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PRINCESS CAYS at a glance

Region: Princess Cays is an exclusive port of call and private beach on the southern portion of the island of Eleuthera in the Bahamas. One hundred miles long and only two miles wide, Eleuthera offers unspoiled beaches. Princess Cays is situated on more than 30 acres of beach and features over a mile and a half of white-sand shoreline.

Population: When there is no ship in, the population of Princess Cays is only two, consisting of the on-site managers who live on the property. The population of Eleuthera is approximately 13,000 (est. 2011).

Climate: The Bahamas have a sub-tropical climate with about 340 days of sunshine per year. In the summer months, average temperatures are 75°F to 91°F and 65°F to 77°F in the winter.

Language: English

Currency: U.S. Dollar (USD). On Princess Cays, everything is charged to your shipboard account. *Please note: local vendors including the straw market vendors inside Princess Cays accept cash only. Cash and travelers checks are the preferred payment when outside Princess Cays and touring the island as many small stores do not accept credit cards at all.*



Princess Cays

THE BEST OF PRINCESS CAYS

Don't miss out on the top Points of Interest in this port — Book a Princess Excursion and experience them for yourself!

1 Rock Sound*

The town is known for its pristine beaches, sparkling blue water, spectacular views and colorful island buildings. Rock Sound is also famous for pirates, bats and a bottomless ocean hole.

2 Private & Sanctuary Bungalows

Luxuriate shoreside in your own air-conditioned bungalow. Perfect for a romantic hideaway or family fun, each brightly colored bungalow is near the beach. A tram for transportation is provided to and from the bungalows.

3 Snorkeling

Explore an underwater paradise in the unspoiled waters of the Bahamas.

4 Outdoor Adventure

Travel along scenic back roads of Eleuthera Island on a Dune Buggy Adventure down to a pink-sand beach. Or explore the walking trails, display gardens and native habitat of the Leon Levy Native Plant Preserve.

5 Beach Clamshell

Escape completely into your own private retreat - a "made-just-for-the-two-of-you" beach clamshell. Relax on the sandy shore and take in the island's natural beauty while lazing on your own comfortable beach chair.

6 Banana Boat Ride

Climb onto the neon yellow banana boat and hang on! After the powerboat pulls away from shore at full throttle you'll find yourself suddenly zooming along the surface on a wet and wild thrill ride!

7 Fishing

There are plenty of fish in the sea. Try your luck at surf fishing off a rocky shore of Princess Cays.

8 Water Sports Rental Activities

Slather on the sunscreen and immerse yourself in any number of activities that take you in and out of the water. Enjoy a day of kayaking, windsurfing, snorkeling, paddle wheelers, floats, aqua chairs or Hobie Wave.

9 Underwater Exploration

From a glass-bottom boat, sea board or while snorkeling, enjoy brilliant sea gardens, coral reefs and colorful fish.

10 Locker Rental

Protect your valuables from the sand, sun and water, and store them in a safe place away from the elements.

**Rock Sound can only be seen by participating on tour RSD-100. There are no taxis to visit independently.*

Explore Princess Cays with a Princess Shore Excursion. Visit the Tour Office for more information.

PRINCESS CAYS

A tropical paradise to call your own

It's a wonder that Christopher Columbus continued his travels after discovering Eleuthera, the southernmost portion of the Bahamas, in 1492. Greeted by white-sand beaches, lush mangrove trees, and turquoise waters, he must have felt that he had arrived in paradise.

Perfectly situated on the southern tip of Eleuthera's tropical oasis, Princess Cays is a 30-acre beachfront resort, reserved for Princess passengers to enjoy exactly as they wish. From its endless array of activities and natural beauty to its sumptuous cuisine, great shopping and cultural surroundings, once you discover Princess Cays... you'll discover it's the perfect tropical retreat.



Princess Cays clamshells are cozy for two people

Historic discovery

A thin sliver of an island, only 100 miles long and two miles wide, Eleuthera is known as the "birthplace of the Bahamas." Graced with a lacy shoreline and lush foliage, the earliest known inhabitants of the island were the Arawak Indians, who had migrated from South America in the 9th century.

