THE OFFICIAL VISITORS GUIDE TO BERMUDA

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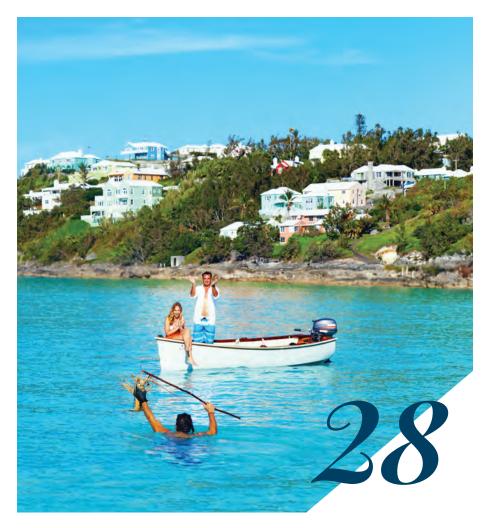
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FOR OVER FOUR CENTURIES OUR ISLAND HAS WELCOMED ADVENTURE SEEKERS, EXPLORERS AND ROMANTICS ALIKE.

#### You'll feel right at home.

With a mix of British charm and island soul, Bermuda is intriguing and inviting. Our way of life is elegantly relaxed and genuinely warm. We celebrate cultures, revel in nature and stay open to whatever may happen next. Pink-sand beaches, historic towns and exciting yearround experiences may be the first to capture your attention, but it's our original, ever-evolving take on island life that will bring you back. So dive in and add your own tale to the story. Share your experiences and connect with us online using the hashtag #gotobermuda.

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# 21 Square Miles of Fall Adventures

You'll find endless adventures across the island's 21 square miles. Try out some of the most thrilling outdoor activities, inspiring sights and rejuvenating experiences.

1 // **Sail the Great Sound & Beyond** Sail away in the world-renowned, near perfect conditions of Bermuda's Great Sound, home of the 35th America's Cup.

2 // Dance to the Gombey Beat Cheer on brightly adorned Combey dancers, the pulse and rhythm of Bermuda's cultures, at their regular Saturday displays and October's Gombey Festival.

3 // Dive Legendary Shipwrecks Bermuda has more shipwrecks per square mile than anywhere else in the world. Uncover sunken treasures through Bermuda Divers and Blue Water Divers & Watersports.

**4** // **Take to the Trails by Horseback** Traverse Bermuda's Railway trails from the saddle and, from November through April, steer your horses to the beach.

5 // Birdwatch the Island's Nature Reserves with Longtail Tours The fall migration brings a host of birds. Join naturalist and wildlife rehabilitator, Lynn Thorne, to seek out Prothonotary Warblers, majestic Kingbirds and more.

6 // Swim with Dolphins Dolphin Quest, an historic fort-side lagoon, is one of the world's largest, most natural dolphin sanctuaries.

7 // **Try Stand-Up Paddleboarding** Whether on a guided tour or on your own, find balance as you paddle out to quiet coves, shipwrecks and coral reefs.

8 // See Bermuda as Artist's Muse From Masterworks Museum and the Bermuda National Gallery to painters en plein air, the island's art community thrives as the season transitions.

9 // Bc a Parasailing High-Flycr Out here, adventure lives on the water. No previous experience is required to fly high above the waves and soar up to 250 feet above shore.



From Elbow Beach to Shelly Bay, catch some air kiteboarding (also called kite surfing) depending on wind directions. Experienced kiteboarders can find gear at Island Winds, which also offers lessons.

#### 11 // Walk on the Wild Side

In Bermuda's East End, discover and taste wild herbs and plants on a Wild Edible foraging tour with Doreen Williams James.

#### 12 // Fish the Reefs with Locals

Spend the day on nearshore reefs teeming with marine life. Baxter's Reef Fishing will clean, fillet and pack your catch for dinner.

#### 13 // Experience Tea Time

Clossy red phone boxes aren't the only vestige of Bermuda's British heritage. Traditional Afternoon Tea is best enjoyed with local preserves, pastries and scones in the elegant gardens of Stewart Hall, home to the Bermuda Perfumery.

14 // Have a Ball on Bermuda's Courts

Tennis is great year-round in Bermuda, thanks to a temperate climate and an array of top-notch facilities.

15 // Dive Over & Under the Waves

Kinezumi Adventures' shark-style seabreacher, a 17-foot semi-submersible watercraft, mimics ocean predators at a top speed of 65mph.

