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## Kamalame Cay

Staniard Creek, Andros, Andros, | Bahamas 

From **£242** per room per night

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**Kamalame Cay** consists of a handful of pristine, pastel-coloured Bahamian cottages spread out along a three-mile palm-fringed beach that gives onto gloriously clear azure waters. It is, it's really no exaggeration to say, a true piece of paradise.

Inside the rooms, rustic meets Caribbean chic. Cosy touches like worn paperbacks, cookie jars and other assorted objets on the shelves sit alongside the sleek chrome pineapple bedside lamps, crisp sheets and fresh hibiscus under the gently whirring fans. The views – out through the muslin-draped French doors and across your very own deck, to the white sand and glittering waters beyond – are to die for. It's all blissfully technology-free, too – there are no phones and no TVs.

Kamalame Cay is all about comfort and indulgence, but delivered with a relaxed attitude. 'Do whatever you want, whenever you want' would appear to be the mantra. And from hitting the Balinese-style spa or the freshwater pool to taking a nap in your hammock or simply combing the beach in search of oversized conch shells, there's a whole lot of nothing to do.

**What's hot?**

- The A-list privacy of it all
- Having your own golf buggy
- The genuinely friendly staff
- The miraculous Breakfast Basket that appears on the doorstep at 8am

**What's not?**

- The insects – horseflies sometimes appear
- The slightly tired bathrooms

**Need to Know: Kamalame Cay**

**Number of rooms:** 10

**Check-in/check-out times:** 3pm and 11am (but flexible)

**Room service:** Yes

**Swimming pool:** Yes

**Spa:** Yes. A 2,000 sq ft over-water Balinese-style spa with Naturopathica products offering facials, body therapies and massages with yummy flavours like honey, coconut or espresso.

**Dogs welcome:** No

**Eating and drinking:** French chef Jacques, changes the menu daily in the Great House dining room serving up an abundance of local ingredients like conch, tuna and mahi mahi. There's also a Tikki hut at the pool where you can help yourself, and in each room in addition to the breakfast basket, there's a daily cookie delivery.

**Near to?** Nothing. It's heavenly quiet – it's all about the beach. If that begins to wear, you can go bone fishing, snorkeling or kayaking in the mangroves, while for the more adventurous, the world-famous barrier reef lies in wait. Dubbed the 'Tongue of the Ocean', its dramatic 6,000 foot-drop is home to colourful corals teeming with tiny seahorses, rainbow-coloured parrotfish, graceful manta rays, turtles, nurse sharks and more.

**Getting there:** Kamalame Cay is accessible only by private ferry or seaplane. A 30-minute drive to Andros' tiny airfield. It's a 10-minute flight to Nassau airport.

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**Arrival date**

DD-MM-YYYY

**Nights Adults**

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**Best room:** While all the rooms are beautiful, beach cottage Casuarina has an added perk: an elevated bathtub with a view.

**Best dish:** The lobster bisque with coconut milk, served with chunks of grilled lobster tail in a coconut shell.

**Who stays here?** Mick Jagger, Nicole Kidman and Johnny Depp are rumoured to have stayed.



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