

Ministry of Tourism & Aviation 2011 Calendar of Events

January	Event	The Experience	Island & Location	Contact
1 st	New Year's Junkanoo	A spectacular Bahamian street festival with the sounds of goatskin drums, horns, whistles, cow bells, dancers and bright dazzling costumes.	Downtown Nassau & throughout The Bahamas	Ministry of Tourism 242.302.2000
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1 st	Bul Reg Regatta	Kick off the New Year with two exciting days of sailing.	Exuma	

		There are two series races including the Roy Albury Cup Race on January 1 and the final two series races including the Bul Reg Cup Race on January 2 nd and 3 rd . Food and drinks are on sale and live entertainment and games for the kids. Come and bring the whole family.		
1 st	New Years Day Mini Sailing Regatta	Long Island Sailors start off the New Year doing what they do best – Sailing!	Flying Fish Marina, Clarence Town Long Island	Long Island Tourist Office 242.338.8668
7 th , 14 th , 21 st , 28 th	Crabfest Nights	Queen’s Park is where the locals congregate every Friday night, dancing and enjoying good old Bahamian food prepared by the ladies.	Queen’s Park, Fresh Creek, Andros	Andros Tourism Office 242.368.2286
7 th , 14 th , 21 st , 28 th	Fish Fry at Anchor Bay	Every Friday night, the Governor’s Harbour Development Association hosts a Fish Fry at Anchor Bay in Governor’s Harbour. The event attracts both locals and tourists every week. The proceeds from this event go towards the Annual Homecoming and projects within the community.	Governors Harbour, Eleuthera	Eleuthera Tourist Office Governor’s Harbour 242.332.2142
8 th	Junior Junkanoo	A spectacular native street festival with the sounds of goatskin drums, horns, whistles, cowbells and dancers with bright dazzling costumes, features primary and secondary school students from the local schools.	Grand Bahama	Wellington Moultrie 242.352.6020
14 th – 17 th	8th Annual Jimmy Garvin Junior Golf Tournament	A golf exchange program for junior golfers, started by the Jimmy Garvin Legacy Foundation.	Reef & Ruby Golf Courses, Grand Bahama	Anthony Smith Absmith59@gmail.com Rosalyn Pinder rpinder@bahamas.com
15 th & 16 th	Marathon Bahamas	Join runners from The Bahamas and around the world as they run through the streets of Nassau and along the historical sites, beaches and waterfront.	Nassau	Veronica Duncanson 242.502.6538
21 st	Visitor Reception	In appreciation for their continual support to the community, the Ministry of Tourism welcomes our visitors, winter residents and cruising community. There is Bahamian music by local entertainers, succulent native dishes, treats and lots more. Come and bring the whole family to a delightful event.	Exuma	Exuma Tourist Office 242.336.2430.
22 nd	The Grand Bahama Performing Arts	Enjoy piano, cello and flute with pianist Dr. Christy Lee, Cellist Ken Law and flutist Christine Ganglehoff.	Church of The Ascension,	gbperform@gmail.com

	Society presents Trio con Brio...Live	Adults - \$20, Students \$10. Tickets on sale at Seventeen Shop, Antoni's Pizza and Island Java. In addition to the concert, all 3 musicians will conduct a master class on Sunday the 23rd.	Dalia Feldman Grand Bahama	
22 nd & 23 rd	Greek Festival	Annual Greek Festival Featuring a variety of Greek food, beer & music.	Nassau	Patricia Mailis pattymailis@gmail.com
23 rd	Young Playwright's Competition	See 3 short plays, each one imagined by a young playwright or aspiring playwright! Each play will be judged as it is performed and the winner will be announced at the end of the night. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and are available at the Regency Theatre. The theatre will be open every evening from 6:30 – 9pm, now until show time.	Regency Theatre, Grand Bahama Island	Sue-Lyn McCrea 242.727.1970
28 th	Cacique Awards	The Cacique Awards & After Party will be held on Friday, Jan. 28 th at 8pm. at the Rain Forest Theatre, Wyndham Nassau Beach Resort & Crystal Palace Theater.	Rainforest Theater, Wyndham Nassau Resort, Nassau	Sue-Lyn McCrea 242.727.1970
28 th - 30 th	Abaco Art Festival	Abaco-based Artists and Artisans are brought together with others from throughout the country to display their products. This event showcases extensive talent and allows patrons the pleasure of purchasing a range of fine and unusual creations.	Marsh Harbour, Abaco	Abaco Beach Resort 242.367.2158
28 th	People to People Tea Party at Government House	A delightful hour of tea at historical Government House. Free Admission.	Government House, Nassau	Ministry of Tourism Bernadette Bastian 242.356.0437
29 th	Changing of The Guard	Historical Changing of the Guard Ceremony at Government House the 1 st and 3 rd Saturday of each month at 11:00 a.m.	Government House Nassau	Ministry of Tourism Dianne Clarke 242.356.6941
29 th	Red Cross Ball	"A Night to Remember" featuring music by The Royal Bahamas Police Pop Band, The Lou Adams Orchestra, The Soulful Groovers and world renowned Jeffery Osborne.	Crystal Ballroom, Wyndham Nassau Resort, Nassau	The Bahamas Red Cross Society 242.323.7370
29 th	Art for The Parks	An event to support the preservation of the National Parks of Abaco.	Marsh Harbour, Abaco	Abaco Beach Resort 242.367.2158
29 th	Eleuthera's Farmers Market & Craft Show	This event is held at the South Eleuthera Emergency Partners, (SEEP) Tarpum Bay and showcase all that Eleuthera has to offer from the farm to local handmade arts, craft and food.	Tarpum Bay, Eleuthera	Ian Carey 242.334.4630
TBA	M.L.K. Pilgrimage	Trace the steps of Dr. Martin Luther King when he visited	Alice Town,	Bimini Tourist Office

		Bimini in the 1960's. Highlights include a visit to the Creek Of Peace, where part of his Nobel Prize speech was written.	Bimini	242.347.3529
February	Event	The Experience	Location	Contact
2 nd – 5 th	3rd Annual Bahamas International Maritime Conference & Trade Show	The Bahamas Maritime Authority & The Ministry of Environment's Annual International Maritime Conference & Trade Show under the theme "The Mariner: Building on the Year of the Seafarer" Will address a variety of subjects including practical ways to attract and retain the industry's most vital resource – the mariner.	The Radisson at Our Lucaya Beach & Golf Resort, Grand Bahama	Anya Symonette (Ministry of the Environment – NP) (242) 397-5537 anyasymonette@bahamas.gov.bs anya_symonette@yahoo.com Cathy Laing (Office of the Prime Minister – GBI) (242) 352-8279 cathyklaing@gmail.com
4 th – 6 th	Annual Farmers Cay Festival	Activities for the whole family with games and activities for the kids and delicious native dishes will be on sale.	Farmers Cay, Exuma	Terry Bain 242.355.4006
4 th	Winter Residents' Cocktail Reception	Long Island natives & Winter Residents interact in a social setting with Bahamian cuisine and music.	Long Island	Long Island Tourist Office 242.338-8668
4 th , 11 th , 18 th , 25 th	Crabfest Nights	Queen's Park is where the locals congregate every Friday night, dancing and enjoying good old Bahamian food prepared by the ladies.	Queen's Park, Fresh Creek, Andros	Andros Tourism Office 242.368.2286
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5 th	Viral Movements Music Seminar	The first ever of its kind to be hosted in Grand Bahama, This seminar will aim to equip participants with the knowledge to facilitate the growth of a viable music industry in the Bahamas and export that product internationally. The event will feature in-person, as well as teleconference	Canal House, Pelican Bay Hotel & Suites, Grand Bahama.	Ms. P. J. Douglas Sands theds3group@gmail.com 242-676-6732 242-424-4977

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5 th	8th Annual Wine Tasting Event	A wonderful evening under the stars is a fundraising event for the annual Island Roots Heritage Festival. The event begins at 6:30pm. and continues throughout the evening until 10pm. at the Green Turtle Club. Complimenting the various selections of wines will be Bahamian entertainment and delicious refreshments. Admission fee is \$40.00 per person over the age of 18 (sorry, no children allowed).	Green Turtle Club, Abaco	Abaco Tourist Office 242.367.3067
10 th -12 th	Bahamas Wahoo Tournament	Anglers from far and wide come to GBI and compete to catch the largest/the most Wahoo they can in an allotted time-frame.	Old Bahama Bay Resort & Yacht Harbour, Grand Bahama Island	Raul Miranda rvmiranda@hotmail.com Rosalyn Pinder rpinder@bahamas.com
10 th – 28 th	Grand Bahama Artists Association Valentine Art Exhibition	Local and international artists gather in the Glory Banks Art Gallery to present their latest eclectic collection of still life, abstracts, island life, sea and landscape works in a variety of mediums that will whet the pallet of art collectors and art novices alike.	Grand Bahama	Betty Bethel 242.350.8617
11 th	International Food Fair	Food from various countries will be for sale with the funds going to the Health Association of Central Eleuthera (H.A.C.A)	Parish Hall, Governors Harbour, Eleuthera	242.332.2774
12 th	Changing of The Guard	Historical Changing of the Guard Ceremony at Government House at 11:00 a.m.	Government House, Nassau	Ministry of Tourism Dianne Clark 242.356.6941
12 th – March 5 th	Art Inspired by Nature 2011 with Angelika Siska	An acrylic painting course with Angelica Siska, held four consecutive Saturday's from 9am – noon, with an exhibition of the artists' works, held in the chapel on March 12th. \$55 for the 4-week course. Requirements: 4pcs. -12 x 12 stretched canvas; acrylic paints; 4 brushes – no. 2, 4, 6, 10; a glass for water and cotton cloth. Canvas, brushes and paint will be available for purchase at	Grand Bahama	Betty Bethel 242.350.8617

19 th	Heart Ball	For the past 49 years the Sassoon Heart Foundation has assisted over 4,000 young Bahamians with heart ailments. We work in partnership with the Bahamas Heart Association to raise awareness of heart disease and what you can do to live a heart healthy lifestyle.	Sheraton Nassau Beach Resort, Nassau	Linda LaFleur 242.327.0806
19 th	Man-O-War Cay Craft & Trade Fair	Local crafts, general items, food and drinks are featured at this popular fair that directly benefits the Man-O-War School.	Man-O-War Cay, Abaco	242.365.6049
23 rd	People to People Winter Residents Event	People to People Volunteers and the Abaco Tourist Office meet and interact with visitors and Winter Residents in an annual 'get together.' Bahamian music, food and cultural expressions are highlighted.	Treasure Cay, Abaco	Abaco Tourist Office 242.367.3067
24 th – 26 th	North Long Island High School Basketball Jamboree	School basketball teams in The Bahamas come together and compete against one another on Miller's Basketball court for the Basketball Jamboree. An annual event on Long Island.	Miller's Park, Millers, Long Island	Long Island Tourist Office 242.338.8668
24 th – 26 th	St Andrews Carnival Fair	Three days of fun-filled activities for the whole family. Native dishes, pastries and a whole lot more will be on sale at the Soft Ball Park in George Town	George Town, Exuma	Father Mario Conliffe 242.336.2130.
24 th -27 th	Salina Point Home Coming Celebrations	Float Parade from the Spring Point, Acklins Airport to the settlement of Salina Point. Four days of celebrations, live entertainment, Bahamian Singers, dancing, fashion show, Beauty Pageant - Little Miss and Big Miss Salina Point Queen, all happen on the Salina Point Public Park- day and night festivities, closing out with a church service on the 27 th	Acklins	Steven Rose (President) (242) 464-8521/476-0363
25 th	People to People Tea Party at Government House	A delightful hour of tea at historical Government House. Free Admission.	Government House, Nassau	Ministry of Tourism Bernadette Bastian 242.356.0437
25 th – 27 th	Jr. Junkanoo	Local schools come together to compete in this celebrated Bahamian street festival Junkanoo. Creating the music, costumes and dance are the youths of Abaco.	Marsh Harbour, Abaco	Abaco Tourist Office 242.367.3067
25 th -27 th	Rum Cay Day Festival	This annual event, commencing the last Friday in February celebrating: Bahamian culture, breakfast, Rake 'n Scrape Bands, Bahamian dishes, craft on sale, games, an all day party, and church service.	Rum Cay	Jefferson Strachan (President) 428-4943/331-1870
26 th	Changing of The	Historical Changing of the Guard Ceremony at Government	Government House,	Ministry of Tourism

