



ELEUTHERA AND HARBOUR ISLAND FACT SHEET

[Eleuthera and Harbour Island](#) are the epitome of island sophistication, with New England-style architecture, luxurious boutiques, untouched coral reefs, rocky bluffs and lush greenery. Located about 60 miles from Nassau and 200 miles from Florida, Eleuthera is best-known for its rolling fields of some of the sweetest pineapples in the world. Right off of the northeast end of Eleuthera is Harbour Island, beloved by celebrities and discerning travelers alike for its famous pink-sand beaches, exclusive resorts, pastel-hued buildings and high-end shopping.

HISTORY

Much of the architecture and way of life on Eleuthera and Harbour Island was influenced by British Loyalists who settled there in the 1700s. This style has since been adopted by other Bahamian islands, making Eleuthera & Harbour Island the birthplace of the entire country. Early settlers were anglers and farmers, taking advantage of ample coastline and acres of pineapple plantations. In the late 1800s, Dunmore Town became Harbour Island's first major settlement and the original capital of The Islands of The Bahamas. In its early days, Dunmore Town was a shipyard and sugar refinement center, both of which lent itself to another profitable industry—rum.

ABOUT ELEUTHERA

- Town/Settlement: Governor's Harbour, Gregory Town
- Size: 110 miles long and two miles wide
- Population: Approximately 11,000

ABOUT HARBOUR ISLAND

- Town/Settlement: Dunmore Town
- Size: Three miles long and half a mile wide
- Population: Approximately 1,500

ACCOMMODATIONS

Pineapple Fields Resort - Pineapple Fields Resort and Tippy's Beachfront Bar and Restaurant sit along Eleuthera's vast Atlantic coastline on the well-known Banks Road, just 15 minutes from Governor's Harbour. Pineapple Fields offers the personal service of a hotel in home-like accommodations with everything travelers need from fully equipped kitchens to front and back verandas to beach chairs and towels. A fan favorite, Tippy's offers celebrated dishes and live music every weekend in a rustic beach setting. www.pineapplefields.com



The Dunmore – Since 1963, The Dunmore has offered friendly service in an elegant-yet-relaxed atmosphere on Harbour Island. The exclusive resort features charming guest cottages, each with their own private patio, and a range of upscale amenities and concierge service. Couples or families seeking a more intimate experience can opt for one of the resort’s luxurious villas or private home rentals.

www.dunmorebeach.com

Hut Pointe Inn – This family owned, all-suite and eco-friendly hotel is conveniently located in the middle of Eleuthera, close to the airport and Governor’s Harbour. Where the inn sits, the island is less than half a mile wide, so guests are only a short walk to both the Caribbean and Atlantic Ocean. All guests enjoy large, two-bedroom suites. Although Hut Pointe remodeled their interior in 2014, the building’s historic charm remains intact. www.hutpointe.com

The Landing Hotel – Overlooking the harbor in the heart of historic Dunmore Town, this contemporary boutique hotel is a five-minute walk to one of Harbour Island’s famous pink sand beaches. All 13 rooms were designed with comfort and colonial-inspired Caribbean influences in mind. Guests may enjoy a selection from The Cellar’s award-winning wine list in The Landing’s library, verandah or excellent restaurant. www.harbourislandlanding.com

Cape Eleuthera Marina & Villas – Surrounded by crystal clear water, the Cape Eleuthera Marina & Villas are known for their idyllic cottages and villas, 4,500 acres of lush, tropical gardens and miles of private beach. Guests enjoy hotel shops, a swimming pool and private charters readily available for adventures.

www.capeeleuthera.com

Spanish Wells Resort – Located in a small town in Northwest Eleuthera, this boutique resort includes just six rooms and one villa. Guests can enjoy the swimming pool, restaurant and bar, shop and access to golf carts for exploring the island in comfort and style. www.swyachthaven.com/spanish-wells

The Other Side – This ultra-modern resort offers a unique and exclusive experience with seven luxurious tents and three shacks featuring panoramic views. Not your typical tent, this accommodation type features hardwood floors, a king sized four poster bed, air conditioning, large open rain showers, two sofas and Wi-Fi. Guests have access to a 24-hour boat service that routes to Eleuthera’s shopping, fine dining and nightlife. www.ontheos.com



Romora Bay Resort and Marina – Located in the heart of Harbour Island, Romora Bay Resort and Marina offer 14 quaint guest suites with water views and a full-service marina for sport fisherman and mega clientele. Amenities include an infinity pool with bay views, onsite restaurant and concierge service for scheduling fishing or diving trips. www.romorabay.com

ACTIVITIES

Visitors flock to Eleuthera and Harbour Island for the powdery white and pink beaches, vibrant nightlife, and the warm hospitality of its inhabitants – the Brilanders. Island pastimes include strolling through narrow, tree-lined streets, bonefishing in the pristine water off the islands’ coasts and lounging along the sandy coastline. Shopping ranges from street vendors to high-end boutiques. Sailing and boating enthusiasts enjoy panoramic views, while snorkelers explore reefs just offshore.

