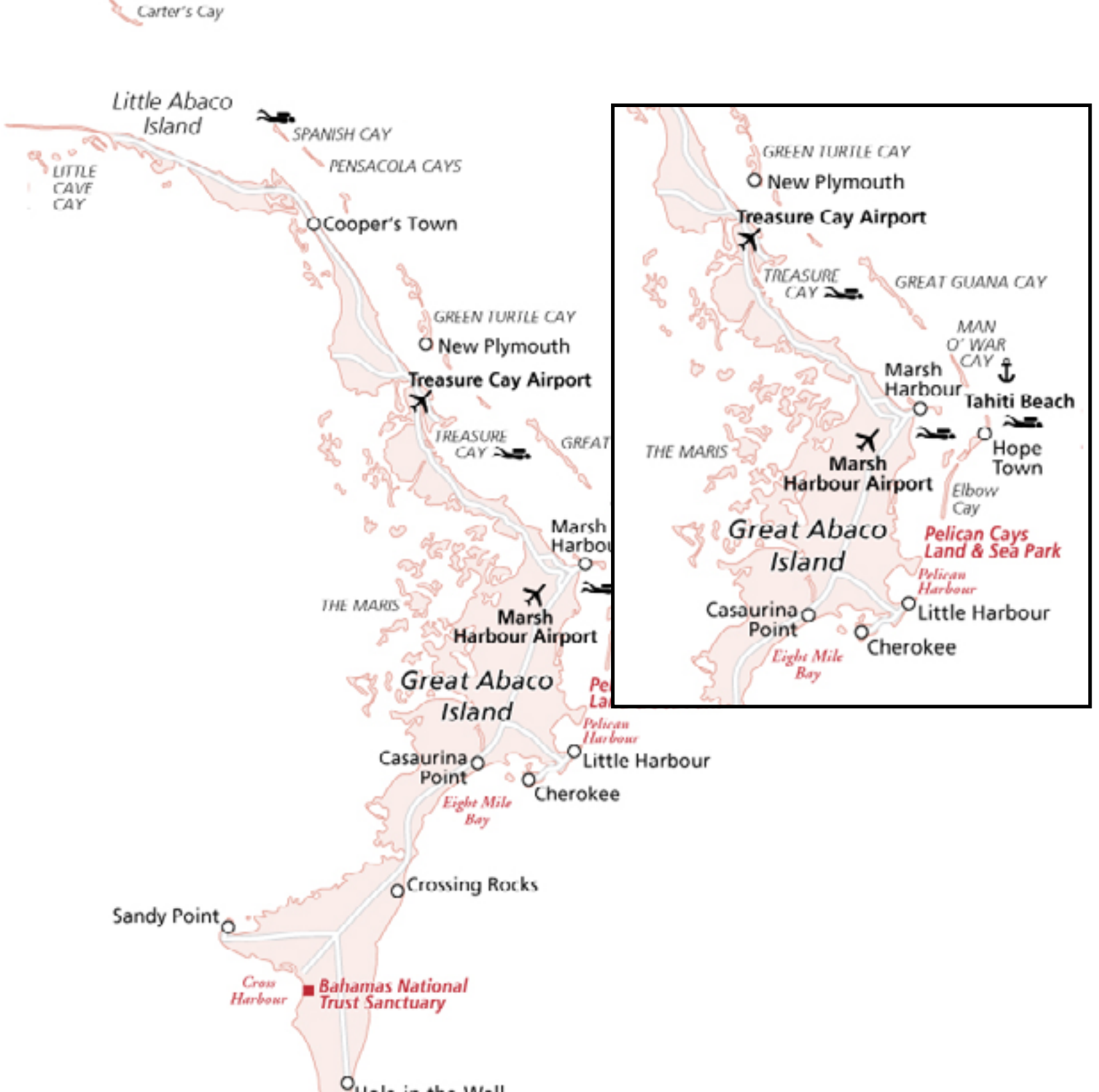


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## *“The Sailing Capital of the World”*

The Bahamas is more than just another destination; it's a state of mind. It's where the real world blurs into nirvana; much in the same way the island chain's bright skies and lucid oceans dissolve the horizon into a single shade of azure. While there's ample entertainment in the Bahamas third largest city, Marsh Harbor – a commercial hub which features marinas, grocery stores, gift shops, liquor stores, auto rental agency, and tradesman – the real fun lies in exploring the other islands scattered throughout the Bahamas 5,358 mi<sup>2</sup> (13,940 km<sup>2</sup>) breadth.

After arriving at Marsh Harbor Airport to meet your captain and the warm, smiling faces of locals, ground transportation will whisk you away to become acquainted with your yacht and the crew that will guide you on your one of a kind voyage.

Once guests have settled in, your yacht will set sail for the Abacos, a chain of islands with a seemingly endless supply of white sand beaches that melt into warm, translucent waters. You will spend the rest of your adventure navigating “The Sailing Capital of the World,” snorkeling rich, vibrant reefs, trolling for wahoo, sailfish, or grouper (depending on the season), discovering the local culture, and so much more. Spend each day basking in soul cleansing sunshine with your toes in the sand; your evenings on deck with the backdrop of a breathtaking sunset; and wake up to find yourself on a new beach to do it all again.

