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 - No longer employed by Coyne

FARA Supplemental March 2023 – August 2023

March 2023

- Delivered a POV/recommendation on partnering with Danielle Dallin, a travel blogger and influencer.
- Coyne shared a POV/recommendation on partnering with RunTheAtlas, a travel blog.
- Executed the “Taste of Cayman NYC” in-market event including securing 12 New York-based top-tier journalists attendees.
- Contracted vendors for the event including a photographer, the event planner/stylist, and the venue.
- Coordinated the menu and script for the chef participants from Cayman to facilitate the Taste of Cayman NYC media dinner.
- Secured four (4) top-tier media to attend the Taste of Cayman press trip in May 2023.
- Began drafting media strategy for the Out of This World Music Festival FAM in June, 2023.
- Shared a POV/recommendation on the partnership between Jeff Mauro and the Taste of Cayman Food & Drink Festival.
- Coyne delivered a POV/recommendation on the partnership with the Tom Joyner Foundation Fantastic Voyage.
- Delivered a POV/recommendation on the abc7 Spotlight on the Caribbean media segment.
- Shared a POV/recommendation on the Seatrade Conference media outreach strategy.
- Coyne prepared media messaging for Jo Ann Brown for the Virtual Roadshow Panel Recording.
- Team facilitated photo-servicing for the Taste of Cayman NYC media dinner New York-based media attendees.
- Coyne drafted and shared a press release surrounding The Taste of Cayman NYC Media Dinner with consumer outlets and travel trades.
- Facilitated three (3) deskside interviews with Hon. Minister Bryan at the Seatrade Conference in Fort Lauderdale.

April 2023

- Continued to facilitate the Taste of Cayman press trip through partner outreach, itinerary updates, and the master briefing book.
- Drafted the master itinerary as well as reached out to partners to confirm activities and meals.
- Secured a partnership with celebrity chef, Jeff Mauro, for the festival and coordinated travel for Jeff and his family, as well as a detailed itinerary, briefing book and media interviews.
- Produced an influencer POV on Erin Cohen, a travel blogger.
- Conducted an RFP for the CTO Rooftop Soire and developed a detailed Scope of Work shared with top NYC event planners.
- Confirmed REV Par as the official partner and continued to work with CIDOT on executing the CTO Rooftop Soire.
- Coyne drafted and shared a pitch surrounding World Cocktail Day with national consumer outlets, alcohol trades, and travel trades.
- Began securing media attendees for the Out of This World Music Festival FAM.
- Shared Condé Nast Traveler Reader’s Choice Awards social post with social team.
- Delivered a media strategy for Rosa Harris’s NYC Media Tour during CTO week.
- Shared social media opportunity for Frankies Bikinis campaign.
- Facilitated media rates and activities for Josh Jackson, Editor-in-Chief of PASTE MAGAZINE for his upcoming visit in June.
- Joined a call with The Westin Grand Cayman PR team to discuss the property’s upcoming wellness FAM and the CIDOT level of support.
- Coyne delivered a comprehensive recap deck spanning results surrounding the Taste of Cayman NYC media dinner activation.

- Assisted the DOT with the VIRTUOSO upcoming sponsored editorial content.
- Coyne shared a POV/recommendation on partnering with Sandy Suitcase, a travel blogger and influencer.
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May 2023

- Executed the Taste of Cayman press trip.
- Provided on-site support at the festival and facilitated interviews between Jeff Mauro and the journalists.
- Confirmed three (3) journalists contributing to outlets such as EBONY MAGAZINE, TRAVEL NOIRE, and BLACK ENTERPRISE for the Out of This World Festival FAM trip.
- Drafted and shared a pitch surrounding Flower Sea Swim with national consumer outlets, and travel trades.
- Coyne drafted and shared a pitch surrounding Better Sleep Month and accommodations on island with consumer travel outlets and health trades.
- Secured several New York-based journalists to attend the CTO Rooftop Soiree.
- Continued to facilitate the Out of This World press trip through partner outreach, itinerary updates, and the master briefing book.
- Delivered a POV on a partnership with The Bachelor franchise.
- Shared a POV on a partnership with Paramount executive Jeffrey Williams.
- Coyne shared a POV/recommendation on partnering with Charlie Moore, a travel blogger and influencer.
- Coyne delivered a POV/recommendation on partnering with Babes That Wonder, a group of travel influencers and content creators.
- Coyne shared a POV/recommendation partnering with OSOCITY, an influencer and DJ for the Out of This World Festival.

