



DAY PASS HOURS

THE DAY PASS IS FROM 7AM TO 7PM. TO MAXIMIZE YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH THE DAY PASS, MAKE SURE TO ARRIVE EARLY. YOU WILL BE GIVEN A BAND FOR ACCESS TO PARTAKE IN THE ACTIVITIES THAT ARE BEING OFFERED WITH THE DAY PASS. THIS WILL SURELY GIVE YOU PLENTY TO DO BEFORE THE SUN SETS!

CRUISE SHIP DOCK LOCATION

EVERY CRUISE SHIP DOCKS RIGHT IN THE PRINCE GEORGE WHARF CRUISE TERMINAL THAT IS IN DOWNTOWN NASSAU. IT IS WITHIN EASY WALKING DISTANCE OF MAJOR SHOPPING AND TOURIST AREAS. UPON DEPARTING THE SHIP, YOU WILL PASS THROUGH THE FESTIVAL PLACE WELCOME CENTER AS YOU MAKE YOUR WAY TO TOWN. THIS BUILDING PROVIDES SERVICES AND INFORMATION FOR TRAVELERS. IF YOU ARE TAKING AN EXCURSION THAT BEGINS BY BUS OR VAN, THERE WILL BE A VEHICLE TO PICK YOU UP TO THE LEFT OF THE WATER FOUNTAIN AFTER YOU EXIT THE WELCOME CENTER.



BUS TRANSPORT

JITNEY BUSES ARE PLENTIFUL IN NASSAU AND USED AS A COMMON FORM OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION. THEY RUN AT 30-MINUTE INTERVALS FROM EARLY MORNING TO 7PM. TO GO TO THE MELIA, YOU WILL NEED TO BE AT THE BUS STOP IN FRONT OF THE McDONALDS DOWNTOWN WHEN IT ARRIVES, AND BOARD THE NUMBER 10 OR 12. BOTH BUSES WILL TAKE YOU THERE. DRIVERS ARE ACCUSTOMED TO FIRST TIME VISITORS TAKING THE BUS ALONG THE CABLE BEACH AREA, SO POINTS OF INTEREST AND POPULAR DESTINATIONS ARE USUALLY MENTIONED ALONG THE WAY. FARES VARY. THEY ARE GENERALLY ABOUT \$1.25 PER PERSON EACH WAY. PAY THE DRIVER WHEN YOU ARE EXITING THE BUS WITH THE EXACT AMOUNT, OTHERWISE YOU WILL HAVE TO OVERPAY.



TAXI TRANSPORT

THERE ARE MANY TAXIS AND MINIVANS ALL THROUGHOUT NASSAU. THEY CAN BE IDENTIFIED BY THEIR YELLOW LICENSE PLATES AND THE WORD "TAXI" WRITTEN IN BLACK. THEY CAN ALSO BE FOUND LINED UP AT THE CRUISE PORT AND ARE ON HAND AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE MELIA. YOU ARE CHARGED FOR THE RIDE, NOT BY HOW MANY PASSENGERS. THE RESORT IS A CONVENIENT SHORT DRIVE FROM THE CRUISE PIER AND THE FARE IS ABOUT \$15. ROUND TRIP PRICING CAN BE NEGOTIATED WITH A DRIVER. ALTHOUGH THE CRUISE PORT IS NEARBY, WE ALWAYS SUGGEST THAT YOU DEPART THE RESORT 60 TO 90 MINUTES PRIOR TO YOUR SHIP'S SCHEDULED DEPARTURE TIME.





GRATUITY

GRATUITY IN THE BAHAMAS IS 15% AND IS USUALLY ADDED TO THE CHECK. VAT OR VALUE ADDED TAX IS CHARGED ON ALL GOODS AND SERVICES IN THE BAHAMAS AT 7%.

AMENITIES

ATMs

ATMs ARE AVAILABLE INSIDE THE RESORT. IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE, ASK THE FRONT DESK FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE NEAREST ONE.

WIFI

THE MELIA RESORT HAS FREE WIFI THAT WORKS EXTREMELY WELL AND CAN BE ACCESSED FROM THE BEACH OR ANYWHERE ON THE GROUNDS OF THE HOTEL.



EXTRA SHOULD KNOWS

WHILE IN THE CHECK-IN LINE AT THE MELIA RESORT, BE SURE TO MENTION THAT YOU BOOKED THROUGH BOOKATOURCARIBBEAN FOR AN EASY RESERVATION PROCESS.

WHEN BOARDING A JITNEY BUS, BE SURE TO TELL THE DRIVER WHERE YOU WANT TO GO BEFORE LOADING THE BUS. USUALLY, ROUTES ARE PAINTED ON THE FRONT OF BUSES. IF YOU SEE "CABLE BEACH" AND "DOWNTOWN" PAINTED, THESE ARE THE BUSES FOR YOU. THERE IS NO OFFICIAL BUS SCHEDULE FOR LOCAL JITNEYS. IF YOU WANT TO GET OFF THE BUS BEFORE YOU REACH YOUR DESTINATION, YELL "BUS STOP" AND THE DRIVER WILL OFF-LOAD AT THE NEAREST STOP.

STRAW MARKET ITEMS SUCH AS HATS, BAGS, AND ACCESSORIES ARE HAND TWINED BY MERCHANTS. THEY ARE NOT ALWAYS WILLING TO BARGAIN PRICES DUE TO THE FACT THAT IT IS THEIR LIVELIHOOD.



SAFETY TIPS

THE BAHAMAS IS A PREDOMINANTLY CASH ECONOMY, SO IF NECESSARY MAKE SURE TO STOP AT ATMs BEFORE VENTURING ON EXCURSIONS. HOWEVER, PLEASE STORE CASH IN A SAFE PLACE. IT IS WISE TO KEEP AN EYE ON VALUABLE ITEMS AND TO REMAIN AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS AT ALL TIMES.



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