

Bahamas

Eleuthera

2016

**The ultimately brief but real essentials for any
Bahamas trip ...**

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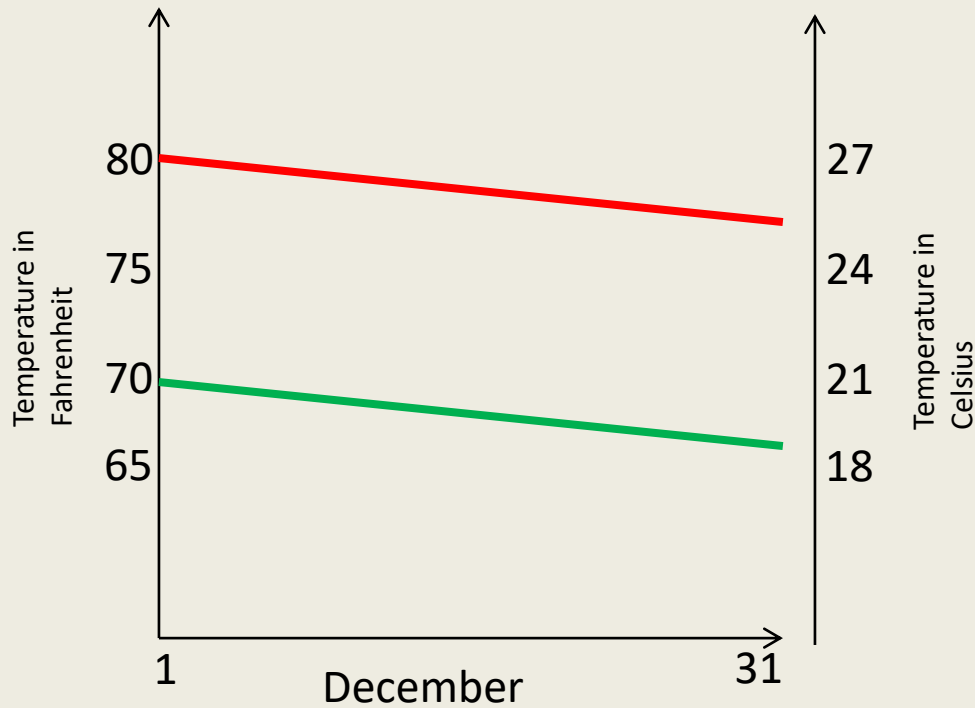
Why would you want to go?



Eleuthera (Bahamas)
+25°C



Fargo (North Dakota)
-25°C



Average **high** and **low** temperatures are nearly the same as in Florida.



I could swim in the ocean in December
Sunbathing: no problem.

Travel to Eleuthera / Governors Harbor / Unique Village (South of North Palmetto)

