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WHAT'S NEW IN THE BAHAMAS IN JULY 2023

NASSAU, Bahamas, XX July 2023 — This month, festivities galore await visitors to The Bahamas as the 16-island destination celebrates 50 years of independence on 10 July 2023. Between special resort deals, Golden Jubilee events, and Junkanoo traditions on full display, there's no better time than now to experience the true essence of Bahamian culture and national pride.

NEWS

Bay Street in Nassau Transforms Into Revolving Market and Concert Venue — Leading up to Independence Day, a celebratory market and concert series called "[50th at Bay](#)" will be held on Bay Street in downtown Nassau from 3 to 6 July, between 4:00 pm and 8:30 pm. Festivities will showcase local Bahamian talent and entertainment.

The Bahamas Celebrates Its Golden Jubilee at Clifford Park — On 9 July, visitors of all ages are invited to attend the [Golden Jubilee: Ecumenical Service, Military Tattoo, and Cultural Show](#) at Clifford Park in Nassau. Bahamian vendor stands open at 4:00 pm and the show begins at 5:00 pm.

Junkanoo Returns To Honour The Bahamas' 50th Anniversary of Independence — Junkanoo, The Bahamas' famous national cultural celebration, will rouse Bay Street with the rhythmic sounds of cow bells and goat skin drums on 10 July. Visitors are welcome to attend the [50th Independence People's Rush](#), which begins at 1:00 am.

Baha Mar Hosts 10 Days of Independence Celebrations for The Bahamas' 50th Anniversary — Baha Mar is hosting [10 days of independence celebrations](#) for families, couples, and kids to enjoy beginning 1 July. Programming includes a curated Bahamian marketplace, Junkanoo festivities, authentic cuisine demonstrations and more, concluding with the "Taste of the Islands Fair" and fireworks on 10 July.

Atlantis Paradise Island Hosts Golden Jubilee Festivities — The Marina Village at Atlantis Paradise Islands will be transformed into a vibrant fairground to honour The Bahamas' 50th anniversary of independence. [Curated events](#) will be held from 8 to 10 July, and will include a "Pre-Bahamian Independence Day Celebration," a "Fab 50: Independence Celebration" for kids, and fireworks at 9:00 pm on 10 July.

Summer Boating Flings Are in Full Swing — With three [boating flings](#) scheduled throughout July, boating enthusiasts can join The Bahamas in celebrating its 50th anniversary of independence on the water. Participants can explore premier fishing spots, popular dive sites, and beautiful reefs by [registering online](#) for Bimini flings from 20 to 23 July or 27 to 30 July, or for an extended journey to Exuma from 6 to 16 July.



The Bahamas Will Become More Accessible Than Ever for West Coast Travellers — [Alaska Airlines](#) and [JetBlue](#) recently announced their first-ever flights to Nassau, the gateway to The Bahamas. Debuting on 4 November 2023, JetBlue will offer a once-weekly Saturday service from Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) to Nassau's Sir Lynden Pindling Airport (NAS). Additionally, beginning 15 December 2023, Nassau-bound flights on Alaska Airlines will depart four times a week from LAX and three times a week from Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA).

The Bimini Goombay Summer Festival Returns — From 28 to 29 July, visitors are invited to the [Bimini Goombay Summer Festival](#) for a weekend full of fresh, local cuisine, Junkanoo performances, and live entertainment by the Stevie S and Live Prime Time band.

PROMOTIONS AND OFFERS

For a complete list of deals and discounted packages in The Bahamas, visit www.bahamas.com/deals-packages.

Resorts World Bimini Celebrates Bahamian Independence With Weekend Savings — Located only 50 nautical miles from South Florida, Resorts World Bimini is offering a [special weekend package](#) to celebrate The Bahamas' 50th anniversary of independence, from 7 to 12 July. Starting at \$499 per person, guests can enjoy a weekend full of live entertainment, round-trip transportation, and complimentary access to a private beach. The booking window is now through 9 July 2023.

Save 50% in Honour of The Bahamas' 50th Anniversary at the Cay House — The Cay House at Mangrove Cay, Andros, is offering visitors a "[Celebrate The Bahamas' 50th Anniversary - Save 50%](#)" promotion. Guests who pre-book a minimum of three nights will save 50% on the room rate. The booking window is now through 28 August 2023 for travel until 31 August 2023.

Celebrate Independence Bahamian Style at Lighthouse Pointe at Grand Lucayan Resort — Lighthouse Pointe at Grand Lucayan Resort, a stunning all-inclusive resort for families, is offering guests a "[Road to 50th Independence Anniversary](#)" package. Visitors who book a two-night stay – including Friday and Saturday – will receive a complimentary third night on Sunday. The booking window is now through 15 July for travel until 15 July 2023.

ABOUT THE BAHAMAS

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WHAT'S NEW IN THE BAHAMAS IN AUGUST 2023

NASSAU, Bahamas, XX August 2023 — Travellers will discover that The Islands of The Bahamas is brimming with exciting experiences this summer, stretching beyond the iconic turquoise waters and pristine beaches. With the Goombay Summer Festivals, fresh culinary endeavours, and limited-time vacation savings, now is the time to visit the 16-island archipelago.

NEWS

The Bahamas Hosts Goombay Summer Festivals — The thrilling [Goombay Summer Festivals](#) have returned to showcase the true essence of Bahamian heritage, featuring the pulsating sounds of Junkanoo, musical performances, and authentic cuisine. The festivals will take place throughout the month in Nassau, Grand Bahama Island, Andros, and Eleuthera.

The Second Annual Grand Bahama Island Restaurant Fest Returns — The [Grand Bahama Island Restaurant Fest](#) once again celebrates Bahamian lobster season. Throughout August, three-course prix fix menus will be offered at more than a dozen of the island's most popular restaurants, incorporating the freshest local ingredients.

Tarpum Bay Hosts Back to the Bay Festival — The beautiful Tarpum Bay in South Eleuthera hosts a weekend-long [Back to the Bay Festival](#). From 3 to 7 August 2023, locals and visitors can enjoy live Bahamian entertainment, Junkanoo rush outs, and delicious down-home cooking.

Atlantis Paradise Island Expands Its Dining Options — Atlantis Paradise Island debuts two new culinary concepts this month. [Paranza](#), led by Chef Michael White, offers an innovative expression of Italian classics with a passionate focus of The Bahamas' fresh seafood. [Shake Shack](#) also opens with exclusive resort-only menu items.

Rosewood Baha Mar Presents In The Kitchen Summer Series — The "[In The Kitchen Summer Series](#)" is the newest culinary offering at Rosewood Baha Mar. For \$285 per person, guests can now book intimate cooking sessions with the renowned resort chefs to learn the craft of international cuisines, dish plating and wine pairings.

CARIFTA 2023 Triathlon Championships Heads to Nassau — The Bahamas has been selected to host the highly anticipated [CARIFTA Triathlon Championships](#). Goodmans Bay, Nassau will provide a stunning backdrop as nearly 200 youth athletes representing 10 Caribbean nations compete from 26 – 27 August 2023.

Beaches and Resorts in The Bahamas Rank Among the Best — From Eleuthera and Harbour Island to the Exumas, popular destinations in The Bahamas scored top recognition in *Travel + Leisure's* World's Best Awards 2023, featured in competitive categories for "[favourite islands](#)" and "[favourite resorts](#)."



The Bahamas Earns Top Travel Award Nominations — The Bahamas has been nominated for the Caribbean’s “Best Wedding Destination” and “Best Cruise Destination” in the [2023 Travvy Awards](#) produced by *TravelPulse*. In addition, the archipelago also received several nominations in [The Caribbean Boutique Hotel Awards](#) by *Caribbean Journal*. Online voting is now open for both.

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Silver Airways Passengers Save at Pink Sands Resort — When flying from Orlando to North Eleuthera on Silver Airways, travellers unlock [exclusive 15% savings at Pink Sands Resorts](#) that can be applied to stays of two nights or longer with promotion code “Silver.” One-way flights begin as low as \$99.

Tranquillity Under the Stars at The Cove, Eleuthera — Travellers are welcome to swoon over the wonders found in dark skies. The Cove, Eleuthera is offering a special [“Tranquillity Under the Stars”](#) package that includes a minimum two-night stay in an oceanfront room, a personal telescope with constellation maps, and a private night-time yoga session for two. The travel window is now through 21 August 2023.

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WHAT'S NEW IN THE BAHAMAS IN SEPTEMBER 2023

NASSAU, Bahamas, XX September 2023 — The Islands of The Bahamas is the perfect destination for travellers considering a last-minute summer vacation. In September, visitors can find vacation savings, world-class culinary experiences, and local events to complete their itineraries.

NEWS

Carnival Cruise Line Introduces the Name of 'Celebration Key' on Grand Bahama Island — Carnival Cruise Line announced the name of its new exclusive cruise port destination on Grand Bahama Island: '[Celebration Key](#).' Itineraries will open in September 2023, with plans to welcome travellers in July 2025. The announcement signals continued developments underway on Grand Bahama Island, establishing the destination as the home of events and entertainment in The Bahamas.

Delta Air Lines Announces First-Ever Direct Miami to Nassau Service — Delta Air Lines announced its first-ever daily direct service from Miami International Airport to Lynden Pindling International Airport. Beginning 5 November 2023, the [bookable flights](#) will transport South Florida travellers to the vibrant capital of The Bahamas in just over an hour.

Bahamasair Launches New Route Connecting Fort Lauderdale to Exuma — Beginning 15 November, [Bahamasair](#) will offer twice-weekly direct service between Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport and Exuma International Airport. The flight will reach George Town in just 90 minutes.

Atlantis Paradise Island Debuts New Culinary Experiences — From 2 to 9 September 2023, Atlantis Paradise Island hosts its first annual visiting chef series, [Table Takeover](#), in partnership with Nassau Paradise Wine & Food Festival, featuring Chefs JJ Johnson and Jose Garces. In addition, resort guests can dine at the newly opened Persian restaurant [Silan](#).

SLS Baha Mar Hosts Labor Day Aperol Spritz Pop-Up — Adults are invited to celebrate Labor Day Weekend at SLS Baha Mar's first-ever [Aperol Spritz Pop-Up](#). The three-day event, hosted 1 to 3 September 2023, will feature live DJ entertainment and revolving bar carts at the Bungalow Beach Bar & Grill and Privilege Pool & Bar.

Steak Night at Bahama Beach Club — Every Friday night in September, Bahama Beach Club on Treasure Cay in The Abacos will host candlelight steak dinners and live entertainment at the resort's seaside restaurant, [The Pavilion](#). Guests can reserve a table on the beach between 6:30 – 10:00 p.m.

Witness Dragon Boat Racing at Goodman's Bay Beach — The second annual [Bahamas Dragon Boat Festival](#) at Goodman's Bay Beach will be held in Nassau on 30 September 2023. Breezes Resort on Cable Beach is the exclusive hotel partner, offering spectators a prime location to view the competition and special rates on accommodations.



Anchor Bay, Eleuthera Hosts Weekly Governors Harbour Fish Fry — Throughout September, central Eleuthera comes alive every Friday night at the [Governors Harbour Fish Fry](#) from 6:00 – 11:00 p.m. Visitors can join locals for entertainment and popular Bahamian dishes, including Jack and Snapper fish, pork chops with peas and rice, and more.

The Bahamas Awarded with Top Honour at 2023 World Travel Awards Caribbean & The Americas Gala — The Islands of The Bahamas was recognised at the 2023 World Travel Awards Caribbean & The Americas Gala earned as the [2023 Caribbean's Leading Luxury Island Destination](#) top honour. The destination was also nominated in several competitive categories, such as "[leading beach destination](#)", "[leading cruise destination](#)", and more.

PROMOTIONS AND OFFERS

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Fourth Night Free at Comfort Suites Paradise Island — Travellers can find affordable options and bonus savings at the Comfort Suites Paradise Island. Guests who book three consecutive nights, will receive a [complimentary fourth night](#) and \$50 food and beverage credit. The booking window is now through 30 September 2023 for travel through 15 November 2023.

Fall Madness Savings at Resorts World Bimini — Resorts World Bimini Resort is offering up to 40% in savings with the [Fall Madness Special](#). Guests can book with promotional codes FMS35 and FM40 for stays Monday to Thursday and Friday to Sunday, respectively. The package includes round-trip transportation, entertainment, and private beach access. The booking window is now through 31 October 2023 for travel through October 2023.

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WHAT'S NEW IN THE BAHAMAS IN OCTOBER 2023

NASSAU, Bahamas, XX October 2023 — This October, as autumn settles in and seasons change elsewhere, The Bahamas' 16 islands continue to bask in tropical sunshine. Travellers can indulge in world-class culinary experiences, lively entertainment, and exciting cultural events — discovering firsthand how much this destination has to offer.

NEWS

The Historic British Colonial Hotel Set to Reopen Its Doors in Downtown Nassau — Following a multi-million dollar transformation, the [historic British Colonial hotel](#) is set to reopen this winter, with a renewed sense island-inspired sophistication. Guests will discover a redesigned lobby, seven food and beverage outlets, and 288 completely renovated guest rooms and suites.

Royal Caribbean Announces Adults-only Beach Club on Perfect Day at CocoCay — Royal Caribbean's private island in The Bahamas, [Perfect Day at CocoCay](#), will debut an adults-only beach club in January 2024. The exclusive experience, known as [Hideaway Beach](#), will feature an acre of white sand beaches, seven bars and restaurants, poolside cabana rentals, live DJs and more.

Bahamas Culinary & Arts Festival Returns with World-Class Experiences — Following the success of the inaugural event in 2022, the [Bahamas Culinary & Arts Festival](#) returns to Baha Mar 26 to 29 October 2023. The series of events will include live entertainment and exclusive dinners and cocktail tastings, featuring world-renowned chefs like Marcus Samuelsson and Dario Cecchini.

Indulgences Series at Graycliff Hotel & Restaurant — Known for its wine cellar housing more than 250,000 bottles, Graycliff Hotel & Restaurant's new ["Indulgences Series"](#) offers a new way to enjoy the impressive selection. Throughout October, visitors can book a 90-minute guided sommelier tasting experience every Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday. Tickets are priced at \$75 per person.

South Eleuthera Welcomes Visitors to Wemyss Bight Homecoming Festival — Throughout The Bahamas, homecoming festivals are held to celebrate community and tradition. Locals and visitors alike are invited to South Eleuthera for the [Wemyss Bight, Back Ta Ya Root, Homecoming Festival](#) on 4 October 2023 to enjoy native food and drinks, live band performances, and local crafts.

Long Island Sailing Club Hosts Annual Mini Regatta and Bazaar — On 7 October, the Long Island Sailing Club welcomes spectators to [the annual Mini Regatta and Bazaar](#) to experience the excitement of competitive sloop sailing, the national sport of The Bahamas. Festivities begin in Clarence Town at 2:00 p.m., including musical entertainment, local cuisine, and family friendly games.



Elevate Date Night at Café Boulud Rosewood Baha Mar — On 25 October 2023, Chef Daniel Boulud of Café Boulud Rosewood Baha Mar and Executive Chef Antoine Baillargeon are offering a meticulously crafted, one-night-only truffle dinner experience. The [five-course signature soirée](#) starts at \$495 per person and features exquisite wine pairings, savour passed canapés, and live terrace entertainment. Reservations are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Bahamas Hosts Halloween Fly-In in the Abaco — Avid pilots and aviation enthusiasts are invited to join The Bahamas in The Abacos for the annual [Halloween-Fly In](#) held 27 to 30 October 2023. Participants will be hosted at Bluff House Beach Resort & Marina on Green Turtle Cay.

JSX Announces Winter Service Direct to The Abacos — Starting 14 December 2023, [private jet charter JSX](#) will commence five-times weekly winter flights directly to Marsh Harbour on Great Abaco Island. Travellers can now book flights from major U.S. cities, including Miami-Opa Locka Executive Airport, Dallas Love Field Airport, and New York's Westchester County Airport.

Nassau Paradise Island Wine & Food Festival Announces 2024 Dates — International foodies can now mark their calendars for the second annual [Nassau Paradise Island Wine & Food Festival](#), 13 to 17 March 2024. The five-day event will highlight world-renowned top chefs, expert sommeliers, mixologists, and celebrated TV personalities. Tickets are on sale at www.npiwff.org.

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Sixth Night Free at Shannas Cove Resort — Shannas Cove Resort on Cat Island is offering an extra night in paradise. Guests who book five consecutive nights will receive a complimentary sixth night. Travellers can call +1 (242) 359-9668 or complete the online reservation form. The booking window is now through 31 October 2023 for travel through October 2023.

