



NERVOUS WATERS  
A HIGHER FORM OF FISHING

# ABACO LODGE

GREAT ABACO ISLAND, BAHAMAS





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*On the marls*

Abaco Lodge is the only fly-fishing operation located directly on the famed Marls, a vast labyrinth of shallow flats, mangrove cays, and bonefish in numbers found nowhere else in the Bahamas.

Days of fifteen to twenty bonefish are not uncommon across this expansive fishery, where more than 300 square miles of pristine habitat stretch across the western side of Great Abaco Island. With the lodge positioned directly on the Marls, there is no trailering and no fuel stops—just more time fishing.

Simply step away from the breakfast table and walk down to the dock, where our fleet of Maverick flats skiffs and some of the island's most knowledgeable guides await. Within minutes, anglers are gliding across clear water in search of cruising bonefish.

Back at the lodge, private guest rooms, excellent cuisine, and attentive service provide the perfect setting to relax after a full day on the flats.

Abaco Lodge is also one of the most conveniently located bonefishing destinations in the Caribbean. Direct flights from Florida make travel simple and efficient, with easy access through Marsh Harbour Airport, located just a short transfer from the lodge.

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## WHY CHOOSE ABACO LODGE?

- Effortless travel – Daily direct commercial flights from the U.S. to Marsh Harbour Airport make getting to the lodge simple and convenient.
- Immediate access to the fish – Abaco Lodge is the only fly-fishing lodge located directly on the famed Marls, meaning no trailering and more time fishing.
- Short, smooth skiff runs – Quick access to the flats ensures anglers spend more time on the water and less time traveling.
- An expansive, lightly pressured fishery – Over 200 square miles of pristine habitat and bonefish in remarkable numbers.
- Exceptional sight-fishing – Tailing bonefish are a common sight, offering classic flats fishing opportunities throughout the Marls.
- Multi-species opportunities – Regular shots at juvenile tarpon and large permit add excitement to the fishery.
- Expert local guides – Fish with some of the most knowledgeable and experienced fly-fishing guides in the Bahamas.
- Modern flats skiffs – Our new Maverick skiffs are quiet, stable, comfortable, and perfectly suited for technical sight fishing.
- Ideal for non-anglers – Abaco’s island culture, beaches, and activities make it a wonderful destination for spouses and families.
- Premium equipment included – From custom skiffs to industry-leading fishing gear, top-quality equipment is available at no additional cost.
- Comfortable accommodations and attentive service – A thoughtfully designed lodge with mostly single rooms, outstanding service, and attention to detail.
- Outstanding cuisine – Enjoy a delicious à la carte menu featuring exceptional fresh, local ingredients and some of the best food in the Bahamas.





*Our lodge has come to represent the benchmark in terms of quality guiding, delicious food, comfortable accommodations, and courteous hospitality.*

## FACILITIES AND SERVICES

The bright, charming lodge welcomes guests with spectacular waterfront views. The lodge consists of 7 double rooms with 2-queen size beds each & 2 rooms with king size beds; with a capacity of 12 anglers. All of the rooms offer air conditioning and private bathroom. Wireless Internet will keep you connected back home. Phone service is available and there is great cell coverage throughout the island. There is also a large flat screen TV for catching all the games.

The lodge's main bar is stocked with spirits, cold beer, soft drinks, plenty of ice, and mixers for cocktails. We also have an on-site fly shop where you can purchase everything from flies, leaders and tippet, and lodge logo-wear.