Sat, 24DEC	DEPART	ARRIVE
DELTA 5153*	FARGO, ND	ATLANTA
	6:00am	10:13am
DELTA 704	ATLANTA	NASSAU, BAHAMAS
	12:20pm	2:21pm

Sat, 31DEC	DEPART	ARRIVE
DELTA 681	NASSAU, BAHAMAS	ATLANTA
	11:30am	1:48pm
DELTA 744	ATLANTA	MPLS-ST PAUL
	2:55pm	4:40pm
DELTA 662	MPLS-ST PAUL	FARGO, ND
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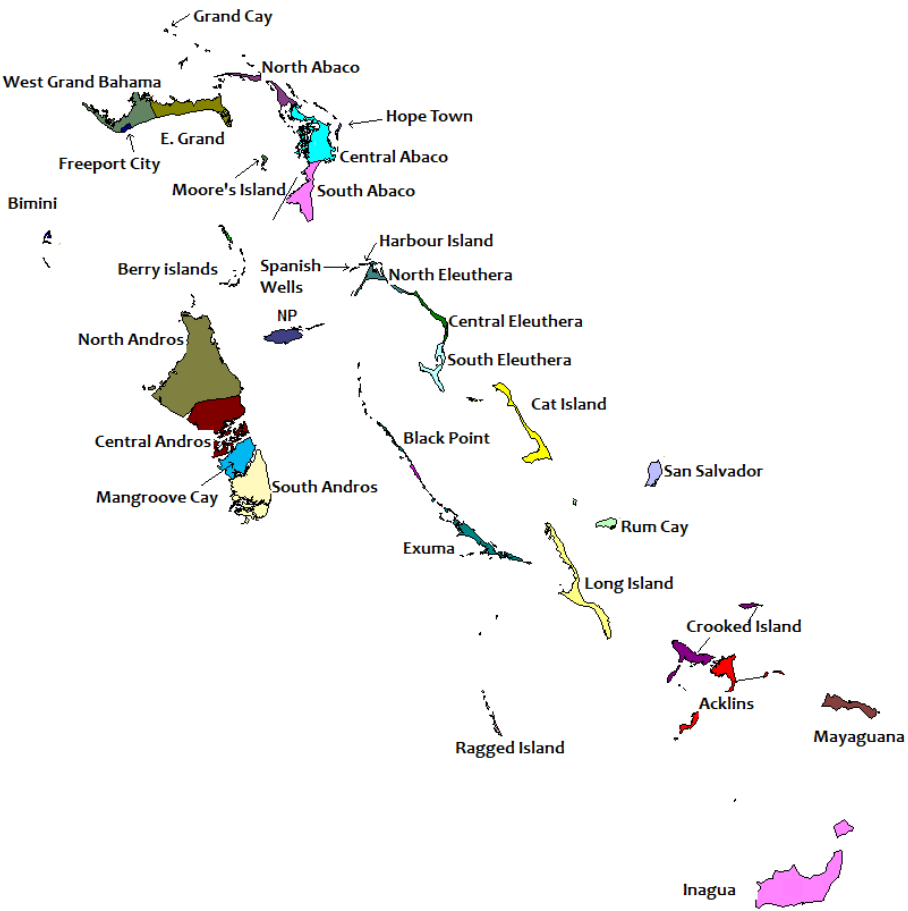
Dec 24 Southern Air - Flight 305
 04:00 PM - 04:20 PM
 Nassau to Governors Harbor



Dec 31 Bahamas Air - Flight 342
 08:05 AM - 08:35 AM
 Governors Harbor to Nassau

Typical US trip schedule, I guess.

Bahamas



29 islands, 661 cays, and 2,387 rocks

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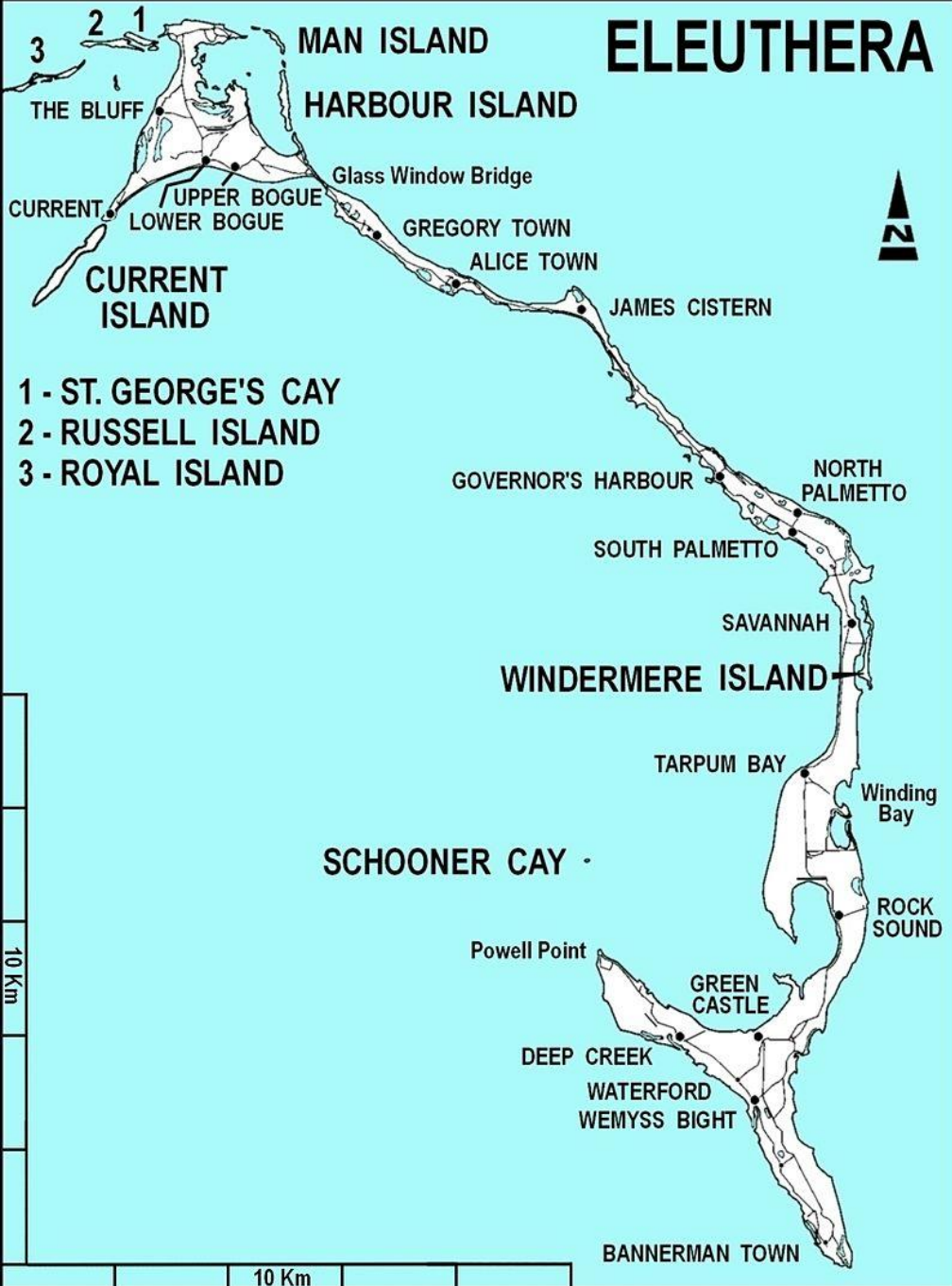


