

# Long Island Guide



# The Bahamas

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- Location:** One of the Southern Bahamas Islands, situated about 265 km southeast of the Bahamian capital of Nassau, located on the island of New Providence. The Tropic of Cancer runs through the northern quarter of the island.
- Geography:** Long Island is about 130 kilometers long and 6 km wide at its widest point. The northeast side of Long Island is noted for its steep rocky headlands, while the southwest coast is noted for its broad white beaches with soft sand. The terrain ranges widely throughout the island, including white flat expanses from which salt is extracted, swamplands, beaches, and sloping (in the north) and low (in the south) hills.
- Population:** Around 3,000.
- Capital:** Clarence Town.
- Currency:** Bahamian Dollar - BS\$1.00 = US\$1.00 (pegged).
- Main Industries:** Tourism farming and fishing.
- Language:** English.



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## Facts about Long Island

- Long Island has two airports. One at Stella Maris, one at Deadman's Cay.
- Some of the world's finest Bonefish can be found around Long Island.
- Dean's Blue Hole is the world's deepest known salt water blue hole. It has a depth of over 660 feet.
- The island was originally known by its Arawak name "Yuma".
- It was re-named "Fernandina" by Christopher Columbus on his first voyage in 1492.
- Hamilton's Cave is one of the largest caves in The Bahamas, this ancient cave system has passages 50 feet wide and a ceiling over 10 feet high. Artifacts and cave drawings from the Lucayan Indian tribe were discovered here in 1935.



Long Island Regatta