- Capacity: 12 anglers.
- Accommodations: Seven double rooms with two queen-size beds and two rooms with king-size beds. All rooms feature air conditioning, private bathrooms, and comfortable furnishings designed for relaxation after a day on the water.
- Main Lodge: The heart of the property featuring a welcoming dining room, comfortable indoor sitting room, outdoor living room with beautiful views, a fully stocked bar, and a fully equipped fly-tying table.
- Pool Area: Relax poolside with a drink in hand while enjoying beautiful views of the surrounding landscape.
- Fire Pit: A charming fire pit overlooking the marls. Each afternoon the sun sets directly in front of the lodge, creating a spectacular and memorable gathering place.
- Fly Shop: A fully stocked shop offering flies, rods, reels, fly lines, selected flats apparel, and local crafts.
- Fitness & Wellness: Workout room equipped with an elliptical trainer, stationary bike, free weights, yoga cubes, yoga ball, and resistance bands, ideal for guests who wish to stay active during their stay.
- Satellite TV, Telephone and WiFi Available.
- Full daily maid service with laundry service available.
- Meals: Beautifully prepared Bahamian specialties highlight the flavors of the islands, including roasted crawfish and other local favorites. Dining in the Bahamas is a magical encounter between the treasures of the sea, the islands' rich history, culture, and its people, with a strong emphasis on magnificent fresh seafood. Dinner is served à la carte, offering guests a selection of freshly prepared dishes each evening.
- Lunch: Picnic lunches and cold drinks are taken on the boat in YETI coolers to enjoy while fishing the flats. Each day, guests can choose from a variety of lunch options.
- Non-Fishing Activities: Guests may also enjoy snorkeling, kayaking, diving, and golf.

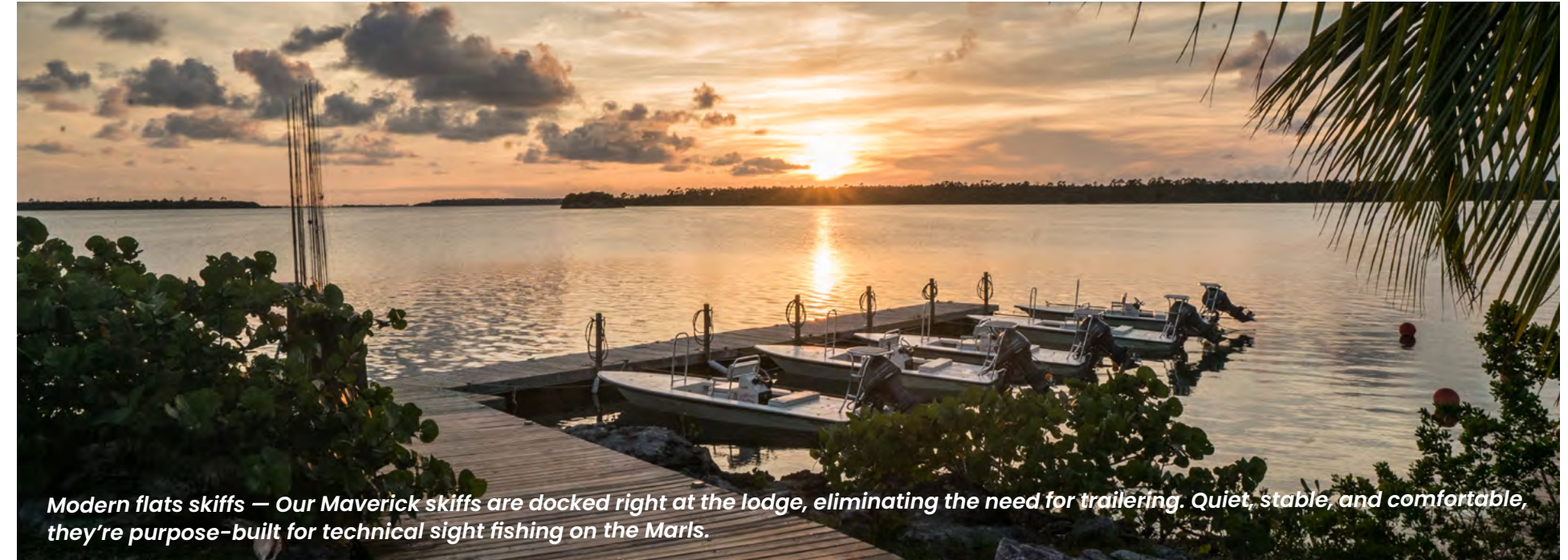
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## LOCATION

Located approximately 180 miles off the coast of Florida, the Abacos cup the eastern edge of Grand Bahama Island at the northernmost tip of the Bahamas archipelago.