16 // Golf the World's Best Greens... in Miniature

Bermuda Fun Golf has 18 holes modelled after iconic holes from around the world, plus panoramic water views of the West End.

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Take in rich maritime history, see artisans at work at the Arts Centre and Dockyard Glassworks, and sample traditional Bermuda rum cake.

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in the City of Hamilton Led by the award-winning Town Crier, tour traditional Bermudian architecture with historical commentary, then indulge in retail therapy.

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Take a step back in time through quaint lanes, colonial homes and tropical gardens with Bronco Stables Horse and Carriage Tour.

20 // Climb Up Gibbs Hill Lighthouse for Panoramic Island Views The 185 steps of this hill-top, cast-iron beacon will get you to Bermuda's tallest point.

21 // Cruise Off into Sunset End a perfect day with a perfect Bermuda sunset. For added glamour, try ÜberVida's Friday night cocktail cruise aboard a luxury 70-foot fiberglass catamaran.

# Three Sides of Bermuda

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

Out here, a small population (65,000 residents) makes for a strong neighbourhood identity. Each community brings with it a unique culture all its own, and a local character to match. Whether it's the history-rich East End, still stamped by its Colonial past; the sophisticated and global capital City of Hamilton at the centre; or the popular sightseeing hub and maritime vestige, the West End, Bermuda is easy to get to, but a world away.

Let the locals be your guide.





Photos: Crystal Caves / Town of St. George

### **East End**

#### The Historical Anchor

Site of the island's former capital and UNESCO World Heritage site, the Town of St. George, the East End is rich with British Colonial history and culture. You'll also discover many natural attractions, including Tom Moore's Jungle and the Crystal Caves of Bermuda.

> Kristin White Bookstore owner, community activist, tourism consultant, public speaker, writer

"I have a passion for St. George's, and I love to show others the wonderment in our winding cobbled alleys and historic

tales," said Kristin White, who was recently named one of Bermuda's most fascinating people by the Trades Women of Bermuda. St. George's combines old and new: quaint streets with names like Old Maid's Lane, Colonial buildings dating back to the 17th century, and bustling modern cafés and boutiques bursting with local wares. White combines her love of Bermudian history with her love of food on her East End Eats Bicycle Tour, taking visitors to local edible gardens and to restaurants and bars where the community hangs out, and working in nuggets of culture as she goes. Said White, "Everything here has a connection to the past."



### Central

#### The Island's Soul

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

#### **Tom Butterfield**

Founder and Creative Director, Masterworks Museum of Bermuda Art

'There's a cultural renaissance in Bermuda that I find exciting," said Tom Butterfield, who opened Masterworks in 1987. Set on the grounds of the eyepopping Botanical Gardens, the museum showcases Bermuda-inspired art from 19th-century masters such as Winslow Homer, Georgia O'Keeffe and E. Ambrose Webster. The ethereal light, stunning landscapes and warm, welcoming locals have inspired artists, authors and musicians for centuries. Art begets art, and Masterworks has become a hotbed of artistic energy dedicated to the best of Bermuda's thriving art community. "It's a subtropical paradise free of clutter and billboards," Butterfield said. "It's the perfect place to find both solace and inspiration."

Photos: Bermuda Botanical Gardens / Front Street in the City of Hamilton

### West End

#### The Maritime Mainstay

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

#### **Elena Strong**

Executive Director at National Museum of Bermuda

Elena Strong likes to say there are 45,000 ways to be Bermudian. "We have a strong immigrant history, which has given us a very diverse culture," said Strong, who has English parents and a Portuguese Bermudian/Swiss German stepfather. Strong is the new director of the National Museum of Bermuda, which chronicles 500 years of Bermuda's history. Set in The Keep fortress at the Royal Naval Dockyard, the largest and best preserved of all Bermuda's fortifications, the museum is home to cannons, shipwreck artefacts, artwork and a dramatic mural by local artist Graham Foster. The grand Commissioner's House was the first cast-iron residence in the world. "I love walking through the Dockyard, looking at these impressive buildings," Strong said. And although the West End of Bermuda was once home to smugglers, mariners and pilots, it now draws divers and snorkellers for its many shipwrecks spanning four centuries. A diver herself, Strong enjoys exploring the surrounding coral reef and the occasional shipwreck. Said Strong: "The West End is the perfect place for a history and culture buff."





