining areas, and a fully equipped kitchen. Villa guests need not worry about preparing meals or doing dishes; a cook and housekeeper are on hand as needed, and personal buggies provide quick access to the resort's many facilities.

Most guests prefer to sit back and revel in pure, sundrenched relaxation, but Amanyara presents a variety of ways to spend the day. Guests can take to the sea in paddleboats, kayaks and Hobie Cats; remain on land and enjoy the infinity-edged swimming pool and floodlit clay tennis courts; or stay indoors in the state-of-the-art fitness center, private library and 30-seat screening room. At The Spa, holistic healing techniques and meditation

classes compliment traditional body and facial treatments, providing a total wellness experience.

The third largest barrier reef in the world sits directly offshore from the resort, attracting divers and snorkelers from around the globe. Capitalizing on its ideal location, Amanyara recently opened a Nature Discovery Centre, where a full-time naturalist engages guests of all ages in activities ranging from ocean exploration to scavenger hunts to nature-inspired yoga classes.

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Member Benefits: Amanyara

Andrew Harper members receive: the best available non-restricted rates; an upgrade, when available upon check-in; daily continental breakfast; a sunset cocktail and canapés at the Beach Club per person, per stay; and for stays of three nights or longer, a one-hour massage for two per room, per stay.