

Best Buds' Bermuda Tips













Bermuda

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Bermuda is the northernmost archipelago (chain of islands) consisting of 150 islands; many of which are uninhabited; created by an undersea volcano.

Temperature in October is 80-85 with water temperature 75-78

Population 62,000+

Legal Drinking Age = 18

Currency: USD = BD 1 for 1. Local currency is not accepted onboard ship. Onboard shops and casino will be closed while in port (amplified music on deck is not permitted after midnight).

Bermuda shops accept US currency and travelers checks. Port banking facilities will exchange dollars. Island Time: To change USA's Eastern Time to Bermuda's Atlantic Time; set clocks forward 1 hour.

Mark Twain called Bermuda "the biggest small place in the world." and said "folks on their way to heaven stop off at Bermuda and think they have arrived."

Wm Shakespeare wrote in *The Tempest* "the still vex'd Bermoothes" modeled on survivor's accounts of the wreck of the "Sea Venture".

Bermuda has no fresh water lakes or streams and depends on rainfall for its water supply.

Bermuda has no billboards; there is a ban on outdoor advertising and neon signs.

Fast food franchises have been outlawed by the government (with the exception of one KFC)

Cars were banned in Bermuda until 1946 and there are no car rentals as visitors are not allowed to rent cars. Cycles, mopeds or electric bikes may be rented; speed limit is 20 mph in countryside and 15 mph in busy areas; driving is on the left side and roundabouts can be downright tricky!

Bermudians are rather conservative in their attitude toward dress (bikinis are banned more than 25 ft from water and men are usually required to wear a jacket to dinner.)

Foreigners are not permitted to purchase property in Bermuda unless it was previously owned by

	foreigners and even so are subject to a large 22% tax at purchase—homes listed recently STARTED
	at \$1.6 million and condos at \$700,000. Foreigners may still rent property but even these
	opportunities are much much more costly than on other islands. Condos and homes may rent for as
	much as \$4-8,000 per month!
	Call 911 for an emergency; call 977 for weather forecast covering next 24 hours, call 909 for time and
	temperature; call 974 for "What's On in Bermuda"
	History – The discovery of Bermuda is attributed to the Spanish sometime before 1511 by navigator
	Juan Bermudez. In 1609, the flagship of Admiral Sir George Somers (Sea Venture) was wrecked on
	Bermuda's reefs en route to the colony at Jamestown, Virginia. The crew built two pinnaces (small
	sailing ships) and sailed for America but three sailors hid out and are considered Bermuda's first
	European settlers. Scots imprisoned for fighting against Cromwell and Irish slaves were sent to
	Bermuda. In 1684, Bermuda became a British Crown Colony under King Charles II.
	Bermuda consists of approximately 140 islands and islets extending northwest to southwest. This fish-
	hooked chain is situated in the Atlantic Ocean, 650 miles east of Cape Hatteras, North Carolina.
	Bermuda's hilly terrain lies in the warming Gulf Stream and its 21-mile stretch of islands are
	connected by several bridges and causeways. Town Hill is the highest point, rising 260 feet above sea
	level. There are no rivers or freshwater lakes and the island depends solely on rainfall for its drinking
	water. Approximately 58,000 residents live on 20 of the inhabited islands. Hamilton, the capital city,
	is the most populated area of Bermuda. A "ribbon of green" traverses Bermuda from east to west,
	with 79 national parks, nature reserves, and beaches covering more than 800 acres. Along with an
	unbelievable number of parks in natural settings, be sure to stroll along parts of the Railway Trail, an
	18-mile nature reserve that was once Bermuda's railway.
	Bermuda Triangle is an area roughly bounded by Bermuda, Puerto Rico and the southern tip of
	Florida. Over the years, numerous planes and ships have been lost within this region; the most famous
	of which is the disappearance of Flight 19 in 1945 (5 Navy bombers left Ft Lauderdale and were
	never seen again); various theories try to explain the losses including alien abductions, giant squids,
	rising methane bubbles, weather anomalies and magnetic distortions.
	Golf - Bermuda has more golf courses per square mile than any other place in the world; 9 in 54
	square miles. Pink sand is created when pounding waves erode the bright red skeletons of protozoan foraminifers
	and the remains mix with other ocean debris, such as coral, white clam and sea urchins. Eventually,
	the mixture becomes the rose-colored sand. Crushed coral (not quartz like most beaches) makes for
	"soft" beaches. Best are John Smith's Bar (Smith's Parish), Warwick's Long Bay, Horsehoe Bay and
	Church Bay in Southampton. Bermuda's water is often described as turquoise and "gin clear". For all
	South Shore beaches, grab a Route #7 bus.
	Duty Free - US citizens traveling to the Bermuda are permitted \$800 worth of Duty Free goods
	including 1 liter of alcohol per person. All you needed to do was to declare the total value. Anything
	greater had to be itemized (declared) and a duty paid. Items made in Bermuda (at least 35% locally
	made) are exempt from duty taxes no matter what the value. Liquor brought onboard will be collected
	at the gangway and delivered to your room on the last evening of the cruise.
	Moon Gates (large stone rings used as garden ornaments) - Bermudians imported the idea of
	moon gates from Asia centuries ago; walking through a moon gate is supposed to bring good
	luck. Stand under one and make a wish!
	Bermuda inspired William Shakespeare's 1610 play "The Tempest".
	More than 23,000 couples honeymoon in Bermuda each year. Bring the cruise romance novel set in
	Bermuda. "Winds of Change" by Alisa Allen or read it online at http://books.google.com
	Great Websites
	Excessive amount of travel tips at: http://mysite.verizon.net/vzepx5q3/
	www.theroyalgazette.com (island newspaper—currently offline)
	http://www.lavasurfer.com/info/bermuda.html
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http://www.bermuda4u.com/index.html

http://www.bermudatourism.com/136.aspx

http://www.bermudatourism.com/index.aspx

www.experiencebermuda.com

http://www.experiencebermuda.com/events/harbour-market-nights.html

http://www.caribbeanedge.com/bermuda/

http://www.bermudahotels.com/maps/island-map.html (good transportation map)

http://www.gov.bm/portal/server.puserid=2&control=SetCommunity&CommunityID=252&PageID=-

252 (bus routes and schedules)

<u>http://www.bermudayp.com/trans-map.html</u> (GREAT interactive road map with hotels, attractions, restaurants, etc.)

www.bermudabuses.com

http://www.bermudatourism.com/65.aspx (maps & brochures)

http://www.bermudayp.com/trans-map-dockyard.html (Royal Navy Dockyard map)

http://www.bermudayp.com/trans-map-hamilton-w.html (Hamilton map)

http://www.bermudayp.com/trans-map-stgeorge.html (St Georges map)

http://www.bermudayp.com/ (yellow pages website)

http://www.bermudayp.com/bda-video.html (videos on yellow pages website)

http://www.bermuda.com/activities/

http://www.weather.bm/ (Bermuda weather)

http://www.weather.bm/webcam.asp (weather cam)

http://www.bermudashorts.bm/glencam/ (Hamilton Harbor webcam)

http://www.bermudatourism.com/178.aspx (boat rentals)

http://www.jetskibermuda.com/tours.html (jet ski rentals)

http://www.9beaches.com/ (cabins on stilts over the water!)

http://members.cox.net/rridgely/index.shtml

http://www.lynnseldon.com/article202.html (very comprehensive narrative)

http://www.lavasurfer.com/info/travel-insurance.html (cruise insurance tips)

http://www.lavasurfer.com/info/bermuda.html (nice Bermuda review)

Heritage Bermuda Passport (HBP): If you are into the cultural aspects of Bermuda, we highly recommend buying an HBP which gives you unlimited admission to eight cultural attractions with a 7-day period for \$25: the Bermuda Aquarium, Museum Zoo; Bermuda Maritime Museum; Bermuda National Trust Museums (Verdmont Museum, Tucker House Museum, and the Bermuda National Trust Museum at the Globe Hotel); Bermuda Underwater Exploration Institute; Fort St. Catherine; and the Bermuda National Gallery. Tickets are available online or at the Visitor's Service Bureau.

We bought our HBP at the Visitor's Service Bureau which is located within a block just west of the pier. We also bought a 3-day transportation pass for \$28 which is good for all buses and ferries for three full days. The Visitor's Bureau only accepts cash. If you only want a transportation pass, you can skip the line at the Visitor's Bureau and buy them at the Ferry Terminal next door or at the bus terminal a couple blocks away

Buses and Ferries

You can purchase multi-day passes which are good on all buses and ferries (available on the cruise ship but get them a day or two beforehand to avoid the rush).. Buses are plentiful and service most areas of interest. Bus stops are designated by colored poles. A pole with a top that is *pink* runs *inbound* to Hamilton. A *blue* topped pole is *outbound* service from Hamilton.

Bus routes and schedule information, visit http://www.bermudabuses.com/.

Ferry routes and schedule information, visit http://www.seaexpress.bm/

<u>http://www.experiencebermuda.com/transportation/SeaExpressDPS.pdf</u> (great bus/ferry schedules and route map)

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(Bus and Ferry)
1-Day Transportation Pass (All Zones) \$12.00
3-Day Transportation Pass (All Zones) \$28.00
4-Day Transportation Pass (All Zones) \$35.00
Attractions/Excursions
Adventure Enterprises - owns "Deliverance" (full-scale replica moored at Ordnance Island, St G)
and "ARGO I and II" the only high-speed tour boats that fit into small harbors and takes passengers
along the barrier reef, south-shore beaches; historic forts and billionaires' mansions at Tucker Town;
Argo I is a 25' Nautica RIB and rides 15 people; Argo II is a 36' performance Timaran and rides 36
people. Phone 441/297/1459
Adventure Trekking – interactive water tour on state of the art, custom-built, diesel-powered, jet
drive inflatable raft designed for comfort and speed; tour highlighted with history and adventure; raft
allows you to go where no other tour can go. www.bicbda.com
African Diaspora Heritage Trail – history comes alive on this self-guided tour that crisscrosses the
island bringing Bermuda's important role in Black history to life; the first place African slaves were
brought in the Western Hemisphere; includes slave graveyard at St Peter's; Cobb's Hill Methodist
church built by slaves by moonlight; Crow Lane (the site of Sally Bassett's execution by burning at
the stake); building of the most important British naval base in the Atlantic; (events also in the
Bahamas) http://www.hend07.com/
http://www.bermuda.com/attractions/africandiaspora/
Aqua Scooter Power Snorkel – 2 ½ hour snorkel experience; take ½ hour high speed dive boat ride
to choice snorkel location (changes daily based on weather and sea conditions) near beautiful fringe
coral reef; individual power scooter instruction and snorkel gear provided; take guided tour through
underwater world of brain coral, sea fans, giant sea whips, pipe and tube sponges; separate and
explore reef-line with your "buddy"; glide around faster than you can swim; complimentary soft
drinks and water aboard; minimum age is 12, maximum weight is 245 lbs;
RCCL \$69 adult; \$68 child
Aquarium, Caves and Attractions Bus Tour – 25 minute ferry cruise to Hamilton; board an air-
conditioned bus for sightseeing tour of picturesque Harrington Sound; city of Hamilton with stops at
Crystal Caves and the Bermuda Aquarium, Museum and Zoo; admission to Aquarium, Museum and
Zoo included to view cockatoos, tiny seahorses, 75 species of fish, pink flamingos, 145,000 gallon
North Rock Tank (replica of one of Bermuda's reefs) and Crystal Caves (limestone cave with
wondrous formations of stalactites and stalagmites81 steps into caves) surrounded by beautifully
manicured gardens with gift shop. Return trip ends in Hamilton and does NOT include return to
Dockyard (ferry trip tickets can be purchased onboard cruise ship.) RCCL \$72 adults/\$52 child.
Bermuda Arts Centre – (4 Freeport Rd, Sandys) opened in 1984 by Princess Margaret; showcases
visual arts and crafts; striking exhibits of paintings and handmade jewelry; in the Crafts Market you
can shop for handmade pottery, dolls, painting on Bermuda cedar and detailed miniature furniture;
free, open 10-5pm 441/234-2809
Bermuda Aquarium, Natural History Museum and Zoo – (40 North Shore Rd, Flatts) most visited
attraction; home to large collection of tropical marine fish, turtles, moray eels, barracuda, puffer fish,
sergeant majors, wrasse, miniature crabs, harbor seals; alligators, monkeys and Galapagos tortoises,
parrots and flamingos; exhibits range from geological development to deep sea exploration; award-
winning 145,000 North Rock aquarium contains coral reef with ocean surges (first living coral exhibit
in two tanks on this scale in the world); parking across the street. Open daily 9-5pm \$10 adults, \$5
seniors/child 5-12; under 5 free. 441/293-2727
Bermuda Bell Diving departs Flatt's Inlet, Smith's Parish on Sat. Sun, and Monday; departs
Dockyard Tues, Wed. Thurs and Friday; \$65 http://www.helmetdive.com/
Bermuda Biological Institute free tour Wed at 10 am; lectures on reeds and global warming
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Bermuda Dolphin Experience – 1½ hour -- dolphin experience and swim is 30 minutes which includes a brief introduction and 20 minutes with the dolphins; combination of shallow water and deep water interaction; half the time is spent sitting about waist high on a platform where the dolphins come right up to your lap and you have hands on interaction with them; the other half occurs in deeper water where you observe the dolphins swimming under and around you; tour includes entrance fee to Maritime Museum located on same site; lifejackets required; no underwater diving is involved; (transportation to Dolphin Quest complex—less than ¼ mile walking distance from Dockyard cruise pier-- is not included; participants must be strong swimmers; not recommended for pregnant women; minimum age is 8 years; must be able to get in and out of water without assistance; adult must accompany all minors;

RCCL \$196 adult/ \$196 child.

