# FOREIGN AIR AND SEA ARRIVALS

## YTD SEPTEMBER 2019 VS YTD SEPTEMBER 2018

### FOREIGN AIR AND SEA ARRIVALS TO THE BAHAMAS 1ST PORT OF ENTRY ONLY JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER

	Air and Sea Arrivals			Air Arrivals Only			
	2019	2018	%Chg 19/18	2019	2018	%Chg 19/18	
January	636,881	533,732	19.3%	129,912	100,876	28.8%	
February	608,371	534,155	13.9%	151,136	126,315	19.7%	
March	749,044	707,493	5.9%	201,578	184,117	9.5%	
April	657,617	587,776	11.9%	171,167	144,042	18.8%	
May	589,102	499,958	17.8%	158,741	136,092	16.6%	
June	641,410	539,756	18.8%	168,392	154,903	8.7%	
July	650,353	602,530	7.9%	175,971	163,406	7.7%	
August	553,541	516,029	7.3%	131,120	129,568	1.2%	
September	349,417	400,527	-12.8%	54,103	63,453	-14.7%	
Grand Total	5,435,736	4,921,956	10.4%	1,342,120	1,202,772	11.6%	

Source: Immigration, Customs various ports of entry in the Bahamas, and Port Authorities. Research and Statistics Dept. Ministry of Tourism All numbers are subject to revision

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and Southern Islands of the Bahamas as it focused in on the Northern islands of the Bahamas: Abaco and Grand Bahama.

On September 1, 2019, Hurricane Dorian slammed into the island of Abaco and Grand Bahama as a category 5 Hurricane.

- Foreign <u>air and sea arrivals</u> to the Bahamas were up by 10.4% between January to September 2019 YTD compared to the same period of 2018.
- Foreign <u>air arrivals</u> by themselves were up by 11.6% between January to September 2019 YTD compared to the same period of 2018.

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	2019	2018	2019/2018	2019	2018	2019/2018
	Air and Sea		% Chg Air/Sea	Air Only		% Chg Air
Nassau/Paradise Island	3,166,944	2,714,399	16.7%	1,032,776	893,455	15.6%
Grand Bahama	459,831	545,879	-15.8%	48,748	57,130	-14.7%
Abaco	317,108	342,145	-7.3%	97,126	98,115	-1.0%
Andros	7,521	9,314	-19.3%	7,388	9,161	-19.4%
Berry Islands	731,156	522,971	39.8%	8,770	6,834	28.3%
Bimini	86,051	96,934	-11.2%	16,765	22,094	-24.1%
Cat Cay	9,023	10,128	-10.9%	3,595	3,344	7.5%
Cat Island	1,012	854	18.5%	957	837	14.3%
Eleuthera	286,154	289,881	-1.3%	55,076	49,362	11.6%
Exuma	56,936	49,054	16.1%	56,197	48,400	16.1%
Half Moon Cay	298,166	325,111	-8.3%	-	-	0.0%
Inagua	1,094	1,108	-1.3%	476	104	357.7%
Long Island	1,296	1,195	8.5%	1,117	1,060	5.4%
San Salvador	13,444	12,983	3.6%	13,129	12,876	2.0%
Bahamas Overall	5,435,736	4,921,956	10.4%	1,342,120	1,202,772	11.6%

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On September 1, 2019, Hurricane Dorian slammed into the island of Abaco and Grand Bahama as a category 5 Hurricane.

Foreign air and sea arrivals were up in January, February, March, April, May, June, July and August 2019 compared to the same period of 2018. Arrivals did not increase in September 2019 but because arrivals had been so strong in the 1<sup>st</sup> eight months of the year the September YTD arrivals were still up.