June 2023

- Executed the Out of This World Music Festival press trip.
- Provided on-site support at the festival and facilitated interviews between the headlining talent and the journalists.
- Supported the CIDOT through Caribbean Tourism Week in New York City – coordinating vendor support for the annual Rooftop Soiree event, contracting a photographer, conducting media outreach to secure attendees, and providing on-site support throughout the event, despite unprecedented weather in NYC.
- Staffed the CTO Week Media Marketplace, meeting with more than 25 media representatives and sharing information on behalf of the CIDOT.
- Supported the Ministry of Tourism and Ports through an on-site activation in NYC for Caribbean-American Heritage Month, in which the Hon. Minister attended an event with the Mayor of NYC in Manhattan.
- Began facilitating support for the Cayman Cocktail Week and Restaurant Month press trip.
- Coyne shared a press release surrounding the Cayman Islands Airport Redevelopment Plan with travel trade publications.
- Helped facilitate broadcast opportunities for Hon. Minister Bryan for the Caribbean Heritage Month Flag Raising Ceremony.
- Drafted a pitch surrounding World Ocean Month and shared it with consumer travel outlets.
- Delivered the Q3 News Bureau deck with creative ideas for CIDOT consideration.
- Drafted a pitch surrounding Pickleball in the Cayman Islands to promote the launch of the Pickleball Center and spotlight popular sporting amenities on-island.

- Began facilitating VJ trip for Bianca Lambert a freelance writer who contributes to outlets such as BYRDIE, HUFFPOST, BUSTLE, ESSENCE, PEOPLE, and more for September 2023.
- Facilitated lunch and a property tour for David Dickstein, a contributor for ORANGE COUNTRY REGISTER for his upcoming day trip in July.
- Supported The Westin Grand Cayman wellness FAM by confirming a dinner sponsored by the CIDOT
- Delivered a comprehensive recap deck spanning results surrounding the Out of This World Music Festival.
- Shared a POV on a partnership with the Porthole Travel Show.
- Coyne delivered a POV on a potential partnership with Cause Water.
- Delivered a POV on a potential partnership with the PBS series Steppin' Up.
- Coyne provided background information and assets pertaining to the Cayman Islands' press kit needs and development.
- Provided speaking points for the Hon. Minister during CTO's morning press briefing.
- Provided a briefing book and speaking points for the Hon. Minister to utilize during the Flag Raising ceremony with the NYC Mayor for Caribbean-American Heritage Month.
- Shared b-roll assets with broadcast and multimedia journalists who attended CTO's Media Marketplace.
- Coyne shared a POV/recommendation on partnering with Ilana Wiles, a travel blogger and influencer.
- Coyne shared a POV/recommendation on partnering with Roland Baker, a travel photographer and content creator.
- Delivered a POV/recommendation on partnering with Brandi Soileau, a travel blogger and influencer.

July 2023

- Drafted and shared a press release surrounding the Wine Spectator Awards with travel trade publications.
- Coyne drafted a pitch surrounding Pickleball in the Cayman Islands and shared it with consumer travel outlets.
- Drafted a media list for broadcast opportunities in Chicago for Jeff Mauro and his family.
- Delivered the built-out Cayman Islands Culinary Guaranteed Program deck.
- Shared recommendations on the CIFC/Cayman Airways Partnership.
- Coyne shared recommendations on how to leverage John Boyega's love for the destination.
- Continued to facilitate a VJ trip for Lauren Mowery from SCUBA MAGAZINE for September/October 2023.
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- Facilitated outreach for the Cayman Cocktail Week/Restaurant Month press for October 2023.
- Began facilitating a VJ trip for Joe Pike, a contributor for CARIBBEAN JOURNAL by arranging a call with DART to determine their level of support.
- Delivered a POV on a partnership with World Liberty TV.
- Coyne delivered a romance advertorial for Bridal Guide Magazine.
- Monitored social media for any potential announcements/sentiments related to the Gigi Hadid incident.

August 2023

- Coyne drafted a pitch surrounding the Cool Down in Cayman activation and shared it with regional Dallas outlets and calendar listings.
- Drafted media list and conducted outreach for regional Dallas broadcast in Dallas for the Cool Down in Cayman activation.
- Coyne drafted and shared a pitch surrounding the best dive sites in the Cayman Islands.

