Half Moon Cay

YOUR OWN PRIVATE ISLE

The best private island experience. That's the way readers of *Porthole Cruise Magazine* describe Half Moon Cay, Holland America's private island in the Bahamas. This 1,700-acre island — only two percent of which is developed — features a huge interior lagoon and a two-mile crescent of perfect beach rimmed by blue. Plus a host of luxurious amenities for a day of play like no other.

On the waterfront

- Private Oasis Cabana for rent, a luxurious 1,620-square-foot retreat perched over the beach with hot tub, water slide and all manner of entertainment accoutrements, from wet bar to barbecue; for receptions and parties up to 25 guests
- 15 smaller air-conditioned beach cabanas with showers, sun decks, water misters and butler service; ideal for parties of four
- Water Sports Centers with kayaks, Hobie® Cats, aqua-cycles, floating foam mats and sailboats for rent
- Half Moon Lagoon Aqua Park for the children
- Beachside massage, the ultimate indulgence

Fascinating excursions

- Horseback Riding by Land and Sea
- Stingray Adventure: snorkeling and swimming with stingrays in a secluded cove
- AquaTrax® Watercraft Adventure: a guided personal watercraft tour along a secluded section of sea and shore
- Deep-sea fishing for wahoo, snapper and grouper
- Island Biking Tour
- Eco Lagoon Tour
- Parasailing over the Caribbean
- Glass-bottom Boat Ride
- Snorkel excursion

Walk on the wild side

Birders, take note: Half Moon Cay has been designated a Wild Bird Reserve by the Bahamian National Trust. Sooty and roseate terns, shearwaters and Bahamian pintails all fly through here. And nesting in the sea grape trees, the feisty bananaquit or yellow bird, immortalized in the song of the same name.

Saddle up

Enjoy a one-of-a-kind experience as you ride a specially trained quarter horse along the winding, equestrian-only trail to the island's highest point for breathtaking views — then through the surf as your horse splashes in the sea.

Swim with stingrays

Graceful, gentle winged angels of the deep. Stingrays are curious creatures that will follow you anywhere for a simple piece of squid. Holland America Line visits several places where you can see or touch stingrays in the Caribbean, including Stingray Cove on Half Moon Cay.