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### **ISLANDS UP 2019 YTD**

- Foreign Arrivals to Nassau/Paradise Island were up 16.7% between January to September 2019 YTD, and air arrivals by themselves to the island were up by 15.6%. Air arrivals to Nassau/P.I. were up in every month of 2018 compared to 2017, and this trend continued into August 2019. However, arrivals to the island declined in the month of September for the very first time for the year as Hurricane Dorian's passage through the Islands of The Bahamas intimidated some visitors from traveling to the Bahamas during the month. There was a visible "slowing" in air arrivals during the first few days of the month as a result of the then uncertain path of Hurricane Dorian which traversed through The Bahamas during the months of August and September.
- Despite the passage of Hurricane Dorian through the islands during the month of August and September there was still a significant growth in arrivals to Nassau/P.I. by the end of September YTD 2019 because the island had experienced a very strong 1<sup>st</sup> eight months. The 1<sup>st</sup> eight months of 2019 had grown significantly because of a very strong performance in Nassau/Paradise Island due in part to the opening of new resorts on the island in 2017 and 2018 which increased room inventory on the island. The increase in air arrivals to the island during the 1<sup>st</sup> eight months of 2019 was also due in part to the "solid" performance made by the other large hotels on the island which attracted business to their properties. Air arrivals to Nassau/P.I. also increased significantly in the 1<sup>st</sup> eight months because of the great marketing efforts done by the Bahamas Ministry of Tourism, its Industry Partners and the hotels themselves.
- Berry Islands up 39.8%;
- Cat Island arrivals up 18.5%;
- Exuma up 16.1%;
- Long Island up 8.5%;
- San Salvador up 3.6%.

# ISLANDS DOWN 2019 YTD

- Arrivals to Abaco were down 7.3% between January to September YTD 2019 compared to 2018 as a 1<sup>st</sup> port of call. Hurricane Dorian did affect the 2019 YTD numbers as there was a visible slowing in arrivals to the island after the 18<sup>th</sup> of August 2019 as the storm began to travel in the direction of the Bahamas. All airports on the island were closed to International flights during the month of September due to the conditions of the airports after the storm, so all air visitors to the island primarily travelled through Nassau/P.I. first before they travelled to the island.
- Andros down 19.3%;
- Bimini down 11.2%;
- Cat Cay down 10.9%;
- Eleuthera down 1.3%
  - Although total arrivals were down to the island, air arrivals were up 11.6% as of September 2019 YTD because of the increase in airlift to North Eleuthera during the 1<sup>st</sup> eight months of the year.
- Foreign arrivals to Grand Bahama were down 15.8% between January to September 2019 YTD.
  - Between January to August 2019 YTD overall arrivals to the island were dragged down compared to the same period of 2018 by the decline in cruise arrivals brought in by major cruise lines. In the early months of the year, poor weather and routing schedules would have been partially responsible for this decline in cruise arrivals as ships to the island were re-routed or cancelled during the period. Moreover, Hurricane Dorian significantly impacted arrivals to the island during the month of September.
- Half Moon Cay down 8.3%;
- Inagua down 1.3% for September <u>YTD</u>, but air arrivals to the island were up significantly for this period.

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## **SEPTEMBER 2019 VS 2018**

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	2019	2018	2019/2018	2019	2018	2019/2018
	Air an	Air and Sea		Air Only		% Chg Air
Nassau/Paradise Island	226,271	246,345	-8.1%	48,480	52,525	-7.7%
Grand Bahama	10,838	29,613	-63.4%	486	2,702	-82.0%
Abaco	10,888	16,777	-35.1%	-	2,383	-100.0%
Andros	321	442	-27.4%	304	433	-29.8%
Berry Islands	68,426	59,774	14.5%	378	413	-8.5%
Bimini	2,529	5,412	-53.3%	959	1,382	-30.6%
Cat Cay	358	724	-50.6%	203	190	6.8%
Cat Island	33	12	175.0%	33	12	175.0%
Eleuthera	13,106	21,353	-38.6%	939	1,052	-10.7%
Exuma	2,284	2,319	-1.5%	2,253	2,313	-2.6%
Half Moon Cay	14,275	17,681	-19.3%	-	-	0.0%
Inagua	42	26	61.5%	42	19	121.1%
Long Island	17	38	-55.3%	17	24	-29.2%
San Salvador	29	11	163.6%	9	5	80.0%
Bahamas Overall	349,417	400,527	-12.8%	54,103	63,453	-14.7%

Source: Immigration and Customs various ports of entry in the Bahamas, & Research and Statistics Dept. Ministry of Tourism. All numbers are subject to revision. In August 2019, Hurricane Dorian began its track through the Southern Islands of the Bahamas. It skirted all of the Central and Southern Islands of the Bahamas as it focused in on the Northern Islands of the Bahamas: Abaco and Grand Bahama. On September 1, 2019, Hurricane Dorian slammed into the island of Abaco and Grand Bahama as a category 5 Hurricane.

• Foreign arrivals for the Bahamas Overall were down by 12.8% during the month of September 2019 compared to September 2018 and air arrivals by themselves were down by 14.7% due to the passage of Hurricane Dorian.

