

Staniel Cay, Exuma Cays, Bahamas

A two-square-mile paradise in the Exuma Cays with gin-clear water, James Bond-famous sea caves, and a beach full of swimming pigs just a short boat ride away. No megaships, no crowds — just small-ship intimacy at its best.

Tender (no pier)

Typical call: 5–8 hrs

USD / Bahamian Dollar

English

Swimming pigs nearby

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____

Arrive: _____

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender to SCYC Marina or Government Dock

Best For: Snorkeling, swimming pigs, James Bond history

Walk to center: 0 min — you land at the marina

Don't Miss: Thunderball Grotto at low tide

Getting around: 🚗 **Rideshare** ❌ not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Thunderball Grotto Snorkel** — Swim inside a sunlit limestone cave made famous by James Bond's Thunderball (1965) and Never Say Never Again.
- **Swimming Pigs at Pig Beach** — Big Major Cay — just 5–10 minutes by boat — is home to the Bahamas' famous feral swimming pigs.
- **Nurse Sharks at Compass Cay** — About 15 minutes north by boat, Compass Cay Marina is where you can wade into shallow water and interact with dozens of...
- **Bitter Guana Cay Iguanas** — A short boat ride south brings you to a beach inhabited by endangered Bahamian Rock Iguanas — prehistoric-looking...
- **Town Beach & Pirate Trap Beach** — Staniel Cay has two beautiful free beaches.

BEST WALKS

- **Settlement Stroll & Viewpoint** 30–45 min | Easy | Free — From the SCYC marina, walk through the colorful settlement past Mount Olivet Baptist Church and the local schoolhouse.
- **Dock to Pirate Cove Beach** ~15 min each way | Easy | Free — Head north along the island's sandy tracks toward Pirate Trap Beach, a secluded crescent on the northern tip.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	78°	75°	8d
Jun	82°	79°	11d
Aug	85°	81°	13d
Sep	84°	81°	17d
Oct	83°	79°	19d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:44AM–7:27PM · Jun 6:17AM–7:54PM · Aug 6:41AM–7:38PM · Sep 6:52AM–7:08PM · Oct 7:03AM–6:38PM

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Tide matters at Thunderball Grotto. The entrance submerges at high tide — check tide tables and go at low tide. Your ship's excursion desk will schedule this correctly.
- Bring cash. Golf cart rentals, local food stands, and most boat captains prefer cash. SCYC takes cards with a 5% surcharge. USD is accepted everywhere.