As you can see by the world-record books, anglers in Bermuda always seem to run across giant fish of all kinds when fishing around this world-famous cluster of islands. Situated 640 miles east of Cape Hatteras, Bermuda earned its spot in the big-game fisherman’s playbook by providing easy access to exceptional offshore fish species. In the world of big-game fishing, three species take the cake in terms of size, power and mystique: marlin, tuna and wahoo. Visitors to Bermuda, depending on how lucky they are, may find themselves tangling with one or all three.

The Bermudan charter fleet targets two famous hot spots when looking to score a big catch: the Challenger and Argus banks. These banks — located 12 and 20 miles offshore, respectively — were formed by the same volcanic activity that pushed up Bermuda from the ancient seabed. Challenger, the closer of the two banks, rises from a 6,000-foot depth to within just 180 feet of the surface. But these aren’t the only two productive spots by far; anglers also have chances to catch big fish at the East End Bank, Sally Tucker’s or the Short Course.

Strong currents push baitfish against the steep banks, and the wahoo, marlin and tuna show up to take advantage of the two great feeding stations that spring up around the banks.

Wahoo Wonderland
Although everybody wants to catch a blue marlin, catching big wahoo and tuna in Bermuda is fun for the whole family and results in excellent meals. The wahoo start to show in spring every year, allowing Bermudan charter boats to start their seasons with a bang. Wahoo, a delicious member of the mackerel family, can swim at incredible speeds and usually attack prey by using their razor-sharp teeth to snap off the targets’ tails.

The wahoo bite reaches its peak in May, and the local charter boats can catch more than 200 or so fish a month. Wahoo are one of the best-eating fish in the ocean, so make sure the mates give you some steaks to take back to your restaurant.

Also, don’t forget to stay clear of wahoo jaws — even after they’ve been dead
for some time, their razor-sharp teeth can still inflict serious damage. Wahoo in Bermuda can grow to more than 100 pounds, so be prepared for a long, sizzling run when a wahoo takes your bait. During a red-hot bite, you can catch 20 wahoo in a single day.

TUNA TIME

It’s often said that just about any tuna can pull a blue marlin twice its size backward through the water, and I believe it. While blue marlin and wahoo seem to get all the glory, there’s no tougher fighter swimming the seas than a yellowfin tuna. Tuna dive for the bottom as soon as they are hooked and don’t waste any energy hopping around on the surface like marlin do where we can back the boat up to them and get a release. Tuna never give up — ever, which makes them, pound for pound, the hardest fish to catch. The deeper the water, the longer and harder the fight will be.

A highly migratory species, yellowfin tuna appear off Bermuda twice a year, showing up each spring and fall, and make up the bread and butter of the Bermudan charter industry. Yellowfins caught here can weigh as much as 200 pounds, and fish this size take considerable muscle or a well-set-up chair to get them to the boat. One of the most productive and often-used methods is to anchor up or drift on the bank and chum with fry, sardines, and ground fish and oil. This deadly effective tactic always gathers a crowd of tuna and other fish behind the boat. Crews will also dangle live bait from kites or feed one back in the slick.

All through the spring and later summer months, you’ll find boats anchored on the banks with chum tossed over the side to attract a wide range of species, turning the water into a veritable aquarium. If, for some reason, you miss the spring run of wahoo and tuna, don’t fret; the action picks up again come September.

BIG BLUE HOT SPOT

Most of the big blue marlin hot spots in the Atlantic share the same general characteristics that make these places attractive to big fish in the first place: They are fairly isolated islands close to significant bottom structure, and at one time or another, there’s an influx of bait that marlin can feed on. Only in Bermuda, however, can you find all three on a consistent basis.

Bermuda solidified its reputation in the big-game-fishing world in 1995 when Capt. Allen DeSilva caught the largest blue marlin ever recorded in Bermuda — a real-life monster weighing 1,352 pounds — on his charter boat, DeMako. But that fish represents just one of the dozens of blue marlin caught here that transcend the magical 1,000-pound mark. In fact, well-known charter captain Alan Card has caught six blues weighing more than 1,100 pounds on his charter boat, Challenger, over the years. And unlike a lot of other big-fish hot spots, the blue marlin bite has not diminished over time. As recently as May 2012, Rich Davies landed a 1,289-pounder while fishing the southeast side of Argus Bank. The 15-foot fish died during a four-hour fight.

For the best chance to tangle with a big blue, plan your trip anytime from June through September, although the earlier months of May or June seem to have the biggest fish. The bite is more sporadic earlier in the year, but the ones that do come are usually big.
during summer when the water warms up to at least 80 degrees. During the peak of
the marlin season, boats commonly raise an average of five blue marlin a day, but don’t
expect every fish to weight 1,000 pounds; most of the blues average between 400 and
600 pounds — a respectable average anywhere in the world.

