Tourists' accommodations

People come to the Bahamas from all over the world. They stay in different types of accommodation. Some of these accommodations are:

- resorts
- hotels
- villas
- guesthouses
- timeshares

Resorts provide everything a visitor needs on vacation. It has sleeping accommodations, several types of restaurants, shops, swimming pools, tennis courts, a golf course, and activities for children. The visitor does not have to leave the property at all. Everything is in one place. Medical services are also provided. Resorts are the largest of the different types of properties. There are resorts in Nassau, on Paradise Island and near Freeport. The tourists who stay at resorts and in hotels, usually, come for just a few days, looking for exciting activities. Our most famous resort is the **Atlantis Resort** on **Paradise Island**.

Hotels provide sleeping accommodations and eating places. Hotels may be large or small. A family often owns small ones. There are many small hotels on the Family Islands. Most hotels and resorts are built on the waterfront so that the beach and sea may be easily enjoyed.

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Villas are individual living quarters. Here, there is everything that you would find at home. You can even use the back or front yard activities. People who stay in villas sometimes clean for themselves and prepare their own meals. There are villas on New Providence, on Grand Bahama and some of the Family Islands.

Guesthouses provide bedrooms and sometimes a small kitchen area where the guest may prepare meals for themselves. They are not always close to the sea like resorts and hotels. They are usually in places where it is easy to use public transport. Guesthouses are used not only by tourists but also by Bahamians visiting from other islands. Tourist who stay in guest houses are looking for a less expensive way of having a holiday. They want somewhere to sleep and perhaps to cook a meal, but they may go out all day in a hired car or a boat trip, or a shopping trip, or walking around the islands.

Timeshares – Some of these properties may be timeshares. This means that the property is owned by **several different groups of people**. They may live in different parts of the world, but they agree among themselves when they will each use the property.

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Tourists who stay in villas or timeshares come for a longer stay. They are usually very wealthy and often come from Europe. Usually, these tourists make return visits.

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