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Islands of The Bahamas
Long Island



Long Island is an island in The Bahamas. Long Island is west of Rum Cay and East of Exuma. It is located 265 km south-east of Nassau. It is approximately 92 km long and 6 ½ km wide at its widest point. The **Tropic of Cancer** passes through the northern tip of the island.

There are 6 settlements on the island. The **main** settlements are Deadman's Cay, Stella Maris and Clarence Town. Clarence town is the capital of Long Island. You can also find the twin churches of St. Peter and St. Paul built by Father Jerome. St. Peter is the Catholic Church and St. Paul is the Anglican Church.

Many fruits like oranges and bananas grown on the island. The people of Long Island raise sheep and goats. These fruits and cattle are shipped to Nassau to be sold. The **silver top plant** also grows on the island. These plants are used in the making of **baskets** and **mats**. There used to be a shrimp farm on the island.

Long Island was called **Yama** by the Lucayans. Lucayan artifacts like the **duhos** have been found in Cartwrights Caves on the island. The island is also believed to be Christopher Columbus's third stop during the first voyage to the New World. There is also the famous Dean's Blue Hole. It has the world's deepest underwater sinkhole at 200 m deep. It is located in a Bay West of Clarence town.



The settlement of Salt Pond is home to Long Island Regatta. It is held every year on Whit Monday. The settlement of Deadman's Cay got its name from a cay just off the coast of the settlement which was used to bury the dead.

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