



Cancellation of Crystal Cruises Inaugural Event on Bimini Reactive Statement

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In accordance with the current [Emergency Orders](#) issued by the Bahamas government for North and South Bimini, the Crystal Cruises inaugural event scheduled to take place on Bimini on Sunday, July 4 has been cancelled. A celebration to mark The Bahamas as Crystal Cruises newest homeport for Crystal Serenade will proceed as planned in Nassau tomorrow, Saturday, July 3.

Crystal Serenity will embark from Nassau on its debut 7-night roundtrip all-inclusive Luxury Bahamas Escapes voyage on July 3, which features back-to-back days exploring the Family Islands including Bimini, Cat Island, Great Exuma, San Salvador and Long Island. Passengers visiting Bimini must follow all current protocols in place and must remain onboard the ship during curfew hours of 7pm to 5am.

The Bahamas has remained diligent in its efforts to minimize the spread of COVID-19 throughout the islands, and these measures are imperative to ensure that remains the case. The health and wellbeing of both residents and visitors remain the number one priority of our public health officials. It is important to note, however, that due to fluidity of the COVID-19 situation, both in The Bahamas and worldwide, protocols are subject to change.

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STATEMENT FROM BAHAMAS MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND AVIATION ON LPIA COVID-19 TESTING CENTER CLOSURES & UPDATED ISLAND RESTRICTIONS

NASSAU, Bahamas, July 26, 2021 – Beginning July 31, 2021, Nassau Lynden Pindling International Airport (LPIA) will no longer provide COVID-19 testing on-site, therefore all testing arrangements should be scheduled at an alternative testing location.

At this time, all visitors departing The Bahamas to the U.S. – regardless of vaccination status – must obtain a negative COVID-19 viral test (PCR or Antigen) taken no more than three (3) days prior to the date of the flight.

The BMOTA encourages all visitors, including vaccinated travelers, to make these arrangements in advance of their scheduled departure, to avoid travel interruptions. For a complete list of approved testing sites, please visit: <https://www.bahamas.com/travelupdates>.

In addition to the above notice, The Government of The Bahamas has issued updated restrictions effective as of Monday, July 26 for Nassau & Paradise Island, Grand Bahama Island, and Eleuthera and Harbour Island, including:

- Daily curfews from 10:00 p.m. – 5:00 a.m.
- Groups on beaches and parks are limited to five people
- Spas services are prohibited

Due to the fluidity of COVID-19, the Government of The Bahamas will continue to monitor cases across the islands and loosen or tighten restrictions as needed. The Bahamas is an archipelago with more than 700 islands and cays, spread over 100,000 square miles, which means conditions and instances of the virus can be different on each of the 16 islands available to welcome visitors.

For full details on the latest updates, protocols and regulations, please visit opm.gov.bs.

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**BAHAMAS MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND AVIATION STATEMENT
ON UPDATED CDC TRAVEL ADVISORY**

NASSAU, Bahamas, August 23, 2021 – The Bahamas Ministry of Tourism & Aviation has taken note of the updated travel advisory issued from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) increasing its travel recommendation for The Bahamas from a Level 3 to a Level 4 destination.

The Bahamas is among a large number of countries, including several Caribbean destinations, for which the CDC has issued a Level 4 Travel Health Notice (THN) specific to COVID-19 risk.

With the Delta variant leading to an increase in cases across the globe, The Bahamas is taking additional precautions to ensure that safety remains of the utmost importance with stringent entry protocols in place. Most recently protocols were updated to require all travelers - both fully vaccinated and unvaccinated (as well as children ages 2-11) - obtain a negative COVID-19 test (either a Rapid Antigen Test or PCR Test), taken no more than five (5) days prior to the date of arrival in The Bahamas.

These entry measures combined with on-island restrictions as necessary will help protect all those who reside in and visit The Islands of The Bahamas. Due to the fluidity of COVID-19, the Government of The Bahamas monitors islands individually and can quickly enact protective measures to address specific cases or spikes accordingly. As the situation continues to evolve, officials will monitor cases across the islands and assess protocols and restrictions as needed. For an overview of The Bahamas' travel and entry protocols, please visit [Bahamas.com/travelupdates](https://bahamas.com/travelupdates).

The Government is also partnering with providers to maximize administration of the vaccine to get as many people vaccinated as quickly as possible. We continue to encourage everyone to do their part to minimize the spread: wear a mask, wash your hands and abide by physical distancing and sanitation protocols that help keep you and your fellow Bahamians safe.

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**BAHAMAS MINISTRY OF TOURISM, INVESTMENT & AVIATION STATEMENT
ON NEW U.S. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

NASSAU, Bahamas, September 20, 2021 – The Bahamas Ministry of Tourism, Investment & Aviation has taken note of the announcement issued today by the United States, to the effect that beginning in November, all foreign nationals wishing to travel to the U.S. will be required to provide proof of vaccination, as well as a negative COVID-19 test taken within three days of their travel date. In addition, unvaccinated American citizens will need to produce a negative test within 24 hours of their return to the U.S.

The Bahamas is well positioned to adapt to this new requirement, and we remain optimistic for a robust holiday travel season, particularly as most of our visitors come from the United States and Canada, where a similar vaccine requirement for travel is in place. Ample direct airlift is available from key markets in both countries, while testing facilities are easily accessible across our islands, making The Bahamas a seamless travel opportunity.

What's more, data from the Bahamas Travel Health Visa indicates an average of 62% of all visitors to The Bahamas are fully vaccinated, with 6% of those unvaccinated persons being children under the age of 12 who do not yet qualify for the vaccine.

More than 5 billion doses of a COVID-19 vaccine have been administered globally, with aggressive vaccination campaigns taking place in countries around the world, including right here at home. The vaccine continues to be a critical step towards combatting the pandemic and reinvigorating The Bahamas' tourism-driven economy. All eligible Bahamians are encouraged to get vaccinated and can make an appointment at vax.gov.bs.

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**BAHAMAS MINISTRY OF TOURISM, INVESTMENTS & AVIATION STATEMENT
ON UPDATED CDC TRAVEL ADVISORY**

NASSAU, Bahamas, November 12, 2021 – The Bahamas Ministry of Tourism, Investments & Aviation has taken note of the updated travel advisory issued from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reducing its travel recommendation for The Bahamas from a Level 4 to a Level 3 destination.

The CDC evaluates lower risk due to decreased COVID-19 case counts as well as lower case trajectory. Vaccine coverage rates and performance also play a role in the CDC's determination of advisory levels.

We cannot let our guard down -- the systems we have put in place are working thanks to the compliance of all those who reside in and visit the destination. Vigilance will be imperative as precautions will continue to remain in place to ensure that safety remains of the utmost importance for residents and visitors. Recent updates and entry requirements such as ensuring both fully vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals obtain a negative COVID-19 test taken no more than five (5) days prior to the date of arrival in The Bahamas – combined with on-islands restrictions as necessary have proven successful in helping to minimize the spread of the virus.

Due to the fluidity of COVID-19, the Government of The Bahamas will continue to monitor islands individually and enact protective measures to address specific cases or spikes accordingly. For an overview of The Bahamas' travel and entry protocols, please visit [Bahamas.com/travelupdates](https://bahamas.com/travelupdates).

The Bahamas consistently shows resilience in the face of challenges and we encourage everyone to continue do their part: wear a mask, wash your hands, get vaccinated and abide by physical distancing and sanitation protocols that help keep you and your fellow Bahamians safe.

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**BAHAMAS MINISTRY OF TOURISM, INVESTMENT & AVIATION STATEMENT
ON NEW U.S. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

NASSAU, Bahamas, December 3, 2021 – The Bahamas Ministry of Tourism, Investment & Aviation has taken note of the recent announcement issued by the United States requiring both fully vaccinated and unvaccinated U.S. Citizens or residents present proof of a negative COVID-19 test taken no more than one (1) day before boarding a flight to the U.S. These requirements previously gave a longer window to vaccinated travellers, however, the tighter testing timeline for all will provide an added degree of public health protection given the emergence of the recent Omicron variant.