Area
Bahamas 13,878 km²
5,358 mi²

Fargo, US 48 sq mi
Berlin, Germany 344 mi²

470,000 km² (180,000 mi²) of ocean





Attractions
Glass Window Bridge
Hatchet Bay caves
Surfer's Beach
Ocean Hole
Lighthouse Beach
Pink sandy beaches
Spanish Wells

Length
110 mi (180 km)
Width
1 mi (2 km)
population 8,000

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History ...

- Native Bahamians: Lucayan people (/Taíno /Arawak)

1492 Christopher Columbus' arrival

1718 British Crown colony

After US Independence war, UK resettled

American Loyalists & their slaves

- Africans constituted the majority of the population from this period

1973 independence retaining Queen Elizabeth II (UK) as its monarch

- capital city Nassau (on island New Providence)
- one of the richest countries in North & South America
- economy based on tourism and finance
- the closest island to the US is Bimini
- the largest island is Andros

inhabited islands include Eleuthera, Cat Island, Long Island, San Salvador Island, Acklins, Crooked Island, Exuma and Mayaguana

Information gathered from

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Bahamas



Public beaches & flowers seen along the way

Need some nuts?

Eleuthera beach



Or a tropical drink?



Tamarind

Its growing in the backyards in the Bahamas. The shell houses an eatable fruit used to make, e.g., drinks.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tamarind>

In any trouble?



The ultimately brief but real essentials for any Bahamas trip - based on a one-week trip to Eleuthera in Dec. 2016

Summary: Secluded beaches, warm weather: that's it for the most part; for the standard tourist there is absolutely nothing to do on most of these islands; swimming in the ocean Dec 24th which is as warm as a bathtub, yes, that you would find

“Tips”

-) bring cash, on the smaller islands, nearly nobody accepts credit cards
-) official and unofficial exchange rate: Bahama dollars vs. US is 1:1 (2016)
-) food (grocery stores, restaurants, ...) and nearly everything is expensive, CA level and above (pasta with chicken something in restaurant \$35)
-) car rental prices \$70/day (no insurance), e.g., hotels/resorts rent cars (i.e., the cousin of the hotel owner), our rental car had mileage of 130,000 km ... organize ahead of time for better price
-) 3" deep potholes on most streets we have seen, many roads to beaches are unpaved and rocky: get a Jeep / off-road car
-) they drive on the left side as in UK, no big deal on an island with one street, but the potholes make driving very unpleasant risking major damage on car every minute (cf., no insurance), car had driver seat on the right side
-) no street lightening, the nights are pitch dark, the stars will guide your way, no street signs either etc.
-) cell phone GPS did work, but download map ahead of time
-) hotel had slow & free Wi-Fi/internet that sometimes worked
-) totally underdeveloped "infrastructure“, perhaps that’s good
-) the “towns” on this island have 10 houses or so, basically no restaurants, no cafés, no bars, no nothing, the entire island seems to have a handful restaurants, nothing is marked/labeled, ask cap driver he may know a cousin who knows a cousin ..., we have seen two large grocery stores
-) any medical issues: stay at home, there is apparently some medical facility in Governors Harbor
-) Eleuthera seems to have population of 2000 – 8000, I have seen widely different numbers, the lower one is probably correct
-) interested in property?, everywhere signs of people/companies trying to sell property, lot starts apparently at \$60,000, apparently \$10,000/acre
-) scuba diving & fishing trips may exist, ask a cap driver he may know a cousin ..., organize ahead of time



