

ANDROS FACT SHEET

Andros is one of the best places in the world for bonefishing and diving. The island sits alongside the world's third largest barrier reef, which creates a healthy environment teeming with opportunity for sports enthusiasts. This island is the largest and least developed in The Bahamas, making it the perfect home to several nature preserves, bird watching destinations and blue holes. Andros is cut through by three bights making it three islands – North Andros, Mangrove Cay, South Andros – connected by bridges.

HISTORY

The first recorded "discovery" of Andros occurred in 1550 by the Spanish. In the 1800s, the Seminole Indians migrated from Florida to Red Bay, where a tribe still lives today, and are especially praised for their fine woodcarvings and woven baskets.

ABOUT ANDROS

Town/Settlement: Andros Town

Size:104 miles long and 40 miles wide

• Population: Approximately 8,000

ACCOMMODATIONS

Tiamo Resort – Located on South Andros Island, Tiamo combines luxury and nature with 11 unique, environment-friendly villas, a cascading natural infinity pool and dining experience that brings to life Chef Keith's Caribbean inspired cuisine. www.tiamoresorts.com

Small Hope Bay Lodge – Nestled on the edge of the Andros Barrier Reef, Small Hope Bay Lodge's beachfront cabins provide guests with a tranquil Bahamian experience. From the fresh, international cuisine to the specially curated eco-tours and diving expeditions, this all-inclusive resort is the perfect mix of comfort, serenity and adventure. www.smallhope.com

Kamalame Cay - Private Island & Residences – This award-winning, private island resort features 27 luxurious, seaside rooms and suites tucked in bougainvillea-draped cottages, bungalows and peak-roofed Balinese beach houses. Standout services and amenities include a seaside tiki bar, fine dining at the Great Restaurant and Bar and the only over-water spa in The Bahamas. It has been named the number one resort in The Caribbean two years in a row by *Condé Nast Traveler*.

www.kamalame.com



ACTIVITIES

As an explorer's dream destination, Andros offers some of the best nature activities in The Bahamas including: safari tours, bonefishing, deep-sea diving, blue hole cave exploration, hiking, kayaking and snorkeling.

POINTS OF INTEREST

Andros Barrier Reef – This must-see natural wonder is the third-largest barrier reef in the world, plunging more than 6,000 feet into the Tongue of the Ocean. It is unique in the region because of its size, luxuriant coral growth and low incidence of coral disease.

Native Colony Ruins – The historic stone buildings represent vintage Bahamian-style architecture and are open for exploration.

Henry Morgan's Cave – Perfect for pirate buffs, this cave is said to hold pirate Henry Morgan's hidden treasure and is a great location to both hike and picnic.

Uncle Charlie's Blue Hole – Though Andros is home to a number of fascinating blue holes, Uncle Charlie's Blue Hole is one of the most notable on Andros, with a maximum depth of 417 feet.

Androsia Handmade Batik Factory – This world-famous factory produces vibrant, hand-dyed batik fabric with designs inspired by the island environment and Bahamian culture.

Andros Beaches – Discover the pristine beauty of the many beaches of Andros including Small Hope Bay Beach, Tiamo Beach, Love Hill Beach, Summer Set Beach, Nicholls' Town Beach or Pleasant Bay Beach.

INTRIGUING FACTS

- Andros is regarded as the Bonefish Capital of the World.
- More than 60 known species of wild orchids cover the island.
- The island is also nicknamed "The Sleeping Giant" and "The Big Yard."
- There are an estimated 178 blue holes on the island of Andros.



AIRLINE SERVICES

Andros Town International Airport (ASD) serves as the main airport for Andros departures and arrivals.

- Air Flight Charters: (954) 359-0320
- Aztec Airways: (954) 351-9313
- <u>Eastern Air Express</u>: (954) 772-3363
- <u>Golden Wings Charter:</u> (242) 377-0039
- <u>Leair Charter Service</u>: (242) 524-8781
- Shore Charter Services: (242) 524-8721

- <u>Treasure Air Charters:</u> (305) 741-0489
- <u>Tropic Air Charters:</u> (954) 267-0707
- <u>Tropic Ocean Airways</u>: (954) 210-5569; (800) 767-0897
- Watermakers Air: (954) 771-0330
- Western Air: (242) 329-4000

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- U.S. currency is accepted and is interchangeable with the Bahamian dollar.
- Temperatures range from 68 to 86 degrees during the day and 62 to 70 degrees at night, year-round.
- Sea water temperature ranges from 73 degrees in February to 82 degrees in August.
- The entry requirement for U.S. residents is proof of citizenship, in the form of a passport. All U.S. citizens and foreign nationals traveling to the United States from The Bahamas, are required to present a valid passport or another secure document accepted by United States Customs and Border Protection.

ABOUT THE BAHAMAS

The Islands Of The Bahamas have a place in the sun for everyone. Each island has its own personality and attractions for a variety of vacation styles with some of the world's best scuba diving, fishing, sailing, boating, as well as, shopping and dining. The destination offers an easily accessible tropical getaway and provides convenience for travelers with preclearance through U.S. customs and immigration, and the Bahamian dollar is on par with the U.S. dollar. Do everything or do nothing, just remember It's Better in The Bahamas. For more information call 1-800-Bahamas or visit www.Bahamas.com. Look for The Bahamas on the web on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube.



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