## ISLANDS UP SEPTEMBER

- Berry Islands up 14.5%;
- Cat Island up 175%;
- Inagua up 61.5%;
- San Salvador up 163.6%. The Club Med Resort on the island was closed during the month of September 2019 as is the usual practice for the resort during this month.

# ISLANDS DOWN SEPTEMBER

 Foreign arrivals (1<sup>st</sup> port of entry) to Nassau/Paradise Island were down by 8.1% during the month of September 2019 compared to 2018. <u>Air</u> arrivals by themselves were also down by 7.7% because of the passage of Hurricane Dorian which passed through parts of the Bahamas during the month of September.

## ISLANDS DOWN SEPTEMBER

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- Abaco arrivals were down by 35.1% during the month because of the passage of Hurricane Dorian which slammed in the island during the month of September. Hurricane Dorian negatively and significantly impacted the air arrivals to Abaco during the month especially after the 18<sup>th</sup> of August and into September as the storm began to move through the Caribbean.
- Andros down 27.4%;
- Bimini down 53.3% during the month (1<sup>st</sup> port of entry). Hurricane Dorian would have had an impact on the arrivals to Bimini during the month as the powerful storm was projected to hit the northern islands of the Bahamas and pass very close to the island.
- Cat Cay down 50.6%;
- Exuma down 1.5%;
- Half Moon Cay (cruise port only) down 19.3%;
- Long Island down 55.3%;
- Grand Bahama: foreign arrivals were down by 63.4%, and air arrivals to the island were also down significantly due to the passage of Hurricane Dorian through The Islands of The Bahamas. The airport in West End was open during the month and that is where the international flights to the island came in. The island also received some cruise calls during the month.
- Eleuthera down 38.6%.

## Air Arrivals September 2019

The first three quarters of 2017 were challenging because The Bahamas had been hit by a "monster" hurricane Matthew in October 2016. The effects of this hurricane of 2016 spilled into the first few quarters of 2017 as hotels all over the Bahamas including Nassau/Paradise Island scrambled to do repairs to their properties and recover from that devastating hit.

In the 3rd Qtr. of 2017, the Caribbean was plagued by Hurricanes Irma, Maria and Jose which left major devastation in every island that they had slammed into as they had traversed through the region. The Southern Bahamas was hit by Hurricane Irma, but Nassau/Paradise Island was spared a hit from all these powerful storms, so by the 4th Qtr. of 2017 the Bahamas was still open for business while many of its Caribbean neighbours were still recovering from devastating losses in hotel inventory and tourism related infrastructure. Many of these Caribbean neighbours temporarily lost room inventory for months as they recovered from the effects of these storms and logically their arrivals were temporarily disrupted.

Despite the passage of Hurricane Matthew in 2016, the Grand Hyatt, Baha Mar opened its doors to visitors in 2nd Qtr. 2017, although the hotel was not yet in full operation. In December 2017, the Grand Hyatt added the rest of its rooms into circulation, and in the 4th Qtr. of 2017, The SLS, Baha Mar opened its doors to the public. In the 3rd Qtr. of 2018 the Rosewood, Baha Mar came on stream and chugged along full speed ahead. The Baha Mar properties together added 2,173 rooms to the collective inventory for Nassau/Paradise Island by 2018. In addition to the Baha Mar properties, several other hotels came on stream in late 2016 and were in operation by 2017, 2018 and 2019: The Courtyard Marriot (183 rooms), The Holiday Inn Express (58 rooms) and the Warwick Resort (250 rooms). In addition to all these new hotels, the Atlantis collection of properties, and the All-Inclusive properties as a group, increased the amount of room nights sold in 2018, a trend that continued into 2019.

Air arrivals to Nassau/Paradise Island began to soar in the last quarter of 2017, and this trend continued throughout 2018 and into August 2019. By the end of 2018, air arrivals to Nassau/Paradise Island were up by 19.2%.

Air arrivals to Nassau/Paradise Island continued to experience strong growth in the months leading up to August 2019. During the week of August 18, 2019, Tropical Depression Dorian formed in the Southern Caribbean islands.<sup>1</sup> By August 24, 2019, this Tropical Depression had become a Tropical Storm as it crawled through the islands of the Southern Caribbean.<sup>2</sup> While Dorian was a Tropical Storm it passed over the islands of Barbados and St. Lucia as it made its way up the chain of islands of the Caribbean.

