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## 10 Pax Nassau-Nassau



Please see below the itinerary that I have created for your trip with us onboard Motor Yacht Antares. This is a working document and I would appreciate any feedback that you may have with regards to activities or any specific sights that you would like to see while you are with us. Please do note that destinations and activities may change due to weather conditions.

I look forward to having you onboard with us.



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**Sunrise: 06:20 AM Sunset: 17h30 PM**

## **Day 1.) Paradise Island - Highbourne Cay 40 NM (+ - 4 hours)**

Arrive into Nassau Lynden Pindling International Airport (NAS) where you will be greeted by your Captain and escorted to 'Antares'. Her crew will be awaiting your arrival with refreshments and hors d'oeuvres. After a guided tour and safety briefing you will get settled in onboard. We will then set a course for our first stop on your Bahamas getaway, Highbourne Cay. Prepare your taste buds for your first meal onboard prepared by our fantastic Chef, whilst cruising over the pristine yellow banks. Arrive in time for cocktails on the Jacuzzi deck or a swim these pristine waters that will be your home for the next 7 days.



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## **Day 2.) Highbourne Cay - Shroud Cay 16 NM (+ - 2.5 hours)**

An early morning fishing excursion with the 34ft Yellowfin tender for the keen fisherman to target some Wahoo, Mahi Mahi and Tuna off the eastern side of Highbourne Cay or try your hand at some bottom fishing on the well known reefs, returning to the yacht for breakfast. This will be a day for introducing yourselves to the local resident iguanas on Allen's Cay and exploring the surrounding islands and beaches on the 34ft Yellowfin tender. An afternoon snorkel at Octopus Garden before heading back to the yacht for lunch. Drinks and light snacks will be provided on the tender for all excursions. Enjoy a leisurely afternoon cruise south to Shroud Cay where we will spend the night at anchor.

## **Day 3.) Shroud Cay**

This will be your first of many days spent in the beautiful Exuma National Park. Enjoy another early morning fishing excursion with the yellowfin tender on the Eastern side of Normans Cay to target some big game fish or target many of the bottom fish. After a hearty breakfast you will have the opportunity to explore the famous Norman's Cay where a sunken C46 aircraft used for drug running still lies and offers an array of beautiful snorkeling; or perhaps an attempt to snare a lobster or two from the various coral heads. Return to the yacht for lunch.



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Enjoy the famous Mangrove run on the flooding tide in the afternoon. Shroud Cay has a mangrove creek that runs through the middle of the island. Kayak or paddle board and follow the meandering creek through the island to the Atlantic side. At the end of the run, you can climb the hill at Camp Driftwood. The view from the top of the hill is spectacular, this is where the D.E.A. set up their cameras and spied on Normans Island during the drug days. There is a beautiful secluded beach here to enjoy a great swim. Return to the yacht for a well deserved gourmet dinner. Spend the night anchored under the stars in this paradise.

## **Exuma Land and Sea Park.**

The Exuma National park is part of the Bahamas National Trust and includes 176 square miles of virgin waters in which all living creatures are protected, fish here are not only abundant but also curious and provide endless snorkeling excitement. The Exuma Cays Land and Sea Park is the first of its kind in the world, famous for its impeccable beauty, outstanding anchorages and breathtaking marine environment. Under its transparent turquoise waters are beautiful natural gardens of coral teeming with fish and lobster.

In 1985, the Bahamas National Trust took a bold conservation stance: the Exuma Park was made a protected replenishment zone. All fishing is prohibited within the boundaries of the Park. The Osprey, sometimes called a "Fishhawk" is the only creature allowed to fish in the Park. The benefits of this initiative are far reaching. There is evidence that more marine species are reaching adulthood, and are restocking areas outside the park boundaries.

## **Day 4.) Shroud Cay to Warderick Wells 22 NM (+ -2.5 Hours)**

Early morning cruise to Warderick Wells. Spend the morning climbing Bo Bo Hill for a view of the surrounding islands, walk one of the many trails, explore the sperm whale skeleton that has been reconstructed on the beach or simply snorkel the morning away on one of the many reefs close to the anchorage. The infamous danger reef will give the opportunity to get up close and personal with the Bahamas finest, black tip reef sharks. 'Antares' has 2 great tenders on board so there is freedom for guests to be chauffeured by crew to do either or both activities simultaneously. All water toys are allowed to be used throughout the marine park. While you're enjoying the morning the yacht will relocate to Hog Cay just a stone's throw away to enable your party to enjoy a lunch overlooking the beach from the comfort of your aft deck, spend the evening at Hog Cay. Make sure to bring along some good closed toe shoes that you don't mind getting wet, like Merrel or Teva wet shoes.



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## **Day 5. )Warderick Wells - Big Majors 22 NM (+ - 2.5 hours)**

Early morning start for passage to 'Big Majors'. Once anchored in behind the island begin to explore the area, there is an abundance of must see and do's including going to visit the Swimming Pigs, snorkeling the famous Thunder Ball Grotto or simply relax and enjoy the sun and service on board your yacht. Head over to the Staniel Cay Yacht club in the early evening for sunset drinks and dinner. Don't forget to bring your camera along to snap some pics of the sharks being fed from the dock.



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## Thunderball Grotto

Located just west of Staniel Cay in the Exumas chain, it has been featured in several Hollywood films, such as Ron Howard's 'Splash', two James Bond movies, 'Thunderball' and 'Never Say Never Again', and also in 'Into the Blue'.