Bermuda Glassblowing Studio & Showroom (16 Blue Hole Hill, Hamilton) stemware, plates and figurines by master artisans from Europe and Bermuda, from \$5 to \$1,000; Mon-Sat 9-5pm 441/293-2234

Bermuda Harbour Nights (Beginning May 1st every Wednesday) Hamilton's Front Street is closed to vehicular traffic and the street comes alive with sparkling lights, decorated street vendors offering the best in local arts and crafts, Bermudian and international foods and live entertainment from train rides to face painting and gombey ("drum") dancers.

Bermuda Heritage Museum (4 Duke of York St, St George) first and only museum developing exhibits pertaining to Bermuda's black history; learn history of slave ship "Enterprise" arrival at Bermuda in 1835; adults \$4, \$2 child open 10-4pm 441/297-4126

Bermuda Maritime Museum (Pender Rd, Royal Naval Dockyard - next door to Dolphin Encounter; across street from Craft Market and Frog & Onion Pub) largest museum on the island in a 6-acre Keep citadel including the award winning restored Commissioner's House; about a mile east of the pier. Explore 500 years of local history and culture; bastions, cannons, local watercrafts, maritime art; dolphin encounters; they have a cool shell collection, some interactive exhibits, and an extensive exhibit featuring treasure and other artifacts recovered from sunken ships that had hit Bermuda's reefs over the years; pearl diving, boat building, whaling; relics from sunken Sea Venture; Admission fee includes viewing dolphins in the Keep Pond. Every day except Christmas from 9:30-5pm (last admission 4pm) adult \$10/child \$5 – 441/234-1418

http://www.bmm.bm/

http://www.bmm.bm/map.htm#comm (nice schematic map of the museum and Keep)

Bermuda National Gallery (48 Parlaville Rd, Hamilton) national cultural treasure exhibits collections of international art, african sculptures, modern pieces and photographs; works of local artists; gift shop; souvenirs, postcards and replicas. Adults \$3; open M-Sat 10-4pm 441/295-9428

Bermuda National Trust Museum at the Globe Hotel. This interesting museum tells the tale of the profitable blockade running that took place during the civil war. Cool souvenir: they have a press with the official "Great Seal of the Confederate States of America" plates and they make silver-foil copies of the seal with a nice matte border for \$5.00. The seal itself was commissioned in 1863, measured 3.5-inches in diameter and cost \$700. Around 1864, the seal reached Wilmington, NC on its fourth blockade run (then on to Richmond. Today it can be viewed at the Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond, Virginia), while the press itself remained in Bermuda.

Bermuda Parasailing

Bermuda Island Parasail – (1 Darrells Wharf, Harbour Road, Paget; harness style; \$84 for two; 441/232-2871

Skyrider Bermuda Ltd ---(Dockyard) cruise with up to 10 passengers into the Great Sound for two-person chair parasail ride \$65 adult, \$50 child, \$20 boat-rider for 8-10 minute ride. 441/747-7245www.skyriderbermuda.com

St George's Parasail Water Sports Ltd---(Somers Wharf, St George) - \$50 adults \$35 children ride single or tandem; \$20 for boat-riders; ride lasts 8-10 minutes; May to October M-F 9-6pm and Sat

10-5pm Phone 441/297-1542
http://www.bermudaparasail.com/
Bermuda Perfumery – educational and entertaining tour through process of perfume-making; see how fragrances are extracted from natural materials and native plants; ornamental garden, orchid house and tea garden; nature trail; open M-Sat 9-5pm, free
Bermuda Rum Cake factory (King's Wharf) http://www.bermudarumcakes.com/
Bermuda Society of Art (located in West Wing of Hamilton City Hall, 17 Church St, Hamilton) gallery dedicated to preserving locally crafted artwork, pieces from Bermudian masters are showcased; contemporary and classical style paintings with a distinct Bermudian flare; open M-Sat 9-5:30pm 441/22-3824
Bermuda Triangle Nightlife Glass Bottom Boat Cruise – Watch through the glass bottom as the underwater lights illuminate the depths revealing mysterious marine life; complimentary beverages provided; cash bar available on return trip; RCCL \$54 adults; \$54 child.
Bermuda Triangle Shipwreck Snorkel - cruise aboard "Looking Glass" glass bottom boat to offshore reef; visit shipwreck and coral reef site or stay aboard and view through glass bottom; cruise to second site for snorkel instruction (including equipment) for a close up and undersea experience; complimentary soft drinks, Rum Swizzle and cash bar on return trip; must be in good physical condition and competent at swimming in water too deep to stand in; RCCL \$70 adults \$50 child.
Bermuda Underwater Exploration Institute's "Ocean Discovery Centre": (40 Crow Lane,
Hamilton) take about 1½ hour; simulated dive of 11,810 ft to bottom of Atlantic; lightless zone simulates a region of bioluminescence; Peter Benchley adds commentary to exploration of Bermuda's reefs; murals of sea creatures; sunken ship artifacts; underwater craft; touch screens, theater, gift shop; La Coquille French bistro seafood restaurant on the water (East Broadway 441-297-7314) M-F 9-5 Sat and Sun 10-5pm \$11 adults; \$5.50 children 441/292-7219 www.buei.bm
Bermuda Water Tours Ltd – (Ferry Terminal, Hamilton) sail and snorkel on 75 person yacht
"Bottom Peeper" Phone 441/236-1500
Blue Hole Watersports (Grotto Bay Beach Hotel, Hamilton Parish) boat rentals near St George; 12 ft Boston Whaler w/ 30 hp; snorkel gear \$200 day; Sunfish, sailboards, kayaks, Paddle Cats; Suncats available up to 8 hours. 441-293-2915 http://www.blueholewater.bm/
Blue Water Divers (Elbow Beach Hotel) PADI- 5 star http://www.divebermuda.com/somerset.aspx
Cambridge Beaches (northwest of Somerset Village) is Bermuda's oldest cottage colony resort on 25 acre peninsula; 94 rooms and suites in world-class luxurious pink-and-white cozy cottages each decorated differently surrounded by nature; 5 private beaches; infinity pool overlooking Mangrove Bay; award winning cuisine; renowned spa
9 Beaches – Bermuda's most ultra-casual resort; 18 acres of private waterfront on the westernmost tip of Bermuda; 84 private soft-sided cabanas (luxury tents with bath/shower; queen bed plus futon, AC, table/chairs and two lounge chairs on private veranda; sit on stilts with view of Atlantic Ocean with some right on our beaches 6 "Paradise Pier Cabanas" are built out over the water jutting out toward Daniel's Head Island and connected with boardwalks (these have Plexiglas windows in the floor for tropical fish watching!); 10 "Top Banana Cabanas" are stilted in the water on the sea rocks with viewing panels in the floor; 18 "Aqua Vista Cabanas" are located at water's edge or cliffside on stilts; 28 "Sea Forever Cabanas" set back from water's edge on stilts; 18 "Coco Coral Cabanas" dot the bluffs and nine coves with partial ocean and coastline views; pool, boathouse/watersports, tennis, restaurants and bar \$185 to \$450 double occupancy. http://www.9beaches.com/ Catamaran Coral Reef Snorkel – Board the catamaran "Aristocrat" for 45 minute cruise to coral
reef for open water snorkeling in a deep blue oasis bordered by a fringe reef on nearly all sides; mask, snorkel, fins, buoyancy vest and instruction included as well as beverages; portions of reef may be in shallow depths (refrain from standing on them); complimentary famous Rum Swizzle and cash bar on

return trip; must be a competent swimmer; substitute inshore snorkel location may be made in inclement weather. Phone 441/236-1300 or http://www.bermudayp.com/exp-ws-fantasea.html

RCCL \$68 adults, \$48 child.

http://www.charterbermuda.com/

Charter Sailing – cruise on a catamaran under billowing sails to a secluded cove to swim and snorkel. www.bicbda.com

"Constellation" – 200 ft 4-masted schooner sunk in 1943 with hundreds of bags of cement, 700 cases of Scotch whiskey, and thousands of ampuls full of adrenaline, opium, morphine and penicillin; it now lies in 25-30 feet of water 8 miles west of Royal Naval Dockyard; 50 feet away is the wreck of the Montana which went down in 1863; Peter Benchley wrote about both these ships foundering in "The Deep" and based Robert Shaw's character on the world famous Bermudian treasure hunter, Teddy Tucker.. http://aquaexplorers.com/Bermuda_shipwrecks.htm

Crystal Caves and Fantasy Caves –most visited attraction; Bermuda has the highest concentration of limestone caves in the world; Crystal Caves was discovered in 1907 and houses crystal-clear Cahow Lake; take Bus 1 or 3; opens at 9:30 \$14 adm (\$20 for both caves). The caves are full of stalagmites, stalactites, columns, soda straws, bacon, shield formations and other interesting forms. Both caves are well lit and are full of water (but you won't get wet). The water is very clear, and believe it or not, it's all sea water. Fantasy Cave, in addition to being better preserved, also has an interesting spooky side which I will not ruin for you here http://caves.bm/

http://www.passengerdiscount.com/segundo_frame.php3?continent=0&id=29 (discount coupon)

Crystal Caves--Bus 1 and 3 will stop directly at Crystal Cave. Bus 10 or 11 will stop at Swizzle Inn which is within 2 blocks of the caves. It's about a 20-minute ride. Get there early. They open at 9:30 am. We strongly suggest catching the first available bus as the caves are very popular and will get very crowded before noon. You can catch the bus on Water Street, one long block from the pier (??) Admission to the caves is \$14 for one cave or \$20 for the pair. Fantasy Cave, which reopened just 4 years ago after a 70-year closure, is BY FAR the better cave. Unfortunately most folks will never learn this fact since the ship excursions only take you to the better known Crystal Cave. Explore both caves if you have the time. If you have a choice, see Crystal Cave first (because Fantasy Cave is better). Do Fantasy Cave if you only have time for one. The best group size is under 20. It got so busy that our group had 40 people. The group behind us had at least 60! They really need to do a better job of controlling group sizes. Your best defense is to go early.

Deep Blue Dive (Pembroke Parish)

Deep Sea Fishing – battle with a 1500 pound blue marlin; four hour trip on 40 foot vessel; includes bait, tackle and crew gratuities; minimum/maximum number persons is 6 per boat. www.bicbda.com

Deep Sea Fishing Charter – 5 hours - Bermuda holds close to 60 World Game Fishing records and boasts a year round fishing season; best times are from May to November -- blue marlin, white marlin, wahoo, tuna and dolphin are plentiful; Bermuda endorses the international Catch and Release program and a certificate of release will be presented to encourage anglers to release game fish, primarily the billfish species; trip includes guest fare, bait and tackle, limited box lunch and limited beverages;

RCCL \$185 adult/\$185 child.