The Bahamas is well positioned to adapt to this new requirement as many hotel properties offer on-site testing, making the process for visitors as efficient as possible, with ample off-property testing sites also available throughout The Islands of The Bahamas.

We remain optimistic for a robust winter travel season with ample direct airlift available from key markets, plentiful testing facilities, as well as accommodation and experiential options to suit every type of vacation seeker -- making The Bahamas a seamless travel opportunity.

Data from the Bahamas Travel Health Visa indicates an average of 62% of all visitors to The Bahamas are fully vaccinated, with 6% of those unvaccinated persons being children under the age of 12 who do not yet qualify for the vaccine.

More than 8 billion doses of a COVID-19 vaccine have been administered globally, with aggressive vaccination campaigns taking place in countries around the world, including right here at home. The vaccine continues to be a critical step towards combatting the pandemic and reinvigorating The Bahamas' tourism-driven economy. All eligible Bahamians are encouraged to get vaccinated and can make an appointment at vax.gov.bs.

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**BAHAMAS MINISTRY OF TOURISM, INVESTMENT & AVIATION STATEMENT
ON BAHAMAS TRAVEL HEALTH VISA TEMPORARY OUTAGE**

NASSAU, Bahamas, December 6, 2021 – The Bahamas Travel Health Visa website was briefly interrupted by a power outage at the Government Data Center that occurred early this morning. The site was offline for approximately xx minutes/hours. Power has since been restored and the Bahamas Travel Health Visa portal is now operating normally. The Bahamas Ministry of Tourism, Investments & Aviation regrets any disruption or inconvenience the temporary outage may have caused.

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**BAHAMAS MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND AVIATION STATEMENT
ON UPDATED CDC TRAVEL ADVISORY**

NASSAU, Bahamas, December 21, 2021 – The Bahamas Ministry of Tourism, Investments & Aviation has taken note of the updated travel advisory issued from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reducing its travel recommendation for The Bahamas from a Level 3 to a Level 2 destination.

The CDC evaluates lower risk due to decreased COVID-19 case counts as well as lower case trajectory. Vaccine coverage rates and performance also play a role in the CDC's determination of advisory levels. This recent change is an indication that our diligence is proving successful in minimizing the spread and for that we are very proud.

While the updated travel protocols combined with on-island restrictions remain our frontline of defense, we cannot let our guard down, especially over the holiday season and into the New Year. We continue to evolve as the virus evolves and vigilance will be imperative as precautions will continue to remain in place to ensure that safety remains of the utmost importance for residents and visitors.

“We view this lowered advisory favourably as it is proof that our protocols and protective measures to combat COVID-19 in The Bahamas are working,” said Deputy Prime Minister The Honourable I. Chester Cooper, Bahamas Minister of Tourism, Investments & Aviation.

“However, this is not the time to let up on our stringent protocols which are working to keep both visitors and the Bahamian people safe. I ask that all those enjoying the beauty of our islands remember this pandemic is not over and that it is our collective responsibility to do our part to help stop the spread.”

Due to the fluidity of COVID-19, the Government of The Bahamas will continue to monitor islands individually and enact protective measures to address specific cases or spikes accordingly. For an overview of The Bahamas' travel and entry protocols, please visit [Bahamas.com/travelupdates](https://bahamas.com/travelupdates).

We continue to encourage everyone to do their part: wear a mask, stay home if you feel unwell, wash your hands, get vaccinated and abide by physical distancing and sanitation protocols that help keep you and your fellow Bahamians safe.

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BAHAMAS MINISTRY OF TOURISM, INVESTMENTS & AVIATION STATEMENT ON UPDATED TESTING PROTOCOLS

December 23, 2021

NASSAU, Bahamas, December 23, 2021 – The Bahamas Ministry of Tourism, Investments & Aviation has taken note of the recent increase in COVID-19 cases around the world and is implementing new testing requirements for all persons entering The Bahamas as a precautionary effort to continue to keep the destination safe.

Effective **Monday, December 27, 2021**, the following protocols will take effect:

- All those travelling to The Bahamas from other countries, whether fully vaccinated or unvaccinated, will be required to obtain a negative COVID-19 test **taken no more than three days (72 hours)** prior to the date of arrival to The Bahamas.
 - Vaccinated travelers can present either a Rapid Antigen Test or RT-PCR test, while unvaccinated travelers must present a RT-PCR test.

Effective **Friday, January 7, 2022**, the following protocols will take effect:

- All those travelling to The Bahamas from other countries, whether fully vaccinated or unvaccinated, **will be required to obtain a negative RT-PCR (including PCR, NAA, NAAT, TMA or RNA) test, taken no more than three days (72 hours)** prior to the date of arrival to The Bahamas.
 - **Rapid Antigen Tests will no longer be accepted. All travellers must obtain a RT-PCR test.**

For full details please visit [Bahamas.com/travelupdates](https://bahamas.com/travelupdates).

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WHAT'S NEW IN THE BAHAMAS IN JULY

NASSAU, Bahamas, July XX, 2021 – Summertime in The Bahamas is in full swing, and adventure is heating up across the 16 unique island destinations with much easier ways for travellers to arrive and explore ashore. A healing getaway is only a stone's throw away with plenty of deals and must-visit experiences to enjoy.

NEWS

Baha Mar Welcomes Marcus Samuelsson's Newest Restaurant – Six-time James Beard Award-winning chef Marcus Samuelsson will debut his new restaurant, [Baha Mar Fish + Chop House](#), at Baha Mar on July 12, sourcing the freshest local ingredients and Bahamian seafood complete with a vibrant dining room and rooftop cocktail bar.

First-Ever Dive Grand Bahama Event – Grand Bahama Island is introducing [Dive Grand Bahama](#), a five-day gathering of Bahamas Dive Ambassadors, both open water certified divers and local operators from July 19-23, 2021. Thrilling dive sites include wrecks, reefs and Caribbean reef shark encounters.

Sandals Royal Bahamian Expands Renovation Project – Award-winning hotel, spa and private island located in Nassau, [Sandals Royal Bahamian](#), announced a reopening date of January 27, 2022. The ongoing multi-million-dollar renovation features *Coconut Grove*, an expansive lounge area that extends the beach vibes to the center of the resort.

Graycliff Heating Up – Receiving two prestigious accolades for exceptional service, [Graycliff Hotel](#) was honoured for the 33rd consecutive year with the [Grand Award](#) in *Wine Spectator's* 2021 Restaurant Awards and became the first business in The Bahamas to be granted the Travellers Health Assurance Stamp for "Healthier Safer Tourism" by the Caribbean Public Health Agency.

Southwest Airlines Announces Bookable Flights to Nassau – [Southwest Airlines](#) confirmed its return of daily flights to Nassau from Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport and weekend service from Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport beginning October 7 and 9, respectively.

CRUISING

Royal Caribbean Adventure of the Seas Homeports in The Bahamas – Last month, [Adventure of the Seas](#) completed its inaugural homeporting ceremony in Grand Bahama Island. Now offering seven-night getaways from Nassau, the experience features two back-to-back days of thrills at Perfect Day at CocoCay and a full day of unwinding on Grand Bahama's white-sand beaches every Saturday throughout the summer.



MSC Cruises Restarts US Sailing – MSC Cruises announced the relaunch of its sailings to The Bahamas aboard MSC Divina beginning September 16, 2021. The ship will dock at its private Bahamian island, Ocean Cay MSC Marine. [Booking](#) is now available.

PROMOTIONS AND OFFERS

For a complete listing of deals and packages for The Bahamas, visit www.bahamas.com/deals-packages.

Bahamas Out Islands Promotion Board \$250 Air Credit Offer – U.S. and Canadian travellers can book a vacation package of four nights or longer at one of the participating Bahama Out Islands Promotion Board hotels and receive a [\\$250 air credit](#). Booking window: now – July 31, 2021.