Run Away to Caerula Mar Club Resort — Caerula Mar Club, the luxurious Out Island escape destination located on South Andros, is now offering couples the [“Run Away Together”](#) package for reservations four nights or longer. This package includes a welcome champagne and a \$200 credit for dinner at Lusca, the resort's signature restaurant. The booking window is open until 16 October 2023, and the travel period is from 25 October to 15 December 2023.

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WHAT'S NEW IN THE BAHAMAS IN NOVEMBER 2023

NASSAU, Bahamas, XX November 2023 — Travellers seeking an escape from the autumn chill should look no further than The Islands of The Bahamas. With newly launched direct flights this fall, the 16-island destination is more accessible than ever and offers a variety of entertainment, from competitive tournaments and sporting events to local celebrations and culinary festivals.

NEWS

From the West Coast to the East, U.S. Travellers Have Greater Access to The Bahamas — Travelling to the idyllic shores of The Bahamas is now easier than ever. Beginning 4 November 2023, [JetBlue](#) will operate its first-ever weekly, nonstop service from Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) to Nassau's Lynden Pindling International Airport (NAS). Additionally, [Bahamasair](#) resumes service from Raleigh-Durham International Airport (RDU) to Grand Bahama International Airport (GBIA) on 12 November 2023, reaching Freeport in under two hours.

Makers Air Launches Twice-Weekly, Nonstop Flights to Long Island from Fort Lauderdale — [Makers Air](#) announced new twice-weekly, nonstop flights to Long Island, a destination known for its breathtaking cliffs and ecological wonders, including Dean's Blue Hole and Hamilton's Cave. Beginning 14 December 2023, service will operate between Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport (FXE) and Stella Maris Airport (SML), every Thursday and Sunday.

Rick Fox Introduces the World's First Carbon-Negative Home in The Bahamas — Nassau, Bahamas is now home to the world's first-ever carbon-negative concrete home constructed by [Partanna Global](#), founded by former NBA player and Bahamian entrepreneur Rick Fox and award-winning architect Sam Marshall. In partnership with the government of The Bahamas, 1,000 homes will be built with the new material, furthering the nation's commitment to combatting the global climate crisis.

Second Annual Bahamas Charter Yacht Show Announces 2024 Dates — After an impressive debut, [Bahamas Charter Yacht Show](#) is set to return 25 to 28 January 2024. The charter broker-only event will be staged at leading Nassau and Paradise Island marinas, including Atlantis Paradise Island, Bay Street Marina, Nassau Cruise Port, The Pointe Marina and Hurricane Hole Superyacht Marina.

Celebrate Thanksgiving in Paradise at Baha Mar — This Thanksgiving, travellers can create new holiday traditions at Baha Mar. The resort will offer a series of curated events, from community service opportunities to elevated holiday dinner options. Guests can book a reservation at [Café Boulud](#), serving a prix-fixe Thanksgiving feast or a special family-style table experience at [Costa](#).

NCAA Athletes and Basketball Fans Bound for The Bahamas — The Bahamas celebrates the start of the NCAA season with the 2023 [Battle 4 Atlantis](#) College Basketball Tournament held at Atlantis Paradise



Island, 18 to 24 November 2023. Fans can cheer on their favourite teams at the [Tailgate Party](#) on 22 November 2023.

The Conchman Triathlon Returns to Grand Bahama Island — On 4 November 2023, the [Conchman Triathlon](#) returns to Tiano Beach on Grand Bahama Island. The race continues its tradition welcoming visitors and locals of all ages to compete since 1986. Online registration closes 1 November 2023.

Viking Yacht Owners Head to Bimini Big Game Resort — Bimini Big Game Resort and Marina will host the first-ever annual [Viking Yacht Owners weekend Tournament](#), 9 to 12 November 2023. The exclusive event led by Captain Chase Camacho will bring together adult and junior anglers to compete.

Anglers Welcomed to 7th Annual Old Bahama Bay Wahoo Charity Cup — Anglers across Florida and The Bahamas will hunt in the boundless turquoise waters of Grand Bahama Island for the chance at catching the [Old Bahama Bay Wahoo Charity Cup's](#) biggest wahoo. Participants will meet at Old Bahama Bay Resort & Marina 16 to 18 November 2023.

The Abacos Celebrate Its Bountiful Seas with Inaugural Seafood Food Festival — The inaugural [Seafood Festival](#) in Crown Haven, Abaco will take place 18 November 2023, beginning at 12:00 pm ET. The event will highlight a fusion of the island chain's rich maritime culture and culinary delicacies, featuring friendly competition and live entertainment.

Great Exuma Hosts Farmer's Hill & Old Place Homecoming — Visitors are welcome to Join Exuma in celebrating authentic Bahamian culture and tradition at the [Farmer's Hill and Old Place Homecoming](#) celebration on 23 November 2023. Family-friendly festivities will include local cuisine and live entertainment.

Best of the Best Regatta to Showcase Premiere Sloop Sailing Tradition — Bahamian culture will be on full display at the [2023 Best of the Best Regatta](#) held from 30 November to 3 December in Montagu Bay in Nassau. The four-day event is expected to attract over 200 sloop sailors from across the archipelago, showcasing the skill and sportsmanship behind The Bahamas national sport.

The Bahamas Earns Top Travel Accolades and Awards — The Islands of The Bahamas earned a spot in the coveted "The Best Islands in the World: 2023 Readers' Choice Awards" by [Conde Nast Traveler](#). Additionally, [Caribbean Journal](#) named Nassau's Graycliff Hotel the "Best Boutique Hotel in The Bahamas" and [Travel Weekly](#) awarded The Bahamas and Magical Vacation Planner a Gold Magellan Award in the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Marketing category.

The Bahamas Ministry of Tourism, Investments & Aviation Heads to 2023 DEMA Show — Representatives from BMOTIA are headed to the annual [Diving Equipment & Marketing Association \(DEMA\)](#) Show in New Orleans 14 to 17 November 2023 to showcase the archipelago's premiere diving offerings. Throughout the show, BMOTIA will be hosting one-on-one meetings with dive partners, two



seminars focused on coral restoration tourism throughout The Bahamas, and a Bahamas Happy Hour with booth games to win dive trips and prizes provided by dive partners.

PROMOTIONS AND OFFERS

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Atlantis Paradise Island Offers Special "Singles Day" Package — [Atlantis Paradise Island](#) celebrates National Singles Day on 11 November 2023 with a special 24-hour bookable offer. The "Singles Day" Package starts at \$1,111 for two and includes discounted stays at The Coral, The Royal, The Reef and The Cove for select travel dates in 2024.

Visitors Can Travel from Nassau to the Out Islands for Free — U.S. and Canadian residents can take advantage of a limited-time offer to explore the [Out Islands](#) at a discount. Pre-booked hotel stays of four nights or longer at participating Out Island properties can earn up to two free airline or Bahamas Ferries tickets from Nassau. The booking window is now through 13 November 2023, for travel until 30 April 2024.

Enjoy 20% Off Goldwynn Resort & Residences Bookings — Travellers who book their stay at [Goldwynn Resort & Residences](#), Nassau's newest luxury, oceanfront resort, by 30 November 2023 will receive 20% off their stay. This exclusive, limited-time offering is a wonderful way to experience the tranquil, private location and pristine amenities of the 81-room resort that debuted on Cable Beach earlier this year.

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NASSAU, Bahamas, XX December 2023 — Travellers can opt for sunshine this holiday season visiting one or more of the 16 distinct destinations across The Islands of The Bahamas. Between festive events and the highly anticipated Boxing Day and New Year's Eve Junkanoo rushes, visitors have ample opportunities to make lasting memories with the entire family.

NEWS

The Islands of The Bahamas Surpasses Record-Breaking Arrivals in 2023 — The Bahamas Ministry of Tourism, Investments & Aviation is thrilled to announce the destination has officially welcomed over 8 million visitors. 2023 has been a milestone year for The Bahamas. Along with eclipsing record-breaking visitor arrivals, the country also celebrated its Golden Jubilee in July.

Junkanoo To Light Up Bay Street During Boxing Day and New Year's Eve Celebrations — [Junkanoo, the national cultural festival](#) of The Bahamas, returns for its largest celebrations in downtown Nassau on Boxing Day (26 Dec. 2023) and 1 Jan. 2024. Junkanoo is The Bahamas' cultural festival that represents the rich heritage of the African diaspora and is a colourful tradition that speaks to the strength and resilience of the Bahamian people.

Alaska Air Launching First-Ever Flights to The Bahamas — Beginning 15 December 2023, Alaska Air will service four times weekly flights from Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) and three times weekly flights from Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA) to Nassau Lyden Pindling International Airport (NAS). West Coast travellers will have further opportunities to explore the capital city or choose to board a short connection to one of the Out Islands unlocking a breadth of experiences that await across the 16-island destination. For more information or to book flights, visit www.alaskaair.com.

Albany Hosts HERO World Challenge — The [2023 HERO World Challenge](#), an exclusive golf tournament hosted by Tiger Woods, returns once again this year. The event takes place from 27 November to 3 December 2023 at Albany's par-72 Championship Golf Course in The Bahamas.

The Bahamas Introduces New Cultural Events in Grand Bahama Island — This December, visitors to [Grand Bahama Island](#) can join new weekly events aimed to immerse travellers into the local culture, including weekly "Rake n Scrape" performances every Thursday from 7:00 to 9:00 pm through 28 December 2023, held at alternating locations. What's more, free transportation will be provided from all hotels within the Freeport area. Travellers are welcome to participate in "Bonfire Fridays" at Freetown Festival site through 29 December, inclusive of fire dancers, Bahamian cuisine, and limbo. The entry fee is \$25 per person, inclusive of transportation.

South Bimini Airport to Undergo \$80 Million Renovations — Future passengers flying into South Bimini Airport will be met with [updated terminal improvements](#) following a management agreement signed by



The Bahamas and Bimini Airport Development Partners Limited. The 30-year agreement consists of two-phases and is set to support increased visitor arrivals through initial runway and temporary improvements as well the construction of a whole new passenger terminal.

Atlantis Paradise Island to Ring in 2024 with “Party Like A Royal” Music Event — [Atlantis Paradise Island’s](#) New Year’s weekend lineup of events returns with superstar talent including Tony Award and five-time Emmy Award-winning actor Neil Patrick Harris, multi-platinum, GRAMMY® Award-winning super producer and artist [Timbaland](#), GRAMMY® Award-winning multi-platinum band [Maroon 5](#), and more. Open to resort guests and the public, the multi-day festivities will be held from 30 to 31 December 2023. Tickets are available for purchase [online](#).

Baha Mar Celebrates the Holidays with a Myriad of Festive Programming — From 14 to 31 December 2023, Baha Mar will host a selection of seasonal festivities, ranging from entertainment for kids and teens to cultural celebrations and culinary delights. Programming includes a “Kids Holiday Festival,” “Nutcracker Afternoon Tea,” Junkanoo performances and more. To learn more about the resort’s seasonal offerings, visit Baha Mar’s [holiday calendar](#).

The Cove Eleuthera Announces Holiday Events for Guests to Embrace Season’s Spirit — Deck the halls Bahamian style at The Cove Eleuthera. Festive programming includes Junkanoo costume making and mixology classes as well as family-oriented activities such as Santa meet and greets and Santa letter writing. To explore more of The Cove Eleuthera’s holiday offers, visit the property’s [event calendar](#).

The Bahamas Wins Top Accolades at 2023 HSMAI Adrian Awards — Following year-long campaigning to promote the destination’s 50th anniversary of independence in 2023, The Bahamas received a “Gold” distinction for its outstanding travel public relations efforts by [Hospitality Sales & Marketing Association International](#) (HSMAI). The destination also secured “Bronze” recognitions for its integrated campaign spotlighting [Cat Island](#) and experiential marketing campaign promoting the country’s conservation efforts for their interactive [Hidden Worlds](#) activation. The Adrian Awards, now in their 67th year, are the largest and most prestigious competition in global travel marketing.

Two of The Bahamas’ Digital Campaigns Win Platinum Viddy Awards — The Bahamas won Platinum Viddy Awards for their digital tourism campaigns entitled “[A Pilot’s Perspective](#)” and “[Wild, Wild Dolphins](#),” spotlighting Andros and Bimini, respectively.

The Bahamas’ People-to-People Programme Wins at City Nation Place Awards 2023 — The Bahamas’ “[People-to-People Programme](#)” won within the [2023 City Nation Place Awards’](#) “Citizen Engagement” category. Led by the Bahamas Ministry of Tourism, Investments & Aviation, the initiative has been operating for nearly 50 years, complimentary connecting travellers with Bahamian ambassadors to provide visitors with an authentic taste of Bahamian hospitality and culture.

PROMOTIONS AND OFFERS



For a complete list of deals and discounted packages in The Bahamas, visit www.bahamas.com/deals-packages.

Extended Black Friday Sales at Grand Isle Resort & Residences — Travellers can extend Black Friday savings when booking 4 nights or more before 4 December 2023 at [Grand Isle Resort & Residences](#) to receive a \$400 resort credit. To book, guests can use promo code PKGCYB for travel through 8 March 2024. Blackout dates apply.

The Ocean Club, A Four Seasons Resort Offers Fourth Night Free — The Ocean Club, A Four Seasons Resort is offering guests a [complimentary fourth night](#) when booking a three-night stay for travel through 19 December 2024. Round-trip transportation between the airport and resort is also provided. To learn more about the promotion's terms and conditions, call the resort's reservation team at (561) 931-0620.

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THE BAHAMAS COMMEMORATES 50 YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE WITH GRAND CELEBRATIONS JULY 10th AND BEYOND

Residents and visitors can join specially curated, year-long calendar of events for the Golden Jubilee across the 16-island archipelago

NASSAU, Bahamas, X July 2023 – Monday, 10 July marks the 50th Anniversary of Independence for The Bahamas, a resilient Caribbean destination brimming with natural beauty, rich culture, longstanding traditions and true Bahamian pride. To celebrate this incredible milestone, the 16-island destination is inviting travellers to join Bahamians in embracing their way of life and discovering why it is deserving of a Golden Jubilee.

“The immense pride and joy that I, alongside my Bahamian brothers and sisters, are experiencing this Independence Day, will be seen, heard and felt throughout each of our 16 islands,” said the Honourable I. Chester Cooper, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Tourism, Investments & Aviation. “On our day of independence, 10 July and every day after, we celebrate our people, culture and natural beauty that has shaped our country into what it is today.”

Visitors looking to join the celebrations of 50 Years of Independence this year can immerse themselves into the true spirit of The Bahamas by:

- **Learning the 50 Reasons to Love The Bahamas:** From The Bahamas’ unique, geographical diversity, endless land and sea adventures and laidback island lifestyle, to its vibrant culture, historical landmarks and unexpected experiences, [this list](#) of “50 Reasons to Love The Bahamas” will leave visitors with a deeper understanding of the destination, beyond the beaches.
- **Engaging in Cultural Celebrations Throughout the 16 Islands:** From Junkanoo rush outs and fireworks to cultural festivals, regattas and markets, there are plenty of ways now through December 2023 to celebrate [The Bahamas Golden Jubilee](#).
- **Supporting Local Businesses & Artists:** Honour The Bahamas by shopping at locally owned Bahamian businesses across [the islands](#) or see the destination through [Bahamian artists’](#) eyes by visiting local art galleries, studios and exhibitions.
- **Diving into Local Bahamian History:** Take a break from the beach, and head to the many cultural landmarks and [historical museums](#) that be found on each of The Bahamas’ 16 islands. There are endless traditions and unexpected stories waiting to be discovered.

The Bahamas’ tourism economy has experienced quite a transformative year leading up to its golden anniversary, having welcomed more than 4.2 million travellers to its shores through May, well on the path to meeting the goal of 8 million visitors in 2023. The Bahamas remains at the top of travellers’ bucket lists, and with new, first-ever non-stop flights from major markets, a cutting-edge new cruise port, recent hotel openings and one-of-a-kind experiences across the islands, there’s no better time than now to visit The Bahamas.

“We are witnessing a triumphant tourism boom in The Islands of The Bahamas, meaning there are more people across the globe who have the appetite to experience our beloved country,” said Latia Duncombe, Director General of Tourism, Investments & Aviation. “To the visitors who are currently

celebrating with us, and to those who have their eyes set on visiting us soon, I hope that our authentic island wonders keep you coming back for more.”

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**THE BAHAMAS MINISTRY OF TOURISM, INVESTMENTS & AVIATION
CELEBRATES WORLD TOURISM DAY, SHINING AN IMPORTANT LIGHT ON GREEN
INVESTMENTS**

NASSAU, Bahamas, September 27, 2023 –The Bahamas Ministry of Tourism, Investments & Aviation (BMOTIA) proudly joins the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) in commemorating the 43rd annual World Tourism Day. This year’s theme embraces innovative green investments that will ultimately benefit the world’s people, safeguard the health of the planet, and foster economic prosperity to lead to a more sustainable future.