"Deliverance" – full scale replica of the Deliverance is anchored full-time to Ordnance Island; (across from St George town square and over a bridge); in 1609, Admiral George Somers set sail on the "Sea Venture" from England to Jamestown, Virginia but floundered on Bermuda's reefs; the crew managed to construct two smaller ships ("Deliverance" and "Patience") and set sail for Virginia in 1610 (only to find the Virginia colony decimated by starvation and illness); John Rolfe (later to marry Pocahontas) was onboard and buried his wife and child on Bermuda; the telling of the Sea Venture was said to influence Shakespeare in writing "The Tempest"; ship is open daily April-Nov 9-5pm; \$3 adult \$1 child under 12 Phone 441-297-1459

http://bermuda-online.org/sirgeorgesomers.htm (story of Admiral Somers) **Devil's Hole** – (Harrington Sound Rd, Smith Parish) natural aquarium formed when the roof of a cave collapsed; fed by Atlantic waters from the South Shore over a mile away via winding underground estuary; Bermuda's oldest tourist attraction (since 1830's), feed lots of angel fish, parrot fish, "Henry" the 6-foot moray eel and two green Bermuda sea turtles named "Romeo" and "Lady Hook"; purchase some El Salvador marble turtles (??); admission adult \$10/child \$5; horse and buggy carriage rides \$35; open 9:30-4:30pm 441/293-2727. Dive Bermuda (located in Pembroke Parish at the Fairmont Southampton) 5 star PADI certified -441/238-2332 **Dockyard – "Destination Dockyard"** (at the Royal Naval Dockyard at the end of Ireland Island); Tuesdays 7pm to 10pm festival with music, gombey dancers and drummers, crafts, vendors http://www.bermudacommerce.com/events/dockyard.aspx Dockyard Fair – Tuesday nights from 8-10pm limited music and dancers; food and crafts (but fair is best on Wed night in Hamilton; Tues in St Georges) **Dockyard** – 6 acres of Pottery mall, Bermuda Maritime Museum (opened by Queen Elizabeth in 1975), Old Cooperage Building (Neptune Cinema). Bermuda Arts Centre; Dolphin Quest, glass blowing, restaurants, rum cakes made; shops open 9-6pm (sometimes extended from 8am to 10pm for cruise ships) **Dockyard Segway Experience** – 2 ½ hour experience on the battery-powered Segway Human Transporter (invented by Dean Kamen in 2001—purchase one for \$5,000!); safety briefing/video and guided tour along quiet country roads touring historical sites; safety helmet required and provided with earphone/microphone; up to 14 mph from 3 speed levels; impossible to fall off of--the segway checks its own balance 20 times a second; tour Royal Naval Dockyard and Clock Tower, Casemates Prison and Victualing Yard. Tour Maritime Museum and Commissioner's House, view Defense Heritage Exhibit which examines the history of weaponry and military in Bermuda; minimum age is 13 years and minimum weight is 100 lbs; maximum weight is 260 lbs; maximum of tour is 10 people; Segway of Bermuda (look for double decker yellow bus or contact Robt Territo 441/504-2581) RCCL \$78 adult/\$78 child. **Dockyard Trolley Train Tour**– 1 hour sightseeing and city tour from King's Wharf; conductor combines humorous stories, colorful anecdotes and fascinating historical information along the ride; highlights include Lagoon Park, The Royal Naval Cemetery and Clock Tower Centre; RCCL \$29 Adult \$16 child **Dolphin Quest** – swim with dolphins at Bermuda Maritime Museum in Royal Naval Dockyard; "Fins and Flippers" program is \$130 PP and takes about 40 minutes—20 minutes in the water with the dolphins; choose a "swim" or a "dip" or sit on benches and watch for free! Open daily except Christmas Day from 9:30-4:30 Phone 441-234-4464 www.dolphinquest.org http://www.dolphinquest.org/ http://www.bermuda4u.com/Attractions/bermuda attractions dolphin quest.html http://www.dolphinguest.org/destinations/bermuda/current.php?aID=1z1z2 http://www.dolphinguest.org/destinations/bermuda/index.php?aID=1z1 http://www.wildlifepimps.com/feat-SwimWithDolphins.htm (dolphin swim controversy) **Dolphin Ouest Encounter** – extraordinary face-to-face encounters to experience the dolphins incredible power; join the dolphins in their lagoon with the chance to touch, play and learn about them up close and personal; participants swim alongside their dolphin friends. www.bicbda.com "Elizabeth" cruise – leisurely cruise around Hamilton Harbour or the Great Sound or cruise to historic St George's at the East end of the island where settlers first settled; the Elizabeth is fully equipped with all the amenities of a world-class motor yacht and provides plenty of space for guests in an elegant setting, www.bicbda.com Elv's Harbour (west of Somerset Bridge) smuggler's cove of yore. **EZ-Rider Electric Bike N Hike Sightseeing Tour** – easy to pedal 7-speed electric mountain bike on

2½ hour guided sightseeing tour through West End; (departs Royal Naval Dockyard) through quaint Somerset Village to the historic Railway Trail; visit Heydon Trust with historic chapel and views of the Great Sound with a 5 minute hike up to Fort Scaur Park (spectacular 360 degree views of island); then all downhill to Cavello Bay and a 20 minute ferry ride back to Dockyard (or 40 minutes to Hamilton); complimentary bottled water and ferry ticket; minimum age 14 minimum height 50" maximum weight 275lbs; travel at up to 8 mph; 7 mile ride with 6 rest and sightseeing stops along the way; (no flip flops) http://www.ezrider.bm/ 441/777-3500

RCCL \$71 adult;\$71 child;

Famous Homes and Hideaways 2 hour sightseeing cruise along the coast in view of "Millionaire's Row" (now Billionaire's Row!); Catherine Zeta Jones, Michael Douglas, playwright Eugene O'Neill; artist William Denslow; (most homes are in Tucker's Town--near St George end) see Gibb's Hill Lighthouse (the oldest cast iron lighthouse in the Western Hemisphere; near Railway Trail and Horseshoe Bay); Captain Ronnie O'Connor is informative and entertaining with a wealth of historical facts; discover tranquil hideaways and see classic Bermuda landmarks; complimentary bottled water or soda; RCCL - \$49 adults, \$49 child.

Fantasea - company offers catamaran cruises, whale watching, snorkeling; glass bottom; kayak; jet ski adventures and private charters; night cruise to Hawkins Island (may be discontinued) http://www.fantasea.bm/

Fantasea Catamaran Sunset Cruise - experience 2 hour sunset cruise aboard catamaran "Aristocrat" while enjoying a Dark N Stormy drink; entertaining, discussion-style commentary and live entertainment; full cash bar and drink specials available; first round is on the house!

RCCL \$52 adults, \$52 child.

Fairmont Southampton Golf Club – 18 hole par-3 course on the grounds of luxurious Fairmont hotel; designed by legendary Theodore Robinson; spectacular changes in elevation make cart usage mandatory; drop on first two holes is around 200 feet; much of the course overlooks the Atlantic Ocean and wind is a definite factor; provides a good warm-up for Bermuda's longer courses; softspike shoes are mandatory (and can be rented); shirts must have collars and sleeveless is prohibited

"Fairyland" –best selection of Bermuda-style houses.

Ferry rides - After dinner on the ship, we used our transportation passes to take not one, but two, moonlight ferry rides. The short Pink Route is a 20 minute ride with three short stops and provides nice night views of the lighted cruise ships from the harbor. The Blue Route (or Dockyard Route) speeds across the Great Sound to make two short stops before pulling in to the Royal Navy Dockyard where the mega cruise ships dock and then speeds back to Hamilton. This is a 50-minute round trip. (The wife thought these were beautifully romantic ferry rides and they were basically free as they were included in the cost of your transportation pass).

FORTS: http://www.bermuda-online.org/forts.htm (a long list of Bermuda's forts and their histories) **Fort George -** not accessible to the public; serves civilian purposes of monitoring ocean traffic, rescue and radio communication

Fort St. Catherine – (near St George) the biggest and most spectacular of Bermuda's forts; it is the first major landmark seen by cruise ships arriving in Bermuda; great coastal and inland views; a cool fort and museum with lots to explore. Dioramas, videos, and wall plaques along a self-guided tour are highly informative; see replicas of the British Crown Jewels, an antique weapons collection and look for "George" the resident ghost. If you visit here after seeing Fort Hamilton you'll learn about a few of the unexplained projectile lifts, air tubes, and light boxes you previously saw but maybe didn't know what they were or how they worked; small admittance fee. It is beyond Bermuda's public bus route but is accessible by taxi or moped. Next to Fort St. Catherine is St. Catherine Beach. It was very popular, had a snack bar, drinks, and music. It also had some sea glass, but don't waste your time here. For sea glass by the handful, walk down to Alexandra Beach.

Fort Hamilton is a free attraction to visit—a place of serenity. You'll cross over a 25-foot long drawbridge over a deep dry moat and into the nicely manicured grounds of the fort. There are several

large cannons and easy access to the upper elevations of the fort which afford beautiful views of downtown Hamilton and the Bay. (For your best picture opportunities of downtown, go in the morning. However, you'll get better pictures in the moat in the early afternoon as there will be fewer shadows). We highly recommend exploring the underground passages and walking the moat which is now a nicely planted garden area with lots of foliage including allspice, ferns, bamboo and imported orchids and a pathway. The only way down to the moat is via a 108-step lighted stairway from the middle of the fort's grounds to the lighted underground passageway and finally out a doorway into the moat.

Fort Scaur – on highest hill in Somerset; built in late 1860's to defend British from American attacks –fearful that the victorious Union would take revenge for their support of the Confederacy during the Civil War; (British troops stationed here until WWI; American forces stationed here during WWII; opened to visitors since 1957); camouflaged by geography and construction so as to be undetectable from sea approach; stone walls surrounded by 22 acres of gardens, trails, rocky fishing shoreline, public dock, picnic tables, restrooms; subterranean passages and an enormous dry moat cut all the way across Somerset Island; 64 pound guns on disappearing carriages (the only known examples); view of Ely's Harbour and Great Sound from the parapet is unsurpassed; view the Atlantic and Great Sound from its ramparts; free telescope; Somerset Rd, Ely's Harbour Dockyard; open daily 7:30-4 pm – free.

Gibbs Hill Lighthouse and Tea House/Gift Shop – (Southampton) built in 1846, oldest cast iron lighthouse in the world; light seen from ships up to 40 miles (1,000-watt light bulb); 185-step climb; when open, finest view of the island and its shorelines; balcony closed but still a great view from base; view migrating whales in springtime; open daily 9-5pm \$2.50, child under 5 free (closed Feb) http://www.bermudalighthouse.com/history.htm

Glass Bottom Safari – aboard the Reef Explorer; close up views of living coral reef habitats, home of hundreds of species of fish, corals and marine organisms; shallow draft of the Reef Explorer allows you to cruise over the shallow reefs and provide a spectacular view of the marine life; comfortable cruising atmosphere complete with cocktails 441/292-8652 http://www.bicbda.com/Tours-Water.htm

Globe Hotel & Bermuda Nation Trust Museum (St George) civil war museum; closes at 4:30 \$5

Golf – Check out www.bermudatourism.com/103.aspx where you can print a brochure and view videos; or just print their brochure http://www.bermudagolf.org/courses.shtml

http://www.toateebermuda.com/courses.htm

http://bermuda-online.org/golf.htm

Reservations on the 3 government-run courses (Ocean View, Port Royal and St George's) can be made by calling centralized reservation system; call at least 4 days in advance 441-234-4653

Call ahead for Tee Time Service for Belmont Hills, Ocean View, Port Royal, St George's Golf Club or the Fairmont Southampton Golf Club 1-800-BERMUDA

There are 9 golf courses:

<u>Belmont</u> (Warwick) Professional course designed by Algie Pulley Jr moved mountains to re-design the Belmont Hills course in 2002. He created a magnificent contoured layout that maximizes the golfer's experience while showcasing the island's captivating beauty; panoramic views of Hamilton Harbour and the Great Sound provide the backdrop for some of thinnest 18 holes on the island. www.belmonthills.com 441-236-6400

