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Sandals Emerald Bay Review (2026): Exuma's Quiet Premium

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Sandals Emerald Bay in Great Exuma — the most remote, smallest, quietest Sandals. Worth the flight connection? Honest review.

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A quick-reference printable from **The Resort Edit** — the data and verdicts from the full article, distilled into a one-page cheat sheet you can take to your travel agent or save offline.

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Comparison 1

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Compared to	Emerald Bay advantages	Emerald Bay drawbacks
Sandals Royal Plantation	Larger property and beach; more pool options; less stuffy	Less intimate; not as personalized; further from a real town

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Quick Answers

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Q: How do you get to Sandals Emerald Bay?

A: Exuma International (GGT) is a ten-minute drive from the resort, and Sandals includes the round-trip transfer. The challenge is getting to GGT itself: direct flights are limited, with American running daily from Miami, Delta from Atlanta on certain days, and seasonal direct routes from Toronto and Charlotte. Most other origins connect through Nassau on Bahamasair or through Miami. Plan a full travel day each direction and build in a buffer — regional connections through Nassau slide an hour or two regularly.

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Q: Is the beach at Sandals Emerald Bay actually the best in the Caribbean?

A: The beach is genuinely one of the best by any measurable standard — one uninterrupted mile of soft pale sand, shallow turquoise water that wades 50 yards waist-deep, and no significant seaweed issue. The shelf stays shallow well out from shore, which makes it ideal for non-strong swimmers and the float-with-a-cocktail routine the property is built around. The beach is wide enough that crowding is essentially never an issue even at high occupancy.

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Q: Which room category should you book at Sandals Emerald Bay?

A: Skip the entry-level Honeymoon Hideaway Junior Suites unless budget is the deciding factor — the gap in experience to the Beachfront Walkout Butler categories is wider here than at most Sandals. The Walkouts give direct sand access from your patio; Crystal Lagoon Swim-ups front a quieter serpentine pool. Butler service at this tier is noticeably better-trained than the chain average. Prime Minister and Royal Estate suites are luxurious but priced above the diminishing-returns line at \$2,000+/night.

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