

CLUB MED Columbus Isle and Turks & Caicos Resorts offer new options to Canadian Travellers

Not sure about this winters traditional ski holiday? Tried of 2 hour bus transfers to "mega" all inclusive resorts with rows of beach chairs lined up side to side?

Club Med has an alternative, just 3 hour direct flight from Toronto , could take you to two exclusive islands offering an upscale, yet casual vacation experience and access to explore some of the best dive spots in the world. Whether a total beginner or an experienced certified diver, Club Med Turkoise (ranked 14th in the world by Rodale's Scuba Diving Magazine) and Club Med Columbus Isle offer the safest and easiest way to explore the wonders of the underwater world.



Club Med Turkoise , one of the first resorts of Turks & Caicos is the perfect "adults only" destination. Situated on 26 oceanfront hectares along one of the most breathtaking beach front location in the Caribbean, this idyllic island resort welcomes just 580 guests and offers a very upscale, yet casual vacation experience with a vibrant modern "South Beach" style ambiance.

Club Med Columbus Isle, stretching across 36 oceanfront hectares, is located 320 kilometers south of Nassau on the secluded island of San Salvador. Within 10 minutes of landing on the island, you and less then 450 other international guests will be sipping your first cocktail overlooking the dazzling white sand beaches and soaking in the refined décor featuring an eclectic mix of global artefacts.

In true Club Med tradition, gourmet cuisine is showcased in four unique dining venues with the debut of two new speciality restaurants, The Berimbau (churrascaria) and Watlings (Bahamian fish grill), and a casual beach bar and grill. Large tables in the main restaurant create opportunities to meet new friends, or converse with old ones. Small tables allow guests conversations to continue on a more personal scale. And intimate settings at the speciality restaurants are perfect fro bringing loved ones together.

Both Turks and Columbus Isle operate specialized "Scuba Diving Centers" where you will find 15 PADI certified scuba instructors and custom made catamaran dive boats. No need to lug tanks around as they are re-filled directly onboard while the use of top-line SCUBAPRO/UWATEC equipment is included in dive packages. Wet suits (seldom needed in these warm waters)

and dive computers are available for rental. Safety is top priority with resort certification course consists of 2 half days of pool instruction followed up to 8 instructor-accompanied open water dives. After a quick check out dive, Open water divers can enjoy up to 11 buddy dives to an assortment of 30 dive sites including night, canyon and wreck dives. Serious divers should check out the Open Water Certification package which can be completed in a one week holiday. Dive packages should be pre-booked and work out to about \$45 per dive.

Also at both Club Med Turkoise and Columbus Isle, fitness programs have been re-designed to encourage exercise and wellness in a fun and energizing environment with no pretences. Snorkelling, tennis, kayaking, windsurfing, sailing, water aerobics and the flying trapeze (Turkoise only) are other fun activities with instruction that guests can choose from at no additional cost. Massage packages are available with a supplement.



In order to meet the more refined demands of today's travellers, Club Med has invested 350 million in upgrading accommodations and services, adding new and unique dining experiences, expanding sports and leisure programming and creating totally new facilities for teens. Club Med Cancun Yucatan and La Caravelle in Guadeloupe, both with extensive children's facilities, reopened this December with luxurious new suites, plasma screen TV's, pillow top beds, wireless internet connections and stylish restaurants adding to the new refined and personalized choices available.

As the first all-inclusive resort company in the world, Club Med remains unique in many ways, not the least of which is the special international ambiance created by the talented G.O.'s (Gracious Organizers) stationed in 80 resorts around the world and representing over 96 nationalities. Guest can expect to be greeted with warmth and enthusiasm by the G.O. team, whose greatest joy is helping new visitors feel like old friends".