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Group and Incentive Travel Fact Sheet

Overview

Bermuda is known for its award-winning accommodations and breathtaking ocean views. This, along with the island's close proximity to both the U.S. and Canada, makes it the ideal meeting and incentive travel destination. Bermuda has no sales tax, and food/beverage taxes are exempt for group functions. Meetings on the island are also U.S. tax-deductible.

Large Group Venues

A wide range of business-class hotels and resorts with sophisticated meeting and conference facilities can be found in Bermuda. Following are the island's top large meeting facilities:

- Cambridge Beaches Resort & Spa: The charming 300-year-old Cambridge Beaches property houses 94 rooms that overlook the ocean. The resort offers 10,576 sq. ft. of versatile meeting space, including the 3,220 sq. ft. Tamarisk Room. A corporate golf day can also be arranged for groups of all sizes. For group reservations, please call (441) 234-0331.
- <u>The Fairmont Southampton</u>: The Fairmont Southampton boasts 593 spacious guestrooms and suites—many with sweeping water views. With the largest meeting facilities in Bermuda, the resort can accommodate up at 1,500 attendees in the elegant ballroom, state-of-the-art multimedia Mid-Ocean Amphitheatre, boardroom or dozen of meeting rooms. For group reservations, please call (441) 239-6914.
- Hamilton Princess & Beach Club, A Fairmont Managed Hotel: Overlooking the waters of the Hamilton Harbour, "The Pink Palace" offers a range of luxurious recently renovated guestrooms and suites. With over 22,000 sq. ft. of meeting space and 10 function rooms available The Fairmont Hamilton Princess can meet all business needs. For group reservations, please call (441) 295-3000.
- Newstead Belmont Hills Golf Resort & Spa: With 60 waterfront guestrooms ranging from 450 to 2,500 sq. ft, the Newstead Belmont offers shuttles to Horseshoe Bay Beach, Hamilton and the golf course. The hotel has a number of versatile meeting rooms that can accommodate anywhere from 12 to 150 people. For group reservations, please call (441) 236-6060.
- Rosewood Bermuda Point: One of Bermuda's finest luxury resorts, Rosewood Bermurda's Point, features 80 oversized guestrooms. In addition to 9,172 sq. ft. of indoor meeting space complemented by terraces, a beach and lawn, the resort can accommodate up to 400 people for receptions. For group reservations, please call (441) 298-4000.
- Elbow Beach, Bermuda: Accommodations include a choice of 98 guestrooms and suites on the grounds. Extensive private, pink sand beach with cabanas, beach rentals, and full amenities. The resort's 4,500 sq. ft of indoor event space, comprised of five function rooms, can be tailored to suit virtually any gathering from intimate, 10-person board meetings to grand receptions for 200 people. For group reservations, please call (441) 236-3535.
- Grotto Bay Beach Resort: As a full service resort less than five miles from the airport, the Grotto Beach Resort offers 201 rooms and 11 cottages. The resort has more than 4,800 sq. ft. of meeting space suitable for up to 150 people. For group reservations, please call (441) 293-8333.

Small Meeting Venues

Bermuda also features a handful of boutique hotels and resorts suitable for small groups and meetings, such as:

- Pompano Beach Club: Situated adjacent to Port Royal Golf Course, Pompano Beach Club is home to 75 rooms, gourmet cuisine and a relaxed atmosphere. Private luncheons and dinner functions can be arranged at the resort's oceanfront Ocean Grill, and small groups can be accommodated September through early May. For group reservations, please call (441) 234-0222.
- <u>Coco Reef Resort</u>: Nestled on the famous South Shore pink sand beaches, this boutique resort features 64 rooms all with ocean views. Indoor and outdoor meeting space is available to accommodate up to 35 people theatre-style. For group reservations, please call (441) 236-5416
- The Reefs Resort & Club: All of The Reef's 62 guestrooms face west, giving each guest a magnificent sunset view. Elegant meeting facilities, including the private wine room at Royston's and private dining room at Ocean Echo, can accommodate up to 24 people. The property also has a beachfront restaurant perfect for an intimate dining event.

Group Activities

From swimming with dolphins to exploring Bermuda's forts and taking in a round of golf, Bermuda has activities for groups of all sizes. Group activities and attractions include:

- Golf: Golf outings at any of the island's six courses can be arranged through your hotel.
- **Bermuda Aquarium, Museum & Zoo**: BAMZ features more than 200 species of fish and delicate marine invertebrates, over 300 birds, reptiles and mammals, and historical interactive and audio-visual exhibits.
- **Bermuda Botanical Gardens**: Featuring 36 acres of trees, flowers and shrubs, Bermuda Botanical Gardens is a tranquil activity that is also free of charge.
- Masterworks Museum of Bermuda Art: Located within the Bermuda Botanical Gardens, Masterworks features Bermuda-inspired art from artists including Georgia O'Keeffe, Charles Demuth and Jack Bush, among others. Groups can arrange for private tours with the museum's owner.
- **<u>Hidden Gems of Bermuda</u>**: Discover the undiscovered elements of Bermuda during an all-inclusive eco tour highlighting Bermuda's jungle, a large banyan grove, snorkeling spots and secluded beaches.
- <u>Historical Tours and Re-Enactments</u>: Groups can experience living history of Bermuda's UNESCO World Heritage Site in St. George's with a variety of new tour options now offered by Bermuda National Trust.
- <u>Bermuda's Underwater Exploration Institution</u>: BUEI offers educational exhibits and events on ocean discovery and maintenance.
- Bermuda Maritime Museum: An exhibition of Bermuda's collection of artifacts, historic buildings, and culture.
- **Dolphin Quest Bermuda**: Dolphin Quest Bermuda offers hands-on encounter programs, high-energy dolphin shows and one-of-a-kind teambuilding activities.

Location

Bermuda is located just under two hours from U.S. East Coast gateway cities. While many believe Bermuda to be a part of the Caribbean, the southernmost part of the island sits just north of Florida – putting the country nearly 1,000 miles away from it.

Climate

With mild sub-tropical temperatures year round, Bermuda ranges from 68-84 degrees Fahrenheit. Its relative humidity is 71-84 percent, and its beaches stay comfortably warm at 85 degrees in the summer.

Island Services

Several on-island services are available to help with planning business events. Destination management companies include: Destination Bermuda Ltd., Bermuda Event Solutions, and Select Sites Group.

Island Transportation

Bicycles, taxis, buses, scooters, and ferries are the most common modes of transportation on the island. There are no rental cars available due to strict environmental laws; however transportation for large groups can be arranged.

For more information on meetings in Bermuda, visit www.gotobermuda.com/specialty-travel/meetings.