



## LONG ISLAND FACT SHEET

[Long Island](#) is one of the most scenic hideaways in The Islands Of The Bahamas, offering excellent fishing, diving, boating and natural beauty. The island is divided by the Tropic Of Cancer and is bordered on each side by two contrasting coasts. The western shoreline is composed of soft, white sandy beaches, while the island's east coast consists of rocky bluffs that descend into the sea. Long Island is perhaps most known for Dean's Blue Hole, which draws free divers from around the globe to test themselves in what may be the deepest blue hole in the world.

### HISTORY

Long Island was originally named "Yuma" by Arawak Indians and was renamed "Fernandina" by Christopher Columbus in 1492. However, the island earned its current name because a seafarer felt it took too "long" to sail past the 80-mile island. Loyalists settled on the island in 1790, and you can still find many of the established settlements standing including Burnt Ground, Simms, Wood Hill, Clarence Town, Roses and South Point.

### ABOUT LONG ISLAND

- Town/Settlement: Simms and Clarence Town
- Size: 80 miles long and is only 4 miles wide
- Population: Approximately 3,100

### ACCOMMODATIONS

**Stella Maris Resort** – This intimate resort is off the beaten path and overlooks the tranquil waters of the Atlantic shore. It offers tropical accommodations and island activities that make it a great option for a family vacation or romantic getaway.

[www.stellamarisresort.com](http://www.stellamarisresort.com)

**Cape Santa Maria Beach Resort & Villas** – This secluded, luxurious resort is nestled on Cape Santa Maria and surrounded by beautiful blue seas and miles of white sand. Guests can stay in one of the cozy beachfront villas or bungalows and truly unwind while taking in the beauty of Cape Santa Maria.

[www.capesantamaria.com](http://www.capesantamaria.com)

**Winter Haven Inn** – This 15-room resort is located in Long Island's capital, Clarence Town. The quaint inn is known for its stunning views of the Atlantic, which guests can enjoy



while soaking in the hot tubs, relaxing in a beachfront room, or dining at Rowdy Boy's Bar and Grill.

[www.winterhavenbahamas.com](http://www.winterhavenbahamas.com)

**Gems at Paradise** – This intimate Long Island resort offers rooms that have exquisite views of the beach, harbor and surrounding cays of Lochabar. Amenities include access to beach lounge chairs, kayak rentals, shaded hammocks and free WIFI.

[www.gemsatparadise.com](http://www.gemsatparadise.com)

## ACTIVITIES

World-class scuba diving, bone-fishing, snorkeling, kayaking, bird watching and boating are several activities enjoyed by Long Island visitors throughout the year.

## POINTS OF INTEREST

**Dean's Blue Hole** – This island icon is believed to be the deepest blue hole in the world, plunging 663 feet deep into the ocean.

**Cape Santa Maria Beach** – The white powder beaches of this Long Island gem line the Caribbean Sea, making it the place for a sunset stroll or afternoon spent by the turquoise water.

**Max's Conch Bar & Grill** – This quaint, yet internationally known, restaurant is home to some of the most mouth-watering conch salads in The Bahamas.

**Hamilton's Cave** – One of the largest in The Bahamas, this ancient cave system has artifacts and drawings from the Lucayan Indian tribe that were discovered in 1935.

**St. Peter & St. Paul's Catholic Church** – This beautiful white church was designed in 1939 by the late Father Jerome Hawes, an Anglican minister who later converted to become a Catholic priest. St. Peter & St. Paul's Catholic Church is located on a high hill overlooking three large cays and features 40-foot twin towers, which can be climbed for 360-degree views of the island.

## INTRIGUING FACTS

- The world record for free immersion diving was set by William Trubridge at Dean's Blue Hole; his dive of 122 meters in a single breath broke his previous record.
- It is hard to get lost on Long Island as there is one road that runs the entire length of the island.



## **AIRLINE SERVICES**

*Deadman's Cay Airport (LGI) and Stella Maris Airport (SML) serve Long Island departures and arrivals.*

- [Air Flight Charters:](#)  
(954) 359-0320
- [Aztec Airways:](#)  
(954) 351-9313
- [Bahamasair:](#)  
(242) 337-0877
- [Island Wings Limited:](#)  
(242) 338-0360
- [Southern Air Charter:](#)  
(242) 337-1722
- Southern Air Charter:  
(242) 338-2095 (Stella Maris)
- [Stella Maris Resort Air Service:](#)  
(242) 338-2051; (800) 426-0466
- [Tropic Air Charters:](#)  
(954) 267-0707

## **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.
- Seawater 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](http://www.Bahamas.com). Look for The Bahamas on the web on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#).

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