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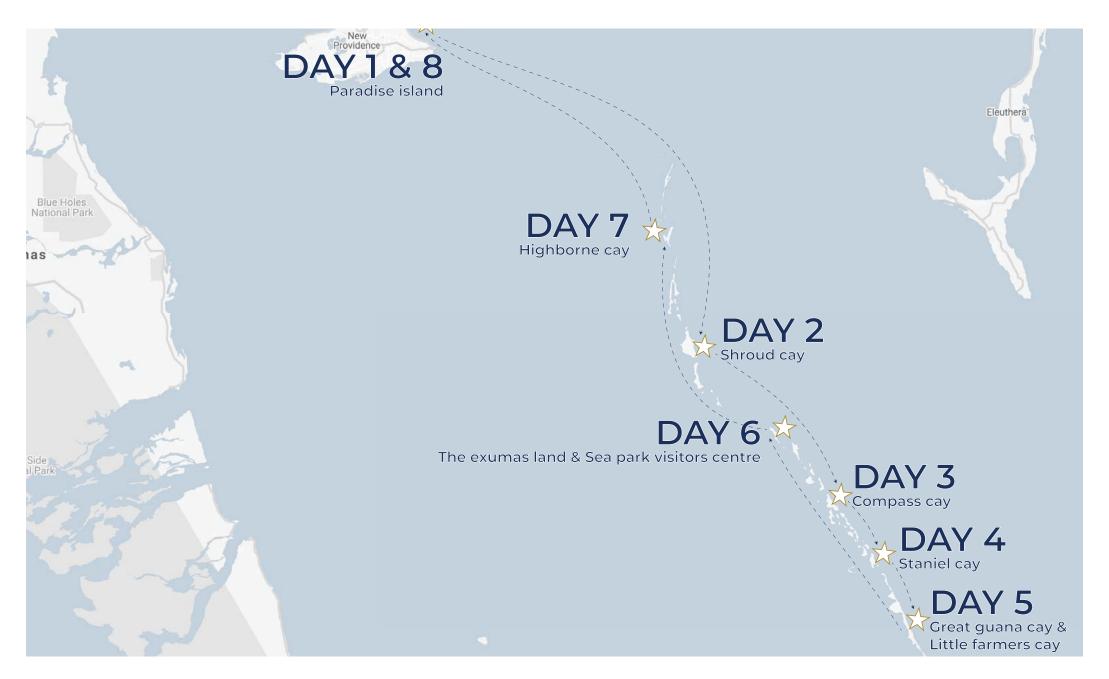
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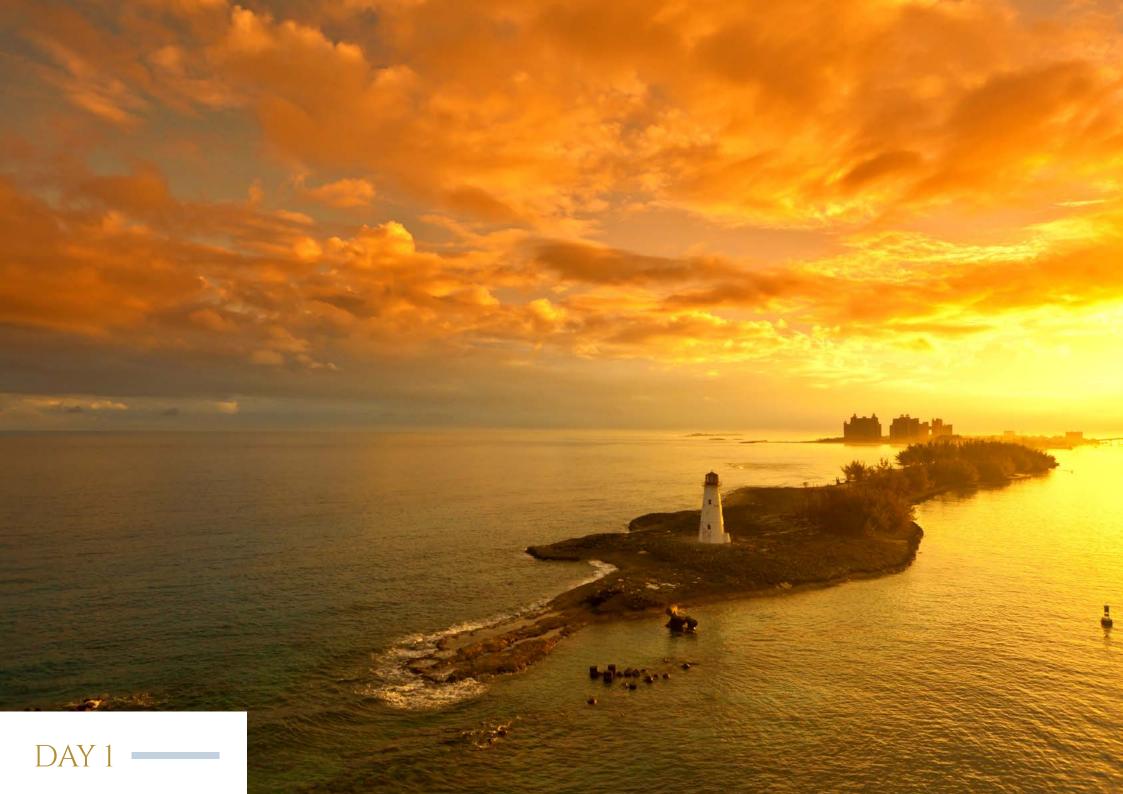
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DAY 1

