

History

The island was produced by geological processes extending back over 200 million years. It was formed by marine sediment settling in a shallow sea. It was first exposed by lower sea levels during the Pleistocene Ice Ages.

From 750 to 1500 AD the Tainos (Lucayan Indians) lived on Middle Caicos. The Indians called the island Aniyana. They migrated from the Orinoco River Area in South America. Archaeologists have discovered 39 sites on Middle Caicos. At Armstrong Pond is an important find designated M-6. It consists of two settlements, a game field, and an arrangement of rocks suggesting astrological significance.

The Indians traded and lived in peace until the Spanish arrived in the late 1400's. In 30 years the Spanish destroyed the Taino civilization on Middle Caicos. They were taken as slaves, killed, or exposed to fatal diseases. At that time, there were thought to be over 1000 Taino Indians living here.

In the 1790's land was granted to the British Loyalists. Several plantations were established. They planted cotton but in less than a generation the storms and the boll weevil infestation had destroyed the crops and the zeal of the owners. They left, leaving many of their slaves whose descendants are now on Middle Caicos.

In 1842 a Spanish ship, the Gambia, was wrecked and the survivors made their way to Middle Caicos to establish the village of Bambarra (named for a village in Africa).

Lorimers was named for Dr. John Lorimer. His grave and ruins of Haulover Plantation still exist. This village was very prosperous at the time with the main school and official records there. People came from far away to attend a party at "Lorimers". After the closing of the sisal plant on East Caicos and the difficulty with farming and a very strong hurricane it became the small village it is today.

Electricity was brought to the island in 1987 and telephone shortly after. Development has been slow because of the difficulty in transporting supplies. Improvements to housing, roads, transportation and educations are being addressed now. Tourism and fishing are currently the main source of income.

MIDDLE CAICOS (earlier called "Grand Caicos")

LARGEST ISLAND IN THE TURKS AND CAICOS
LARGEST NATURE PRESERVE IN CARIBBEAN
LARGEST NUMBER OF INDIAN SITES
LARGEST CAVERNS IN THE CARIBBEAN

TAXI TOUR GUIDES

Cardinal Arthur	Conch Bar	946-6107
Carlton Forbes	Bambarra	946-6115
Ernest Forbes	Bambarra	946-6140
Hormel Harvey	Conch Bar	946-6101

FISHING GUIDES

Dolphus Arthur	Conch Bar	946-6122
Cardinal Arthur	Conch Bar	946-6107
Brody Forbes	Bambarra	946-6144
Hormel Harvey	Conch Bar	946-6101
George Gibbs	Bambarra	941-7019

OVERNIGHT ACCOMODATIONS

Arthur's Guest House	946-6122
Blue Horizon Resort (3 day min)	946-6141
Kehl's Villa	941-7019

RESTAURANTS

Daniel's Cafe	Conch Bar	946-6132
Shanique Been	Conch Bar	946-6128

LICENSED MERCHANTS

Middle Caicos Co-op	946-6132	Local made crafts
Annie Taylor	946-6117	General Groceries
Arthur's Variety	946-6122	General Groceries
Valeda's Boutique	946-6107	General Groceries
Sports Shack	946-6174	Bicycles
Harvey's Gasoline	946-6101	Gasoline
T&J Boutique	946-6174	Cold Soda Drinks
Ms. Constance's Shop	946-6126	General Groceries
East Sunrise Gasoilne	946-6109	Gasoline
Mrs. Green	946-6108	Handmade Straw Gifts
Monica Neat	946-6129	Handmade Straw Gifts
Jocelyn Hall	946-6174	Handmade Straw Gifts
Telford Outten		Assorted Items
Annie Forbes	946-6109	General Groceries

BARS

Johnson's Bar	Conch Bar
Evan Hall's Bar	Bambarra

CHURCHES

Come worship with us

Mt. Moriah Baptist Church	Conch Bar
Lighthouse Mission Church	Conch Bar
Mt. Hermon Baptist Church	Lorimers
Bethlehem Baptist Church	Bambarra
God of Prophecy Church	Conch Bar

POLICE	Constable Harvey	946-6111
NURSE	Sheila Bobb	946-6145

Welcome to Middle Caicos

Dear Visitor,

All of us on Middle Caicos are happy that you have chosen our beautiful island as your destination. Our warm and friendly people would be delighted to meet you. We are very proud of our island and hope that you find it interesting. So, please pause and talk so that we might share together stories of your home and ours.

Dottis Arthur
District Commissioner
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