



COCOCAY, BAHAMAS

Royal Caribbean's Private Island

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BEACHES

► 'WannaSail4ever', Jul/28/09: I did not see any designations as to family or adult beach. I think people settled near the things that interested them. Most of the snorkelers go to the 1st beach to the left of the tenders. The next beach is also pretty and has a less grassy bottom. I believe that it's the 3rd beach where the wave-runners come in. On further, is where all of the children's play parks are. Also on that side of the island, there is more shade and lots of hammocks in the trees. The water was kind of icky looking out there where one of the water parks was. Yuck! When you get off of the tenders, to the right are the straw markets. *They take cash only.* Down thru the middle are the BBQ areas. There are plenty of shaded seats and several places to get whatever you wish to eat. Provided drinks are water, tea & lemonade. I think dinner started at 12:30. Not sure whether the coke card is good at the bar there. The mats can be found to the left of the tenders in plain view. They are \$10/day and will be charged to your SeaPass. Restrooms are scattered all over the island and are well marked. The iguanas are found past the food areas and more to the back of the island. Tenders run back and forth all day long. We sat at the snorkel beach. There are tons of beach lounge chairs available. In October, I think we'll move down to the 3rd beach. It's a bit less people. Beach 1 is crowded but very pretty.

► 'WannaSail4ever', Jul/27/09: It was very nice but watch out for those #*\$&O@ seagulls at the BBQ. They're vicious! And they steal your food.

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Several created a diversion and one stole my hamburger meat. It was really funny to watch people dodging birds. Oh, there are tons of big Iguanas too. I have some gorgeous photos of them.

➤ 'WannaSail4ever', Jul/30/09: There were lifeguard stands; however, I NEVER saw one seated in it, so I'd say that you're at your own risk. There are ropes in some of the swimming areas to show the designated stopping point. Out from the snorkel beach, (Beach Area #1), there are some platforms for sitting and diving pretty far out. Some of the snorkel excursions are out by the big "rock" just beyond this area.

➤ 'WannaSail4ever', Aug/2/09: For those that want to snorkel there, you can just snorkel off the 1st beach. You'll have to swim a good distance, however, it's shallow very far out. (I'm tall.) It's not the most prolific area to snorkel, but then it's free if you bring your own equipment. There are excursions that will take you out to the "rock," but it's just as easy to float out there.

COCO LOCO (Drink)

➤ 'Sadie8', Sep/9/09: It's frozen and they add the rum, very yummy and as rummy as you want. They're in abundance on Coco Cay, served in to go cups.

SNORKELING

➤ 'Gator0178', Sep/9/08: It was a family day. There are large Iguanas on the island that we saw on the nature trail. I and my son snorkeled. After snorkeling the kids looked for hermit crabs along the rocks. The best is to the far left from snorkel beach. Watch the current coming through the jetty. I saw a lifeguard on a jet ski have to tow a scuba diver out of the area because of the current. We went to the 2 planes and the fake pirate ship. Lots of fish and good reef. We ate BBQ on the island, which is pretty good, and then headed back to the ship. Coco Cay is a nice place to just relax.

➤ 'Gator0178', Sep/16/09: I have been there 7 times and still haven't walked around the entire island. It is a great island to snorkel off of. There are 2 planes sunken off the beach far out by the buoys. There is a small, fake pirate ship as well — also marked by a buoy. The best snorkeling is around the jetty and off to the left. Lots of natural reef. Be careful: It is shallow at times and you can damage the reef. Also at tide changes, the current can be challen-

ging, but not bad. I usually bring my own snorkel, mask and fins, but you will still need to rent a vest for \$6(?). Many people just rent a float mat and relax. My FIL just relaxed under palm tree in a hammock and read a book and napped. You can also sail, jet ski, parasail, etc. You can do as much or as little as you want.

TENDERS

➤ WannaSail4ever, Aug/31/09: At Coco Cay, the tenders are run by large double decker barge type boats from the island. There are two of them and they run back and forth as they fill up during the day.

PHOTOS

➤ 'WannaSail4ever' (on PaintBucket): <http://tinyurl.com/m77u74>

WALK-ABOUT

➤ 'SCYankees', Sep/16/09: We usually just relax on Cococay. It's just a small island. When we went there the last time, we decided to see if we could walk around the island. I didn't wear shoes (big mistake) and walked through the water most of the time. That sure was good exercise. Saw a lot of fish and few rays. Then we climbed the rocks at one point and took the dirt road all the way back to where the main seating area is. It looked like lots of people had taken lounges with them to some of the more secluded areas where they could have the beach to themselves. The lounges were pretty yucky out there. Of course, right off the boat the lounges are beautiful. My brother and his wife are going to take the catamaran ride around the islands and we are just gonna relax and take a walk and then eat some lunch. Last time, we didn't get to because we got rained out and I wasn't about to eat soggy food.

WALKIE-TALKIE

➤ 'NZDisneyMom', Sep/24/09: DH is getting the walkie-talkies sorted out and fresh batteries so we'll have them for Cococay. He is a runner so he'll probably get off the ship early and run on the island, then go back for a shower, grab the W-T, and then meet up with us somewhere. Having the walkie talkies

worked great for us at Castaway Cay so the boys and I could go wherever and he could find us.

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