

# BS Celebration Key Cruise Destination Guide

## Your Complete Guide to Carnival Cruise Line's Newest Exclusive Paradise in The Bahamas



Celebration Key is Carnival Cruise Line's newest exclusive destination, located on the southern side of Grand Bahama Island. Designed specifically for Carnival guests, Celebration Key combines the beauty of a Bahamian beach destination with exciting attractions, family-friendly activities, adults-only relaxation, and one of the largest freshwater lagoon experiences in the Caribbean.

Unlike traditional cruise ports, Celebration Key was purpose-built from the ground up to create a destination where guests can enjoy everything from quiet beach escapes to lively poolside entertainment—all just steps from the ship.

Whether you're traveling with children, looking for an adults-only retreat, or simply hoping to relax in the Bahamian sunshine, Celebration Key offers something for every cruiser.

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### Where Do Cruise Ships Dock?



Cruise ships dock directly alongside the island's modern pier, allowing guests to simply walk ashore.

The arrival area features:

- Paradise Plaza
- Guest Services
- Excursion meeting points
- Shopping
- Restaurants
- Beach access
- Tram transportation
- Island information

Everything has been designed with easy navigation in mind, making Celebration Key one of the easiest private destinations to explore.

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## Explore Celebration Key



Celebration Key is divided into several themed areas, allowing guests to choose the atmosphere that best fits their vacation style.

Major areas include:

- Paradise Plaza
- Family-friendly lagoon
- Adults-only lagoon
- White-sand beaches
- Shopping village
- Restaurants and bars
- Private cabanas
- Live entertainment

The destination was designed so guests can easily spend an entire day without ever feeling crowded.

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## ★ Top Things to Do

### 🏊 Relax at the Freshwater Lagoons



One of Celebration Key's signature attractions is its enormous freshwater lagoons.

Guests can enjoy:

- Swimming
- Lounge chairs
- Shallow family areas
- Swim-up bars
- Beautiful tropical landscaping

Unlike many cruise destinations, these lagoons provide a resort-style experience just steps from the beach.

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### 🏖️ Spend the Day on the Beach



Beautiful white-sand beaches surround much of the destination.

Perfect for:

- Swimming
- Relaxing
- Beach games
- Family fun
- Reading under an umbrella

The calm waters make the beaches ideal for guests of all ages.

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## **Adults-Only Relaxation**



Guests looking for a quieter atmosphere can enjoy designated adults-only areas featuring:

- Swim-up bars
- Comfortable loungers
- Tropical cocktails
- Relaxed island ambiance

An excellent option for couples and adults traveling without children.

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## **Live Entertainment**

Throughout the day you'll find:

- Bahamian music
- Cultural performances
- DJs
- Interactive games
- Family activities

Celebration Key blends relaxation with Carnival's signature fun atmosphere.

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## **Shopping Village**

Browse local and island-inspired shops featuring:

- Bahamian crafts
  - Beachwear
  - Jewelry
  - Carnival merchandise
  - Souvenirs
  - Local artwork
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## **Best Areas to Relax**

### **Family Lagoon**

Perfect for:

- Families
  - Swimming
  - Children
  - Water play
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### **Adults-Only Lagoon**

Ideal for:

- Quiet relaxation
  - Cocktails
  - Couples
  - Poolside lounging
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### **Beachfront Cabanas**

Available for reservation.

Offer:

- Shade
- Comfortable seating
- Premium locations
- Food and beverage service

Reservations are recommended, especially on busy sailing dates.

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## Food & Drinks

Lunch is included with your cruise fare.

Dining options typically feature:

- BBQ favorites
- Burgers
- Fresh salads
- Caribbean-inspired dishes
- Pizza
- Tropical desserts

Numerous bars throughout the destination serve frozen drinks, beer, cocktails, and soft drinks.

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## Hidden Gems

Many guests stay near the first beach they encounter.

Take time to explore:

- Quiet stretches of beach
- Scenic walking paths
- Waterfront viewpoints
- Less crowded seating areas

A short walk often rewards you with a much quieter place to relax.

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## Weather Throughout the Year

Celebration Key enjoys warm Bahamian weather throughout the year.

### **Winter (December – February)**

- Highs: 73–78°F (23–26°C)
- Comfortable temperatures
- Excellent beach weather

### **Spring (March – May)**

- Highs: 77–84°F (25–29°C)
- Warm and sunny

### **Summer (June – August)**

- Highs: 86–90°F (30–32°C)
- Hot and humid

- Afternoon showers possible

## **Fall (September – November)**

- Highs: **82–87°F (28–31°C)**
- Warm ocean temperatures
- Tropical scenery

Sea breezes help keep temperatures 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

Carnival Cruise Line closely monitors tropical weather and may adjust itineraries when necessary.

Travel insurance is always recommended.

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## **Getting Around**

Celebration Key is designed for easy exploration.

Transportation includes:

- Walking paths
- Complimentary tram
- Accessible pathways

The destination is flat and easy to navigate for most visitors.

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## **What to Pack**

Bring:

- ✓ Swimsuit
- ✓ Reef-safe sunscreen
- ✓ Sunglasses

- ✓ Hat
- ✓ Comfortable sandals
- ✓ Water shoes (optional)
- ✓ Waterproof phone pouch
- ✓ Reusable water bottle

If you've reserved a cabana or premium seating area, consider bringing a portable phone charger for a full day of photos.

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## Premium Travel Group Tip

Celebration Key is designed to give you flexibility. Families may want to spend much of the day around the freshwater lagoons, while couples and adults can enjoy the quieter adults-only areas.

If your goal is simply to relax, don't feel like you need to do everything. Find your favorite beach or lagoon, enjoy the Bahamian sunshine, and let Celebration Key become your own personal island escape.

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## Why Visit Celebration Key?

Celebration Key brings together everything many Carnival guests love about a Caribbean beach vacation: beautiful white-sand beaches, sparkling turquoise water, expansive freshwater lagoons, delicious food, lively entertainment, and plenty of places to simply unwind. Whether you're building sandcastles with the kids, floating in a lagoon with a tropical drink, or relaxing in a private cabana, Celebration Key delivers a full day of island fun just steps from your ship.

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## Joe's Logbook

Celebration Key is one of those destinations I'm especially excited about because it represents the future of cruise line-exclusive destinations. Carnival didn't simply build another beach stop—they created a place where families, couples, and groups of friends can each have their own unique experience.

What stands out to me is the variety. If you're traveling with kids, the freshwater lagoons and family areas will likely become the center of your day. If you're looking for a quieter escape, there are plenty of places to slow down and enjoy the beautiful Bahamian setting.

I'm looking forward to visiting Celebration Key myself, and once I do, I'll be updating this guide with firsthand tips, favorite spots, and personal recommendations to help you make the most of your visit.