	Guard	House at 11:00 a.m.	Nassau	Dianne Clarke 242.356.6941
26 th	Eleuthera's Farmers Market & Craft Show	This event is held at the South Eleuthera Emergency Partners (SEEP), Tarpum Bay and showcase all that Eleuthera has to offer from the farm to the local handmade arts, craft and food.	Tarpum Bay, Eleuthera	Ian Carey 242.334.4630
27 th	Arts & Craft Show	A wide variety of Exuma-made craft such as shell, sand and fish scale jewelry, intricate conch shell carvings, paintings, straw products and lots more are showcased and sold.	George Town, Exuma	Erica Munroe ph 242.336.6100.
26th	People's Rush for the Cure	This event sponsored by the Cancer Society – Eleuthera branch is to promote good health to the Public and to spread the message of “Early Detection Saves Lives”. Junkanoo groups throughout the island will gather for one big rushout.	Bayfront Park, Governor's Harbour, Eleuthera	Mrs. Juanita Pinder: (242) 332-2984
26th – 28th	Agro/Expo & Mutton Fest	The festival highlights something that is very special to Long Island – Mutton, which is farmed by the local Long Island Farmers. The meat is prepared in a number of tasty dishes. Activities include; food tastings, a culinary contest and a live animal contest with prizes going to: The Cutest; Friendliest; and the Most Unique sheep, lamb and goat. There will be a variety of food, drinks, entertainment and games, providing fun for the family!	Regatta Site, Salt Pond, Long Island	Ministry of Tourism Long Island 242. 338.8669
28th	Senior Junkanoo	A celebration of Bahamian heritage and culture for residents and visitors alike to enjoy. This competitive event evokes the passion of Bahamians in the traditional music, costumes and dance of our Junkanoo celebration with local senior groups competing for supremacy on this uniquely Bahamian stage.	Marsh Harbour, Abaco	242.367.3767
28 th – March 12 th	George Town Cruising Regatta	Twelve days of fun and activities for visiting cruisers and Exumians. Enjoy two days of sailing as well as the spectacular Conch Blowing Contest, the Variety Show, Softball Competition and family fun-filled activities.	George Town, Exuma	Exuma Tourist Office 242.336.2430.
March	Event	The Experience	Location	Contact
March - May	Great Bahamian Seafood & Wine	Restaurants in Nassau will feature a dining extravaganza of seafood delights and authentic cuisine.	Restaurants in Nassau, Nassau	Ministry of Tourism 242.302.2000

	Restaurant Experience			
3 rd	Annual Winter Residents Reception & Authentically Bahamian Craft Show	An event where residents interact with the winter residents. The highlights of the event are Food, Bahamian Music, Door Prizes, a Fashion Show & vendors display their Authentically Bahamian made Art & Craft.	Governor's Harbour, Eleuthera	Eleuthera Tourist Office Governor's Harbour 242.332.2142
3 rd – 5 th	Bahamas Agriculture & Marine Resources Agri-Business Expo	Under the theme "Progressing Towards Food Security," the expo will showcase the best in agriculture & marine products from The Bahamas in the following categories: Livestock, Vegetable, Fruits, Root Crops and Ornamental Items.	Gladstone Road Agri-Center, Nassau	Ministry of Tourism Janel Campbell 242.356.6965
4 th – 6 th	The Island Based National Exposition	Sponsored by B.A.I.C, the purpose is to improve food security in critical times. Various products of agro-culture, agribusiness, marine resources and handicraft in Eleuthera will be featured. Other activities include, live band entertainment, storytelling, Junkanoo and more.	Bay Front Park, Governor's Harbour, Eleuthera	Administrator's Office Governor's Harbour 242.332.2112.
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5 th	Windermere High School Annual Fair/Auction	The PTA of Windermere High School spearheads this fundraising event. Funds from the fair assist with various school events and upkeep.	Savannah Sound, Eleuthera	Rosie Gibson 242.332.6105
6 th	Hope Town's Annual Heritage Day	Heritage Day is held at the park and museum area of town. Featuring historical speakers, new book signings, traditional school songs, cultural dances, a mini boat parade with historic flags, sculling 'dingy' boats with single-oars, arts & craft, shell collection displays, museum tours, demonstration of threatened loyalist-styled homes in addition to Bahamian cuisine, freshly prepared for purchase.	Hope Town, Abaco	Abaco Tourist Office 242.367.3067
10 th – 31 st	Coastal Awareness Youth Competition 2011	Combating Climate Change Advertisement: Create a 60 second Public Service Announcement, encouraging people to take action to combat Climate Change and/or informing people of the potential impacts of climate	The Bahamas	Ministry of Education (Nassau) c/o Mr. Hamlin Newbold or Mrs. Patrice Green -242.502.2734/76

10 th – 31 st	Coastal Awareness Youth Competition 2011	Combating Climate Change Advertisement: Create a 60 second Public Service Announcement, encouraging people to take action to combat Climate Change and/or informing people of the potential impacts of climate change. The competition is open to: High School students: Grades 10-12 and High School Graduates up to age 25.	The Bahamas	Ministry of Education (Nassau) c/o Mr. Hamlin Newbold or Mrs. Patrice Green -242.502.2734/76
10 th – 31 st	National Coastal Awareness School Competition 2011	Climate Change Banner Design Competition: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Take a photo or drawn artwork to design a roadside banner illustrating: Either – The impact of climate change on The Bahamas or Encouraging people to take action to combat Climate Change. 2. Make up a slogan to convey the message. 3. Write a summary of approximately 150 words to describe what your design depicts. The competition is for students of grade 7-9	The Bahamas	Ministry of Education (Nassau) c/o Mr. Hamlin Newbold or Mrs. Patrice Green -242.502.2734/76 BREEF: 242.327.9000
10 th – 31 st	Coastal Awareness Primary School Competition 2011	Trash To Treasure Competition: Design or create a functional or decorative product from items that would otherwise be considered trash. The competition is for students of grades 4-6.	The Bahamas	Ministry of Education (Nassau) c/o Mr. Hamlin Newbold or Mrs. Patrice Green -242.502.2734/76 BREEF: 242.327.9000
11 th	Winter Residents Reception	Winter Residents and locals come together in celebration to foster a stronger bond between the Winter Residents and the residents and to encourage the Winter Residents to promote Andros and The Bahamas as the number one tourist destination.	International Square, North Andros	Rev. James Sweeting, 242.329.2598 Mrs. Yvette Treco 242.329.2602 Clara Evans 242.329.2452
12 th	Changing of The Guard	Historical Changing of the Guard Ceremony at Government House at 11:00 a.m.	Government House, Nassau	Ministry of Tourism Dianne Clarke 242. 356.6941
12 th	Nicholl's Town Music Arts & Craft Festival	The Festival is held every second Saturday in March. It is a time when all the artists of Andros and a few from Nassau come together to showcase exquisite Bahamian items made locally from wood, straw and shells. Make sure you also enjoy the local foods and Bahamian music.	Seaview Park located on the waterfront in Nicholl's Town, North Andros	Ms. Clara Evans 242.329.2452 Mrs. Yvette Treco 242.329.2602

14 th - 19 th	Bahamas Tennis Open	The Bahamas Open - An ITF Women's Pro Tennis Tournament featuring international professional and amateur female players.	The National Tennis Centre, Nassau	Ty O'lander 242.436.0060
17 th	St Patrick's Day	St. Patrick's Day will be in Nassau like nowhere else in the world. Everyone is Irish today!	Downtown Nassau, Nassau	Ministry of Tourism 242.302.2000
17 th -19 th	Bahamian Music & Heritage Festival	An exciting time for the whole family. On Thursday evening, a gospel explosion launches the weekend of activities. Renowned local and visiting artists such as Simeon Outten, Christian Massive, Al Gibson, Jacqueline Taylor-Smith, D'Andra Balfour, Anglican Mass Choir, Xiomara Adderley and other gospel artists will be performing. This festival also features a line-up of The Bahamas' most popular and talented musicians such as Terez, Visage, Geno D, Veronica Bishop, Spice, Funky D, Basil Smith, Julien Thompson as well as native musicians the Tropical Beat Band, Audley Dames and the Sweet Love Band. Arts and craft such as wood and conch shell carvings will be on sale along with Bahamian dishes. Activities for the family, including storytelling, singing, poetry reading and Bahamian sloop exhibition.	George Town, Exuma	Ministry of Tourism 242.336.2457
18 th – 27 th	Clue: The Musical	The board games come to life in a musical filled with mystery and lots of laughs!	Regency Theater, Grand Bahama Island	Olivia Dorsette 242.351.5339
20 th	Friends of The Library Silent Auction	The annual silent auction assist with the upkeep of the library and helps to sponsor various activities and events at the library. Visitors, students and residents all use the library for research and it is a part of the community. Every Monday from 10am – noon there are lectures and a tea party and on Tuesday from 10am – noon there are classes offered.	Haynes Library, Governor's Harbour, Eleuthera	242.332.2877
22 nd	Street Fair	The Deep Creek Middle School (DCMS) will host a series of events in honor of the school's ten year anniversary. The students, teachers, and parents have countless achievements to celebrate. The School received international recognition as the only Green Flag eco-friendly school in the Bahamas and Caribbean. People will be traveling from all over the United States to be a part of this event.	Deep Creek Park, Deep Creek, Eleuthera	Ms. Kate McAlaine 242.334.8414
25 th	People to People Tea	A delightful hour of tea at historical Government House.	Government House	Ministry of Tourism

	Party at Government House	Free Admission.	Nassau	Bernadette Bastian 242. 356.0437
25 th	People to People Tea Party	It's a delightful afternoon of tea, pastries and Bahamian hospitality on Great Exuma.	George Town, Exuma	Exuma Tourist Office 242.336.2430
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27 th	Bahamas Bridal Show	"To Love & Cherish" - the ultimate one stop wedding experience. Meet over 40 wedding planners & exhibitors. Find the perfect location for your wedding or reception, the latest fashions, gift selections and your dream Bahamian honeymoon destination.	Wyndham Nassau Resort Nassau	Buttons Formal Wear 242.327.8896
TBA	Bimini All Age School Fair	Food, games and entertainment as students, parents and supporters gather at the School Grounds in this annual fundraiser.	Alice Town, Bimini	Mrs. Tammy Elliott 242.347.3380
TBA	Marjoke & Friends on the Labyrinth	A theatre-style musical celebration on the unique labyrinth	The Labyrinth at the Garden of the Groves, Grand Bahama Island	Ivy Elden 242.374.7778
TBA	Bahamas Billfish Tournament	Anglers from far and wide come to GBI and compete to catch the largest/the most billfish they can in an allotted time-frame.	Lucaya Marina, Grand Bahama Island	Raul Miranda rvmiranda@hotmail.com Roselyn Pinder rpinder@bahamas.com
April	Event	The Experience	Location	Contact
1 st	Barefoot Man Concert	The world famous Nippers Beach Bar & Grill on Guana Cay attracts hundreds of visitors and locals year after year with its live entertainment, its signature drink, the nipper juice, Bahamian dishes and its partying atmosphere.	Guana Cay, Abaco	Nippers Bar & Grill 242.365.5143
1 st – 30 th	Coastal Awareness Month	A month dedicated to increasing the awareness of the protection of the coastal environment through public	The Bahamas	Earlston McPhee 242.356.6941

