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BERMUDA'S BEGINNING



Five hundred years ago, the Spanish navigator Juan de Bermudez discovered Bermuda. Its treacherous reefs led the Spanish to name Bermuda 'The Isle of Devils'. The 1609 storm that shipwrecked the *Sea Venture* on our reefs was immortalized in Shakespeare's 'The Tempest'. Survivors' tales of beauty lured settlers to call the island home.

MILD MANNERED CLIMATE



Perhaps Bermuda's appeal lies in its sub-tropical nature, temperate climate and rich tapestry of cultures. The diminutive 21 square mile island lies 650 miles east-southeast of North Carolina, USA. Fresh ocean breezes are warmed year round and scented with gardenias, spice and stephanotis. Bermuda's heritage dates back 400 years to Britain, Africa, the Azores, North America and the West Indies. The people, old-timers to newcomers, nurtured in this sunny climate, share a pride of place and a joy of life that is 100 percent Bermudian.

SPORTS TO PLAY & SPORTS TO WATCH

Bermudians are sports fanatics and the spirit is contagious. World-class golf courses and over 70 tennis courts await you. Warm crystal-clear waters welcome swimmers, snorkellers and divers. Rubbing elbows with the locals on the sidelines at a soccer game or cricket match is great fun. If you prefer, stroll, jog, or cycle along the old Bermuda Railway Trail, canter a horse along beach trails, sail on a yacht into the sunset, or cast a line for Bonefish or Marlin.



SHOPPING IN BERMUDA

Shopping for unique made-in-Bermuda items such as perfumes, rums, rum cakes and sherry peppers is a sensational delight as is the cashmeres of Scotland, British tweeds, Irish linens, Italian leather, Belgian lace and fine crystal and jewellery. If it's sought after, you'll find it in Bermuda at very competitive prices, with no sales tax added! And don't miss out on the plethora of local crafts such as jewellery, cedar, glass and artwork.



HISTORY & ATTRACTIONS

Everyone eventually finds their way to the historic Town of St. George (designated a World Heritage Site by UNESCO) in the East End of the island where the townspeople live among four centuries of history. In the West End, the refurbished Royal Naval Dockyard, the National Museum of Bermuda which includes



the Bermuda Maritime Museum, the restored Commissioner's House and NW ramparts to Casemate Barracks exhibit the grandeur of Bermuda's naval heritage and maritime history. All over the island you'll find museums and historic forts to explore. For a fun and interesting natural history tour be sure to visit the Bermuda Aquarium, Museum & Zoo, the Bermuda Underwater Exploration Institute, the Botanical Gardens, the Crystal Caves and the Bermuda Institute of Ocean Science lab tours.

BERMUDA'S PINK BEACHES

Bermuda's many beaches lie along its coastline like a string of rosy coral beads on an azure silk gown. Wherever you stay, the ocean is never more than a mile away. Even Bermuda's architecture sports a sunny disposition. Cottage walls mirror pastel skies, from the powder blue of mid-day to the peach and mauve of dusk and dawn. White-washed rooftops reflect the sun and catch the rain for drinking water.



GETTING AROUND

Bermuda's motor scooters are as famous as Bermuda shorts and a favourite for visitors to rent. Frequent, comfortable buses call at nearly every corner and friendly, helpful taxi drivers are eager to show off the island. Bermuda's commuters find ferrying across the Great Sound soothes away the stress of the day. It works equal wonders for vacationers. Ferry to the West End to explore the Royal Naval Dockyard and browse in the nearby village of Somerset. Take the ferry or public bus to the Town of St. George and explore shopping alleyways and historic sights on foot; or ride in a horse-drawn carriage in the capital City of Hamilton.

WINE, DINE & DANCE

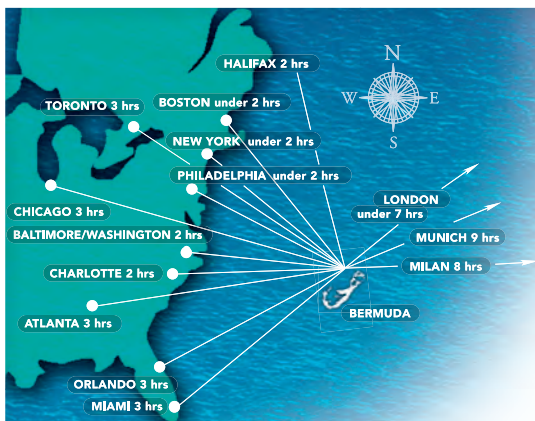
More than 100 restaurants, cafes and coffee shops cater to every budget and taste, from posh to inexpensive. Come nightfall, put on your dancing shoes and explore Bermuda's nightlife.

LODGING GRAND & COZY

Bermuda's gracious accommodations range from world-class resort hotels (most with state-of-the-art spas or spa services and exercise facilities) to intimate bed and breakfast inns, cottages, apartments and floatels (luxury accommodation on the water). Wherever you choose to stay, you'll enjoy friendly, professional hospitality from staff who are committed to ensuring your Bermuda experience is one you will want to repeat.



BERMUDA'S LOCATION



Flight times based on airline direct flight schedules and service, which are subject to change. Check with airlines.

Direct flights to Bermuda take anywhere from 1.5 to 2.5 hours from most gateway cities on the North American eastern seaboard, and less than 7 hours when flying from London.

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Visitor Information Centres

Front Street next to the Ferry Terminal
City of Hamilton
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Gazebo #2, Terrace Pavilion
Royal Naval Dockyard
Tel: 441 799 4842

Town of St. George: follow the signs
for Visitor Information Centre 

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