For those anglers new to blue marlin fishing, don’t let the sizes of these fish fool you.
When set up properly in the fighting chair, anyone in relatively good shape can best a
fish more than three times his or her own size. Luckily, the expert crews in Bermuda
can walk you through the basics and show you exactly what to do. Don’t forget, there
is a small chance you could come up empty-handed — that’s just how fishing goes — but
for that reason, it’s usually a good idea to break up the day with some wahoo and tuna
fishing in the morning to learn the ropes.

DON’T FORGET WHITEY!
White marlin, the most underrated billfish species, also frequent Bermudan waters.
While the smallest of the marlin species, they sure do like to put on shows. These
scrappy, acrobatic marlin usually weigh less than 70 pounds, so downsizing your
marlin tackle or pitch-baiting a circle-hook ballyhoo will result in a lot more hookups.
Since a white marlin release often counts toward a tournament’s point total, a single
white marlin release can be the difference between a huge cash payout for first place
and a pickled dish for fourth.

Most white marlin show up early in the marlin season, and some of these whites are
real heavyweights for their species, often pushing the 90-pound mark. You may see
two white marlin for every blue in May, but late in the season, boats tend to see more
blues than whites.

You can readily identify white marlin by the rounded ends on their pectoral, anal and
dorsal fins. Most other marlin fins end in points. White marlin also light up their pec-
toral and tail fins when attacking and sometimes have a white triangle-shaped patch on
their foreheads when they get really fired up. They also tend to jump around like crazy
when hooked.

INSHORE HALF DAYS
Bermuda’s many shoreside reefs offer up alternatives to those who don’t relish the
idea of full-day offshore adventures on the high seas. When time becomes a factor,
many charter operators offer short half-day trips out to the inshore wrecks and reefs that
offer great bottomfishing. A wide variety of snapper species, triggerfish, porgies and
more are found just a few hundred yards off the beach. There’s usually no waiting for a
bite in this type of fishery, which makes it perfect for the kids.

Most of the charter boats chum offshore for reef fish, targeting huge amberjacks up to 100 pounds, world-
record-size almaco jacks, rainbow runners and blackfin tuna. They can also put
you on some mammoth tiger and dusky sharks during the summer.

Also, if you’re after the elusive bonefish, you might want to try
wading the beaches on the north side of the island during the summer months. Bonefish there aver-
age 8 to 10 pounds, large enough to smoke all but the toughest tackle. Anglers who spend some time pok-
ing around the edges of the island will discover not only first-class
bonefishing but also, perhaps, the world’s only flats fishing for hogfish as well. There
are several guides available who specialize in chasing these inshore trophies.

No matter what kind of fishing you like to do, and even if you’ve never been fond
of fishing in the first place, don’t miss the opportunity to enjoy a fishing excursion on
your next trip to Bermuda - you’ll be happy you did. There are few places in the world
with such a mix of natural beauty and abundance. So no matter your experience level
or desire, whether to battle billfish or tangle with big bonefish on light tackle, you’ll
always find something biting in Bermuda.
Get In on the Mystery, What Not to Miss

OUR ISLAND
We invite you to explore Bermuda and its surrounding waters. To get a lay of the land, start with the island’s three main regions.

WEST END
A hub for sightseeing, shopping, dining and entertainment, the historic Royal Naval Dockyard is one of Bermuda’s most popular destinations. Also in the West End, you’ll find many of the renowned South Shore beaches, including Horseshoe Bay and Warwick Long Bay.

CENTRAL
Central Bermuda is home to the capital city of Hamilton, a harbour town known for its blend of global sophistication and local flavour. Enjoy dining, shopping, nightlife and the island’s most cosmopolitan culture, and find great beaches, gardens and golf nearby.

EAST END
Anchored by the Town of St. George, a UNESCO World Heritage site, the East End is rich with British colonial history and culture. You’ll also discover many unique natural attractions, including Tom Moore’s Jungle and the Crystal Caves of Bermuda.

BLUSHING BEACHES
The island is home to dozens of beaches, many of them top-rated. Here are a few highlights, from sweeping crescents of pink sand to secluded, rocky coves.

HORSESHOE BAY
SOUTH SHORE, SOUTHAMPTON
Set foot on Horseshoe Bay and you’ll realize why it’s such a celebrated beach. The long, wide ribbon of pink sand makes it a popular choice any time of year. In the summer, lifeguards patrol and the nearby Beach House offers snacks, rentals and changing facilities.

