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Cayman Style

The Cayman Islands has, over the centuries, developed an architectural flavor which both acknowledges its history and revels in the advantages of island life. Cayman Islands' architecture has its "own unique character and climate, inspired by the breeze, the direction of the sun, the natural vegetation and the views," says architect John Doak, whose work has been recognized by the Commonwealth Association of Architects and Cayman's National Trust. Doak's buildings — a few of which are shown below — evoke the traditional influences of the late 1800s Caymanian Cabin Style and early 20th century Upstairs Houses through such elements as shiplap boarding, metal roofs, extended verandas and Victorian gingerbread trim. To experience Cayman style firsthand, call 800-346-3313, or visit www.caymanislands.ky.

Bigleman House, Queen's Highway, Grand Cayman

Architect: John Doak at OBM Photo: BB&P

Set at a 45-degree angle to the ocean, atop the rugged cliffs of the island's north shore, the Bigleman House has unobstructed panoramic views of the Caribbean Sea. Constantly cooled by the easterly breezes, this house has been designed to offer the very essence of Caribbean living. Traditional Cayman-style porches, elevated living spaces and vivid colors combine to create the idyllic private residence.



Davies Residence, Governors Harbour, Grand Cayman

Architect: John Doak at OBM Photo: David Wolfe

Sited on the tip of Prince Charles Quay, the Davies House commands spectacular views over the North Sound lagoon. Designed as three distinctive pavilions, the house is linked by covered walkways and balconies. The scale and proportion of the house recalls the traditional styling and spirit of Caymanian architecture, while bold colors, aluminum roofing and stainless steel balustrading provide a contemporary interpretation.

Coe House, George Town, Grand Cayman

Photo: John Doak

Built at the turn of the 20th century, the Coe House illustrates the shiplap-boarded Cabin homes built in the Cayman Islands around that time. The five-bay front porch and steep-angled zinc-sheet roofing are typical of this period. Porches were decorated with intricate, fretsaw-carved balustrades and trimmings.



Cayman Islands National Museum, George Town,

Grand Cayman Preservation Architect: John Doak at OBM Photo: BB&P

Originally built to house the first Government offices, this building now hosts the islands' National Museum. Renovations, completed in the mid-1980s, earned an American Express Caribbean Preservation Award. With its double-leveled entrance veranda and central staircase, this is a finely preserved example of a two-story Cayman-style building.