“As a nation reliant on tourism and witnessing the direct impact of climate change, this year’s World Tourism Day theme resonates with us deeply. We recognize the importance of making bold investments that are for the greater good of the world,” said The Honourable I. Chester Cooper, Bahamas Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Tourism, Investments & Aviation. “We are committed to shaping a resilient nation that thrives at the intersection of sustainability, robust economic growth, and groundbreaking innovation for the generations to come.”

Investing in People – The Bahamas continues to evolve and advance its economy to not only be a leader in tourism and hospitality, but by investing in Bahamians to stimulate entrepreneurship and increase workplace skills. The Bahamas has implemented various people-first initiatives:

- The Tourism Development Corporation provides crucial entrepreneurial support, along with access to training and certification, enabling Bahamians to launch tourism-related businesses that drive economic development and create a positive impact. [BMOTIA TO CONFIRM]
- The Creative Industry-Tourism Council tailored for creative professionals, fosters innovative businesses spanning from software design, interior and fashion design, architecture, entertainment, culture and more. [BMOTIA TO CONFIRM]
- Furthermore, the Nassau Paradise Island Promotion Board and industry partners pledged a substantial \$750,000 investment for the enhancement of Hospitality Management and Tourism studies at the University of The Bahamas.

Investing in Planet – With susceptibility and vulnerability to climate change, The Bahamas prioritizes sustainable practices to safeguard its future, preserve and protect natural resources, and ensure long-term resilience. To maintain this resilience, the archipelago has implemented industry-leading green initiatives including:

- The development of renewable solar microgrids across several islands to reduce dependency on fossil fuel and build a resilient infrastructure, including Ragged Island, the first island in The Bahamas to be fully powered by solar energy. [BMOTIA TO CONFIRM]
- The Destination Stewardship Council, a non-profit organization responsible for establishing global standards in destination management and promoting sustainable



development of tourism with the aim of educating local communities on global best practices in sustainable, community-based tourism management.

- Coral restorations initiatives have taken extreme priority in the race to save the coral reefs of The Bahamas. The Perry Institute for Marine Science in partnership with the Reef Rescue Network are rehabilitating coral reefs alongside a network of communities, organizations, dive shops and volunteers throughout The Bahamas.
- The Andros Cluster Initiative, in collaboration with The Bahamas Development Bank, aims to improve and develop sustainable and economic opportunities in Andros – *The Bahamas' largest island* – while simultaneously ensuring natural and cultural heritage conservation.

Investing in Prosperity – The Bahamas is spearheading a transformative drive towards prosperity by fostering entrepreneurship and innovation through strategic green investments. The nation is not only approving innovative projects in tourism but also expanding into sectors such as advanced technology.

“We have made incredible strides, but today is a reminder to remain steadfast in our approach to responsible tourism,” said Latia Duncombe, Director General of The Bahamas Ministry of Tourism, Investments & Aviation. “Empowering our communities, investing in our people and infrastructure and forging strategic investments that bolster our local economy are the cornerstones of our journey toward a more prosperous future.”

The Bahamas Ministry of Investments & Aviation encourages all to join the #WorldTourismDay2023 conversation on social media.

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A TOURISM BOOM: THE BAHAMAS ON TRACK TO WELCOME RECORD-BREAKING 8 MILLION VISITORS IN 2023

NASSAU, Bahamas (XX Oct. 2023) – Outpacing tourism performance projections, The Bahamas Ministry of Tourism, Investments & Aviation (BMOTIA) is honoured to share that the destination is well on its path to reaching its record-breaking 8 million annual visitor goal before the year's end, currently boasting an impressive 6.6 million visitors to-date. These findings, along with other news and developments from a monumental year of tourism growth, will be presented at the State of the Tourism Industry Conference (SOTIC), held 9-13 October in Turks & Caicos.

“To continue to drive increased visitation from new and repeat visitors, we designed a strategy that resonated with today’s traveller,” said Latia Duncombe, Director General of The Bahamas Ministry of Tourism, Investments & Aviation. “With recent openings, new direct flights from major markets, and a cutting-edge new cruise port, we’re excited to see The Bahamas remain a top destination for global travellers.”

The extraordinary growth in tourism underscores the collective dedication and collaboration between partners, stakeholders, visitors, and the Bahamian community.

Of the 6.9 million visitors, 1.3 million arrived by air and 5.3 million by cruise, and these figures are set to soar even higher in Q4. Many factors made this possible — increased air travel and cruising, major events like the year-long 50th Anniversary of Independence Golden Jubilee celebration, and key market initiatives and investments. Some highlights include:

- JetBlue announced daily direct flights to Nassau from LaGuardia International Airport in New York earlier this year. In addition, both Jet Blue and Alaska Air will provide direct flights from the West Coast starting this fall and winter, a first-ever offering for the region. Silver Airways also introduced two new nonstop flights out of Orlando, Florida to Eleuthera and Abaco.
- Hotel occupancy rates for major hotels in Nassau and Paradise Island are up, eclipsing those of 2019 and 2022.
- Cruise arrivals are outpacing 2022 and the historic 2019 record year.
- Arrivals are expected to sustain an average growth rate of 12.7% through February 2024.
- The United States continues to lead the stopover market, up 26.3% in September 2023 year-over-year.
- Renovation projects are booming, including the reopening of the British Colonial Hotel in downtown Nassau slated for winter and the Nassau Cruise Port's \$300 million renovation, which opened earlier this year.

SOTIC convenes both regional and global experts, visionaries, key decision-makers, and influencers to strategize the future steps needed to ensure the region's sustained competitiveness and sustainable expansion in the tourism sector.



To learn more about The Bahamas, visit Bahamas.com.

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PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Bahamas Ministry of Tourism, Investments & Aviation to Showcase the Destination's Boating Excellence at Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show 25-29 October

NASSAU, Bahamas, 23 Oct. 2023 – Representatives from the Bahamas Ministry of Tourism, Investments and Aviation (BMOTIA), along with the Association of Bahamas Marinas (ABM), the Out Island Promotion Board (OIPB) and the Bahamas Customs Department will attend 64th annual Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show (FLIBS) 25-29 October 2023, where they'll feature the 16-island destination's superior offerings for boaters and expanded business opportunities for the destination's many marinas.

The nearly weeklong event is expected to draw more than 100,000 attendees from more than 52 countries and 1,200 exhibitors to the "Yachting Capital of the World" to take part in exhibits, seminars and marketplace events for the marinas, cruising and sport fishing industries.

"For The Bahamas, boating isn't just an industry; it's woven into our very essence, and FLIBS is a great opportunity to reassert our status as a premiere boating and yachting mecca," said John Pinder, Parliamentary Secretary of Tourism, Investments & Aviation who will be attending this year's show. "This year's boat show will give us a platform to increase exposure of several new and exciting developments in The Bahamas that are tailored to boating enthusiasts, new and seasoned captains and boat owners."

In addition to the year-long celebrations of its 50th Anniversary of Independence, The Bahamas is witnessing an incredible year of growth and outpacing tourism performance projections, with an impression 6.6 million visitors to-date, X being boaters.

Boating and yachting have always been significant economic drivers for The Bahamas. Over the last year, new boating developments include a partnership between Atlantis Paradise Island and Aquazeal, a luxury yacht charter company; the official reopening of Hurricane Hole Superyacht Marina on Paradise Island; and the reopening at the end of 2021 of the Moorings base at the Abaco Beach Resort in Marsh Harbour.

Those attending the events in Fort Lauderdale are encouraged to experience:

- **The Bahamas booth** located in the main tent at Booth #23 to learn about the latest offerings and developments across the boating sector.
- **"Boating to The Bahamas: The Ease of Crossing" Seminars** hosted by Bahamas Boating Ambassadors Grant Johnson and Robert Brousseau on 26 and 27 October at 11:00 a.m. within the Broward County Convention Center.
- **A Bahamian Hapy Hour** on-site at FLIBS. Trade show goers can stop by The Bahamas booth (#23) on 27 Oct. between 2:00-3:00 p.m. for Bahamian bites and cocktails, as well as Junkanoo performances.



With more than 700 islands and cays scattered across 100,000 square miles of Atlantic Ocean, The Bahamas reigns as the preeminent boating haven and remains the gateway for unparalleled experiences – from fishing, diving, to idyllic beachcombing – all part of the allure of island-hopping life.

For more information, please visit www.flibs.com and www.bahamas.com.

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THE BAHAMAS AND JETBLUE CELEBRATE FIRST-EVER NONSTOP FLIGHT CONNECTING LOS ANGELES TO NASSAU

NASSAU, Bahamas, 04 November 2023 – Today marked a significant milestone as JetBlue and The Islands of The Bahamas jointly welcomed passengers on the airline's first nonstop service from Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) to Lynden Pindling International Airport (NAS) in Nassau, the booming capital of The Bahamas. The new direct service is poised to simplify travel between these two coasts, enhancing accessibility to the coveted Caribbean paradise known for its pristine beaches, crystal-clear waters and vibrant culture.

“As we have seen today, this direct link between coasts will open doors for countless travellers to experience the beauty, warmth, and rich heritage of our country without the hassle of multiple connections,” said The Honourable I. Chester Cooper, Bahamas Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Tourism, Investments & Aviation. “We are thrilled to continue welcoming passengers on the new JetBlue service, ensuring their arrival to our shores is nothing short of extraordinary.”

The first JetBlue flight #2710 from Los Angeles arrived today in [Lynden Pindling International Airport](#) where passengers were greeted and embraced in true Bahamian style, with a spirited and traditional Bahamian Junkanoo welcome, setting the stage for an unforgettable experience in The Bahamas.

“We are excited to introduce a new option to connect our customers in Los Angeles to the destinations they want to fly,” said Erik Hildebrandt, director domestic cities, JetBlue. “This new service to Nassau will bring more great service and everyday low fares to more customers, will expand our network and international presence in the Caribbean and open a direct option to Nassau, a world class and popular destination.”

Travellers arriving in Nassau and Paradise Island are welcomed with numerous luxury resorts, diverse dining, shopping, a vibrant nightlife and endless authentic Bahamian culture – from art exhibits to historical landmarks. The bustling capital also serves as the launch pad and gateway to unlock the splendour of all 16 islands in The Bahamas.

“We are thrilled that it is now easier than ever for those in Los Angeles to reach Nassau and Paradise Island to experience all that these two islands have to offer,” said Nassau Paradise Island Promotion Board CEO Joy Jibrilu. “From outstanding accommodations and beautiful beaches to delicious dining and authentic cultural experiences, Nassau and Paradise Island are full of Bahamian spirit, and we look forward to welcoming those from the West Coast with JetBlue’s new direct service.”

JetBlue, known for its low fares and great service, features the most legroom in coach (a); fast, free and unlimited high-speed Fly-Fi (b); complimentary name-brand snacks and drinks; and seatback entertainment at every seat. The new route will also offer customers JetBlue’s award-winning Mint premium experience, featuring its lie-flat seats, innovative design touches and a restaurant-style small plate dining concept from Delicious Hospitality Group (DHG). The direct



flights will operate once weekly, departing both Los Angeles and Nassau on Saturdays at 7:00 a.m. and 4:42 p.m., respectively. Travellers can learn about the new service and the destination by visiting JetBlue.com, Bahamas.com and NassauParadiselsland.com.

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- (b) Fly-Fi® and live television are available on all JetBlue-operated flights. Coverage area may vary by aircraft. Details on inflight wi-fi and entertainment: <https://www.jetblue.com/flying-with-us>

ABOUT NASSAU PARADISE ISLAND

Nassau Paradise Island, Bahamas is known for having some of the most beautiful white sand beaches in the world, turquoise blue water, the Caribbean's best entertainment and a spectrum of resorts from ultra-exclusive to family friendly. This convenient destination is serviced by several non-stop flights from most major U.S. cities. Less than an hour from South Florida and less than three hours from New York City, Nassau Paradise Island is so close, yet feels like it's a world away. Additional information about where to stay and incredible value-added packages may be found at www.NassauParadiselsland.com.

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THE BAHAMAS AND ALASKA AIRLINES CELEBRATE FIRST-EVER NONSTOP ROUTES CONNECTING WEST COAST TRAVELLERS TO NASSAU

NASSAU, Bahamas, XX December 2023 – This week, The Islands of The Bahamas and Alaska Airlines marked a significant milestone jointly welcoming first-ever passengers from Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) and Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA) to Lynden Pindling International Airport (NAS) in Nassau, the nation’s booming capital.

Respectively launched on 14 and 15 December, the new nonstop routes provide West Coast travellers with greater access to the coveted Caribbean paradise renowned for its pristine beaches, crystal-clear waters and vibrant culture.

“The Bahamas is committed to establishing new partnerships, such as these exciting new routes with Alaska Airlines, that will enhance accessibility to our beautiful shores for all to experience the warm hospitality and rich heritage that awaits,” said The Honourable I. Chester Cooper, Bahamas Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Tourism, Investments & Aviation. “In 2023, we surpassed record-breaking tourism arrivals eclipsing 8 million visitors, and with this new service, anticipate this momentum to continue steadfast.”

Passengers arrived to [Lynden Pindling International Airport](#) greeted and embraced in true Bahamian style, with a spirited and traditional Bahamian Junkanoo welcome, setting the stage for an unforgettable experience in The Bahamas.

“Our roster of increased flight service is transporting passengers to countries we’ve never served before, opening gateways to exciting new destinations,” said Kirsten Amrine, vice president of revenue management and network planning for Alaska Airlines. “For the first time, with the launch of our new routes from both Seattle and Los Angeles to Nassau, our West Coast travelers can visit the pristine islands and turquoise waters of The Bahamas.”

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“We are thrilled to welcome the first nonstop flights on Alaska Airlines from Los Angeles and Seattle, making it easier than ever for those on the West Coast to visit our beautiful destination,” said Joy Jibrilu, Nassau Paradise Island Promotion Board CEO. “This strategic expansion is a testament to the collaborative efforts between our destination and our airline partners and I want to thank Alaska Airlines and their planning team for working to make this new route a reality. From white sandy beaches and crystal-clear turquoise waters to culture around every corner and a variety of world-class resort options, Nassau & Paradise Island offer something for every type of traveler, and we look forward to having even more West Coast travelers discover what makes our islands so special.”



The direct service will operate four-times weekly from Los Angeles and three-times weekly from Seattle. Travellers can learn about the new service and the destination by visiting AlaskaAir.com, Bahamas.com and NassauParadiselsland.com.

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ABOUT ALASKA AIRLINES

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Hi XX,

As you may already know, 2023 is a landmark year for [The Islands of The Bahamas](#).

The 16-island archipelago – with its iconic pink sand beaches and crystal-clear waters – turns 50 on July 10, 2023, and I would love to connect with you to gauge upcoming editorial opportunities that may be a fit to highlight the culture and most importantly, the vibrant people of The Bahamas. If so, wanted to share a few thought starters that I thought you may be interested in considering, below:

- ***Then and Now – A Look at Bahamian Independence***
 - Think digital archive tour and opportunity to chat with young Bahamian Art Historian Tiera Ndlovu, founder of [Baha Archives](#) (check out their IG [here!](#))
- ***50 Reasons to Love The Bahamas***
 - From exploring the destination’s land and sea adventures, vibrant culture, Bahamian fare and more, [here](#) are “50 Reasons to Love The Bahamas.”
 - Opportunities to share insights provided by personalities across The Bahamas 16 islands to speak to the importance of the country’s milestone anniversary. A sampling of interview opportunities include:
 - [Ansil Saunders](#), retired fly-fishing guide who accompanied Martin Luther King in Bimini
 - “The King of the Conch” [Tony Macaroni](#) in Grand Bahama Island
 - Muralist [Angelika Wallace-Whitfield](#) in Nassau
 - Pamela Poitier, Hollywood legend Sydney Poitier’s daughter and [Cat Island](#) resident
- ***Celebrate The Bahamas 50th Anniversary by Supporting These Must-Visit Local Businesses***
 - Honoring The Bahamas via authentically Bahamian businesses. A sampling include the [Eleuthera Pineapple Farm](#) (where visitors can take a tour of the word-renowned “sugar-loaf” pineapple fields), purchasing island vibe designs from [Bahamas Hand Prints](#) or embracing “island time” at the iconic Chat-n-Chill beach bar in The Exumas

Throughout 2023, visitors can also join in on the celebrations. Linked [here](#), you can find the calendar of events slated to take place all year long.

