



## FACT SHEET

**Name of Resort:** Small Hope Bay Lodge

**Location:** Fresh Creek, Andros Island, Bahamas

**Nearest Airport:** Andros Town Airport (ASD), port of entry, 5 miles away, 24 degrees 44.9'N-77 degrees 48.6'W

**Mailing Address:** P O Box 23324, Fresh Creek, Andros Island, Bahamas

**Tel:** Direct: 1-242-368-2014/2013; Fax: 1-242-368-2015;

US/Canada: 1-800-223-6961

Jeff Birch, Owner Cellular: 1-242-357-2001

**Website:** [www.SmallHope.com](http://www.SmallHope.com)

Email: [info@SmallHope.com](mailto:info@SmallHope.com) for reservations

Email: [SHBmkt@SmallHope.com](mailto:SHBmkt@SmallHope.com) for marketing

**Owners and Managers:** The resort was opened in 1960 by Canadian Dick Birch. Under the same Birch family management, Small Hope continues its dedication to offering a natural refuge for rest, relaxation, rediscovery and romance.

**Closing:** Small Hope closes for the month of September

**Type of Facility:** AN ALL INCLUSIVE INFORMAL HOLIDAY LODGE and RESORT with excellent scuba diving, snorkeling, fishing and natural attractions. Emphasis is on relaxing, low-impact lifestyle and a friendly home-like atmosphere. There are no phones in the rooms (phone, fax, internet access for guest use in the office), no newspapers, and no clocks. There is no formal dress code--bare feet totally acceptable. T-shirts, sarongs, anything (except neckties).....

## ROOMS AND BUILDING INFORMATION

### **No. of Rooms/Buildings:**

- Thirteen one-bedroom and four two-bedroom cottages.
- A central lodge with dining area, lounge/bar area, games room and reading room.
- A small on-site boutique.
- A building for office and administration and guest services.
- A staffed laundry facility.
- An outdoor patio bar and dining area under the open sky.
- Shaded pergolas on our north beach with hammocks and beach loungers.

### **Room description:**

Hand-built cottages of coral rock and Andros pine. Overhead ceiling fans and standup fans are in every room and all of our rooms have optional air conditioning (fees apply). Each room has toilet/shower facilities and king-size and/or single beds. All cabins are fully tiled and decorated in Androsia Batik fabrics and local art. All cottages are shaded by palms and located directly on the Bay with full ocean views. To the north of the cottages is a swimming beach, assuring maximum privacy and quiet in the cottage area. There are several outdoor showers located between our cabins available to all guests, and perfect for rinsing off after a dive or swim, or watching the sunrise while enjoying a warm shower.

Small Hope has a very unique and consistent atmosphere. Our family and dive staff engages with the guests on a consistent basis paving the way for relationships to be made. This is one of the reasons we are in the “**1,000 Places to See Before You Die**” and “**100 Best Resorts in the Caribbean 5<sup>th</sup> Edition**”

## GUEST INFORMATION

### **For Couples:**

Couples will enjoy the romantic atmosphere in a private cottage located on the beach. Included in our rate is the option of being taken to a nearby secluded cove to relax and enjoy some swimming or snorkeling. At the lodge, along with the other hammocks nestled within the property, there is a hammock that lies out at the end of the dock that is beautiful to snuggle up to during the day or under the moonlight sky. The stars are amazing!!! We readily accommodate those couples wanting to get married or celebrate their honeymoon with us. We have a “honeymoon cottage” just for this special occasion! Please see insert for more details.

**For Single Travelers:**

Single travelers wishing to avoid the surcharge for occupying a double occupancy room may opt to share a two-bedroom cottage with another single traveler (private bedroom/share bath). Surcharge for private cottage/bath is \$95 a night. If space is available there will be a free upgrade.

**For Families:**

Families with children are welcome. Cribs and extra cots are complimentary. Baby-sitting services are easily arranged for a surcharge. Children 7 and under eat evening meals in the Games Room, and are restricted from the bar and adult dining area during the evening hours. This gives the adults some adult time, and the kid's time to be kids. Baby-sitting for children 2 to 7 years old is complimentary between 6 p.m. and 8:45 p.m. each evening in the Games Room. Babysitting for children 2 and under is available for a nominal fee.

## MAIN ATTRACTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

**DIVING AND SNORKELING:** One mile offshore (ten minutes by boat) is the 142-mile long Andros Barrier Reef, the third longest in the world. Small Hope has complete diving/snorkeling facilities and instruction and offers several daily trips to the reef. We are known to teach anyone interested to either snorkel and/or dive in a relaxed atmosphere yet we have advanced dives for those that are more experienced.

