

Understanding the Port

Lookout Cay at Lighthouse Point is Disney's 2024 newcomer — not an island but the wild southern tip of Eleuthera, where Junkanoo color meets a beach day that keeps most of its 700 acres untouched. It's the quieter, more Bahamian sibling to Castaway Cay.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

The Port Area

Ships dock at a half-mile open-trestle pier — built long on purpose so no seabed was dredged. Budget a 10–20 minute unshaded walk to Mabrika Cove, then a free tram to the beaches. Sunscreen on before you leave the ship.

Cash & Currency

Cashless for Disney-run spots via your Key to the World card, and towels are provided ashore. Bring US cash for the Bahamian artisan market and tips. No drink packages exist — alcohol is pay-per-drink.

Getting Around

Trams run continuously and narrate Bahamian culture en route. Wagons wait at the pier for little legs, and a mobility shuttle runs the pier — first-come, so claim early.

GOOD

The Free Beach Day

Best for: Short stops, easy days, minimal logistics

- ✓ A long, pink-tinged open-ocean beach — wilder than a lagoon
- ✓ Bahamian BBQ included — ginger snapper, jambalaya, plantains
- ✓ RUSH! A Junkanoo Celebration — free, loud, and unmissable

Low effort, high reward.

BETTER

Reef & Trail

Best for: Snorkelers, walkers, wildlife spotters

- ✓ The Tropical Reef Safari Snorkel — ten minutes by boat to the coral
- ✓ Or walk the free nature trail toward the lighthouse point
- ✓ Open-ocean swimming: real waves — watch the little ones

The best-rated excursion on the roster — book before you sail.

BEST

Serenity Bay, South

Best for: Adults, quiet seekers, celebrations

- ✓ Yes — Disney named this adults-only beach Serenity Bay too
- ✓ Its own BBQ and the Blue Hole Bar, often nearly empty
- ✓ The adults' cabanas here are the safer splurge

Timing management required. Plan around all aboard.

Top Experiences to Consider

GOOD

The Junkanoo Double-Header

Make a headpiece at the Goombay Cultural Center's workshop with Eleutheran artisans, then wear it to RUSH! — a real Junkanoo rush-out led by local musicians, twice most days. The most common "do not skip" in two years of reviews. Arrive early; viewing space is tight.

BETTER

Walk Away From the Middle

Crowds pool near the tram stop. Walk the sand in either direction and it empties fast — or take the nature trail toward the point, where a quiet rocky beach with tidal pools is many reviewers' favorite spot on the property.

BEST

Tropical Reef Safari Snorkel

The best-rated paid experience here: a clean, well-run boat, a ten-minute ride, and a reef busy with parrotfish and the occasional barracuda. Book before you sail — the lineup varies by sailing.

Where Staff & Travelers Recommend

Eat Early at True-True

The included lunch is the best of any Disney island — Bahamian dishes alongside the burgers — and the buffet lines back up hard at peak. Go before noon, and grab the soft-serve while you're at it.

Treasures of Eleuthera

The artisan market stocks work by real Bahamian makers — and the good pieces go early in the call. Bring cash; the Disney shop takes your card, the artisans often don't.



The Disney Dream at Lookout Cay



The gateway to Lookout Cay at Lighthouse Point

Key Considerations

The honest price of admission is the walk: a half-mile of unshaded pier, then a tram, before the first lounge. Sunscreen before you disembark, real shoes over flip-flops, and a wagon for small kids. Mid-day returns to the ship are impractical, so pack for the whole day — and know that shade ashore is young: lounge umbrellas, the pavilions, and the Goombay Center are your refuges.

This is Disney's newest destination and it's still growing in — some corners feel unfinished, bike rentals hadn't opened as of early 2026, and the family-cabana beach has battled erosion (the adults'-side cabanas are the safer bet). Swimming is open ocean with real waves: glorious for adults, a watch-point for toddlers. And the exposed point means wind can rewrite the day — treat the call as weather-dependent.



Eleuthera from above



Crystal water at Cocodimama Beach, Eleuthera



Atlantic sunset over Eleuthera

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Port Orientation

FROM THE PIER

● Mabrika Cove	Pier's end — trams, wagons
By free tram (~10 min)	
● Family Beach & True-True BBQ	Included Bahamian lunch
● Goombay Cultural Center	Junkanoo — free workshops
● Rush Out Gush Out	Kids' splash play, free
Farther along	
● Serenity Bay	Adults-only, 18+
● Discovery Nature Trail	Toward the lighthouse point
● Treasures of Eleuthera	Artisan market — cash

DON'T FORGET

Confirm your all aboard time before you leave the ship.
Set a phone alarm. The ship will not wait for you.

Key Takeaway

Lookout Cay is Disney gone quiet: real Bahamas, real Junkanoo, and a beach day that leaves most of the land wild.

Come for the beach, stay for the rush-out — and walk far enough to find your own Bahamas.

ETA will help you choose the right experience based on your travel style.

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Did You Know?

Not an Island, Either. Lookout Cay sits on the southern tip of Eleuthera — and Princess Cays is just up the coast. Two cruise-line hideaways now share one wild island tip.

The Long Pier, On Purpose. The open-trestle pier runs more than half a mile because Disney chose not to dredge a channel — the seabed stayed put, and viable corals were relocated before construction.

Mostly Wild, By Promise. Disney pledged to develop less than 20% of the roughly 700-acre site, committed about 90% of its power to solar, and set aside some 190 acres to return to the Bahamian government for conservation.

Made With Junkanoo Hands. Bahamian artists shaped the destination — the art, the architecture's Junkanoo color, even the character costumes, designed by Bahamian designer Theodore Elyett. The RUSH! celebration is led by real Eleutheran Junkanoo musicians.

A Familiar First Ship. The Disney Magic made Lookout Cay's first call on June 6, 2024 — the very same ship that opened Castaway Cay back in 1998. Some ships just like being first.