Looking forward to hearing your thoughts on the above ideas and happy to chat through additional angles that may come to mind. To note, happy to work with you to fast track assets and/or interviews.

Thanks for considering.

Best,
Elizabeth



SUBJ: How to Experience a Barbie-Pink Inspired Vacation in The Bahamas

Hi there, XX –

There's no escaping one of the most highly anticipated movies of the summer! [The Bahamas](#) - a 16-island nation, yes there are 16 - is home to the world's most beautiful blue waters, but also plenty of pink-hued buildings, hotels, beaches and animals to make all the Barbie-inspired wanderlust vacation dreams come true.

If you're working on any fun, Barbie inspired summer vacation / travel or set jetting stories, I'd love for you to consider The Bahamas, one of the closest Caribbean islands to the U.S.:

Meet the Pink Locals:

- Inagua, The Bahamas' southernmost under-the-radar destination is home to **80,000 pink flamingos** or rise and shine via [flamingo yoga](#) at the popular megaresort Baha Mar in Nassau.
- The **famous pink swimming pigs** of the [Exumas](#) are bucket-list worthy

Pink Sand Beaches, Resorts & More:

- **Harbour Island** is home to the jaw dropping Pink Sand Beach.
- Travelers can book a stay at [Pink Sand Beach Resort](#), a luxe-boutique resort where you can savor a "The Famous Pinky" cocktail underneath pink-striped umbrellas.
- Harbour island is also home to plenty of pastel-hued vacation rentals, homes and buildings (We see you [Paris Hilton!](#)) that are social worthy for THAT shot, including the [Historic Coral House](#).
- [Hopetown Inn and Marina](#) in Abaco is another must-add.

Fun Facts:

- Stop by the [Government House](#) in Nassau, for an iconic shot of this historic, pink establishment
- Savor a "[Big Major Splash](#)" at Bon Vivants cocktail bar, yes you'll be sipping your cocktail out of a porcelain pig.
- You can't escape the pink of the iconic [Atlantis Paradise Island](#), but did you know the local seafood delicacy "[Conch](#)" has some of the most beautiful pink shells?

Hi-res images can be found [HERE](#), and happy to answer any questions on the above tid-bits, should it be a fit for anything you're working on.

Best,
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SUBJ: Girl Math The Gift of Travel - Black Friday/Cyber Monday Deals + Shoppable Bahamian Brands

Hi Camryn –

It's simple *Girl Math*: whether you're booking far enough in advance that your past self gets paid for it, OR Black Friday deals saved you so much money that your vacation allowance just doubled, your ultimate dream vacation to The Bahamas is within reach.

Please see the below **Black Friday and Cyber Monday deals** for editorial consideration, **plus a list of our favorite shoppable Bahamian brands** for the traveler in your life.

Hot Deals Across the 16 Islands of The Bahamas

For an even wider selection of deals, visit [Bahamas.com/CyberWeek2023](https://bahamas.com/CyberWeek2023)

Nassau/Paradise Island: The vibrant capital of The Bahamas, an island metropolis where the ease of the tropics meets the big city.

- [Warwick Paradise Island](#) guests can receive up to 30% off all-inclusive rates. Along with relaxing under the sun, guests can enjoy waterfront dining, bars, and a lagoon-style pool.
 - Booking window: Now – Nov. 28, 2023
 - Travel Window: Now – Dec. 31, 2024

Andros: AKA the “Big Yard,” the largest island in The Bahamas known for its vast, untouched landscapes and endless adventures for outdoor lovers.

- [Caerula Mar Club](#) – an award-winning luxury resort – is offering guests 10% off room reservations when booking 4+ nights and a \$200 resort credit for on-site dining, excursions, and more. The property's airline partner, Makers Air, will also include 10% off the base fare on scheduled flights from Fort Lauderdale exclusively for Caerula Mar guests.
 - Booking window: Nov. 24 – Dec. 15, 2023
 - Travel Window: Jan. 1 – Feb. 28, 2024
 - How to Book: Call 1-800-790-6845 or email reservations@caerulamar.com. To book flights on Makers Air, email caerulamar@makersair.com with promo code CMGUEST or call 1-954-771-0330.

Bimini: A place where Ernest Hemingway's favorite seaside hideaway meets the Lost City of Atlantis awaits just 50 nautical miles from the coast of South Florida.

- [Resorts World Bimini](#) is offering a Cyber Month – All-November Sale, including roundtrip seaplane flights on Tropic Ocean Airways from Ft. Lauderdale, bundling a 3-night stay at a special rate of \$599 per person. Enjoy a private marina and beach access, day club entertainment, casino, and more.
 - Booking window: Now – 30, 2023
 - Travel Window: Jan. 2 – Feb. 14, 2024
 - How to Book: Travelers can book online at <https://rwbimini.com/event/cyber-month-2023/> or call 1-888-888-1262.

Grand Bahama Island: Home to three national parks, including one of the world's largest underwater cave systems and a Bahamian pine forest, adventure balances relaxation.

- [Lighthouse Pointe at Grand Lucayan](#) is offering guests 50% off Marina & Ocean View Room rates as well as 20% off Senses Spa treatments. Luxury meets affordability at this blended, beachside property that offers the best of both hotel-only and all-inclusive experiences. Select blackout dates apply (Nov. 21 – Nov. 23, 2023).
 - Booking window: Now - Dec. 30, 2023
 - Travel Window: Now - Dec. 30, 2023

Shop Local this Holiday Season

- [iisaBahamianBey](#) – a Bahamian culture-inspired clothing line offering travel essentials to fill your beach bag like their popular bucket hats to shade the sun and t-shirts commemorating The Bahamas' 50th Anniversary of Independence.
- [Bahari](#) – a brand that has redefined Bahamian fashion with an ever-growing product line ranging in depth from resort-wear to fragrances, leather goods to footwear.
- [Androsia](#) – a textile company that has produced beautiful, handmade materials since 1973. The brightly colored authentic Bahamian hand-dyed cotton fabric features designs inspired by elements found on the Out Island of Andros and within Bahamian culture.

Hi-res destination images are [linked here](#). Pending interest, I'm happy to answer questions or provide additional photos for inclusion.

Thank you,
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SUBJ: INVITE: Join Us for An Evening with The Islands of The Bahamas (Sept. 13)

Hi XX,

Reaching out as [The Islands of The Bahamas](#) will be in Atlanta on **Thursday, September 13** to honor the city' film industry ties to the destination, and we would love to host you (and a guest) in your home town. Please see the full details below, and if interested in attending, we're happy to arrange Uber transportation.

Best,
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Atlanta, cue the lights, camera and action!

The Bahamas continues to earn ranks as one of the most sought-after destinations in the world, with 16 unique islands featuring diverse cultural offerings, picturesque white (and pink!) sand beaches as well as an array of other experiences awaiting discovery.

For a taste of The Bahamas, and to learn why now is the time to plan a visit, join us for a Bahamian-inspired evening featuring:

- **Bahamian Cocktails + Mocktails** by Mixologist Marv "Mr. Mix" Cunningham, reminiscent of The Bahamas' idyllic island vibes and on-screen Hollywood moments
- **Film Awards Reception** where distinguished guests will be **presented the "Friends of The Bahamas Award"**
- **Immersive Cultural Celebration** enjoy Bahamian-inspired bites prepared by Jamal Small, executive chef at Nassau's Four Seasons Resort, and **live Junkanoo performances**
- **Island Updates** including the nation's continued 50th Anniversary Independence celebrations, frequent **airlift, cruise news, culinary offerings, cultural experiences**, and more

WHERE: Flourish Atlanta; 3143 Maple Dr NE, Atlanta, GA 30305

WHEN: Wednesday, September 13, 6:30 – 9:30 pm

Uber codes provided for transportation to and from the event.



See why *It's Better in The Bahamas* at www.bahamas.com or on [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) or [Instagram](#).

**Space is limited and confirmed on a first-come, first served basis.*

SUBJ: Celebrate The Bahamas 50th Anniversary of Independence with its Iconic Summer Boating Flings

Hi XX,

With summer officially here, wanted to reach out on behalf [The Islands Of The Bahamas](#) to share the latest information regarding The Bahamas Ministry of Tourism's boating flings – aka the equivalent of a road trip in The Bahamas -- taking place this summer.

For more than 30 years, The Bahamas Ministry of Tourism have been organizing boating flings to help train boaters on how to safely boat from South Florida to The Bahamas. Along with learning how to reach The Bahamas' crystal clear waters, boaters are able to explore the beaches, attractions and indulge in authentic Bahamian cuisine in either [Bimini](#) and [The Exumas](#). What's more, with The Bahamas celebrating their 50th Anniversary of Independence on July 10, it's never been a better time to experience what the destination has to offer.

Below, please see high-level details as well as further information linked, [here](#).

- **WHEN:** Remaining boating flings from Fort Lauderdale to Bimini will be held on [July 20-23](#) and [July 17-30](#), in addition to an extended 10-day extended boating fling to Exuma between [July 6 – July 16](#)
- **REGISTRATION:** There is a 30-boat limit, and dockage space is on a first-come first-served basis. Minimum boat length for all flings is 22 feet. There's a \$75 registration fee per boat, per fling (register online [here](#))

Sharing a few high-res images and videos, linked [here](#), for your reference and happy to share additional information.

Thanks for considering.

Best,
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SUBJ: This Bahamas Island is Named After Rum, PLUS Try These Rum Cocktails Recipes (National Rum Day)

Hi XX --

Did you know that out of The Bahamas 16 islands, one of them hails the name "Rum Cay"? With National Rum Day (August 16) right around the corner, I wanted to pass along a few Bahamian-inspired Rum story ideas for consideration should you or your readers be interested!

Rum Cay, Bahamas

1. [Rum Cay](#) is a hidden gem and under-the-radar Bahamian island that secured its name following the discovery of a shipwrecked cargo of rum during the rum-running days of the 1800s. Spanning only 12 miles long and five miles wide, this island packs endless adventure, secluded beaches, ultra-laid back, rustic island lifestyle and delicious rum punch from local eateries.
 1. **Must do:** Grand a rum punch at Ocean View Restaurant and Bar, a classic family bar and restaurant, and a local and visitor favorite.

Bahamas Cocktail Recipes to Celebrate National Rum Day

1. The Bahamas is known for its famous Bahama Mama cocktail, it's a staple and must-have when you visit. Check out these twists on the created by The Bahamas first-ever craft cocktail bars, [The Dilly Club](#) and [Bon Vivants](#) located in Nassau and Paradise Island.

1. [Bon Vivant's Bahama Mama](#) / **Image Credit:** *Bon Vivants* / Cocktail Created by [Bon Vivants](#)

1. *Ingredients*

1. 1 oz Dark Rum
2. 1/2 oz Coconut Rum
3. 1/2 oz Banana Liqueur
4. 1 oz Pineapple Juice
5. 1 oz Fresh Orange Juice
6. Splash of Grenadine
7. Crushed Ice
8. *Optional:* A pineapple or orange slice

1. [The Dilly Club's Mama Maggie](#) / **Image Credit:** *The Dilly Club* / Cocktail Created by [The Dilly Club](#)

1. *Ingredients*

1. 1 ½ oz Coconut Cartel Rum
1. ¾ oz Chinola Passion Fruit Liqueur
1. ½ oz Giffard Hibiscus Syrup
1. ¾ oz Fresh Lime Juice
1. ½ oz Mango Puree
1. 2 oz Fresh Orange Juice

Please let me know if any questions at all. Images are linked [here](#).

Cheers!

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SUBJ: Interview Opp - Bahamas Ministry of Tourism's Parliamentary Secretary at FLIBS 2023

Hi Steve,

Ahead of the highly anticipated [Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show](#) (FLIBS), I wanted to reach out to see if you are attending this year? If so, I would love to offer you the opportunity to speak with Parliamentary Secretary of The Bahamas Ministry of Tourism, Investments & Aviation, [John Pinder](#).

Please let me know if you're interested in speaking with Mr. Pinder, who will be available between **10am - noon, on Thursday October 26** to speak to the following:

- New developments throughout the destination through 2023 and into 2024, including Atlantis Paradise Island's newly announced partnership with luxury yacht charter company Aquazeal, Hurricane Hole in Nassau and various new marina updates throughout the Out Islands
- The latest statistics on how the Bahamas boating industry is doing, including Abaco – the country's boating capital
- Various offerings including a diverse range of accommodations, top-tier fishing and of course the famous Boating Flings and annual Regattas, a long-standing tradition that attracts visitors from around the world
- Hear about the return of Bahamas Charter Yacht Show (BCYS) scheduled for Jan 2024
- Resources such as the Association of Bahamas Marinas

Additionally, BMOTIA will be at Booth 23, should you want to stop by and meet with the entire team and experience the Happy Hour on October 27!

Thank you,
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SUBJ: Hot Girl Fall 2.0: Plan A Girlfriend Getaway in The Bahamas

It's been all about supporting the girls this year, and what better way is there to hype up the gals than to keep the bestie vacay alive this fall? According to celebs like [Hello Tefi](#) and Summer House castmates [Lindsay Hubbard](#), [Danielle Olivera](#) and [Sam Feher](#), The Bahamas is the hotspot for the season.

With round trip flights from NYC to Nassau currently as low as \$332, it's time to post that *'the trip made it out to group chat'* and hit the idyllic white-sand beaches and adventure that await across the 16 islands of The Bahamas. Along with [Nassau & Paradise Island](#)'s luxury resorts and nightlife, BFF's can find a more secluded escape on one for the destination's Out Islands:

Nassau: For the resort chic gals

- Touch down in The Bahamas' vibrant capital city, known for its colorful streets offering endless entertainment.
- **What to do:** Relax on the pristine beaches, cheers with a glass of rosé poolside under a private cabana, or explore the historic downtown district. Sip on IG worthy cocktails at [Bon Vivants](#) – The Bahamas' first craft cocktail bar – or catch sunset views at the [SLS Skybar](#).
- **Where to Stay:** Choose between the towers at the world-renowned [Baha Mar](#) resort, which features three separate hotels, including the SLS, Grand Hyatt and Rosewood.
- **Booking Promo:** Guests at Rosewood who book three nights can get their 4th night free to make the most bang for their buck. ([Offer](#) valid through Nov. 11, 2023)

Bimini: For the under the radar baddie

- About 50 miles off the coast of Miami, [Bimini](#) offers companions the perfect tropical retreat.
- **What to do:** From snorkeling [shipwrecks](#) to swimming alongside [wild dolphins](#) in the ocean, besties will without a doubt create long-lasting memories under the water. On land, make a visit to the [Dolphin House](#). Constructed by hand from seashells and other recyclables, grab a pic at the top for a backdrop overlooking the whole island.
- **Where to stay:** The beachside party scene at [Resorts World Bimini](#) is ideal for some fun and sun action before heading to the resort's casino to test out your luck.

Grand Bahama Island: For the gurlies on a budget

- Home to three national parks, including one of the world's largest underwater cave systems and a Bahamian pine forest, buds will find that [Grand Bahama Island](#) is an adventurer's paradise.
- **What to do:** Head to [Lucayan National Park](#) and slip away to Gold Rock Beach for a secluded, low-tide experience before dropping by the [Fish Fry at Smith's Point](#) where every Wednesday night, locals and visitors alike dine, socialize and join in on the dance party as the night progresses.
- **Where to stay:** And, where to where stay? Try the budget friendly and all-inclusives [Grand Lucayan Resort at Lighthouse Pointe](#) or [Viva Wyndham at Fortuna Beach](#).

Please find images for your review [here](#), and thanks for considering!

SUBJ: You're invited -- Experience JetBlue's Inaugural Flight from LAX to The Bahamas November 4-11, 2023

Reaching out to ask you **save-the-date (November 4 – 11) to be our special media guest on JetBlue's inaugural flight from LAX to Nassau on November 4th**. Beginning this fall, The Bahamas is now more accessible for West Coast travelers than ever before.

You're invited to join us for this exclusive opportunity to be a part of the first group of travelers to board JetBlue's new weekly nonstop service to The Bahamas' booming tourism hub. You will have the opportunity to experience JetBlue's Mint premium experience one way and its core (economy) product the other.

Touchdown for week-long island-hopping experience. From the award-winning resorts and vibrant culture in Nassau & Paradise Island – known as the "Gateway to The Bahamas" – to the white sand beaches and turquoise waters of the Out Islands, learn how to plan the perfect seven days in paradise.