Abaco Lodge is the sole bonefishing resort in the Marls, on the island's western edge. The Marls is enveloped by a recently designated National Park. Inside its perimeters, with an average depth of about four feet and little tidal influence, lives one of the top-rated bonefisheries in the Bahamas.

Your guides at Abaco Lodge know every inch of it. From blue holes that attract juvenile tarpon (and not-so-juvenile barracuda) to productive bonefish flats and hundreds of cays extending from Cross Harbour in the south to stretches well north of the lodge, you'll explore new and unpressured water daily.



*Modern flats skiffs — Our Maverick skiffs are docked right at the lodge, eliminating the need for trailering. Quiet, stable, and comfortable, they're purpose-built for technical sight fishing on the Marls.*

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## GETTING THERE

Getting to Great Abaco Island and Marsh Harbour International Airport (MHH) is simple. There are many direct flights from the U.S. and it is also possible to fly via Nassau (NAS). Our Lodge is located on the Marls side of Abaco Island, just a 10-minute drive from the MHH airport.

If you arrive in Marsh Harbour via Nassau, please allow at least 1½ hours to clear immigration and customs before proceeding to the domestic terminal to check in for your onward flight.

**TRAVEL FROM THE U.S.** - Numerous direct flights a day to Marsh Harbour. Major carriers that fly directly into Abaco include: Delta and American.

**TRAVEL FROM NASSAU** - Bahamas Air, Sky Bahamas and Western Air have multiple flights a day.



*Bonefish are our main target. Fishing is typically done from the bow of the skiff, poling the flats, with occasional wading opportunities. Baby tarpon are also present during certain times of the year.*

## THE FISHING

The Marls of Abaco are immense. Stretching across more than 240 square miles, this labyrinth of shallow flats is so vast that thirteen Mannhattans could fit within its borders. But instead of traffic and towers, anglers find a quiet wilderness of pale sand flats, mangrove cays, and scattered islands of Bahamian pine. It is a landscape shaped by tides and light—an ideal environment for one of the most prolific bonefish populations in the Caribbean.

From Abaco Lodge’s central location, our guides have access to an extraordinary range of water. The Marls we fish extend from Wood Cay in the south to the western flats off Treasure Cay, and northward toward the broad shallows near Coopers Town. A thirty-minute skiff run due west brings anglers to the ocean-facing edge of the Marls, where deeper channels, moving tides, and expansive flats often concentrate larger fish.

Bonefish here commonly average three to four pounds, though the Marls are well known for producing larger fish in the five- to ten-pound class. These bigger fish appear less frequently, but when they slide across a flat in good light, the encounter is unforgettable.



*Permit are seen almost every day and become more consistent during the warmer months. While they are not particularly numerous in this area, some of the largest permit in the Caribbean swim these flats.*

While bonefish dominate the ecosystem thanks to the Marls' protected habitat and abundant forage, the system offers exciting variety. Permit and juvenile tarpon opportunities occur regularly enough that anglers should come prepared with tackle for both species. Barracuda and several shark species also inhabit these waters, adding another dimension to a day on the flats.

Fishing is conducted from our meticulously maintained Maverick flats skiffs, purpose-built for technical sight fishing and comfort. For anglers who enjoy stalking fish on foot, wading opportunities are also available in select areas.

Runs from the lodge dock to the flats typically range from 10 to 45 minutes, depending on tides and destination.

Each skiff is equipped for both performance and comfort, with padded seats, backrests, line-tamer mats, and bow lean bars for stable casting. Guides also carry onboard first-aid kits and an emergency satellite phone, ensuring anglers can explore this vast and beautiful fishery with complete confidence.