After Christopher Columbus discovered the island on his maiden voyage, a British group called the "Eleutherian Adventurers" settled here in 1648 to escape religious persecution. They named the island Eleuthera, the Greek word for freedom.

Turquoise waters and white-sand shores

The fun begins as soon as you arrive on Princess Cays, which offers a number of options to enjoy for the day. Private bungalows provide air-conditioned comfort for families and friends and include a dedicated staff ready to take drink orders or arrange a delicious picnic on your patio with a gorgeous beach view.

A beach clamshell lounge for two is a cozy and romantic way to unwind along the shore, or you can simply grab a lounge chair in the sun or shade and enjoy a good book.

And even the most committed landlubbers won't be able to resist the lure of the crystalline waters. Float on a raft, recline in an aqua chair or just "noodle" around with the kids, the warm water is sublime. Don a mask and flippers for some serious snorkeling, ride a water bike or cruise along the shoreline on a paddleboard. Feel the need for speed? Hop on a banana boat ride for a heart-pumping, you're-gonna-get-soaked adventure that's perfect for thrill seekers!

If you're craving a more tranquil aquatic experience, relax during an informative coastal cruise, or take out a kayak, paddle wheeler, sailboat or windsurfer and explore at your own pace.

Under the sea

Want to experience the ocean's depths without getting wet? A glass-bottom boat cruise takes you to one of the area's most pristine coral reefs to see schools of rainbow-hued fish that get up-close and personal through large glass windows.

Fishing in the Bahamas is legendary and author Earnest Hemingway was drawn by the incredible fishing available. You can try your hand with some surf fishing off a rocky shore of Princess Cays. With an expert Bahamian fisherman to assist if needed, you may catch Nassau grouper, snapper and grunts.

Tantalizing treats and sparkling sips

With all this activity, you're sure to have worked up an appetite. For your dining pleasure, Princess Cays offers two Grills and fantastic beachside barbecue fare as well as three bars, ready to serve fruity cocktails to beat the heat.

Refreshed, it's time for a little shopping and to find souvenirs at our stores. Feeling a little native? You can even get your hair done island style!

Soaking up local color

Although it isn't easy to persuade guests to leave Princess Cays, a tour around the southern part of Eleuthera is rewarding and offers an opportunity to see top cultural attractions.

One of the most surprising sights can be found in Rock Sound at Ocean Hole Park, a truly perplexing natural phenomenon. Even though the ocean is a mile away, this rock formation is filled with seawater that appears to ebb and flow with the tides.

Visit the charming 19th century fishing village of Tarpum Bay and the petite St. Columba Church, before rounding out your tour at Four Points Marina Village, where traditional Bahamian foods and local entertainment is always on the menu.

The undisputed highlight of any Caribbean cruise, Princess Cays is the perfect tropical retreat. A dream destination on one of the most beautiful islands in the world, endless possibilities await — the only thing you have to do is decide whether you want to do it all — or do nothing at all.



DID YOU KNOW?

Local cuisine

For your dining enjoyment, please visit our Grill Crazy or the Sea Breeze Grill where our Executive Chef and Maitre D invite you for a casual lunch on the beach. The menu features a selection of burgers, hotdogs, chicken, salads, cookies and condiments. All meals are complimentary.

Drink specialties

Four bars are open to serve you on the island: Bungalow Bar, Coconuts Bar, Banana Beach Bar and Reef Runner Bar with a selection of fruity exotic drinks.

Super sweet!

Eleuthera is the pineapple capital of the Bahamas. (And they are the sweetest pineapples you have ever tasted!)

Flower power

The yellow elder is the national flower of the Bahamas. Bright yellow with a red stripe on each petal, it grows wild on the island, and its tree can reach a height of 20 feet. Look for it along the walkways of Princess Cays.

Preserving the coral reef

The removal of any marine life in the Bahamas is illegal. Please help protect it for future generations by leaving sea creatures in their natural habitat...this is their home!

