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Grand Bahama Island Introduces New US & Canada Flight Routes! *Sunwing Vacations, Bahamasair, and American Airlines Increase Inbound Flight Options*

FREEPORT, GRAND BAHAMA - Experiencing Grand Bahama just got easier with the expansion of flight routes from several US and Canadian airports. **Sunwing Vacations** will resume flights between Montreal and Toronto to Freeport, on December 17, for the duration of the 2022-2023 winter season. **Bahamasair** also reintroduced inbound flights from Orlando, FL and will begin new service from Raleigh, NC, in addition to the airline's Fort Lauderdale, FL flight offerings. **American Airlines'** existing Grand Bahama flight schedule also expanded to include Charlotte, NC in addition to their Miami, FL route.

The introduction of new flight options during the winter months will allow more visitors to enjoy Grand Bahama's three distinct regions - the "out islands" experience of Western Grand Bahama, the Freeport & Lucaya city center, and the eco-wonderland that can be found in Eastern Grand Bahama.

This holiday season, guests and residents alike can partake in cultural events like the annual **Junkanoo** Parade (*a traditional Bahamian street parade that includes colorful and intricate handmade costumes, brass instruments and the pulsating rhythm of goat-skin drums*) which will take place on New Year's Day at 6pm, as well as the weekly **Smith's Point Fish Fry** (*which is an authentic 'fish fry' event which takes place ocean-side, each Wednesday, and offers fresh-caught seafood cooked on a wood-burning open flame*). Other popular spots to visit include West End (a small community on the western end of the island that is popular for fresh seafood, conch salad, gully wash, conch fritters and pancakes, especially on the weekend), swimming and learning about wild stingrays via West End Ecology Tours, the Port Lucaya Marketplace, Owl's Hole, the Lucayan National Park, Gold Rock Beach, the UNEXSO Dolphin Experience, the Pirate's Cove Zipline and Water Park, Garden of the Groves, as well as a many other water sports and off-road activity options.

In addition to a number of other seasonal events and festivals, **The Bahamas will be celebrating 50 years of Independence in 2023**. There will be a year-long series of anniversary celebrations and events on Grand Bahama, as well as throughout the entire country.

Grand Bahama also has over **120 restaurants**, beachfront eateries, and unique food stalls that visitors can enjoy during the holiday season, in addition to over 15 resort, hotel and villa/vacation rental accommodation options. These include **Viva Wyndham Fortuna Beach All-Inclusive Resort, Flamingo Bay Yacht Club & Marina, Lighthouse Pointe at Grand Lucayan, Ocean Reef Resort & Yacht Club, Pelican Bay Hotel, Bell Channel Inn, Blue Marlin Cove & Marina, Bootle Bay Fishing Lodge, Old Bahama Bay Resort & Marina, Paradise Cove, Island Seas Resort, Sea Breeze Vacation Villas, and Taino Beach Resort & Clubs**.

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“There is no shortage of amazing food, stunning natural sights, accommodations, or activities on Grand Bahama, and we are excited to welcome visitors from a number of cities around the US and Canada this holiday season” noted Carmel Churchill, Marketing representative for the Grand Bahama Island Promotion Board. “Grand Bahama Island is the only destination in the region that offers the options of cruising, fast ferry, flights, boating and private aviation options, all at the same time, for stopover vacations. From West End to East End and every point in between, you can enjoy a diverse and immersive family island experience.”

For more information on Grand Bahama Island, please visit www.grandbahamavacations.com.

ABOUT GRAND BAHAMA ISLAND

Grand Bahama Island, the fourth largest island in the Bahamas. It is the second most populated island, with almost 55,000 people. The 96-mile length of the island is laden with sixty miles of white sandy shore beaches, mostly located on its southern side.

The unique attributes of this island showcase a taste of the ‘best of the Bahamas’. From Sweetings Cay in the East to the quaint settlement of West End in the far west, you will find three main characteristics of this island – vast amounts of Eco treasures ‘wonderland’, modern city landscapes and island life in its purest form.

Travelers have come to know this island paradise as ‘Freeport’, and residents fond of all that the land mass encompasses, proudly boast of calling it by its name ‘Grand Bahama Island’. Today’s travelers seeking to explore and embrace all that it is, will seek out ‘Freeport, Grand Bahama Island’.

With a beautiful mix of boutique hotels, luxury resorts, gorgeous beaches, golf courses, and some of the friendliest people in the world, Grand Bahama Island is one of the most popular islands in The Bahamas.

Located just 55 miles east of Florida and 130 miles north of Nassau (the capital), Grand Bahama Island is nestled among miles upon miles of powder-white sands, nature preserves and emerald-green seas. Our variety of cultural experiences and natural wonders makes Grand Bahama Island ideal for everything from kayaking, dolphin watching and eco-adventures to jeep safaris, scuba diving and bike tours.

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