In addition to its remarkable flats fishing, Abaco also offers exceptional bluewater opportunities. For anglers interested in offshore action, the lodge can coordinate one or more days with some of the island's most experienced captains. Depending on the season, target species may include marlin, sailfish, dorado, wahoo, and tuna. These trips can be arranged through the lodge, though the island's best captains often book well in advance, and we recommend planning accordingly. Please note that bluewater charters are available at an additional cost.



## ESTIMATED DAILY ITINERARY

The typical trip does not fish on arrival or departure, but if time allows and guides are available, half-day trips can be arranged prior to getting here. Typically you'll be shuttled from the airport to the lodge where you can check into your room, prepare gear, and spend an afternoon relaxing on the lodge grounds. Here is a sample schedule of the daily program:

- 7:00 am Breakfast
- 8:00 am Depart dock
- 4:00 pm Return to lodge
- 4:00 pm Onwards Cocktail hour
- 5:30 pm Appetizers
- 6:30 pm Dinner



# RATES 2026-27

## Oct - Dec 2026

## Jan - June, 2027

	Shared room	Single room	Shared room	Single room
<b>7 Nights / 6 Days Fishing</b>	\$ 7,850 + Gov. Tax	\$ 8,150 + Gov. Tax	\$ 8,350 + Gov. Tax	\$ 8,650 + Gov. Tax
<b>6 Nights / 5 Days Fishing</b>	\$ 7,250 + Gov. Tax	\$ 7,550 + Gov. Tax	\$ 7,750 + Gov. Tax	\$ 8,050 + Gov. Tax
<b>5 Nights / 4 Days Fishing</b>	\$ 6,750 + Gov. Tax	\$ 7,025 + Gov. Tax	\$ 6,950 + Gov. Tax	\$ 7,225 + Gov. Tax
<b>4 Nights / 3 Days Fishing</b>	\$ 5,650 + Gov. Tax	\$ 5,900 + Gov. Tax	\$ 5,950 + Gov. Tax	\$ 6,200 + Gov. Tax
<b>3 Nights / 2 Days Fishing</b>	\$ 4,250 + Gov. Tax	\$ 4,450 + Gov. Tax	\$ 4,650 + Gov. Tax	\$ 4,850 + Gov. Tax

\* Rates are in USD per person & based on shared boat/guide. Government tax is 10%.

- **SINGLE ROOM AND BOAT:** 75% surcharge.
- **NON ANGLERS:** \$650 a night + gov. taxes.
- **FULL DAY FISHING (ON ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE):** \$950 per boat (1 or 2 anglers) + gov. taxes.
- **HALF DAY FISHING (ON ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE):** \$ 850 p/boat + gov. taxes.

### INCLUDED

Lodging; All meals and beverages (Open Bar); Fishing License; Transportation between Abaco Lodge and Marsh Harbour Airport (MHH); Guided Fishing; Loaner fishing Equipment (rods, reels and lines).

### NOT INCLUDED

Airfares; Transfer from Treasure Cay to the Lodge; Government Taxes; Gratuities for staff; Flies; Laundry service; Any items of a strictly personal nature; personal and baggage insurance; Cost of itinerary modifications requested by the passenger.

### PAYMENT TERMS

Reservations are confirmed with a 50% deposit. All deposits & payments are 100% non-refundable under any circumstances. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure. At this point, participants are responsible for total land costs and no refunds will be made for unused land transportation, accommodations, or meals.

## OUR OTHER SPORTING DESTINATIONS



### Born of passion, backed by ownership.

With more than 30 family-owned, high-end sporting lodges across Argentina, Chile, Uruguay, Mexico & The Bahamas, **The Kautapen Group** brings together a lifetime of experience dedicated to fly fishing, wingshooting, and big-game hunting. Through **Nervous Waters**, **David Denies Bird Hunting**, and **Red Stag Patagonia**, we deliver best-in-class guiding, authentic hospitality, and the consistency that comes only from operating our lodges under our own ownership and uncompromising standards. Each experience reflects our commitment to excellence, conservation, and the values that have guided our family for more than four decades.