Tropical Storm Dorian was originally forecasted to travel between Puerto Rico and Hispanola and impact those islands, but alas, it did not feel like visiting Hispanola and so it skirted around the eastern end of Puerto Rico instead, and began its determined track toward the Islands of the Bahamas. As Tropical Storm Dorian grazed pass Puerto Rico, it dumped winds and heavy rain onto that island

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Source: https://www.accuweather.com/en/weather-news/forecasters-tracking-tropical-disturbance-as-it-moves-closer-to-florida/70009155

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Source: https://www.accuweather.com/en/weather-news/forecasters-tracking-tropical-disturbance-as-it-moves-closer-to-florida/70009155 Market Update Report September 2019 Research & Statistics Dept. Bahamas Ministry of Tourism

nation, but it avoided all the mountainous terrains as it determinedly whispered its way to where it really wanted to go. As it skirted the eastern end of Puerto Rico it became a Category 1 hurricane.<sup>3</sup>

Early on the morning of Friday August 30, 2019, as Hurricane Dorian entered into the warm waters of the southern Bahamas and its sister nation of the Turks and Caicos Islands it gained the strength of a Category 2 storm with wind speeds of 105 mph.<sup>4</sup> Hurricane Dorian blew its way pass the outskirts of the Turks and Caicos Islands, and the Southern Islands of the Bahamas as it carefully picked its way through the warm waters and headed northwest in the direction of the islands that had attracted its eye and would eventually gain its unwelcome visitation. Hurricane Dorian refused to give its attention to any of the other islands of the Bahamas as it passed them by and gained more strength. On the evening of August 30, 2019, Hurricane Dorian gained even more strength and became a Category 3 storm.<sup>5</sup> As Hurricane Dorian moved across the warm waters of the Bahamas, it became even stronger and in a matter of hours it had become a Category 4 storm packing a wind speed of 130 mph.<sup>6</sup> This category 4 storm went from strength to strength and by Saturday August 31, 2019, had gained a wind speed of 140 mph.<sup>7</sup> Hurricane Dorian did not stay a category 4 for long as it quickly revved up to a category 5 with winds of 185 mph just before it ferociously slammed into Abaco.<sup>8</sup>

In September 2019, air arrivals to Nassau/Paradise Island were down by 7.7% compared to September 2018; this was the first month of the year that air arrivals to the island were down. Air arrivals to Nassau/Paradise Island had logically slowed significantly during the first three days of the month as Hurricane Dorian battered the Bahama islands of Abaco and Grand Bahama. Air Arrivals to Nassau/Paradise Island picked up again later in the month, but it was not enough to counteract the fall off that had occurred as a result of the storm. Although air arrivals to Nassau/Paradise Island for the month of September finished off down, they still managed to be up 15.6% for September 2019 YTD because the destination had experienced an awesome first eight months.

By the end of September YTD 2019 air arrivals to the Bahamas overall were still up by 11.6% despite the havoc wreaked by Hurricane Dorian on the islands of Abaco and Grand Bahama during the month of September.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Source: Channel 7 Hurricane Tracker Weather App

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Source: Local 10 News Max Tracker Weather App

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Source: Channel 7 Hurricane Tracker Weather App

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Source: Channel 7 Hurricane Tracker Weather App

### HOTEL PERFORMANCE LARGE HOTELS NASSAU/PARADISE ISLAND

In 2017, several "new" hotels were open in Nassau/Paradise Island that were not open or in full operation in every month of 2016: Courtyard Marriott, the Holiday Inn Express, the Warwick Resort (opened in late December 2016), and the Baha Mar properties (the Grand Hyatt which softly opened in 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr. 2017 and the SLS which softly opened in December 2017). All of these hotels would have been in full operation in 2018 & in 2019 and would have attracted visitors to their properties. The Rosewood, Baha Mar softly opened at the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr. 2018 and their numbers are also included in the aggregated numbers below.