It really is better in the Bahamas...



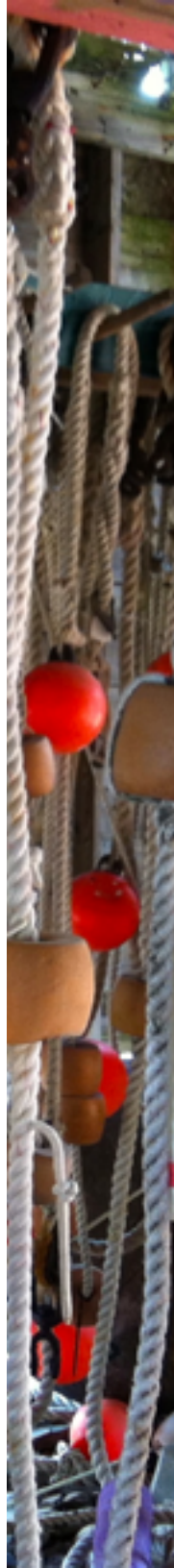
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## *Elbow Cay and Hope Town*

Elbow Cay is a short trip from Great Abaco Island. Once you dock, you'll be introduced to the charming, quaint village of Hope Town. This is one of the most photographed areas of the Bahamas and is home of the famous kerosene fired, mechanically wound, Red and White Striped Lighthouse. The only proper way to get around town, apart from boat, is by renting a golf cart. From there, you can step back in history by visiting a local museum, such as Wyannie Malone Historical Museum (November-August) or Hummingbird Cottage Art Centre (seasonal). If you prefer to explore the present, there are plenty of small restaurants, shops, and local characters – including Vernon, who moonlights as Hope Town's justice of the peace and minister – to become acquainted with and adore. Hope Town: a small town lost in the middle of turquoise oceans and covered in powdery, white beaches.

## *Man O' War*

Man-O-War is a sleepy, but prosperous and well-maintained settlement. Located between Man-O-War Cay and Dickie's Cay, this town has an incredibly vibrant history. In fact, most residents are able to trace their ancestry back to the original settlers. The Alburys, famous for its Bahamian smack boats, follows its roots and continues the tradition of building both small dinghies and larger vessels. This is another area where golf carts are the main mode of transportation. In fact, cars are banned, along with alcohol (so be sure to pack your own!) Man-O-War also offers a special treat for divers. In 1862, the USS Adirondack wrecked on the reef just northeast of the town, which is a popular tour with most local dive shops.



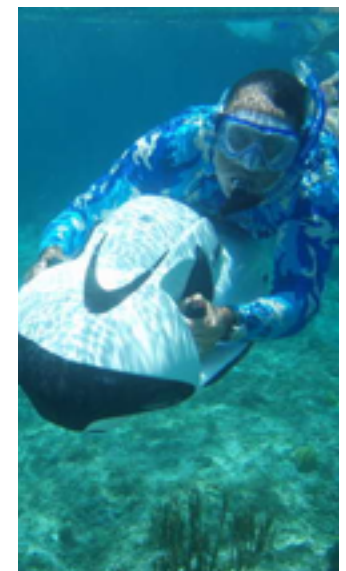
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## *Great Guana Cay*

Great Guana Cay is considered a true treasure. Its 5.5 mi (8.8 km) coast is lined with gorgeous reefs that are world renowned as the most beautiful in all the area. Your captain can arrange a diving exhibition with one of the local dive shops, which will escort you to the best underwater sights in the Abacos. On mainland, you can take a golf cart to visit local favorites, such as Nippers Bar or Orchid Bay Resort & Marina. Great Guana Cay is a place that fulfills every desire or whim. Will you play adventurer? Unwind on the beach? Or drink with the locals? The choice is yours!

## *Green Turtle Cay and New Plymouth*

If you make your way around Whale Cay and up the Sea of Abaco, you will find yourself entering the enchanting Green Turtle Cay. Like the rest of the Abacos, golf carts are the only proper way to make your way around. Once you've gone ashore, it is recommended that guests find travel to the delightful village of New Plymouth. Get lost in a town that is considered to be living history (it reminds many of New England) and explore its time as a settlement at the Albert Lowe Museum. A short distance from the poolrooms at The Green Turtle Club, you will find Coco Bay Beach, which has shallow, clear waters that are perfect for wading and relaxing.



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## *Treasure Cay*

No trip to the Abacos is complete without stopping by Treasure Cay. Listed in National Geographic's Top 10 beaches in the World, this cay requires two days to fully appreciate. There are boundless silky beaches that are stocked with marlin, tuna, and barracuda (depending on the season) for the avid fisherman or woman. But beaches aren't the only bodies of water to explore on Treasure Cay. Not far from the Green Turtle Ferry dock, you will find the island's blue holes, which are water-filled caves that plunge up to 200 ft (60 m) down. There are also two resorts to visit: the larger Treasure Cay Resort and Marina, and the more upscale Bahama Beach Club. Treasure Cay is its own special retreat hidden within your holiday to paradise.