<u>Bermuda Golf Academy</u> (Southampton) 320 driving range, mini golf course, putting green <u>Fairmont Southampton Princess Golf Club</u> (Southampton) located on the grounds of a luxurious resort; 18 hole par 3 course designed by Theodore Robinson; average playing time is 2 hours with every iron in the bag being called into to play over a hilly panoramic 2,684 yard course; 2 water

hazards and 3 tee offerings Par 54; will co-host the PGA Grand Slam from 10/16-17, 2007 -- 441-239-6952 <u>Horizon</u> (Paget) the only Mashie Course on the island, nine holes play to ways to give a full 18 holds course, 441-236-0048 Mid Ocean Golf Club - (Hamilton Parish) built in 1921 and designed by Charles Lair Macdonald and modified by Robert Trent Jones in 1950's; set in the blue water of the Atlantic; club member introduction required will co-host the PGA Grand Slam from 10/16-17, 2007 - 441-293-0330 Ocean View – (Devonshire) superbly challenging course is a competitive as it is picturesque; elevated central location offers wide North Shore vistas with 18 tee positions you'll want to add a second nine to your conquest of the first; a public 9 hole Par 35 2,940 yard course; email at oceanview@northrock.bm or phone 441-295-9092 Port Royal (Southampton) Robert Trent Jones has taken full advantage of some of Bermuda's most stunning South Shore terrain for this popular and demanding course; cliff-side holes are especially memorable; government-run public golf course; email at portroyal@northrock.bm or phone 441-234-0974 Riddells Bay (Warwick) one of Bermuda's oldest country clubs entices golfers from around the world since 1922; winding along a peninsula only 600 yards wide; a magnificent challenge; a 5,713 yard course; introduction by member or hotel management required www.riddellsbay.com Tucker's Point (Tucker's Town) enchanting opening hole overlooks Castle Harbour and the Atlantic beyond; architect Charles Banks extracts maximum challenge from this hill and vale 18 hole Par 71 6,440 yard course www.tuckerspoint.com or email brfraser@bpl.bm or phone 441-298-6910 Gumba Trail & Outdoor Museum- (Cockburn Rd, Sandys Parish) the ornate gombey masks used in ceremonies by the original native people of Bermuda are the key exhibition; everyday items used during life in 16-18th century along short trail; \$5PP; hours variable, call ahead 441/293-7330 Hartley's Underwater Sea Walk (Sandys Parish) helmet dive and walk in 10 feet of water – 866-836-3989 http://www.hartleybermuda.com/ Hayward Snorkel & Glass Bottom Boat Cruises (7 Manse Rd, Paget)- departs Ferry Terminal, Hamilton on "Explorer"; 35 person capacity; Phone 441/236-9894 Hawkins Island "Don't Stop the Carnival Party"; boat shuttle to island BBQ; music with Gombey dancers show; limbo contest; table seating is first come first served; (Bermuda Island Cruises (BIC) suspended island parties effective May 28, 2007 ??) http://www.hawkinsisland.com/home.htm http://bicbda.com/TourShop/ Hawkins Island "Day at the Beach" – BIC's private island in the Great Sound offers a sandy beach for swimming, snorkeling, nature trails, picnic tables, BBQ and full kitchen, bathrooms, electricity, fully equipped stage with lights and dance floor; arrangements can be made for a variety of water toys such as kayaks, banana boats, etc. (suspended effective May 28, 2007??) Helmet Diving – fresh air is pumped into a glass bubble turned upside down; your face and hair stay dry in 8 feet of water; view the tropical life of a coral reef and have your picture taken underwater.(see Adventure Enterprises, Bermuda Bell Diving or Hartley's Undersea Adventure) Island Party Cruise – enjoy a BBQ lunch on a preserved private island; complimentary rum punch swizzles and live musical entertainment aboard; 3 ½ hours in one of natures most beautiful and exotic places. http://www.bicbda.com/Tours-Water.htm **Jesse James Cruises** -- glass bottom cruises, "Rambler" or "Pisces" inflatables; 2 hour snorkel 3 times in 3 different locations; 3 shipwrecks (cargo containers scattered) and coral reef/sea garden with sea fans, brain coral; glass bottom is covered for most of the trip; 16 passengers; cruise under smallest drawbridge in the world; see homes of well-known celebrities; depart at 10 am return at noon. (1:30-3:30 cruise possible often) \$40 adults; \$20 children 5-12 (cash or traveler's checks only). Departs at The Flagpole, Front St, Hamilton (Albouy's Point, Hamilton??) Phone 441/236-4804 http://www.jessiejames.bm/

Jet ski rental at King's Wharf (Dockyard)
Jet Ski Tours from Sea Venture Watersports (Waterlot Inn near Fairmont Southampton Princess
Hotel) 1 hour (\$115), 2 hour (\$200) or half day tours (\$300); tour can take up to 6 jetskis; must be 16
to drive; any age to ride; 441/238-6881 http://www.jetskibermuda.com/
"Jolly Roger" Reef Fishing - 3 hr fishing trip aboard 70 ft "Jolly Roger"; fishing for snapper,
barracuda, triggerfish and porgies; boat contains restrooms, cash snack bar and sun deck; equipment
and bait provided; fishing takes place in close coastal waters that should be fairly calm however the
sea may become rough; rolling and pitching may be encountered during trip; mainly catch and
release; guests are unable to bring their catch back to the ship. http://www.jollyrogerbermuda.com/
RCCL \$96 adult/\$52 child.
Kayak Safari – experience serene beauty of Bermuda's coastline in ocean kayaks; select from remote
spots; crystal blue lagoons to haunting mangrove wetlands; kayak guides provide commentary and
full instruction culminating in a swim at a quiet backwater or beach. http://www.bicbda.com/Tours-
Water.htm
KS Watersports (King's Square, St George's at White Horse Pub) jet ski and swim tour, parasailing
441/297-4155 http://www.kswatersports.com/
"Longtail "Sightseeing Cruise & Hamilton Shopping – 2 hour 15 minute cruise aboard "The
Longtail" ending in Hamilton shopping; complimentary bus/ferry pass and beverage included; cruise
through picturesque Cavello Bay to Somerset Bridge; Old US Naval Annex and on to view Gibb's
Lighthouse and Fairmont Southampton Princess Hotel; cruise through 32 islands of the Great Sound
and view homes of the affluent Bermudians; Phone 441/296-5263
http://www.longtailcruises.com/sightseeing.asp
RCCL \$69 adults;\$37 child
Mangrove Bay Wharf (Somerset) arrange sailing or fishing expeditions, rent boats out to the reefs to
swim, snorkel and scuba dive.
Maritime Museum – (Dockyard) see Bermuda's old boats; visit the museum \$10 and watch the
Dolphin Quest action area for free (photo op) –see Bermuda Maritime Museum for more info,
http://www.bmm.bm/
Marquis Horse Drawn Carriage Ride — 1 hour sightseeing and city tour from King's Wharf;
acquaint yourself with historic Royal Naval Dockyard and surrounding areas of Ireland Island; view
old prison, Commissioner's House; Old Naval Cemetery, Black Bay and Parsons Bay with local
fisherman's area; travel past movie locations for "The Deep" and "Bermuda Depths"; knowledgeable
guides point out flora and fauna;
RCCL \$42 adult, \$24 child
Horse and Buggy Rigs (Front St, Hamilton) coachmen and surreys are lined up along Front Street;
ride through the glamorous neighborhoods of Hamilton; (cars were banned in Bermuda until 1946).
Martello Tower (Ferry Reach, St George's Parish) only one built in Bermuda, now in decay-
http://bermuda-online.org/forts.htm
Offshore Snorkeling Adventure – snorkel over the most northern reef in the world; 3 and ½ hour
cruise out to the magnificent northeastern barrier reef; witness unbelievable marine life and ancient
shipwrecks; all equipment, buoyancy aids and instructions included; bring a towel! www.bicbda.com
Palm Grove Gardens (Devonshire Parish) lovely natural garden, free admission; periodic public
viewing http://www.bermuda-online.org/gardens.htm
Peppercorn Helmet Dive – less than 20 feet of water; requires no prior experience; head stays dry
throughout and allows glasses or contact lenses to be worn; must be age 10 or older; minimum of 80
lbs; maximum of 300 lbs; \$79
Pembroke Parish – area includes Albuoy's Point; Bermuda Historical Society Museum; Bermuda
National Gallery; Cabinet Building; Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity; Cenotaph; City Hall; Fort
Hamilton; Bermuda Underwater Exploration Institute; Par-la-Ville Park; Perot Post Office; Sessions
House; Victoria Park
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Pitman's Snorkeling – deep sea snorkeling; "Fathom" departs from Somerset Bridge Phone 441/234-0700

Pompano Beach Club – (36 Pompano Beach Road, Southampton Parish) rent Sun Kat cruiser \$35 per hour; E-Schooter boats \$30 per hour, sunfish sailboats \$20 per hour, paddleboats \$15 per hour; rent rafts and rubber tubes 441/234-0222.

Premier Glass Bottom boats – 2 hour sightseeing and city cruise; view coral reefs; maneuver over the 18th century shipwreck "Vixen' and fish feeding aboard Bermuda's newest air-conditioned 78ft luxury cruiser "Destiny"; drift silently in search of turtles; journey through the beautiful sea garden and float over shallow coral reefs to learn about underwater ecosystems;; complimentary bottled water; minimum age 4 year old;

RCCL \$4 adult; \$27 child.

Railway Trail – open only to pedestrians and bikers; trail follows the path of old "Rattle and Shake" (Bermuda railway line that once ran the length of the island); parts of the trail open onto the coast with panoramic vistas of the Great Sound; best section is between Somerset Bridge and Sound View Road (some of the finest cottages in Bermuda); trail crosses parkland of Fort Scaur (follow the eastern moat all the way down to the Great Sound shore for swimming and fishing.)

http://www.bermudarailway.net/

http://www.bermuda-online.org/railway.htm

http://www.trailwatch.net/bermudabiking.htm

Railway Trail Boat, Bike and Beach Tour 3½ hours—shoreline cruise to the 9 Beaches Resort (separate cabin rooms up on stilts in the water) in rural West End for a guided bike tour along the Bermuda Railway Trail for 5-8 miles on mostly flat trail with stunning seascape views; 21-speed mountain bike, helmet and instructions provided; hike up to Ft Scaur or visit sprawling 17th century Mott family estate; refresh with a cool swim at the resort beach before return boat cruise; wear good sneakers and lightweight clothing over swimsuits; minimum height 4'10"; participants must be in good physical condition and confident on bicycle with hand brakes; full Railway Trail is 18 miles between Somerset and St George.

RCCL \$72 adults/\$52 child

Reef Fishing – great bottom line fishing; sunbathe and relax; equipment, bait and gratuities included; minimum persons 20; maximum persons 50. www.bicbda.com

Rising Son II Turtle Bay catamaran beach trip to turtle sanctuary

http://www.charterbermuda.com/risingson.html

http://www.bermuda.com/boatingsailing/catamaran/

http://www.sailbermuda.com/

http://www.cheloniacharters.com/

http://www.oysterpointyachtcharters.com/ 441/238-0116

Restless Native Catamaran Cruise – cruise to secluded cove aboard spacious comfortable 50ft pink sailing catamaran with Captain Kirk; famous for hot home-baked cookies; fruit punch and rum swizzles; complimentary ice tea and lemonade all day as well as snacks and rum swizzles after your swim; sunbathe in roomy hammocks up forward or relax in interior cabin; quality snorkel gear included; expert guide for snorkel in shallow waters where your feet touch bottom; gift shop onboard; must be able to navigate ladder in and out of water; email restless@ibl.bm

RCCL \$72 adult/\$62 child

Rum Cake Museum – sample the rum cakes

Scenic South Shore Highlights by Taxi – 3 hour tour through Royal Naval Dockyard through Bermuda's West End including Somerset Village; stop at Heydon Trust Chapel dating back to 1616; pass over Somerset Bridge (one of world's smallest drawbridges) to Gibb's Hill Lighthouse; continue along South Shore Road to Hamilton for a scenic tour of the city and stopping at one of the famous pink sand beaches; return trip along Harbour Road (North Shore) for incredible views of Hamilton Harbour and conclude in Dockyard; minimum/maximum persons per vehicle based on taxi rules;

RCCL \$49 adult, \$49 child. SCUBA Adventures – Bermuda has over 350 wreck sites most of which are in relatively shallow depths of 30-50 feet allowing for extended bottom times and short boat trips; surrounded by world's most Northern living coral reef. www.bicbda.com SCUBA Adventures – 5 hours - short informative boat ride to first dive site in 50-80 feet of water; second dive will be over reef. All equipment supplied; 2-tank dive is limited to certified divers who have been on a dive within the last 2 years (proof of certification is required); Bermuda has over 350 wreck sites and is voted one of the world's premier wreck diving sites; equipment supplied at a PADI 5-Star Dive Shop; minimum age is 12 years accompanied by an adult under 18; RCCL \$148 adult/\$148 child.

