

# bimini



## big game fishing capital of the bahamas

experience the big-game fishing capital of the world

### BIMINI AT A GLANCE

**Location:** 50 miles east of Miami, FL

**Island Info:** The nearest of the Bahamian islands to the U.S.

**Population:** 1,600

**Tourist Info:** BOIPB (800) 688-4652; Bimini Tourist Office (242) 347-3529

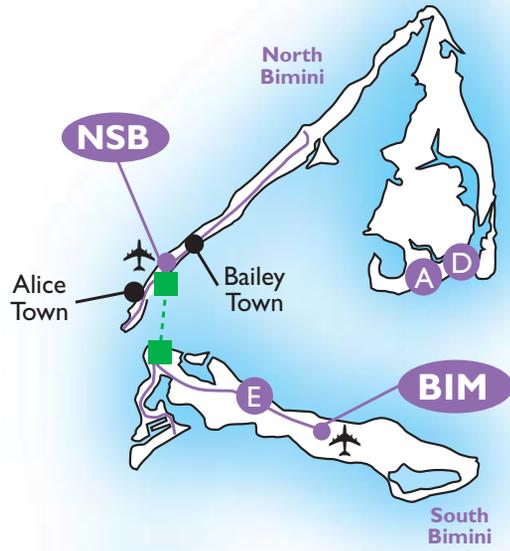
**Known For:** Beaches, snorkeling and big game fishing

Bimini is known as the big-game fishing capital of the world, and fishing is excellent throughout the year in flats, on the reefs, and in the streams. Ernest Hemingway came to write and fish, and here, he wrote much of *To Have and Have Not*. His novel *Islands in the Stream* put Bimini on the map.

It's one of the smallest islands in The Bahamas, and lies close enough to Miami (just 50 miles away) to be distinctly separate from the other islands of the archipelago. Bimini is divided into two islands, with a total area of 9 square miles. The smaller of these, North Bimini, is better developed than South Bimini.

Luxurious yachts and fishing boats are always docked at the island's marinas. Throughout Bimini, there's a Florida-resort atmosphere mingled with some small-town charm. For the casual sightseer, it has only minor appeal, but if you'd like to follow in the footsteps of such famous fishers as Zane Grey and Howard Hughes, Bimini is your island. Its sportfishing is among the best in the world. It's also an excellent center for yachting and cruising, and it offers some of the best scuba diving in The Bahamas.

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alice town



## resorts

- 1 Bimini Big Game Club
- 2 Bimini Bluewater Resort

## taxis

	North Bimini Airport Ramp	South Bimini Airport
Bailey Town	\$4	\$9
Alice Town	\$4	\$9
North Bimini Airport Ramp	--	\$5
South Bimini Airport	\$5	--

## what to see and do

- A** **The Healing Hole: East Bimini** This fresh water spring, found inside salt water Mangrove Swamp, is rumored to have healing properties.
- B** **Bimini Museum** The Bimini Fishing Hall of Fame is just one of the many exhibits in this museum, which offers visitors a tour through Bimini's history.
- C** **Swim with the Dolphins** Experience the thrill of frolicking with wild dolphins.
- D** **Bonefish Flats** Fishing enthusiasts will take to the knee-deep water in search of the elusive bonefish.
- E** **Fountain of Youth** A nature walk through Bahamian flora and fauna lead you to this historic fountain, founded by Ponce De Leon in 1513.

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