Photos: Red Telephone Box / Clocktower Mall / Statue of Neptune in Royal Naval Dockyard



# Getting Around

Whether by bus, bike, ferry or taxi, Bermuda is safe and easy to explore. Public transport is a great way to get a taste of Bermuda's warm, welcoming cultures. Rent a bike or Twizy and zip around to hidden gems.

### Four scenic ferry routes connect major island hubs.

The blue and green routes head west; the pink stops in central Paget and Warwick; the orange operates in summer, connecting Dockyard to the Town of St. George. All depart from the Ferry Terminal on Front Street in the City of Hamilton. Cash is not accepted, so have your Transportation Pass, ticket or token ready.

### Taxis provide reliable transportation and sightseeing by-the-hour.

Many taxi drivers are also excellent tour guides, eager to share the stories behind Bermuda's landmarks for \$50-\$70 USD per hour. Find them outside larger hotels, near the airport or on busy streets.

#### Pink buses are plentiful and frequent.

Colour-coded stops make it easy – pink to town (Hamilton); blue to head out (east or west). Tickets, tokens or Transportation Passes are available at bus or ferry terminals. Or board with exact change.

### Rental cars are now available in the form of a Twizy.

These electric two-seaters, available from Current Vehicles at The Hamilton Princess & Beach Club and the Fairmont Southampton, can travel up to 50 miles on a single charge.

#### Explore like a local on a scooter or bicycle.

We drive on the left and we drive slowly - the official speed limit is 21 miles an hour. Bikes can be rented from Elbow Beach Cycles, Eve's Cycle Livery, Oleander Cycles and Smatt's Cycle Livery.



# **Bermuda's Ferry** Schedule

The island's ferry service offers a quick, convenient and scenic way to get around the island. Get the details on routes, schedules and fares, then enjoy the ride.

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**Tickets/Tokens** Please ensure you have the correct fare before boarding.

Persons Pass

**PINK ROUTE** 

Child (Age 5 - 15)

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**Holders of Special** 

(Including Seniors) Child under age 5

Persons Pass

Tickets (Booklet of 15) \$25.00

Cash

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**Transportation Passes** Passes valid on all routes on both ferries and buses.

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Passes, Tokens & Tickets available from the Hamilton Ferry & Bus Terminals, Visitor Services Centres, sub-post offices, hotels and guest houses.

\*St. George's, Hamilton, Ŀ, Dockvard and Rockaway are accessible to persons with disability. \*Limited size wheelchairs for St. George's, see crew for assistance.

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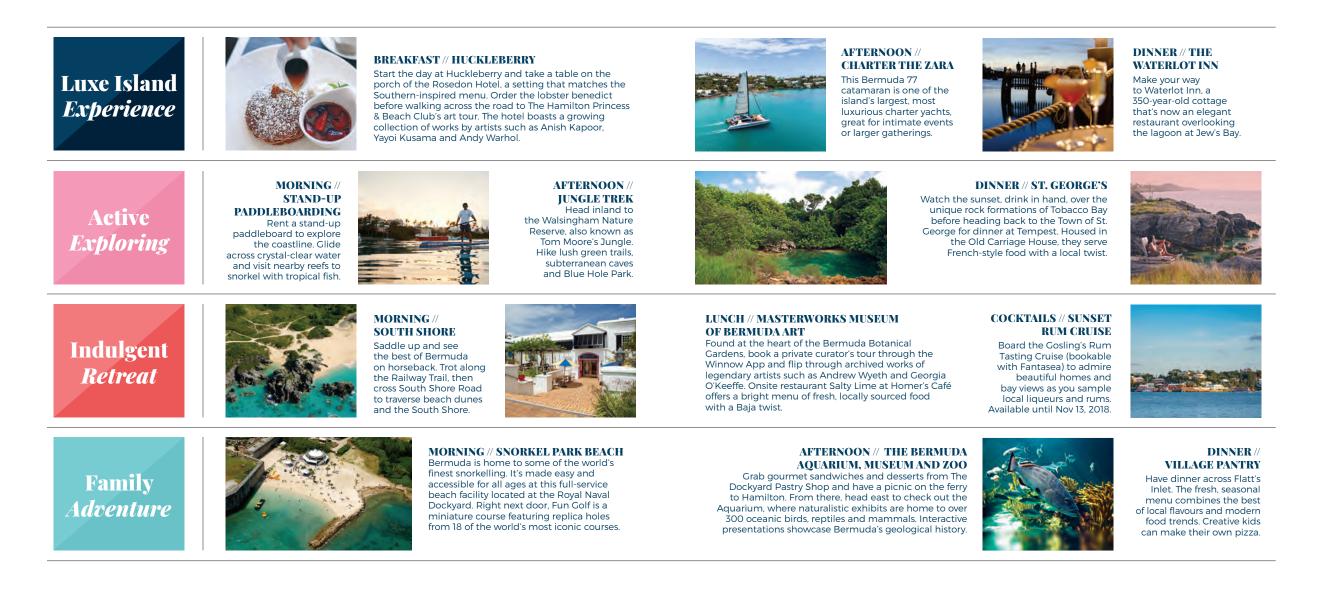
bus routes and schedules, visit GoToBermuda.com and download the Bermuda Bus

