

Long Island, Bahamas

Eighty miles long and barely four miles wide, Long Island is the Bahamas at its most raw — dramatic Atlantic cliffs on one side, impossibly calm turquoise flats on the other, crowned by one of the world's deepest known saltwater blue holes.

Tender port

Typical call: 6–8 hrs

USD / Bahamian Dollar (1:1)

English

Free-diving mecca

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date:

Arrive:

All aboard:

Excursion:

Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender to Clarence Town dock — no cruise pier currently

Best For: Snorkeling Dean's Blue Hole, pristine beaches, authentic Bahamian culture

Walk to center: 5 min from tender dock to Clarence Town village

Don't Miss: Dean's Blue Hole and Father Jerome's twin hilltop churches

Getting around: **Taxi** Negotiate before riding; island tours ~\$80–\$150 · **Rideshare** not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Dean's Blue Hole** — One of the deepest known saltwater blue holes on Earth plunges 663 feet (202 m) — long held the depth record and still a freediving mecca.
 - Father Jerome's Twin Churches** — Eccentric Anglican-turned-Catholic architect Father Jerome built two Mediterranean-style churches on rival hilltops in Clarence Town.
- Cape Santa Maria Beach** — Consistently ranked among the world's top 10 beaches, this mile-long arc of powdery white sand on the north end of the island features calm...
 - Hamilton's Cave Guided Tour** — One of the largest cave systems in the Bahamas, inhabited by Lucayan Indians around 500 AD.
 - Bonefishing Charter** — Long Island's shallow western flats are world-renowned for bonefish.

BEST WALKS

- Clarence Town Church Walk** 1 mi / 30–45 min / Easy-Moderate (hilly) — From the tender dock, walk uphill into Clarence Town to visit Father Jerome's two hilltop churches.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		78°	76°	7d
Jun		82°	80°	10d
Aug		84°	81°	11d
Sep		84°	81°	15d
Oct		83°	80°	18d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:39AM–7:20PM · Jun 6:14AM–7:46PM · Aug 6:36AM–7:31PM · Sep 6:46AM–7:02PM · Oct 6:57AM–6:33PM

USD / Bahamian Dollar (1:1)

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Rent a car in advance. The island is 80 miles long — without a vehicle you'll only see Clarence Town. Book online before your cruise; local suppliers (Unique Wheels, Flying Fish Marina) are limited.
- Bring cash. The US Dollar and Bahamian Dollar are interchangeable (1:1). Many cave guides, beach bars, and taxi drivers don't accept credit cards.
- Watch your time. Cape Santa Maria beach is 1h15 north of Clarence Town. If you go that far, leave serious buffer to make the last tender back.
- Bring bug spray. Sandflies (no-see-ums) can be active on calm, windless days — especially near shaded beaches. DEET-based repellent works best.
- Sunday closures. Long Island is deeply religious — shops, restaurants, and local businesses often close on Sundays. Check ship call day.
- Try Max's Conch Bar in Deadman's Cay for fresh-made conch salad and the local 'sky juice' cocktail — one of the most authentic food stops in the Out Islands.

Long 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.



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St. Paul's Anglican Church, Clarence Town

One of two churches in Clarence Town designed and built by Father Jerome, a self-taught architect-priest.
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Cruise port / terminal