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Stay and Play in the Bahamas For Up to 40% Less



Sale away: You and your wallet can relax at Bahamian retreats such as Cape Santa Maria Beach Resort, above.

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Contemplating an easy tropical island getaway in the coming weeks or months? Then pick up our [September issue](#), on newsstands now, which includes a special section called "[The Bahamas for Everyone](#)," an exhaustive guide to what's best, new, and now about the white-sand archipelago.

It's got us hunting for Bahamas bargains at some of our editors' favorite places--and low airfare to get there. After the jump you'll find a few deals for fall we've rounded up:

The Place: [Cape Santa Maria Beach Resort](#), on Long Island, where well-heeled couples and families decompress along the seven-mile beach.

The Deal: Among the range of specials the resort is offering is the [Bahamas Family Vacation Adventure](#), with a rate of **\$86 per person per night** (after taxes and a service fee) based on a six-night stay in an oceanfront bungalow that sleeps four people. Meal plans are available for an additional fee.

The Discount: This package represents a **20% price cut**.

The Dates: There is no book-by date. Good for travel November 1 to December 19, with a blackout date from December 20 to January 2. The specials are available again through April 30 at a slightly higher rate.

How to Book: Log on to capesantamaria.com or call 800-663-7090

The Place: [Pelican Bay Hotel](#), on the marina on Grand Bahama Island, a family-friendly spot near the Lucaya beach resort complex and the UNEXSO dive center.

The Deal: Stay three nights in a waterside stateroom, **get the fourth night free**.

The Discount: This offer drops the per-night price from **\$178 to \$134** (after taxes and fees) per night--**a savings of 25%**.

The Dates: Good for travel booked and completed by December 20.

How to Book: Log on to pelicanbayhotel.com or call 800-852-3702

The Place: [Marley Resort & Spa](#), on Nassau's Cable Beach, where low-lit courtyard rooms are each named after one of Bob Marley's songs.

The Deal: The resort's online [September to Remember](#) package puts accommodations at **40% off--or from \$311 a night** after fees and taxes--and includes a **10% discount on any spa treatment**. The special applies only to suites and requires a minimum two-night stay.

The Dates: Good for travel booked and completed by September 30.

How to Book: Log on to marleyresort.com, select your dates, and look for the "September to Remember" rate plan among available suites.

How to get to these islands? [American Airlines](#) is having a [Beach Destinations sale](#), from major U.S. airports to the Bahamas destinations of Nassau, Freeport, and Marsh Harbour.

You can fly from Austin to Nassau for **\$356** (after fees and taxes) per person roundtrip, or from New York to Freeport for **\$298** (after fees and taxes) per person roundtrip.

Of course, there are restrictions: Special fares are for travel Monday through Thursday only, and require a minimum two-night and maximum 30-day stay.

Book By: September 15 for outbound travel through November 17 and completed travel by November 19.

How to Book: Find details at the [Beach Destination Sale](#) page, and book through [American Airlines Vacations](#).