							Room	Nassau/P.I.	Room	
	Occupa	ancy	ADR		RevPar		Revenue	Air Arrivals	Nights Sold	
	2019	2018	2019		2018	2019	2018	% Chg 19/18	% Chg 19/18	% Chg 19/18
Jan	69.9%	53.0%	\$265.39	\$	242.54	\$ 185.55	\$ 128.64	48%	33%	36%
Feb	77.6%	63.0%	\$274.18	\$	246.75	\$ 212.71	\$ 155.45	41%	24%	27%
Mar	85.8%	75.2%	\$345.64	\$	317.64	\$ 296.49	\$ 239.00	28%	14%	17%
Apr	78.5%	72.6%	\$304.68	\$	265.35	\$ 239.07	\$ 192.77	28%	21%	11%
May	72.6%	63.5%	\$237.93	\$	223.26	\$ 172.77	\$ 141.79	26%	20%	18%
Jun	75.0%	68.1%	\$243.32	\$	233.22	\$ 182.42	\$ 158.76	18%	14%	13%
Jul	82.9%	73.0%	\$ 258.87	\$	251.48	\$ 214.57	\$ 183.66	19%	11%	16%
Aug	68.7%	65.3%	\$220.21	\$	217.27	\$ 151.33	\$ 141.90	9%	6%	7%
Sep	36.5%	37.5%	\$167.39	\$	166.37	\$ 61.10	\$ 62.35	0%	-8%	-1%
YTD	72.0%	63.5%	\$ 265.05	\$	245.85	\$ 190.71	\$ 156.12	25%	16%	16%

#### NASSAU AND PARADISE ISLAND SELECT LARGE HOTELS PERFORMANCE PRELIMINARY STATISTICS 2019-2018

Source: Large Nassau/Paradise Island Hotels and Research & Statistics Dept. Ministry of Tourism

In August 2019, Hurricane Dorian began its track through the Southern Islands of the Bahamas. It skirted all of the Central and Southern Islands of the Bahamas as it focused in on the Northern Islands of the Bahamas: Abaco and Grand Bahama. On September 1, 2019, Hurricane Dorian slammed into the Islands of Abaco and GBI as a category 5 Hurricane. Hurricane Irma passed through the Southern Islands of the Bahamas on September 8th, 2017. The Lynden Pindling Airport in Nassau in the Bahamas was closed on Sept. 8th and 9th in anticipation of the storm. Hurricane Irma passed through the Bahamas between September 8 to 11, 2017, although some airports in the Bahamas closed on the 7th in anticipation of the storm. Some islands like Grand Bahama and Bimini did not sustain direct hits from the hurricane but were severely affected by tornados that spun out as a result of Hurricane Irma as that storm approached Florida. Hurricane Maria passed close to the Southern Islands of the Bahamas and near the Turks and Caicos Islands on September 22, 2017. Hurricane Maria passed close to the Southern Islands and near the Turks and Caicos Islands on September 22, 2017. Hurricane Jose stayed in the Atlantic Ocean but meandered off the coast of some of the Caribbean islands September 9th to September 17, 2017. There were no hurricanes that impacted The Bahamas in 2018.

### **Room Revenue**

- Room revenue for the large Nassau/Paradise Island hotels increased in every month of 2018 compared to the same period of 2017, and this trend continued into August 2019. In September 2019 room revenue was flat after Hurricane Dorian passed through the warm waters of the Bahamas and slammed into Abaco and Grand Bahama. The room nights sold for the large hotels as a group in Nassau/Paradise Island increased in every month of 2018 and into August 2019, but stumbled a bit in September 2019 after the storm;
- In January 2019, room revenue increased by 48% compared to January 2018 and room nights sold increased by 36%;
- In February 2019, room revenue increased by 41% compared to February 2018 and room nights sold increased by 27%;
- In March 2019, room revenue increased by 28% compared to March 2018 and room nights sold increased by 17%;

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- In April 2019, room revenue increased by 28% compared to April 2018 and room nights sold increased by 11%;
- In May 2019, room revenue increased by 26% compared to May 2018 and room nights sold increased by 18%;
- In June 2019, room revenue increased by 18% compared to June 2018 and room nights sold increased by 13%;
- In July 2019, room revenue increased by 19% compared to July 2018 and room nights sold increased by 16%;
- In August 2019, room revenue increased by 9% compared to August 2018 and room nights sold increased by 7%;
- In September 2019, room revenue was flat compared to September 2018 and room nights sold declined by 1%;
- In January to September 2019 YTD, room revenue increased by 25% compared to the same period of 2018 and room nights sold increased by 16%.

