



Avalon Villa front entrance



occupied instead of standing empty for most of the year. We chose Island Villa Management and feel secure in the knowledge that our villa is always very well looked after by the excellent service the owners provide.

**Avalon**

The property is beach front with Turtle Cove Marina at the back. The lot lends itself to 360 degree views. When we

met with Ron Shaw, Bill and I expressed our desire to have a house that was truly Caribbean so that there was no barrier to the flow of indoors and outdoors. His design for the dining room is truly stunning... we are surrounded by views on all sides. In fact, there isn't any view of the villa that isn't enticing.

**Location**

Our location gives us so much to do. As we're situated on the beach, there is a marvellous snorkeling site literally a few steps away from the pool area. A short path leads to the beach and protected coral reef on Grace Bay. At the Turtle Cove Marina there are many first-rate restaurants within walking distance.

**Bill and Nijole Taylor**

Bill is an entrepreneur who owns several companies, has a love of the ocean and underwater reefs, and collects Japanese antiques (swords and fittings). Nijole has a background in marketing and print



publication and were attracted by a certain style of architecture which eventually led us to Ron Shaw, a truly outstanding and extremely creative designer.

We chose Prestigious Properties and called their Agent Paul (Cheeze) Beresford. After our first meeting, in which we outlined our preferences, Paul was amazingly diligent in showing us only those properties which reflected our interest. He guided us through the buying process smoothly.

Presently, we are not in the position to spend extended periods of time at our Providenciales home. It made sense to us to engage a property management company in order to have the villa

**Turks & Caicos**

We liked the friendliness of the islanders, the gorgeous water and beaches and the fact that preserving the environment is taken very seriously. We also found the island to be far less commercialized than other more developed islands like Grand Cayman or Barbados. And certainly, political stability is very important.

**The Buying process**

We perused a real estate listings

# Finding Avalon

A Canadian couple found their dream home on Turks and Caicos. Here Nijole Taylor describes their experiences.

**A**BOUT SIXTEEN YEARS ago, we chartered a yacht to cruise bareback in the Virgin Islands. We were both completely awed by the Caribbean and knew that we would return many times. We also felt that when we found the "perfect" island we, would build a home.

We have vacationed in almost every island in the Caribbean and found each of them charming but not quite "the one". We felt an immediate affinity with Providenciales, a "coming home" in a sense. On the second day of our stay, we knew we had found our ideal island.



**Top:** View from the beach  
**Middle:** View of villa on arrival  
**Below:** Tiki hut swim-up bar  
**Insert:** Entrance and dining room above

design, dabbles in art and illustration, enjoys gardening, collects books and has an extensive library.

'Our daughter is in high school, enjoys drama, music, fashion design. We all love to travel, immerse ourselves in diverse cultures and meet many interesting people' says Nijole.

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