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Any country that has a turtle in pirate garb as its logo should be a fun place for families to play.

It's the same mixture of animals and adventure that Disney movies have weaned us on for generations (think Pirates of the Caribbean meets The Little Mermaid). But the Cayman Islands are the real thing.

Grand Cayman Island's Seven Mile Beach is famous for its crescent of pearly white sand blending into the almost blinding "Cayman Blue" water. The famous beach (which is 5.2 miles long) was recently named "the Caribbean's Best Beach" by Caribbean Travel and Life Magazine. And the little remaining shoreline land left is currently selling for over \$30,000 US per foot?

Cemetery Reef, among others, lies just offshore making the water calm, and excellent for snorkeling, swimming and lazing in the sun. The average temperature of the water is 27°C in winter. At its south end, Georgetown, the capital of the Cayman Islands, is a charming community of 20,000.

While SevenMileBeach is home to some of the biggest hotel and resort chains in the world, there is another option that fits most families much better, the condo. Along with full sized fridges where you can stock snacks and drinks, most have washers and dryers, TVs and DVDs, as well as separate bedrooms where kids can be tucked in at night, letting their parents have some quiet time and a night cap out on their sun deck. With privacy, space and convenience, families can spread out and relax in their own little oasis in paradise. Couples can even share a unit and the cost.

One of the most well appointed and secluded example of a condominium resort, is the Aqua Bay Club, located on the western end of SevenMileBeach. The resort has the feel of an isolated island setting, yet it's located just minutes away from all the services anyone could need. And the sea view is spectacular - the name is certainly appropriate.

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