



THE EXUMAS FACT SHEET

Located 35 miles southeast of Nassau, [The Exumas](#) are the epitome of Bahamian paradise with stretches of secluded beaches, turquoise waters and enough wildlife for an Instagram Safari. This exotic destination is divided into three major areas — Great Exuma, Little Exuma and The Exuma Cays. Each area offers its own unique experience for travelers, from picturesque shorelines to the beloved swimming pigs to boutique hotels and villas. There are actually 365 cays in The Exumas, washed by swirls of multi-hued water. The effect is so striking that astronaut Scott Kelly considers it the most beautiful place on earth.

HISTORY

The Exumas have evolved over time from a salt mining port of call, to a haven for pirates, to a cotton-producing colony – with each phase influencing its historical development. The Lucayan Indians were the first to inhabit The Exumas, followed by the arrival of the Spanish in the 1500s. During the American Revolution, a group of loyalist to the king sought refuge on the island, and wealthy European landowners started large cotton plantations. The most notable was John Rolle, who eventually freed his slaves and deeded his land to them.

ABOUT THE EXUMAS

- Town/Settlement: George Town
- Size: Stretches over 120 miles
- Population: Approximately 7,314

ACCOMMODATIONS

Sandals Emerald Bay – This all-inclusive, luxury resort sits on a mile-long beach on Great Exuma and boasts 249 rooms and suites, three impressive pools, an 18-hole championship golf course and eleven exceptional restaurants.

<https://www.sandals.com/emerald-bay>

Grand Isle Resort & Spa – Located on the island of Great Exuma, this tranquil resort features beautifully designed villas perfect for a romantic getaway or family vacation. From its unrivaled diving and snorkeling to exquisite cuisine and sublime spa services, this boutique resort exudes authentic Bahamian style.

www.grandisleresort.com



Peace & Plenty Hotel – The newly renovated Peace & Plenty Hotel is located in the heart of downtown George Town, which makes it easy to explore all that Great Exuma has to offer. This charming 32-room resort features a relaxing pool, a restaurant, two bars and a breathtaking view of Elizabeth Harbour.

www.peaceandplenty.com

Lumina Point Resort & Spa – This boutique, design-forward eco-resort is situated on a remote island just off the coast of Great Exuma. Escape to tranquility in one of the twelve waterfront villas and enjoy on-site amenities such as a health and wellness spa, and two exquisite farm-to-table restaurants.

www.luminapoint.com

Staniel Cay Yacht Club – The Staniel Cay Yacht Club offers the perfect getaway for anyone seeking a comfortable, casual vacation on a remote, private island in The Exuma Cays. This boutique resort offers 14 intimate bungalows and a full-service marina.

www.stanielcay.com

Augusta Bay Bahamas – The perfect balance of luxury and casual chic, this intimate beachfront boutique resort offers 16 spacious suites with private balconies, stunning ocean views and luxurious amenities.

www.augustabaybahamas.com

ACTIVITIES

Visitors flock to The Exumas for yachting, sailing, fishing, scuba diving and exploring the blue holes, as well its shallow waters, spectacular reefs and shipwrecks.

POINTS OF INTEREST

Big Major Cay – As the official home of the swimming pigs, visitors have a once-in-a-lifetime experience to swim with The Exumas' most famous four-legged animals.

Thunderball Grotto – An underwater cave located west of Staniel Cay, this famous grotto offers snorkeling, diving and exotic marine life, and has been used for scenes from James Bond's "Thunderball" and "Never Say Never Again".

The Straw Market – This traditional market is comprised of a series of stands along the main road into George Town. It offers several varieties of Exumian handcrafted baskets, handbags, woven straw hats and more.

Stocking Island – A boat ride away from Elizabeth Harbour, Stocking Island is best known for shelling, beachcombing and relaxing. Stromatolites, the oldest known microfossils on earth, can be found at beaches on the Atlantic side of the Island.



The Austin Smith Wreck – Popular among divers around the world, a vast coral reef life can be found at this remarkable shipwreck site.

Allen's Cay Iguana – Allen's Cay is home to some wild, but docile and friendly, iguanas. These animals aren't found anywhere else in the world outside of three cays in Exuma.

Tropic Of Cancer Beach – Otherwise known as Pelican Beach, this white sand beach is the longest beach on Little Exuma and named after the meridian line that crosses through it.

INTRIGUING FACTS

- There are no traffic lights on The Exumas
- The Exumas are home to many boating competitions, including The Family Island Regatta, noted as one of The Bahamas' most admired traditional events

AIRLINE SERVICES

Exuma International Airport (GGT) serves as the main airport for The Exumas departures and arrivals.

- [Air Canada](#):
(242) 345-0552; (888) 247-2262
- [American Airlines](#):
(800) 433-7300
- [American Eagle](#):
(242) 345-0125; (800) 433-7300
- [Aztec Airways](#):
(954) 351-9313
- [Bahamasair](#):
(242) 345-0035; (800) 222-4262
- [Delta Airlines](#):
(242) 345-0280; (800) 241-4141
- [Eastern Air Express](#):
(954) 772-3363; (954) 295-0681
- [Flamingo Air](#):
(242) 464-1202; (242) 377-0354
- [Golden Wings Charter](#):
(242) 377-0039
- [Island Air Charters, Inc.](#):
(954) 359-9942; (800) 444-9904
- [Monarch Air Group, LLC](#):
(954) 359-0059; (877) 281-3051
- [Odyssey Aviation](#)
(242) 345-0308; (242) 357-0038
- [Seabird Air](#):
(242) 362-1224
- Shore Charter Services:
(242) 524-8721
- [Silver Airways](#):
(242) 345-0125; (844) 674-5837
- [Sky Bahamas](#):
(242) 345-0172; (242) 702-2600
- [Staniel Air](#)
(561) 419-5330
- [Treasure Air Charters](#):
(305) 741-0489
- [Triton Airways](#):
(954) 961-8485; (844) FLY-TRITON
- [Tropic Air Charters](#):
(954) 267-0707
- [Tropic Ocean Airways](#):
(954) 210-5569; (800) 767-0897



- [Watermakers Air:](#)
(954) 771-0330 (*Services Staniel Cay*)

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 62-70 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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