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1 st – 3 rd	Annual Fishing Tournament	Join us this holiday weekend in downtown Black Point for our 2 nd Annual Easter Tournament. Experience the excitement of Fishing, Basketball, Pool and Dominoes Tournaments. There will be other activities including a Talent and Beauty Pageant, Easter Egg Hunt, Plaiting of the Maypole, Climbing of the Greasy Pole, Gospel Explosion (Easter Sunday), Cook-Out, Live D.J entertainment at Club Scorpion and much, much, more. Expect prizes and lots of surprises.	Black Point, Exuma	Esther Rolle at 242. 355.3053 Zhivargo Rolle 242.355.3002/3.
1 st & 2 nd	2nd Annual Sojer Day	The people of Man-O-War Cay invites you join them as they celebrate their heritage at Sojer Day. This two day event begins with a mini concert on the park with the local school and the churches and will follow with a fun-filled and educational day with exhibitions, sailboat racing, craft, food and games on the final day.	Man-O-War Cay, Abaco	242.365.6310
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9 th	Annual Ride for Hope	Ride for Hope is an annual fund-raising cycling event held in Eleuthera. It is open to everyone, the young and young at heart. This event is held to raise money for cancer caring and treatment programs. Hope is also raised for those afflicted with cancer and awareness among the population at large, so that together, we all can make a difference. Hundreds of riders from around the world travel to Eleuthera to participate.	Eleuthera	Ministry of Tourism, Governor’s Harbour 242.332.2142
20th -24th	Gateway High School	Come and enjoy the competition between High School	Bailey Town,	Pastor Gilbert Rolle

	Invitational Basketball Championships	players from around The Islands of The Bahamas in this 2 nd Annual event.	Bimini	242.347.2359
20 th – 25 th	The Annual James' Cistern Heritage Affair Homecoming	Activities include limbo and fire dancing, live band performances, food and drinks, native craft and fashion shows. The event is a fundraiser to build a community and crisis centre.	James' Cistern, Eleuthera	Angelo Bethel 242.335.6008
20 th – 25 th	Rock Sound Homecoming Festival	This event attracts domestic and international tourists and includes a Junkanoo Rush-Out, Live Band Performances, Fashion and Cultural Shows.	Rock Sound, Eleuthera	Mr. Pat Maynard 242.557.7696
20 th – 25 th	Lower Bogue Homecoming Festival	Local residents and visitors from other islands come together to interact and enjoy cultural activities, Bahamian music, food, drinks and games.	Lower Bogue, Eleuthera	Collin Moss 242.335.1760
21 st – 29 th	Abaco Anglers Fishing Tournament	This Deep Sea and Bottom Fishing Tournament has been a part of the landscape for more than thirty years. It is family-oriented and caters primarily to local fishing enthusiasts and to visitors wishing to visit the Abacos to participate. All levels of fishing abilities, including children are encouraged.	Elbow Cay, Abaco	Lighthouse Marina 242.366.0154
22 nd - 25 th	GOING BACK TO THE ISLAND	A fun and activities-filled celebration, featuring a Beauty Pageant; Easter Egg Hunt, Jackstones, Hop Scotch, an open air, Gospel Concert, Rake-N-Scrape and Native Dishes & Beverages.	Long Bay's Park Andros	Ms. Sharon Henfield 242.369.1688 Peggy Kelly 242.356.6941
22 nd -25 th	Deep South Homecoming	Held Easter Weekend, in the Southern most part of the island. This event includes the settlements of Bain's Town south through to Devil's Point. Descendants return to visit with families and socialize with friends. A variety of family oriented events are put on at this time.	Cat Island	Dorothy Gilbert (President) (242) 361-5429
22 nd -25 th	United Estates Association Homecoming Festival	Easter Weekend. Dinner for elderly. Community effort. Extensive Clean Up. Socializing.	San Salvador	Drucilla Malcolm (President) (242) 465-5185
22 nd -25 th	Annual Home Coming Festival	Held Easter Weekend. Descendants, residents, visitors, etc. come together in a social/fun atmosphere. This event entails, church service, entertainment by Bahamian artists, Bahamian	San Salvador	Edwin Scavella (President) (242) 344-2423

22nd-25th	Annual Home Coming Festival	Held Easter Weekend. Descendants, residents, visitors, etc. come together in a social/fun atmosphere. This event entails, church service, entertainment by Bahamian artists, Bahamian food sales, basketball and volley ball tournaments, pageants, Mr. Homecoming, games include: dominoes, apple on a string, hool-a-hoop, conch cracking, balancing food/field basket on head for the elderly ladies.	San Salvador	Edwin Scavella (President) (242) 344-2423
22nd-25th	Annual Home Coming Festival	Held Easter Weekend. Descendants, residents, visitors, etc. come together in a social/fun atmosphere. This event entails, church service, entertainment by Bahamian artists, Bahamian food sales, basketball and volley ball tournaments, pageants, Mr. Homecoming, games include: dominoes, apple on a string, hool-a-hoop, conch cracking, balancing food/field basket on head for the elderly ladies.	Crooked Island	Elvin Scavella (President) (242) 344-2423
22nd – 25th	Cedar Harbour Homecoming	These annual events bring local residents and visitors from neighboring islands together to share in cultural activities, games, food, drinks and worship. They generate economic activity and lend to the promotion and development of Bahamian heritage, indigenous to these communities.	Cedar Harbour, Abaco	Abaco Tourist Office 242.367.3067
22nd -25th	Easter Festival	Enjoy the Easter Festival held at the Old Commissioner’s Residence grounds. Join the Bimini Men For Christ, Good Friday March & Rally and enjoy the festivities and activities.	Alice Town, Bimini	Local Govt. Office 242.347.3174
22nd-27th	Betsy Bay Home Coming	This event started in 1990 and has been held every Easter since. It urges its descendants to “build on the legacy of their forefathers”. This celebration is geared towards bringing descendants, residents and friends of Betsy Bay together in a time of fun, fellowship and reflection. Over the years, descendants who have never been to the island or have not visited for a very long time are targeted.	Mayaguana	Mario Murphy (President) ((242) 502-9826 (242) 454-6508
23 rd	Changing of The Guard	Historical Changing of the Guard Ceremony at Government House at 11:00 a.m.	Government House Nassau	Ministry of Tourism Dianne Clarke, 242.356.6941
23 rd	Eleuthera’s Farmers Market & Craft Show	This event is held at the South Eleuthera Emergency Partners (SEEP), Tarpum Bay & showcases all that Eleuthera has to offer from the farm to local handmade arts, craft and food.	Tarpum Bay, Eleuthera	Ian Carey 242.334.4630

25 th	Our Lady & St. Stephen's Anglican Church Picnic	The oldest religious denomination in Bimini was originally comprised of two churches – St. Stephen's in Alice Town (1874) and St. Mary's in Bailey Town (1878). In 1921 they were combined and dedicated Our Lady and St. Stephen's on the present site in Bailey Town. Their annual Picnic is a homecoming of sorts and features games, food, music, kiddies' corner and more.	Bailey Town, Bimini	Church Rectory 242.347.2268
25 th	Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Cathedral Parade	In 1861, a runaway slave named Charles Robins founded this church which became a cultural and educational centre. A tradition for over fifty years, this demonstration of faith is a highlight of the Easter festivities.	Bailey Town, Bimini	Stanley Pinder 242. 347.2056
25 th	Wesley Methodist Church Picnic	Founded in 1858 by religious leader Clem Pinder from Spanish Wells, much of the original building remains. Their annual picnic is a family affair with free food and games.	Alice Town, Bimini	Lady Barbara Weech-Checkley 242.347.3038
25 th	Majestic Point Homecoming	Homecoming is among, the many festivals celebrated in The Bahamas by the locals. It symbolizes the coming together and uniting of the community. In other words the locals are saying that we do have community-building spirits. The highlights of the event are the Cultural Show and Live Entertainment by the local Rake-N-Scrape Bands.	Mastic Point Park, Mastic Point is 5 miles from San Andros airport.	Mr. Floyd Newton 242.329.4478 Donna Pickstock 242.329.3138
25 th	Snapper Tournament	In 1840, a group of Seminole Indians and Negro slaves crossed the Gulf Stream in dugout canoes and settled in Red Bay, North Andros. Red Bay is well known for its basket weaving and woodcarving. The person who catches the most fish will be declared the winner of the tournament. Highlights are home cook dishes, live entertainment by the local Rake-N-Scrape Band, DJ and family activities.	Red Bay, Andros	Mr. Alphonso Smith 242.329.2833
25 th – 27 th	Governor General Visit	Sir Arthur Foulkes visits clinics and schools of San Salvador. Tour of island. Attends the Cancer Society Ball.	San Salvador	Clifford Fernander (Tourism Representative) (242) 429-5393
26 th	Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Cathedral Easter Picnic	An annual event that features food and games and the only punch-board where every pick wins a prize.	Church Grounds Bailey Town Bimini	Elmeta Rolle 242.347.2127
26 th – 30 th	National Family Island	Sailing Sloops (boats) racing in beautiful Elizabeth Harbour.	George Town,	Ken "Iceman" McPhee,

	Regatta	There are five days of sailing Bahamian native sloops. A tradition that began in 1954 and today is one of the oldest regattas in The Bahamas.	Exuma.	242.524.0865 Danny Strachan 242. 336.3766. Ministry of Tourism 242.336.2457
27 th – 30 th	Bahamas Billfish Championship Series	The Bahamas Billfish Championships sponsored by Rolex, is considered the premier fishing series in The Bahamas and attracts dozens of seasoned and crafty deep-sea fishermen. The tournament is the first leg of The Bahamas Billfish Championship and is being hosted at Treasure Cay Beach Resort & Marina. Bragging rights are the order of the day as reputations and hundreds of thousands of dollars in prizes and cash are up for grab.	Treasure Cay, Abaco	Treasure Cay Beach Resort 242.365.8801
29 th - May 1 st	5th BWIF Women’s Fishing Tournament And Honors Ceremony	This event is held to honor and recognize women in the community who have contributed to the fishing industry of Bimini for livelihood, relaxation or as a sport. The tournament is open to all women who love to fish throughout The Islands Of The Bahamas or the world.	Alice Town, Bimini	Renee Smith-Robins Bimini Tourist Office 242.347.3529
29 th	People to People Tea Party at Government House	A delightful hour of tea at historical Government House. Free Admission.	Government House, Nassau	Ministry of Tourism Bernadette Bastian 242.356.0437
TBA	Spring in the Garden	An arts-filled celebration of the most inspiring season of the year.	Garden of the Groves, Grand Bahama Island	Ivy Elden 242.374.7778
TBA	Briland Backyard Festival	Reunion of Brilanders and good ‘ole’ Bahamian food, music and culture.	Harbour Island, Eleuthera	Ministry of Tourism 242.333.2621
May	Event	The Experience	Location	Contact
2 nd – 5 th	24th Annual Green Turtle Cay Fishing Tournament	Both amateur and expert anglers find this fishing tournament exciting and competitive. Anglers are impressed by the variety of fish found in the surrounding waters of Green Turtle Cay and the many social activities connected to this tournament that offers a fun atmosphere.	Green Turtle Club & Marina Abaco	Green Turtle Club & Marina, 242.365.4271
3 rd – 7 th	Bertram Hatteras Shootout (Billfish Tourney)	The Bertram Hatteras Shootout, commonly referred to as “The Shootout” is the crème de la crème of the tournaments held in the Abacos. Select groups of “High End” clientele	Marsh Harbour Abaco	Abaco Beach Resort 242.367.2158