Nassau – Paradise island - 18km







WELCOME TO PARADISE

Fly into Nassau airport where your driver will be waiting to take you to your charter yacht on Paradise Island. After settling in on board head to Atlantis where the kids can expend some energy after the flight in Aquaventure, the largest waterpark in the Caribbean. Visit the many different lagoons and marine habitats all over the resort and see everything from predator sharks and alligators to smiley dolphins and gentle turtles.

Take a private cabana to enjoy both pool and beach or maybe you would prefer to get in a round of golf? Smooth out the kinks from the trip in the Spa or stretch it out in the Fitness Centre. Try your luck in the Casino or check out the shopping opportunities in the Crystal Court or Marina Village.

Return to your yacht for your welcome cocktail party and decide which restaurant you wish to try out for dinner. Alternatively, the yacht can head for a quiet nearby cove where the crew will serve you a relaxing gourmet dinner under the stars



Atlantis, Paradise island – Shroud cay - 42NM

MANGROVES AND MARINE LIFE

Set off early for your morning cruise to your first port of call at Shroud Cay. Relax into your surroundings over a long lazy breakfast. Practise some yoga out on deck with the wonderful backdrop of clear turquoise water and let that city stress flow out.

Arrive at Shroud Cay and go snorkelling for a first taster of the underwater life while your crew set up your BBQ lunch on the beach. These waters are home to a huge variety of marine life for you discover with your mask and tuba. After lunch, spend a peaceful afternoon exploring the creeks and waterways through the mangroves by kayak - or to simply enjoy the beach.

Alternatively take the tender to nearby Norman's Cay for an unmissable dive on the wreck of an ex-World War II plane belonging to the infamous drug smuggler Pablo Escobar which crashed in 1980.

Stay at Norman's Cay for a relaxed dinner at Macduff's or choose to have a delicious dinner on board prepared and served by your dedicated yacht crew.

Put on your favourite playlist as background music to complete the scene.









Shroud cay – Compass cay - 23nm

SWIMMING WITH SHARKS

Your morning cruise will bring you to Compass Cay Marina, a naturally protected harbour and the focal point of this Cay. Explore the trail system all around the island to discover the thirteen different beaches on offer. Beachcomb on beautiful Crescent Beach to the east of the island or immerse yourselves in Rachel's Bubblebath – water flows into a lagoon through a narrow inlet, crashing over the lava rock and causing the 'bubblebath' effect. One of Compass Bay's main claims to fame are the friendly Nurse Sharks who have chosen to inhabit this spot. Have a swim with these gentle, passive creatures to impress your Instagram followers or spend the afternoon fishing – the chef will be happy to prepare a delicious dinner with your catch.