Your itinerary will include an unforgettable vacation in Nassau Paradise Island – including stays at Baha Mar Resort and Atlantis Paradise Island – and Bimini, for a taste of authentic island time. A sample of your experience includes:

Nassau & Paradise Island

- JetBlue's award-winning Mint® premium experience from LAX to NAS one way, and core on the return
- Bespoke wildlife encounters including Flamingo Yoga
- Thrilling water rides at Baha Mar's Baha Bay and Atlantis' Aquaventure waterparks
- World-class dining from renowned chefs including Marcus Samuelsson, Jose Andres, Daniel Boulud, Katsuya Uechi, Nobu Matsuhisa, and Dario Cecchini
- Explore the largest collection of Bahamian Art and tap into your inner artist during intimate art classes and workshops
- Discover marine life at The Dig aquarium
- Cigar rolling at the legendary Graycliff Hotel & Restaurant

Bimini

- Island hop the 16-island archipelago for a bird's-eye view of the iconic Bahama blue waters
- Tour Alice Town with visit to the Dolphin House, plus local shops and restaurants
- Learn the secret to preparing fresh conch salad
- Enjoy entertainment and private beaches at Resorts World Bimini
- Spend an afternoon on the water snorkeling storied shipwrecks

Roundtrip airfare, accommodations, on-island transportation, scheduled meals and group activities will be provided for you by trip partners at the [Bahamas Ministry of Tourism, Investments & Aviation](#), [Nassau Paradise Island Promotion Board](#) and [JetBlue](#).

We are confident that this media tour will provide you with a unique and memorable experience, allowing you to share the remarkable vacation offerings and new nonstop flight options with your readers.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. We kindly ask for you to RSVP by Sept. 15 if interested. Please share your plans for coverage for both JetBlue and the destination and hotels, as only media with confirmed story assignments will be considered.

Happy to discuss further story angles in the meantime!

Thank you,
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SUBJ: Press Trip Invite: The Bahamas & Bahamasair Airlines Invite You to Embrace Island Time 11/30-12/3

Hi XX,

Reaching out as I would love to introduce myself and extend an invite your way! As you may know, last year Bahamasair launched its direct service from RDU to Freeport, Grand Bahama Island, allowing Raleigh-based travelers will be able to reach the budget-friendly, tropical destination in **under two hours**. This November, the carrier will resume its seasonal service and I'd love to see if you would be interested in experiencing Grand Bahama Island first-hand to showcase with your followers.

Sharing more details below, and let me what your availability looks like for November 30 – December 3, 2023.

Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to hearing from you!

Best,
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Whether a family getaway, girl's trip, anniversary celebration or just seeking a beachy-vacay, here's **Why Grand Bahama Island** is the perfect spring getaway for Raleigh travelers:

- **Easier to Get to:** Getting to The Bahamas from Raleigh is easier now more than ever. This season, [Bahamasair](#)'s resumed twice weekly flight service (Thursdays and Sundays) allows travelers to reach paradise in just **under two hours**.
- **Budget-Friendly Accommodations:**
 - Enjoy spacious accommodations and venture out onto Grand Bahama Island's white sand beaches at all-inclusive resort [Lighthouse Pointe](#) or [Viva Wyndham Fortuna Beach](#).
- **So Much To Do:**
 - **Adventures:** Explore the beautiful botanical garden, Garden of the Groves, swim with dolphins or [dive with Sharks](#), experience the national wonders of [Lucayan National Park](#) via the [Bahamas Jeep Safari](#) or head out to the [Stingray experience](#). [Grand Bahama Nature ATV Tours](#) is also a great way to see the island, consisting of off-road and on-road trails ending at the Garden of The Groves
 - **R&R:** Lay back at one of the many beautiful beaches – from Gold Rock Beach to Taino Beach or enjoy a spa treatment at [Grand Lucayan](#).
 - **Culture:** Sample Bahamian-brewed beer, Sands, at the [Bahamian Brewery](#), shop local art at Port Lucayan Marketplace try the local delicacy "conch" every type of way at the famous Tony Macaroni Conch Experience with the [King of Conch himself](#).

If you're interested in experiencing the destination to share with your followers, **I'd love to offer you a 4 day, 3 night stay on the island from Nov. 30 – Dec. 3, 2023**. Note that roundtrip airfare, scheduled meals and activities for one content creator will be provided by the Bahamas Ministry of Tourism.

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ABOUT GRAND BAHAMA ISLAND

Home to three national parks, including one of the world's largest underwater cave systems and a Bahamian pine forest, [Grand Bahama Island](#) offers visitors much more than secluded white-sand beaches. With nature centers that feel like rainforests, national parks that attract close to 30 Bahamian birds (not found in the U.S.) and a cavernous underwater world, there is no shortage of adventure in Freeport. As the fourth largest island of The Bahamas, Grand Bahama Island is divided into three districts: West End, East End and Freeport.

HISTORY

The Siboney Indians, the Lucayans, the Spanish and the British have all claimed Grand Bahama Island as their own. Grand Bahama Island was a key marketplace for the British and Confederates during the American Civil War, and a century later, the island capitalized on the post-war development of modern tourism in the 1950s. Wallace Groves largely initiated this boom after approaching the Bahamian government in 1955 with the idea to build a town that catered to both industry and tourists. The Hawksbill Creek Agreement was signed and Freeport was born.

SUBJ: You're Invited: Travel with Ease to The Exumas Aboard Bahamasair's Inaugural Flight from Fort Lauderdale (November 15-18, 2023)

Hi XX,

On behalf of [The Islands of The Bahamas](#), I'd like to invite you to be one of the first travelers to fly directly from FLL to [The Exumas](#) on Bahamasair's inaugural flight. Once ashore, you will witness first-hand the appeal of the destination's iconic sapphire blue waters, footprint free-beaches and laid-back atmosphere.

Beginning November 15, Bahamasair will offer twice-weekly service to Georgetown, Exuma, granting South Floridians greater access to one of most sought-after island chains in the archipelago.

During the trip (November 15 – 18), you will have the opportunity to:

- **Experience:** Discover the beauty and adventure of The Exumas, island hop the unspoiled cays and deserted sandbars, interact with the famous swimming pigs
- **Accommodations:** Enjoy spacious guestrooms, luxury amenities and a mile-long stretch of private white sand beaches at the all-inclusive resort [Sandals Emerald Bay](#)
- **Immersion:** Spend a meal with a local through The Bahamas' [People-to-People Program](#), learning the secrets to preparing the perfect conch salad and more

Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Have a great weekend!

Cheers,

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Note: All travel expenses, scheduled meals, and activities for one journalist on-assignment will be provided by the Bahamas Ministry of Tourism.

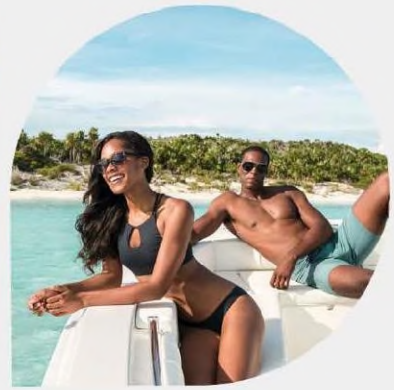


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These protocols are subject to change at any time in response to new COVID-19 measures. Please check this website frequently for ongoing updates.

ARRIVAL:

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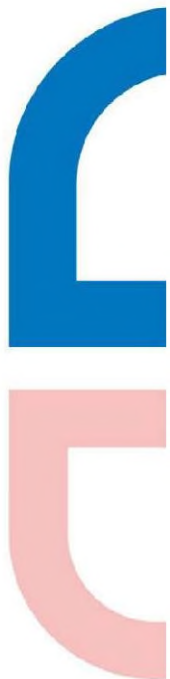
- As of 20 September 2022, the COVID-19 testing requirements for entering The Bahamas has been eliminated.
- All travelers, regardless of vaccination status, are no longer required to submit to pre-travel COVID-19 testing to enter the country.
- **Please note:** Covid-19 testing is no longer required for inter-island travel in The Bahamas, regardless of Covid-19 status (unvaccinated or fully vaccinated)
- **Additionally,** masks are no longer be required as recommended by Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Health & Wellness.

DEPARTURE:

- All U.S residents and green card holders are not required to test.
- Please check your local government guidelines prior to your visit to determine return requirements as some countries may require negative tests results for re-entry regardless of vaccination status.

WHAT TO PACK:

- Small Backpack/Tote
- Light sweater
- Casual attire
- Semi-formal option
- Swimwear
- Water Shoes
- Bug spray/Sunblock
- Tennis Shoes/Sneakers



BAHAMAS ARRIVAL**DAY 1**

Thursday July 6, 2023

- 6:30 AM** Ashlea [REDACTED] departs John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK)
JetBlue Flight #B6121 / Confirmation # [REDACTED]
- 7:01 AM** Kenny [REDACTED] departs Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW)
Delta Flight #5324 / Confirmation # [REDACTED]
- 8:29 AM** Meagan [REDACTED] departs Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport (DFW)
American Flight #3433 / Confirmation # [REDACTED]
- 9:28 AM** Ashlea arrives at Lynden Pindling International Airport (NAS)
JetBlue Flight #B6121 / Confirmation # [REDACTED]
- 9:09 AM** Kenny arrives at John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK)
Delta Flight #5324 / Confirmation # [REDACTED]
- 11:59 AM** Alexis [REDACTED] departs LaGuardia International Airport (LGA)
JetBlue Flight #B62439 / Confirmation # [REDACTED]
- 12:48 PM** Meagan arrives at Lynden Pindling International Airport (NAS)
American Flight #3433 / Confirmation # [REDACTED]
- 11:24 AM** Kenny departs John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK)
Delta Flight #1907 / Confirmation # [REDACTED]
- 2:38 PM** Kenny arrives at Lynden Pindling International Airport (NAS)
Delta Flight #1907 / Confirmation # [REDACTED]
- 3:15 PM** Noel [REDACTED] departs Miami International Airport (MIA)
Bahamasair Flight #UP224 / Confirmation # [REDACTED]
- 3:13 PM** Alexis arrives at Lynden Pindling International Airport (NAS)
JetBlue Flight #B62439 / Confirmation # [REDACTED]
- 4:10 PM** Noel arrives at Lynden Pindling International Airport (NAS)
Bahamasair Flight #UP224 / Confirmation # [REDACTED]

Upon arrival, individuals to order taxis to Graycliff Hotel. Doorman on-site to handle payment on behalf of BMOTIA. Ashlea and Karen to greet media.

- Upon Arrival** Check into [Graycliff Hotel](#)
Graycliff Hotel, one of the most iconic landmarks in The Bahamas, is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2023. Originally constructed in 1740 as the private residence of Captain John Howard Graysmith, Graycliff is located in the heart of Nassau. Enrico and Anna Maria Garzaroli, the founders of Graycliff, fell in love with the mansion's historic charm and decided to transform it into a luxury hotel and restaurant. The hotel boasts 20 luxurious guest rooms and suites, each decorated with a unique blend of European and Bahamian influences and an award-winning restaurant.

- AFTERNOON** At leisure
Grab a bite on-site (allotted \$30; charge to room) then enjoy an afternoon of R&R and exploration at Graycliff Hotel.
- 6:30 PM** Meet Roberta Garzaroli, the hotel director, for cocktails and a property before dinner at the Graycliff Restaurant
Enjoy a delicious and distinctive Bahamian fine dining menu. After, join us for a nightcap at the world-renowned wine cellar, complete with over 250,000 bottles from over 5,000 vintners in 20 countries. The inventory ranges from today's most popular vintages to some of the rarest finds.

- EVENING** At leisure

ISLAND HOP TO CAT ISLAND

DAY 2

Friday July 7, 2023

MORNING Graycliff continental breakfast at leisure

11:00 AM Group to meet in hotel lobby; Transfer to airport

Attire: Clothes, swimsuit, comfortable shoes – water shoes recommended

1:00 PM Group departs Lynden Pindling International Airport (NAS)

1:30 PM Group arrives at New Bight-Freetown Settlement Airport (MYCB)

2:00 PM Welcome to [Cat Island!](#)

Rejuvenate the senses at the Healing Hole

Getting in the water is the best way to connect with your newfound surroundings. After grabbing packed lunches from [The Bridge Inn](#), take in the sites of the South End. As the name suggests, the Healing Hole is one of The Bahamas breathtaking natural wonders. The saltwater lake is known for its cleansing properties and ability to soothe aches and pains.

Upon Arrival Check into [Rollezz Villas Beach Resort](#)

Situated along one of the longest uninterrupted beaches in The Bahamas, Rollezz Villas Beach Resort offers beachfront villas with access to Cat Island's white-sand beaches. What's more, the resort is home to a section of preserved land where guests can observe the island's beauty (butterflies, birds and fauna common to Cat Island).

6:30 PM Transportation to [The Hermitage on Mt. Alvernia](#)

Attire: sneakers or tennis shoes recommended

Witness the beauty of Cat Island from Mount Alvernia, the highest point in The Islands of The Bahamas At 206 feet. On the hill sits The Hermitage, a medieval-style monastery hand carved by cathedral architect and sculptor, Monsignor John Hawes. In 1939, he built this miniature monastery as a contemplative getaway from the world.

7:30 PM Dine at a local favorite, [Blue Bird Restaurant & Bar](#)

Wind down from the day's adventures at a popular local dinner hang out. To start, order the cracked conch – the famously delicious Bahamian delicacy, and cool down with an ice-cold drink.



CAT ISLAND EXPLORATION DAY

DAY 3

Saturday July 8, 2023

- 7:15 AM** **Rollezz Grab on-the-go breakfast; Transfer to Hawks Nest Marina**
Attire: Swimsuit, towel and comfortable shoes – water shoes recommended; Snorkeling gear provided by resort
- 8:00 AM** **Meet local guide from JJ's Fishing Charters Adventures & Land Tours**
Experience Cat Island's untouched landscape from the water and secluded sand bars. The four-hour boating tour includes an adventure of snorkeling, swimming and down-home hand line fishing. Catches of the day will complete tonight's dinner menu!
- 12:00 PM** **Return to Hawks Nest Maria**
- 1:00 PM** **Farm-to-table lunch hosted by [Mr. Harrison King](#)**
On Cat Island, a shared plate tells a story of connection and community. Sit down with Mr. Harrison King – People-to-People ambassador and farmer whose family has tended
- 2:30 PM** **Historical Heritage Tour with Ms. Daisymae Hunter**
Cat Island is steeped in rich history. Join Ms. Daisymae to learn more about the destination's storied past with spots at the Mermaid Hole, Latto Man Cave and Deveaux Plantation.
- 4:30 PM** **Return to Rollezz Villas Beach Resort; Enjoy the afternoon at leisure**
- 7:30 PM** **Farewell beach bonfire at Rollezz Villas Beach Resort**
Bid farewell to Cat Island with new friends. Enjoy a fresh catch-and-cook menu and cocktails on the beach. Watch the sun set and experience the steel pan and interval drumming of authentic Rack-n-Scrape music and native storytelling around the fire.



ISLAND HOP TO NASSAU

DAY 4

Sunday July 9, 2023

MORNING Rollezz Villas Beach Resort breakfast at leisure

11:00 AM Transportation to New Bight-Freetown Settlement Airport (MYCB)

1:00 PM Depart Cat Island

1:30 PM Welcome back to [Nassau!](#)

Arrive at Lynden Pindling International Airport (NAS); Transportation arranged by Baha Mar

Upon Arrival

Check into [Grand Hyatt Baha Mar](#)

Located on the pristine white sands of Cable Beach in Nassau, Baha Mar is among The Bahamas' newest luxury resort destinations. Choose from three iconic oceanfront hotels — the richly refined Rosewood, the playfully hip SLS, or the stylish and modern Grand Hyatt — each offering stunning views, world-class entertainment and unrivalled dining options. Not to mention, a luxe beachfront water park.

Lindsay [REDACTED] on behalf of Baha Mar to meet the group in the lobby for a welcome property tour

4:30 PM Transportation to Golden Jubilee: Ecumenical Service, Military Tattoo and Cultural Show

5:00 PM Golden Jubilee: Ecumenical Service, Military Tattoo and Cultural Show

Locals and visitors are invited to come together to attend the Golden Jubilee's service and celebration at Clifford Park where spectators will be privy to a military tattoo as well as peruse authentic Bahamian vendors on site.

6:00 PM Transport to The Poop Deck East

6:30 PM Enjoy dinner at [The Poop Deck East](#)

Located in front of Nassau Harbour, The Poop Deck East has been a Nassau staple for both locals and visitors since the 1950's. While enjoying the restaurant's "catch of the day," diners can awe over the restaurant's walls adorned with autographed menus from celebrity guests throughout the years.

