

GRAND BAHAMA ISLAND LIVE ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

Jazz on the Beach Jam at Taino Beach, West Beach Road, Freeport. Open from noon. Entertainment from 4:30 – 9:00pm. Idyllic outdoor beach setting on a large deck area at Tony Macaroni's World Famous Conch Experience. Live sounds from members of the Grand Bahama Entertainers, Artists & Musicians Association. You never know who will stop by to sing, perform or jam along! No cover charge. 242-441-1862. **Sundays**

The Regency Theatre – operated and owned by The Freeport Players' Guild, a nonprofit repertory company, producing comedies, musicals, dramas and children's or family productions in the 375-seat Regency Theatre during its **September-June season**. Tickets are generally available at the door, but can be purchased in advance at Seventeen Shop in the Seventeen Plaza across from the downtown post office. 242-352-5533 freeportplayersguild@gmail.com

Karaoke, various locations

Bahamians love Karaoke! Come sing-a-long with all your favorites. Port Lucaya Marketplace Count Basie Square, 8 – 11pm **Tuesdays**. UNEXSO Dive In Bar & Grill, 7 – 10pm, **Thursdays**

The Original Native Show, Club Culture at the International Bazaar. A live dinner show featuring Bahamian dancers, limbo, local entertainers and Congo Man. Entrance is \$29.99 and includes 1 Bahama Mama drink. Club Culture is the Home of the Entertainers and features The Bahamas Entertainers Hall of Fame. Doors 8pm, Show at 9pm. Information 352-2932, 533-0326. **Saturdays**

Poetry in Motion (Express Yourself), Club Culture at the International Bazaar. Come out and listen to local poets and writings share their craft, OR share your own poetry. 9pm start. Entrance is Free but those not participating in readings are required a 2-drink minimum purchase. Information 352-2932, 533-0326. **Thursdays**

Jam Out Live, out doors at Club Culture at the International Bazaar. Listen to local entertainers as they get together and jam in an informal environment. Feel like singing? Get up and grab the mic! Information 352-2932, 533-0326. **Wednesdays**



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WELCOME TO GRAND BAHAMA ISLAND

Sun, sand, and surf may own the days in The Bahamas, but clubs and live shows own the nights. Thanks to a Bahamian fondness for music and dancing, there's no shortage of nightspots, local talent, and good company to make a vacation day last long after twilight.

WHAT YOU MAY FIND ON GRAND BAHAMA ISLAND:

Calypso Music

Calypso is a style of Afro-Caribbean music where the roots stem from African slaves who, not being allowed to speak with each other, communicated through song. It later evolved into a way of spreading news of the day, where many islanders considered these songs the most reliable news source. Today Calypso still expresses current issues or reflections of life.

Rake 'n Scrape

Rake 'n Scrape is the folk music of the Bahamas. The instruments used include accordion, goatskin drum and carpenter's saw. The saw teeth are raked with a screwdriver to provide a rhythmic scraping sound.

Other styles of music

Since The Bahamas is part of the Caribbean and is also a neighbor to the United States of America, the influence of musical styles can be heard from many of our entertainers, young and old. Hip-hop, Rap and Reggae are very popular, although not indigenous to this country, as well as pop and contemporary sounds. Gospel music is also a strong contender. If Karaoke is your thing, it has become very popular at many bars on Thursday nights. All in all, we have something for everyone.

Junkanoo

Junkanoo is the great cultural event of The Bahamas. Participants of Junkanoo street parades are men and women that come from all walks of life who join together under various Junkanoo groups with members in the hundreds and unite in dance, and music making. They wear hand made costumes from colourful paper and compete for large cash prizes where judging is done on costume, choreography of dance, and originality. The street festivals are usually showcased twice a year on Boxing Day and New Years but in recent years, Summer Junkanoo has been very well received, and as well it has now become popular to have many independent competitions off and on throughout the year.

Native Shows

A kaleidoscope of talent is what to expect at our Native Shows. A wide variety of cultural music with cultural dance mixed in. You may see Fire Dancers, Limbo Dancers or even the incredible 'Spider Man' who can lay on a bed of glass, as well as perform other incredible feats that will amaze you.

AND, we have casinos, movie theatres, live theatre, bowling, mini golf and more...