Sea Garden – (southwest end of Long Bay, off Daniel's Head) offshore coral reef off the coast between Dockyard and Somerset Village as well as a second area in the Atlantic off Castle Island (near St George.)

Experience the most exciting, unique 3 ¼ hour snorkeling cruise offered in Bermuda! The O'Connor family have created this innovative all-in-one cruise to three different snorkeling locations plus glass bottom boats:

First Snorkel - Beach and Island -Novice snorkelers will be taught and accompanied by a crewmember in shallow water while experienced ones can plunge in and snorkel around the little island

Second Snorkel -Three Shipwrecks - After a relaxing cruise to the outer reef you will be ready for the crystal clear waters over the "Constellation" and "Montana" sunk in the 1800's and early 1900's. Then we Glassbottom over "HMS Vixen".

Third Snorkel - Coral Reef/Sea Garden -To make your adventure complete you will love the final snorkel on a beautiful coral reef / sea garden. View different types of coral that nature has sculpted over the years which will make you feel like you are visiting a tropical underwater paradise complemented by several species of colorful fish, sea rods and brain coral.

Lots of snorkeling variety. Excellent, informative commentary by Captain Jimmy on the ecology, history and present. Maximum 16-18 people – no large crowds. Professional service and personal attention provided in a friendly, relaxing atmosphere.

- Top of the line snorkeling equipment (including prescription masks) buoyancy / snorkling vests (wet suits in cooler months).
- Cash Bar: Drinks. Bring your own snacks
- Underwater cameras for sale
- A great time for beginners and experienced snorkelers ages 8 and up.
- Toilet on board. Please wear a bathing suit, sensible boat-type shoes and bring a towel. No large bags must fit under your seat.
- Departs from the Flag Pole on Front Street in Hamilton, opposite the Bank of Butterfield. The Flag Pole is between where the two cruise ships dock on Front Street.
- Private charters on request.

Jessie James Cruises, 6 Glen Court, Warwick PG01, Bermuda TEL: (441) 236-4804 FAX: (441) 236-6259 - E-MAIL: jessiejames@northrock.bm

Skyriders Bermuda Ltd (Dockyard) parasail; chair style; 12 minutes air time \$50 PP (\$35 child under 12); boat holds 8 passengers (\$15 if not parasailing); single or tandem rides; Skyrider, Dockyard, skyriderbda@northrock.bm, (441) 234-3019

Snorkel Look – snorkeling adventure; departs from Grotto Bay Beach Hotel, Warwick; Phone 441/293-7319

Snorkel Park (next door to Dolphin Quest); lots of rocks (bring watershoes) shallow for a good

distance out; snack bars, bathrooms, no charge; small
Somerset Bridge – (near Fort Scaur) world's smallest drawbridge; built 17 th century; when open, the
space between the span is 22 inches at road level (just big enough for the mast of a sailboat to pass
through).ferry from Dockyard two stops past Somerset Village.
Somerset Bridge Watersports – (right next to Somerset Bridge) boat rentals; best place to rent a
Boston whaler \$75 for two hours- \$200 for 8 hours (holds 3-4 passengers); 13 ft whalers and 15ft
Open Bowrider; jet-ski tours to Sea Gardens (near smallest drawbridge in the world!) 441-234-0914
Somerset Village – one of the most charming villages in Bermuda; only one road goes through
village; most stores are branches of larger stores in Hamilton; take a quick ferry ride from Dockyard
to the Watford Bridge dock in Somerset; from Somerset it is a 40 minute bus ride to Hamilton
http://bermuda-online.org/seesandy.htm
Spittal Pond – Bermuda's largest bird sanctuary and nature preserve with a picturesque mile-long
trail that takes you beside cliffs and views of the graceful Longtail (in spring) plus two escaped pink
flamingos!
St George – quaint town on the north end of the archipelago; dates back to 1609 when the Sea
Venture was taking on water and was run aground on the reefs to save the crew and passengers by
Admiral Somers;; hub is King's Square (maps and walking guides available here) as well as replica
stocks and pillary (for town drunks); town crier greets assemblage with time and day's events at noon;
across bridge on Ordnance Island dunking stool (noontime dunking for town gossips and tourists) and
full scale replica of "Deliverance" (one of two pinnaces built out of salvage from Sea Venture)
docked here; up Kent St is ruins of St George's Church and a grand view of the old part of town and
across the harbour.
St Georges Parasail Water Sports Ltd – single or tandem
Segway at Dockyard - \$76 for 1 ½ hourssee Dockyard Segway
Spicelands Horseback riding –ride along trails to Warwick Long Bay beach; 7am, 8:30am. 10:30,
3 and 5 o'clock; group walk guided beach tour; \$65 PP beach ride only possible from beginning of
October to end of May due to complaints by beachgoers in the summer months (summer trail follows
path behind beach—you can see water but not ride in it.) English saddle; 250 lb weight limit; Middle
Road, Warwick Parish http://www.spicelandsriding.com/
St David's Island – (St G) remote little island is most authentic Bermuda; home to many fisherman;
locals still cook the dishes of old Bermuda like mussel pie and shark hash. http://www.bermuda-
<u>online.org/seestdavids.htm</u>
Sun Deck Cruises – snorkel aboard "Sun Deck" or "Sun Deck Too"; departs from St George or your
chartered location.
Surf Shack (9 Beaches Resort, Somerset) wakeboarding, waterskiing, kiteboarding, windsurfing and
sailing; lessons; rent HobieCats (\$40 hour), kayaks (\$15 hour); Boston Whaler; snorkel safaris for
groups up to 12; fly-fish or manta-ray inflatables towed behind jetboat 441/239-2995
www.surfshack.bm
Tam Marina – (Paget) snorkel aboard "Coral Princess" or "Lady Erica"; departs from any location
by arrangement with client; Phone 441/236-0127 http://www.ladyboats.com/
Triangle Diving (Grotto Bay Beach Hotel) http://www.trianglediving.com/
Unfinished Cathedral – (Blockade Alley, St George) construction began in 1874; many architects
have wanted to finish it
Ultimate Catamaran Swim, Sail and Snorkel Tour – 3 hour 30 minute catamaran sail past century
old Bermuda fortifications to nearby beach for swimming, kayaking; noodle floating and snorkeling
for 1 ½ hours; beach hidden among chain of islands in Mangrove Bay (remote coastal region);
complimentary Rum Swizzle for return trip; island music and 1 hour full cash bar; swim locations
vary depending on weather; beach site has limited snorkeling; must be a good swimmer
RCCL \$68 adult; \$60 child
Ultimate Helmet Diving Experience – 2 hour and 15 minutes ultimate underwater experience; dive
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boat takes you to reef location; comprehensive pre-dive briefing with emphasis on safety tips; guided tour of exotic species and fascinating corals; stroll leisurely on sandy bottom 20 feet below the surface in warm turquoise waters amid spectacular coral reefs inhabited by inquisitive tropical fish; requires no prior swimming experience or dive training; helmet is constantly supplied with air and your head/hair stays dry (allowing use of glasses or contact lenses throughout tour). Not recommend for anyone with walking or breathing difficulty; minimum age to participate is 10 years old and must be accompanied by an adult; minimum weight of 80 lbs; maximum weight of 300 lbs; must sign a waiver to participate.

RCCL \$72 adult/\$77 child.

Verdmont (South Rd, Smith's Parish) 1710 grand manor house noted for elegant cedar interior, lush rose garden with sweeping ocean views and a 250-year-old herb garden.

Whale Watching – during whale-watching season, cruise along Bermuda's South Shore to observe the hump back whale on their migration north; close-up view in their natural habitat; view through boat's reinforced glass bottoms.

Wild West Clear Kayak Adventure - 3½ hour tour of Bermuda's West End; board shuttle to calm water beach site; paddling instruction on stable sit-on-top kayaks for narrated shoreline tour of uninhabited islands and beaches; observe long tails, egrets, herons and various crustaceans; view corals, fish and turtles through "Fantasea's" glass bottom panels; dry snorkel gear included; complimentary beverages available; wear swimsuit and bring towel and sunscreen, hat; refreshments served after tour and before return shuttle; maximum combined weight of 400 lbs;

RCCL \$72 adult/\$48 child.

Wildcat Speedboat island tour- 50 mph catamaran trip around the island for 2 hours; can be bumpy; always loud; \$65 adult; \$40 children

http://www.bermuda.com/beacheswatersports/wildcat/index.php

Windjammer Watersports (Dockyard) boat rentals; windsurfing, sailing, jet-ski tours, kayaking, instruction; 17-ft motorboats \$40 an hour \$20 each additional hour; 17-ft sailboat for \$65 for two hours or \$135 for eight hours; fishing and snorkeling gear available; 441/234-0250 or email windjammerbda@northrock.bm

Food & Restaurants

http://www.bermudayp.com/op-dining.html

http://bermuda-online.org/restaurants.htm

http://www.diningbermuda.com/

http://www.bermuda4u.com/

http://www.caribbeanedge.com/bermuda/restaurants/

http://www.thisweekinbermuda.info/tasteful.htm

Local Food:

Bermuda fish chowder - sold in most restaurants, a red chowder usually served with rum and sherry; pepper on the side for seasoning.

Mussels pie – filled with steamed mussels, papaya, onions, potatoes, bacon, curry powder, lemon juice and thyme

Cassava Pie – chicken, beef or pork-filled; you might not find this as it is traditionally served around Christmas time but check restaurant menus for it. It would be served along with your entree, not as a dessert.

Bermuda Onion – the world-famous Bermuda onion was one of the island's first exports; countless ways to cook them: onion pie, onion sandwiches, glazed onion desserts! (Bermuda is nicknamed "Onion Patch"

Boiled salted Cod Fish with bacon-tomato sauce served with potatoes, eggs, bananas and avocado slices for breakfast!

Hot Cross buns

Shark hash

Local Drink:

All of them involve Gosling's Black Seal rum (buy some!)

Rum Swizzle: Gosling's Black Seal rum, Bermuda falernum, Angostura bitters, with a fruit juice blend (pineapple, lime, orange)

Dark n' Stormy: Gosling's Black Seal rum with Barritt's ginger beer

Black & Coke: rum with coke (alternatively you can order Black & Diet)

The last two you can make yourself as Black Seal is available at any supermarket or liquor store. The fruit juice blend for a rum swizzle differs from place to place - the Swizzle Inn boasts that they have the best, but other places serve nice swizzles as well.

There are more *Wine Spectator* awards per square mile in Bermuda than anywhere else in the world, except Manhattan. Try Shafer Hillside Select 1996, Chateau Mouton Rothschild 1961 or Ornellaia Bolgheri 1995.

* Aqua Seaside (34 So Shore Rd, Ariel Sands Hotel, Devonshire Parish) – wonderfully romantic al fresco dining on deck or terrace at the Ariel Sands Resort; interior bland dining room; outside tables on two settings—covered verandah and 15 on a wooden deck situated on the beach itself; Caribbean/European fusion cuisine; won "Best of Bermuda" awards for most imaginative oftchanging menu; slow services; blue glassware; blue dining room; local entertainers; (celebs: Jack Nicholson, Michael Douglas and Catherine Zeta-Jones); Ariel is a sprite from Shakespeare's The Tempest (also a moon of Uranus) Phone 441/236-2332

http://www.arielsands.com/amenities/restaurant.htm



Ascots (Hamilton) in Royal Palms – world class cuisine

Bacci at the Fairmont Southampton – authentic Italian stylish cuisine in relaxed family atmosphere at Bermuda's most famous hotel

* **Barracuda Grill** – (5 Burnaby Hill- Hamilton) one of Bermuda's most celebrated restaurants; outstanding seafood and chops; breathtakingly stylish. http://www.barracuda-grill.com/

Beethoven's (Dockyard) casual; open daily for breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea and dinner.

Bistro J (Hamilton) unique lively bistro; local seafood; homemade pastas; award-winning breads, desserts and ice creams made in-house

** **Blu** (97 Middle Road – Warwick) premier bar and grill located in scenic beauty of Belmont Hills golf course with spectacular views overlooking the Great Sound; fine steak, fish and award winning wine list; steakhouse with southwestern flavor; dinner 6-10pm; reservations preferred. 441-232-2323 www.blu.bm

Cabana Bar & Grill (Fairmont Southampton) Bermuda's best hamburgers served 11am to 6pm

Café Cairo (93 Front St Hamilton) cuisines of Egypt, Lebanon and Morocco; cushioned Bedouin tent-style dining or on the patio overlooking Hamilton Harbor; belly dancers at dinner; try a sheesha pipe of fruit tobacco; Turkish coffee; Middle-Eastern style club with music from around the world until 3am.

