

BS Princess Cays Cruise Destination Guide

Your Complete Guide to Princess Cruises' Exclusive Beach Retreat on Eleuthera, Bahamas



Princess Cays is Princess Cruises' exclusive beach destination located on the southern tip of **Eleuthera Island** in The Bahamas. While many travelers think it's a private island, Princess Cays is actually a private resort area located on one of the Bahamas' most beautiful islands.

Owned by **Carnival Corporation**, Princess Cays primarily welcomes guests from **Princess Cruises**, with select visits by **Carnival Cruise Line**.

Unlike newer private destinations featuring water parks and resort-style attractions, Princess Cays remains wonderfully simple. The focus is on breathtaking beaches, crystal-clear water, snorkeling, water sports, and enjoying a relaxing day in paradise.

If your idea of the perfect cruise stop is spending the day on one of the Caribbean's most beautiful beaches, Princess Cays delivers exactly that.

How Do Cruise Ships Arrive?



Princess Cays is currently a **tender port**, meaning your ship anchors offshore and guests are transported to land aboard tender boats.

Once ashore you'll find:

- Welcome Center
- Guest Services
- Shopping Village
- BBQ Pavilion
- Beach access
- Excursion meeting areas
- Equipment rentals

Good to Know: Tender operations depend on weather and sea conditions. On rare occasions, rough seas may prevent ships from calling at Princess Cays.

Explore Princess Cays



Princess Cays is designed to preserve the natural beauty of Eleuthera while offering everything needed for a relaxing beach day.

Throughout the destination you'll find:

- Over half a mile of white-sand beach
- Crystal-clear turquoise water
- Beach bars
- Private bungalows
- Nature trails
- Shopping village
- Watersports center

Unlike many newer destinations, Princess Cays feels peaceful and uncrowded.

★ Top Things to Do

🏖️ Relax on the Beach



The beach is the main attraction.

Enjoy:

- Complimentary loungers
- Soft white sand
- Calm swimming
- Warm turquoise water
- Excellent sunbathing

Many guests never leave the beach all day.

🤿 Snorkeling



The waters around Princess Cays offer excellent snorkeling.

You'll often see:

- Tropical fish
- Sea fans

- Coral formations
- Stingrays (occasionally)

Equipment rentals are available.

Water Sports

Available activities often include:

- Paddleboards
- Kayaks
- Hobie Cat sailing
- Floating mats

Perfect for enjoying the calm Bahamian waters.

Guided Bicycle Tour

Explore more of Eleuthera's natural beauty while learning about the island's history, plants, and wildlife.

Local Craft Market

Browse local vendors offering:

- Straw baskets
- Handmade jewelry
- Bahamian artwork
- Wood carvings
- Souvenirs

Supporting local artisans helps the nearby communities of Eleuthera.



Beach Bungalows



For guests wanting additional comfort, Princess offers beach bungalows and private cabanas.

Amenities may include:

- Shade
- Comfortable seating
- Ceiling fan
- Beachfront location
- Food and beverage service

Reservations are recommended.



Food & Drinks

Lunch is included with your cruise fare.

The island BBQ typically features:

- BBQ chicken
- Hamburgers
- Hot dogs
- Fresh salads
- Tropical fruit
- Cookies and desserts

Several beach bars serve frozen tropical drinks, beer, cocktails, and soft drinks throughout the day.



Shopping

Near the Welcome Center you'll find:

- Bahamian crafts
 - Beachwear
 - Jewelry
 - Souvenirs
 - Princess Cruises merchandise
 - Local artwork
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Hidden Gems

Many visitors stay close to the main beach.

Take a short walk farther down the shoreline to discover:

- More secluded areas
- Better snorkeling
- Fewer crowds
- Great photography spots

The extra walk is well worth it.



Weather Throughout the Year

Princess Cays enjoys warm tropical 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)

Trade winds help keep temperatures comfortable throughout the year.

Hurricane Season

The Atlantic hurricane season runs from:

June 1 – November 30

Peak activity generally occurs during:

- August
- September
- October

Because Princess Cays is a tender port, rough seas can occasionally prevent ships from going ashore.

Cruise lines monitor weather closely and adjust itineraries when necessary.



Getting Around

Princess Cays is designed for walking.

You'll find:

- Beach pathways
- Nature trails
- Clearly marked facilities

Everything is within a comfortable walking distance.



What to Pack

Bring:

- ✓ Swimsuit
- ✓ Reef-safe sunscreen
- ✓ Sunglasses
- ✓ Hat
- ✓ Water shoes
- ✓ Waterproof phone pouch
- ✓ Snorkeling gear (optional)
- ✓ Beach bag

Premium Travel Group Tip

Princess Cays is one of those destinations where **less is more**. Don't arrive expecting water parks or giant attractions. Instead, come ready to enjoy one of the most relaxing beach days you'll experience on a cruise.

Take a walk beyond the busiest part of the beach, enjoy the crystal-clear water, and let the slower pace remind you why cruising to the Bahamas is so special.

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Why Visit Princess Cays?

Princess Cays offers an authentic Bahamian beach experience where the focus is on natural beauty rather than man-made attractions. Located on the stunning island of Eleuthera, it's the perfect destination to swim in crystal-clear water, snorkel among tropical fish, enjoy a leisurely beach day, or simply relax under a palm tree with the sound of the waves in the background. It's a reminder that sometimes the simplest days become the most memorable.

Joe's Logbook

Princess Cays appeals to cruisers who appreciate slowing down and enjoying the destination rather than racing from attraction to attraction. What I like most about Princess Cays is that it hasn't tried to become the next big amusement park. Instead, it celebrates what makes the Bahamas special—beautiful beaches, warm turquoise water, and a peaceful atmosphere.

If you're sailing with Princess, take advantage of the opportunity to disconnect for the day. Walk the shoreline, enjoy the calm water, and don't be afraid to wander a little farther down the beach. Often, that's where you'll find the quietest spots and the best memories.