Bahamian Independence Day Celebration with DJ Kid Fresh – Celebrate [Bahamian Independence Day](#) with one of South Florida’s most sought-after performers, DJ Kid Fresh, July 9-11, 2021. Packages start at \$478 per person including round-trip transportation, Hilton Hotel stay, access to events at the Hilton Hotel and access to RW Bimini Beach.

Budget Friendly Workcation – If you are looking for a home away from home for your next workcation to The Bahamas, look no further! [Bell Channel Inn](#) is offering monthly and quarterly rates for travel now through December 31, 2021.

Extended Stay Package in Paradise – Book an extended stay package at [Paradise Cove Beach Resort](#) and receive 40% off the daily rate. Booking window is now through December 31, 2021.

Intimate Wedding for Two in The Exumas – Avoid the stress of planning a wedding this year, let Embrace Resort handle your big day and host a [simple yet intimate ceremony](#) with your significant other and a few loved ones. Rates begin at \$2,399 inclusive of a bridal bouquet, minister or justice of the peace and photography for your wedding album.

ABOUT THE BAHAMAS

With over 700 islands and cays and 16 unique island destinations, The Bahamas lies just 50 miles off the coast of Florida, offering an easy flyaway escape that transports travelers away from their everyday. The Islands of The Bahamas have world-class fishing, diving, boating, birding, and nature-based activities, thousands of miles of the earth’s most spectacular water and pristine beaches waiting for families, couples and adventurers. Explore all the islands have to offer at www.bahamas.com or on [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) or [Instagram](#) to see why It’s Better in The Bahamas.

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WHAT'S NEW IN THE BAHAMAS IN AUGUST

NASSAU, Bahamas, August 02, 2021 – With back-to-school season around the corner, it's time to clock in that vacation time – and what better place to enjoy it than in The Bahamas? Embrace island time and sand between your toes with all-new resorts, low fare flight options and plenty of hot deals.

NEWS

Dave Stewart is Bring Love Back to The Bahamas – Grammy Award-winning musician, Dave Stewart of the Eurythmics released a new song, "[Love's Coming Back](#)," featuring warm vocals from Bahamian artist Dayonna. The arrangement will help raise funds in support of youth and environmental projects, managed by the Briland Aid organization and The Bahamas National Trust respectively.

Margaritaville Beach Resort Nassau Welcomes Vacationers – Margaritaville Hotels & Resorts made a splash with a successful downtown ribbon-cutting ceremony for the all-new 300-room [Margaritaville Beach Resort Nassau](#) complete with 11 distinct dining options and an on-site waterpark.

Frontier Airlines Adds Even More Non-Stop Flights to Nassau – [Frontier Airlines](#) announced new weekly routes to Nassau from Orlando International Airport beginning November 2, 2021. Reservations are now available with fares as low as \$69.

Crystal Cruises Crystal Serenity Offers Third Round-Trip Option – Crystal Cruises now offers [Luxury Bahamas Escapes](#) voyages, with three ports of embarkation: Nassau on Saturdays, Bimini on Sundays and Miami on Mondays.

Palm Star Travel Announces Non-Stop Trips for East Coast Travelers – [Palm Star Travel](#) is scheduled to launch new non-stop services from major U.S. cities including Jacksonville, Nashville and Raleigh beginning November 2021. Booking will be available later this summer.

PROMOTIONS AND OFFERS

For a complete listing of deals and packages for The Bahamas, visit www.bahamas.com/deals-packages.

Bahamas Paradise Cruise Line Gives Back to Essential Workers – After more than a year on the front lines, essential workers have earned a tropical escape and now is the time! Bahamas Paradise Cruise Line launched a "[Hometown Heroes](#)" initiative, giving essential workers free two-day cruises to Grand Bahama Island departing now through September 30, 2021.

Two Fly or Cruise Free From Nassau – U.S. and Canadian travellers are encouraged use those PTO days. Book a participating seven-night getaway now through April 2022 to the unspoiled Out Islands and get [two free roundtrip air or ferry tickets from Nassau](#). Booking window: now – August 31, 2021.



Extended Stay Package in Paradise – From the sapphire-blue water to the friendly swimming pigs, Exuma is worth an extended stay. Book accommodations of 14 days or longer at [Grand Isle Resort](#) and receive up to 50% off. Booking/travel window: now – December 31, 2021.

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WHAT'S NEW IN THE BAHAMAS IN SEPTEMBER

NASSAU, Bahamas, September XX, 2021 – Escape to the turquoise waters of The Bahamas to explore ultimate island seclusion and marvel at the natural wonders beneath the surface. With new adventure-seeking excursions, renovated amenities and hot deals, travellers looking to book their next vacation are in for an unforgettable experience.

NEWS

UNEXSO Announces New Glass Bottom Boating Experience to Shark Junction – The most adventurous and thrill-seeking travellers can now enjoy the newest boat excursion from Port Lucaya, the [Glass Bottom Boat to Shark Junction Tour](#), with three lively stops including the world famous “Shark Junction,” home to dozens of Caribbean Reef Sharks, nurse sharks and large stingrays.

Tiger Woods Returns to Albany for the 2021 Hero World Challenge – World-renowned golfer and luxury resort co-owner, Tiger Woods, prepares to host the [2021 Hero World Challenge](#) at Albany, The Bahamas beginning Monday, November 29 – December 5, 2021, to support youth education across the globe.

State-of-the-Art Superyacht Friendly Marina Opens in Walker’s Cay, Northern Abacos – Owners Carl and Gigi Allen welcome back fisherman to the boating capitol of The Bahamas with the reopening of [Walker’s Cay](#). The newly enlarged marina can accommodate superyachts and plans to add additional amenities including a pool, spa and bungalows.

Tropic Ocean Airways Launches Airlift Services from Great Harbour – Beginning September 2, [Tropic Ocean Airways](#) adds scheduled flight options to Great Harbour. Floridians can now book stress-free services from Fort Lauderdale to Nassau, Bimini and The Berry Islands.

The Bahamas Nominated for “Caribbean’s Best Casino Destination 2021” – The Islands of The Bahamas have been nominated for the [World Casino Awards](#). Travellers can cast their votes for free online now through October 15, 2021.

PROMOTIONS AND OFFERS

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Grab a Drink and Stay Awhile at Margaritaville Beach Resort – When staying 14 days or longer at [Margaritaville Beach Resort](#), guests receive special pricing up to 40% off regular rates. Travel window is now through December 31, 2021.



\$150 Fee Credit for Out Island Vacationers – Private pilots receive a \$150 fee credit for a pre-booked two-night hotel stay at any participating [Bahama Out Islands](#) Promotion Board member property before October 31, 2021.

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WHAT'S NEW IN THE BAHAMAS IN OCTOBER

NASSAU, Bahamas, October XX, 2021 – It's time to book that fall getaway! Whether you prefer to relax on the white sand beaches or load an itinerary with thrill-seeking adventures, visitors are welcome to experience why "It's Better in The Bahamas" with world-renowned accommodations, increased direct airlifts and new attractions on the horizon.

NEWS

Bahamas Shines Bright with World-Renowned Recognition – The islands took home several huge wins across various categories in *Travel + Leisure's* highly anticipated annual "[World Best Awards](#)" and received 20 nominations in the [2021 Caribbean Travelers' Choice Awards](#). Online voting for the Caribbean Travelers' Choice Awards closes October 31, 2021.

Taste of SLS Baha Mar – Grammy award-winning musician, John Legend will perform at [Taste of SLS Baha Mar](#) on November 5, 2021. Tickets include exquisite cuisine, bespoke cocktails and a glass of LVE Rosé. Attendees must be ages 18 and older.

United Airlines Announces Bookable Flights to Nassau – [United Airlines](#) introduced new nonstop Saturday service to Nassau from Cleveland Hopkins International Airport beginning December 18, 2021. Flights are available to book as of early September.

Hurricane Hole Superyacht Marina at Paradise Landing's Reopens in 2021 – With an expanded perimeter and the first fixed T-docks installed, [Hurricane Hotel Superyacht Marina](#) prepares to welcome back visitors for the 2022 winter yachting season. Guests will enjoy luxury dockside residences, world-class retail, fine dining and extensive amenities.

