

# THE BAHAMAS AT THEIR BEST



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(Left) Numerous holes play along the beach and rocky shoreline, including the par-5 finishing hole. (Above) After your round, there’s no better 19th hole on earth than The Abaco Club’s 2.5-mile beach.

## The Abaco Club

*Everything you could want in a tropical golf destination—and less.*

ABACO, THE BAHAMAS: Golf in the tropics often gets a bad rap. People from all over the world dream of teeing it up and enjoying a relaxing vacation here amongst the picture-postcard palms. But all too often, Caribbean courses are flat and featureless—or they’re affiliated with big resorts that care more about cramming guests into hotel rooms than providing a first-class experience.

The Abaco Club is different. So different that it doesn’t even *have* a hotel. That’s because, strictly speaking, The Abaco Club isn’t a resort. It’s an international, private sporting club. There are no towering beachfront condo buildings here; no buffet lines stretching out the door. Instead, the club offers a luxury experience to members and residents from around the world who come to escape the rigors of everyday life and kick back in a setting of unmatched luxury and beauty. But even though it’s a very private place, you can visit it and enjoy the club as a guest.

For years a Ritz-Carlton Destination Club, The Abaco Club is now owned and operated by Southworth—one of the world’s leading resort and residential real estate firms.

What was a magnificent property to start with is now in the process of becoming even better.

“The Abaco Club has everything money can’t buy,” said David Southworth, president and CEO of Southworth Development. “It’s a gorgeous setting, with a well thought-out master plan and a passionate club membership. We’re very excited to be here and look forward to taking this world-class facility to an even higher level.”

What makes The Abaco Club a world-class facility? For starters, its one-of-a-kind setting. The club is located on the most charming of The Bahamas Out Islands—Great Abaco—and is graced by a 2.5-mile powder-soft beach that stretches as far as the eye can see. And the golf course here is anything but flat and featureless. It’s a Scottish-style links course designed by Donald Steel and Tom Mackenzie that’s perennially been ranked as the number-one course in The Bahamas. The course offers quite a bit of elevation change, which is unusual for an island layout. There are pot bunkers everywhere and the green complexes will test every aspect of your short game.

Many holes offer jaw-dropping views of the dazzling blue sea, making the job of concentrating on your shotmaking an exercise in determination.

As you’d expect, the club also offers water sports galore—from kayaking, sailing and snorkeling to bonefishing and deep-sea fishing. Some of the best trophy-fish waters in the world can be found within minutes of the club’s shoreline. Spending time on the tennis courts or in the fitness center are other invigorating options, as is visiting the club’s luxurious spa. And all the while, the pristine white sand beach beckons to you every day, just waiting to be explored. Cap it all off with an open-air breakfast or lunch at Buster’s Beach Bar, or by sitting down and enjoying the exquisite local cuisine offered daily at The Cliff House restaurant, and you have the makings of a golf vacation that you’ll never want to see come to an end.

Fortunately, for those with the means to purchase a club membership or vacation property at The Abaco Club, it doesn’t have to. The residences for sale at the club are magnificent, and come in a variety of shapes and sizes ranging from cozy cabanas and charming cottages to state-ly villas and grand oceanfront estates. Each home is within steps of the beach, and each is meticulously appointed

with all of life’s necessities. Wake to the sound of crashing waves, stroll to the golf course or spa, or just relax on your private patio and look out over the sparkling, turquoise sea while the Abaco parrots chirp their warm welcome. It’s an atmosphere of quiet sophistication, where you, your family and your friends can enjoy total relaxation when you want it—and a wealth of wonderful activities when the spirit so moves you.

“The Abaco Club is a truly world unto itself,” said Kristi Hull, the club’s real estate sales director. “It’s an enclave that offers the perfect antidote to modern-day life. People become club members and buy homes here because they fall in love with Abaco and want to establish a permanent connection to this place. They want to be able to return year after year to enjoy the beauty and tranquility of the club with family and friends. And they make new friends here, too—people from all over the world who share their appreciation for the incredibly special experiences this club has to offer. It’s a completely unique place—and one that sells itself at a glance.”

Numerous flights depart daily for Abaco’s Marsh Harbour International Airport from Miami, West Palm Beach, and Fort Lauderdale, making The Abaco Club an easy place to get to. Leaving The Abaco Club, however, is something people find a bit more difficult. ■

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