

THE LURE TAKE THE LEAD

For first-timers and expert casters, The Bahamas is an unparalleled fishing destination. The surrounding waters are bountiful, stocked with everything, from prized marlin to elusive bonefish, and 16 islands offer countless experiences.





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FISHING FOR VARIETY

The waters of The Bahamas are an unbeatable destination for all types of anglers. Whether you prefer the quiet stalking required to catch a bonefish, the thrill of a sweatbreaking fight against a billfish, or the laid-back casting of reef fishing, you'll find plenty of opportunity to make a catch.



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Reef fishing, also known as bottom fishing in The Bahamas, is the perfect way for the family to enjoy a day on the water—and with luck, their freshest seafood meal in The Bahamas.



The Bahamas has the most renowned fishing flats in the world—miles and miles of shallows along shorelines and amongst mangroves—and record resident bonefish populations. From north to south, you'll find dedicated bonefish lodges and licenced fly fishing guides.





IN EXPERT HANDS

Throughout the 16 islands of The Bahamas, local fishing guides love nothing more than to show travellers the best spots to catch that record fish. Arrange your fishing excursion with an experienced guide through your hotel or marina.





The Bahamas attracts fishermen from all over the world throughout the year. And with the wide variety of fish in our waters, there's a packed calendar of tournaments and events welcoming both aspiring and accomplished anglers.

Click to view Fishing Tournament Dates





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FISHING CHART

Use the gamefish chart below to see the best times to fish in The Islands of The Bahamas.













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BARACUDA	M		×	M	MD			M	×	X		M
BLACKFIN TUNA												
BLUEFIN TUNA	\approx	\approx	\approx			×	\approx	\otimes	\approx	∞	∞	\approx
BLUE MARLIN							M			×	×	×
BONEFISH	>		M	M		>	>					
BROADBILL SWORDFISH	>	\approx	\approx								∞	\approx
DOLPHIN			M		×						×	
KINGFISH						×						
SAILFISH	×		M		MD	M		X		\approx	\approx	
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OCEANIC BONITO	\approx	\approx			X		X			∞	∞	\approx
PERMIT												×
TARPON	\approx	\approx	\approx		ND	×				∞	\approx	\otimes
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WHITE MARLIN	×	×		M	×	>	\approx		\approx	∞	\approx	





FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



How much fish am I allowed to catch?

The regulations specify the amount of fish and fishery products that can be aboard a licenced foreign sportfishing vessel at any time. The bag limits are:

- 18 pelagic fish (Any combination of Dolphin, Wahoo, Kingfish or Tuna)
- 10 lobsters (when in season)
- 6 conchs
- 60 pounds or up to 20 demersal fish such as snappers and groupers, whichever is the lesser.



I am a permanent resident of The Bahamas, are the rules different for me?

You still need to obtain a sportfishing permit to use any foreign owned vessel for fishing. The catch limits that apply to visitors, however, do not apply to permanent residents. As is the case for a Bahamian citizen, your catch cannot exceed 250 pounds. Doing so will put you in the commercial fishing category.



Do I need a permit to fish in The Bahamas?

Yes, anyone who is not a citizen of The Bahamas will need a fishing permit if they plan to fish from a foreign-owned vessel. In addition, those over the age of 12 are required to have a permit to fly fish in The Bahamas. Only Bahamian-registered vessels are allowed on the flats. Our new online portals make it fast and easy to apply and pay for your fishing permit in advance of your arrival.

Bahamas.com/fishing-permit
Bahamas.com/boating-permit

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A HELPING HAND IN PLANNING

Established tour operators will help craft your ideal Bahamas getaway, from coordinating boat rentals and local guides, to an itinerary of topside activities crafted to your interests.

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BOATING FLINGS

Think of Boating Flings as the Bahamian equivalent of a summer road trip.

The caravan of participating boaters trails a lead boat, and a sweep at the rear of the flotilla ensures that no one gets left behind.

Bahamas.com/boating





FIND A MARINA

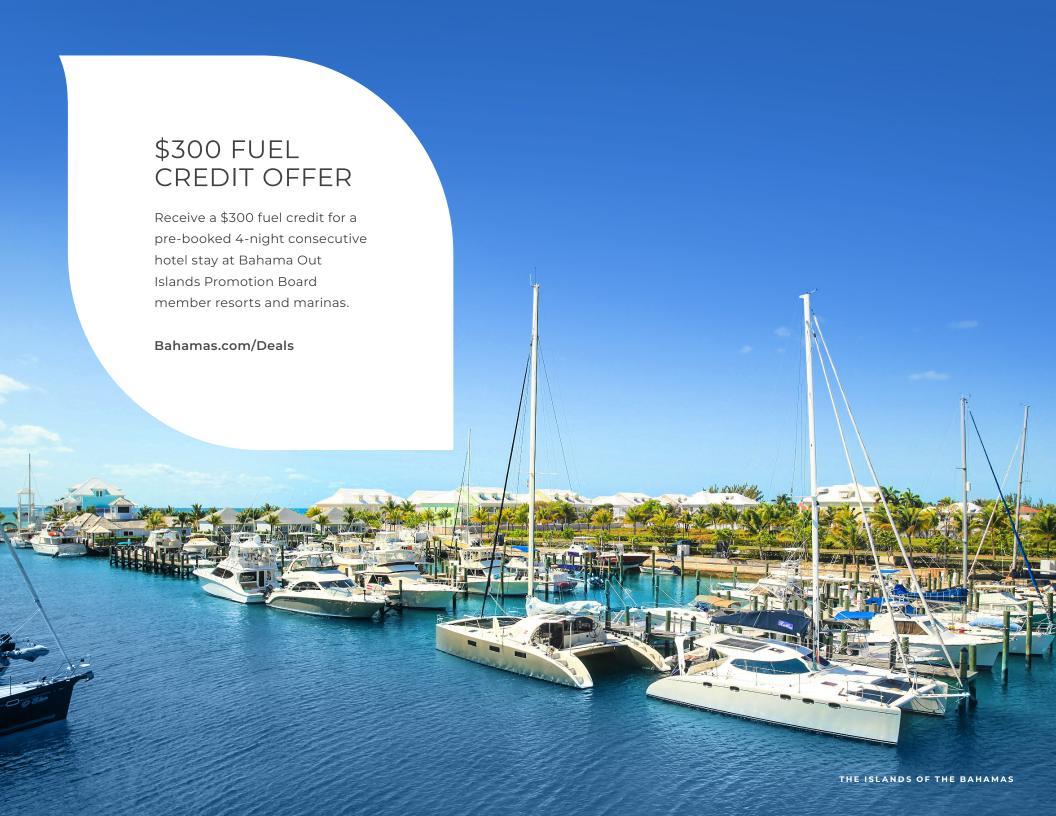
Throughout The Bahamas, you'll find well-equipped marinas with all the boating and docking essentials for boats of all sizes and stays of any length.

Bahamas.com/Marinas

FIND A FISHING LODGE

Serious fishermen know that a good fishing lodge is as essential as good bait. The best lodges are purpose-built for fishing and will arrange your certified fly fishing guide.

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