PROMOTIONS AND OFFERS

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Travel with Confidence with Sandals Vacation Assurance – Sandals Resorts International introduces [Sandals Vacation Assurance](#). Guests at Sandals Royal Bahamian and Emerald Bay can receive benefits including replacement vacations and airfare credits, no charge quarantine stays and free cancellations.

Hot Fall Deals, All-Inclusive Style – Escape to Grand Bahama Island and save up to 40% when staying at [Lighthouse Pointe at Grand Lucayan Resort](#). Travel window is now through October 31, 2021.

Hold onto Summer with Tropic Packages – Fall is here, but you can still keep the summertime vibes going when booking a two or three-night stay at [Hilton at Resorts World Bimini](#). Tropic Packages starting at \$508



per person include roundtrip travel on Tropic Ocean Airways from Fort Lauderdale. Booking window is now through December 31, 2021.

Stay a Little Longer at Baha Mar – Resort guests at [Baha Mar](#) receive the fourth night free when booking a stay across the hotel portfolio including Grand Hyatt, SLS and Rosewood, plus a \$100 resort credit, unlimited access to Baha Bay and a complimentary “Return Home” Rapid Antigen Test.

Hideaway an Extra Day – [The Ocean Club, A Four Seasons Resort, Bahamas](#) is offering guests a complimentary fourth night with every three consecutive paid nights, along with private airport transportation. Travel window is now through December 31, 2022.

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WHAT'S NEW IN THE BAHAMAS IN NOVEMBER

NASSAU, Bahamas, November XX, 2021 – Heat up your holiday travel plans this season. With tropical temperatures, exciting new openings and 100,000 square miles of the world's clearest water, it's easy to tell your family why "It's Better in The Bahamas."

NEWS

Coral Vita Earned Recognition for its Environmental Sustainability Efforts – [Coral Vita](#) earns a top 15 finalists spot in the inaugural Earthshot Prize in the "Revive Our Oceans" category for their continued efforts to preserve the world's coastal ecosystem.

Reimagined Sandals Royal Bahamian Prepares for Reopening – [Sandals Royal Bahamian](#) is on track to reopen January 27, 2022, and guests can expect to enjoy 200 fully renovated rooms and suites, five new restaurants, private island hideaways and a new Island Village.

Rosé Paradis Garden Opens at The Ocean Club, A Four Seasons Resort – The Ocean Club, A Four Seasons Resort, partnered with Château d'Esclans to present [Rosé Paradis Garden](#), an enchanting pop-up experience that transports guests from the storied Versailles Gardens of Paradise Island to the South of France. The experience is open Wednesday to Saturday November 11, 2021, through February 11, 2022.

The Moorings Reopens in Abacos Next Month – [The Moorings](#) makes its triumphant return to The Abacos after two years following the devastation of Hurricane Dorian and will resume offering charter vacations beginning in December 2021.

Bahamas Charter Yacht Show Returns – It's official, the [2022 Bahamas Charter Yacht Show](#) will be held at Nassau Yacht Haven on February 24 – 27, 2022 featuring more than 10 charter yachts and over 40 charter brokers.

The Bahamas Shines Bright with World-Renowned Recognition – The Islands of The Bahamas took home several wins across various categories in *Condé Nast Traveler's* [2021 Readers' Choice Awards](#) and was named "[Caribbean's Leading Luxury Island Destination 2021](#)" in the 28th annual World Travel Awards.

PROMOTIONS AND OFFERS

For a complete listing of deals and packages for The Bahamas, visit www.bahamas.com/deals-packages.

Atlantis Paradise Island Offers Special 'Singles Day' Package – [Atlantis Paradise Island](#) celebrates National Singles Day on November 11, 2021 with a special 24-hour bookable offer. The "Singles Day Package" includes up to 4-day accommodations at The Cove, The Royal and The Coral, respectively, along with \$111 daily resort credit. Travel window: November 11 – October 31, 2022.



\$500 Air Credit for Black Friday and Cyber Monday – Holiday travellers receive a [\\$500 air credit](#) when pre-booking an air-inclusive 7-night package at a participating Bahama Out Islands Promotion Board member hotel. Bookable between November 26 – December 2, 2021, and valid for trips between November 28 – January 31, 2022. Blackout dates apply.

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WHAT'S NEW IN THE BAHAMAS IN DECEMBER

NASSAU, Bahamas, December XX, 2021 – While temperatures are dropping elsewhere, the sun shines bright in The Islands of The Bahamas. Travellers can fly to Grand Bahama Island from Miami daily for as low as \$267 round-trip, and book resorts for even lower prices. Give the gift of a Bahamian escape this holiday season with world-class entertainment, attractions and can't-miss vacation deals.

NEWS

HERO World Challenge Returns to Albany – The most exclusive golf tournament hosted by Tiger Woods is back this year. The [2021 HERO World Challenge](#) will take place in The Bahamas from December 2-5, 2021, at Albany's par-72, Championship Golf Course.

Global Superstar Doja Cat Headlines at Atlantis Paradise Island – Atlantis Paradise Island will welcome three-time GRAMMY® nominated singer, songwriter, and producer Doja Cat for an [exclusive outdoor concert](#) at the resort's Royal Deck overlooking Paradise Beach.

The Cove, Eleuthera Makes a Major Comeback– [The Cove, Eleuthera](#) will reopen on December 20, 2021. Nestled between two white sand coves, guests can expect to enjoy the ultimate Out Island luxuries of tranquility and privacy.

2021 Bowl Season Begins in The Bahamas – The seventh annual [Bahamas Bowl](#) will be played on December 17, 2021, in Nassau's Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium. Players and attendees will embrace a tropical gameday atmosphere complete with sun, sand and college football.

Support Local Craftsmanship at the Authentically Bahamian Trade Show – Talented Bahamian creatives will showcase a wide variety of hand-crafted products at the [Authentically Bahamian Trade Show](#). The two-day event will be held December 11-12, 2021, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Conference Center at Atlantis, Paradise Island.

World-Renowned Recognition Shines over The Bahamas – The Bahamas won bronze in the international category for the "[Stella Awards](#)", along with "[The Best Destination for Meetings in the Caribbean](#)" and "[Best Caribbean Destination for Golf](#)" in the 2021 *Caribbean Journal* Readers Choice Awards.

Discover Ultimate Seclusion at Over Yonder Cay – The Boutique Hotel Awards names [Over Yonder Cay](#), an exclusive ecofriendly destination in The Bahamas, "[World's Best Private Villa](#)".

Friday Nights at Anchor Bay – Every Friday night, the Governor's Harbour Development Association holds a [Fish Fry at Anchor Bay](#) in Governor's Harbour. Event proceeds support the annual homecoming celebration and various community projects.



PROMOTIONS AND OFFERS

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Sun, Sand and Savings in Freeport – Beachfront resorts in [Freeport](#), Grand Bahama Island are offering up to 50% off if you book by December 23, 2021. Take advantage of winter's easiest, most affordable island escape.

Book Now and Pay Over Time at Atlantis – Atlantis Paradise Island [partnered with Uplift](#), a financing solution that gives visitors the opportunity to book a dream vacation today and pay in full over time with fixed installments.

Return to Paradise, Get the Fourth Night Free – [The Four Seasons, Ocean Club](#) is offering guests a complimentary fourth night with every three consecutive paid nights and private airport transportation. Travel window is now through December 31, 2022.

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SUBJ: 50% Off Resort Promo: Give the Gift of The Bahamas

Hi **XX**,

XX here from The Bahamas! Just 52 miles east of South Florida, you'll find [Grand Bahama Island](#) (GBI) – the nation's second largest destination. Whether travelers are longing for a one-stop-shop vacation at an all-inclusive resort or an ultimate adrenaline rush on a tropical oasis, the island capitol of Freeport is where it happens.

