"The first time I laid eyes on this land, I knew I would buy it."

Alfred de Marigny, 1938
French Leave
Governor's Harbour, Eleuthera
Nestled between magnificent coral reefs that protect its shoreline and swaying coconut palm trees towering above the landscape is the most beautiful pink sand beach in the world on the most beautiful island in the Bahamas. The beach is French Leave and the island is Eleuthera.

Here, a rich tapestry of island history surrounds you. Over three hundred sixty years ago, a small group of English pilgrims from Bermuda landed on this island seeking religious freedom. They named the colorful, sun-drenched island Eleuthera, a Greek word meaning “Freedom.” A fitting name that also reflects the island’s calm, quiet grace and unspoiled natural beauty.
Breathtakingly beautiful, Eleuthera is 90 miles of deserted beaches, great elevations and long-forgotten pineapple plantations. Discover century old churches, antique homes, and serene colonial settlements. Every day brings warm sunshine, friendly people, a smile and a wave. Beneath the shimmering turquoise waters lie wonderful coral reefs with brilliantly colored fish so abundant, it is truly a delight to experience. And when night falls, one can see more stars in an evening than might be seen in a lifetime. And with perfect year ‘round weather, the season is anytime.

This island was the very first of the Bahamian islands to be settled by Europeans. Today it remains one of the Caribbean’s best kept secrets. In certain locations it’s no more than a mile wide. Its leeward western shore faces Exuma Sound. The eastern shore opens onto the cobalt Atlantic Ocean with its unimaginable fishing and diving opportunities.
Eleuthera’s dramatic topography includes high elevations and rolling green hills with dazzling, panoramic vistas of the ocean in all its splendor. For the more adventurous there are ancient caves to explore. It is a picturesque landscape of majestic cliffs and massive boulders that nature created here centuries ago.

Eleuthera is home to 8,000 Bahamians and enjoys a stable, democratically elected government, based in English Laws of its colonial past, that welcomes "free hold" investments. A long time ally of the United States and all nations, the Bahamian Parliament recently celebrated over 284 years of continuous sessions, representing the third oldest Parliamentary democracy in the Western Hemisphere.
Eleuthera Yesterday

In the 1960’s, Eleuthera was one of the most popular destinations in the Caribbean. From the Rock Sound Club, founded by Arthur Vinning Davis (ARVIDA), to the Cotton Bay Club, the inspiration of Juan Trippe, Founder and CEO of Pan American Airlines, Eleuthera had no equal.

Many illustrious individuals such as Jacques Cousteau, Lady Bird Johnson and Lord Mountbatten, who traveled the world over, selected Eleuthera as their choice for Caribbean getaways.
Eleuthera Today

Eleuthera today is quietly being rediscovered by many, but those who live here are carefully preserving its authenticity and history. Many other resort destinations recreate a facade of what they believe tourists want to see. Yet, Eleuthera retains its unsurpassed natural beauty and the integrity of its tropical architecture. Although Eleuthera presents a rich feast for the senses, it also serves as a premier destination for some of the Caribbean's finest offshore sport fishing, bonefishing on the island's expansive flats, diving, windsurfing, kayaking, surfing and sailing.

Whatever you desire, Eleuthera has so much to offer. You can explore this island's history and its incomparable beaches. Be charmed by the sincere friendliness of its people. Take comfort in its safe environment. Or experience its great surf, the tranquil coves, abundant green forests, picturesque settlements and its relaxed, carefree atmosphere. You can do it all or do absolutely nothing. It's the perfect place to indulge you.
Discover for yourself its meaning and the great expectations for French Leave Eleuthera. Surrounded with so much natural beauty, French Leave intends to be Eleuthera’s finest and most charming, as well as one of the most unique resort destinations found throughout the Bahamas and the Caribbean.

For 75 years, the properties of the French Leave Resort have been inaccessible and unattainable for private ownership, until now. The realization of a "hidden paradise."
With 260 tropical acres in total, French Leave offers a true variety of beautifully situated cottages and home sites for those who wish to have a primary residence or second home on Eleuthera. The French Leave Harbour Village is being developed and managed by Shaner Bahamas. The Shaner Group US has been in business for over thirty years and has 2,700 employees worldwide. Founder and Chief Executive Officer Lance T. Shaner is personally committed to providing the highest quality management and finest customer experience. The first ownership opportunity will be our authentic Bahamian sea front cottages overlooking historic Governor’s Harbour, Cupid’s Cay, and the Caribbean Sea. Astonishing beauty and a wide range of ownership opportunities await you at French Leave Harbour Village!
Reflecting the historic surroundings of Governor’s Harbour and Cupid’s Cay, the birthplace of the Bahamas in 1648, the French Leave Harbour Village sets the new benchmark of boutique resort design in the Bahamas and is the epitome of the old Bahamas, the other Bahamas!

From the authentic Bahamian/English architecture to the native stone walls, no expense has been spared to exceed the expectations of our owners and guests, especially in the selection of only the highest quality construction materials and building standards.

Amenities include the “1648” Bar & Grill, fresh water pool, fitness, wedding Pavilion, special events lawn, reception/Island gift shop, two dock Pavilions and two mega yacht slips. All are thoughtfully situated to take maximum advantage of the sweeping vistas of the sea.
Secluded, private home sites edged by the soft, world famous pink sand beaches of Eleuthera, are perfectly elevated to capture the crisp, tropical breezes, outstanding natural scenery and the varied blues of the magnificent Atlantic Ocean. With only a limited selection to choose from, density will never be an issue. A naturalist’s haven, this is truly the place to capture the incredible sunrises and appreciate, real peace and quiet. French Leave South Beach Home Sites are perfect for those seeking the ultimate in luxury and total privacy. Simply, special.
Eleuthera's ideal proximity to Florida, Nassau and the other Bahamian islands in conjunction with its three airports - the largest in Governor’s Harbour (GBH), others in North Eleuthera (ELH) and Rock Sound (RSD) - provide the island with an ease of accessibility that is very convenient for guests and island residents from around the world. A non-stop flight on a major carrier from Miami or Fort Lauderdale, Florida to Eleuthera takes just under an hour and a flight from Nassau in the Bahamas is just 20 minutes.
“... there right in front of me and beyond the picturesque harbour was the most beautiful sunset I have ever seen.

It was so fantastically beautiful that I even doubted whether that genius Rembrandt could have put these particular colors on canvas.”

Kjeld Helweg-Larsen, 1950
Author, Arawaks and Astronauts
Twenty Years on Eleuthera
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