

## THE ABACOS FACT SHEET

<u>The Abacos</u> includes a chain of islands surrounded by calm seas, and reigns as one of the top sailing and boating destinations in the world. The quaint colonial capital city of Marsh Harbour is home to a wide selection of hotels and resorts, exceptional restaurants and a spirited nightlife. From championship golf courses and miles of picturesque beaches, to historic English loyalist settlements ideal for history buffs, The Abacos are truly a unique Out Island experience.

#### HISTORY

The Abacos remained largely unexplored until the late 18th century. After the American Revolution, British Loyalists fled the United States where they became the first known settlers in The Abacos. The New England-style of The Abacos remains prevalent today.

## ABOUT THE ABACOS

- Town/Settlement: Marsh Harbour
- Size: 650 square miles
- Population: Approximately 17,224

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

**Treasure Cay Beach Marina & Golf Resort** – Located on the east coast of the island, this luxury resort offers guests a relaxing experience. From its unspoiled powdery white sand beaches and 18-hole championship golf course, to its fine restaurants, bars, and markets, Treasure Cay Beach Marina & Golf Resort is a Bahamian gem. <u>www.treasurecay.com</u>

**Bluff House Beach Resort & Marina** – This 12-acre resort stretches from White Sound to the Sea of Abaco, and boasts its own private beach, making it a tranquil getaway. On-site activities include beach volleyball, paddle boarding, kayaking, or lounging in a hammock beneath the palm trees. <u>www.bluffhouse.com</u>

**Green Turtle Club Resort and Marina** – This sophisticated boutique resort is located on Green Turtle Cay, and boasts 30 deluxe club rooms and waterfront villas, a 40-slip marina, complimentary paddle boarding and beach-side massages. Guests can enjoy fresh seafood and Caribbean cuisine while dining at the highly praised Club Restaurant. <u>www.greenturtleclub.com</u>

**Abaco Beach Resort** – This is a waterfront resort offering two outdoor pools, a tennis court and a marina as well as dining. <u>www.abacobeachresort.com</u>.

#### ACTIVITIES

Boating, sailing, fishing, watersports, snorkeling, scuba diving and golfing, are popular activities in The Abacos.

POINTS OF INTEREST



**Elbow Reef Lighthouse** – This beloved landmark is one of the last manual standing lighthouses in the world.

**Man-O-War Cay** – Known as the boat-building capital of The Bahamas, this cay has a sailing heritage that's woven into everyday life. The local boat-building shops are a must for a glimpse into the history – even a souvenir.

**Great Guana Cay** – Great Guana Cay is the epitome of modern island life. The Sunday Pig Roast at Nipper's Beach Bar & Grill attracts visitors and boaters for this top-of-the-list experience.

Treasure Cay Golf Club – This 18-hole, Dick Wilson designed golf course spans 6,985 yards.

### INTRIGUING FACTS

- The Abacos is home to the beautiful Bahama Parrot the only "new world" parrot that nests in sub-terrain rock cavities
- Marsh Harbour has exactly one traffic light
- The Abacos is known as the sailing capital of the world
- The golf course at Treasure Cay Resort is the number one golf course in The Bahamas

### AIRLINE SERVICES

Two airports serve The Abacos: Marsh Harbour International Airport (MHH) and Treasure Cay International Airport (TCB).

- <u>Air Unlimited</u>: (407) 585-4300
- <u>Airgate Aviation: Marsh Harbour</u>: (242) 367-3636 / (242) 367-3636
- <u>Airgate Aviation: Treasure Cay</u>: (242) 365-9137
- <u>American Airlines</u> (800) 433-7300
- <u>American Eagle: The Abacos</u> (242) 367-2231 / (242) 367-2231
- <u>Aztec Airways:</u> (954) 351-9313
- <u>Cherokee Air</u>: (242) 367-1900 / (866) 920-9971
- <u>Delta Air Lines</u>: (800) 221-1212
- Eastern Air Express: (954) 772-3363 / (954) 295-0681

- Flamingo Air: The Abacos:
- Monarch Air Group, LLC: (877) 281-3051 / (954) 359-0059
- <u>Seabird Air:</u> (242) 362-1224
- Shore Charter Services: (242) 524-8721
- <u>Silver Airways</u>: (242) 352-6447 / (844) 674-5837
- <u>Treasure Air Charters:</u> (305) 741-0489
- <u>Triton Airways:</u> (954) 961-8485
- <u>Tropic Air Charters:</u> (954) 267-0707
- <u>Tropic Ocean Airways:</u> (954) 210-5569
- <u>Wildcat Touring Charters:</u> (254) 954-3228

(242) 367-0313



- Golden Wings Charter: The Abacos: (242) 377-0039
- <u>Bahamasair</u> (800) 222-4262

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- U.S. currency is accepted and is interchangeable with the Bahamian dollar.
- Temperatures, year-round, range from 68 to 86 degrees during the day and 62-70 degrees at night.
- Sea water temperature ranges from 73 degrees in February to 82 degrees in August.
- The entry requirement for U.S. and Canadian 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

With over 700 islands and cays, and 16 unique island destinations, 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 Islands of 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. Explore all the islands have to offer at <u>www.bahamas.com</u> or on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>YouTube</u> or <u>Instagram</u> to see why It's Better in The Bahamas.

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