		grace this event each year seeking to exact revenge against their contemporaries. The Bertram and Hatteras group of companies jointly sponsor this event.		
6 th – 8 th	8th Annual Island Roots Heritage Festival	The Eighth Annual Island Roots Heritage Festival comes alive on Green Turtle Cay, Abaco, beginning May 6 and ending May 8. The weekend celebrates our African roots and Bahamian heritage through delicious offerings of cuisine, unique handmade craft, jewelry, art & interesting historical displays. Genealogical experts will be on hand to research family trees to reinforce the fact that we are all intertwined as family. Informative talks will be offered on the Loyalists, reef preservation, Bahamian flora and fauna, archeological sites in the Bahamas and bush medicine. The island uses the festival to celebrate their ties to their sister city, Key West, Florida and invite family and friends back home to discover their roots.	Green Turtle Cay Abaco	Abaco Tourist Office 242.367.3067
6 th , 13 th , 20 th , 27 th	Fish Fry at Anchor Bay	Every Friday night, the Governor’s Harbour Development Association hosts a Fish Fry at Anchor Bay in Governor’s Harbour. This event attracts both locals and tourists every week. The proceeds from this event go towards the Annual Homecoming and various projects within the community.	Governors Harbour, Eleuthera	Eleuthera Tourist Office Governor’s Harbour 242.332.2142
6 th , 13 th , 20 th , 27 th	Crabfest Nights	Queen’s Park is where the locals congregate every Friday night, dancing and enjoying good old Bahamian food prepared by the ladies.	Queen’s Park, Fresh Creek, Andros	Andros Tourism Office 242.368.2286
7 th	Changing of The Guard	Historical Changing of the Guard Ceremony at Government House - 11:00 a.m.	Government House Nassau	Ministry of Tourism Dianne Clarke, 242.356.6941
7 th	Farmer’s Cay Conch Jamboree	Delicious cracked conch, scorched conch, conch salad, steamed conch, conch chowder, stewed conch and many other conch dishes will be on sale. Come experience conch like never before.	Farmers Cay, Exuma	Mr. Terry Bain 242.355.4006
11 th – 14 th	Bahamas Billfish Tournament	Anglers from far and wide come to Eleuthera and compete to catch the largest and the most billfish they can in an allotted time frame.	Eleuthera	Eleuthera Tourist Office Governor’s Harbour 242.332.2142
14 th	Opera Concert	A free concert in Rawson Square will be performed by Foley	Rawson Square,	Ministry of Tourism

14 th	Opera Concert	A free concert in Rawson Square will be performed by Foley & Hepburn in Nassau, as part of their World Tour.	Rawson Square, Nassau	Ministry of Tourism 242.302.2000
21 st	Changing of The Guard	Historical Changing of the Guard Ceremony at Government House - 11:00 a.m.	Government House Nassau	Ministry of Tourism Dianne Clarke, 242.356.6941
23 rd	Mason's Bay Red Cross Fair	Held on Whit Monday. All communities gather together with live music, games, eats, drinks, sale of ticket books to support the Red Cross.	Acklins	Eliza Taylor (President) 242) 344-3522
24 th	Holy Name Ladies Auxiliary Cook-Out	Food, games and music provide a family atmosphere at this fund-raiser.	Holy Name Church Grounds, Bimini	Antoinette Stuart 242.473.0396
25 th – 28 th	Bahamas Billfish Tournament	Anglers from far and wide come to Harbour Island and compete to catch the largest and most billfish they can in an allotted time frame.	Harbour Island, Eleuthera	242.333.2621
26 th – 28 th	Gilbey's All-Tackle Fishing Tournament	Bahamian and non-Bahamian fishermen compete for cash prizes and trophies in various categories: the largest fish, the longest fish and the most fish caught over the two-day period. The event closes with a party and presentation of awards.	Flying Fish Marina, Clarence Town, Long Island	Long Island Tourist Office 242. 338.8668
27 th	People to People Tea Party	It's a delightful afternoon of tea, pastries and Bahamian hospitality on Great Exuma.	Exuma	Exuma Tourist Office 242.336.2430
27 th	People to People Tea Party at Government House	A delightful hour of tea at historical Government House. Free Admission.	Government House Nassau	Ministry of Tourism Bernadette Bastian 242.356.0437
27 th – 30 th	Art on The Island & Seafood Fest	Locally made authentic Bahamian products, live music performances, Junkanoo and native foods, enables visitors and residents to experience two full days of Bahamian art.	Alice Town, Bimini	Bimini Tourist Office 242.347.3526
27 th & 28 th	Eight Mile Rock International Cultural Festival	A festival featuring live displays of Bahamian culture in the form of food & music.	Eight Mile Rock, Grand Bahama Island	Renamae Symonette Cestina Nixon 242.350.8617
28 th	Eleuthera's Farmers Market & Craft Show	This event is held at the South Eleuthera Emergency Partners (SEEP), Tarpum Bay and showcases all that Eleuthera has to offer from the farm to local handmade arts, crafts and food.	Tarpum Bay, Eleuthera	Ian Carey 242.334.4630
28 th – 30 th	Great Bahamian Seafood & Wine	The 2 nd Great Bahamian Seafood & Wine Festival moves to Fish Fry (Arawak Cay)...featuring Bahamian Seafood,	Fish Fry (Arawak Cay) Nassau	Ministry of Tourism 242.302.2000

31 st – June 4 th	HMY Billfish Blast	Considered to be one of the most competitive fishing tournaments to compete in, anglers are usually eager to get out to sea and cast their lines. In addition to the great fishing that goes on, there are many activities that are scheduled during this tournament that make participants and non-anglers very happy.	Marsh Harbour, Abaco	Abaco Beach Resort 242.367.2158
TBA	Battle of The Bands	Community bands compete and display their many and varied talents to residents and visitors of Bimini.	Alice Town, Bimini	Mr. Hugh Rolle 242. 347.3031
TBA	Mangrove Cay – Homecoming & Regatta	Mangrove Cay, is described as an island within an island. Mangrove Cay is separated from North Andros by straits known as North and Middle Bight. This is one of the few places where a visitor can still get a glimpse of the way of life that characterized The Islands of The Bahamas half a century ago. Highlights of the event are the Spring Sailing & The Mother’s Day church service	Dorsette in Mangrove Cay	Mr. Ruston Moxey 242.369.0131 Regan Turnquest 242. 369.0331
TBA	An Elden-McGlone Production (Close of the Labyrinth Season)	A theatre-style musical performance in celebration of nature.	The Labyrinth at the Garden of the Groves, Grand Bahama Island	Ivy Elden 242.374.7778
June	Event	The Experience	Location	Contact
1 st – 5 th	24th Annual Pineapple Festival	The Pineapple Festival was first introduced in 1988 to honor the many pineapple farmers for their outstanding contributions to the community and to bring together Bahamians and visitors to enjoy an event featuring, a pineapple eating contest, pineapple cooking contest, old time pineapple crazy sports, 40 mile pineapple cycling classic, plaiting of the pineapple pole, Little Miss Pineapple Pageant and a non-stop pineapple party.	Held in Gregory Town Eleuthera.	Eleuthera Tourist Office 242.332.2142
2 nd – 4 th	South Andros Homecoming Festival	In Kemps Bay, the notable sites include a boat building yard where South Andros’ fishing sloops are constructed and the many scenic beaches on the island. Homecoming symbolizes the coming together of Androsians. During this time, a number of cultural activities take place: Local Rake-N-Scrape, Old-timer fashion show and much more. The highlight of the event is the boat race.	Kemps Bay, South Andros Andros	South Andros Tourist 242.369.1688

2 nd – 4 th	Annual Cat Island Rake & Scrape Festival	Held on Labour Day Weekend. Showcases the premier musical, cultural festival of Cat Island. It offers three days of sensuous, rhythmic vibe of Rake and Scrape Music. Rake and Scrape artists are featured at a local and national level. Guests are also afforded the luxuries of palatable “Down Home” Cat Island cuisine. Persons can purchase locally made craft, such as jewelry and straw items during the festival.	Cat Island	Allworth Rolle (President) (242) 354-4085 Angelique McKay Consultant/PR 242-502-0604
2 nd – 5 th	Ramsey Homecoming	Entertainment by D.J, kiddies’ corner, hoopla, punchboard, native dishes such as crab and rice, macaroni and cheese and baked chicken.	Ramsey, Exuma	Mr. Barry Ramsey (President of Homecoming Committee) 242.345.7032
3 rd – 5 th	Sandy Point Home-Coming	In addition to “homecoming” activities, this event also promotes The Bahamian sailing sloop and sailing regattas. Usually a mid-sized competition, the community takes pride in attracting some of the best skippers. Local residents and other visitors from islands of the Bahamas reunite and celebrate in Cultural Activities, Games, Food, Drinks and church service.	Sandy Point, Abaco	Abaco Tourist Office 242.367.3067
3 rd , 10 th , 17 th , 24 th	Fish Fry at Anchor Bay	Every Friday night, the Governor’s Harbour Development Association hosts a Fish Fry at Anchor Bay in Governor’s Harbour. This event attracts both locals and tourists every week. The proceeds from this event go towards the Annual Homecoming and various projects within the community.	Governors Harbour, Eleuthera	Eleuthera Tourist Office Governor’s Harbour 242.332.2142
4 th	Annual Continental Airlines Cycling Race	A 40 mile bike ride event held in Gregory Town as a part of the Pineapple Festival. The event is sponsored annually by Continental Airlines.	Gregory Town, Eleuthera	Eleuthera Tourist Office 242.332.2142
4 th	Annual Pineapple Fest Triathlon	This is a 400 meter swim, 10k hilly bike ride, and a 5k run.	Eleuthera	Tom Glucksman 242.551.99635 or Eleuthera Tourist Office 242.332.2142
4 th	Spring Point Red Cross Fair	Held on Labour Day. All communities gather together with live music, dancing, games, eats, drinks, sale of ticket books to support the Red Cross.	Acklins	Maybel Hanna (President) (242) 344-3600

4 th	Annual Deep Creek Conch Fest	An event to promote community and to strengthen the well being of society, economically, socially and spiritually and to share cultural heritage with the younger members of the community and visitors. During the event, visitors and descendants return to Deep Creek for that local experience of down-home cooking, rake and scrape, talent shows, art & craft, and more.	Deep Creek, Eleuthera	Mervin Sweeting 242.364.1108.
4 th	Changing of The Guard	Historical Changing of the Guard Ceremony at Government House at 11:00 a.m.	Government House Nassau	Ministry of Tourism Dianne Clarke, 242.356.6941
4 th – 11 th	Caribbean Week	The Caribbean Tourism Organization will host “Caribbean Week” in New York. The event will feature a Caribbean Wedding, Trade & Cultural Show, Student Forum, Media Market Place, Silent Auction, Film Screening and Ball	New York , New York, USA	Jennifer Gardiner 954.236.9292
4 th – 6 th	44th Annual Long Island Regatta	The second largest regatta in The Bahamas (after the National Family Island Regatta in Exuma), takes place over the Labour Day Holiday weekend. Some of the sailing sloops participating in this event are built in the settlement of Mangrove Bush on Long Island. Sailors from throughout The Bahamas compete for trophies and cash prizes. There is also a category for young sailors from the local schools who will become our future generation of sailors. The event is a time of celebration and family reunions for Bahamians with many Long Islanders returning home to visit relatives and friends, enjoy the races, the native mutton dishes and mouth-watering food, while enjoying fellowship and fun.	Regatta Park, Salt Pond, Long Island	Long Island Tourist Office 242.338.8668
8 th – 11 th	Bahamas Billfish Championship Series	Big Game Fishing Tournament	Great Guana Cay, Abaco	Abaco Tourist Office, 242.367.3067
8 th – 13 th	Palmetto Point Homecoming	The Palmetto Point Homecoming Committee plans a week of activities in celebration of their heritage and culture. Entertainment includes live band performances, fashion/cultural shows, art competition and games.	South Palmetto Point, Eleuthera	Hank Johnson 242.332.2428.
9 th – 11 th	All Andros Crabfest	Andros is known as the land of crabs and its crab catching ways. Highlights of this event will be the Crab Cultural	Queen Park, Fresh Creek, Andros.	Ministry of Tourism 242.368.2286.

