

# long island



## soft adventurer's paradise

this soft adventurer's paradise highlights the islands activities through the gentle nature of the local long islanders.

### LONG ISLAND AT A GLANCE

**Location:** 160 miles southeast of Nassau

**Island Info:** 80 miles long and four miles at its widest point

**Population:** 3,500

**Tourist Info:** BOIPB (800) 688-4652

**Known For:** Beaches, snorkeling, diving and fishing

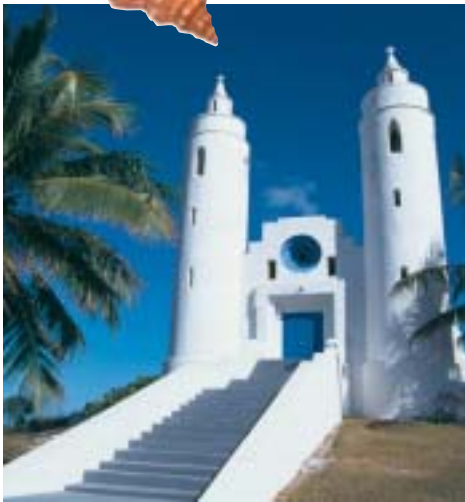
Long Island is characterized by high cliffs in the north, wide and shallow sand beaches, historic plantation ruins, native caves, and Spanish churches. It is also the site of the salt-works of the Diamond Crystal Company.

Offshore are famed diving sites, such as the Arawak "green" hole, a stunning "bottomless" blue hole. The best beach bets include Deal's Beach, Cape Santa Maria Beach, Salt Pond Beach, Turtle Cove Beach, and the South End beaches, the latter offering miles of waterfront with powdery white or pink sands.

Most historians agree that Long Island was the third island Columbus sailed to during his first voyage of discovery. The Lucayans (Arawaks) who had come from South America via Cuba, called their island Yuma, but Columbus renamed it Fernandina, in honor of King Ferdinand, and claimed it for Spain.

Loyalist plantation owners came here from the Carolinas and Virginia in the 18th century, and brought with them their allegiance to the British Crown. There was a brief cotton boom, but with emancipation in 1834, the owners abandoned the plantations and left the island. While it slumbered for years, Long Island slumbered for years, until German resort developers began investigating its resources in the 1960s.

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## what to see and do

- A** **Columbus Monument: Columbus Point** A tribute to the explorer, said to have visited that very spot 500 years ago.
- B** **Long Island Museum: Deadman's Cay** The history and culture of Long Island.
- C** **Hamilton's Cave** In 1935, Lucayan artifacts were discovered in this extensive cave system.
- D** **Churches built by Father Jerome: Clarence Town** Father Jerome, known for building cathedrals and convents throughout The Bahamas, built two beautiful churches in Clarence Town.
- E** **Clarence Town Harbour** This is pretend copy. It doesn't say anything, but shows you what real copy would look like.
- F** **Shark Reef** The first area to see shark feeds performed on a regular basis, and a popular sport for shark dives.
- G** **Dean's Blue Hole** Just off the shore is the world's deepest blue hole, dipping some 600 feet into the ocean floor.
- H** **Max's Conch Shack** This colourfully striped local legend is a must for visitors.

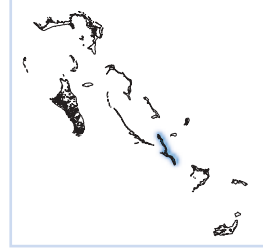
## taxis

	Deadman's Cay Airport	Stella Maris Airport
Clarence Town	\$30	\$175

## resorts

- 1 Cape Santa Maria Beach Resort
- 2 Gems at Paradise
- 3 Greenwich Creek Lodge
- 4 Stella Maris Resort Club

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