If you're working on any holiday deal or travel stories, we'd love for you to consider:

Giving the Gift of Travel

- Now through December 23, 2021, travelers can find [a selection of hot deals](#) from hotel partners across GBI. **Saving up to 50% when booking a beachfront resort stay** at [Viva Wyndham Fortuna Beach](#), 20% at [Pelican Bay Hotel](#) and nightly rates under \$100 at [Lighthouse Pointe at Grand Lucayan](#) and [Flamingo Bay Hotel](#).
- The affordability doesn't stop there, [American Airlines](#) offers **daily non-stop flights from Miami to Grand Bahama Island for as low \$267 round-trip.**

Why GBI?

- Explore one of the world's largest underwater cave system and discover ancient wonder within Ben's Cave.
- Wander Lucayan National Park featuring 40-acres of nature trails winding through mangrove swamps and pine forests.
- Picnic on the idyllic shores of Gold Rock Beach. Johnny Depp fans will recognize this location from scene in Pirates of the Caribbean!

Happy to share more information plus additional Bahamas-inspired escapes. For the latest travel updates and to learn more about the destinations visit: www.bahamas.com.

Best,

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Subject: The Ultimate Guide to Disconnecting in The Bahamas

Hi XX,

New Year's is just around the corner so now is the time to plan **a rejuvenating getaway to reset your mind, body and spirit, and there is no better place than [The Bahamas](#)** to escape the madness of everyday life. With over 700 islands and cays and 16 unique island destinations, The Bahamas is rich with calm turquoise waters, wellness resorts, holistic spas and tranquil activities.

Whether wellness means staying on a secluded island, morning yoga, sunset paddle boarding, deep tissue massages or a grand spa treatment, there's something for everyone. If you are working on any stories where this might be a fit, we'd love for you to consider:

Nassau Has It All: When visiting the capital of The Bahamas find pristine beaches and vibrant city life, but there's also something for those seeking wellness, rejuvenation, or an unforgettable yoga experience.

- [Island House](#)
 - The Island House is the only luxury boutique hotel on New Providence set in a hilltop garden of eight acres with sweeping views of the ocean.
 - With wellness as a central theme of The Island House, the property features a variety of health, fitness and treatment options designed to energize, rejuvenate, and relax.
 - Located inside Island House is [The Bamford Spa](#), a soothing wellness retreat that offers a wide variety of individually crafted treatments, all based on Bamford's trademark holistic approach to harnessing the rejuvenating power of nature.
- [Baha Mar](#)
 - Located on the pristine white sands of Cable Beach in Nassau, Baha Mar is one of The Bahamas' premier luxury resort destinations where guests can channel their inner Zen while surrounded by the national bird at on-site [flamingo yoga class](#)!
 - [Infuz at Baha Mar](#) offers a selection of IV nutrition therapies specially formulated to give heightened mental and physical vitality and provide the body with nutrients, vitamins and antioxidants.

If You're Looking For Seclusion: Take your island getaway to another level when visiting one of the beloved Out Islands to unplug, recharge, and explore off-the-beaten path and untouched beaches.

- [The Cove, Eleuthera](#)
 - Be among the first guests to return to The Cove to enjoy elevated relaxation throughout the newly refreshed property offering 57 boutique guest rooms, The Cove Spa and special amenities like sunset yoga.
 - The talented and passionate team at [The Cove Spa Suites](#) specialize in the tangible, holistic benefits of bodywork and provides a hand-picked selection of services that reflect the beauty and freedom of Eleuthera.
- [Caerula Mar Club](#)

- Located in South Andros, Caerula Mar Club is a restful retreat with a pristine beach, impeccable service, and gourmet meals, perfect for those seeking a relaxation-focused vacation.
- Inspired by the lush tropical vegetation surrounding [Caerula Mar Club, the Spa](#) has created a collection of individual experiences to choose from and uses only the purest highest quality products available.

Find Your Adventure: If laying out on the beach for a week isn't your idea of rejuvenation don't fret, there isn't a shortage of adventure in The Bahamas.

- [Tiamo Resort and Spa](#)
 - Tiamo Resort is located on South Andros, and it is an idyllic place for a truly amazing escape, including a multitude of activities such as scuba diving, fishing, wakeboarding, and canoeing.
 - Guests can enhance their state of well-being by visiting the resorts intimate and organic [Le Spa](#) for a session with a qualified therapist offering revitalizing facials, all-over body massage, body wraps and exfoliating sessions.

Thank you for considering! Happy to share more information plus additional Bahamas-inspired escapes. For the latest travel updates and to learn more about the destinations visit: www.bahamas.com.

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Subject: Embrace the Colorful Craftmanship of Bahamian Businesses

Hi XX,

Isabella here on behalf of [The Islands of The Bahamas](#)! There is no better time than now to spotlight the local businesses that give the world's most popular destinations their defining character and charm, keeping visitors coming back year after year. We thought you might be interested in learning about a few island favorites.

Whether it's dining at a family-owned and locally sourced restaurant or purchasing native artwork, travelers play a crucial role in reigniting the economies of their most beloved and top bucket list destinations.

While famous for its warm turquoise waters and white sand beaches, returning visitors agree it's the **local personalities and culture that make The Bahamas truly unforgettable**. The businesses below are only a sample of the dozens eager to welcome visitors ashore with their unique goodies, all making for the perfect memento.

If you're working on any stories that you'd like to spotlight any of the below, or interested in experiencing The Bahamas for yourself on a specially curated press trip, I'd love to discuss more and provide additional information.

Thank you so much for your time.

Best,

Isabella

Enjoy Sweet Treats at Mortimer's Candies

For the travelers with a sweet tooth, family-run [Mortimer Candies](#) has been concocting signature treats in Nassau since 1928. This local gem is known for its famous, one-of-a-kind Mortimer Green Mints and Edible Bowls. Candies are an easily packable option for sharing a taste of The Bahamas with loved ones back home.



Tour Androsia's Handmade Batik Factory

For over 40 years, [Androsia Handmade Batik](#) has created some of the island's most coveted textiles. Located on Andros Island, the bright colored authentic Bahamian hand-dyed cotton fabric integrates elements found in the island's environment and Bahamian culture. The factory offers tours where visitors can see how the artisans wax, cut and dye the fabrics.



Purchase Handmade Souvenirs from Craft Cottage Bahamas

An ultimate vacation isn't complete without local souvenirs! [Craft Cottage Bahamas](#) in Nassau has special handcrafted gifts for every traveler. Shop owners Fina and Nadine are always excited to showcase the local Bahamian art displayed throughout the store. From handmade art, jewelry, hats and bags, there are endless treasures to be found.



Smell of The Bahamas from Esscentrix Candles

Eventually, travelers crave a sensory escape once at back home, candles from [Esscentrix](#) will do just the trick. This female-owned business based in Nassau produces a variety of soy candles reminiscent of the tropical nation. Relax with the "Bahamas Vacation" scent to relive the sweet memories of sand between your toes.



Stroll Through Pineapple Fields at Eleuthera Pineapple Farm

Discover the beauty of locally owned [Eleuthera Pineapple Farm](#), where visitors can take a tour of the world renowned "sugar-loaf" pineapple fields. This "sweet" experience will teach visitors about Eleuthera's pineapple industry history and growing cycle techniques. Meeting [Lady Di](#) is a must!



The Bahamas x Homesick Candles Launch Day Pitch

Headline: LAUNCH DAY: Limited-Edition “The Bahamas” Homesick Candle

Hi **XX** – how are you?

Sharing details for a limited-edition collaboration from [Homesick](#) and [The Island of The Bahamas](#)! Consumers can now purchase with the “The Bahamas” candle inspired by the destination’s warm turquoise waters and idyllic white sand beaches. Instantly transforming any wanderluster’s bedroom, living space or at-home office into an island escape with fresh tropical aromas of pineapple halves, coconut milk and intoxicating sea air.

To sweeten the deal, **one lucky winner and a guest** [\[link to giveaway page\]](#) will be awarded a limited-edition Homesick “The Bahamas” candle, **airline tickets and a four-day, three-night stay at [Caerula Mar Club](#)**, a luxury boutique resort on the unspoiled island of South Andros named one of the “Best New Hotels in the World” by *Condé Nast Traveler* in 2020 and recognized on *Travel + Leisure's* 2021 *It List* of The World's Best New Hotels.

