

# BS Disney Castaway Cay Cruise Destination Guide

## Your Complete Guide to Disney Cruise Line's Award-Winning Private Island Paradise



Castaway Cay is Disney Cruise Line's award-winning private island destination located in the beautiful Bahamas. Reserved exclusively for Disney Cruise Line guests, the island has become one of the most beloved private cruise destinations in the world thanks to its exceptional service, family-friendly atmosphere, and unmistakable Disney attention to detail.

Unlike many private islands that rely on large attractions, Castaway Cay blends beautiful beaches, natural scenery, family adventures, and Disney magic into an experience that feels relaxing rather than overwhelming.

Whether you're traveling with young children, enjoying a multi-generational family vacation, or looking for a peaceful adults-only escape, Castaway Cay truly offers something for everyone.

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### Where Do Cruise Ships Dock?



One of the biggest advantages of Castaway Cay is its **dedicated cruise pier**.

Unlike many private islands, Disney ships dock directly alongside the island, allowing guests to simply walk ashore without using tender boats.

The arrival area includes:

- Welcome Plaza
- Guest Services
- Island maps
- Tram stations
- Shopping
- Excursion meeting areas
- Beach access

Guests can begin enjoying the island within minutes of leaving the ship.

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## Explore Castaway Cay



Castaway Cay is divided into several distinct areas designed for different types of travelers.

Major areas include:

- Family Beach
- Serenity Bay (Adults Only)
- Pelican Plunge
- Scuttle's Cove
- Sports Beach
- Bike trails
- Observation Tower
- Shopping Village

Everything is connected by walking paths and a complimentary island tram.

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## ★ Top Things to Do

### Family Beach



The Family Beach is the heart of Castaway Cay.

Features include:

- Soft white sand
- Calm turquoise water
- Complimentary loungers
- Umbrellas
- Family-friendly swimming
- Easy access to food and drinks

Perfect for guests of all ages.

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### Pelican Plunge



One of the island's signature attractions.

Located offshore, Pelican Plunge offers:

- Two waterslides
- Floating play structures
- Climbing platforms
- Splash areas

**Included with your cruise fare.**

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## **Serenity Bay (Adults Only)**



Reserved exclusively for guests ages 18 and older.

Enjoy:

- Quiet beach
- Comfortable loungers
- Adults-only dining pavilion
- Calm water
- Peaceful atmosphere

Many repeat Disney cruisers consider Serenity Bay one of the finest adults-only beaches offered by any cruise line.

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## Rent a Bicycle



One of the best ways to experience the island.

Ride along scenic paths to:

- Observation Tower
- Quiet beaches
- Natural lagoons
- Historic airstrip
- Wildlife viewing areas

Suitable for most ages and fitness levels.

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## Snorkeling Lagoon



The snorkeling lagoon includes:

- Tropical fish
- Coral formations
- Disney-themed underwater surprises
- Calm water
- Excellent visibility

Snorkeling equipment is available to rent.

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## **Activities for Kids**

Disney designed Castaway Cay with families in mind.

Children can enjoy:

- Scuttle's Cove youth area
- Character appearances
- Beach games
- Sand play
- Family-friendly water activities

Many onboard youth programs continue on the island.

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## **Food & Drinks**

Lunch is included with your cruise fare.

Island BBQ locations serve:

- BBQ chicken
- Ribs
- Hamburgers
- Hot dogs
- Fresh fruit
- Salads
- Cookies
- Soft-serve ice cream

Guests with Disney beverage packages should check current policies regarding alcoholic beverage package availability ashore.

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## Shopping

Island shops feature:

- Disney Castaway Cay merchandise
- Beachwear
- Bahamian souvenirs
- Pins
- Apparel
- Gifts
- Exclusive Disney collectibles

Many items are available only at Castaway Cay.

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## Hidden Gems

Take time to explore beyond the main beach.

Don't miss:

- Observation Tower
- Nature trails
- Serenity Bay
- Quiet waterfront areas
- Scenic bicycle paths

Many guests never realize how much of the island exists beyond the family beach.

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## Weather Throughout the Year

Castaway Cay enjoys beautiful Bahamian weather year-round.

### **Winter (December – February)**

- Highs: 73–78°F (23–26°C)

### **Spring (March – May)**

- Highs: 77–84°F (25–29°C)

### **Summer (June – August)**

- Highs: 86–90°F (30–32°C)

### **Fall (September – November)**

- Highs: 82–87°F (28–31°C)

Cooling trade winds make the island comfortable throughout the year.

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## Hurricane Season

The Atlantic hurricane season officially runs from:

**June 1 – November 30**

Peak activity generally occurs during:

- August
- September
- October

Disney Cruise Line carefully monitors weather and may adjust itineraries if necessary.

Travel insurance is always recommended.

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## Getting Around

Transportation options include:

- Walking paths
- Complimentary island tram

The tram provides convenient transportation between:

- Cruise pier
- Family Beach
- Serenity Bay
- Shopping area

The island is also very walkable for those who enjoy exploring on foot.

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## What to Pack

Bring:

- ✓ Swimsuit
- ✓ Reef-safe sunscreen
- ✓ Sunglasses
- ✓ Hat
- ✓ Water shoes

- ✓ Waterproof phone pouch
- ✓ Snorkeling gear (optional)
- ✓ Beach bag
- ✓ Reusable water bottle

If you plan to rent bicycles, comfortable athletic shoes are recommended.

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## Premium Travel Group Tip

Don't spend your entire day at the first beach you reach. Castaway Cay is surprisingly large, and exploring beyond the main family area is well worth your time.

If you're traveling without young children—or simply want a little quiet time—make the trip to **Serenity Bay**. It's one of the most peaceful and beautiful adults-only beach experiences offered by any cruise line.

If you're visiting with kids, be sure to include **Pelican Plunge** and the snorkeling lagoon in your plans. Both are included with your cruise and are among the island's most popular attractions.

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## Why Visit Castaway Cay?

Castaway Cay perfectly captures what makes Disney Cruise Line special. It combines outstanding service, beautiful Bahamian beaches, thoughtful family experiences, peaceful adults-only spaces, and the unmistakable Disney attention to detail. Whether you're floating in crystal-clear water, riding a bike around the island, snorkeling through Disney-themed underwater attractions, or simply relaxing at Serenity Bay, Castaway Cay delivers a beach day that feels effortless, memorable, and unmistakably Disney.

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## Joe's Logbook

Even if you're not a lifelong Disney fan, Castaway Cay has earned its reputation as one of the finest private cruise destinations in the Caribbean. What impresses me most is how thoughtfully everything is designed. Families have plenty of activities to keep everyone entertained, but adults looking for peace and quiet have their own dedicated escape at Serenity Bay.

One piece of advice I often give is to slow down and explore. Ride a bike, visit the observation tower, or take the tram to Serenity Bay just to experience another side of the island. Castaway Cay isn't about flashy attractions—it's about creating a relaxing day where everything simply works, allowing you to enjoy one of the most beautiful private destinations in cruising.