Schedule brochure.

# Itineraries by Style: 1 Island 4 Ways

Uninhabited for more than a century since its discovery, Bermuda proved herself a veritable paradise when sharp reefs made way to turquoise waters and fertile land.

Four centuries later, the island remains a haven for adventure, exploration and the arts. From sunken shipwrecks to centuries-old colonial architecture, visit **GoToBermuda.com** for itineraries to suit every traveller.



# Beach Blass

With warm waters prevailing through the season, Bermuda's beaches are in style all year long. From sweeping crescents of pink-flecked sand to rocky coves, there are literally dozens to discover. Here are a few of the highlights.





#### Seek serenity at Warwick Long Bay (South Shore, Warwick)

Bermuda's longest shoreline offers an idyllic stretch of sand set against a backdrop of scrubland and coastal grasses. Just offshore, a jagged coral island floats above the water.

### Leave ordinary behind at Tobacco Bay Beach (St. George's)

Clear, shallow water, beach rentals and a snack bar make this beach an ideal choice. An excellent spot for snorkelling, the unusual limestone formations are a haven for marine life, attracting blue angelfish and sergeant majors.

#### Tick Horseshoe Bay off your bucket list (South Shore, Southampton)

The long, wide ribbon of pink sand explains why this is one of the world's most photographed beaches. The nearby beach house offers rentals, snacks, bathrooms, showers and changing facilities.

#### Explore Clearwater Beach & Cooper's Island Nature Reserve (St. David's Island)

Eight pristine beaches unlock a treasure trove of eco discoveries. Trek secluded nature trails teeming with wildlife, flora and fauna or relax at Gombey's Bar and Restaurant.

#### Enjoy family time at Shelly Bay (North Shore, Hamilton)

An ideal spot for young children, this beach offers trees that give shade from the sun and a protected cove that stays shallow even at high tide.

Main photo: Cooper's Island Nature Reserve Top photo: Horseshoe Bay Beach Bottom photo: Tobacco Bay Beach



Play like a champion and get treated like one on Bermuda's outstanding golf courses. For hotel packages that include tee times at multiple golf courses, check out Golf Around Getaway Packages at GoToBermuda.com.

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#### Port Royal Golf Course

*Championship Resort Golf Course* Host of the PCA Grand Slam of Golf for seven consecutive years, our most popular course provides breathtaking water views. The undulating terrain, lush greenery and oceanside cliffs create an unforgettable and challenging experience. +1 (441) 234-0974

#### **Mid Ocean Club**

*Championship Resort Golf Course* A C.B. Macdonald creation later modified by Robert Trent Jones, this course is ranked amongst the world's best private clubs with visitor access. It demands full concentration as traps and the beauty of the ocean vie for your attention. +1 (441) 293-0330

#### Belmont Hills Golf Club

Resort Golf Course

This 18-hole course overlooks Hamilton Harbour and the Great Sound with TifEagle greens and a tropical vibe. It's a challenging test for players of all standards. +1 (441) 236-6060

#### **Turtle Hill Golf Club**

*Championship Par 3 Golf Course* Ideal for golfers of all skill levels, the bunkered greens and water hazards of this top-ranked course offer challenging short play, placing accuracy over power. +1 (441) 238-8000

#### **Ocean View Golf Course**

*9-Hole Public Golf Course* Many elevated tees overlooking the ocean give this course its name. The driving range makes it ideal for practice or a quick game. +1 (441) 295-9092

#### Tucker's Point Golf Club

*Championship Resort Golf Course* One of Bermuda's venerable courses, this 18-hole course overlooking the ocean has been dramatically transformed with re-contoured fairways and bunkers. +1 (441) 298-6970

Main photo: Port Royal Colf Course Top photo: Mid Ocean Club Bottom photo: Turtle Hill Golf Club

## 7 Top Spa **Experiences**

Breathe in, breathe out and discover only-in-Bermuda spa services, including pearls-and-caviar treatments, hot stone massages in cool caves and Bermuda Rum Swizzle rituals.