		Show, the releasing of the Crabs, Crab Culinary Contest, Crabs of Andros Life Cycle Display, Rake-N-Scrape Music. This annual event is held the second weekend in June each year.		
12 th – 17 th	28th Annual Treasure Cay Billfish Championship	The Treasure Cay Billfish Championships is a “mainstay” among the Abaco fishing events with consistency being the order of the day. It caters to a cross-section of fishermen and is a major promotional event for northern Abaco. The event also features beach volleyball and a native arts and craft show on the last day.	Treasure Cay, Abaco	Treasure Cay Beach Resort 242.365.8801
10 th – 13 th	Barraterre Festival and Regatta.	Three days of sailing. Experience delicious native dishes, Rake ‘n Scrape music, Hoopla, Quadrille, Plaiting of the Maypole, Native Craft on display and other exciting activities, including the Marching Band and Talent Show.	Barraterre, Exuma	Ms. Mildred Lloyd 242.357.0786
15 th -22 nd	Landrail Point Home Coming	Building the community – special community service. Largest growing settlement. Focus time when descendants return. Funds are raised for a community centre, wholesome family activities, old fashion time, yachting.	Crooked Island	J. Anthony McKinney (President) (242) 376-6892/322-6064
17 th & 24 th	Junkanoo Summer Festival	The opening night of JSF 2011, will open with a crowd favorite. Performing will either be the Royal Bahamas Police Force Marching & Pop Bands or the Royal Bahamas Defense Force Marching & Pop Bands. Those in attendance can also sample native dishes, purchase Bahamian made items, win prizes and rush in a Junkanoo parade over three weeks.	Goombay Park, Marsh Harbour , Abaco	Abaco Tourist Office 242.367.3067
18 th	Changing of The Guard	Historical Changing of the Guard Ceremony at Government House at 11:00 a.m.	Government House Nassau	Ministry of Tourism Dianne Clarke, 242.356.6941
22 nd – 25 th	BBC Treasure Cay Championship	The final leg of the Bahamas Billfish Championships sponsored by Rolex normally attract scores of seasoned and crafty deep-sea fishermen, all vying for the hundreds of thousands of dollars in prizes and cash. Participants and spouses in this leg of the championship get to take in world class golf, tennis and one of the top ten beaches in the world.	Treasure Cay, Abaco	Treasure Cay Beach Resort 242.365.8801
24 th	People to People Tea Party at Government	A delightful hour of tea at historical Government House. Free Admission.	Government House Nassau	Ministry of Tourism Bernadette Bastian

	House			242.356.0437
24 th	All Andros & Berry Islands Goombay Festival	On Fridays beginning at 6:00 pm. - until. Highlights of the event are the Goombay Dancers, Love Hill Troopers, Central Andros Old Timers and the Rake-N-Scrape Band.	Queen's Park, Fresh Creek, Central Andros.	Andros Tourist Office. 242.368.2286
25 th	Eleuthera's Farmers Market & Craft Show	This event is held at the South Eleuthera Emergency Partners (SEEP), Tarpum Bay and showcases all that Eleuthera has to offer from the farm to local handmade arts, craft and food.	Tarpum Bay, Eleuthera	Ian Carey 242.334.4630
30 th	People to People Graduation	People to People Graduation Ceremony	TBA	242.326.6183
TBA	Bahamas Boating Fling	Guided crossings to The Islands of The Bahamas. These annual crossings bring many repeat and first time visitors in flotillas of up to thirty boats.	Bimini	Richard Treco Bahamas Tourist Office 954. 326.9292
TBA	Junkanoo Summer Festive	A community fun day for visitors and Exumians featuring local and visiting bands, Junkanoo, kids sunfish sailing, boat building displays, arts and craft on sale, fish scaling and onion peeling contests and lots more.	Fish Fry George Town. Exuma	Exuma Tourist Office 242.336.2430
TBA	Little Abaco Homecoming,	Family and friends return for a weekend of celebrations, cultural activities, games, food, drinks and worship. Economic activity is generated community-wide as old family ties and friendship are renewed.	Fox Town, Abaco	Abaco Tourist Office 242.367.3067
July	Event	The Experience	Location	Contact
1 st	Junkanoo Summer Festival	The final night of Junkanoo Summer Festival 2011, will once again provide a glimpse inside The Bahamian cultural experience, featuring popular Bahamian music, Junkanoo, Arts & Craft, Dancing, Food & Drinks.	Marsh Harbour, Abaco	Abaco Tourist Office, 242.367.3067
1 st – 9 th	36th Annual Five Towns Regatta Time in Abaco	The Regatta Time sailing event is hosted between the American and Bahamian Independence celebrations, linking both important commemorations. This event involves primarily American sloops, brings dozens of sailing enthusiasts to the Abacos for a fun-filled and exciting racing series. One highlight of the race is the Fiddle Cay Party hosted by “Stranded Naked” Sports Wear. The Series begins	Abaco	Dave & Kathy Ralph, 242.367.2677

		at Green Turtle Cay with stops at Great Guana Cay and Nippers, Man-O-War Cay dubbed the “Sailing Capital of the World”; Hope Town, home of the world famous candy striped lighthouse and Marsh Harbour, the commercial hub of the Abacos. The regatta is in its 36th year and is an important promotional event for Abacos.		
1 st , 8 th , 15 th , 22 nd , 29 th	Fish Fry at Anchor Bay	Every Friday night, the Governor’s Harbour Development Association hosts a Fish Fry at Anchor Bay in Governor’s Harbour. This event attracts both locals and tourists every week. The proceeds from this event go towards the Annual Homecoming and various projects within the community.	Governors Harbour, Eleuthera	Eleuthera Tourist Office Governor’s Harbour 242.332.2142
1 st , 8 th , 22 nd , 29 th	All Andros & Berry Islands Goombay Festival	Fridays, beginning at 6:00 pm - until. Highlights of this event are the Goombay Dancers, Love Hill Troopers, Central Andros Old Timers and the Rake-N-Scrape Band.	Location – Queen’s Park, Fresh Creek, Central Andros.	Andros Tourist Office. 242.368.2286
2 nd	Changing of The Guard	Historical Changing of the Guard Ceremony at Government House - the 1 st and 3 rd Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m.	Government House	Ministry of Tourism Dianne Clarke 242.356.6941
6 th – 11 th	Savannah Sound Homecoming	Activities include fashion and cultural shows, down-home cooking, dancing and live band performances.	Savannah Sound, Eleuthera	Majorie Culmer 242. 332.1288
6 th , 8 th , 10 th , 12 th	Porgy & Bess	The inaugural performance by The Nassau Opera Company of “Porgy & Bess”.	Nassau	Cleveland Williams 242.356.6963
6 th – 11 th	The Bluff Homecoming	This homecoming brings the descendants of the Bluff back home to enjoy a weekend of fun and frolic with family and friends. Entertainment includes live band performances, Little Ms. Bluff – Eleuthera Beauty Pageant, food and drinks.	The Bluff, Eleuthera	Rodney Green 242.335.3113
7 th – 11 th	The All Andros & Berry Island Regatta	The traditional Bahamian Wooden Sloops will be featured. The highlight of the event is the Boat Race classes A, B & C.	Andros Regatta Village, Morgan’s Bluff, Andros	Chief Councilor Mr. Alphonso Smith 242.329.2336 Mr. Frank Hanna 242.323.2451
7 th , 14 th , 21 st , 28 th	Junkanoo Summer Festival	The Ministry of Tourism & Aviation’s annual summer festival featuring live displays of Bahamian culture in the form of food & music.	Taino Beach, Grand Bahama	Betty Bethel 242.350.8608
7 th , 14 th , 21 st , 28 th	Sweeting’s Cay 1st Annual Heritage	Cultural events and activities which include talent and fashion shows and lots of food, drinks, games and	Sweeting’s Cay, Grand Bahama Island	Renamae Symonette Cestina Nixon

7 th , 14 th , 21 st , 28 th	Sweeting's Cay 1st Annual Heritage Festival	Cultural events and activities which include talent and fashion shows and lots of food, drinks, games and entertainment for the whole family.	Sweeting's Cay, Grand Bahama Island	Renamae Symonette Cestina Nixon 242.350.8617
8 th – 9 th	Annual Long Island Homecoming	North Long Islanders gather at Glington's Park after the Independence Celebrations for three days of cultural events and activities which include talent and fashion shows by students from schools on the island, a Gospel Concert and lots of food, drinks, games and entertainment for the whole family.	Glington's Park, Long Island	Long Island Tourist Office 242. 338.8668
9 th	The South Eleuthera Mission	The Saturday during the Bahamian Independence weekend, a Heritage and Cultural Fair and Raffle is held where there's entertainment such as Live Band performances, Junkanoo, Art Exhibition, Cooking and Baking contests and lots more.	Homecoming Site, Rock Sound, Eleuthera	Ms. Gacintha Deveaux Gordon 242. 334.2948
9 th – 10 th	Bahamas Independence Celebrations	Sunday church service, all churches combine and take part, live entertainment, Bahamian poems, Bahamian singers, Drama/skits, police drill, short remarks by leading citizens in the community and native dishes, fireworks and Family Day.	Acklins	Gregory Knowles (Administrator) (242) 344-3501
9 th – 10 th	Bahamas Independence Celebrations	Sunday church service, all churches combine and take part, live entertainment, Bahamian poems, Bahamian singers, Drama/skits, police drill, short remarks by leading citizens in the community and native dishes, fireworks and Family Day.	Crooked Islands	Kirkwood McKinney, (Chief Counsellor) (242) 344-2415 Joshua Smith, (Administrator) (242) 344-2197
9 th – 10 th	Bahamas Independence Celebrations	Sunday church service, all churches combine and take part, live entertainment, Bahamian poems, Bahamian singers, Drama/skits, police drill, short remarks by leading citizens in the community and native dishes, fireworks and Family Day.	Rum Cay	Trevellyn Bain (Chief Counsellor (242) 331- 2818/331-2854
9 th – 10 th	Bahamas Independence Celebrations	Sunday church service, all churches combine and take part, live entertainment, Bahamian poems, Bahamian singers, Drama/skits, police drill, short remarks by leading citizens in the community and native dishes, fireworks and Family Day.	San Salvador	Therese Bethel (Administrator) (242) 331-2202
9 th , 16 th , 23 rd , 30 th	Junkanoo Summer Festival	A grand celebration of Bahamian culture, with native foods, drinks, live entertainment on stage, food demonstrations, heritage games, a Kiddies Corner and Junkanoo Rush-outs with lively Junkanoo Mascots.	Arawak Cay (Fish Fry) Nassau,	Ministry of Tourism 242.302.2000

