

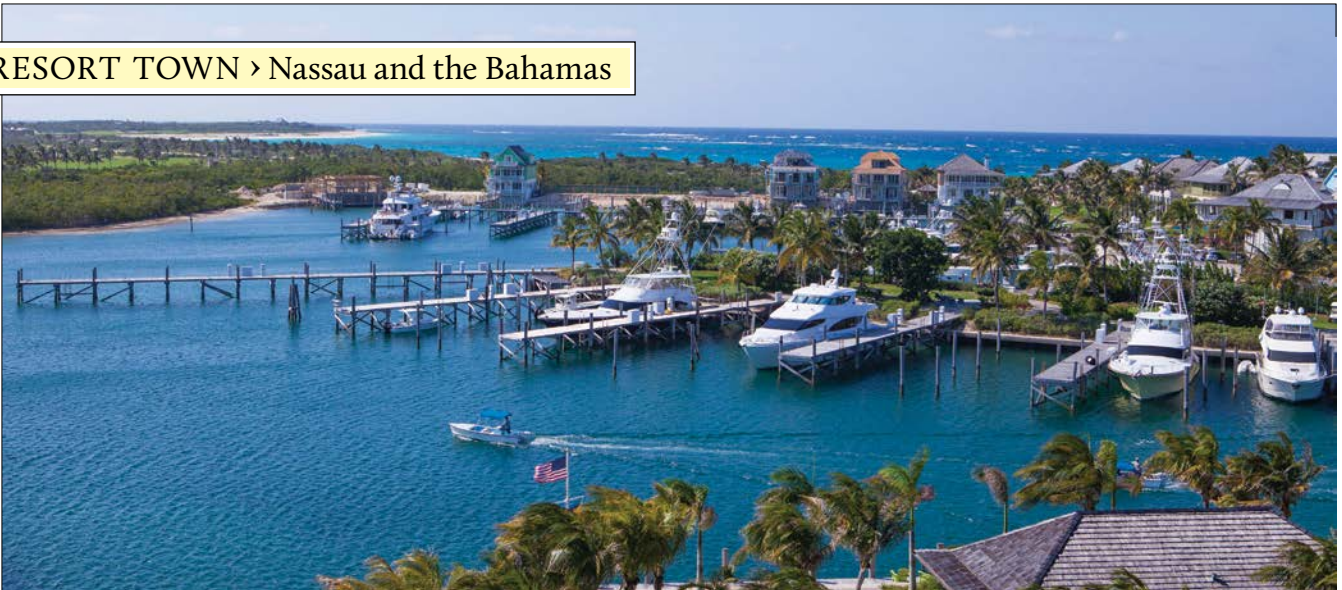
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Nassau and the Bahamas

Long a favorite tourist destination, the tropical archipelago is seeing a wave of new, style-savvy vacation homes. [BY PAUL RUBIO]

ABOVE: Slips in the Baker's Bay Marina are just steps from the Atlantic Ocean and its beautiful beaches. **BELOW:** The residences at Baker's Bay Club are vibrantly colored, wide-balconied homes in the traditional Bahamian mode; owners are free to hire their own architects pending approval by the Club's design review committee.

Baker's Bay Golf & Ocean Club

On the quiet northern reaches of the Abacos' Great Guana Cay, some 150 miles off the coast of Florida near Baker's Bay, the exclusive Baker's Bay Golf & Ocean Club occupies close to one-third of the 1,600-acre island, largely in the form of an ocean-enveloped, Tom Fazio-designed 18-hole championship golf course. This private resort community comprises 220 custom homesites intended for single-family homes measuring 3,000 square feet to 12,000 square feet; to date, about 55 percent of the homesites have been sold. Also offered: 21 beach club cottages and 15 boathouses, which allow owners to dock their yachts just below their residences; a few of the cottages and boathouses (both available furnished or unfurnished), as well as the marina island lots, are still available. Prices range from \$1.5 million to more than

\$10 million for custom homesites. Cottages and boat-houses are priced from \$4.5 million to \$5.5 million.

Generally speaking, the residences at Baker's Bay are vibrantly colored, wide-balconied, colonial-style homes in the traditional Bahamian mode; however, owners are free to hire their own architects pending approval by the Baker's Bay design review committee. Owners of turnkey residences will have interiors courtesy of Discovery Home Furnishings.

According to Dan O'Callaghan, the northeast director of sales for Discovery Land Co., the developer of Baker's Bay, this community is "unique in that it's the only high-end, private residential community in the Bahamas where real estate ownership is a prerequisite to membership." With their membership, owners have access to such amenities as the Tom Fazio-designed course; club-owned watercraft; a 35-acre, 200-slip, deepwater marina; a private beach club; three swimming pools; a world-class spa and fitness facility; and of course the natural bounties of an island sandwiched between the turquoise Sea of Abaco and the cerulean Atlantic Ocean. *Baker's Bay Golf & Ocean Club*, www.bakersbayclub.com **H&S**



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