Any interest in sharing with your readers? Please see a snapshot of the new product below and a link to additional hi-res images and the full press release here [\[WS to add Web Cargo link once available\]](#).

We appreciate your time and are happy to answer any questions regarding the partnership and giveaway.

Thank you!

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SUBJ: Story Idea: Why The Bahamas is the Perfect Last Minute Escape For Labor Day & Beyond

Hi XX,

Elizabeth here on behalf of [The Islands of The Bahamas](#)! With summer coming to a close, travelers looking for a quick and affordable Bahamian escape should be sure to take advantage of the Island's deals ahead of fall's cooler temperatures. The Bahamas is open and ready to safely welcome guests seeking to delve into a sweet combination of adventure and relaxation to make the most of their *Island Time*.

Whether you're looking to head to the bustling capital Nassau, or want a mix of tranquility and off-the-beaten-path adventure in Grand Bahama Island, The Bahamas has it all. Please see below for The Bahamas' best offers ahead of Labor Day Weekend:

Non-stop flights from South Florida: Located a short flight from South Florida, Floridians can book affordable flights with ease.

- **Frontier Airlines** – Frontier is operating direct flights from Miami International Airport (MIA) to Nassau (NAS) four times a week, including Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday.
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- **Bahamas Air** – Bahamas Air offers frequent flights from Fort Lauderdale (FLL) as well as from Miami International Airport (MIA) to Grand Bahama International Airport (FPO).

Escape to Grand Bahama Island with easier ways to play, stay and travel to this Bahamian gem of an island:

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Subject: Dave Stewart Is Bringing Love Back to The Bahamas with the Release of New Song

Hi XXX,

Love is back in The Bahamas. Grammy Award winning Dave Stewart of the Eurythmics (the legends that brought us Sweet Dreams!) has released his new song, "[Love's Coming Back](#)," as a gift to The Bahamas and the world to celebrate the return of travel to the beautiful destination.

The new track features vocals from Bahamian artiste Dayonna and backing vocals by Grammy and Brit-Award winning artist Joss Stone and available for download on [Spotify](#), [Apple Music](#), [Tidal](#), and [Deezer](#). Take a peek of the [music video](#), featuring passionate Bahamians and children while backdropped against The Bahamas' idyllic beaches.

The song will be used to raise funds in support of youth and environmental [projects](#). Not to mention that a slew of A-List supporters are on board including The Beatle's [Ringo Starr](#), [Martina McBride](#) and more.

[The Bahamas](#) is grateful for Stewart's work and welcomes his message to support the Island's youth and environmental projects to ensure The Bahamas continues to be a unique destination for generations to come.

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It's XX here on behalf of [The Islands of The Bahamas](#). We're reaching out to gauge your comfort level with individual press trips and learn more about what you've been working on. Is there any interest in visiting before the end of the year?

The islands offer a safe and accessible vacation for travelers who once again want to delve into a sweet combination of adventure and relaxation. More importantly, The Bahamas is taking the safety of both their residents and guests seriously, as the country continues to update [travel protocols](#) and requires all guests to obtain a [Travel Health Visa](#) before arrival.

Should you be comfortable, we'd love to explore curating an individual visit for you in the coming months tailored to suit your editorial needs.

Sharing a few thought starters below that will give you a taste of *island time*. Looking forward to hearing from you!

Thank you,

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Why The Bahamas:

- **SECLUDED ESCAPES:** The Out Islands offer ultimate seclusion across 10 unique islands such as [Andros](#), [Cat Island](#) and the [Berry Islands](#), all complete with untouched white sand beaches and warm turquoise waters.
- **OUTDOOR ADVENTURE:** Thrill-seeking options are endless from the famous swimming pigs in [The Exumas](#), to the boating epicenter of [The Abacos](#), and Dean's Blue Hole, the second deepest blue hole in the world, beneath the rugged shores of [Long Island](#).
- **NEW DEVELOPMENTS:** The Bahamas is comprised of 700 islands and cays, 16 of which are tourism destinations boasting distinctive personalities and [varied accommodations](#) featuring newly opened hotels like [Margaritaville Beach Resort Nassau](#) and charming guest houses to fit any traveler's needs.
- **ROMANCE:** The Bahama Mama-colored sunsets, breathtaking waters and secluded sandbars provide couples with the perfect background to [rediscover romance](#) and fall in love between the cays.
- **CONVENIENCE:** Increased flight options from [major U.S. cities](#) including Miami, Orlando, New York City, Philadelphia and Austin, along with affordable inter-island airlifts make it easier than ever to visit The Bahamas.

For more information, visit: <https://www.bahamas.com/>
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The Bahamas Secures Top Accolades in *Travel + Leisure's* 2021 "World Best Awards"

The tropical destination shines bright in the prestigious annual readers' survey

NASSAU, Bahamas, Sept. XX, 2021 – The Islands of The Bahamas took home several huge wins across various categories in *Travel + Leisure's* highly anticipated annual "[World Best Awards](#)". The Bahamas' most beloved Bahamian Out Islands, including Harbour Island, Eleuthera, Abaco and Exuma, won big in both the "Top 25 Islands in the World" and "The Top 25 Islands in the Caribbean, Bermuda, and The Bahamas" categories.

"We are over the moon to be amongst *Travel + Leisure's* "World Best Awards," said Joy Jibrilu, Director General of the Bahamas Ministry of Tourism & Aviation. "To be a part of such a prestigious list that not only sparks wanderlust for The Bahamas but gives travelers a glimpse into the type of vacation they'll experience when they arrive to our beautiful islands."

Complete list of The Bahamas' notable 2021 *Travel + Leisure* "World Best Awards":

Kamalame Cay Considered a Top Ranked Hotel

The luxurious beach resort, Kamalame Cay won two "World Best Awards" taking the seventh slot in "[The Top 100 Hotels in the World](#)". Kamalame Cay also ranked at the [number one](#) resort in the Caribbean, Bermuda, and The Bahamas.

Harbour Island and Eleuthera Place Amongst the Top Islands in the World

It's no surprise that two of The Bahamas' most treasured Out Islands landed on "[The Top 25 Islands in the World](#)" list. Harbour Island, home to the pink sand beaches and pastel-hued cottages, ranked 17th while its sister island, Eleuthera took home the 23rd slot.

Out Islands Win Big in the "Caribbean, Bermuda, and The Bahamas" Category

Amongst "The Top 25 Islands in the Caribbean, Bermuda, and the Bahamas" [award](#), you'll find Harbour Island ranked as second, Eleuthera ranked as sixth, with Abaco coming in at #10 and Exuma at #12.

To read more about this year's awards, visit www.TravelandLeisure.com and for more information on The Islands of The Bahamas, visit www.bahamas.com.

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The Bahamas Welcomes Crystal Cruises' New Voyages Starting This Fall

The unrivaled luxury cruise line debuts three new Bahamian vacations for cruise passengers

NASSAU, New Providence, August 19, 2021 – The Bahamas Ministry of Tourism & Aviation are excited to add three new Crystal Cruise voyages to its growing cruising roster starting this fall and into the peak holiday season. Crystal Cruises has announced its new series of sailings aboard the Crystal Symphony, as the cooler season approaches.

“We are thrilled for continued demand for cruising in The Bahamas and look forward to welcoming those travelers this Fall,” said Hon. Dionisio D’Aguilar, Bahamas Minister of Tourism & Aviation. “Crystal Cruises has proved to be a fruitful partnership not only for The Bahamas’ cruising industry, but the local tourism industry as it allows passengers to get off the boat explore the business, tour operators and activities across our Family Islands.”

The Bahamas will kick off the multi-season long voyages, with the seven-night voyage, **Bound for Paradise**, launching November 26, 2021 from New York City to Nassau, calling upon San Salvador, Great Exuma and Bimini.