10 th	South Andros Coconut Festival	Three miles south of this village is Slavery Wall, the remains of a high rock, all constructed by slaves in the late 18 th century and is now a habitat for giant white crabs during crabbing season. The South Andros Coconut Festival was designed to celebrate and showcase the cultural connection between the valuable, versatile coconut palm and the people of South Andros.	Pleasant Bay, South Andros, Andros	Andros Tourist Office Sharon Henfield 242.369.1688
10 th	Rolle Town Homecoming	Join the reunion of family and friends as they celebrate in a weekend filled with activities for all.	Rolle Town, Exuma	242.357.0538.
15 th -17 th	Snug Corner & Mason's Bay Home Coming	Three days of festivities: dancing, games, talent show, beauty pageant, Bahamian food sale and food display from other countries, as well as a church service.	Acklins	Clarabelle Sweeting (President) (242) 344-3507
15 th – 24 th	Little League International World Series Regional Tournament	The organization of the Little League International World Series Regional Tournament involving South America, Central America, Mexico and the Caribbean.	Abaco	Abaco Tourist Office 242.367.3067
16 th	Changing of The Guard	Historical Changing of the Guard Ceremony at the Government House at 11:00 a.m.	Government House	Ministry of Tourism Dianne Clarke 242.356.6941
22 nd – 24 th	6th Annual North Abaco Summer Festival & Power Boat Race,	A huge crowd of supporters turn out to cheer on their pick for the fastest boat on sea. Contestants travel from throughout The Bahamas to vie for this title and bragging rights. A golf tournament is also inclusive of this event, which is held at Treasure Cay Beach Resort Golf Course. Bahamians and visitors indulge in cultural activities during the three day event which includes native music, foods and games.	Regatta Village, Treasure Cay	Clifton Bootle 242.475.3275
22 th	All Andros & Berry Islands Goombay Festival	Fridays, beginning at 6:00 pm. - until. The highlights of this event are the Goombay Dancers, Love Hill Troopers, Central Andros Old Timers and the Rake-N-Scrape Band.	Location – Queen's Park, Fresh Creek, Central Andros.	Andros Tourist Office. 242.368.2286
23 rd	Full Moon Beer Festival	A fun filled event	Farmer's Cay, Exuma	Mr. Terry Bain 242.355.4006
27 th – August 1 st	Bay Festival Hatchet Bay	The purpose of this homecoming is to assist the settlement economically and to foster a closer relationship with the descendants and the community of Hatchet Bay. Activities include marching band performances, worship, Little Miss	Hatchet Bay, Eleuthera	Daryl Smith 242.332.207 Mr. Peter Davis 242.335.1600

		Hatchet Bay Beauty Pageant and games.		
27 th – August 1 st	Back to the Bay Homecoming Festival	Descendants and visitors return to Tarpum Bay for a weekend of fun. Activities include Junkanoo rush-out, cultural and talent shows, native food and drinks.	Tarpum Bay, Eleuthera	Patrick Johnson 242.334.4135
July 27 th - August 3 rd	Acklins Island Regatta	A Float parade from the airport, to the regatta park. Bus tours throughout the island and three days of celebrations, with sail boat racing, boat riding, games such as plaiting of the pole and climbing the greasy pole. Contests include: conch cracking, bark beating, dancing and much more. Live entertainment by Bahamian artists, a fashion show, beauty pageant, award ceremony, skipper’s party, boat curing, and other activities.	Acklins	Anita Pratt (President) (242) 424-2042/429-7838
28 th – 29 th	Medical Conference	Participants will travel from throughout the Bahamas and the United States to participate in this conference. The purpose of this conference is to assist in a world class research for the cure of cancer. This event is being sponsored by the Cancer Society – Eleuthera Brand and the Rotary Club of Eleuthera.	Cancer Society Building, Palmetto Point, Eleuthera	Mrs. Juanita Pinder: 242.332.2984
29 th	People to People Tea Party at Government House	A delightful hour of tea at historical Government House. Free Admission.	Government House	Ministry of Tourism Bernadette Bastian 242.356.0437
July 29 th – August 1 st	Abraham’s Bay Homecoming	This event is held on the bay and is geared towards the exploration and development of its rich culture. This fair consists of old fashion plays, dance-till-dawn, church service, etc.	Mayaguana	Minister Shandika Charleton (Deputy Chief Counsellor/President) (242) 339-3114
29 th – August 1 st	Rolleville Regatta and Homecoming.	An exciting weekend of activities; native sloop racing, talent and beauty pageants, fun run/walk, greasy pole climbing, native food and much more.	Rolleville, Exuma	Mr. Mr. Dwight Hart 242.524.6284.
July 29 th – August 1 st	Pirate’s Well Homecoming	Centrally located. Encourages visitors and descendants alike to explore its unique culture, in the spirit of love and solidarity. This fair consists of cultural shows, church service, local dance, a mini Junkanoo parade, etc.	Mayaguana	Melony Murphy (President) (242) 339-3779/339-3767
July 29 th – August 1 st	Annual Cat Island Regatta	Corresponds with the Emancipation holiday weekend. It showcases local and national sloop racing combined with foods and other cultural activities.	Cat Island	Maxwell Burrows (President) (242) 565-2440
July 29 th –	Emancipation Day	All night church service leading into August Monday	Crooked Island	Joshua Smith

August 1 st	Celebrations	commemorating emancipation freedom. Old Fashion Singspiration and Cook Out		(Administrator) (242) 344-2197
July 29 th – August 2 nd	Inagua Heritage & Salty Festival	Consists of ecumenical service, all day fair, Bahamian food on sale, donkey races, climbing of the greasy pole, plaiting of the pole, Junkanoo parade, gospel and secular concerts.	Inagua	Samuel Nixon Jr. (President) (242)339-1471
30 th	Changing of The Guard	Historical Changing of the Guard Ceremony at Government House at 11:00 a.m.	Government House	Ministry of Tourism Dianne Clarke 242.356.6941
30 th	Walk for The Cure	Many locals and visitors participate in this event because during this time, hundreds of visitors are in Tarpum Bay supporting the annual Back to the Bay Homecoming. The purpose of this event is to raise funds to assist in cancer awareness and cure.	Homecoming Site, Tarpum Bay, Eleuthera	Mrs. Debra Moxey: 242.334.4183
30 th	Eleuthera's Farmers Market & Craft Show	This event is held at the South Eleuthera Emergency Partners (SEEP), Tarpum Bay & showcase all that Eleuthera has to offer from the farm to local handmade arts, crafts and food.	Tarpum Bay, Eleuthera	Ian Carey 242.334.4630
TBA	Junkanoo Summer Festival	This festival sponsored by the Ministry of Tourism provides natives and visitors with a taste of the Christmas Junkanoo celebrations. The highly anticipated summer event features the best in Bahamian music, food, art and dance.	Eleuthera	Eleuthera Tourist Office at 242.332.2142
TBA	Junkanoo Summer Festival	Junkanoo Summer Festival at the Fish Fry in George Town. A community fun day for visitors and Exumians featuring local and visiting bands, Junkanoo, kids sunfish sailing, boat building displays, arts and craft on sale, fish scaling and onion peeling contests and lots more.	George Town, Exuma	Exuma Tourist Office 242.336.2430
TBA	Bahamas Boating Fling	Guided crossings to The Islands of The Bahamas. These annual crossings bring many repeat and first time visitors in flotillas of up to thirty boats.	Bimini, Chub Cay, Nassau, Cape Eleuthera	Richard Treco Bahamas Tourism Office 954.326.9292
August	Event	The Experience	Location	Contact
1 st	61st Annual Native Fishing Tournament	Share 'fish stories' and reminisce about the past while fishing and mingling at the oldest Native Fishing Tournament in The Bahamas.	Alice Town, Bimini	Eleanor Spindler 242.324.4630
1 st	Snug corner Red Cross	Held on August Monday. All communities gather together	Inagua	Elizabeth Ferguson

1 st	Snug corner Red Cross Fair	Held on August Monday. All communities gather together with live music, dancing, games, eats and drinks, fashion show, bouncing castle, painting of kid faces, sale of ticket books to support the Red Cross.	Inagua	Elizabeth Ferguson (President) (242) 344-3250/1
1 st	Grand Cay Home-Coming Festival	The traditional heritage-based event called “Homecoming” Reunites local residents and other domestic visitors in cultural activities, games, food, drinks and worship.	Grand Cay, Abaco	242.353.1306
1 st .	Black Wood Community Home-Coming	A local community ‘homecoming’ weekend of celebrations. The public is invited to join family and friends in food, drink and entertainment.	Blackwood, Abaco	Abaco Tourist Office 242.367.3067
1 st	Little Abaco Home-Coming	Family and friends return for a weekend of celebrations, Cultural activities, games, food, drinks, and worship. Economic Activity is generated community wide as old family ties and friendships are renewed.	Fox Town, Abaco	Abaco Tourist Office 242.367.3067
1 st .	Moore’s Island Home-Coming	This event encourages locals and visitors to share in community activities, food, drinks, worship and entertainment. Activities lead to the promotion and development of local culture.	Moore’s Island, Abaco	Abaco Tourist Office 242.367.3067
1 st	Restaurant Week	A celebration of the opening of lobster season in The Bahamas	Nassau	Ministry of tourism 242.302.2000
1 st	Black Point Regatta.	Native sloops take to the beautiful waters of Exuma in a long weekend of racing and exciting on-shore activities.	Black Point, Exuma	
1 st	High Rock SeaFest	High Rock’s annual homecoming festival celebrating the bounties of the sea.	High Rock, Grand Bahama Island	Renamae Symonette Cestina Nixon 242.350.8617
5 th , 12 th , 19 th , 26 th	Fish Fry at Anchor Bay	Every Friday night, the Governor’s Harbour Development Association hosts a Fish Fry at Anchor Bay in Governor’s Harbour. This event attracts both locals and tourists every week. The proceeds from this event go towards the Annual Homecoming and various projects within the community.	Governors Harbour, Eleuthera	Eleuthera Tourist Office, Governor’s Harbour 242.332.2142
5 th , 12 th , 19 th , 26 th d	All Andros & Berry Islands Goombay Festival	Fridays - beginning at 6:00 pm. - until. Highlights of this event are the Goombay Dancers, Love Hill Troopers, Central Andros Old Timers and the Rake-N-Scrape Band.	Location – Queen’s Park, Fresh Creek, Central Andros.	Andros Tourist Office. 242.368.2286
13 th	Changing of The Guard	Historical Changing of the Guard Ceremony at Government House at 11:00 a.m.	Government House	Ministry of Tourism Dianne Clarke,

12 th – 14 th	Forbes Hill Homecoming	A weekend of activities for people of all ages. Thursday's Souse-Out kicks off the slate of events with DJ music, native dishes, and bush tea. At Friday and Saturday Fairs, there is, Fishin' on the rock, marble shooting, needle and thread and straw plaiting competitions, as well as hoopla, bouncing castle and sack races for the kids and a whole lot more. The event ends with a church service and beach picnic on Sunday.	Forbes Hill, Andros	Andros Tourist Office. 242.368.2286
DTA	Culinary Classic	Chefs from throughout The Bahamas compete in this Culinary Cook-off	Nassau	Ministry of Tourism DeAnne Gibson 242.326.9781
26 th	People to People Tea Party at Government House	A delightful hour of Tea at historical Government House. Free Admission	Government House	Ministry of Tourism Bernadette Bastian 242.356.0437
27 th	Changing of The Guard	Historical Changing of the Guard Ceremony at Government House at 11:00 a.m.	Government House	Ministry of Tourism Dianne Clarke, 242.356.6941
27 th	Eleuthera's Farmers Market & Craft Show	This event is held at the South Eleuthera Emergency Partners (SEEP) Tarpum Bay & showcase all that Eleuthera has to offer from the farm to local handmade arts, crafts and food.	Tarpum Bay, Eleuthera	Ian Carey 242.334.4630
September	Event	The Experience	Location	Contact
2 nd	All Andros & Berry Islands Goombay Festival	Fridays, beginning at 6:00 pm - until. Highlights of this event are the Goombay Dancers, Love Hill Troopers, Central Andros Old Timers and the Rake-N-Scrape Band.	Queen's Park, Fresh Creek, Central Andros.	Andros Tourist Office. 242.368.2286
2 nd , 9 th , 16 th , 23 rd , 30 th	Fish Fry at Anchor Bay	Every Friday night, the Governor's Harbour Development Association hosts a Fish Fry at Anchor Bay in Governor's Harbour. This event attracts both locals and tourists every week. The proceeds from this event go towards the Annual Homecoming and various projects within the community.	Governors Harbour, Eleuthera	Eleuthera Tourist Office, Governor's Harbour 242.332.2142
9 th , 16 th , 23 rd , 30 th	Crabfest Nights	Queen's Park is where the locals congregate every Friday night to dance and enjoy good old Bahamian food.	Queen's Park, Fresh Creek, Andros	Andros Tourism Office 242.368.2286
10 th	Changing of The Guard	Historical Changing of the Guard Ceremony at Government House at 11:00 a.m.	Government House Nassau	Ministry of Tourism Dianne Clarke, 242.356.6941

