



IPHONE SNAP

A boat trip on a recent visit to the Turks and Caicos Islands led me to Little Water Cay, a beautiful stretch of sand where native rock iguanas roam.

It's impossible to take a bad photo in Turks and Caicos. Trust me. I recently visited the islands while helping report our feature on page 28 and snapped the photo above. Not a bad day at work, huh? The water, sand, and sunsets in Turks are truly the epitome of why we travel: to escape our everyday world and experience something beautiful. Living in the Southeast, we are lucky to be within an easy plane flight of so many island destinations—Turks and Caicos, the Bahamas, and Bermuda, to name a few. We cover many of them in this issue, which we've called our Islands Issue. If you're looking for a new way to cruise, look no further than page 66, where travel experts Sarah Greaves-Gabbadon and Tracey Minkin share two ships that are high luxury on the high seas. We're also highlighting the work of four incredible designers whose interiors feel transportive but also relatable to wherever you live. The style of these homes fits right in to their lush, tropical landscapes, but what I love is that I can also steal ideas to use in my own suburban home. From there, I'll be dreaming of the islands—until my next visit.

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WHAT I'M LOVING

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C2 Paint in Epernay #639, from \$50 per gallon; c2paint.com



Glampwear Palm Tree Straw Hat in White, \$98; glampwear.com



Ward + Gray Abalone Sconce in Azur, \$1,500; wardandgray.com



Kelly Ventura Pillar Indoor/Outdoor Pillow Cover in River, \$190 for 20x20; kellyventura.com