Cruisers can spend the start of the new year in The Bahamas on December 29, 2021 via the **Tropical New Year’s Celebration** voyage, which includes a 10-night cruise from Miami, Florida to Bimini, San Salvador, Long Island and Great Exuma, with a final stop with our neighboring Caribbean brothers and sisters in Jamaica.

The **Blissful Bahamian Luxury** voyage will have several departures starting January 22 from Miami, including stops in Bimini, Nassau, San Salvador, Great Exuma and Long Island Bahamas. The series will have two additional sailings on February 12, 2022, and March 5, 2022, a prime travel season for the destination.

Crystal Cruises has changed the way travelers cruise in The Bahamas, allowing passengers to explore the wonders of the Out Islands beyond the beautiful waters, including wildlife, historical landmarks, UNESCO World Heritage Sites, local shopping and dining.

For more information about the upcoming Crystal Symphony launch, please visit www.crystalcruises.com.

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**BAHAMAS MINISTRY OF TOURISM STATEMENT ON CRYSTAL CRUISES
UPDATED ITINERARIES AND PROTOCOLS**

July 29, 2021

NASSAU, Bahamas, July 29, 2021 – The Bahamas Ministry of Tourism & Aviation is looking forward to continuing to welcome cruise passengers to our beautiful shores safely. Crystal Cruises has just announced the addition of Miami to their *Luxury Bahamas Escapes* voyages beginning August 7.

The South Florida market is always a top priority for the destination - especially as U.S. consumers opt for closer to home experiences. Itineraries offer varied lengths of stay and will feature stops throughout the Islands of The Bahamas. More information on new itineraries and experiences available throughout Bahamian ports-of-call can be found [here](#).

With more than 70 percent of the government's tax revenue coming from the millions of travelers who visit our shores each year, the resumption of cruising is vital to our tourism rebound in The Bahamas. So many of our local businesses will benefit as visitors explore our islands via Crystal Cruises voyages.

The safety of travelers and Bahamian residents remains of the utmost importance. As part of its Crystal Clean+ measures, Crystal guests 12 and over must be fully inoculated with a COVID-19 vaccine at least 14 days prior to boarding a Crystal ship.

Guests coming from **Florida only**, while highly recommend, will not be required to be vaccinated to board the ship. Unvaccinated guests will need to adhere to specific protocols and further testing requirements in addition to certain restrictions during their journey. These restrictions and policies include but are not limited to:

- **Port Access:** Unvaccinated guests may not be able to go ashore at certain Bahamian ports as per the restrictions of the Bahamian government or attend gatherings onboard such as the Crystal Society party
- **Mask Wearing:** Unvaccinated guests will be subject to a mandatory mask requirement in all public areas except when eating and/or drinking
- **Ship Facility Access:** Unvaccinated guests will be denied access to certain public areas including specialty restaurants, lounges and night clubs, Crystal Life Spa and Crystal Life Fitness
- **Vaccination Status Identification:** Unvaccinated guests will be identified by a red bracelet while vaccinated guests will be identified by a green bracelet to assist the officers and crew in enforcing restrictions.
- **Insurance Requirements:** Unvaccinated guests will be required to purchase travel health insurance; this would be in addition to the required Bahamas Health Travel Visa

Full details related to Crystal Cruises health and safety measures are available [online](#), while testing and entry requirements for The Bahamas, including Bahamas Health Visa application and more can be found on [Bahamas.com/travelupdates](https://bahamas.com/travelupdates).

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THE BAHAMAS NAMED A WINNER IN THE 2021 UNWTO TOURISM VIDEO COMPETITION
Video Promoting the Exuma Cays Land & Sea Park Honoured as Best in The Americas

NASSAU, Bahamas, December 13, 2021 – The Islands of The Bahamas have been recognized by the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) as a best-in-class example of destinations harnessing the power of tourism for sustainable development. The country received the top honour for The Americas region in the ‘Tourism and the Decade of Action’ category of the 2021 UNWTO Tourism Video Competition, with a winning entry that put a spotlight on the Exuma Cays Land & Sea Park.

“It is with great pride that I celebrate this exceptional recognition from the United Nations World Tourism Organization,” said Deputy Prime Minister The Honourable I. Chester Cooper, Bahamas Minister of Tourism, Investments & Aviation. “I can say with much certainty that The Exumas is one of the most beautiful places on earth and a top destination for visitors coming to The Bahamas. The preservation efforts undertaken at the Exuma Cays Land & Sea Park are critically important in ensuring future generations can enjoy the natural magnificence of this area and all of The Bahamas.”

The ‘Tourism and the Decade of Action’ category sought out remarkable examples of countries using film and promotional videos to directly or indirectly highlight one or more of the 17 Global Goals outlined in UNWTO’s 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The video about the Exuma Cays Land & Sea Park is one of the signature experiences highlighted in a collection of enriching stories on [Bahamas.com](https://www.bahamas.com). Shot on location, it is a visually breathtaking two and half minute boat tour that introduces viewers to the park’s extraordinary geography and biodiversity and encapsulates The Bahamas’ longtime commitment to preserving and protecting its natural resources, while promoting responsible and sustainable tourism.

“This competition was designed to recognize the top visual storytellers from every global region, and so it is a great honor for our work to be named among the very best” said Joy Jibrilu, Director General, The Bahamas Ministry of Tourism, Investments & Aviation. “There are so many aspects of tourism that are important to promote, but to be lauded for our sustainability efforts among such a distinctive global community is particularly rewarding.”

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Virgin Atlantic Announces Twice-Weekly Airlift to Nassau, Bahamas
UK Travellers Now Have More Ways to Travel to The Islands of The Bahamas

NASSAU, The Bahamas – August 6, 2021 – There’s no better time to find out why it’s Better in The Bahamas than now as Virgin Atlantic is offering rain-soaked Londoners and United Kingdom travellers seeking a tropical escape a reprieve with direct flights to Lynden Pindling International Airport in Nassau starting November 2021. While London averages 100+ rainy days a year, The Islands of The Bahamas is ready to welcome visitors from the UK with open arms, turquoise waters and plenty of sunshine.

Flights into Nassau serve as a gateway to 16 islands with unique vacation offerings to suit each traveller’s unique needs, spanning varied budgets and experiences. The last year has certainly taken its toll worldwide and the country invites those ready to travel to enjoy the vast offerings that allow our visitors from across the pond and beyond to do everything or do truly nothing at all.

“We’re seeing the growing demand for tropical escapes among travellers in the United Kingdom reach a peak and we look forward to meeting and exceeding these demands,” said the Hon. Dionisio D’Aguilar, Bahamas Minister of Tourism & Aviation. “Our islands pack a number of unique personalities that will make the trip more than worthwhile. Whether travellers are looking for disconnected seclusion, or all-inclusive adventure – we can deliver all of that and more in The Bahamas.”

The Bahamas has seen month-over-month growth in visitor arrivals, welcoming nearly 300,000 visitors over the first five months of the year and the island nation doesn’t plan on slowing down.

There are a host of new developments, hotel re-openings and experiences happening throughout Nassau, Grand Bahama Island and the beloved Out Islands, making it one of the Caribbean’s top must-visit destinations.

To learn more and curate a customized itinerary, head to Bahamas.com. Travellers can also secure the latest vacation deals and packages by visiting bahamas.com/deals-packages.

Virgin Atlantic will launch its flights from London Heathrow Airport beginning November 20, 2021 on a Boeing 787-9 aircraft, boasting 31 Upper Class, 35 Premium, and 192 Economy Delight, Classic and Light seats. Flights will go on sale August 11, 2021, with return Economy flights starting at \$990. Visit virginatlantic.com to learn more.

Virgin Atlantic joins an already [robust lineup](#) of direct and frequent flight routes to The Bahamas including Frontier, American Airlines, Delta, JetBlue, United, Air Canada and British Airways, giving travellers even more ways to experience paradise.

The Bahamas is committed to the safety of its residents and visitors and continues to update on-island and arrival policies as necessary. To stay up-to-date on the latest protocols and entry requirements, please visit Bahamas.com/travelupdates.

