

## New Harbour Sands – Luxury Boutique Hotel: Harbour Island, Bahamas

### Summary

Dubbed "billionaires' island", Harbour Island in the Bahamas is a picture-perfect speck in the turquoise Caribbean Sea and New Harbour Sands Hotel is its crowning glory. Perfect for romantic holidays or honeymoons in the Bahamas, this newly renovated colonial-style hotel sits right on Harbour Island's showpiece, Pink Sands Beach. Pink Sands is the beach that photographers love to love, with miles of sand varying in colour from pale peach to unmistakably pink. The tiny island in the Bahamas, with its quaint New England style homes and marina, is still relatively undiscovered and this luxury boutique hotel offers a secluded, and surprisingly good value, Caribbean hideaway for anyone from flawless supermodels to mere mortals. With a luxury 4-bedroom self-catering villa on offer it's also a great choice for family holidays to the Bahamas.

### Details

Getting to Harbour Island is an adventure in itself. Fly to Miami or Nassau, before taking a short but exhilarating propeller plane flight to N. Eleuthera. But it doesn't end there - a speed boat will take you over the final narrow straight to the rather smart marina of Harbour Island itself; arrivals don't get more Bond-style than that. Once on island, you'll discover a different world; a tiny slice of picture perfect New England plopped in the turquoise ocean. The clapboard homes of Dunmore Town, Harbour Island's 300-year old colonial settlement, are painted in a rainbow of bubble-gum colours and the upmarket stores have quaint names to match ... Pigly-Wigly, Dilly-Dally and Tip-Top.

The hotel is set just above the town, in amongst acres of tropical gardens. Flowered walkways lead down to the beach bar & grill on Pink Sands Beach. Virtually empty, the palm-lined beach stretches for 3 miles. Bliss. Non-motorised watersports are available here and the snorkelling is idyllic with a coral reef just off the sandy shelf. Dive shops in town offer instruction and certification, or take a boat trip around the island (and its neighbours); the hotel can even organise romantic picnics on deserted islands. Everywhere is within walking distance of the hotel, but you can also hire a golf-buggy or bikes to get around (there are few cars on island). Nearby Eleuthera is well worth a visit for historic Gregory Town and a tour of the Glass Window Bridge, where the crashing Atlantic meets the calm Caribbean.

The old-world charm of the hotel lends it a restive quality, with dark wood floors, chalky walls, ocean-facing verandas and arched "breezeways". Delightful hibiscus and bougainvilleas mix with the palms on the beachfront, with the blue-green ocean beyond. The guest rooms are divided between three buildings, with a central restaurant, bar and pool area. They are decorated in a fresh colonial style with tiled floors, splashes of citrus colours and shuttered windows.

In addition, there is a separate self-contained 4-bedroom villa with private pool, decorated in more flamboyant contemporary style, which would be ideal for a family or small group of friends.

By night, you can enjoy a sun-downer on the terrace or a gourmet meal at the hotel's ocean-facing restaurant, or wander into town for a meal at one of the several excellent restaurants. There are even some low-key nightclubs where you can mix with the locals and hear live music. Ask to see the world's largest coconut at Vic-Hums! And if you come at festival times, you can take part in the Junkanoo parade or Goombay festival.

Harbour island easy to combine with a stay in nearby Miami for a 2-centre holiday, taking in city glamour, laid back beach life and culture.

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### Facts & Figures

37 Guest Rooms & Suites, divided between 3 buildings:

- Garden View Room – Queen bed. Balcony/terrace.
- Garden View Suite – 2-room suite with queen bed, walk-in closet, sitting area with sofa-bed. Large terrace.
- Ocean View Room – Double French doors to private balcony that overlooks Pinks Sands Beach. King bed.
- "Loft" – Spectacular view of the beach, ocean and surrounding island. Small foyer with a staircase leading to bedroom, bathroom and private, rooftop sun deck. King bed.
- Junior Suite Ocean View – A spacious suite, private terrace with sweeping ocean views. King bed & double sofa-bed
- 1-Bedroom Deluxe Ocean View Suite – Deluxe two-room suite. Bedroom with ocean views, covered balcony, king bed. Separate sitting room with sofa-bed
- 1-Bedroom Ocean View Master Suite – Very spacious two-room suite. King bed, Separate sitting room with sofa-bed, 2 terraces (one from bedroom; one from lounge).
- THE BEACH HOUSE: Beachfront. Designer furnishings. 2-bedroom / 2-bathroom (roll top bath) private villa situated on the hotel's most private location. Direct beach access in an independently housed Bahamian Colonial style building. King beds. Spacious living room. Simple kitchenette.
- SELF-CATERING VILLA: 3-bedroom / 3-bathroom (roll top bath) private villa with a separate 1 bedroom guest cottage. Sitting room, equipped kitchen & laundry. Very private and has direct access (3 minute walk) to the ocean. Private heated pool and tropical landscaped gardens. Guests staying at the Villa have full access and use of all resort guest amenities.

All rooms have: Ensuite bathrooms (bathtubs in Beach House and S/C Villa) – Plasma screen cable TV – Telephone & Wifi – Air-Con/heating (some with fan too) – Safe – Hairdryers

Hotel facilities: Pool (heated in winter) with private cabanas – In-room massages & treatments – Library & Billiards Room – Direct Beach Access and Beach Bar & Grill – Complimentary watersports (Kayak, Snorkelling and Boogie Boards) – Gardens – Veranda – Restaurant – Bar – Tennis (equipment provided)

Also at and around hotel (extra cost): Golf-Buggy Hire – Bike Hire – Boat tours & hire – Watersports (jetski & scuba) – Baby-sitting – Private Picnics – Spa on island

Can be hired for functions – please ask for details

### Regional Highlights

- Days relaxing by the pool or enjoying watersports on Pink Sands Beach
- Hire a golf-buggy, bike or boat to explore the island
- Stroll around the quaint colonial style homes and Marina of Dunmore – great for upmarket boutiques
- Boat trip to Eleuthera to visit charming Gregory Town and Glass Window Bridge
- Learn to scuba dive on the coral reef
- Low-key nightlife, excellent restaurants and seasonal festivals and parades
- Warm tropical temperatures all year round – a great Winter Sun destination and perfect to combine with a stay in nearby Miami

### Location

Nearest airports:

**N. Eleuthera (5 min taxi to speed boat crossing to Harbour Island)**

Nearest direct flight from UK

**Fly direct to Miami, Fort Lauderdale and Nassau. All have connecting flights to N. Eleuthera**

Nearest shops & restaurants:

**Doorstep**

Nearest Beach

**On Pink Sands Beach**