- Continued to conduct the Cayman Islands Culinary Guarantee program.
- Facilitated a VJ trip for Lauren Mowery from SCUBA MAGAZINE for September/October 2023.
- Continued to facilitate a VJ trip for Bianca Lambert a freelance writer who contributes to outlets such as BYRDIE, HUFFPOST, BUSTLE, ESSENCE, PEOPLE, and more for September 2023.
- Coyne continued to facilitate outreach for the Cayman Cocktail Week/Restaurant Month press for October 2023.
- Began facilitating VJ trip for Kimberly Wilson for ESSENCE MAGAZINE for November 2023.
- Vetted Joe Pike FAM trip request and conducted audit of Caribbean Journal CIDOT coverage as well as liaised with him regarding potential story angles. CIDOT decided to not host his stay request at this time.
- Delivered a Release report on influencer Ilana Wiles and her content.
- Shared a POV on a partnership with Chad Johnson.
- Coyne delivered a POV on a partnership with Charlene Peters, a freelance travel journalist.
- Delivered a POV on a partnership with Jonathan Bird.
- Shared a POV/recommendation on partnering with Austin Sprinz, a travel photographer and content creator.
- Coyne shared a POV/recommendation on partnering with Sydney Hoffman, a travel content creator.



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**The inside guide to Cayman Art Week 2023
Tuesday 30 May to Saturday 3 June**

With more than 40 events across five days and three islands, how do you make the most of Cayman Art Week? The CAW23 team has the inside scoop:

1. Most galleries, studios and pop-up exhibitions are open daily so you can visit at your leisure throughout Cayman Art Week.
2. Each day focuses on a different district with special events and hop-on/hop-off buses making it easy to visit multiple venues:

CAW West – Thursday 1 June

First up is the Seven Mile Beach corridor with buses running on a loop between 6pm and 9pm. Use the CAW map (downloadable on the CAW website from 25 May) to make your own way or jump one of our free buses.

Featured artists and venues include Carlos V. Garcia Gallery at The Grove, the 'Eye Spectrum' exhibition at Optique, Zhenya Xia at Kimpton Seafire Resort + Spa, The Gallery at The Ritz-Carlton, Kennedy Gallery, Paperman's at The Strand, Jason Kennedy Studio and the 'side-by-side' pop-up exhibition at Camana Bay, as well as the Visual Arts Society (at the former Margaritaville).

CAW Central/Art in the City – Friday 2 June

Once again, CAW is teaming up with George Town Revitalisation for a fun-packed evening in the centre of George Town, kicking off with happy hour drinks, live music and food trucks from 5pm on Cardinal Avenue.

Use the CAW map to take a walking tour or jump one of our free buses with a CAW guide on board circulating between 6pm and 9pm. Some of the George Town hot spots include:

Al Ebanks Studio, 3 Girls And A Kiln, Guy Harvey Gallery, Claire at the Beach Studio, Sandon Feat Gallery, Island House Gallery, Hello World pop-up exhibition with artists such as Heather Holt, Morgan Olley and Stoak'd, the art collection at Cricket Square, "On Our Block" street art and fashion show with Jawara Alleyne and Josh Pearl, the and Wall of History Walking Tour with John Broad. The Cayman Islands National Museum will also be open with late night access to their exhibitions.

CAW East – Saturday 3 June

Curated bus tours leave the National Gallery at 10am returning at 3pm on Saturday 3 June to head out to the eastern districts. Reservations are required, tickets cost \$10 and can be booked online at Eventpros from 23 May. You can also make your own way to any venues on the tour route.

CAW East visits Awardart Gallery, Pure Art, Scott Swing Gallery and Minds Eye Centre at Miss Lassie's Cottage in South Sound, White Dog Studio and Kay Smith Studio in Breakers, The Visual Arts Society studio at Pedro St James, and Artisan Metal Works in Industrial Park.