Take the tender to nearby Bells Cay to visit the Dundas Rock caves where you can snorkel through stalactite and stalagmite formations or simply relax on the beach, dipping in and out of the limpid blue water when the sun becomes too warm.

At cocktail hour, take a short tender ride to Hill House Restaurant at Fowl Cay Resort for a wonderful dining experience









Compass quay – Staniel cay - 23nm

TAKE THE PLUNGE WITH THE SWIMMING PIGS

Have a refreshing morning swim before you move on to the next stop – Big Major Cay. Here, at the famous Pig Beach, you will be greeted by the wild pigs who inhabit this otherwise deserted island. No-one really knows how these pigs got here – whether they swam

ashore from a shipwreck or whether someone put them there deliberately – but they are very friendly. Spend some time swimming with them – making sure you get a few selfies with the prettiest ones – before the yacht ups anchor and moves on to Staniel Cay.

James Bond fans will enjoy snorkelling in the cave at Thunderball Grotto which featured in the film of the same name starring Sean Connery. The yacht will moor at Staniel Cay Yacht Club where you can choose your afternoon's activities; fisherman may like to try their hand at bonefishing or you could simply admire the fish from afar in your mask and snorkel.

Gather together in the Yacht Club bar for martini cocktails – shaken, not stirred - before swapping stories over dinner at the Sea Level restaurant.







Staniel cay – Great guana cay and Little farmers cay - 15nm





WATERSPORTS INDULGENCE

Continuing in a southerly direction, the yacht will make a very short cruise to a stop at Bitter Guana Cay where you can meet the Bahamian Rock Iguanas. They are listed as a highly endangered species and are protected under the Wild Animals Protection Act. The next stop will be just next door at Blackpoint at the northern end of Great Guana Cay. Have some lunch at Emerald Sunset View restaurant – a very popular hangout, especially during regattas with its perfect viewing point. The afternoon will be dedicated to watersports: the crew will launch all the toys and you can indulge in total immersion.

Take the kayaks to explore the shoreline; take the jetskis for a spin or test your waterskiing skills. Take the children paddleboarding or simply laze in the shallows at the edge of the beach.

At the end of the afternoon have a snooze while the crew stow all the watersports gear before the yacht cruises to Little Farmers Cay Marina. Head ashore to enjoy cocktails whilst watching the sun go down and stay to enjoy a Bahamian feast of lobster, conch, Mahi Mahi and more.



DAY 6

Little farmers cay – Wardrick wells & The exumas land & Sea park visitors centre - 30nm

WHALE TRAIL

An early start will see the yacht heading north for a morning cruise to the Exumas Land and Sea Park at Wardrick Wells. The park was established in 1958 and covering 176 square miles it was one of the first such parks worldwide. Have a lazy breakfast with your cameras