Bahama Mama Sunset Cruise & Show, leaves from Port Lucaya Marina, Freeport's largest catamaran – 3 hour cruise, complimentary beverages, hors d'oeuvres. October – March (6:00-9:00pm), April – September (6:30-9:30pm) Adults \$45.00. 242-373-7863, or visit www.SuperiorWaterSports.com. **Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays**

Native Slice, Amnesia Dining & Show Club, Mall Drive, 8pm – 10pm. A native Bahamian cultural show. Open bar from 8 – 9pm tropical drinks.\$35.00 per person (show and drinks) or \$59.00 per person (dinner, show and drinks) before mention of gratuity. **Wednesdays**

Piano with Kevin Tomlinson, Churchill's Restaurant, Our Lucaya, 6:00 – 10:00 pm. Kevin is a versatile pianist, with a classical foundation. Innovative and melodious tunes, reflecting a kaleidoscope of moods, magically knit the rich ambiance of Churchill's Restaurant with romance and relaxation. 373-1333. www.ourlucaya.com
Tuesdays, Wednesday, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays (Wednesday to Saturday in off season)

Just Friends Calypso band, Churchill's Garden Bar, International Bazaar, 8:00 pm. A lively four member group that will get your toe tapping and your hips shaking at a semi-outdoor relaxed local establishment. Playing many Bahamian favorites. No cover charge. **Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays**

Steven Colebrooke, Aqua Restaurant, Old Bahama Bay, West End, 6:00 – 10:00pm. Enjoy a relaxing first class dining experience - out west at Aqua while being serenaded by piano and song. Steven is one of Grand Bahama's best entertainers with an extensive repertoire of songs. www.oldbahamabay.com 242-350-6500. **Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays**

Island Boys Rake'n Scrape Band, Bikini Bottom Bar & Grill, Williamstown. Casual inside and out seating with great eats, pool tables, darts, free WiFi with a great view of the ocean only a hop, skip and jump away. 242-373-7951 BikiniBottom2@gmail.com www.bahamasvacationguide.com/bikinibottom. **Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays**

Rake 'n and Scrape on Da Beach, West Beach Road, Freeport. Rake 'n Scrape is Bahamian music that features the sounds of a carpenter's saw being scraped by knives or files. Open from noon, Rake 'n' Scrape from 8:00 to 11:00pm on Tony Macaroni's large deck over the beach. No cover. Contact 242-441-1862. **Wednesdays**

Sabor Saturdays, Pelican Bay Hotel, Sabor Restaurant & Bar, Port Lucaya Marina, 7 – 9:00pm. Live local entertainers perform weekly. A popular spot for food and drinks. Water front dining in a relaxed outdoor setting, overlooking Bell Channel Bay. 242-373-9550 www.pelicanbayhotel.com
Saturdays

Tropical Wave Band, Isle of Capri Casino at Our Lucaya, 8:30pm to 1:00am. No cover charge. A local band that plays Caribbean and Bahamian favorites. Great for dancing after dinner. 350-2000. **Saturdays**

Ultra Vibes band, Port Lucaya Marketplace Stage, 8:00 – 11:00 pm. Methice Rigby along with five other band members captivate their audience with unique voices and an energetic performance with top hits and Bahamian favorites in the Count Basie Square. You won't be able to resist dancing! Free. 242-373-8446 www.portlucayamarketplace.com. **Saturdays**

***Wilfred Solomon & The Magnetics, poolside at Old Bahama Bay, West End, 1:00 – 5:00pm.** Enjoy the idyllic outdoor setting while enjoying music performed live by one of Grand Bahama's legendary Bahamian entertainers of Calypso music. The Straw Bar, between the freshwater pool and the beach, is never more than a few steps away from a refreshing cocktail or a light snack. Free – www.oldbahamabay.com 242-350-6500. **Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays**

Little Joe Cartwright and The Trouble Band with Limbo Show, Port Lucaya Marketplace Count Basie Square Popular Bahamian recording artist and international performer, Little Joe Cartwright and his band entertain you with Bahamian favorites that get you up on your feet dancing. 8 – 11:00pm. **Fridays, Sundays**

BINGO and other games, Port Lucaya Marketplace Count Basie Square Good fun for the whole family! Connect Four and other games featured. 8 – 11pm. 242-373-8446 www.portlucayamarketplace.com. **Mondays**

Line Dancing, Port Lucaya Marketplace Count Basie Square. Learn our Bahamian dance moves and popular line dances by instruction. A great get-up-and-move for the young and old. 8 – 11pm. 242-373-8446 www.portlucayamarketplace.com. **Thursdays**