

eleuthera/harbour island



the birthplace of the bahamas

eleuthera and harbour island draw adventurers to discover miles of fabulous, unspoiled and secluded beaches

ELEUTHERA AT A GLANCE

Location: 200 miles southeast of Miami and 60 miles east of Nassau

Island Info: A 110 mile long 2 mile wide arc covering less than 300 square miles

Population: 10,500

Tourist Info: Eleuthera Tourist Office (242) 332-2142; Harbour Island (242) 333-2621

Known For: Pink sand beaches and snorkeling

A sort of Bahamian Plymouth Rock, Eleuthera Island was the first permanent settlement in The Bahamas, founded in 1648.

These adventurers found an island of white- and pink-sand beaches framed by casuarina trees, high, rolling green hills, sea-to-sea views, dramatic cliffs, and sheltered coves, and they're still here, unspoiled, waiting for travelers to discover today. More than 100 miles long but merely 2 miles wide guarantees that vacationers are never far from the beach.

Long and slender, this most historic of the Out Islands is actually a string of islands that includes Harbour Island. Affectionately called "Briland" by its residents, Harbour Island is a tiny, Victorian-style, pastel-coloured houses that evoke Cape Cod. Harbour Island is famed for its spectacular Pink Sands Beach runs the whole length of the island on its eastern side.

The island's charming New England architecture, which is reminiscent of the island's Loyalist history, is still very much in existence.

Gregory Town is the pineapple capital of the island chain. A bit farther south is Surfers Beach, one of the best surfing spots in The Bahamas. Several accommodations are available in this sleepy, slightly budget-oriented section of Eleuthera. At the southern end of the island, Rock Sound is home of the fabled Cotton Bay Club.

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what to see and do

- A Lighthouse Beach: Bannermantown**
Known for its miles of unspoiled pink soft sandy beaches as well as an old lighthouse located on a dramatic limestone promontory overlooking the ocean.
- B Hayne's Library: Governor's Harbour**
A historical landmark and host to weekly social events. Also look for its internet cafe.
- C Ocean Hole: Rock Sound** Rumored to be bottomless, this natural limestone wonder is filled with tropical fish and a few turtles who greet tourists.
- D Glass Window Bridge: Gregorytown**
A man made bridge at the narrowest part of the island, where you can see the awesome contrast between the rough Atlantic and calm Caribbean waters.
- E Ten Bay Beach: Savannah Sound** One of the most popular beaches with white soft sand and low tides perfect for wading. Also an excellent bonefishing spot.
- F Preacher's Cave** This large blue-shaded cave was a temporary home to shipwrecked survivors after fleeing religious persecution in Bermuda, and thought to be the site of the first Christian service in The Bahamas.
- G Surfer's Beach** An excellent winter surf spot. Many experts compare the surfing here with Hawaii's best.

resorts

- 1 Cartwright's Ocean Front Cottages
- 2 Coral Sands Hotel
- 3 The Cove Eleuthera
- 4 Laughing Bird Apartments
- 5 Rainbow Inn
- 6 Runaway Hill Club

taxis

	North Eleuthera Airport	Governor's Harbour Airport	Rock Sound Airport
Current	\$21	--	--
The Bluff	\$15	--	--
North Eleuthera Airport	X	\$61.50	\$118.50
Lower Bogue	\$9	\$50.25	\$107.25
Upper Bogue	\$13.50	\$52.50	\$109.50
Three Island Dock (to HI dock)	\$3/pp	--	--
Glass Window	\$21.75	\$44.25	\$101.25
Gregory Town	\$31.50	\$37.50	\$94.50
Hatchet Bay	\$43	\$30	\$87
James Cistern	\$52.50	\$12	--
Governor's Harbour Airport	\$61.50	X	\$64.50
Governor's Harbour	\$73.50	\$15.50	\$52.50
Palmetto Point	\$81	\$27	\$46.50
Savannah Sound	\$91.50	\$37.50	\$36
Tarpum Bay	\$106.50	\$52.50	\$19.50
Rock Sound Airport	\$118.50	\$64.50	X
Rock Sound	\$123	\$69	\$3
Cape Eleuthera	\$154.50	\$100.50	\$48.75
Bannerman Town	--	--	\$52.50

ferries

BAHAMAS FAST FERRIES

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL
Daily Nassau 8am	Harbour Island 10:15am
Friday second ferry at 1:30pm	Harbour Island at 3:45pm
Harbour Island to Nassau:	
Monday - Saturday at 3:55pm	Nassau 6:15pm
Friday second at 10:25am	Nassau at 12:40pm
Sunday at 2pm	Nassau at 4:15pm

BAHAMAS SEAROAD

DEPARTURE NASSAU-GOVERNOR'S HARBOUR

Thursday: Nassau	8:00am
Governor's Harbour	3:00pm

DEPARTURE NASSAU-CURRENT

Tuesday: Nassau	3:30pm
Current	7:00pm
Friday: Nassau	5:00pm
Current	8:30pm
Sunday: Nassau	5:00pm
Current	8:30pm

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