Royal treatment

Eleuthera has been a favorite hideaway for British Royalty for many years. It is where Prince Charles and the late Princess Diana spent a holiday in 1982 and where Prince Edward proposed to Sophie in 1999.

Watch your step!

Rock Sound is known as the Home of the Ocean Hole, a saltwater lake that is connected by tunnels to the ocean. At an estimated 600 feet deep, bring some bread to feed the fish that emerge to say hello!

Take the plunge

The water temperature in the Bahamas hardly ever drops below a pleasant 72°F at the shoreline. In the spring and summer, don't be surprised to find the temperature at 80°F and above!

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Shore Excursions: Passengers will meet at a specific location for each shore excursion departure. Please refer to your tour ticket and the Princess Patter for the correct place and time. Your Shore Excursion staff will be at that location to assist you.

Please note: Participants on tours RSD-100, 360 or 555, or those visiting the Cultural Center located outside Princess Cays need to bring a photo I.D.

Anchorage: Your Princess ship anchors and passengers will be transported ashore using the ship's tenders. The tenders run continuously all day.

Going Ashore: Visitors to Princess Cays should bring towels from the ship. There are ample lockers to store belongings securely and restrooms to change in and out of swim wear.

Water Sports and Rentals: Two choices are available. You can reserve any of the water sports as well as snorkel equipment in advance at the Tour Office onboard. You will be issued a ticket which you will present once on the Island. Or, you also have the option of renting your snorkel equipment or any of the water sports on the day we arrive on the Island. Whichever way you choose you will

just need your cruise card and any charges will be placed on your shipboard account. You will find a booking form in your cabin with further details, prices and timings. If you have any questions feel free to visit the Shore Excursion Desk (exact location varies by ship).

Please note: Water sports and rentals are available on a first-come, first-served basis and equipment can sell out.

Marine Life and Coral Reef Preservation: The taking of marine life in the Bahamas is illegal. Bahamian laws protecting marine life are strictly enforced by the authorities. Please help protect marine life for future generations by not removing them from their natural habitat. We support the Bahamian efforts to preserve the marine environment and request your understanding in this very important matter.

Shopping: Upon your arrival on the island you will find the Tropical Treasures and the Bahama Treasures Gift Shop Boutique, offering you an assortment of tropical gifts and souvenirs, such as t-shirts, sunscreen, souvenirs, Christmas ornaments, local spices and marinades, rum cakes, sundries, beach towels and many other items. Throughout the property we also have kiosks for those who

Take a seat

There are over 3,000 beach lounges on Princess Cays!

Colorful tradition

Junkanoo is a traditional Bahamian street parade with ornate costumes and lively music. Cowbells, goatskin drums and horns are the instruments of choice. Costumes are constructed with crepe paper and cardboard.

Musical notes

Famous musical performers Lenny Kravitz and Patti LaBelle both own homes on Eleuthera.

Rum-runner

Prohibition transformed the Bahamas into a base for rum-running, the colloquial term referring to smuggling contraband over water. Many rum-runners would add water to their bottles to stretch their profits, but Bill McCoy — one of the most famous — sold only top-label brands and never diluted them. This is said to be how the term "The Real McCoy" originated and how the drink Rum Runner got its name.

don't want to get off the beach but still want a souvenir to take home. These can all be charged to your shipboard account for your convenience. Also meet the local vendors and take the opportunity to purchase a wide variety of local handicrafts. They will even offer you an exciting 'island hairstyle'.

Please note: Local vendors will accept cash only. There are no ATMs on shore.

Tipping: As onboard your ship, tipping is not necessary nor expected.

Photo Opportunity: Make sure to watch out for your Princess Photographers who will be at various locations on the beach. They will capture the moment for you and provide a lasting memory of your time on this exotic island. There is NO obligation to purchase any of the photographs taken. Princess Cays pictures will be displayed in the photo gallery on your return to the ship. Especially fun are the "city mileage signs" and "Sharky."

Safety: A first-aid station, staffed by a fully trained nurse at all times, is available if the need arises. The station is in constant communication with the medical center aboard the ship. Six lifeguard stands are continuously manned, in addition to a patrol boat to assist swimmers.