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HARMONY GALLERY

Tourism is on a major upswing in this still-laid-back atoll, and in Providenciales, the main island, beachy decor shops and chic, understated boutiques are opening at a swift pace.

Bamboo Gallery and **Maison Creole** These interconnected retailers share more than just a common space—they both focus on Haitian folk art: Maison Creole sells sequin-covered voodoo bottles and handpainted metal sculptures,

while Bamboo Gallery specializes in vibrant paintings, many of which feature images of animals cavorting in jungle settings (we were transfixed by one particularly surreal canvas that depicts a rooster giving a fox a haircut). **Caicos Cafe Plaza, Grace Bay.** Bamboo Gallery: 649-946-4748; Maison Creole: 649-946-5074

Belongings Three prominent local architects joined forces to open this year-old home goods store, which has the vibe of a ritzy coastal cottage: Old-fashioned seashell prints and mother-of-pearl-framed mirrors line the walls, ceramic stools and shagreen end tables rest atop seagrass carpet, and earthy touches—alabaster Buddha hands, mounted coral branches, sand-dollar-shaped pewter bowls—provide decorative accents. **Ports of Call, Grace Bay, 649-941-8055, belongingstc.com**

Blue Hills vendors and **Middle Caicos Co-op**

The mellow Blue Hills neighborhood is one of the last resort-free areas of the island and well known for its handicrafts purveyors.



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MIDDLE CAICOS CO-OP

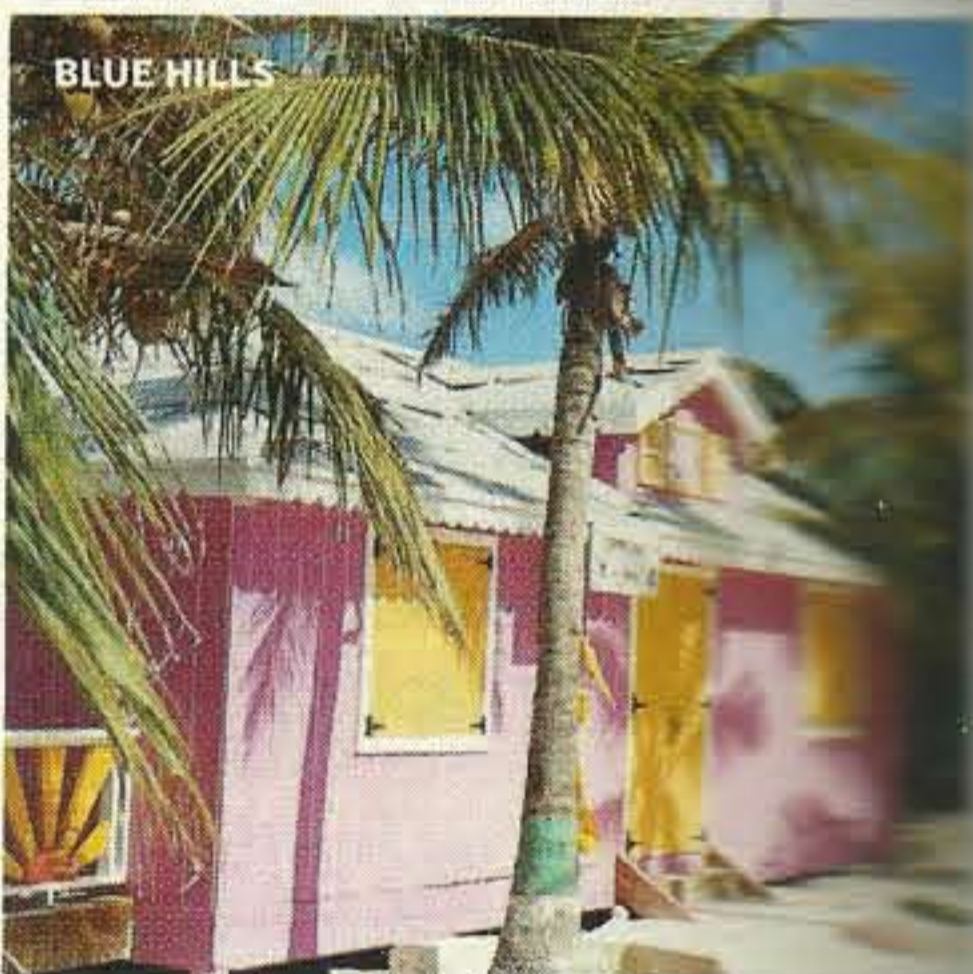


VENTURA



WISH

Sandwiched between conch fritter stalls and ice cream carts just off the main road is a series of pastel-painted shacks selling locally made souvenirs; nearby is the Middle Caicos Co-op, a quaint shoreside cottage packed with straw baskets, mats, totes, and hats woven by over 60 different artisans from the outer Caicos islands. **Blue Hills Rd., Blue Hills.** Blue Hills vendors: no phone; Middle Caicos Co-op: 649-941-7639



BLUE HILLS

parrot cay

ON THIS LUSH, TINY BLIP OF LAND, ALL THE RETAIL ACTION IS FOUND IN THE ULTRA-FANCY PARROT CAY RESORT.

For elegant, inspired poolside wear from European and Southeast Asian labels—like Rajesh Pratap Singh's neon-embroidered kurtas and Future Paradise's painstakingly pin-tucked voile camisoles—



PARROT CAY BOUTIQUE

hit the **Parrot Cay Boutique** (649-946-7788, ext. 863), just off the lobby. The resort's famed **COMO Shambhala Retreat** (649-946-7038), a meditative spa that overlooks the island's scenic wetland preserve, is a great place to load up on organic grooming products by names like Dr. Hauschka and Sundari, along with the coveted house line of bath salts, oils, and body scrubs.

Harmony Gallery Located in the lush, palm-fringed courtyard of the Tuscan-style Palms resort, this small, light-bathed spot offers up exquisite island-themed gifts: gilded trays lacquered with antiqued maps, hourglasses filled with super-fine sand, images of galleons etched into giant abalone shells. **In The Palms, Grace Bay Beach, 649-946-8666**

The Somerset Boutique Just off the lobby in the Somerset, a months-old apartment/hotel complex, is this tucked-away little shop. It's brimming with upscale tropical essentials from a range of small designers and is the ideal place to pick up that Cyn & Luca swimsuit or the terry-cloth beach tote you forgot to pack. **In The Somerset, Princess Dr., Grace Bay Beach, 649-946-5900**

Ventura Fronted by a thick bougainvillea hedge and kitted out with wrought-iron fixtures and a clay-tile floor, this homey islandwear spot feels like a Mexican villa. There is an abundance of sarongs, tunics, and floaty tiered skirts, along with a smattering of earthy Brazilian jewelry, including necklaces made of strung-together açai nuts. **Salt Mills Plaza, Grace Bay, 649-941-7798**

Wish Like Harmony Gallery (see above), this airy, cabana-like space is found in The Palms, and it's the best place in T&C for stylish, summery pieces: loungy Lotta Stensson caftans, strappy Tufi Duek sundresses, and chunky stone jewelry by local designer Catalina Auger. **In The Palms, Grace Bay Beach, 649-946-8666**