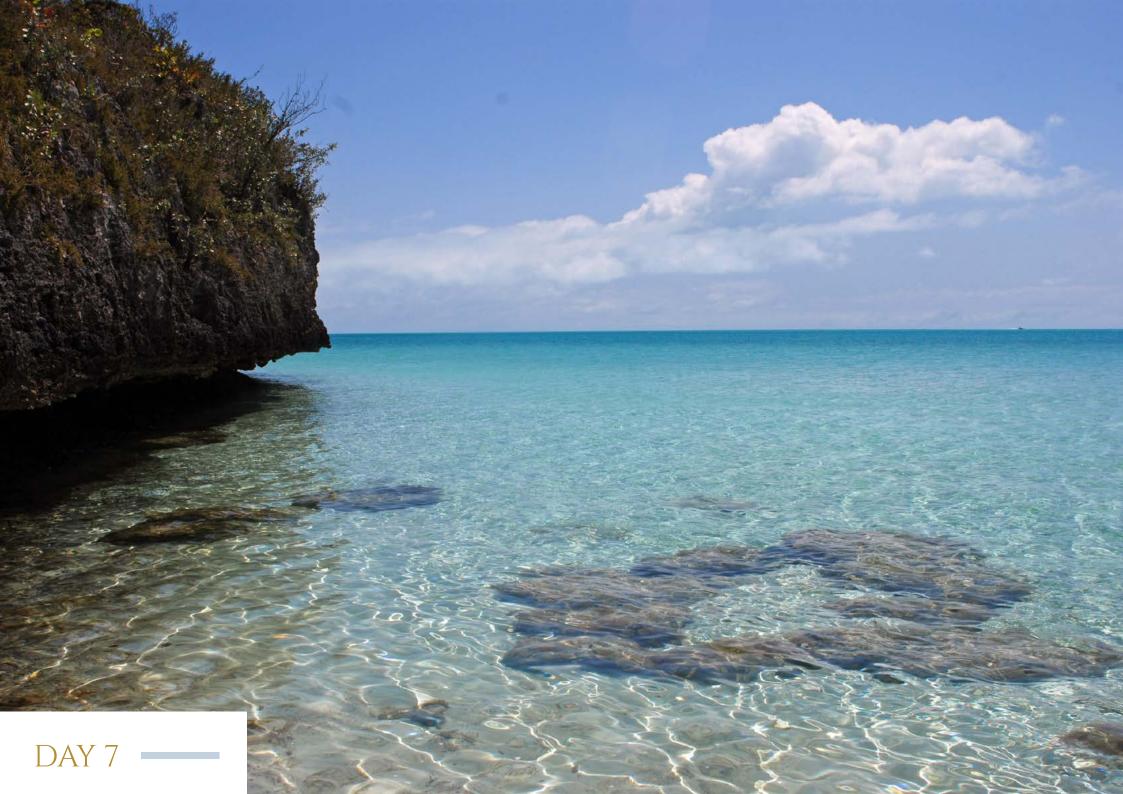
at standby to catch any passing wildlife. Stretch it out with a pilates session on the sundeck. On arrival at the Visitor Centre, meet your guide who will be showing you around the various trails and explaining the history and the work they do helping to preserve this natural sanctuary.

See the skeleton of a 53ft whale on one of the many beaches. Have a late picnic lunch on the beach. After lunch, explore at will; choose to snorkel or dive in the pristine waters and admire the healthy marine life.

Follow in tradition by writing your charter yacht's name on a piece of driftwood and leaving it atop Boo Boo Hill. Take the kayaks to explore the coves and bays. Enjoy cocktails and a delicious dinner on board this evening followed by movie night on the top deck.







Wardrick wells – Highborne cay - 22nm







PLAY, RELAX, REPEAT

Today's cruise continues the northerly trajectory, slowly taking you back towards Nassau but you can enjoy your last day at Highborne Cay, taking advantage of the relaxed pace of life. Your crew will get busy setting up a beach picnic for your lunch while you take your first swim of the day.

After lunch, make sure that all the boxes on your holiday wish list have been ticked. Kayak around the coastline, go snorkelling with the

kids, play beach volley ball together, head out for some deep sea fishing in the depths of the Exuma Sound, or hike around the island. Alternatively, you can do what it says on your holiday tin and simply relax: finish that book you picked up at the airport, work on your tan, catch up with your Instagram posts or go old school and send some last minute postcards.

Gather together for your farewell cocktail party organised by your crew with concoctions straight out of the Tommy Bahama Cocktails book before heading ashore for a final celebratory dinner at Xuma's restaurant in the marina. Enjoy digestifs under the stars before being rocked to sleep on board for one last night.





Highbourne cay - Atlantis, Paradise island - 33nm

DISEMBARK

An early morning cruise will bring you back full circle to the Marina at Atlantis, Paradise Island. Do some last minute souvenir shopping here or take a look around Nassau – maybe do your shopping in Bay Street before heading to the airport for your flight home.



Please note that this is a suggested itinerary only and can be adapted as required and dependent upon your arrival and departure schedules. Some of the suggested stops in this itinerary may require reservations to be made in advance and will incur further costs.

COVID 19 rules in terms of testing etc vary for each island may affect the accessibility to some restaurants, bars and attractions.

Any itinerary is subject to change due to vagaries of weather, sea conditions, changes in local rules and regulations. The use of motorised watersports is also governed by local regulations – your Captain will advise you of the rules for each location.

The Captain will have the final say, as per their obligations to run a safe vessel for all concerned.

