

## Statement #7

### THE ISLANDS OF THE BAHAMAS RETURNING TO NORMAL OPERATIONS 9:00 AM EDT, Monday, Sept. 11, 2017

#### *Lynden Pindling International Airport open, along with major hotels in Nassau*

**NASSAU, Bahamas – Monday, September 11, 2017:** The Lynden Pindling International Airport in Nassau is open and international flights are beginning to return to The Bahamas. Additionally, the Port of Nassau is open and cruise ships are expected to arrive on Wednesday, Sept. 13. Hotels and resorts including Atlantis, Paradise Island, Sandals Royal Bahamian, Warwick Paradise Island, Baha Mar, Melia Nassau Beach Resort and the Sandals Emerald Bay on Great Exuma are set to welcome guests.

There are currently no reports of severe damage to the tourism product throughout the islands, and The Bahamas and all are grateful for this good fortune. Our thoughts and prayers are with all those who were not as fortunate and we will seek to assist as we can.

Nassau and Paradise Island were not impacted by Hurricane Irma and across the island people have returned to work at hotels, airports, the port and attractions after cosmetic clean-up. Assessments across the islands will begin today and the Bahamas Ministry of Tourism and Aviation will continue to share updates as available.

#### **AIRPORTS**

Lynden Pindling International Airport in Nassau, in addition to all government airports throughout The Bahamas, is open and international flights are beginning to return. Grand Bahama International Airport is expected to open tomorrow, Tuesday, Sept. 12.

#### **HOTELS**

Below is information on hotel status at this time. Reservation holders should contact properties directly for complete information.

Nassau and Paradise Island

- Atlantis, Paradise Island – open
- Sandals Royal Bahamian – open
- Warwick Paradise Island – open
- Baha Mar Resort and Casino – open Tuesday, September 12
- Melia Nassau Beach Resort – open Wednesday, September 13

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The Exumas

- Sandals Emerald Bay – open

### **CRUISE**

The Port of Nassau reopened on Sunday, Sept. 10. However, no vessels are expected to arrive until Wednesday, Sept. 13. All other ports remain closed at this time. Cruise reservation holders should check directly with their cruise provider for updates on departures and itineraries.

The Bahamas Ministry of Tourism and Aviation will be releasing updates on islands, hotels and services on [Bahamas.com/storms](https://bahamas.com/storms).