3. Cayman Art Week is also coming to the Sister Islands. CAW23 kicks off in Cayman Brac on Wednesday 31 May with a launch event at Gordon Solomon Studio, and Simone's Art Gallery is open daily. In Little Cayman, the Seahorse Boutique and Gallery has an exhibition of local artists and will be hosting a special drop in morning on Friday 2 June with complimentary coffee and pastries. You can also visit Debbie Truchan's open studio, D'Art of Living, and an art exhibition by the National Gallery at the Little Cayman Museum.
4. The Cayman Art Week website includes profiles of all participating venues as well as the full list of the scheduled events, tours, lectures, and workshops. Visit www.caymanartweek.com/events for the schedule, which is updated regularly, or to download the tour maps from 25 May.
5. The National Gallery of the Cayman Islands is launching their 3rd Cayman Islands Biennial Exhibition during Cayman Art Week. Opening to the public on 1 June, "Conversations with the Past-In the Present Tense" explores the nature of Caymanian culture featuring work by more than 40 local artists across multiple venues.
6. If you like what you see at any of the exhibitions or studios, Cayman Art Week is a great time to buy a piece of art. Last year, Cayman Art Week generated more than \$200,000 in sales for local artists and galleries.

7. You'll also find some great deals on food and drinks during Cayman Art Week, thanks to our hospitality partners. Visit our website to see what specials and discounts are on offer by local bars and restaurants.
8. [Caymanartweek.com](https://caymanartweek.com) is the best place to see what's happening every day and read more about the artists and exhibitions. You can also follow us [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) or [LinkedIn](#) for daily updates.

Cayman Art Week partners

Cayman Art Week is made possible by the generous support of our Patron Mrs Susan E. Olde and by our partners at Provenance Properties, George Town Revitalisation, the Ministry of Tourism and Ports, Ministry of Youth, Sports, Culture and Heritage, the National Gallery of the Cayman Islands, Real Life Caribbean magazine, Little Cayman Museum, Majestic Tours, Cricket Square and Kirk Freeport, and many more supporting organisations.

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Photo captions:

1. Cayman Art Week attracts arts lovers to venues across all three Cayman Islands
2. Bus tours make it easy to visit multiple venues during Cayman Art Week
3. Guests at Al Ebanks Studio



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For Immediate Release:

Caymanian Chefs Bring a Taste of Cayman to NYC



The Cayman Islands Department of Tourism and Cayman Islands Tourism Association Hosted an Intimate Dinner for U.S. Media in New York City on 23 March 2023, Showcasing the Destination's World-Renowned Culinary Scene

Hi-Res Images Available [here](#)

Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands (28 March 2023) – The Cayman Islands Department of Tourism (CIDOT), together with the Cayman Islands Tourism Association (CITA), recently hosted an intimate event in New York City to showcase the Cayman Islands' impressive culinary scene, highlight homegrown talent, and provide top-tier U.S. media with a sneak peek of the upcoming [Taste of Cayman Food & Drink Festival](#).

The CIDOT worked closely with two Caymanian chefs and a mixologist to curate a four-course menu of elevated Caymanian comfort food perfectly paired with craft cocktails. Each course was made with indigenous Caribbean ingredients and locally produced spirits to highlight Cayman's unique heritage. Chefs Jessica Moore ([Taste This Life](#)) and Sarasue McField ([Sookie's Kitchen](#)), along with mixologist Maya Grant ([Fusion Mixology](#)), represented the destination with Caymankindness and received praise for their menu from New York City's most seasoned journalists and food lovers.

It has been nearly three years since we've been able to share our culture and engage with U.S. media, so this event was a beautiful and authentic way to reintroduce influential journalists in New York City to why we are known as the Culinary Capital of the Caribbean," said Mrs. Rosa Harris, Director of Tourism for the CIDOT. "We are honoured that we could showcase three talented Caymanian women during international women's month and are so proud of our brilliant partners and how they elevated our beloved Caymanian comfort food in a way that impressed culinary experts on this international stage. This event reinforces our position as a top luxury lifestyle travel destination, attracting food and culture lovers throughout the U.S."

Guests in attendance represented influential publications such as *Travel + Leisure*, *The New York Times*, *TODAY*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Thrillist*, *Parents Magazine*, and more. Upon arrival to [Chef's Dinner Table NYC](#), attendees were treated to a multi-sensory experience that emulated the beauty of the Cayman Islands –



from the crystal waters and warm sandy beaches to the natural beauty of Crystal Caves, Pedro St. James, and the Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Park. The CIDOT engaged local partners for the event including [Cayman Spirits Co.](#), which graciously supplied Seven Fathoms Rum and Body Treats Etc, who created custom hand-poured artisanal candles for the event. The décor was thoughtfully styled to transport media attendees to the destination – with authentic items such as thatch baskets, Caribbean fruits, tropical flowers, lush greenery, and Caymanian artwork on display throughout the evening.