8:00 PM Return to Grand Hyatt Baha Mar

11:15 PM OPTIONAL: Meet in lobby; Depart for Bay Street for the People's Junkanoo Rush



BAHAMIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

DAY 5

Monday July 10, 2023

1:00 AM People's Junkanoo Rush

Junkanoo, The Bahamas' famous national cultural celebration, will rouse Bay Street with the rhythmic sounds of cow bells and goat skin drums in honour of The Bahamas' 50th Anniversary of Independence.

3:00 AM Return to Grand Hyatt Baha Mar

MORNING Complimentary Baha Mar breakfast at leisure

11:00 AM Enjoy a relaxing afternoon in a private cabana at [Baha Bay Beach Club](#)

(Lunch allocation: \$50; charge to room)

Situated on the waterfront edge of Baha Bay water park in Nassau is the stunning Baha Bay Beach Club. Exclusively for guests who reserve a Cabana or Lounger at the beach club, this island oasis features sparkling infinity pools that blend seamlessly with the expanse of the crystal blue sea. Private cabanas offer personal service as well as food and beverages from Baha Bay's 25° North.

1:00 PM OPTIONAL: Explore the sites in Downtown Nassau

Wander the cultural sites of Downtown Nassau. Start with lunch at the fish fry, which is quintessential to everyday life in The Bahamas. While every island has one, Nassau's [Arawak Cay Fish Fry](#) is the most extravagant with dozens of local vendors.

2:00 PM OPTIONAL: Wildlife encounter at [Baha Mar's Flamingo Cay](#)

Meet the expert keepers who care for The Bahamas' most iconic bird at Flamingo Cay, a unique habitat at Baha Mar designed to educate guests about the national bird and preserve their population.

4:15 PM Transfer to the Independence State Reception at Government House

6:30 PM Join the group for rooftop cocktails at [Skybar](#) and dine at the oceanfront [Marcus at Baha Mar Fish + Chop House](#)

Raise a toast to Bahamian Independence at Skybar, a stylish rooftop on the 20th floor of SLS Baha Mar. Sip on fresh French-pressed cocktails overlooking the impeccable views of Cable Beach.

Set against the backdrop of spectacular Bahamian sunsets, Marcus at Baha Mar Fish + Chop House features an innovative menu, including signature dishes, selection of locally caught seafood as well as vegetables sourced from local farmers across The Bahamas. Personal favorites of Chef Marcus, guests can enjoy Marcus' Cornbread for the Table, served with hot buttered Bahamian rum in addition to raw or fried conch – the national dish of The Bahamas.

8:30 PM [Taste of the Islands Fair](#) hosted by Baha Mar

Experience a grand celebration of 50 years of Bahamian excellence with native food, music, art, live entertainment, and the warm hospitality that defines The Bahamas. Festivities conclude with fireworks show.



BAHAMAS DEPARTURES

DAY 6

Tuesday July 11, 2023

- 9:00 AM** **OPTIONAL: Live Bahamian breakfast demonstration at [The Kitchen at Baha Mar](#)**
The Kitchen at Baha Mar is a one-of-a-kind culinary venue that combines a state-of-the-art professional kitchen with a high-tech interactive learning center. The facility provides the world-class, resident chefs a space for creating. Programming includes adults' workshops, master classes with world renowned chefs, and youth classes for the burgeoning chef.
- 10:00 AM** **Noel hotel check-out; Airport transportation courtesy of Baha Mar**
 Confirmation Number: [REDACTED] *2
- 1:00 PM** **Meagan hotel check-out; Airport transportation courtesy of Baha Mar**
 Confirmation Number: [REDACTED] *1
- 12:45 PM** **Noel departs Lynden Pindling International Airport (NAS)**
 United Flight #1539 / Confirmation # [REDACTED]
- 1:30 PM** **Alexis hotel check-out; Airport transportation courtesy of Baha Mar**
 Confirmation Number: [REDACTED] *1
- 1:30 PM** **Kenny hotel check-out; Airport transportation courtesy of Baha Mar**
 Confirmation Number: [REDACTED] *1
- 3:37 PM** **Meagan departs Lynden Pindling International Airport (NAS)**
 American Flight #2625 / Confirmation # [REDACTED]
- 3:54 PM** **Noel arrives at Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR)**
 United Flight #1539 / Confirmation # [REDACTED]
- 4:05 PM** **Kenny departs Lynden Pindling International Airport (NAS)**
 Delta Flight #1956 / Confirmation # [REDACTED]
- 4:15 PM** **Alexis departs Lynden Pindling International Airport (NAS)**
 JetBlue Flight #2438 / Confirmation # [REDACTED]
- 6:10 PM** **Meagan arrives at Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport (DFW)**
 American Flight #2625 / Confirmation # [REDACTED]
- 6:29 PM** **Kenny arrives at Hartsfield–Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL)**
 Delta Flight #1956 / Confirmation # [REDACTED]
- 7:15 PM** **Alexis arrives at LaGuardia International Airport (LGA)**
 JetBlue Flight #2438 / Confirmation # [REDACTED]
- 8:05 PM** **Kenny departs Hartsfield–Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL)**
 Delta Flight #8784 / Confirmation # [REDACTED]
- 10:01 PM** **Kenny arrives at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW)**
 Delta Flight #8784 / Confirmation # [REDACTED]

Thank you for visiting The Islands Of The Bahamas!





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Flight Itinerary

Los Angeles (LAX) — Nassau (NAS):

- Date: Saturday, November 4, 2023
- Time: 7:00 AM Departure, 3:12 PM Arrival
- Flight #2710

Nassau (NAS) — Los Angeles (LAX):

- Date: Saturday, November 11, 2023
- Time: 4:42 PM Departure, 7:50 PM Arrival
- Flight #2711

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The JetBlue Team



JETBLUE LAX-NAS PRESS TRIP

Saturday, November 4 – Saturday, November 11

As the first group of travelers to board JetBlue's new weekly nonstop service from Los Angeles (LAX) to Nassau (NAS), not only will you experience JetBlue's award-winning [service](#) first-hand but will get a taste of the endless adventures that await in [Nassau](#), the capital of The Bahamas and [Bimini](#), a beloved Out Island. JetBlue and The Islands of The Bahamas are thrilled to welcome West Coast travellers on the airline's debut nonstop service, poised to simplify travel between these two coasts, enhancing accessibility to the coveted Caribbean paradise known for its pristine beaches, crystal-clear waters and vibrant culture.

Host Hotels:

- Atlantis Paradise Island (November 4-6)
- Resorts World Bimini (November 6-9)
- Grand Hyatt Baha Mar (November 9-11)

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Please be sure to arrive at the airport at least *two hours* in advance of your departure from LAX and remember that **you will need a valid PASSPORT to visit The Bahamas.**
- The weather in Nassau and Bimini at this time of year is low-to-mid 80s during the day, dropping down to the low 70s or high 60s.
- Please note that most businesses in The Bahamas **only accept VISA, Master Card or Cash.** If you would like to purchase anything at your own expense, (i.e., Additional drinks, food, souvenirs etc.,) please bring cash and/or the above-mentioned bank cards.
- You will have access to Wi-Fi at the resorts, as well as most restaurants. We recommend contacting your phone carrier prior to departure to confirm their coverage area, ask about your roaming data options, or downloading WhatsApp.

What to Pack:

- Rain jacket
- Light sweater
- Smart casual & island time attire
- Evening resort attire



- Swimwear
- Bug spray/sunblock
- Small Backpack/tote
- Water shoes/flip flops
- Tennis shoes/sneakers

ITINERARY

**Itinerary is subject to change. Please note that you will be allotted a F+B credit upon check in at each host hotel. Any purchases outside of the allotment will be at your own expense.*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4 – BAHAMAS ARRIVAL

6:00 AM

LAX JetBlue Gate Ceremony

Before embarking on JetBlue's inaugural nonstop flight from LAX to Nassau, please join JetBlue, Nassau Paradise Island Promotion Board and The Bahamas Ministry of Tourism, Investments & Aviation in celebrating the new flight gate-side. Along with Bahamian inspired music and pastries, you'll hear brief remarks from representatives followed by an official ribbon cutting and photo-op moment.

Please note that your point of contacts at the gate will be Rissie Demeritte (The Bahamas Ministry of Tourism, Investments & Aviation) and Brianna Linden (JetBlue).

7:00 AM

Depart on JetBlue flight 2710

3:12 PM

All to arrive at Lynden Pindling International Airport (NAS)

Welcome to Nassau! *Welcome to The Bahamas' bustling capital where beautiful beaches and island life are just the beginning. Venture beyond The Bahamas' white sands and turquoise waters to discover an island metropolis full of history, culture, and tasty Caribbean flavors.*

3:25 PM

Gate Arrival Ceremony

Upon touching down in Nassau you will be welcomed with authentic Junkanoo rhythms and hear brief remarks from JetBlue, Nassau Paradise Island Promotion Board and The Bahamas Ministry of Tourism, Investments & Aviation before clearing customs.

To be met by met by Antoinette Chisholm (LPIA) and joined by Ella Chancellor (Lou Hammond for Nassau Paradise Island Promotion Board) and



Elizabeth Rudman (Weber Shandwick for The Bahamas Ministry of Tourism, Investments & Aviation)

4:15 PM

Transfer to Atlantis Paradise Island – The Royal

Transportation provided by NPIPB and Leisure Travel Tours. After picking up luggage and exiting the customs gate, please proceed to the outside of the building where you will meet a Leisure Travel Tours representative.

Arrive at [Atlantis Paradise Island – The Royal](#)

Atlantis Paradise Island is a lush, oceanside resort located on Paradise Island. A dynamic destination that launched over two decades ago as a first-of-its kind modern marvel of nature and engineering, Atlantis has embarked on a new chapter tied to a meaningful connection with the ocean, Bahamian culture and the spirit of the property's 7,500+ employees. The resort's new, immersive programming connects guests to the rich history, art, people, food and festivities of The Bahamas.

Instagram profile: @atlantisbahamas

Hashtags: #TheRoyalat25 #AtlantisBahamas

Website: www.atlantisbahamas.com

Centrally located and recently renovated, The Royal, one of the most iconic landmarks in all of The Bahamas, gives you easy access to all-things Atlantis and this year it is celebrating its 25th anniversary. Steps away from The Dig, the world's largest open-air marine habitat, non-stop fun at Aquaventure, and the famous Atlantis Casino, The Royal brings you a world of amazing experiences for everyone.

****Please note that Atlantis Paradise Island is providing a daily \$150 F&B credit for breakfast and lunch while on-property. Note the per diem does not roll over and accumulate each day. The per diem goes toward any F&B purchase (minus Starbucks and The Dilly Club in Marina Village).*

7:00 PM

Dinner Reservation at [Paranza](#); to be joined by Brianna Linden (JetBlue) and Dr. Kenneth Romer, Deputy Director General of The Bahamas Ministry of Tourism, Investments & Aviation

Paranza, an exciting new restaurant by Chef Michael White, is a love letter to Italy that offers an elevated and innovative expression of Italian regional cuisine with a passionate focus on seafood. Inspired by the ingredients and traditions of Italian coastal cuisine, Paranza provides the very best of Italy brought to life by Chef White's creative flair and the vast possibilities of the ocean. From delicate crudos to opulent pasta dishes, from exquisitely grilled whole fish to caviar, Paranza promises artistry on every plate and with every bite.



**Dress Code: Resort Evening Attire*

EVENING

At leisure

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Breakfast

Breakfast at leisure

Suggested Dining:

- [Plato's](#) – Located in The Royal, you can find a selection of pastries, coffee and light breakfast bites at the casual dining spot.
- [Starbucks](#) – Get your coffee fix with locations at The Coral and The Reef.
- [Poseidon's Table](#) – Immerse yourself in the vibrant ambiance of Poseidon's Table, where the harmonious fusion of elegance and comfort creates an inviting atmosphere for a memorable dining experience. Your taste buds will water as you indulge in the opulence of our buffet-style breakfast offerings.

Morning

At leisure

Suggested Activities:

- [Aquaventure](#): Slide into paradise with a visit to Atlantis' one-of-a-kind 141-acres waterscape. Featuring iconic water slides, 11 sparkling swimming pools, a mile-long rapids river and more, Aquaventure is the perfect way to cool off from the heat and enjoy a little bit of fun.
- Grab a towel and relax by one of Atlantis' many pools or on the white-sand beaches surrounding the resort.
- Check out the resort's Bahamian influence at [Sacred Space](#), a sculptural installation on The Cove Peninsula created by Bahamian artist Antonius Roberts.

Lunch

Lunch at leisure

Suggested Dining:

- [Sip Sip](#) – Chef Julie Lightbourn brings her chic Harbour Island menu to Marina Village.
- [Silan](#) (Atlantis Casino) – Silan is an exciting new restaurant by Chef Alon Shaya located in the heart of the Atlantis Casino. This Mediterranean-inspired restaurant pays homage to Chef Shaya's Israeli heritage with a nod to Bahamian flavors. The spices that became the building blocks of Middle Eastern and Mediterranean cuisine are paired with the bounty of fresh produce sourced from fertile lands or caught from the sea.



- [Marina Village](#) – Spanning over 65,000 square feet, Marina Village is home to more than 20 designer retail shops and dining options including [Bimini Road](#), [Burger Shack](#), [The Dilly Club](#) and more.

4:20 PM

All to meet in lobby

Note: Please dress accordingly in advance of dinner at Graycliff. Resort evening wear is recommended.

4:30 PM

Transfer to [Downtown Nassau](#), Head to Queen’s Staircase

Activities Include:

- The [Queen’s Staircase](#), commonly referred to as the 66 steps, is a major landmark that is located in the Fort Fincastle Historic Complex in Nassau. It was hewn out of solid limestone rock by enslaved people between 1793 and 1794 and it is said that it provided a direct route from Fort Fincastle to Nassau City.
- Make a pit-stop at [Mortimer’s Candy Shop](#) to check out their Bahamian sweets treats from their signature Paradise Swirls to coconut cream candies.

5:00 PM

Transfer to [John Watling’s Distillery](#)

John Watling’s Distillery at the beautifully restored and historic Buena Vista Estate is a must see for rum lovers and history buffs alike. Set on more than two acres of lush tropical gardens and named after “a pious pirate who sailed the Bahamian seas”, we will take a tour of the property, experience a self-bottling experience and have the chance to try cocktails made with this signature Bahamian rum.

6:00 PM

Walk to [Graycliff Hotel and Restaurant](#) for dinner and tour of wine cellar

With nearly 300 years’ worth of history, the beautiful Graycliff Hotel in downtown Nassau is steeped in glamour, romance, and thrilling tales. From its early days as a pirate hangout to its heyday as a sophisticated playground for the rich and famous, Graycliff is truly an “if those walls could talk” institution in The Bahamas. Today, the colonial mansion is a beloved attraction and home to a five-star restaurant, a chocolatier, a cigar company, and one of the world’s largest wine cellars.

8:30 PM

Transfer back to Atlantis

Evening

At leisure



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

- 7:00 AM** **All to meet in lobby; Check out of Atlantis and transfer to Lynden Pindling International Airport (NAS)**
- Transportation provided by NPIPB and Leisure Travel Tours*
- 9:30 AM** **All to depart on Western Air flight to South Bimini Airport (BIM)**
- 10:00 AM** **All to arrive at South Bimini Airport (BIM); To be met by Nadia Rolle (Bahamas Ministry of Tourism, Investment & Aviation - Bimini)**
- 10:15 AM** **All to transport to North Bimini via bus and ferry**
- CHECK-IN** **Welcome to [Resorts World Bimini!](#)**

Resorts World Bimini sits on 750-acres of premier luxury beachfront resort which spans approximately half the island of Bimini, providing the ideal backdrop for both relaxation and adventure. During their stay, guests can discover miles of white sand beaches, infinity pools, diverse restaurants led by the world's top chefs, and a world-class casino – all boasting indescribable views of Bimini's turquoise waters.

Instagram profile: @rwbimni
Hashtags: #rwbimini
Website: www.rwbimini.com

Suggested Activities:

- *Delve into Bimini's crystal blue waters via jet ski, kayak, paddleboard, or water hammock with Bimini Blue Adventures' variety of water activities*
- *Head to Resorts World Bimini's [Fisherman's Village](#) to explore the marina and marketplace featuring a variety of retail shops and restaurants*
- *Relax and rejuvenate at the [Serenity Spa](#) with a wide selection of therapeutic body massages and nourishing body wraps. Located on the fifth floor of the resort, the spa's floor-to-ceiling glass windows also offer amazing views of the ocean that help to clear guests' minds.*

*****Please note Resorts World Bimini is providing *daily breakfast at The Tides* where you will be able to provide your name with the host/hostess. Additionally, The Bahamas Ministry of Tourism is providing a *daily \$150 allotment to be used for lunch and dinner* on-property at Resorts World Bimini that you can charge back to your room number.**

**Recommended****Lunch***Suggested Dining:*

- [Monkey Business](#) - Sip on your favorite tropical libation while overlooking the turquoise horizon at Monkey Business. Located on the fifth floor by the adults-only rooftop infinity pool, this sophisticated poolside bar offers panoramic views of Bimini Bay and the Atlantic Ocean, and a tempting menu of innovative cocktails, BBQ kabobs, burgers, and salads.
- [Beach Club 360](#) - Take in a complete 360-degree view of Bimini's white sand beach and clear blue water while you relax and take a break from the days adventure.
- [Oasis](#) - Swim right up to your next tropical cocktail at Oasis swim-up bar. This stylish bar is located at the end of the ground floor lagoon pool, serving up tropical favorites like Bahama Mamas, specialty cocktails, and a variety of light bites including salads, burgers, and kabobs.