POINTS OF INTEREST

Eleuthera

Preacher’s Cave – This large, blue-shadowed cave is located about 10 miles outside the settlement known as “Bluff”. Steeped in history, Preacher’s Cave was once the refuge of Captain William Sayle after being shipwrecked at the Devil’s Backbone in 1647. Today, the site’s nearby beach is popular with visitors and locals for picnics and gatherings.

Glass Window Bridge – At the narrowest part of Eleuthera lays a striking rock formation known as the Glass Window Bridge. The land here falls away abruptly to nearly sea level almost dividing the island in two. On the west side are stunning views of the turquoise-blue Caribbean waters, and on the east is the deep blue Atlantic.

Annual Pineapple Festival –This annual four-day celebration of the Eleuthera pineapple is held during the first weekend of June in Gregory Town. It features a Junkanoo parade, craft displays, dancing, a pineapple recipe contest, tours of pineapple farms and a Pineathalon – a half-mile swim, three-mile run and 4.5-mile bike ride.

Hayne’s Library – This historical landmark, built by Governor William Frederick Haynes Smith in 1897, is the oldest government building on the island. It was recently renovated and remains a Public Library, hosting weekly social events and an Internet cafe.



Harbour Island

Sip Sip -This traditional-styled restaurant serves mouthwatering Bahamian cuisine, such as conch curry, coconut cakes and grilled shrimp, as well as an eclectic mix of world cuisine. The name “Sip Sip” actually derives from the Bahamas patois word for “gossip.” The spot is known for having been a regular spot for celebrities such as model Elle McPherson.

Dunmore Town - Named after the 18th century royal governor of The Bahamas who helped develop the town, this picturesque seafront village provides a haven away from the beaten path. Navigate through narrow, winding paths without ever encountering a motor vehicle, while gazing at brightly painted houses, with manicured lawns overflowing with tropical flowers and trees.

Current Cut Dive - Current Cut is one of the top ten dive sites in the world, and one of the fastest. This area of The Bahamas is among the most diverse in the region in terms of aquatic life with schools of stingrays, mako sharks and reef fish.

Dilly Dally -Local photographer, Val Albury, runs this bright green-and-yellow-striped boutique in the middle of town. It offers diverse images of Harbour Island as well as a wide selection of Bahamian music.

INTRIGUING FACTS

- Harbour Island was voted “The Best in the Caribbean” by *Travel + Leisure Magazine* in 2005 and 2015
- Harbour Island is home to the North Eleuthera/Harbour Island Sailing Regatta, an annual sailing competition that includes live band performances, cultural shows, native music, food and drinks.

AIRLINE SERVICES

North Eleuthera Airport (ELH) and Governor’s Harbour Airport (GHB) serves the center of the island.

- [Air Flight Charters:](#)
(954) 359-0320
- [American Airlines:](#)
(800) 433-7300
- American Eagle: North Eleuthera:
(242) 335-2055
- [Aztec Airways:](#)
(954) 601-3742
- [Bahamas Air: Governor’s Harbour:](#) (242) 332-2648
- [Bahamas Air: Rock Sound:](#)
(242) 334-2125
- [Bahamasair: North Eleuthera:](#)
(242) 335-1152
- [Delta Air Lines:](#)
(800) 221-1212
- [Eastern Air Express:](#)
(954) 772-3363
- Golden Wings Charter:
(242) 377-0039



- [Pineapple Air: Governor's Harbour:](#)
(242) 332-3811
- [Pineapple Air: North Eleuthera:](#)
(242) 335-2081
- [Pineapple Air: Rock Sound:](#)
(242) 334-3000
- [Seabird Air:](#)
(242) 362-1224
- Shore Charter Services:
(242) 524-8721
- [Southern Air Charter: Governor's Harbour:](#)
(242) 332-3270
- [Southern Air Charter: North Eleuthera:](#)
(242) 335-1720
- [Southern Air Charter: Rock Sound:](#)
(242) 334-2767
- [Treasure Air Charters:](#)
(305) 741-0489
- [Tropic Air Charters:](#)
(954) 267-0707
- [Watermakers Air:](#)
(954) 771-0330

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- U.S. currency is accepted and is interchangeable with the Bahamian dollar
- In September through May, the temperature on the Island averages 70 to 75 degrees Fahrenheit; the rest of the year is warmer, with temperatures between 80 and 85 degrees. Nighttime temperatures are generally cooler by 5-7 degrees.
- All U.S. citizens and foreign nationals traveling to/from the United States to/from The Bahamas are required to present a valid passport, passport card or WHTI-compliant document to re-enter the United States.
- All Canadian citizens traveling to/from Canada to/from The Bahamas are required to present either a valid passport, an official birth certificate or an original naturalization/citizenship certificate. For more information please visit Bahamas.com.

ABOUT THE BAHAMAS

With over 700 islands and cays, and 16 unique island destinations, The Bahamas lies just 55 miles off the coast of Florida offering an easy fly away escape that transports travelers away from their everyday. The Islands of The Bahamas have world-class fishing, diving, boating and thousands of miles of the earth's most spectacular water and beaches waiting for families, couples and adventurers. Explore all the islands have to offer at www.bahamas.com or on [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) or [Instagram](#) to see why It's Better in The Bahamas.

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