



#### **Statement #4**

### **HURRICANE IRMA AND THE ISLANDS OF THE BAHAMAS 3:00 PM EDT, Friday, Sept. 8, 2017**

**NASSAU, Bahamas – Friday, September 8, 2017:** Hurricane conditions are spreading westward over portions of the Central Bahamas as a hurricane warning continues for the entire Bahamas. Hurricane Irma is expected to impact the country with tropical storm and hurricane force winds, significant rainfall and strong waves today and Saturday.

Hurricane conditions are presently spreading over south Long Island and over Ragged Island, while tropical storm force winds are now occurring over Inagua, Mayaguana, Rum Cay and San Salvador. Tropical storm conditions will begin to spread into Eleuthera, Andros and New Providence this afternoon and tonight.

#### **VISITORS**

There are no visitors on Inagua, Acklins, Crooked Island, Mayaguana, Long Cay, Samana Cay and Ragged Island.

There are a total of 2,184 visitors throughout The Islands of The Bahamas.

#### **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.

#### **AIRPORTS/AIRLINES**

The following airports closed on September 7:

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

The following airports will close on Friday, September 8:

- **NASSAU, LYNDEN PINDLING INTERNATIONAL:** Closing at 12:00 p.m.
- **ANDROS, CONGO TOWN & MANGROVE CAY:** Closing at 11:00 a.m.
- **ANDROS, FRESH CREEK AND SAN ANDROS:** Closing at 4:00 p.m.
- **THE ABACOS:** Closing at Sunset
- **GRAND BAHAMA:** Closing at 12:00 p.m.
- **BERRY ISLANDS:** Closing at Sunset
- **BIMINI:** Closing at Sunset

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.

### **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.

The Islands Of The Bahamas will be releasing updates on the tracking of Hurricane Irma on [Bahamas.com/storms](http://Bahamas.com/storms).

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