12:45 PM**Meet in lobby for Island Tour; To be joined by Grace Giste (The Bahamas Ministry of Tourism, Investments & Aviation – Bimini)**

Explore North Bimini via golf cart with stops to [Stuart's Conch Stand](#) for a conch demonstration, [War Memorial and Heroes Park](#), Ansil's Boat House, and Bimini Craft Center. Not to mention a visit to the [Dolphin House](#), a completely recycled home made with seashells and sea glass with Insta-worthy views of the whole island from the top. Round up the tour with fresh coconut drinks at Radio Beach and views of the [S.S. Sapona Shipwreck](#). Fun fact: [Ansil Saunders](#) is the legendary bonefish guide to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

4:00 PM**Transport back to Resorts World Bimini****Afternoon****At leisure****Dinner****At leisure***Suggested Dining:*

- [The Tides](#) - The Tides is located at the center of the resort, providing a delectable breakfast buffet, and nightly dinner menu. For lunch and dinner, find a new favorite dish from a selection of innovative dishes, from fresh Seafood Linguine and herbed Roasted Chicken to tasty Flatbreads and Lobster Truffle Mac & Cheese.
- [Hemingway's](#) – Named after the great American novelist who called Bimini his second home, Hemingway's is a gourmet sports bar and restaurant serving a variety of American and island dishes.



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Breakfast

Morning at leisure

Daily breakfast is at The Tides courtesy of Resorts World Bimini; please provide your name to the host stand

10:00 AM

Private Cabana and Beach Day

Enjoy some fun under the sun at the [Resorts World Bimini Beach](#). With backdrops found in places from the Greek islands to Tulum, the beach is a perfect blend of laidback luxury with a see-and-be-seen atmosphere.

Enjoy lunch with VIP service at your cabana or head to the Beach 360 Restaurant for a sit-down lunch.

The cabanas will be available from 10AM – 7PM.

**Please note that Resorts World Bimini will be providing golf carts for the duration of the stay. Please coordinate with Elizabeth should you like to venture off-property on Tuesday afternoon.*

Dinner

At leisure

OPTIONAL

Casino Night

Head to the [casino](#) for a bit of dancing and low stakes gambling. Pro-tip: Stop by the Gentings Casino Rewards Booth located towards the back of the machines to receive a free \$20 credit to use at the slot machines.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Breakfast

Morning at leisure

Daily breakfast is at The Tides courtesy of Resorts World Bimini; please provide your name to the host stand

8:30 AM

Meet in lobby to head to [Neal Watson's Bimini Scuba Center](#) Bimini Boat Tour; to be accompanied by Grace

Neal Watson's Bimini Scuba Center operates several different dive boats including a 60-foot glass bottom boat suited to accommodate divers, snorkelers and sightseers. In addition to diving and snorkeling, the center offers Great Hammerhead Shark Safaris and Wild Dolphin Safaris. What's more,



the center is a member of [The Reef Rescue Network](#), a non-profit organization committed to improving the condition of coral reefs.

Instagram profile: @biminiscubacenter

Website: www.biminiscubacenter.com

9:00 AM

Bimini Boat Tour

Venture out on a 4-hour boat tour to explore the crystal blue waters of Bimini where you'll get a first-hand look at the Sapona shipwreck, Honeymoon Harbour – a beautiful stretch of shore only accessible by boat – and the [Lost City of Atlantis](#).

**Note: The boat tour is weather dependent.*

1:00 PM

Transfer back to Resorts World Bimini

Lunch/Afternoon

At leisure

6:15 PM

Meet in lobby to transfer to dinner

6:30 PM

Dinner at [Bimini Game Club Resort & Marina](#); To be accompanied by Grace

Enjoy dinner at Bimini Game Club's Bimini Seafood Company & Conch Bar. Perched overlooking our marina and the mesmerizing bonefish flats beyond, the Bimini Seafood Company & Conch Bar offers the best in casual waterfront dining. Relaxing with friends, enjoying fresh conch salad, a cold beverage and watching the boats go by is about as good as it gets. Fun Fact: Great American novelist Ernest Hemingway frequented the property between living at home in Key West.

Instagram profile: @bimini_big_game

Website: www.biggameclubbimini.com

Evening

At leisure

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Breakfast

Morning at leisure

Daily breakfast is at The Tides courtesy of Resorts World Bimini; please provide your name to the host stand

8:00 AM

All to meet in lobby; Check out of Resorts World Bimini

8:15 AM

Transfer to North Bimini dock; to ferry to South Bimini dock



- 8:30 AM** **Transfer to South Bimini Airport (BIM) via bus**
- 10:20 AM** **All to depart on Western Air flight to Lynden Pindling International Airport (NAS)**
- 10:50 AM** **All to arrive in Nassau at Lynden Pindling International Airport (NAS)**
- 11:20 AM** **Transfer from Nassau at Lynden Pindling International Airport (NAS) to Drifters at [Arawak Cay](#) for Lunch**

Named after the original West Indian inhabitants of the island and known locally as “The Fish Fry,” Arawak Cay dates back to 1969, when Nassau Harbour was dredged. The sand taken from the harbour was used to build Arawak Cay, and since that time, the restaurants of this iconic area have served traditional Bahamian fare to millions of locals and visitors alike. Nowadays, it also features an open stage and seating for performances and concerts—and if you’re lucky you may even get to watch some of the major Junkanoo groups like The Valley Boys practicing at Arawak Cay for the Boxing Day and New Year Junkanoo Parades.

- 1:00 PM** **Transfer to [Junkanoo Museum](#)**

Following the revitalization of Nassau Cruise Port in May, the port is now home to a brand new Junkanoo Museum, allowing visitors all the more opportunities to learn about the country’s national cultural festival. We’ll be joined by Ms. Arlene Nash Ferguson, the brainchild of the original Educulture Junkanoo Musuem in Nassau, and an expert on Bahamian culture and traditions.

- 2:30 PM** **Transfer to [Grand Hyatt Baha Mar](#) for check-in**

Located on Nassau’s stunning Cable Beach, Grand Hyatt Baha Mar offers everything you need for an unforgettable luxury getaway in The Bahamas. Explore the city, spend a day on the beach, experience the thrill of the luxury beachfront waterpark, enjoy one of the Caribbean’s largest casinos, tee off for 18 holes of golf – you can do it all from the elegant Grand Hyatt. Unwind in your spacious guest room or suite, fully appointed with luxe amenities and tasteful contemporary décor. Soak up the sun on Cable Beach or relax in a cabana next to one of the eight sparkling resort pools. Work on your golf or tennis game, relax and rejuvenate at ESPA, or sample fine dining – whatever experiences define “the perfect escape” for you, you’ll find them at Grand Hyatt Baha Mar.

Instagram profile: @bahamarresorts, @grandhyattbahamar,

@bahabaybahamar

Hashtags: #BahaMar

Website: www.bahamar.com



****Please note Baha Mar is providing a daily \$250 F&B credit to be used for breakfast and lunch on-property that you can charge back to your room number.*

Dinner

Dinner at leisure

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Breakfast

At leisure

Suggested Dining:

- [Café Madeline](#) -- Discover a Parisian café in the heart of Baha Mar, offering indoor and outdoor seating. Savor freshly baked pastries, delicious coffee, classic French specialties like quiche and croque monsieur, as well as house-made gelato and sorbet.
- [Café Boulud](#) -- Café Boulud The Bahamas offers the glamour of traditional French cuisine combined with the warm hospitality of a neighborhood café in a sophisticated Bahamian setting. Led by the globally renowned Chef Daniel Boulud, the menu will be inspired by Boulud's four culinary muses – La Tradition, La Saison, La Mer, and Le Voyage – in order to create a unique menu that will highlight the seasonality of local Caribbean ingredients.
- [Cleo](#) -- Award-winning chef Danny Elmaleh takes you on a culinary adventure of Mediterranean-inspired cuisine, adapting his original Cleo menu to include local Bahamian ingredients.
- [Starbucks](#) -- Get your coffee fix whenever you need it, at one of two convenient on-property Starbucks locations. One is located across from Stix Noodle Bar in Grand Hyatt East while the second location is located in the SLS lobby.

10:30 AM

Meet in lobby for site tour with Vanessa

Morning

At leisure

Suggested Activities:

- [Baha Bay](#): Inspired by the natural beauty of The Bahamas, Baha Bay is designed to perfectly fuse relaxing island chill with exhilarating fun for the entire family. The luxe waterpark is directly adjacent to the Baha Mar resort in Nassau, The Bahamas and set on 15 lush beachfront acres.
- Relax at one of Baha Mar's many pools or on legendary Cable Beach—widely considered one of The Bahamas' most stunning shorelines. Baha Mar has everything you need for fun on the water. Enjoy an extensive complimentary rental program offering stand-up paddleboards, single and double kayaks, water hammocks, floating lounges, and personal floats.



- *Flamingo Cay: Experience The Bahamas' most iconic bird at Flamingo Cay, Baha Mar's unique habitat designed to educate guests about these incredible animals and preserve their population. You can mingle with the flamingos at our daily parade starting at Flamingo Cay at 9:30 AM.*

Lunch

At leisure

Suggested Dining:

- [Costa](#)-- Coastal cuisines are fused with Mexican flavors for a fresh and unexpected approach to traditional seafood dishes. These flavorful meals are served in communal, open-air cabanas overlooking Rosewood's lush gardens and pools.
- [El Jefe](#) -- You can't miss this hot pink, retro-style Airstream eatery right on the beach. Try hand-made sopes, topped with your choice of meat, or delicious nachos, fresh guacamole, and cold beers to sip in the warm Bahamian breeze.
- [Stix Noodle Bar](#) -- Expert chefs hand-pull traditional Chinese noodles at this lively spot adjacent to Baha Mar Casino. Beyond a wide range of satisfying noodle recipes infused with fresh Bahamian ingredients, Stix offers a selection of delectable dim sum and vegetable dishes to please any palate.
- [Streetbird](#) -- Streetbird is an eclectic casual dining concept by Marcus Samuelsson that fuses the culture of Harlem with the essence of the Caribbean. Featuring dishes rooted in Southern-American tradition, the cuisine of Streetbird also draws inspiration from Afro-Caribbean culture and incorporates classic Island touches, such as the Calypso Conch Fritters, Escovitch Chicken and Plantain Waffles.

2:45 PM

OPTIONAL: West End Cocktail Crawl – Meet in Grand Hyatt Baha Mat lobby for transfer

Join us for an afternoon of Bahamian sips! Enjoy authentic and hand-crafted cocktails (and mocktails) at the IG worthy [Bon Vivants](#) followed by a "cocktail-off" at [Sunset Beach Club](#) where you'll make your own Bahama Mama under the guidance of [Marv "Mr. Mix" Cunningham](#).

Instagram profiles: @bonvivantsbahamas, @sunsetbeachclubbah, @mrmixbahamas_242

5:15 PM

Transfer back to Baha Mar from Sunset Beach Club

7:00 PM

Dinner Reservation at [Marcus](#)

Marcus at Baha Mar Fish + Chop House is a celebration of Chef Marcus Samuelsson's passion for exploring flavors, from finding the freshest Bahamian ingredients and local seafood to sharing his latest take on comfort food classics.



Evening

At leisure

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Breakfast

At leisure

Suggested Dining:

- [The Swimming Pig](#) -- *The Swimming Pig puts an elegant spin on the classic comforts of a typical English pub with an emphasis on gourmet cuisine and draft beers. The menu is characterized by aesthetically balanced dishes that marry innovative ideas with distinct, contrasting flavors. Jump-start your day with made-to-order omelets, Island-style French Toast, and other hearty classics.*
- [Café Boulud](#) -- *Café Boulud The Bahamas offers the glamour of traditional French cuisine combined with the warm hospitality of a neighborhood café in a sophisticated Bahamian setting. Led by the globally renowned Chef Daniel Boulud, the menu will be inspired by Boulud's four culinary muses – La Tradition, La Saison, La Mer, and Le Voyage – in order to create a unique menu that will highlight the seasonality of local Caribbean ingredients.*
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Lunch

At leisure

Suggested Dining:

- [Umami Burger](#) - *Umami is the Japanese word for "fifth flavor"—a rich and savory taste sensation beyond the commonplace flavors of sweet, sour, salty and bitter. This cravable and deeply satisfying flavor is at the center of every irresistible Umami burger, which are crafted from unique ingredients designed to turn burger lovers into true believers.*
- [Pizza Lab](#) -- *Located in front of The Showlakes, Pizza Lab serves up slices of New York, Chicago, Sicilian and Neapolitan pizza, as well as pasta and other traditional Italian favorites.*
- [Stix Noodle Bar](#) -- *Expert chefs hand-pull traditional Chinese noodles at this lively spot adjacent to Baha Mar Casino. Beyond a wide range of satisfying noodle recipes infused with fresh Bahamian ingredients, Stix offers a selection of delectable dim sum and vegetable dishes to please any palate.*



11:00 AM **Check out of Baha Mar and store bags**

1:00 PM **Transfer to Lynden Pindling International Airport (NAS)**

Transportation provided by NPIPB and Leisure Travel Tours

4:42 PM **Depart on JetBlue flight 2711**

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ABOUT JETBLUE

JetBlue is New York's Hometown Airline®, and a leading carrier in Boston, Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood, Los Angeles, Orlando and San Juan. JetBlue, known for its low fares and great service, carries customers to more than 100 destinations throughout the United States, Latin America, the Caribbean, Canada and Europe. For more information and the best fares, visit jetblue.com. Find high-res [photos](#), [fact sheets](#) and the latest JetBlue news in our [newsroom](#).

ABOUT THE BAHAMAS

With over 700 islands and cays, and 16 unique island destinations, The Islands of The Bahamas lies just 55 miles off the coast of Florida offering an easy fly-away escape that transports travelers away from their everyday. The Bahamas have world-class fishing, diving, boating and thousands of miles of the earth's most spectacular water and beaches waiting for families, couples and adventurers.

What's more, The Bahamas and its people are continuing to celebrate the incredible milestone of 50 years of independence following July 10, 2023 – adding even more reasons to experience the destination! Visitors are encouraged to join locals in celebration and attend the various events happening across the islands.

ABOUT NASSAU/PARADISE ISLAND

Nassau/Paradise Island is the tourism hub of The Bahamas, booming with luxury resorts, casinos, dining, shopping and a vibrant nightlife, yet still holds true to the authentic Bahamian culture. The destination is often referred to as the 'Gateway to The Bahamas' for its easy access to The Out Islands and Grand Bahama Island.

HISTORY

Nassau was first discovered by British colonists, and has a long-standing history of pirates, dating all the way back to 1696 when Privateer Henry Every landed in Nassau Harbour with a ship loaded with loot. After bribing the Governor of The Bahamas, Nicholas Trott, with silver and gold, the city of Nassau was established as a safe haven for pirates' operations.