Café Gio – waterside dining with incredible views of St George's Harbor; sunny deck or covered terrace; popular restaurant with traditional and contemporary European cuisine; Asian fusion dishes; boat slips available http://www.portocall.bm/

Carriage House (St George's) 17th century brick carriage house on waterfront; vaulted arches with

	large window views or dine outside by water's edge; amazing Sunday brunch
	Cellar – (Fairmont Southampton) old English pub atmosphere; best live local entertainment til 3am
	Pembroke Parish (Hamilton) Restaurants include:
	Barracuda Grill; Bistro J; Chopsticks; Docksider Pub; Flanagan's Irish Pub; Fresco's; Harboufront;
	Harley's; Heritage Court; Hog Penny; House of India; La Coquille; La trattoria; Little Venice;
	Lobster Pot; L'Oriental; MR Onion; Pickled Onion; Port O Call; Portofino; Ristorante Primavera &
	Omakase sushi Bar; Roving Hood; Ros'as Cantina; Tuscany
**	Coconuts (The Reefs, Southampton) - on the beach; outstanding sunset dining on the beach terrace;
	snuggled into the rocks with beach waves just steps away; best place to fall in love; dine beneath the
	stars complete with tiki torches; dramatic floodlights at night; fresh local fish and produce; beach
	tables; dessert and view are the best; local entertainment in main lounge nightly; Sand Bar for
	afternoon drinks; require advanced reservations; dinner 7-10pm 441-238-0222
	http://www.thereefs.com/finedining/coconuts/
	Flanagan's http://www.bermuda.com/dining/casualdining/flanagans_casual_dining.php
	Fourways Inn – 18 th century manor house; first class service; gourmet; quaint Peg Leg Bar
	Freeport Seafood (Dockyard) fresh local fish and family favorites; six computer terminals in Cyber
	Cafe
*	Frescoes – (near Front St Hamilton) charming outdoor terrace; arbor seating with water feature; tree
	frogs, palms and bright murals; wine bar upstairs http://www.bermuda.com/frescos/main.htm
	Frog and Onion (Dockyard) English style pub; just don't ring the bell! Large game room for
	children; on premises micro-brewery, The Dockyard Brewing Company
	http://www.frogandonion.bm/
	Freeport Seafood (Dockyard)
	George and Dragon (King's Square, St G) child friendly; pizzas and fresh seafood; state of the arts
	sports bar and deli; take-out.
	Hammerheads Bar (Dockyard) sample local rum; downstairs grill for a variety of dishes and snacks.
	Harbourfront – (across street from Ferry Terminal, Hamilton) must-stop for sushi, Bermuda Fish
	Chowder (with black rum and sherry peppers) originated here; continental cuisine and a great grill
	experience; outdoor terrace
**	Harley's (Fairmont Hamilton Princess) – bright airy atmosphere; won Best Bermuda Gold dining
	award; eat harborside at Harley's Terrace with breathtaking views under elegant canopy; open daily
	for breakfast, lunch and dinner
	Henry VI premier restaurant for 35 years; old English charm, fine dining and live entertainment in
	the Oakroom Pub from 10-1am; fresh fish, seafood, prime rib, steak, kidney pie; popular Sunday
	brunch
	Heritage Court – (Fairmont Hamilton Princess) cosmopolitan cocktails; Bermudian dishes; fabulous
	afternoon tea service (voted Best Afternoon Tea) step back into the Victorian era; breads, scones;
	pastries and sorbets all homemade. Teas selected by master tea blender John Harney; tea sets designed
	by silversmiths to the British Royal Family and cutlery designers (also graced the tables of the
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	escargot and lobster; noisy and poular with the islanders; dinner daily from 5:30; reservations advised
	Mediterranean Bistro & Veranda Bar - open kitchen dining on two levels
**	Mickey's Beach Bistro & Bar – (60 South Shore Rd, Elbow Beach) Bermuda's only bistro on the beach; protected by custom-made tent; simple beach fare like burgers and chops; shrimp/scallop skewers; grilled swordfish, salmon and steaks; Bermuda lobster; crab cakes; mango cheesecake with
	orange sauce; eat beach side and bare foot; best for sundowner cocktails; one of Forbes' "World's Ultimate Beach Bars"; open May to October 441-236-9107
	http://www.mandarinoriental.com/bermuda/
	Monte Carlo – city center location; seafood and pasta dishes with irresistible desserts
	Newberry House
	Newport Room (Fairmont Southampton); exquisite French cuisine and luxurious ambience; Five-
	Diamond award winning restaurant is an unparalleled dining experience; jackets required
	http://www.fairmont.com/southampton
	North Rock Brewing Company – Bermuda's premier brewpub; finest ales and stouts; award
	winning local and international dishes; dine in pub or patio seven days a week
	Pirate's Landing (Dockyard) sweeping view of the great sound; dishes from around the world;
	waterside patio; dining room or palm-covered terrace bar
	Pickled Onion (Front St Hamilton) upscale casual restaurant, bar and nightspot; outdoor seating;
	second floor; Bermuda's "Best Chef"; familiar meals with unique twist; live entertainment seven
	nights a week http://www.thepickledonion.com/
	Port o' Call (Front St Hamilton) Bermuda's popular lunch spot; dinner; award-winning fresh
	Bermuda seafood; award-winning wine list with 60 wines by the glass; dine inside or on harbour-view
	terrace http://www.portocall.bm/
	Portofino (Bermudian Road); Bermuda's most famous international tourist destination; dine on an
	Italian piazza; best island pizza; homemade sauces; fresh local fish, clams, mussels, calamari;
	extensive and varied menu; reservations suggested
	Ristorante Primavera and Omakase Sushi Bar – traditional Italian dishes; fresh seafood; soft-shell
	crabs, clams; lobster
	Robin Hood ; (Hamilton) number one sports bar; pizza; state of the art satellite coverage; dine inside
	or on the oversized patio
	Rustico – (Flatts Village); charming Italian restaurant with innovative dishes
	Seahorse Grill (Elbow Beach) – local seafood; prime dry-aged Angus beef; global flavors with Asian influences at the leading edge of culinary trends.
*	Silk (next door to Pickled Onion) deck overlooking Front St and Hamilton cruise pier; great
	atmosphere; magnificent Thai cuisine from the kingdom of Siam; featured in Conde Nast Travelers "Hot List Tables 2005". Phone 441-295-0449
	Somerset Country Squire – picturesque luncheon; sun-drenched terrace lined by palm trees;
	downstairs sports bar
	Spot Restaurant (Burnaby St Hamilton) – popular; daily homemade specials; fast take-out open 6am
	to 10pm
	Splash –split-level sophisticated club opens daily at 5pm; al fresco patio, martini and wine bars; tasty hors d'oeuvres; state of the art sound system til 3am; cover charge after 9:30
**	Swizzle Inn (Bailey's Bay ,near Crystal Caves) oldest pub; best Rum Swizzles (Bermuda's potent national drink) on roof porch; or check out newest location Swizzle South Shore at 87 South Road in Warwick; try award-winning Swizzle Burger or Bailey's Bay Fish Sandwich; conch fritters or onion rings; live pub entertainment; weekend BBQ menu with slow-smoked ribs, steaks, brisket and
	seafood; gift shops http://www.swizzleinn.com/ It (24505 for (a lange) f
	https://www.surfasonline.com/products/24505.cfm (purchase falernum syrup for rum swizzle) http://recipes.egullet.org/recipes/r206.html (to make your own falernum syrup)

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	Tio Pepe – home-style restaurant; oven-fresh pizza; seafood and Mediterranean cuisine; dine inside or
	outside on the terrace opposite Bermuda's famous Horseshoe Bay Beach; lunch and dinner from
	11am to 10:30 pm daily
	Tom Moore's http://www.tommoores.com/
	Waterloo House- part of small hotel; gorgeous grounds that extend to the water; number of terraces
	for candlelit meal; French and Caribbean cuisine for lunch and dinner
**	Waterlot Inn (Fairmont Southampton) on Jew's Bay; offering breathtaking sunsets and selectable
	Bermudian fare for more the 320 years. AAA Four-Diamond and Wine Spectator awards; prime
	steaks; live local entertainment; outdoor terrace with adjoining gardens; best steak in Bermuda
*	Whaler Inn (Fairmont Southampton) – perched about the beach on the South Shore; seafood
	specialties; local fish; dazzling sunsets; live local music accompanies dinner most evenings; al fresco
	dining available on terrace overlooking shore in summer months; open 6 – 10pm each evening with
	entertainment Tuesday to Sunday in season; casual dress
	White Horse (St G) well-known for its creative dishes, friendly service and breathtaking views of St
	George's harbor; covered waterside dining and outdoor bistro; wide selection of fresh local fish and
	grilled steaks as well as English and Bermudian pub favorites; live entertainment day and night
	offered at the outdoor "Native Islander Bar"; unique signature cocktails; "Light" nightclub with top
	DJ's; sports bar; open daily from 11am to 10om and breakfast Sat and Sun from 9-11am; bar open
	until 3am; takeout available http://www.whitehorsebermuda.com/
	Wickets (Fairmont Southampton); hearty breakfast or relax by pool for lunch; soups, salads and
	sandwiches; open daily from 7am to 6pm
*	Windows on the Sound (Fairmont Southampton) – breathtaking views of the Great Sound; amazing
	breakfast extravaganza; omelets and waffle stations; authentic Bermuda dishes on Sunday's breakfast
	buffet
	Beaches
	http://www.bermuda.com/beacheswatersports/beaches/
	Bermuda's beaches are generally small ranging from 15 yards to ½ mile in length. The South Shore
	beaches are more scenic, spectacularly wide and long but can have rougher water when the winds are
	from the south and southwest. The Public Transportation Board publishes "Bermuda's Guide to
	Beaches and Transportation" which is a combination map of bus and ferry schedules with beach
	locations. Few Bermudian beaches have shade and food and drinks are also rare.
	Portugese Man of War jellyfish sting is about 75% the toxicity of cobra venom; can be found in
	spring and early summer, Sharks are extremely common in Bermuda's waters but are usually
	extremely harmless and rarely come close to the shore; most abundant types are Galapagos and dusky
	sharks. The last reported shark attack was a minor incident over 30 years ago.
	Achilles Bay beach – small peaceful beach near Fort St. Catherine; caves with seaglass, go left to
	snorkel through rocks for Sgt Major fish; chair/umbrella rentals; restaurant nearby with outside upper
	deck with views of Fort Catherine and water/rocks
	Alexandra Battery Beach Park – caves with sea glass in the reef rocks at low time or in a cave 15
	feet beyond the seawall; best sea glass
	The Battery isn't much to see, but the real prize here is sea glass! You'll find it by the handful at low
	tide amongst the reef rocks at the end of the cement seawall (located between the battery and the
	beach). There is some scattered on the beach too, but the treasure lies beyond. Especially look for the
	cave, about 15 feet beyond the seawall, where the sea glass is 5-inches deep and sparkles in the late
	afternoon sun. Pottery with blue or green stripes, impressions, blue anchors, and inscriptions can be
	found amongst the white, green, blue, brown, red, clear, and ivory hued glass.
	Astwood Cove remote and secluded location in Warwick Parish (still closed stairs washed out?) at
	the bottom of steep and winding road; cliffs are home to nesting Bermuda Longtails; public
	restrooms; nearby Astwood Park in popular picnic and hiking area. Bus 2 or 7 from Southhampton.
	Chaplin and Stonehole Bays (on south shore east of Horseshoe; southern extremity of South Shore
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	Park); tiny secluded beaches that almost disappear at high tide; unusual high open-air coral wall from beach to water with arrowhead shaped opening; beach fronts South Shore Park; walk to Horseshoe for
	facilities; walk past several coves to Warwick Long Bay; bus 7 from Hamilton.
*	Church Bay Beach- on southwestern edge, west of the Fairmont Southampton Golf Club and Gibbs Hill Lighthouse; small cove carved out of coral cliffs; can be rough water; waves pound mercilessly; best for snorkeling for die-hard snorkelers; very unusually deep pink sands, rows of sheltered offshore reefs fairly close to shore; marine life abounds; ton of fish; restrooms at top of hill near parking lot (closed for two years; is it still closed?)
	Clearwater Beach in St David's Clearwater (on eastern tip near airport); long sandy strip popular with serious swimmers and families; adjoining café serves alcohol; #6 bus once an hour; #10 bus from Hamilton;
	Daniel's Head on the West End; public beach with rocks offshore; attracts lots of fish; go left along
	the shoreline to a virtual garden of coral (longish shallow swim); weather dependent (calm days are best); check out the reef from the top before you get on the beach
**	Elbow Beach – best swimming and body surfing between prime beaches of Elbow Beach Hotel 441-
	236-3535 and Coral Beach Club; noisy and crowded by day; romantic lights at night; no rentals or food; protective coral reefs make it the safest waters on Bermuda; good for families; college students
	on spring break; lunch wagon; Mickey's Beach Bar for lunch and dinner at Elbow Beach Hotel; hotel rents paddleboats, kayaks (\$20 hour); snorkeling equipment; Arial Sands owned by Michael Douglas; Bus 2 or 7 from Hamilton.
**	Horseshoe Bay – most popular and famous island beach; 1/3 mile crescent pink sand beach; the
	beach and grass trails between Warwick and Horseshoe Bay are the best walk in Bermuda; lightly
	pink sands; drinks, showers; no shade; cliff climbing permitted with wonderful views; undertow can
	be strong on the main beach; storms bring Portuguese Man of War onto beach; chair rental \$8.50 (\$5
	deposit); umbrellas \$10; the long uphill walk to bus stop is only for the most athletic! (or pay \$1 for
	shuttle ride—even with long wait lines); crowded when cruise ships are in port; lifeguards; change
	rooms; showers; snack bars and rentals; beer \$5; tropical drinks; Horseshoe Baby Beach has lots of
	social interactions and kid activities; Horseshoe Bay Beach Café 441-238-2651 has changing rooms;
	beach-gear rentals and showers, snacks served 9-5pm daily; lifeguard from May to September; walk
	along trails that lead to secluded Port Royal Cove to the west or Peel Rock Cove and Wafer Rocks
	Beach to the east or Chaplin Bay Beach.
	Jobson's Cove – in Warwick Parish; secret hideaway with pink sands; calm shallow waters; 6 feet
	deep for a long way out into bay; 30 feet wide beach adjacent to Warwick Long Bay Beach; excellent
	for snorkeling; no facilities (walk to Warwick Long Bay Beach.)
	John Smith Bay – (near Devils' Hole Aquarium; only public beach in Smith's Parish) long flat wide
	beach with pink sand and high bluffs and a sheltered cove near reefs; occasional rp currents; always a
	little choppy for snorkeling (go out on right side of beach and around the rock to a rock point; straight
	out from the point is a reef that goes out to the main offshore reef 5 feet deep); park nearby for teen
	gatherings on weekends and holidays; summer lifeguard; chemical bathroom facilities; changing
	facilities; Bus 1 from Hamilton
	Mongrove Bay
	Port Royal Cove (near Horseshoe)
	Shelly Bay at Somerset Long Bay - very shallow with sandy bottom, good for small children; walk
	far out and still only waist deep; protected from southerly winds; playground crowded on weekends
	and holidays, shade trees; private; beach house rents snorkeling equipment, lounge chairs, towels etc.;
	noisy traffic nearby; bus #10 or 11 from Hamilton
	Somerset Long Bay - ¼ mile beach on quiet northwestern end bordering undeveloped parkland and
	Bermuda Audubon Society Nature Reserve; bay is normally calm and shallow however offshore
	storms can make water unsafe for swimming; is great for watching sunsets and not usually crowded;
	bay bottom is rocky and uneven and slopes abruptly (bring water shoes); picnic tables, shade, shallow