### NERVOUS WATERS

#### A Higher Form of Fishing

With 13 signature fly-fishing lodges and counting, Nervous Waters continues to expand into new horizons across Argentina, Chile, The Bahamas, and Mexico. Pursue sea-run browns, wild browns & rainbows, dorado, & other exotic freshwater species as well as the ultimate flats species—bonefish, permit, tarpon, & snook—guided by the most experienced teams in the field. Our lodges offer a level of service on par with the finest boutique hotels of the world, yet each shines with its own personality.



### DAVID DENIES

#### A Higher Form of Wingshooting

Comprising 13 world-class lodges across Argentina & Uruguay, David Denies redefines the art of wingshooting. From high-volume dove and wild pigeon shooting in northern Argentina, to the fertile wetlands of Buenos Aires Province—where marshes and swamps fill with ducks in remarkable numbers—to the rolling pastures of Uruguay, home to the world's greatest concentration of hard-flying perdiz over pointing dogs, we deliver the ultimate wingshooter's paradise. All with a level of style, service, and attention to detail found nowhere else.



### RED STAG PATAGONIA

#### A Higher Form of Hunting

Red Stag Patagonia sets the standard for authentic Big Game hunting in South America. Operating across Argentina and Chile, our carefully curated programs deliver truly wild, fair-chase hunts throughout the breathtaking peaks of Patagonia and the vast Argentine Pampas, targeting free-range red stag, axis deer, blackbuck, fallow deer, and other select game species. Whether you prefer spot-and-stalk, horseback pursuits, or vehicle-assisted outings, we tailor every experience to all skill levels—always providing the finest wild and fair-chase hunting adventures.



## BEYOND ABACO LODGE

Abaco Lodge is proud to be part of the family of destinations operated by Nervous Waters, within [The Kautapen Group](#). Beyond Bair's, a world of adventure awaits through our sister brands—[Nervous Waters Fly Fishing](#), [David Denies Bird Hunting](#), and [Red Stag Patagonia](#)—each offering exceptional outdoor experiences while sharing the same commitment to guiding excellence, thoughtful hospitality, and the highest standards of service.

Across the Caribbean, Nervous Waters showcases some of the most celebrated saltwater sporting destinations in the world. Also in the Bahamas, Bair's Lodge on South Andros Island offers exceptional bonefish fishing in one of the most productive flats fisheries in the world.

Completing our Caribbean portfolio, Nervous Waters operates three lodges in Mexico, primarily focused on permit fishing while also targeting tarpon, snook, and bonefish. In Ascension Bay, Mayazul Lodge offers exceptional flats fishing, while in Bahía Espíritu Santo, ESB Lodge and BEH KAY Lodge round out the portfolio of saltwater destinations—each maintaining the same level of service, attention to detail, and expert guiding.

Across the Americas, Nervous Waters also offers a diverse collection of world-class sporting destinations. Our freshwater fishing lodges target sea-run brown trout, golden dorado, and wild trout, while David Denies Bird Hunting operates premier wingshooting lodges in Argentina and Uruguay. Through Red Stag Patagonia, the group also offers distinguished big-game hunting experiences across Argentina and Chile.

## THE SPORTSMAN'S SEASONAL CALENDAR

ARGENTINA, CHILE & URUGUAY	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
SEA-RUN BROWN TROUT	• •	• •	• •	•								•
DORADO	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •
TROUT	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •						• •	• •
DOVES	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •
DUCKS					• •	• •	• •	• •	•			
PERDÍZ					• •	• •	• •					
PIGEON				•	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	•		
BLACKBUCK ANTELOPE					• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	•
AXIS DEER					• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	•
RED STAG			• •	• •	• •	•						
FALLOW DEER			• •	• •	• •	•						
WILD BOAR					• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	•

BAHAMAS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
BONEFISH	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	•			• •	• •	• •

MEXICO	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
PERMIT		• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	
TARPON			• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •		
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