14 th	North Andros Seafood Splash & Chickcharnie Festival	A not to be missed event featuring the islands finest seafood and the mystical Chickcharnie.	Morgan's Bluff, Regatta Site, Nicholl's Town, Andros	Mr. Alphonso Smith 242.329.2336
24 th	Changing of The Guard	Historical Changing of the Guard Ceremony at Government House at 11:00 a.m.	Government House Nassau	Ministry of Tourism Dianne Clarke, 242.356.6941
24 th	Eleuthera's Farmers Market & Craft Show	This event is held at the South Eleuthera Emergency Partners (SEEP), Tarpum Bay and showcases all that Eleuthera has to offer from the farm to local handmade arts, crafts and food.	Tarpum Bay, Eleuthera	Ian Carey 242.334.4630
30 th	People to People Tea Party at Government House	A delightful hour of tea at historical Government House. Free Admission.	Government House Nassau	Ministry of Tourism Bernadette Bastian 242.356.0437
30 th & October 1 st	Abaco Open Water Swim Race	A 5k triangular racecourse, located in the waterway of Marsh Harbour. Bahamian world class swimmers, local swimmers and international swimmers are invited to swim for the gold or just for fun.	Marsh Harbour, Abaco	Abaco Tourist Office 242.367.3067
October	Event	The Experience	Location	Contact
1 st	Stride for Life Walk	Natives and Winter Residents participate in this event in support of cancer awareness. This event is sponsored by the Cancer Society – Eleuthera Branch. The walk starts at First Caribbean Bank, Governor's Harbour and ends at the Cancer Society Building, Palmetto Point	First Caribbean Bank, Governor's Harbour and ends at the Cancer Society Building, Palmetto Point	Mrs. Juanita Pinder: (242) 332-2984
1st-31st	Youth Month	Various activities throughout the month. Church service. Honouring The Youth of The Island - Youth Rally consisting of youth performances, dramas, musicals, dances, sermonettes, etc. Youth march, panel discussions, Walkathon, Youth Recognition Service – presentation of certificates, trophies and awards in various categories.	Crooked Island	Joshua Smith (Administrator) (242) 344-2197
7 th , 14 th , 21 st , 28 th	Crabfest Nights	Queen's Park is where the locals congregate every Friday night for dancing and to enjoy good old Bahamian food.	Queen's Park, Fresh Creek, Andros	Andros Tourism Office 242.368.2286
7 th , 14 th , 21 st , 28 th	Fish Fry at Anchor Bay	Every Friday night, the Governor's Harbour Development Association hosts a Fish Fry at Anchor Bay in Governor's	Governors Harbour, Eleuthera	Eleuthera Tourist Office, Governor's Harbour

		Harbour. This event attracts both locals and tourists every week. The proceeds from this event go towards the Annual Homecoming and various projects within the community.		242.332.2142
7 th – 9 th	Williams Town Homecoming	Williams Town is the last settlement on Little Exuma. This quaint settlement celebrates its homecoming during the Columbus Day festivities. There are lots of prizes and surprises and fun for the whole family.	Williams Town, Exuma	Ms. Renée Styles 242.345.4016.
7 th – 9 th	Mt. Thompson Homecoming	On Thursday and Friday there is a souse out, a cookout on Saturday and Monday and on Sunday the community worships at one of the churches. In the evenings, enjoy the concert and talent shows.	Mt. Thompson, Exuma	Ivan Rolle 242.358.7020
7 th – 9 th	Annual Back To Cat Island Festival	Takes place during Discovery Day Weekend. It showcases gospel concerts, a Junkanoo Rush Out and live performances by Bahamian recording artists.	Cat Island	Dwayne Adderley (President) (242) 342-2016
8 th – 12 th	Annual Discovery Day Festival Homecoming & Regatta	It is that time when San Salvadorians worldwide, come home to celebrate the Discovery Day Fest, which entails culture, gospel concerts, visiting and local artists with live musical bands and climaxes with a sailboat regatta of Bahamian sailing sloops. It is also to commemorate the first landfall of the great navigator Christopher Columbus, October 12, 1492. Renamed the Island of Guanahani to San Salvador, meaning Holy Saviour. Description given of the island is the shape of a lima bean, many bodies of water and a large lake in the centre and no mountains.	San Salvador	Terrance Major (Local Government Chief Counsel (242) 331-2901
8 th	Changing of The Guard	The historical Changing of the Guard Ceremony at Government House at 11:00 a.m.	Government House Nassau	Ministry of Tourism Dianne Clarke 242.356.6941
10 th	Annual McLean's Town Conch Cracking Festival	McLean's Town's annual homecoming event, featuring lots of conch-themed dishes, as well as competitions and live entertainment.	McLean's Town, Grand Bahama Island	Renamae Symonette Cestina Nixon 242.350.8617
12 th – 16 th	North Eleuthera Sailing Regatta	This is a major event within the islands. A, B, and C Class boats are invited for competition. The onshore activities include live band performances, cultural shows, native food and drinks and Bahamian music.	Harbour Island, Eleuthera	Ricky Mackey 242.333.2275 Harbour Island Tourist Office 242.333.2621.
12 th – 16 th	Wemyss Bight	This festival was designed to bring Bahamians and visitors to	Wemyss Bight,	James Young

12 th – 16 th	Wemyss Bight Homecoming Festival	This festival was designed to bring Bahamians and visitors to Wemyss Bight to celebrate and reminisce. The event is comprised of talent shows, food and drinks, live band performances and local craft.	Wemyss Bight, Eleuthera	James Young 242.334.0162
12 th	Discovery Day	A celebration of Christopher Columbus’ arrival in the “New World.”	The Bahamas	Ministry of Tourism 242.302.2000
14 th	Conch Festival	The highlight of the event is the conch-cracking contest	Mars Bay, South Andros	Mrs. Brown 242.369.5019
15 th & 16 th	International Cultural Festival	The International community of countries in The Bahamas showcase their cultural, food & music.	Botanical Gardens Nassau	Ministry of Tourism Janet Johnson 242.302. 2000
22 nd	International Cultural Festival	The International community of countries in The Bahamas showcase their culture, food & music.	Freeport Grand Bahama Island	Ministry of Tourism Janet Johnson 242. 302. 2000
22 nd	Changing of The Guard	Historical Changing of the Guard Ceremony at Government House at 11:00 a.m.	Government House Nassau	Ministry of Tourism Dianne Clarke - 356.6941
22 nd	Fishy Fest Hand Line Tournament	The Fest opens the winter season events. Prizes will be given for the most fish (1 st , 2 nd 3 rd prizes) and the largest fish (1 st prize) caught in the time limit of 6 hours. The entrance fee is only \$50.00 per boat. There is also a junior category. Hand line fishing only; no rods and reels allowed. At Fishy Fest, visitors, locals and business owners alike will get the opportunity to purchase fresh fish, fruits and vegetables at Regatta Park at a special rate for one day only. Food vendors will be on site to prepare every fish dish imaginable!	Exuma	Andros Tourist Office. 242.368.2286
28 th – 30 th	BahamArts	Art & Craft Show at Arawak Cay featuring Authentically Bahamian straw bags, baskets, conch shell items and more.	Arawak Cay Nassau	Ms. Lakeisha Thompson B.A.I.C. 242.322.3740
28 th	People to People Tea Party at Government House	A delightful hour of tea at historical Government House. Free Admission.	Government House Nassau	Ministry of Tourism Bernadette Bastian 242.356.0437
28 th – 30 th	Moss Town	The weekend is packed with exciting activities for adults and kids alike. There is the plaiting of the Maypole, a bouncing castle, hoopla and lots more games. Don’t forget to purchase	Moss Town, Exuma	Virginia Deveaux 242.345.0287

29 th	Wine & Art Festival			
29 th	Eleuthera's Farmers Market & Craft Show	This event is held at the South Eleuthera Emergency Partners (SEEP), Tarpum Bay and showcase all that Eleuthera has to offer from the farm to local handmade arts, craft and food.	Tarpum Bay, Eleuthera	Ian Carey 242.334.4630
November	Event	The Experience	Location	Contact
3 rd – 6 th	Governor's Harbour Homecoming Festival	This festival attracts local people and visitors for a fun filled weekend. Activities include Junkanoo, live band performances and games.	Governors Harbour, Eleuthera	Arthur Turnquest 242. 332.2748
3 rd – 26 th	Grand Bahama Artist Association Thanksgiving Exhibition	A showcase of locally produced artworks	Glory Banks Art Gallery, Rand Nature Centre, Grand Bahama	Glory Banks Art Gallery, Rand Nature Centre
4 th , 11 th , 18 th 25 th	Crabfest Nights	Queen's Park is where locals congregate every Friday night for dancing and to enjoy good old Bahamian food.	Queen's Park, Fresh Creek, Andros	Andros Tourism Office 242.368.2286
4 th , 11 th , 18 th , 25 th	Fish Fry at Anchor Bay	Every Friday night, the Governor's Harbour Development Association hosts a Fish Fry at Anchor Bay in Governor's Harbour. This event attracts both locals and tourists every week. The proceeds from this event go towards the Annual Homecoming and various projects within the community.	Governors Harbour, Eleuthera	Eleuthera Tourist Office, Governor's Harbour 242.332.2142
4 th	150th Anniversary of the City of Nassau	<i>A celebration in honor of the birthday of our capital city, sponsored by the Downtown Nassau Partnership.</i>	Nassau	Ministry of Tourism 242.302.20000
5 th	Annual Guy Fawkes & Bonfire Celebrations	Featuring the historical Guy Fawkes Competition, where judging of the Best Guy and Dancing of the Guy will be the highlight of the night. Also included in the celebrations are native food, drinks, music and a Junkanoo parade. Hosted by the Island Roots Heritage Festival Committee.	Green Turtle Cay, Abaco	Abaco Tourist Office 242.367.3067
5 th	Guy Fawkes Day	<i>Guy Fawkes Day, is a British holiday celebrated in England to commemorate the year 1605 when an attempt was made by Guy Fawkes to burn down Parliament. Being a part of the Commonwealth, San Salvadorians celebrate the occasion with an effigy of Guy Fawkes when he was paraded through the streets and towns of England and later burned. Each</i>	San Salvador	Clifford Fernander (Tourism Representative) (242) 429-5393

		settlement of San Salvador continues this tradition, culminating with an island wide party.		
5 th	Bahamas Air Sea Rescue Association	A fun-filled night of dancing and entertainment to support the efforts to assist in the rescue of boaters and pilots.	Old Fort Bay	BASRA 242.325.8864
5 th	Changing of The Guard	The historical Changing of the Guard Ceremony at Government House at 11:00 a.m.	Government House Nassau	Ministry of Tourism Dianne Clarke, 242.356.6941
12 th	Lovely Bay Association Homecoming	All day cook out, games, live entertainment, closing out with an old fashion church program.	Acklins	Randolph Deleveaux (President) (242) 392-4380
18 th – 20 th	Jollification	This annual weekend event heralds the beginning of Christmas season for many. Christmas arts and craft are offered for sale, there is a children’s area, foods from around the world and more.	The BNT Retreat, Village Rd., Nassau	Ministry of Tourism 242.302.2000
18 th & 19 th	Yuma Island Club Festival	The event brings together locals and visitors for a weekend of fun and activities such as, model boat racing, a treasure hunt, a health walk and educational seminars on Long Island’s history.	Deals Beach & Clarence Town, Long Island	Long Island Tourist Office 242.338.8668
19 th	Changing of The Guard	Historical Changing of the Guard Ceremony at Government House at 11:00 a.m.	Government House Nassau	Ministry of Tourism Dianne Clarke, 242.356.6941
19 th	Red Ribbon Ball	Annual fundraiser in the fight against HIV/AIDS.	Atlantis Resort, Nassau	Colina Insurance 242.396.200
20 th – 27 th	NCAA Women’s Annual Junkanoo Jam	Annual NCAA Women’s Basketball Tournament	St. Georges High School, Grand Bahama Island	Sean McShane ssmshane@yahoo.com Rosalyn Pinder rpinder@bahamas.com
23 rd – 27 th	Green Castle Homecoming	This event attracts family and friends for a weekend of celebrations, cultural activities, food, drinks, live band performances and games.	Green Castle, Eleuthera	Tony Butler 242.334.4281
25 th	12th Annual Arts & Craft Festival	The event features paintings, jewelry and craft from local and international artists. While viewing the fine and unique pieces on display, satisfy your pallet with fine wine, cheese and other gourmet items that are available for purchase.	Hope Town, Abaco	Hope Town Harbour Lodge 242.366.0095 .
25 th	People to People Tea	A delightful hour of tea at historical Government House.	Government House	Ministry of Tourism