	bay; not well-kept; restrooms; homeless; bus #7 or 8 to Dockyard
	Stonehole Beach – near Jobson's Cove but more open and less sheltered; sandy shoreline studded
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	with big rocks; strong waves make water cloudy and less than ideal for snorkeling; no facilities.
	St Catherine's Beach (St G); formerly known as Club Med beach; reefs and shallow; refreshment
	stand; umbrella rentals; decent snorkeling; outdoor bar with live music.
	Tobacco Bay (St Georges-15 minute walk or \$2PP fee on St George's Minibus Service van) east end
	favorite; often overrun by cruise passengers; currents dangerously strong farther out; lots of seaweed
	washed ashore; small beach nestled in coral cove; nice for snorkeling (rentals onsite); go straight out
	to rocks at far end or go right as soon as you step off the beach (you will eventually get to Achilles
	Bay), parrot fish; squid; good-sized uphill climb to reach the beach; lots of fish in nearby reefs even
	though the water is only 3 feet deep; soft and sandy bottom; change rooms/showers; snack bars and
	rentals; Tobacco Bay Beach House 441-297-2756 restrooms, showers; snacks; beachfront kiosks rent
	snorkel gear from May to September; Bus 1,3,10 or 11 from Hamilton. 441-297-8199
	Tobacco Bay beach - we brought our own gear, but rentals are also available on site. The beach is
	small, but nice, and the water is calm and protected by reefs. Fish are plentiful here and the snorkeling
	is fun. There were 2 dozen folks here when we arrived at 9:30 am. By 10:30 the beach was packed.
	We left and walked to Achilles Bay, a small, fairly hidden beach to the left of Fort St. Catherine.
**	Warwick Long Bay – walk a long ½ mile stretch of gorgeous pristine pink sandy beach backed up to
	towering cliffs and hills studded with Spanish bayonet and oleander; next to Jobson Cove; very steep
	cliffs and tall grasses; brush-covered hills; strong southerly winds; inner reef near beach keeps waves
	moderate; 20-foot high coral outcrop is less than 200 feet offshore and appears to balance on the water
	and adds to stunning beachscape; South Shore Park surrounds Warwick Bay and keeps the feeling of
	isolation and serenity here; Bus 7 from Hamilton.
	West Whale Bay beach good shore fishing; small but good snorkeling
	Transportation
	www.seaexpress.bm (2007-2008 ferry schedule and map)
	http://www.bermudayp.com/trans-bus.html (bus schedule)
	http://www.bermudayp.com/trans-ferry.html (ferry schedule)
*	Purchase day travel passes on public transportation –1 day \$12 (child \$6), 2 day \$20 (child \$10), 3
	day pass for \$28; on buses and ferries. Bus stop posts are painted pink if the bus is going to Hamilton
	and blue if it is going away from Hamilton; purchase passes onboard ship and charge them to your
	room. Note: 1 day passes onboard sell out quickly.
	No wet bathing suits allowed on buses; cash fares require exact change; dollar bills are not accepted;
	tokens and tickets can be purchased; children under 5 ride free.
	Ferry - 10 pm is normally the latest except for Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays between April 18th
	and November 24th, on these days the latest ferry from Hamilton back to dockyard is 11pm. See the
	blue route on www.seaexpress.bm/
	In general, ferries run from Hamilton to each end of the island about every ½ hour. And the 11
	bus routes begin and end in Hamilton as well.
	St G ferry – Orange Route runs Monday to Friday; purchase passes onboard Explorer of the Seas
	Ferry ride from Royal Navy Dockyards to Hamilton is 6 miles and takes 20-30 minutes and cost \$4;
	ferry is ¼ mile walk from cruise pier; express cruise past all the gorgeous Bermuda houses
	Ferry ride from Dockyard to St George covers 12 miles and takes about an hour; last back ferry to
	Dockyard 3 and 3:45pm for \$4
	Taxis charge by the hour, book directly at the pier, share with up to 6 people; Taxi tours run \$120-150
	for 3 hours.
	Taxi: His name is Winston Godwin & has lived on the island his whole life. Wonderful driver & very
	knowledgeable.Here are his numbers: Cell 799-5772 Home 295-5772
	Taxi: take a tour with Lloyd Smart- email him at lsmart@northrock.bm
	Scooters/mopeds:
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http://www.oleandercvcles.bm/ http://www.wheelscycles.com/ http://www.evecycles.com/New2006/Pages/print.htm You can lock the scooters up by the ship at night; there are cycle parking lots beside the ship at each Bermuda port. Scooter time between Dockyard and St $G - 1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 hours. Scooter rentals roughly \$50 each with a \$30 non-refundable repair charge each. Plus a possible \$15 insurance charge Just back from the Crown to Bermuda (and wanting to go back). Thank you to everyone on this board for all the great tips - it made for a well educated fabulous trip. I read and reread all the warnings regarding the scooters and against everyones better judgment decided to go ahead and rent one while we were there. I figured if I were cautious there would be no problems. We made out just fine but I would not recommend doing this without using extreme caution because of a few factors. 1. Street in St George are VERY narrow - barely able to hold two scooters let alone a car and a scooter - you need good balance to keep the scooter steady at slower speeds on narrow downhills. 2. Busy streets in Hamilton - there is a lot of traffic in Hamilton and you have to be able to get into traffic safely and rather quickly at times - again good balance. 3. Driving on the left - I recommend two people to one scooter preferably someone like my wife to remind you - tight left turn - wide right turn - the nagging actually helps 🥥 4. Take your time during the practice time they give you when you rent. Do not go out until you really feel comfortable with the accelerator and braking and turning. It took me (a total novice by the way) about twenty times around the small practice area to get a good hang of it. We used Oleander Cycles and learned from Keanen in St Georges - highly recommended as he really took time to show you how to use the scooter. Pay attention take your time and you will have fun. There is no rush on Any other questions I am happy to answer - my way of giving back to all of those I learned from prior to going to Bermuda.esppt@comcast.net We just returned from Bermuda and I would not take any children on a scooter or have any children drive them. The roads are narrow and dangerous. The buses do not watch out for anyone. They drive extremely fast and will get right up to the back of your scooter. It's pretty crazy out there - believe me. There's a lot of traffic!! A word of warning: it can be a little scary getting around this way because the buses don't really fit on the roads and you will have many close calls with other cars and the stone walls on the sides of the road. Driving on the left is one thing but roundabouts (traffic circles) are a totally different animal. In addition the roads are not your typical roads they are narrow and winding with limited visibility in most areas. You want to be able to enjoy the scenery, this is a major distraction that causes many accidents. The islands are coral, you slip, fall or scrape a wall and it is going to tear you up and hurt. http://www.charterbermuda.com/ Rising Sun and Sundeck and Aqua Scooters) Horse and carriage rides \$30 for 30 minutes up to 4 passengers allowed **Shopping** http://www.fodors.com/miniguides/mgresults.cfm?destination=bermuda@29 http://www.frommers.com/destinations/bermuda/0091023092.html http://www.frommers.com/destinations/bermuda/91 indshop.html (list of stores) There's no sales tax in Bermuda, but it's not a duty-free island. Depending on which country you're returning to, you may have to pay duty. Bermuda is covered by the U.S. law regarding "Generalized System of Preferences" status. That means that if at least 35% of an item has been crafted in Bermuda, you can bring it back duty-free, regardless of how much you spent. If you've gone beyond your \$800 allotment, make a separate list of goods made in Bermuda. This will make it easier for the customs officials and, ultimately, for you. Bermuda offers a variety of shopping experiences that start on Front Street and commence along

Queen, Reid and other small streets in the City of Hamilton. Spend the day in St. George's or Dockyard as they offer unique boutique shops featuring local artists as well. There are imports from Great Britain and Ireland such as English woolens, Harris tweed jackets, Irish linen, china, island-made jewelry, local crafts made of Bermuda cedar and local products. The major stores and smaller boutiques carry a range of cosmetics and perfumes, some of which are available at prices less than in their country of origin and there's no sales tax!

British and European china, porcelain and crystal are available and customers are offered the convenience of having their purchases shipped home, (a good idea when purchasing that wedding gift) thus avoiding the hassle of carrying large boxes in these days of tighter airport security. Well-known names in fine tableware include Waterford, Wedgwood, Royal Crown Derby and Royal Copenhagen, even Versace can be found in some of the Front Street stores. And then there's liquor and Bermuda offers duty free shopping at the airport at considerable savings, depending on the brand, although Liqueurs offer a considerable saving.

The Original Horton's Bermuda Black Rum Cakes were named the official cakes of the Bermuda Department of Tourism and have earned high praise both in the gourmet food and fashion industries! For the past two seasons, fashion executives went wild about the "light and unbelievably moist" Black Rum Cakes from Bermuda during Fashion Week in New York, where they created quite a stir. Horton's also gained international recognition as one of the best products at the Gourmet Industry's annual Fancy Food Show in New York. Awarded for "Excellence" in "taste, packaging, and presentation," Horton's attracted the attention of judges who felt that the Bermuda Originals were superior to all others. In vogue since 1985, when they first took the market by storm in Bermuda pink packaging, the Horton's name on the label is your guarantee they're the Bermuda Originals. Only Horton's are recognized as the island's commercial icons, for they are Bermuda's first and finest rum cakes. For a list of stores that carry Horton's visit their website at www.hortons.bm.

