



## **FAMILY VACATIONS IN THE ISLANDS OF THE BAHAMAS**

*Become a Beach Bum or Experience Adventure...The Islands Of The Bahamas Has it All*

Our pigs don't fly, they swim. How's that for a family vacation adventure? If you think you'll never find a new family travel experience that pleases everyone, look to [The Islands Of The Bahamas](#), just an hour from Miami. Our islands, like The Exuma Islands where the pigs live, let any kind of family create the perfect adventure.

Each island in The Bahamas has its own personality that can be matched with a families' vacation style. There's nothing wrong with being a high maintenance Bahama Mama (or Papa). Just head to Nassau & Paradise Island for the amenities provided by larger-scale resorts. Grand Bahama Island provides the family who enjoys exploring an island-inclusive package that includes culture and eco-tours. A family full of beach bums? No problem. Eleuthera & Harbour Island are perfect for a laid-back vacation spent lounging on the beach. Families full of adventurous spirit can head to The Exuma Islands or The Abaco Islands, with world-class water sports and exciting excursions.

### **Nassau & Paradise Island**

The name says it all – Paradise. Offering something for every age range, families can take part in a variety of activities together including snorkeling excursions, swimming with the dolphins, deep sea fishing trips, a trip to The Pirates Museum in the heart of colonial Nassau or just lounging on the beach building sandcastles and enjoying the sun.

### **Grand Bahama Island**

Grand Bahama Island is the go-to island for families who are explorers at heart. Home to one of the world's largest underwater cave systems, three national parks and excellent diving and fishing, the island offers a variety of ways to explore its wildlife. Kayak Nature Tours takes visitors through the shallow waters of mangrove creeks while East End Adventure offers culture safaris through eco-zones.

### **The Exuma Islands**

Families who pack their bags and head to The Exuma Islands will find adventure as the island's cays and hidden coves make for some of the most spectacular sailing adventures in The Bahamas. The island even plays host each year to The Family Island Regatta. Kids will get a kick out of the famous swimming pigs of Exuma on Big Major Cay and the several islands populated with rare, fearsome looking yet gentle iguanas. Families can take a boat tour of Thunderball Grotto, the filming site of the James Bond 1965 flick or head to Stocking Island, a popular place for shelling, beachcombing and picnicking where families can spend quality time together.

### **The Abaco Islands**

For families looking for a charming island where they can partake in a variety of water sports The Abaco Islands is the go-to island. Great Abaco Island and Little Abaco serve as the hub of the action and Marsh Harbour is the biggest "city", featuring one functional traffic light. Brendal's Dive Shop on Green Turtle Cay is the best way to see all the best spots. Island local Brendal Stevens will take visitors out on full-day reef snorkeling excursions and while families check out the sea life, Brendal and his team will round up conch and Bahamian lobster for a private picnic on the beach. The Sunday night Wild Boar Roast at Nipper's Bar on Great Guana Cay is also a must to enjoy local cuisine, listen to live music and meet new friends.

### **Eleuthera & Harbour Island**

Harbour Island & Eleuthera are neighbors with incredibly distinctive personalities and a great option for families looking to explore more than one island on vacation. Both Eleuthera & Harbour Island offer families the opportunity to slip into an island community with a laid back vibe for a few days.

If families are looking for obvious landmarks and the sales features of ordinary vacation spots, Eleuthera may not be for them. There aren't many organized tours or excursions, but there are beautiful beaches and caves. A popular activity for kids is spelunking in the caves that honeycomb the island, including Hatchet Bay Caves, full of stalactites, stalagmites and thousands of leaf-nosed bats. Families can also learn to "hang ten" at Surfer's Beach, where surfboards can be rented for the day.

Harbour Island is a 5-minute water taxi ride from the North Eleuthera dock and boasts the award-winning Pink Sands Beach. Families can dive shipwrecks off the Devil's Backbone reef, take a kayak tour or go deep sea fishing. Valentine's Dive Center is perfect for family snorkeling and boating excursions. Golf carts are the vehicle of choice and families can explore the charming, New England style village complete with quaint shops, traditional street-side straw markets and dining options like Sip Sip, Arthur's Bakery and Ma Ruby's, home of the "cheeseburger in paradise."

The Islands Of The Bahamas have a place in the sun for everyone from Nassau and Paradise Island to Grand Bahama to The Abaco Islands, The Exuma Islands, Harbour Island, Long Island and others. 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 at par with the U.S. dollar. Do everything or do nothing, just remember It's Better in The Bahamas. For more information on travel packages, activities and accommodations, call 1-800-Bahamas or visit [www.Bahamas.com](http://www.Bahamas.com). Look for VisittheBahamas on the web on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/visitthebahamas), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/visitthebahamas) and [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/visitthebahamas). To purchase one-of-a-kind items from The Bahamas, visit [www.eshopbahamas.com](http://www.eshopbahamas.com).

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