The “Taste of Cayman NYC” media dinner served as a warm reintroduction to the Taste of Cayman Food & Drink Festival, which will return following a three-year hiatus to celebrate its 35th anniversary on May 13, 2023. CITA executive director, Jay Ehrhart, was in attendance to discuss the beloved event and highlight the dozens of local, restaurants, and culinary partners who will be participating in the Taste of Cayman Food & Drink Festival.

“Here in Cayman, we are fortunate to enjoy a robust calendar of annual events. The Taste of Cayman Food & Drink Festival is an authentic experience that provides a true glimpse into the multiethnic culinary melting pot that is Cayman,” said Jay Ehrhart, CITA Executive Director. “Having the opportunity to bring a bite-size taste of that experience to an important key tourism market like New York City was such a treat. This year’s event will be bigger and better than ever before, and we are excited to continue our celebration of Taste of Cayman’s 35th anniversary!”

The media attendees were invited to learn more about the Taste of Cayman Food & Drink Festival by speaking with tourism executives and interviewing the chef and mixology partners and were encouraged to invite their readers to experience the festival first-hand!

Unique Caymanian recipes and cocktails were shared with the media to inspire additional awareness of the destination’s impressive culinary scene. The chefs served up traditional Caymanian comfort food dishes such as conch and lobster fritters, tamarind cured white fish with cassava and seasonin’ peppa-churri, Cayman beef rib with coconut callaloo and pumpkin puree, a tropical sorbet palate cleanser, cassava cake with hibiscus brown sugar brittle and grilled plantain ice cream, as well as vegan alternatives for each course. Each dish was complimented with a craft cocktail, such as “The Land Crab,” a scotch-bonnet and thyme infused mezcal drink, “Sunday Funday” made with prosecco and passionfruit juice, “The Beloved Isle,” a Caribbean-inspired Old Fashioned made with Seven Fathoms Rum, and “Seven Stars,” a dessert cocktail also infused with Cayman Spirits.

“The Cayman Islands is rich with talented young chefs, mixologists, artists, and creative individuals,” continued Mrs. Harris. “It has been a pleasure sharing the talents of Jessica, Sarasue and Maya – and we look forward to showcasing our Caymankind spirit at future events globally. “

About the Cayman Islands

Located 480 miles south of Miami in the tranquility of the western Caribbean, this trio of tiny islands is a premier destination for discriminating travellers, divers, honeymooners and families. World renowned for its idyllic beaches and recognised as a sophisticated, diverse and memorable tourist destination, the Cayman Islands offers spectacular recreational opportunities along with warm, impeccable service. To learn more about the Cayman Islands, please go to [visitcaymanislands.com](https://www.visitcaymanislands.com) or www.divecayman.ky or call your local travel agent.



About Taste of Cayman

Taste of Cayman Food & Drink Festival is an annual initiative of the Cayman Islands Tourism Association (CITA) which promotes the culinary excellence of the Cayman Islands food and drink sector. In 2023, Cayman's largest and longest running food and drink festival celebrates 35 years since it first began with a small number of restaurants from the Cayman Islands Restaurant Association meeting in a field to compete in a Chilli Cook-off. Today, the event has grown to attract thousands of festival goers to celebrate and experience the food and drink scene in the culinary capital of the Caribbean and enjoy the music and party atmosphere that it has become known for.

Visit www.tasteofcayman.org to buy tickets, find out more about participating restaurants, music artists and discover unique experiences for 2023.

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For Immediate Release:

Taste of Cayman Food & Drink Festival Welcomes “The Sandwich King,” Emmy-Nominated Food Network Star, Chef Jeff Mauro for Milestone 35th Anniversary Event



A self-proclaimed lover of Caymankind, Chef Jeff Mauro will take the stage at the 35th annual Taste of Cayman Food & Drink Festival on May 13, 2023, for an immersive culinary demo in the Culinary Capital of the Caribbean

Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands (5 May 2023) – The Cayman Islands Department of Tourism (CIDOT), together with the Cayman Islands Tourism Association (CITA), is pleased to announce an exciting new addition to the lineup of culinary experts at the 35th Annual [Taste of Cayman Food & Drink Festival](#), taking place in Grand Cayman on May 13, 2023. Celebrity chef, entrepreneur, Emmy-nominated Food Network star, and entertainer extraordinaire **Chef Jeff Mauro** will lead a live culinary experience during the beloved festival. Having visited the Cayman Islands annually for well over a decade with his family, Chef Jeff Mauro is no stranger to the destination, and counts Cayman among his favorite places in the world. Undoubtedly, Chef Jeff Mauro’s participation in Taste of Cayman will elevate the food and drink festival on an international stage, and further solidify the Cayman Islands’ position as the Culinary Capital of the Caribbean.

