



# Ellison “Tommy” Thompson

## DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL, MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND AVIATION

Mr. Ellison “Tommy” Thompson is an experienced and talented tourism veteran whose career has spanned continents. After improving the tourism product in The Bahamas for five years, he was transferred to Europe where he stimulated the growth of the European offices. He was appointed Regional Manager UK in 1985, and the following year was transferred to Germany to become the Regional Manager for Germany, Austria and Switzerland.

After three years in Europe, Thompson became Special Assistant to the Director General of Tourism working in Nassau on tourism development projects for five years. In 1993 he took over the management of the Bahamas Tourist Offices in Harbour Island and Eleuthera, a position which he held for four years. Following that, Thompson began work as Senior Manager of the UK, Ireland, Holland and Scandinavia in 1997.

From 2000-2001, Thompson attained his MBA at the University of Surrey. He returned to the role of Deputy General Manager Europe in April 2002 where he introduced direct airlift from Italy with Toureama and from the UK with Virgin Atlantic and First Choice Airways.

Thompson has greatly enjoyed the challenge of developing tourism throughout Europe and looks forward to supporting continued growth of The Islands of The Bahamas’ tourism product worldwide as Deputy Director General.

### 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](http://www.bahamas.com). Look for The Bahamas on the web on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.

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