# APPENDIX

## CRUISE ARRIVALS TO THE BAHAMAS 1ST PORT OF ENTRY ONLY JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER 2019 AND 2018

	January to September				
	2019	2018	% CHG		
January	498,913	426,260	17.0%		
February	445,622	395,926	12.6%		
March	530,038	504,208	5.1%		
April	471,099	428,273	10.0%		
Мау	413,944	348,392	18.8%		
June	445,463	353,931	25.9%		
July	449,767	408,556	10.1%		
August	411,086	366,629	12.1%		
September	293,544	329,388	-10.9%		
Total YTD	3,959,476	3,561,563	11.2%		

Source:Dept. of Immigration, Port Authority, Customs and Bahamas Ministry of Tourism Research & Statistics Dept.,

On September 1, 2019, Hurricane Dorian slammed into the island of Abaco and Grand Bahama as a category 5 Hurricane.

- Cruise arrivals to the Bahamas as a whole, began January 2019 on a strong note. The growth in cruise arrivals continued into August 2019 but declined in September 2019 after the Northern islands of Abaco and Grand Bahama were ravished by Hurricane Dorian.
- Cruise arrivals were up by 11.2% between January to September 2019 YTD and down 10.9% in the month of September 2019.

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	JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER				
	2019	2018	%CHG 19/18		
Nassau/Paradise Island	2,125,040	1,812,025	17.3%		
Grand Bahama	359,532	417,805	-13.9%		
Abaco (Castaway Cay)	210,664	234,111	-10.0%		
Andros	-	-	0.0%		
Berry Islands	716,486	512,225	39.9%		
Bimini	19,307	20,313	-5.0%		
Cat Cay	-	-	0.0%		
Cat Island	-	-	0.0%		
Eleuthera (Princess Cay & Oth)	230,281	239,644	-3.9%		
Exuma	-	-	0.0%		
Half Moon Cay	298,166	325,111	-8.3%		
Inagua	-	329	-100.0%		
Long Island	-	-	0.0%		
San Salvador	-	-	0.0%		
Bahamas Overall	3,959,476	3,561,563	11.2%		

Source:Dept. of Immigration, Port Authority, Customs and Bahamas Ministry of Tourism Research & Statistics Dept., Sea Landed arrivals are not listed above. 2nd and 3rd port of call cruise arrivals are not listed in the above table. On September 1, 2019, Hurricane Dorian slammed into the island of Abaco and Grand Bahama as a category 5 Hurricane. All numbers are subject to revision.

- By September 2019 YTD, cruise arrivals (1<sup>st</sup> port of entry) were up in Nassau/Paradise Island (+17.3%), and the Berry Islands (+39.9%).
- Cruise arrivals (1<sup>st</sup> port of entry) between January to September 2019 YTD were down in Grand Bahama, Abaco, Bimini, Eleuthera (Princess Cay), Half Moon Cay and Inagua. In February 2018, Inagua received the M/S Hamburg which increased the arrivals to the island during that month and for the rest of the year. The island of Inagua does not normally receive cruise arrivals and did not receive any in 2019 so far.

# CRUISE ARRIVALS TO THE BAHAMAS 1ST PORT OF ENTRY ONLY SEPTEMBER 2019

	SEPTEMBER ONLY				
	2019	2018	%CHG 19/18		
Nassau/Paradise Island	177,529	193,603	-8.3%		
Grand Bahama	10,152	23,352	-56.5%		
Abaco (Castaway Cay)	10,888	14,319	-24.0%		
Andros	-	-	0.0%		
Berry Islands	67,922	59,186	14.8%		
Bimini	627	959	-34.6%		
Cat Cay	-	-	0.0%		
Cat Island	-	-	0.0%		
Eleuthera (Princess Cay & Oth)	12,151	20,288	-40.1%		
Exuma	-	-	0.0%		
Half Moon Cay	14,275	17,681	-19.3%		
Inagua	-	-	0.0%		
Long Island	-	-	0.0%		
San Salvador	-	-	0.0%		
Bahamas Overall	293,544	329,388	-10.9%		

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2nd and 3rd port of call cruise arrivals are not listed in the above table.

On September 1, 2019, Hurricane Dorian slammed into the island of Abaco and Grand Bahama as a category 5 Hurricane. All numbers are subject to revision.

• Cruise arrivals (1<sup>st</sup> port of entry) to the Bahamas overall were down by 10.9% in the month of September 2019. Most of the islands suffered declines in cruise arrivals (1<sup>st</sup> port of entry) during the month as a result of Hurricane Dorian except Coco Cay, Berry Islands.

This report is based on information from the Department of Immigration, the Customs Department, Port Authorities, large hotels and Research and Statistics Department, Ministry of Tourism.

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