Known throughout the culinary industry as “The Sandwich King,” Chef Mauro will combine his love for sandwiches with his affinity for Cayman through an immersive on-stage demo, crafting a Caribbean-inspired Jerk Chicken Sandwich. Chef will utilize his favorite jerk chicken recipe, which was inspired and provided by his friendship with local restaurateur, Luigi Moxam of Cayman Cabana, and has been featured in Chef’s family-friendly cookbook, “Come on Over.” The demo is sure to delight travel-loving foodies and epicurean locals alike.

“The Cayman Islands holds such a special place in not only my heart, but it has been the backdrop of fabulous memories for my entire extended family for more than 30 years!” said Chef Jeff Mauro. “I have been singing



the praise of Cayman's culinary scene for many years, so I am delighted to participate in the Taste of Cayman Food & Drink Festival this year for its 35th anniversary. There is nowhere I'd rather be than in Cayman with my toes in the sand, and a delicious jerk chicken sandwich in my hand!"

In addition to Chef Mauro, the festival will also welcome another Food Network star from Canada, "Top Chef Canada" season 10 winner, Tre Sanderson. Chefs Jeff and Tre will join a multiethnic blend of homegrown culinary talent at the festival – from local chefs to representatives from the destination's thriving restaurant scene. Local culinary stars will include Young Cayman Chef 2022 winner Chef Brittney Bodden, Chef Jessica Moore of Taste This Life, in-house Chef at the Governor's residence Chef Mark Lea, Food Network Canada "Fire Masters" host Chef Dylan Benoit, Director at Bestlife & Zest Chef Maureen Cubbon, owner of Smokies BBQ Chef Sara Mair-Doak and Mixologist Maya Grant of Fusion Mixology. In total, the festival will host more than 30 food and drink vendors.

"The Taste of Cayman Food & Drink Festival returns this year following a multi-year hiatus, and we are blown away by the response from not only our local tourism and culinary community but from international stars like Chef Jeff Mauro!" said Jay Ehrhart, Executive Director of the Cayman Islands Tourism Association (CITA). "Chef Jeff Mauro is warm, friendly, talented, and bursting with personality – making him the perfect embodiment of Caymankind! He has also been a friend of Cayman for many years, so it is an honor to share our stage with a culinary expert of his caliber as we celebrate this tremendous 35th-anniversary milestone."

The CIDOT is a sponsor of the annual Taste of Cayman Food & Drink Festival and celebrates the wonderfully diverse partners taking part in this year's event. The absence of the event in recent years has been palpable among locals and visitors alike. To learn more about Taste of Cayman, or to purchase tickets, please visit: <https://tasteofcayman.org/>. To plan your visit to the Cayman Islands to experience the Culinary Capital of the Caribbean first-hand, please visit: <https://visitcaymanislands.com>

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Cayman Islands Airports Development Plan Revealed

(George Town, Cayman Islands - 31 May 2023) Cayman Islands Minister for Tourism and Ports, Hon. Kenneth Bryan has announced a series of planned enhancements to the Country's airport infrastructure to improve the safety, comfort and efficiency of the Islands airport operations.

The announcement was made at a press conference held on Tuesday (30 May) during which Minister Bryan advised that four projects have been greenlighted by Cabinet to move to the next phases of development at a combined cost of CI\$76M.

These are:

- Extension of the runway at the Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA), the country's main international air gateway in Grand Cayman;
- Runway End Safety Area (RESA) works to be carried out at the Charles Kirkconnell International Airport in Cayman Brac;
- Construction of a new General Aviation Airport;
- Installation of an Air Traffic Control Surveillance system at ORIA.

Minister Bryan explained that the government had strategically selected projects that either provided a solid foundation to support continued growth in the tourism sector, or were necessary to address safety and regulatory concerns.

"With up to 25% of the Cayman Islands GDP derived from tourism, extending the runway at ORIA is expected to be a gamechanger for the Islands tourism industry. Direct service from 'long haul' destinations in Europe and South America will become a more convenient reality for travellers by eliminating the need for additional connections enroute," said Bryan.