**BONEFISHING AND DEEP-SEA OR REEF FISHING:** Andros is laced with inland waterways providing world-class bonefish flats; and the Andros Barrier reef runs along the eastern shoreline. Fishing is easily arranged for an additional fee.

**KAYAKING:** We have double and single sea kayaks available for our guests.

**BIKING:** We have a fleet of bikes and maps to local attractions available for our guests.

**BIRDING:** We provide binoculars, Bird ID books and maps, as well as guided birding tours available to our guests.

**SAILING:** We have a small Hobie cat sailboat.

**WINDSURFING:** We have a windsurfer for guest use.

**NATURE TOURS:** We offer guided Nature Tours of the island. Half day and Whole day tours can be arranged for an additional fee.

**NATURE WALKS:** We have marked trails and maps on the Small Hope property.

**HAMMOCKS:** We have lots of these too ...

**SHOPPING:** Visit the Androsia Batik Factory and Outlet Store, which makes the colorful clothing and fabric of the Bahamas, three miles from Small Hope Bay or visit them online at [www.Androsia.com](http://www.Androsia.com)

## DIVING AND SNORKELING PROGRAM INFORMATION

### About our Dive Facilities:

- Three flattop dive boats (two 10-passenger and one 20-passenger) with boarding ladders, one specialty dive boats (up to 4 passengers) and a tank bank with 5000 cubic feet of air at 3500 psi in reserve at all times.
- Dive prices include tanks, weights and belts. Mask, snorkel, fins, BCDs, regulators, wetsuits and computers are available for rent. SASY equipment is available for children under 10.
- Instruction – SCUBA Open Water, Adventure, Advanced and Nitrox certification (and fills) are offered. Other courses can be arranged in advance.

### Diving and Snorkel Agenda:

- Dive boats go out twice a day, visiting two dive sites in the morning and one dive site in the afternoon, plus two snorkel sites on the snorkel boat. Night dives are offered on request (minimum 6 divers or all divers in resort).
- Daily dives include a morning deep dive (70 to 130 feet) followed by a medium-depth dive (20-40 feet,) and an afternoon medium-depth dive (50-70 feet).
- Snorkeling excursions to the reef by boat are offered every day (6 snorkelers minimum for a designated snorkel boat). A variety of snorkeling areas are accessible from shore as well.
- Dive masters/Instructors plan and accompany all dives.

## **Custom-Tailored Specialty Diving:**

- One on one Specialty Diving and Custom-Tailored Diving for experienced divers is available on request.
- Ideal for Cavern Diving, Deep Wall Diving, Blue Hole and Shark Diving

## HOW TO GET TO ANDROS ISLAND

### **VIA NASSAU:**

LeAir offer twice daily scheduled service between Nassau and Andros Town. It is a 15-minute flight. Their contacts are 1-242-377-2356 or **info@leaircharters.com** **www.leaircharters.com**

Glen Air and Randolph Holding Charters also offer scheduled flights twice daily from Nassau and Fresh Creek. Contact our office for schedules.

Bahamas Ferries “Sealink” offers twice weekly ferry service. 242 323 2166 or **www.bahamasferries.com**

### **VIA FORTLAUDERDALE:**

Watermakers Air flies 4 times a week. Watermakers Air offers Small Hope guests a “special rate.” Please contact them at **www.watermakersair.com** or 1-954-771-0330.

**Private air charters from Nassau or Fort Lauderdale to Andros are easily arranged. Five seated passenger planes and larger are available. Small Hope Bay Lodge has assisted customers for many years to find easy ways to get to Andros. We continue to do that by assisting with charter flights. Call the office for information 1-242-368-2014. Flights in and out of Andros can operate between sunrise and sunset only.**

## RECYCLING PROGRAM

### **Eco-Tourism Note:**

A recipient of numerous national and international eco-tourism awards, Small Hope Bay Lodge is Green Globe benchmarked and whenever possible, actively recycles much of our trash materials. We collect and return all deposit bottles and aluminum cans for recycling. We also recycle our non-deposit bottles into homemade glassware for lodge use. Composting makes our gardens grow. All of the hot water at Small Hope Bay Lodge is heated by solar power.

**This is our “SMALL HOPE” for you:**

**That you find a safe and friendly environment, without distractions or crowds, where you can relax and rejuvenate your body with good food, sound sleep and gentle recreation; renew your spirit by immersing yourself in gentle nature; and find intellectual stimulation by meeting new people and experiencing life in a new way.**

## REST, RELAXATION, REDISCOVER

