

# Travel

## Paradise Island fits name

By ANNE WANSTALL  
DUNMORE TOWN  
Bahamas. From the moment your reliable but ancient Bahamasair prop-aircraft sets its wheels on the sandblown strip at North Eleuthera airport,

you're assured that this is paradise.

Gone is the flat landscape and highrise towers of tourist hotels on the big island. Instead, there is a warm, soft breeze and the flutter of palm leaves, the

gentle lapping of crystal clear water patched by colorful coral, and smiling faces of welcome.

Paradise Island is aptly named. In a 25-minute transition from Nassau, you feel embraced by the cheerfulness of happy people. The small plane load is divided and dispersed to various destinations, and for most, it's a quick jaunt from the docks to your hotel.

A welcome punch awaits the visitor as bags are unloaded by porters and placed in the cheerful rooms that overlook the palm trees.

Once the capital of the Bahamas, Dunmore Town is 300 years old. Its houses are painted in bright colors and trimmed with white gingerbread. Multihued bougainvillea drips over white walls, and hibiscus drapes over neat picket fences. Beyond them, a coral white sand stretches out to meet the incredible colors of the water. The 'real life' seems far away from paradise.

Often tagged as 'the prettiest of all the islands', Paradise Island is for people who want fun in and on the water, although there is always

something for the disco hopper. Prices are more moderate than in Nassau, whether you look for the all-inclusive hotel or an apartment.

The weather is almost always perfect, the palms swayed by cool breezes that sweep across the ocean. The seas are relatively calm, and always so clear you can see the colorful fish below the boats that gently rock from one small island to the other.

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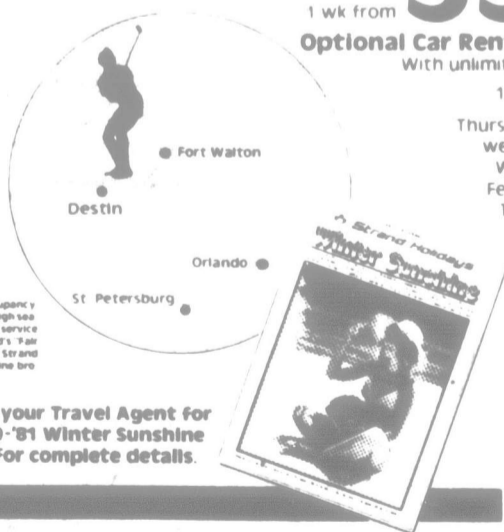
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