The Exumas are one of the most breathtaking areas in The Bahamas, and the 360 islands extending south-east from New Providence have become the definitive retreat for the rich and famous. Located in the very heart of this archipelago, 72-acre Over Yonder Cay has recently become available to rent to a select clientele, who can experience the beauty of this tropical paradise as if it were their own.



he island sleeps up to 28 guests in four newly built villas, each nestled in a private corner of the island with spectacular views of the turquoise aquatic surroundings. Guests have total privacy and full run of the island, as it is only rented to a single group at once.

Just 265 miles from Florida and 70 miles from Nassau, getting to Over Yonder Cay is quick and easy, particularly compared with traveling to the most visited areas of the Caribbean further south. Guests usually arrive by seaplane direct to the island, and transfers from Florida, Nassau or Great Exuma are included in the rental rate, along with all food and drink, activities and amenities.

The island's private deep-water marina, with 13ft draft at mean low tide and dockage for vessels of up to 180ft, provides guests arriving by superyacht with a convenient place to keep their vessel. It is also the home port to the island's 115ft sloop S/Y *Tenacious*, which can be chartered with the island.

At the heart of Over Yonder Cay's accommodation is Villa Fiamma, an 11,125 square foot hilltop retreat with a 2,300 square foot master suite, three 660ft guest suites, extensive terraces with loungers galore and a vast infinity pool from which to take in the spectacular panoramic views. The villa also features a movie theater, state-of-theart gym, sauna-steam room, indoor and outdoor dining and a fascinating collection of antiquities.

The remaining three villas are scattered across the island's rugged limestone

landscape. The cliff-top Villa Cielo is 2,990 square foot and sleeps six to eight; it features a three-tier infinity pool and private beach. The 2,600 square foot Villa Acqua looks over the island's longest beach, Whale Bone Beach, and sleeps up to eight. Villa Terra, at 2,895 square foot, has one of the island's best sunset views, and sleeps up to six in three rooms.

During the recent development of Over Yonder Cay, the decision was made to install renewable energy systems instead of just using traditional diesel generators. Three 100kW wind turbines and a 1.5-acre solar field provide over 95 per cent of the power to the island, on average, with back-up generators to hand for the rare periods of little sun or very low wind.

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 Over Yonder Cay offers a dizzying array of activities and facilities for its guests to enjoy.

The nine-hole par-three golf course, with Tour Greens* superior-grade synthetic turf, challenges players of all abilities. A floodlit tennis court and beach volleyball court provide opportunities for friendly competition away from the heat of the day.

Those seeking a more sedate pace can retreat to one of the various beaches, enjoy a private voga class, pick a spot for a couple's massage anywhere on the island, or relax in one of the infinity pools or hot tubs.

Water lovers are in heaven in the Exumas and Over Yonder Cay offers all the watersports imaginable, from kitesurfing to kayaking. The area is famous for its fishing, from bonefishing in the local flats to deep-sea sportfishing, and divers can enjoy visibility of up to 100ft whether snorkeling on Over Yonder Cay's own reef or scuba diving with local guides.