Cayman Islands Director of Tourism, Rosa Harris, who joined the Minister on the panel alongside the Cayman Islands Airports Authority (CIAA) CEO Albert Anderson and CIAA Board Chairman, Johann Moxam, stated that a new General Aviation Airport would enable a more luxurious experience to be provided to private jet passengers. "The Cayman Islands are recognised and marketed as a top-tier destination synonymous with quality, style and luxury, and the new General Aviation Airport will be more in keeping with our Islands premium brand positioning," she said.

Expounding on how the projects would be funded, Minister Bryan explained that the passenger terminal fee would increase to CI\$5.00 and a CI\$15 airport development fee would be introduced only during the construction period, which is estimated to be from 2024 to 2029.

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"Creating the right conditions for a successful and sustainable future for our tourism industry is an important priority for this government and this is why we are committed to investing in our tourism infrastructure," Bryan commented. "On completion, these enhancements are expected to deliver significant economic benefits, including increased visitor spending, increased revenues for Government, increased airlift into Grand Cayman and improved safety and efficiencies for the Cayman Islands Airports Authority," he said.

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Cayman Islands Earns Global Accolades in Wine Spectator's 2023 Restaurant Awards, Reinforcing its Status as the Culinary Capital of the Caribbean

10 Local Restaurants and Bars Awarded for their Exemplary Wine Programs, Demonstrating the Rich and Diverse Culinary Landscape of the Cayman Islands



Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands (July 20, 2023) — The Cayman Islands, fondly known as the 'Culinary Capital of the Caribbean,' has once again proven its culinary prowess on the global stage. This year, 10 of its restaurants and bars have proudly received distinguished recognition in the prestigious [Wine Spectator's 2023 Restaurant Awards](#). These awards celebrate the best in the world of dining and wine, recognizing establishments for their impressive wine offerings and exceptional food pairings. This significant achievement underscores the Cayman Islands' commitment to top-notch dining experiences, reinforcing its position as a prime destination for food and wine lovers around the world.

The American lifestyle magazine that focuses on wine news and culture awarded more than 3,500 eateries and bars from across more than 75 countries and 50 U.S. states, including the 10 Caymanian restaurants and bars listed below:

- [Agua Restaurant and Lounge](#)
 - Located in the energetic hub of Camana Bay, Agua Restaurant & Lounge provides its guests with a fresh blend of Italian and Peruvian cuisine paired with an extensive wine list.
- [Calypso Grill](#)
 - By way of the West Bay countryside, Calypso Grill gives its patrons a vast selection of food and beverage options while indulging in views of Morgan's Harbour.

- [Grand Old House](#)
 - Known as “A Legend of the Island,” Grand Old House holds historical value as a former plantation house turned into a waterfront spectacle featuring award-winning wine and live music.
- [Luca](#)
 - Luca’s Sunday Brunch is a staple at the restaurant along with its carefully curated wine lists and European-style service catered towards its Caymanian travelers and visitors.
- [Ragazzi](#)
 - From one of the top wine-producing regions of the world in Italy, Ragazzi transports guests to the European peninsula with its popular varietals that are world-renowned.
- [Ristorante Pappagallo](#)
 - Situated on a bird sanctuary spanning 14 acres, Ristorante Pappagallo’s wine menu features more than 350 varietals, which makes it the perfect place for an aficionado to enjoy their favorite glass.
- [The Wharf Restaurant](#)
 - The Wharf features a selection of premier Cayman wines and includes a global collection of locally sourced and lesser-known grape cultivators across the world.
- [Aria](#)
 - Aria wants to provide its guests with the “Perfect Pairing” whenever they step on the premises, combining the past, present and future of Mediterranean dishes and cuisines. *(New 2023 Restaurant Award Selection)*
- [Beach House](#)
 - Located in The Westin Grand Cayman Seven Mile Beach Resort, Beach House’s selection of wine pairings and small plates is the perfect place to enjoy a self-led tasting. *(New 2023 Restaurant Award Selection)*
- [Le Petit Bar](#)
 - Just as a beautiful pearl is found within the shell of an oyster, Le Petit Bar is one of Grand Cayman’s hidden gems serving monthly tastings and lively fun with every pour for every lover of wine. *(New 2023 Restaurant Award Selection)*

Launched in 1981, the Restaurant Awards represent the world’s only program focused exclusively on restaurant wine. Today, the Restaurant Awards acknowledge the top restaurants and bars that include interesting wine selections that are appropriate to the cultural cuisine with an appeal to a wide array of audiences.