CLEARWATER BEACH & TURTLE BAY
ST. DAVID’S ISLAND, ST. GEORGE’S
These two spacious, sandy beaches are ideal for families and parties. Enjoy nature trails, playground equipment and views of outer islands reserved for wildlife. A convenient beach house is open during summer.

JOBSON’S COVE
SOUTH SHORE, WARWICK
It may be tiny, but this sheltered cove surrounded by steep, jagged rocks, is arguably one of the most visually stunning beaches on our island. Listen to the waves lap at the pink sand and take a dip in the calm, stunningly clear waters.

WARWICK LONG BAY
SOUTH SHORE, WARWICK
Warwick Long Bay, Bermuda’s longest shoreline, offers an idyllic 0.8 km / 0.5 mile stretch of sand against a backdrop of scrubland and coastal grasses. Just offshore, a jagged coral island floats above the water. Public restrooms are available here.

TOBACCO BAY BEACH
ST. GEORGE’S
Clear, shallow waters make this beach perfect for families and inexperienced swimmers. It’s also an excellent spot for snorkeling. Rocks surround the bay, attracting blue angelfish and four-eyed butterfly fish. Soak up the island vibe at one of the regular bonfire parties.

GOLF PARADISE
Bermuda offers six outstanding golf courses, all of which can be enjoyed year-round. Play like a champion and get treated like one, too. For hotel packages that include tee times at multiple golf courses, check out Golf Around Getaway Packages at GoToBermuda.com

PORT ROYAL GOLF COURSE
CHAMPIONSHIP RESORT GOLF COURSE
The most popular course provides breathtaking views and challenging golf. Course architect Robert Trent Jones combined undulating terrain, lush greenery and oceanside cliffs to create a sporting experience you won’t soon forget. Port Royal hosted the PGA Grand Slam of Golf for seven consecutive years.

TURTLE HILL GOLF CLUB
CHAMPIONSHIP PAR 3 GOLF COURSE
The bunkered greens and water hazards of this top-ranked course offer challenging short play, placing accuracy over power.

BELMONT HILLS GOLF CLUB
RESORT GOLF COURSE
This par 70 course features faster TifEagle greens and a tropical vibe complete with ocean views, lakes and a waterfall.

OCEAN VIEW GOLF COURSE
9-HOLE PUBLIC GOLF COURSE
Many elevated tees overlooking the ocean give this course its name. The driving range makes it ideal for practice or a quick game.

MID OCEAN CLUB
CHAMPIONSHIP RESORT GOLF COURSE
Ranked amongst the world’s best, this course demands concentration as traps and the beauty of the ocean vie for your attention.

TUCKER’S POINT GOLF CLUB
CHAMPIONSHIP RESORT GOLF COURSE
This 18-hole course overlooking the ocean has been dramatically transformed with re-contoured fairways and bunkers.

A SATISFYING FOOD CULTURE
The flavours of Bermuda blend culinary influences, ingredients and techniques from the British, Portuguese, Caribbean and West African. The result of this unique cultural mix is Bermudian cuisine. Fish is a staple – especially wahoo and rockfish, but also mahi mahi, yellowfin tuna and snapper. Experience a “catch and cook,” where you go fishing with locals, clean and cook your catch, and then dive into a delicious, satisfying feast. On land, Bermuda’s food is equally fresh: gardens, markets and farms supply produce and all-natural meat and poultry. Traditional dishes include the codfish breakfast (boiled cod, potatoes and onions served with sliced banana, hard-boiled egg and avocado), fish chowder, fish sandwiches, spiny lobster and rum cake. The renowned chefs are masters at putting inventive twists on the classics. Sample their work while enjoying the famous cocktails: the Dark ’n Stormy® and Rum Swizzle. Be sure to check out food events, including Restaurant Weeks in January/February and the City Food Festival in April.
An Angler’s Paradise
BERMUDA’S FINEST CHARTER BOATS ARE READY TO GO FISH

ALBATROSS FISHERIES AND CHARTERS
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**CHARTER DIRECTORY**

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**MEGA BUCKS**
If you’re planning a trip to Bermuda, get hooked up onboard Mega Bucks, a 43-foot Torres. Mega Bucks is fast, spacious and air-conditioned. It offers full, three-quarter and half-day trips for deep-sea fishing; including marlin, tuna, wahoo, dolphin and shark. It also runs reef-fishing and night-fishing trips. For more information, contact Capt. Sinclair Lambe at 441-234-3081, email megabuckscharters@gmail.com or visit megabucksfishing.com.

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BERMUDA BILLFISH RELEASE CUP
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BERMUDA BIG GAME CLASSIC
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