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## 6 Reasons Why You Need to Visit the Exumas Right Now

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### They're So Easy To Get To

Great Exuma airport (GGT) is less than an hour's flying time from Fort Lauderdale or Miami; and only 30 minutes from Nassau, which has direct service from numerous US gateways. Leave now and you'll be there by lunchtime.



### The Weather

Today it's 54 degrees in Los Angeles; 11 in New York; and -4 in Chicago. Current temperature in the Bahamas: 76. 'Nuff said.

**Rules For United States Travel to Cuba:** Following this months' historic thawing of relations between Cuba and the United States, the US government has announced a series of changes.

➤ **US Vice President Joe Biden to Host Caribbean Energy Security Summit :** United States Vice President Joe Biden will be hosting the first-ever Caribbean Energy Security Summit later this month.

➤ **How Richard Branson Saved a Sailing Legend's Caribbean Honeymoon:** Sir Ben Ainslie, one of the world's greatest sailors was sailing past Sir Richard Branson's Necker Island in the British Virgin Islands.

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They don't call it "Bahama Blue" for nothing. The sea surrounding the Bahamas is crystal clear and almost impossibly blue – and the Exumas' waters are arguably the best example of that.

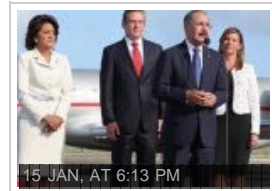


### The Swimming Pigs

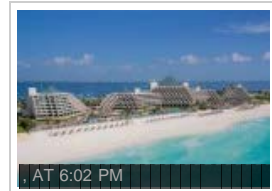
Pigs may not fly but in the Bahamas they swim. Take Exuma Water Sports' half-day Ocean Safari tour to discover the mystery of the swimming swine and paddle with the porkers yourself, like these.



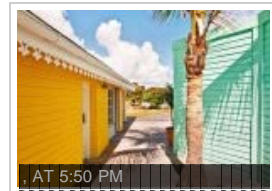
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### **Chat 'n Chill**

The Sunday pig roast is what brings most visitors to this Stocking Island restaurant and bar. But we think their amazing conch salad – ruby-red locally grown tomatoes and orange juice – is reason enough to make the five-minute boat ride from Great Exuma.



### **Grand Isle Resort & Spa**

One of our favorite resorts in the Exumas, Grand Isle offers 78 plush townhouses, most with a stunning view of the jaw-dropping expanse of blue. And right now, if you



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