

CALVERT CATAMARAN CHARTERS | ITINERARY #1

EXUMA: GEORGE TOWN TO GEORGE TOWN | 7-DAY



This is the most popular 7 day trip as flying into and out of George Town, Exuma is the easiest with several direct flights from the US and Canada.

Day 1

Our 46 ft Leopard catamaran Destiny III will be ready to board at the Exuma Yacht Club docks. Once on board, after the safety orientation, enjoy a welcome cocktail and settle into your comfortable cabins. We will move the yacht across Elizabeth Harbor to a beautiful beach on Stocking Island. We can go for a snorkel in The Mystery Cave, a blue hole inside of Stocking Island.

In the 1970s, the marine biologist and tv personality Jacques Cousteau filmed a dive into the hole traveling inside for about 1,700 feet. In fact, he released red vegetable dye during an outgoing tide to look for an exit point. Apparently, the cave drops down about 70 feet from the surface and then runs under Stocking Island and out to the ocean more than a mile away!

There are several paths across Stocking Is to the ocean beach, one of the most beautiful in the Bahamas! There you can body surf, or beach comb for shells. The Chat n Chill beach bar is a must for Happy Hour.

The first evening, you will dine outside, under the stars, with the chef's selection.

Day 2

Have a leisurely breakfast with a view of the turquoise waters of Elizabeth Harbor before setting sail for the northern Exuma Cays.

While sailing in Exuma Sound, the 20 miles to the first destination, troll for offshore fish and help sail the catamaran. Or, simply relax and let the captain and crew run the boat and fish. First stop will be Rat Cay Cut. Once inside, there is a beautiful beach on the west side of Rat Cay. Swim off the beach, or snorkel the coral reefs between Rat Cay and Childrens Bay Cay. This is a nice calm area for the paddle boards as well. Before sunset the captain will move Destiny II the 3 miles north to the twin beaches off Lee Stocking Island for a calm scenic anchorage for the night. Don't miss the paths across the island from each of these beaches after breakfast the next morning.

Day 3

Set sail for Staniel Cay, This is a charming, colorful small island settlement well worth a walk around. Close to where the boat will anchor is Thunderball Grotto, an amazing underwater cave where you will see multitudes of colorful fish inside. There is a hole in the ceiling to let the sun shine in for light. The cave, and surrounding area is protected so, you will see untouched coral, sea fans and fish.

Of course, the other "must see" are the swimming pigs, just around the corner at Big Majors Spot. They are the original swimming pigs that help make this area so famous.

We suggest making early dinner reservations at the Staniel Cay Yacht Club to experience this landmark island bar and restaurant. The food is great and if arriving early enough, watch the fishermen feed the sharks with scraps from their catch of the day.

Day 4

Sail north to Compass Cay to experience Rachel's Bubble Bath. This is a natural Jacuzzi where waves crash over the narrow rocky strip separating the ocean from this pool in the sand. The walk there is along a sandy creek from the banks side.

Dinghy to Rocky Dundas and dive the two underwater caves there where it is rumored the movie Splash was filmed. Anchor here for the night or, return to Staniel Cay.

Day 5

Sail south to visit Little Farmers Cay, stopping at a beach off Great Guana Cay for lunch. Little Farmers is a quaint, charming, settlement with about 60 residents. Walk to visit JR, the wood carver, to see his latest creations, have drinks, or dinner at Terry and Ernestine's Ocean Cabin on the top of the hill. If the tide is up, you can feed trained turtles in the town harbor with Dion, "the turtle whisperer".

On the west beach of the island is Ty's Sunset Bar. Weather permitting, this is a fun place to anchor and come for a cocktail.

Day 6

Travel inside the Exuma Cays south passing by Musha Cay, a high end all manicured island resort for the rich and famous! Next to this is Rudder Cut Cay. Both are owned by the magician David Copperfield. David commissioned a sculptor, Jason DeCaires Taylor, to make a stainless-steel Grand piano with Mermaid underwater in about 12 ft of water. Have a photo taken while you sit on the piano bench with the mermaid admiring you!

Exit at Rudder Cut and come back inside the cays at Adderly Cut, 8 miles to the south. Here you can visit Leaf Cay where there is a pretty beach full of wild iguanas. Close to here are numerous coral heads for snorkeling.

Day 7

Enjoy a morning breakfast and some swimming or beach combing before sailing out of Adderly Cut or Rat Cay Cut for the 20-mile sail to George Town. Have one last visit of the wind-swept ocean beaches or Chat n Chill before another tasty dinner at anchor.