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HURRICANE IRMA AND THE ISLANDS OF THE BAHAMAS

11:00 AM EDT, Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2017

Next update Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2017 at 3:00 PM EDT

NASSAU, Bahamas – Wednesday, September 6, 2017: Hurricane Irma continues to move west-northwest and is projected to pass just north of Puerto Rico today. A hurricane warning is now in effect for Inagua, Acklins, Crooked Islands, Mayaguana, Long Cay, Semana Cay and Ragged Islands in the southeast of The Bahamas. Hurricane conditions are expected in these islands within 36 hours.

A hurricane watch is now in effect for the island of the Central Bahamas which includes Long Island, Cat Island, Rum Cay, San Salvador and The Exumas; hurricane conditions may affect these islands within the next 48 hours.

A hurricane alert is now in effect for the Northwest Bahamas which includes Eleuthera, New Providence, Andros, The Berry Islands, Bimini, Grand Bahama and Abaco; hurricane conditions may affect these islands within the next 60 hours.

VISITORS

There are no visitors on Inagua, Acklins, Crooked Island, Mayaguana, Long Cay, Samana Cay and Ragged Island based on reports from the various island administrators. The majority of visitors are expected to leave The Islands Of The Bahamas by Thursday afternoon.

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

All airports throughout The Islands Of The Bahamas are still open today.

The Lynden Pindling International Airport in New Providence is expected to close on Friday afternoon.

International flights to the Out Islands will be suspended as of Thursday and will resume as soon as conditions allow

- Silver Airways is hoping to resume flights to its 5 destinations in The Bahamas on Saturday, September 9th

CRUISE

Five cruise ships have rerouted away from ports of The Bahamas to other destinations: Allure of the Seas, Carnival Glory, Carnival Magic, Carnival Splendor, Carnival Pride. Cruise lines and international ferry services have cancelled sailings to Grand Bahamas Island for the week

Regular Bahamas Ministry of Tourism updates on Hurricane Irma can be found at Bahamas.com/storms.

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