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For Immediate Release

United Airlines Launches New, Direct Route From Cleveland to Nassau, Bahamas

Travellers can escape the cold shores of Lake Erie for tropical sunshine

NASSAU, Bahamas, December XX, 2021 – Beginning Saturday, December 18, 2021, United Airlines will launch weekly direct service from Cleveland Hopkins International Airport (CLE) to Lynden Pindling International Airport (NAS) in The Bahamas. Travellers can escape the winter cold for a week-long vacation in the nation's vibrant capitol city of Nassau.

Flights into Nassau serve as a gateway to 16 islands with unique vacation offerings to suit each traveller's individual needs, spanning varied budgets and experiences. The Islands of The Bahamas welcome Ohioans with open arms, turquoise water and plenty of sunshine.

"The inaugural United Airlines flight from Cleveland to Nassau cannot arrive at a better time as Americans begin planning for their next vacation in 2022," said Deputy Prime Minister the Honourable I. Chester Cooper, Bahamas Minister of Tourism, Investments & Aviation. "The newly added flight options transport Ohio residents to our beautiful islands in just 3 hours. It's ideal for those who seek a short-haul vacation destination."

There are a host of new developments, hotel reopenings and experiences happening throughout Nassau and Paradise Island, Grand Bahama Island and the beloved Out Islands, making The Bahamas one of the Caribbean's top must-visit destinations:

- The Bahamas landed a top spot in *Travel + Leisure's* coveted "[50 Best Places to Travel in 2022](#)" list.
- Baha Bay, a 15-acre oceanfront water park at Baha Mar, opened this year featuring 24 water slides, a duelling water coaster, 500,000-gallon wave pool and winding river.
- The Boutique Hotel Awards names Over Yonder Cay, an exclusive eco-friendly destination in the Exuma Cays, The Bahamas, "World's Best Private Villa."
- The Cove, Eleuthera will reopen on December 20, 2021. Nestled between two white sand coves, guests can expect to enjoy the ultimate Out Island luxuries of tranquility and privacy.

The new nonstop route will operate once a week, every Saturday departing Cleveland at 9:05 a.m. EST and returning from Nassau at 4:15 p.m. EST. To learn more about The Bahamas, head to [Bahamas.com](#), while travellers ready to pack their bags can book their flights today by visiting [United.com](#).

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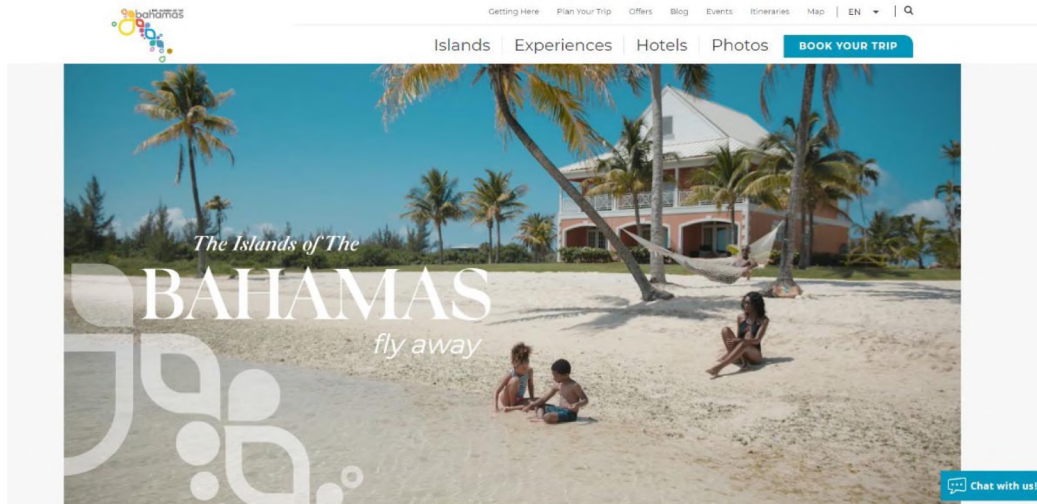
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The Bahamas' Revamped Website Receives Top Honor in This Year's Renowned Travel Weekly Magellan Awards

The relaunched, user-friendly Bahamas.com allows travelers to dive deep into Bahamian culture while planning their next vacation



NASSAU, Bahamas, Oct. 20, 2021 – The Bahamas Ministry of Tourism, Investments & Aviation took home Gold in the “Destination Marketing Website” category during the annual [Travel Weekly Magellan Awards](#) for its newly relaunched [website](#).

From the new “Itinerary Planner” that allows travelers to carefully build a custom itinerary, to the “Discover Your Next Adventure” function that serves as inspiration to exploring more islands and cays, to the “Experiences” function that introduces consumers to a list of offerings in The Bahamas, the revamped website boasts features and functionalities that helps make planning a vacation in The Bahamas fun, easy and informative.

“Travel Weekly is an influential provider of news, research and analysis of the travel industry and to be celebrated by esteemed industry experts is a great honor,” said Deputy Prime Minister The Honourable I. Chester Cooper, Bahamas Minister of Tourism, Investments & Aviation. “We are so proud to be recognized amongst the best in the industry.”

Honoring industry leaders in a broad range of segments including Hotels and Resorts, Travel Destinations, Cruise Lines, Online Travel Services and much more, the Magellan Awards recognize the best in the travel industry and salutes outstanding travel professionals and agencies. Winners are selected by a handpicked [advisory board](#) consisting of top travel industry professionals. All winners will be highlighted in the October issue of *Travel Weekly*, enjoyed by travel enthusiasts globally.



“The relaunch of Bahamas.com was truly a team effort. Each new feature on the website was meticulously thought-out to ensure that each person who visits our website leaves with a deeper sense of understanding for our beautiful destination,” said Joy Jibrilu, Director General of Bahamas Ministry of Tourism, Investments & Aviation. “We wanted to make the vacation planning experience seamless, while educating them with real, culturally-enriching Bahamian stories along the way.”

Travel enthusiasts can check out the interactive website and plan their next Caribbean escape by visiting Bahamas.com.

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Inagua, Bahamas Set to Welcome Crystal Cruises Passengers This Fall

The luxury cruise line adds the beloved southern Bahamian island to its growing list of calls in the Out Islands

NASSAU, New Providence, August XX, 2021 – It just keeps getting “Better in The Bahamas”. This fall, Crystal Cruises’ Crystal Endeavour Superyacht will make landfall in Man of War Bay, Inagua, giving cruise passengers an opportunity to experience The Bahamas’ southernmost untouched island.

“We’re excited to continue the momentum of our partnership with Crystal Cruises,” said Hon. Dionisio D’Aguilar, Bahamas Minister of Tourism & Aviation. “Inagua is a special place and we are looking forward to visitors experiencing the natural beauty and secluded nature that the destination offers.”

The new 200-passenger superyacht will depart Miami, Florida beginning October 23, with a thrilling stop in [The Exumas](#), followed by a day at sea while coasting to the shores of Inagua. Passengers who book a trip aboard the 4-day cruise will be in for a treat when they arrive on the largely uninhabited island of [Inagua](#) including:

- **Experiencing the Birdwatching Capital of The Bahamas:** Not only does Inagua boast more than 140 species of birds, Great Inagua National Park is home to the national bird of The Bahamas, the West Indian Flamingo, which outnumbers human residents of the island 80 to 1. Here is where visitors can briefly trade a sea of blue waters for a wave of pink flamingos.
- **Soaking up the Pristine Beaches:** Inagua offers to some of the clearest blue waters and white sand beaches. As it is largely untouched, visitors will feel like they are experiencing an island to themselves, in true secluded nature.
- **Visiting the Great Inagua Lighthouse:** The Great Inagua Lighthouse is now one of only three remaining kerosene-burning lighthouses in The Bahamas and has resident lighthouse keepers who tend its flame and hand-crank it every two hours.

To book a once-in-a-lifetime experience in The Bahamas, cruisers should visit crystalcruises.com.


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