FAST FACTS

- Town/Settlement: Nassau



- Size: Stretches over 21miles
- Population: Approximately 248,948

ABOUT BIMINI

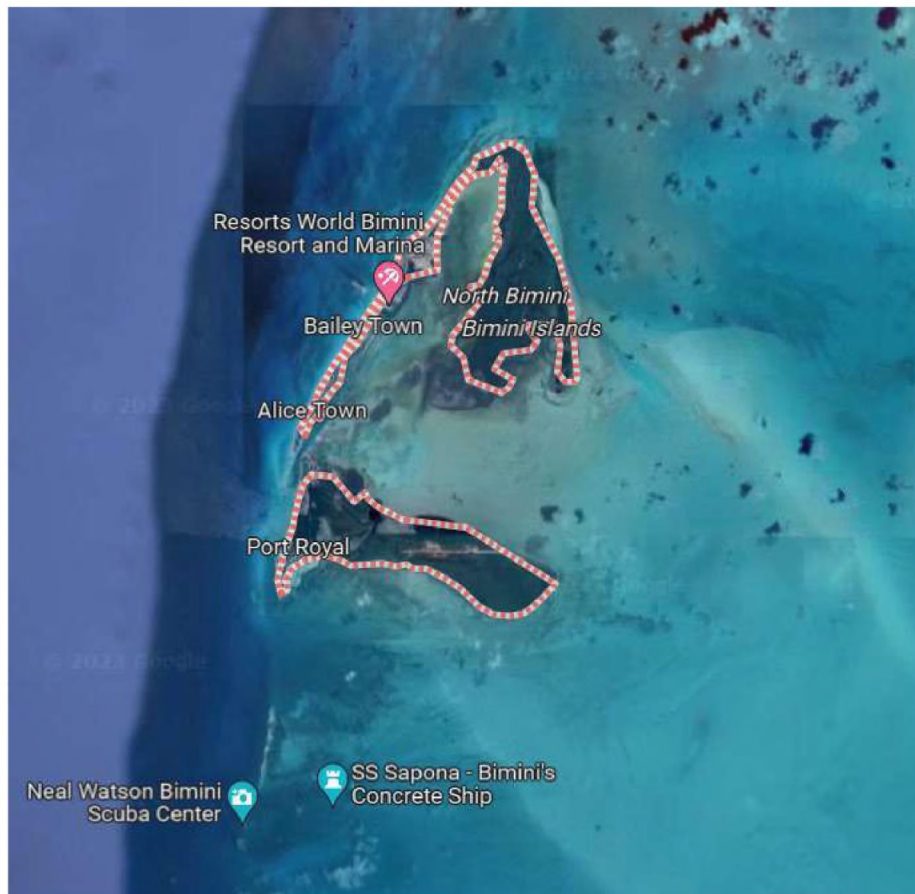
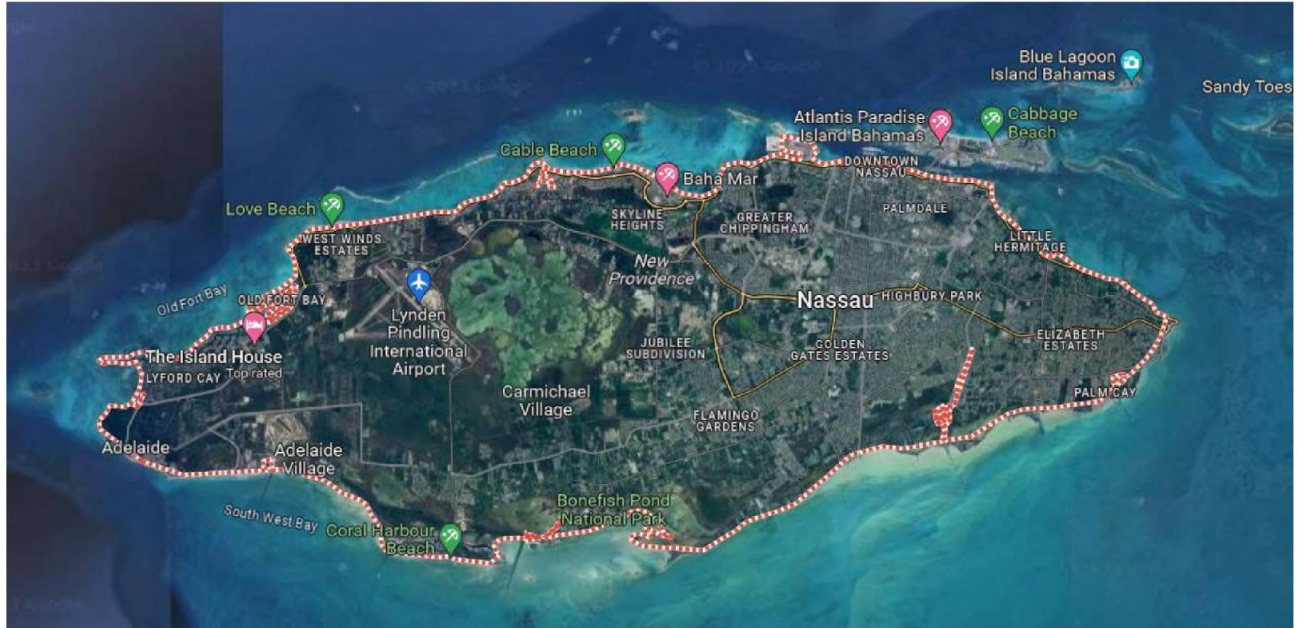
Bimini is a peaceful, quaint getaway with a mix of adventure, exudes uniqueness, vibrancy and Bahamian authenticity. Located just 50 miles from Florida's coast, Bimini is one of the most easily accessible islands from the United States, with North Bimini Island and South Bimini Island making up the two main islands.

HISTORY

Legend holds that Ponce de Leon landed on Bimini in his search for the Fountain of Youth, but during prohibition the island was a source for booze instead. Bimini prospered during prohibition thanks to its usefulness as a base of operations for rumrunners. The island was also a magnet for boldfaced names from Ernest Hemingway to Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

FAST FACTS

- Town/Settlement: Alice Town
- Size: 7 ½ miles long and ½ mile wide, and makes up a landmass of just nine square miles
- Population: Approximately 1,988





Freeport, Grand Bahama

BAHAMASAIR'S SEASONAL RDU FLIGHT

**FAMILIARIZATION TRIP
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November 30th – December 3rd , 2023



RALEIGH MEDIA FAM

Freeport, Grand Bahama

November 30 – December 3, 2023

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FREEPORT, BAHAMAS

NOVEMBER 30 – DECEMBER 3, 2023

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These protocols are subject to change at any time in response to new Covid-19 measures: Please check the website frequently for ongoing updates:

ARRIVAL:

TESTING REQUIREMENT

- As of 20 September 2022, the COVID-19 testing requirement for entering The Bahamas has been eliminated.
- All travelers, regardless of vaccination status, are no longer required to submit to pre-travel COVID-19 testing to enter the country.
- **Please note:** COVID-19 testing is no longer required for persons traveling inter-island (domestic) within The Bahamas, regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status (Unvaccinated or fully vaccinated).

DEPARTURE

- All U.S residents and green card holders are not required to test.
- Please check your local government deadlines prior to visit to determine return requirements as some countries may require negative test results for re-entry regardless of vaccination status.

WHAT TO PACK:

- Rain jacket & light sweater
- casual attire
- swimwear
- Bug Spray





ARRIVAL

DAY 1 – THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2023

Welcome to Grand Bahama! Welcome to The Bahamas' "second city" where beautiful beaches and Island life are just the beginning. Venture beyond The Bahamas' white sands and turquoise waters to discover an island metropolis full of history, culture, and tasty Caribbean flavors.

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| 2:30 PM | Depart Raleigh for Grand Bahama via Bahamasir flight UP146 |
| 4:30 PM | Arrive on Grand Bahama International Airport, met by MOTIA Representative, Anya Hanna |
| 4:30 PM – 4:50 PM | Transfer to Lighthouse Pointe for Check-In |
| 5:00 PM | Check-In Lighthouse Pointe – At Lighthouse Pointe, the island authenticity of The Bahamas meets the ease and affordability of an all-inclusive resort. Guests enjoy spacious, stylishly appointed guest rooms and exclusive access to four new restaurants. |
| 7:15 PM | Meet in lobby for Dinner |
| 7:30 PM – 8:00 PM | Welcome Dinner Portobello's Restaurant – Portobello's dishes up delectable fare for breakfast and dinner. Guests have the option of dining indoors or poolside for a la carte breakfast or traditional restaurant by night. |

Evening at Leisure



EXPLORE GRAND BAHAMA

DAY 2 – FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2023

8:00 AM - 8:10 AM

Meet in Host Hotel lobby for transfer to breakfast

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

People-To-People Breakfast – AT OUT DA SEA RESTAURANT

People-To-People is a Ministry of Tourism program that pairs visitors with a Bahamian ambassador for a unique on-island experience.

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Tour with Transportation provider – City tour and history of various staple communities on Grand Bahama including Williams Town, Smith’s Point, Lighthouse in Pinders Point, and Millionaire’s Row. Tour will include Bahamian Brewery.

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

The Dolphin Encounter – Explore the dolphin experience at Sanctuary Bay. Sanctuary Bay is a natural 9-acre lagoon, home to twelve Atlantic Bottle Nose Dolphins. The dolphin experience has been long recognized in the marine mammal field with focus on education through interaction.

1:35PM – 1:45 PM

Transfer to lunch at Garden Cafe

2:00 PM – 3:00PM

Lunch at Garden Café – Offering a serene setting in Garden of the Groves, this casual, yet elegant restaurant serves up an excellent lunch. The gardens are an enchanting, tropical paradise; it’s peaceful change from the beach bars and restaurants of Lucaya.

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Coral Vita Farm Tour – Guests have the opportunity to explore Grand Bahama’s first landbased coral farm. Coral Vita Farm works to restore our world’s dying & damaged reefs by growing diverse corals and transplanting them.

4:00 PM – 4:15 PM

Return to host hotel; afternoon at leisure

6:30 PM - 6:45 PM

Meet in Host Hotel lobby for transfer to dinner

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

The Stoned Crab - A hidden, beach-front oasis nestled on the borders of paradise, providing electric cuisine with European flair and tranquil aesthetic!



9:00PM – 9:10 PM

Short walk to Port Lucaya Marketplace Square

9:15 PM – 10:00PM

Live band performance at Port Lucaya Square – Engage in exciting entertainment performances in Port Lucaya Marketplace Square. Be immersed by the sounds of the traditional Bahamian genre of Rake n’ Scrape.

Short walk to return to Host hotel; Evening at leisure

EXPLORE GRAND BAHAMA

DAY 3 – SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023

Breakfast at leisure at Portobellos – Portobellos dishes up delectable fare for breakfast and dinner. Guests have the option of dining indoors or poolside for a la carte breakfast.

8:00 AM - 8:15 AM

Meet in host hotel lobby for transfer to Breakfast

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM

Transfer to Old Bahama Bay for Stingray Experience

9:00 AM – 9:30 AM

Briefing with Keith Cooper

9:30AM – 10:00AM

Boat ride to Sandy Cay, West End

10:00 AM – 12:00NOON

West End Ecology Tour – The signature Stingray Tour is in West End. Guests can snorkel and swim with the stingrays in their natural habitat. A short distance from the cay is a sunken boat wreck where guests can also snorkel.

12:00PM – 12:30 PM

Return to Old Bahama Bay

12:45PM – 1:45 PM

Lunch at Waves Beach Bar – Waves Beach Bar is located on the “front road” in West End. Guests can sit indoor or outdoor while listening to music, enjoying tropical drinks and feel the ocean breeze.

2:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Return to host hotel; afternoon at leisure



DAY 3 – SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023

6:00 PM – 6:15PM

Meet in host hotel lobby for short walk to dinner

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Sabor Restaurant– Sabor Restaurant is a hidden treasure on the island of Grand Bahama where the freshest of ingredients infused with tropical spices brings every dish to life bursting with delightful flavors. Located in the gardens of Pelican Bay Hotel, diners have a marvelous view over the yachts in the Port Lucaya marina.

7:30 PM – 7:50 PM

Transfer to Junkanoo Shack Tour

8:00PM – 9:00PM

Junkanoo Shack Tour – Junkanoo is a vibrant Bahamian cultural festival celebrated with colorful parades, music and dance. Enjoy a 3-step tour of how the Junkanoo groups prepare for the most highly anticipated cultural activity held on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day in The Bahamas. Get a firsthand experience of how the costumes are created and end the night with a Junkanoo Rush.

9:00PM – 9:15PM

Transfer to Prop Club Beach Bar

9:30 PM – 10:00 PM

Live lounge singing at the Prop Club Beach Bar at Grand Lucayan - A popular place to take in the beach while enjoying savory Caribbean specialties. Prop Club Beach gives you the upbeat atmosphere of a sports bar while dining in a beachside setting. Indulge in our menu of delectable Caribbean favorites.

10:00 PM – 10:10 PM

Short walk to return to Host hotel, Evening at leisure



DEPARTURE

DAY 4 – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023

Breakfast at leisure at Portobellos – Portobellos dishes up delectable fare for breakfast and dinner. Guests have the option of dining indoors or poolside for a la carte breakfast.

8:50 AM – 8:55 AM

Meet in lobby for transfer to Airport

9:00 AM – 9:15 AM

Transfer to Grand Bahama International Airport

11:00 AM

Depart Grand Bahama International Airport for Raleigh via Bahamasair Flight UP145

Itinerary Subject to Change



BAHAMASAIR INAUGURAL FLIGHT (FLL-GGT)

ITINERARY

November 15-18, 2023





Bahamasair Inaugural FLL to GGT Exuma, The Bahamas

Nov 15th – Nov 18th, 2023

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Nov 15th – Nov 18th, 2023

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ARRIVAL:

TESTING REQUIREMENTS

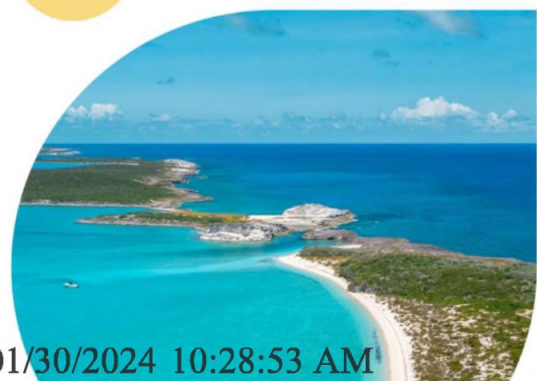
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- **Please note:** Covid-19 testing is no longer required for inter-island travel in The Bahamas, regardless of Covid-19 status (unvaccinated or fully vaccinated)
- **Additionally,** masks are no longer be required as recommended by Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Health & Wellness.

DEPARTURE:

- All U.S residents and green card holders are not required to test.
- Please check your local government guidelines prior to your visit to determine return requirements as some countries may require negative tests results for re-entry regardless of vaccination status.

WHAT TO PACK:

- Rain jacket
- Light sweater
- Casual attire
- Swimwear
- Bug spray/Sunblock
- Tennis Shoes/Sneakers





EXPERIENCE EXUMA

DAY 1

Welcome to Exuma! With sapphire-blue water everywhere, The Exumas are an exotic collection of dream destinations. Footprint-free beaches, ultra-exclusive resorts, and islands fit for celebrities make this tropical paradise an absolute gem. Here, nature outnumbers man, coastlines remain flawless and private homes play host to some of the world's most famous stars. The Exumas truly are the ultimate escape.

Wednesday, November 15th, 2023

2:30 PM Depart for Exuma on Bahamas Air Flight UP161

4:00 PM Arrival in Exuma
Ceremony at Airport

5:00 PM Transfer to Host Hotel

5:35 PM Check in to Sandals Emerald Bay

7:30 PM Welcome Dinner at Host Hotel
Bombay Club

Evening at Leisure

Thursday, November 16th, 2023

0:00 AM Breakfast at Leisure

10:30 AM Depart Sandals for Forbes Hill
11:15 AM – Guided tour & historical lesson hosted by Adrian Finley
12:15 PM Conch Salad & Gullywash Refreshments

12:30 PM – Depart Community Center for Lunch at [Fanny's Sporting Lounge](#)
12:45 PM Menu to be provided Transfer to Host Hotel

12:50 PM – Transportation to Brown's Marine for Moriah Marine Park
1:00 PM – Visit to Man-O-War Cay/Sand Bar/ Stocking Island/Reef Snorkeling (conditions
5:15 PM permitting)/ Deserted Island hopping.

5:15 PM – Transfer to Host Hotel
6:00 PM Bombay Club

7:15 PM Depart Sandals for People – to- People Experience
Hosted by lol P2P Ambassadors Dorcas Shuttleworth, Katharina and Victor Cooper

9:35 PM Return to Host Hotel



EXPERIENCE EXUMA

Friday, November 17th, 2023

- 0:00 AM** **Breakfast at Leisure**
- 7:45 AM** **Depart Sandals for Emerald Bay**
7:50 AM –
- 8: 00 AM** **Swimming Pigs/Cays Tour**

Lunch at Ty's (Farmer's Cay)
- 5:00 PM** **Depart Emerald Bay Marina for Host Hotel**

Evening at Leisure
Dinner Recommendation
La Parisienne

Saturday, November 18th, 2023

- 0:00 AM** **Breakfast at Leisure**
- 9:00 AM** **Transfer to Airport for Departure**
- 11:30 AM** **Depart for Nassau on Bahamasair Flight UP-160**
- 1:15 PM** **Arrival in Fort Lauderdale**

