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PICKLEBALL COURTS TAKE THE LEAD IN MUST-HAVE RESIDENTIAL AMENITIES

First came signature golf courses, then beach clubs, and now all eyes are on pickleball courts.

Calls of 'opa' are being heard around exclusive second home communities as developers add more pickleball courts. The pandemic led to growth in pickleball, and high-end homeowners want a piece of the action in their own backyards. According to Sports & Fitness Industry Association, in 2021, pickleball grew to nearly 5 million players in the U.S., an incredible two-year growth rate of 39.3%, and real estate developers are making sure to bring this popular new amenity to their current and prospective homeowners.

Here are six oceanfront residential resorts that currently offer or are building picturesque pickleball courts.

Cove Club at Cabo Del Sol, Cabo San Lucas (pictured above)

Cove Club, which will ultimately have 375 homesites and residences, just opened the Agave Park Cove Club which has four pickleball courts with stadium grass stair seating, two Argentinian Paddle courts and a few tennis courts. Cove Club, home to the Four Seasons Resort and Residences Cabo San Lucas at Cabo Del Sol, is the newest private golf and beach club and resort community in Baja. The community is situated on 500-acres and includes a members-only beach club with toes-in-the-sand dining, four pools, golf, mountain adventure park, organic farm, and the racquet sports park. Cove Club offers a variety of living options for families including homes and lots with prices from \$4.2 million to more than \$15.5 million. coveclubcabodelsol.com

Kukui'ula, Kauai



Kukui'ula is an established 1,000+ acre residential resort community on Kauai's South Shore. More than 300 days of sunshine, temperate breezes and beautiful new tennis courts make for an ideal morning or afternoon pickleball match. Members can take advantage of a private lesson or group clinic with the onsite pros. Huaka'i staff can assist with set-up, game matching, and play for any racquet sports. Members and guests can also take it to the beach with a pickleball setup on the Kukui'ula harbor. kukuiula.com

The Abaco Club, The Bahamas



An exclusive lifestyle club and residential community that welcomes club members and homeowners to experience the privacy of paradise. With morning pickleball games, afternoon pickleball tournaments and the ability to schedule private lessons, The Abaco Club gives members access to all things pickleball (in addition to The Club's other outdoor activities including tennis, yoga, fishing, snorkeling, paddleboarding, kayaking and sailing– meaning they can rest, play or explore all according to their own schedules). *theabacoclub.com*

Oil Nut Bay Virgin Gorda, British Virgin Islands



Oil Nut Bay is located on the eastern tip of Virgin Gorda in the coveted North Sound region of the British Virgin Islands. The idyllic island resort is entirely surrounded by the turquoise waters of the Caribbean Sea on one side and the Atlantic Ocean on the other. Lots and homes for sale range in pricing from \$1.95 to \$39.5 million and nightly villa rentals range from \$600 to \$30,000 per night. Amenities include a private beach club with three pools and a swim-up bar, wellness studio with gym and yoga, watersports center with equipment for kayaking, sailing, wind boarding, snorkeling, two helipads, kids' club, and world-class dining options. Oil Nut Bay boasts two synthetic grass courts for tennis and two courts for pickleball. *oilnutbay.com*

Montage Cay, Abacos Islands



Montage Cay is a 53-acre private-island resort and residential community that will debut in The Abacos Islands in 2024. While in-residence, Montage Residential owners appreciate effortless living with personalized services and thoughtful touches, with a dedicated staff focused on delivering the highest standard of comfort, privacy and luxury. As an extension of the hotel, owners will have access to an unparalleled array of lifestyle amenities, including full immersion of a private island sanctuary, Spa Montage, private resident beach, a stunning resort pool, signature dining options, tennis and pickleball courts, and putting green. In addition, owners can place their residence in the optional Montage Cay Rental Management Program. *montagehotels.com*

The Strand, Turks and Caicos



An exclusive, sophisticated hideaway in a relaxed coastal setting, The Strand is the first of its kind on Turks and Caicos with a limited collection of 46 luxury beachfront villas, custom residences, and homesites, alongside access to vibrant community programming and full resort amenities and services. The Beach Club flows into the centerpiece resort-style swimming pool, surrounded by native limestone, and the dramatic water's edge restaurant and bar. In addition to the beachfront setting, the site offers 1,400 feet of canal and marina frontage, with a full marina and slips for owners, as well as several community yachts slips. Homeowners also have access to The Strand's own Club Boats with a private captain, catamarans, kayaks, and paddleboards, as well as a tennis court, two pickleball courts, and a state-of-the-art fitness center with a secluded yoga deck. thestrandtci.com