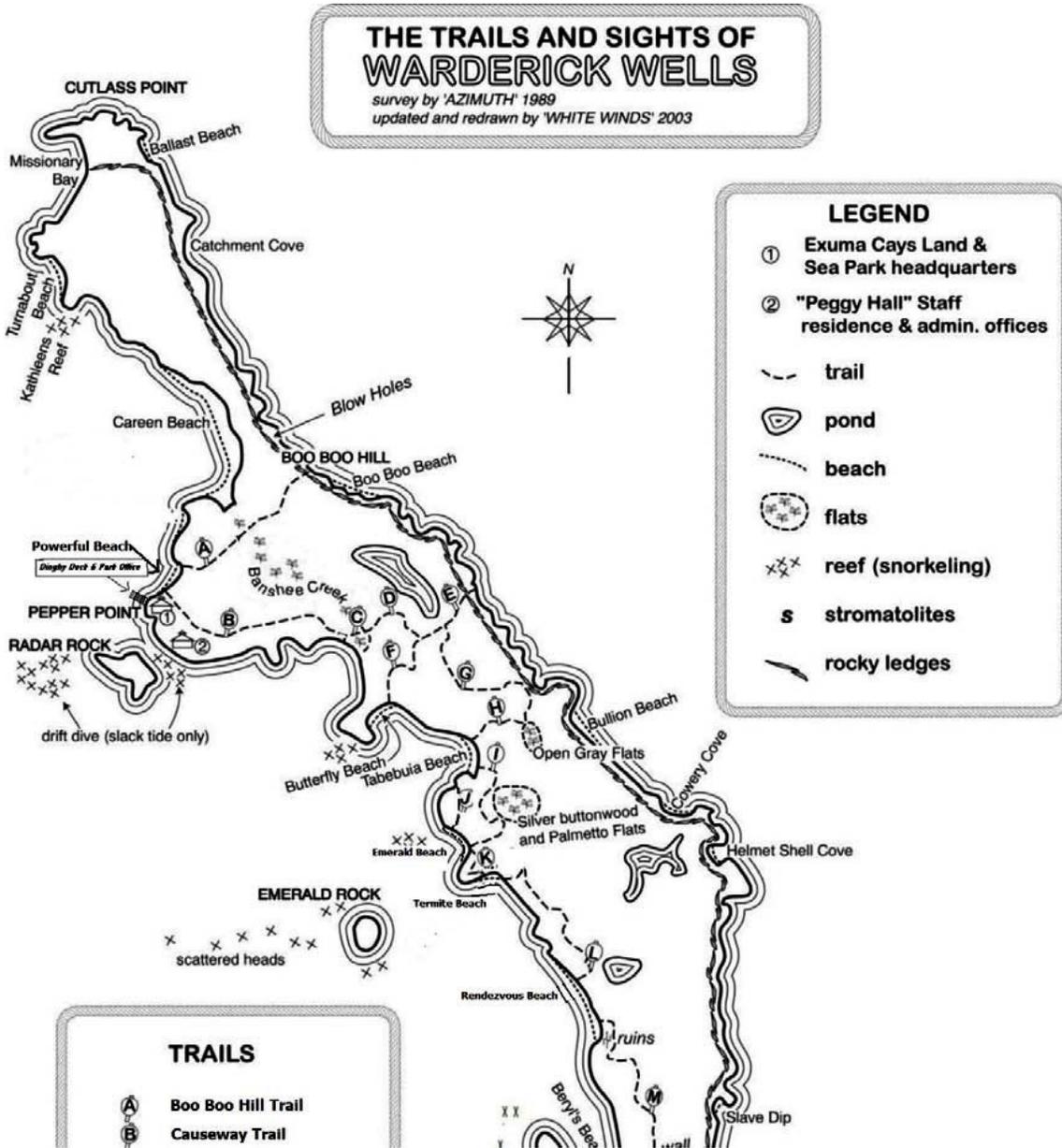


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## Sea Life

Amid a veritable maze of entrances and underwater pathways, divers can enjoy seeing numerous varieties of fish, coral and sea life. Animated groupers, lobsters, snappers, and angelfish abound. It is possible to also observe a slow-moving sea turtle or small wayward octopus from time to time.



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## Day 6.) Big Majors

Today will be spent doing some more exploring of the surrounding islands and attractions in the area, all just a short tender ride away. Whether it be swimming with the nurse sharks at Compass Cay, snorkeling the sunken plane on Bell Island or feeding the fish at the famous “aquarium” Enjoy the rest of day using the array of water toys onboard or kick back and sip some cocktails taking in your magical surroundings. Just a stones throw away is the luxurious Fowl cay resort which is famous for having the best and most creative cocktails in the Exumas, the island also boasts an elegant restaurant with a 360 degree view. Your choice to dine onboard or the spectacular Hill House restaurant. Please note that a booking is required well in advance.

<http://www.fowlcay.com/resort-dining.cfm>



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## **Day 7.) Big Majors - Hawksbill Cay 25NM(+ -3 hours)**

### **Hawksbill Cay- Highbourne Cay 15NM (+ - 1.5 hours)**

Early morning cruise to Hawksbill Cay, the island boasts some beautiful beaches and is perfect for a morning of beach combing or relaxing onboard. Swim in the crystal clear waters directly off the stern of the yacht. Scenic afternoon cruise back to Highbourne Cay where we will spend the night anchored under the stars or docked at the Marina or alternately cruise back to Paradise Island and spend the evening exploring Atlantis.



## **Day 8.) Highbourne Cay to Nassau Paradise island 40NM (+ - 4 hours)**

Early morning departure back to Nassau enjoying breakfast underway served in style. Your captain can arrange transportation back to the Nassau Lynden Pindling International Airport or your Hotel should you plan to stay and enjoy all that Nassau has to offer.