Sherry peppers have been a part of Bermuda cuisine for generations. During the nineteenth century imaginative sailors in the Royal Navy were fortifying sherry with hot peppers to concoct an all-purpose "seasoning." A taste for the incendiary additive was passed on to land-bound and sea-faring Bermudians. Most of the spicy sauces bear reference, in one way or another, to the term "hot." In Bermuda, for the uninformed, if you have been out on a bit of a toot and imbibed a little too much, you are known as hot. On the other hand if you were out most of the night and "legless," some might just call you full hot. If two or three days have gone by and people were about to report you officially missing, you are Royal Full Hot. The Outerbridge Family of Gourmet Products includes: the Original Sherry Peppers (hot), Sherry Rum Peppers (saves time mixing in the rum), Royal Full Hot Rum Peppers, Full Hot Mustard Sauce, Bloody Mary Fix, Wine Vinegars, Barbecue Sauce (both Mild and Very Hot), and a special label "Locals Only" Devilishly Hot Original Sherry Peppers for those who can really take the heat. http://www.outerbridge.com/mainindex.htm

Bermuda is ideal for shopping for cigars from best locations including Jamaica, Dominican, Honduran and Cuba. Any of the shops can answer any questions and also carry unique gifts that go with a good cigar. Enjoy a box of fine cigars during your stay in Bermuda with a favourite liqueur or brandy. Depending on your residence you may not be able to take them with you.

http://www.cigarboxbermuda.com/

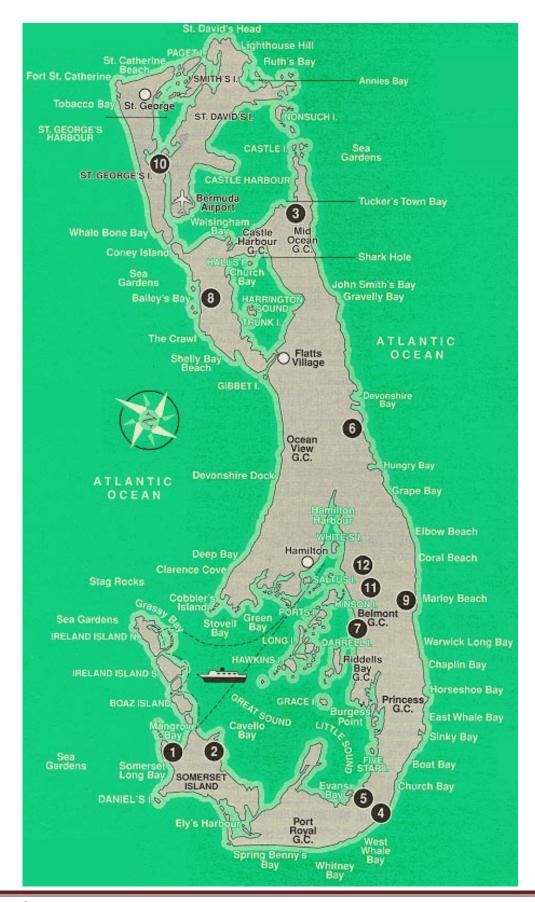
http://www.bermuda4u.com/Directory/chatham_house.html

27th Century Boutique (4 Burnaby St, Hamilton) trendsetting high-fashion boutique; clothing, silver, costume jewelry and accessories

A.S. Cooper & Sons –(59 Front St, Hamilton) china and glassware; family owned since 1897 http://www.coopersbermuda.com/Default.asp

Bermuda Arts Centre @ **Dockyard** – (4 Freeport Rd, Sandys Parish) selection of prints, books, cards and artworks by Bermudian artists; jeweler, silversmith; watercolor and wood sculptor studios; open 10-5pm; http://www.artbermuda.bm/home.html

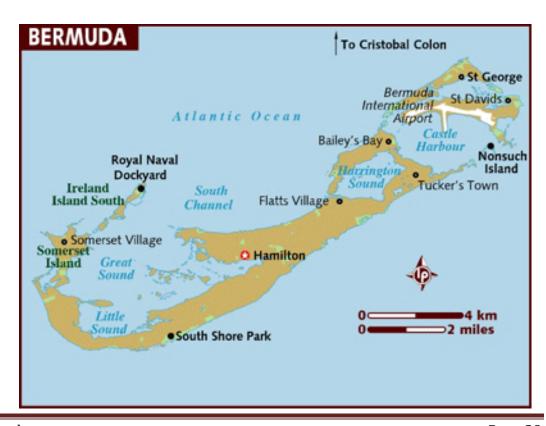
Pickled Onion (Pembroke Parish) second floor of historic former whiskey warehouse; balcony
overlooking Hamilton Harbour; classy retro-modern bright yellow/pink/green space and lengthy
menu; lobster and ribs; inventive brick oven pizza; live bands every night start at 10:30 to 1am;
441/295-2263 .http://www.thepickledonion.com/
Robin Hood Pub (Pembroke Parish) British pub atmosphere for sports fans 11am to 1am 441/295-
3314
Splash (Pembroke Parish) lounge atmosphere; patio and dance floor with DJ's; two bars; imaginative
hors d'oeuvres; fashionable attire a must Mon-Sat 5-3am Cover charge \$20
Swizzle Inn (Hamilton Parish) a Bermuda tradition for almost 300 years; signature Swizzleburger and
Rum Swizzle; conch fritters; outside patio; 11- 1am http://www.swizzleinn.com/
The Deep (Elbow Beach) dance to top DJ's and bands with fashionable people on Bermuda's social
register (closed now????)
Veranada Bar & Terrace (Paget Parish) Bermuda's rum specialist; over 90 brands on offer; terrace
looks out onto ocean; simple sandwich menu and afternoon tea; open 11-1am
Wharf Tavern (Somer's Wharf, St George) located in 200-year-old warehouse on waterfront; live
entertainment every night at 10pm open til 3am 441/297-1515



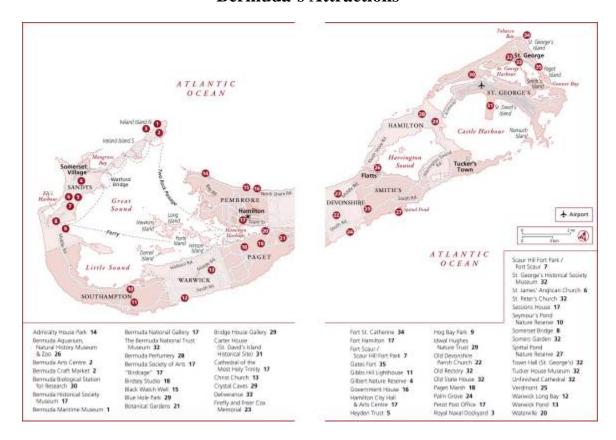




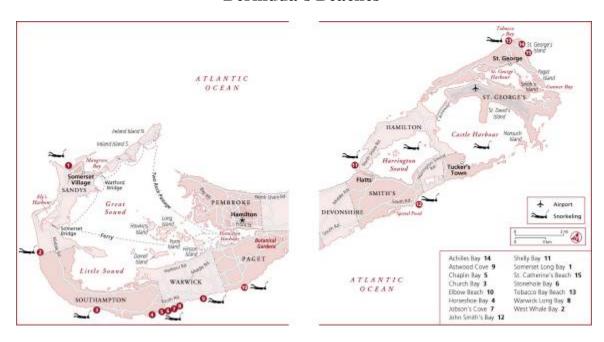




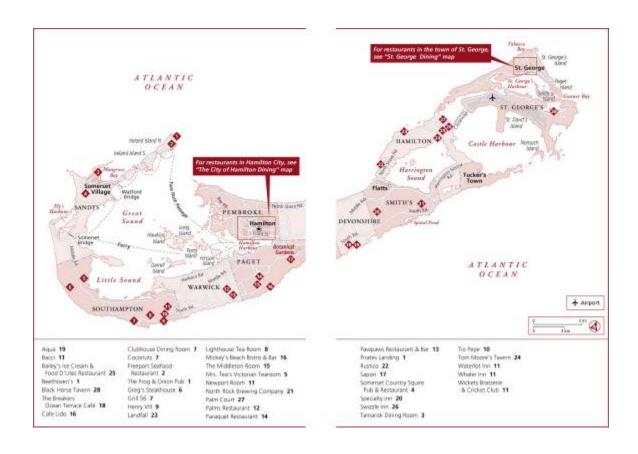
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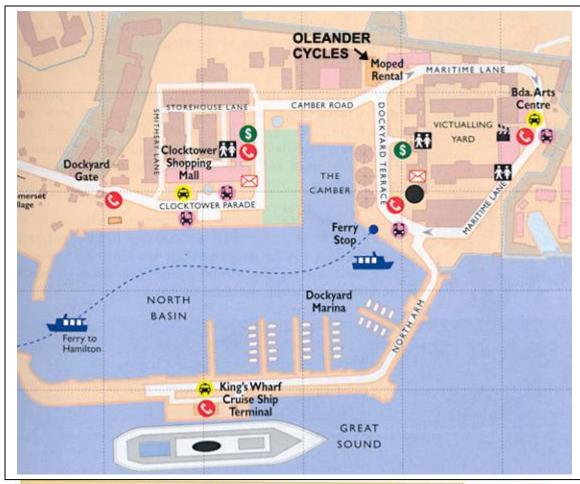
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Bermuda's Restaurants

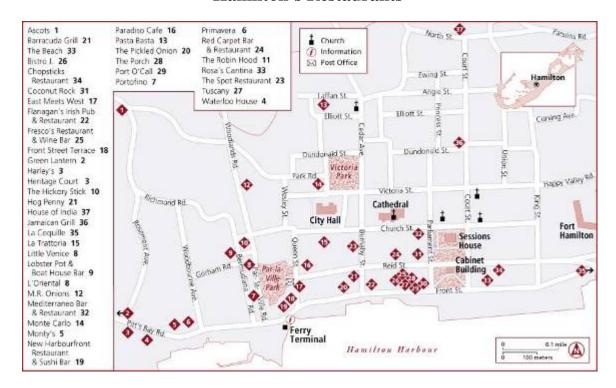


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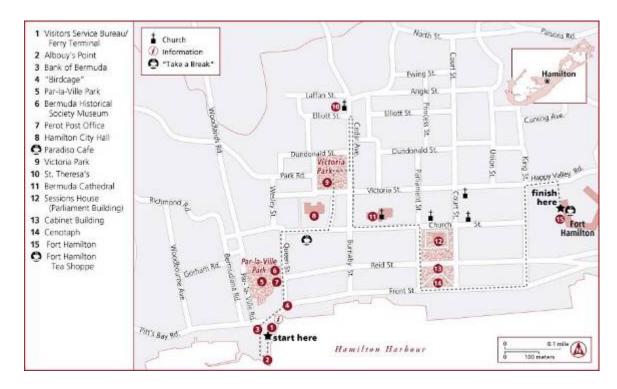




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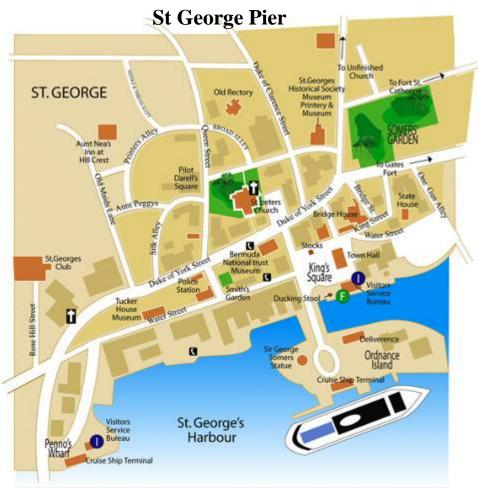


Hamilton's Attractions



Hamilton Pier





Royal Family Suite

















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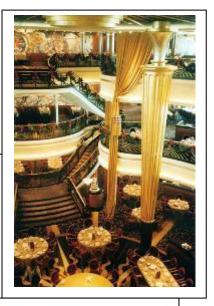


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