



Statement #3

HURRICANE IRMA AND THE ISLANDS OF THE BAHAMAS 11:00 AM EDT, Thursday, Sept. 7, 2017

NASSAU, Bahamas – Thursday, September 7, 2017: A hurricane warning is now in effect for all islands in The Bahamas. Islands throughout the archipelago are expected to experience hurricane conditions within the next 36 hours. The majority of visitors are expected to leave the destination by Thursday afternoon.

AIRPORTS/AIRLINES

The Lynden Pindling International Airport (LPIA) in New Providence will close at the end of day Thursday, September 7th, 2017. Visitors who have not yet left the country are encouraged to check with their individual airline regarding availability.

The following airports will close by sunset on **Thursday, September 7:**

**INAGUA
MAYAGUNA
RAGGED ISLAND
ACKLINS
CROOKED ISLAND
LONG ISLAND
RUM CAY
EXUMA & THE CAYS
SAN SALVADOR
CAT ISLAND
ELEUTHERA**

The following airports will close on **Friday, September 8:**

**ANDROS, CONGO TOWN & MANGROVE CAY
ANDROS, FRESH CREEK AND SAN ANDROS
GRAND BAHAMA
THE ABACOS
BERRY ISLANDS
BIMINI**

Airport operations will resume once the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) gives the “All Clear” and the airports have been assessed and cleared for opening.

HOTELS

All hotels and resorts throughout The Islands Of The Bahamas have activated their hurricane programs and are taking all necessary precautions to protect visitors and residents where necessary.

CRUISE

All cruise ships have been rerouted away from ports of The Bahamas to other destinations.

Ferry services will suspend service to Grand Bahama Island as the port will close on Friday, September 8 at noon.

Regular Bahamas Ministry of Tourism updates on Hurricane Irma can be found at Bahamas.com/storms. Updates on Hurricane Irma can be found at www.nhc.noaa.gov.

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