“In a time of technological innovation, restaurants offer the human experience diners are hungry for—listening to their customers and offering personalized experience,” said Marvin R. Shanken, Editor and Publisher, Wine Spectator. “This annual issue celebrates the places where wine is at the top of that conversation.”

Visitors can experience these delicious restaurants, as well as a taste of Cayman’s vast culinary scene, in a special way this October, as the destination celebrates [Restaurant Month](#). With more than 35 restaurants participating in special programming, guests will delight first-hand in the true culinary prowess of the Cayman Islands.

The Cayman Islands boasts more than 200 eclectic and multiethnic restaurants that offer something delicious to delight every traveler who comes ashore. For more information on the Cayman Islands, please visit www.visitcaymanislands.com

Wine Spectator's special Restaurant Awards issue is now available to readers as of July 11. Follow the Restaurant Awards on [@wsrestaurantawards](https://www.instagram.com/wsrestaurantawards) with hashtag **#WSRestaurantAward**, and at Restaurants.WineSpectator.com, where all winners can be searched by location and sorted by attributes including name, proximity, award level, cuisine and pricing. Winners are also profiled in the free [Restaurant Awards App](#), available for iPhone and iPad users.

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About the Cayman Islands

Located 480 miles south of Miami in the tranquility of the western Caribbean, this trio of tiny islands is a premier destination for discriminating travellers, divers, honeymooners and families. World renowned for its idyllic beaches and recognised as a sophisticated, diverse and memorable tourist destination, the Cayman Islands offers spectacular recreational opportunities along with warm, impeccable service. To learn more about the Cayman Islands, please go to visitcaymanislands.com or www.divecayman.ky or call your local travel agent.

BEST IN SHOW

The Cayman Islands' arts and culture experiences make a splash.

VIVID REEFS; AN ICONIC, NEARLY SEVEN-MILE-LONG BEACH; and pampering, palm-shaded resorts attract lovers of sand and sea to the Cayman Islands. But the culturally curious will find more depths to plumb on this trio of Caribbean isles that's home to more than 250 artists, seven commercial galleries, a National Gallery with an esteemed collection, and an annual art fair.

Every Room's a Gallery

Caymanian art was a key component of **The Ritz-Carlton, Grand Cayman's** recent \$50 million renovation: Local works fill the resort's contemporary public spaces and 365 guest rooms. Additionally, the resort's expansive art gallery, curated by local artist Chris Christian, exhibits quarterly shows with works representing the spectrum of the Caymans Islands' creativity, from dedicated professionals – including Christian, a sculptor who runs a foundation devoted to traditional arts and crafts – to emerging talents. Installed in a breezeway that connects the resort's two towers, the colorful collection is a can't-miss for art-loving guests.

Creatives Welcome

The 52-room **Palm Heights** thinks big when it comes to cultural affairs. Its artist-in-residence program invites painters, writers, musicians, and even chefs from all over the world to stay in condos near the cossetting resort and pursue their passions while refreshing their spirits in the tropics for up to three months. Their presence, whether painting on-site, playing a set, or hosting a dance class, enriches the guest experience. Past residents have included Courtney Celeste Spears of the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, Akia Dorsainvil (aka DJ Pressure Point), and ceramist Dina Nur Satti, who created the hotel lounge's sculptural tables.

An Islandwide Affair

Plan ahead for next summer: Each June, art lovers, curators, and artists gather on Grand Cayman to celebrate Cayman Art Week. Designed to showcase Caymanian art, the five-day event features gallery tours, parties, and opportunities to visit open studios for thoughtful lectures and discussions. Buses shuttle festivalgoers to some 30 exhibiting venues, including pop-up galleries in resorts, museums, and restaurants. Travelers can take a plein-air painting class, join a guided tour of the island's National Gallery, and shop for one-of-a-kind pieces to bring home. Check into the 264-room **Kimpton Seafire Resort + Spa** for prime access to the fete.



From left: The Ritz-Carlton, Grand Cayman's art gallery, a Cayman Art Week event at The Ritz-Carlton's gallery, and Caymanian artist Carlos V. Garcia.

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