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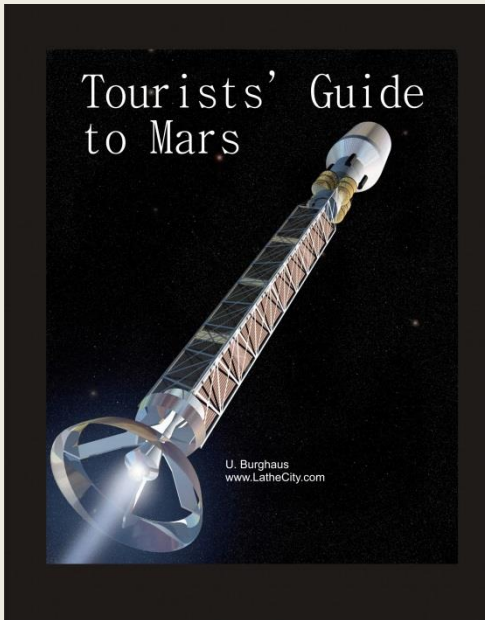
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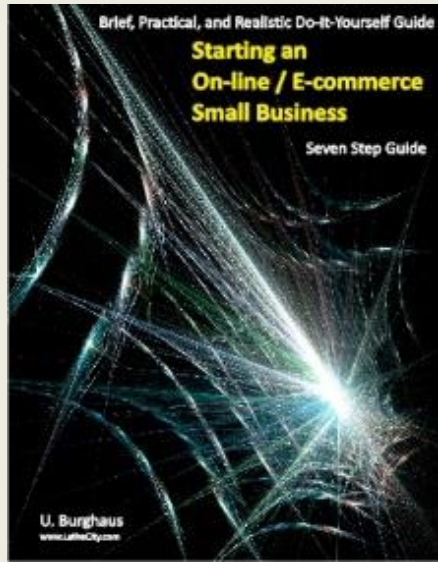
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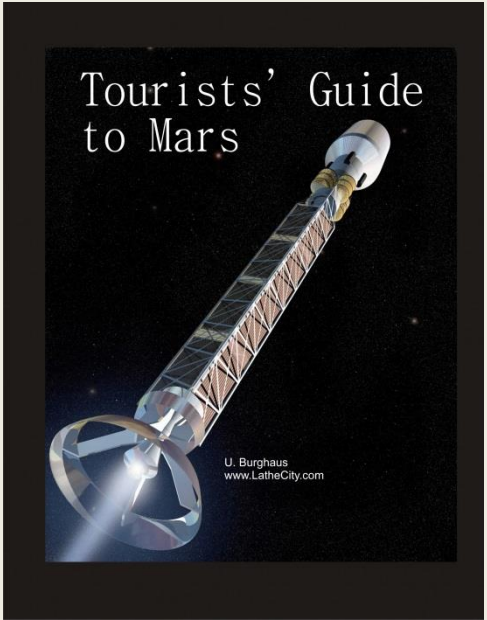
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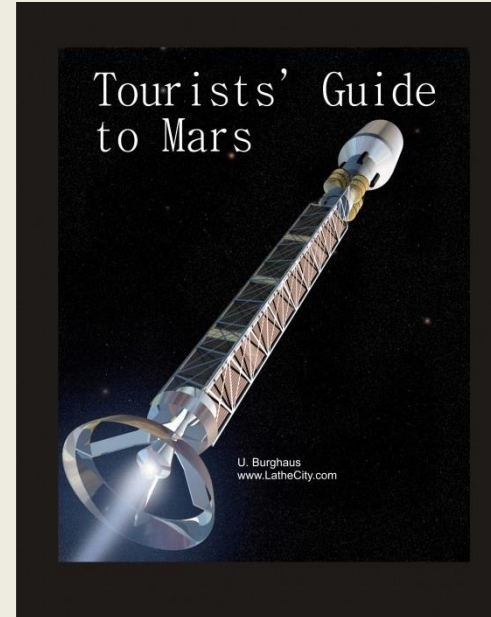


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