

Inagua Island, Bahamas

The southern Bahamas' best-kept secret — home to 80,000 flamingos, blinding white salt mountains, and a town where time stopped decades ago. No crowds, no souvenir shops, no hype.

Tender (no pier)

Typical call: 6-8 hrs

USD / Bahamian Dollar

English

Wildlife & eco-adventure

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender to Government Dock, Matthew Town

Best For: Flamingo watching, birdwatching, salt flats, photography

Walk to center: 5–10 min from dock

Don't Miss: Inagua National Park flamingo colony — largest in Western Hemisphere

Getting around: Taxi \$7–\$15 · Rideshare not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Inagua National Park Flamingo Tour** — The main event.
 - Morton Salt Pans** — One of North America's largest solar salt operations.
 - Birding Tour** — Beyond flamingos, Inagua hosts 140+ species including the Bahama Parrot, Roseate Spoonbill, and West Indian
- Whistling Duck.
 - Matthew Town & Great Inagua Lighthouse** — Stroll the quiet colonial streets, then visit the 1870 lighthouse — one of the last hand-operated, kerosene-fueled lighthouses in the Bahamas.
 - Farquharson's Beach** — A wild, undeveloped pink-sand beach with no facilities and absolute solitude.

BEST WALKS

- Government Dock to Great Inagua Lighthouse** ~0.8 miles each way | Flat | 15–20 min — An easy waterfront walk south from the tender dock to the 1870 lighthouse.
- Matthew Town Center Stroll** ~0.5 miles | Flat | 10–15 min — Wander the handful of streets that make up Matthew Town: weathered colonial buildings, a church or two, local bars serving conch and Kalik.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		83°	76°	10d
Jun		87°	80°	7d
Aug		88°	81°	10d
Sep		87°	81°	15d
Oct		86°	80°	16d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:35AM–7:13PM · Jun 6:13AM–7:37PM · Aug 6:33AM–7:24PM · Sep 6:42AM–6:57PM · Oct 6:50AM–6:30PM

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Bring serious bug repellent. Mosquitoes and no-see-ums are relentless near the salt ponds and wetlands. DEET or Picaridin, lightweight long pants and sleeves — not optional.
- Cash only. USD is accepted everywhere (1:1 with Bahamian Dollar). No ATMs accessible to cruise passengers; no credit cards at local restaurants. Bring small bills.
- Pre-book your national park guide. Inagua National Park requires a Bahamas National Trust guide. You cannot show up and wing it — arrange through your cruise line or the BNT well ahead of arrival.
- Salt-flat sun is brutal. Light reflecting off white salt is extreme. Polarized sunglasses, a wide-brimmed hat, and SPF 50+ sunscreen are essential for the salt pans and flamingo areas.
- No Wi-Fi, minimal cell signal. Treat this as a digital detox port. Download maps and park info before leaving the ship.
- Try fresh conch salad. Local spots like Cozy Corner and Toote's Bar serve conch dishes made with seafood pulled that day. This is as authentic as Bahamian food gets.

Inagua Island, Bahamas — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



- 1** **Matthew Town Lighthouse** 1870 lighthouse still standing at the island's southern tip, one of the last kerosene-powered lighthouses in the Bahamas.
- P** Cruise port / terminal

- 2** **Morton Salt Works** Vast solar salt evaporation ponds that have shaped Great Inagua's economy and landscape for over a century.