	Party at Government House	Free Admission	Nassau	Bernadette Bastian 242.356.0437
25 th & 26 th	Harvest Fest & People to People	The festival features a People to People Reception and Fashion Show, Live Musical Entertainment, Junkanoo Performances Arts and Craft Show, Market Place for local Agricultural Produce & Marine Products, Bahamian Foods and Beverages Children Beach Activities and Competition.	Lighthouse Club & Marine, Andros Town	Ministry of Tourism 242.368.2286
26 th	Eleuthera's Farmers Market & Craft Show	This event is held at the South Eleuthera Emergency Partners (SEEP), Tarpum Bay and showcases all that Eleuthera has to offer from the farm to local handmade arts, craft and food.	Tarpum Bay, Eleuthera	Ian Carey 242.334.4630
26 th	Hope Town Big Hill Box Cart Derby	Box carts of all description are designed and constructed by local Elbow Cay contenders and other patrons, in time to participate in the annual 'Big Hill Box Cart' challenge and fun day. Participants can compete in the junior or senior category, which officially begins at 12 noon at the Hope Town race site. Proceeds go to youth sports development.	Hope Town, Abaco	Abaco Tourist Office, 242.367.3067
26 th	Arts and Crafts Exhibition	This annual event is sponsored by the Haynes Library, Governor's Harbour. Artists on Eleuthera display and sell their art and craft. Food and drinks are also on sale.	Governors Harbour, Eleuthera	Eleuthera Tourist Office 242.332.2142
TBA	Bahamas Humane Society Ball	An annual gala event in support of animals.	Hilton British Colonial	Bahamas Humane Society 242.323.5138
December	Event	The Experience	Location	Contact
1 st – 4 th	Mark Knowles Celebrity Tennis Invitational	Celebrity Tournament and Tennis clinic	Atlantis and National Tennis Centre, Nassau	Ministry of Tourism 242.302.2000
Dates Not Finalized	Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony	Island wide gathering, live entertainment by various groups, high school band, primary schools render selections, junkanoo rush out, speakers in the community, singing of carols, lighting of the tree, presentation of gifts, eats & drinks	Mayaguana	Earnel Brown (242) 339-3726
1 st – 6 th	Bahamas International Film Festival	Featuring International & Bahamian Filmmakers	December 1 st – 5 th	Leslie Vanderpool
2 nd	17th Annual Festival	An evening of wine and arts, featuring local artists of various	Rand Nature Center,	Betty Bethel

2 nd	17th Annual Festival Noel	An evening of wine and arts, featuring local artists of various mediums, and a varied selection of locally available wines.	Rand Nature Center, Grand Bahama Island	Betty Bethel 242.350.8617
2 nd – 4 th	Song Writer’s Festival	TBA	Nassau	Ministry of Tourism 242.302.2000
2 nd , 9 th , 16 th , 23 rd , 30 th	Fish Fry at Anchor Bay	Every Friday night, the Governor’s Harbour Development Association hosts a Fish Fry at Anchor Bay in Governor’s Harbour. This event attracts both locals and tourists every week. The proceeds from this event go towards the Annual Homecoming and various projects within the community.	Governors Harbour, Eleuthera	Eleuthera Tourist Office, Governor’s Harbour 242.332.2142
2 nd , 3 rd , 9 th , 10 th , 16 th , 17 th	Authentically Bahamian Christmas Craft Show	A display of Authentically Bahamian art, craft and souvenir items.	George Street Nassau	Ministry of Tourism 242.302.2000
2 nd , 9 th , 16 th , 23 rd , 30 th	Crabfest Nights	Queen’s Park is where the locals congregate every Friday night, dancing and enjoying good old Bahamian food.	Queen’s Park, Fresh Creek, Andros	Andros Tourism Office 242.368.2286
3 rd .	4th Annual North Abaco Christmas Celebration	The event consists of a variety of live entertainment, an assortment of native dishes, a Junkanoo rush out, arts & craft, games, free toys and an atmosphere that is guaranteed to put you in the Christmas spirit.	Abaco	Abaco Tourist Office, 242.367.3067
3 rd	Changing of The Guard	Historical Changing of the Guard Ceremony at Government House at 11:00 a.m.	Government House Nassau	Ministry of Tourism Dianne Clarke, 242.356.6941
3 rd	8th Annual Abaco Christmas Festival	The Ministry of Tourism, business and service clubs of the Abacos host the annual “Abaco Christmas Festival.” General activities are: a taste of Abaco’s finest cuisine, a visit with Santa and free “Toys and Games for all Tots;” Arts & Craft Bazaar, Choirs, Quartets, Soloists, Marching and Calypso Bands, Junkanoo Parades, all day Live Entertainment, concluding with the Marsh Harbour Christmas Boat Parade, and spectacular Fireworks.	Marsh Harbour, Abaco	Abaco Tourist Office, 242.367.3067
3 rd	A Night of Christmas Music	An evening for the entire family to enjoy featuring a live performance of various Christmas favorites.	Count Basie Square, Port Lucaya Marketplace, Grand Bahama Island	Karen Ferguson-Bain (242) 373-8446 kbain@gbpa.com
3 rd	Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony	Island wide gathering, live entertainment by various groups, high school band, primary schools render selections, junkanoo rush out, speakers in the community, singing of	Acklins	Yvette Williams (President) (242) 556-4770

6 th	National Tree Lighting Ceremony	An annual event held throughout the Bahamas. Island wide gathering, live entertainment by various groups, high school band, primary schools render selections, junkanoo rush out, speakers in the community, singing of carols, lighting of the tree, presentation of gifts, eats & drinks	Rawson Square, Nassau	Ministry of Culture 242.502.0600
8 th	Jr. Junkanoo	Local schools compete in this celebrated festival Junkanoo.	Downtown Nassau	Ministry of Tourism 242.302.2000
10 th	St. Nicholas in the Garden Arts & Craft Fair	A Holiday-inspired crafts fair held in one of the most picturesque controlled environments on Grand Bahama	The Garden of The Groves, Grand Bahama Island	Ivy Elden 242.374.778
14 th	Christmas Tree-lighting Ceremony	Christmas is a time for celebrating the birth of Jesus around the world and Exuma is no different. Residents and visitors gather in Regatta Park to sing carols and see performances by local groups. The grand finale is when Regatta Park is transformed with thousands of Christmas lights.	Regatta Park, George Town, Exuma	Mrs. Felicia Saunders Ministry of Youth, Sports & Culture 242.336.2390
15 th	Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony	Island wide gathering, live entertainment by various groups, high school bands, primary schools render selections, junkanoo rush out, speakers in the community, singing of carols, lighting of the tree, presentation of gifts, eats & drinks.	Rum Cay	Trevellyn Bain (Chief Counsellor) (242) 331-2818/331-2854
17 th	Changing of The Guard	The historical Changing of the Guard Ceremony at Government House at 11:00 a.m.	Government House Nassau	Ministry of Tourism Dianne Clarke, 242.356.6941
17 th	Festival of Lights Boat Parade	A flotilla of Boats dressed in a décor of lights sailing Nassau's Harbour.	Nassau Waterfront, Nassau Harbour	Ministry of Tourism 242.302.2052
18 th	Beat The Retreat	Royal Bahamas Police Force Christmas music performance ... Bahamian style, downtown Nassau.	Rawson Square Nassau	Ministry of Tourism 242.302.2000
22 nd	Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony	Island wide gathering, live entertainment by various groups, high school bands, primary schools render selections, junkanoo rush out, speakers in the community, singing of carols, lighting of the tree, presentation of gifts, eats & drinks.	Crooked Island	Kirkwood McKinney (Chief Counsellor) (242) 344-2415 Joshua Smith (Administrator) (242) 344-2197
24 th	Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony	Island wide gathering, live entertainment by various groups, high school band, primary schools render selections,	San Salvador	Terrance Major (Chief Counsel) (242) 331-2901

		junkanoo rush out, speakers in the community, singing of carols, lighting of the tree, presentation of gifts, eats & drinks.		Allen Butler (President) (242) 429-5393
26 th	Boxing Day Junkanoo	Held on Boxing Day, which is the first week day after Christmas (December 25), observed in parts of the British Commonwealth as a holiday. A spectacular Bahamian street festival with the sounds of goat skin drums, horns, whistles, cow bells, dancers and bright dazzling costumes. Food sale, Boil fish, boil chicken stew fish and conch, Johnny cake, coconut cake, other entertainment.	Downtown Nassau & throughout The Bahamas	Ministry of Culture 242.502.0600
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27 th	St. Peter's and St. Paul's Catholic Church Annual Bazaar	This fair raises funds to assist with the maintenance and building projects of the seven (7) Catholic Churches on the island. Native dishes, music, games and fun for the whole family are available.	The Big House Grounds, Clarence Town, Long Island	Long Island Tourist Office 242.338.8668
31 st	Sea Class Regatta	Residents and visitors in Exuma can participate in this Regatta as the crew will consist of half & half – locals and tourists. (Persons with a real interest in sailing).	Spaniel Cay, Exuma	Mr. David Hoher 242.355.2024
31 st	Changing of The Guard	Historical Changing of the Guard Ceremony at Government House at 11:00 a.m.	Government House Nassau	Ministry of Tourism Dianne Clarke, 242.356.6941
31 st	Stella Maris Resort	The dinner party is open to hotel guests and the public by	Stella Maris Resort,	Long Island Tourist

31 st	Stella Maris Resort New Year's Eve Dinner Party	The dinner party is open to hotel guests and the public by reservations only, due to limited seating. This is the party of the year! A live native band provides great entertainment and a buffet-style dinner is set to feast upon. There are prizes, limbo dancing and fireworks to take you into the New Year.	Stella Maris Resort, Stella Maris, Long Island	Long Island Tourist Office 242.338.8668
31 st	Eleuthera's Farmers Market & Craft Show	This event is held at the South Eleuthera Emergency Partners (SEEP), Tarpum Bay and showcases all that Eleuthera has to offer from the farm to local handmade arts, crafts and food.	Tarpum Bay, Eleuthera	Ian Carey 242.334.4630
TBA	4th Annual North Abaco Christmas Celebration	The event consists of a variety of live entertainment, an assortment of native dishes, a Junkanoo rush out, arts & craft, games, free toys and an atmosphere that is guaranteed to put you in the Christmas spirit.	Abaco	Abaco Tourist Office, 242.367.3067
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