

## THE BAHAMAS' SERENE SECRET

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The island of Eleuthera, just 50 miles east of Nassau, is lesser known in the Bahamas—and its fans are happy for it to stay that way. Only a mile wide, this slender, unspoiled island faces the Atlantic Ocean to the east and the Caribbean Sea to the west. That combination offers islandgoers the best of both worlds: dramatic, rocky coastline with crashing waves on the Atlantic; crystalclear calm waters and white sand beaches on the Caribbean.

Nestled on the Caribbean side is The Cove Eleuthera, a resort that feels like its own private island. It's the type of under-theradar place that celebrities love. (Lenny Kravitz lives just down the road.) But there's no pretension here. The Cove is an extension of the low-key Eleuthera lifestyle, centered on rugged natural beauty. Sure, there are plenty of activities and watersports. (Turn to page 20 to see our recommendations.) Still, says resort Managing Director Carlton Russell, many guests hardly leave their beach chairs. That speaks to the peace and relaxation found here. Close out each day at The Point Bar, a cliffside spot made for cocktails and catching sunsets, which never cease to amaze. Listen to live music with a rum cocktail in hand and you'll agree: A low-profile life is the way to go. Rates at The Cove start at \$650; thecoveeleuthera.com.

Oceanfront rooms are housed in small bungalows facing the beach, with raised decks for morning coffee or sunset cocktails. Hammocks scattered throughout the property make for perfect napping spots.



Clockwise from left: turquoise waters of the Bahamas surrounding The Cove; one of two private beaches offering ultimate seclusion; an oceanfront room, where the king bed faces the water so you always wake up to a stunning view





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### ELEUTHERA INSIDER

Explore the rugged beauty of the island with these can't-miss spots.

#### SAPPHIRE BLUE HOLE

Walk down a path and you'll find a stunning natural saltwater pool—actually a tiny lake—with beautiful blue water (right). The only way in? A 30-foot jump!

#### QUEEN'S BATH

Sunken craters create shallow pools you can hike or lounge in—with dramatic ocean views.

#### **GLASS WINDOW BRIDGE**

A narrow road separates the turquoise Caribbean Sea on one side and the dark navy Atlantic Ocean on the other.