#### Golfer's Massage at Willow Stream Spa Fairmont Southampton

Using an aromatherapy oil formulated to relieve sore muscles and joint stiffness, this medium-pressure massage focuses on the shoulders, lower back, hips, feet and arms, leaving you ready to play another 18 holes.

#### Signature Aloe Vera & Hibiscus Body Treatment at The Spa at The Loren

Inspired by Bermuda as an island oasis, this cliffs-edge spa indulgence is designed to balance the body's energy pathways through pressure points on the hands and feet.

#### Hot Stone Massage at Natura Spa 3 **Grotto Bay Beach Resort**

Descend into an ancient cave for an otherworldly spa experience in a cabana floating on a shimmering pool. A hot stone massage by candlelight is the ultimate way to find zen.

#### Glow Body Scrub at Exhale® Hamilton Princess & Beach Club

Prep and polish your skin with Exhale's signature body scrub therapy. Dry brushing and body scrubbing exfoliate while detoxifying the body and increasing circulation.

#### 5 // warm Bamboo Massage at La Serena Spa The Reefs Resort & Club

Overlooking a dramatic coastline, find inner harmony, outer vibrancy and complete serenity as warm bamboo is rhythmically rolled and glided over your entire body.

#### Rum Swizzle Ritual at The Spa at Elbow Beach, Elbow Beach Bermuda

Named for Bermuda's signature cocktail, it includes a welcoming foot ritual, body scrub, bath and a full body and scalp massage - and a glass of Rum Swizzle, of course.

#### Beekeeper Honey & Cane Sugar Therapy at Sense®, A Rosewood Spa, Rosewood Bermuda

This sweet exfoliating massage uses a scrub of pure local honey and cane sugar to leave the skin bright and glowing. After tropical rain splash therapy, enjoy a relaxing massage with pure organic shea butter and the spa's signature Bermuda lily-infused aromatherapy blend.





# What To Take Home

#### Cedar Stack candle. Limestone + Cedar. \$32 With each scent blended to honour Bermuda's aromas, these candles are handcrafted using natural soy wax and poured into a recycled amber beer bottle. (The Island Shop, Queen Street Hamilton)



### Crystal Shores, Noveltea, \$15 chamomile blend. (Urban

#### A natural loose-leaf tea that's caffeinefree and packed with flavour, Crystal Shores is a relaxing Cottage, Front Street, Hamilton)

Crystal Shores herbal blend. Perfect for those looking for a natural blend with 2010 Calleine and tons of flavour. Crystal shores is a great relaxation time, 'it's me time' don't bother me' time tea.

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#### Chiko's Smokey Rubs, \$10 🔻

All-purpose rubs by Chef Michiko Campbell, the Roval Bermuda Yacht Club's Sous Chef de Cuisine, are made to spice up meats, seafood and even popcorn. (Brown & Co., Front Street, Hamiltor

Hibiscus + Rose Lunar

Body Oil, Àse Naturals, \$40

The oil is blended on-island

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fragrant and soothing rose

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Hamilton)

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(Naked Zero, Old Cellar Lane,

# What's Happening *This Fall*



#### **September**

Masters World Ball Hockey Championships, Sept 26 - Oct 1, Pembroke Community Club

The picturesque, clifftop rink sets the stage for this international ball hockey tournament, for players aged 35 and up. **bermudahockey.com** 

#### October

#### Celebrate Oktoberfest in Bermuda, Oct 4-6

The Victualling Yard at the Royal Naval Dockyard will be home to oompah brass bands, brats, traditional dishes and Bermuda's best loved beer. Festivities begin at 6 pm.

#### frogandonion.bm

#### Bermuda International Gombey Festival, Oct 4-7, The Botanical Gardens

This weekend showcase is an exciting opportunity to uncover the mystique of the dance, music and costumes that have been passed down through generations.

#### **communityandculture.bm** Event supported by the Department

of Community and Cultural Affairs

#### Round the Sound, Oct 7, Harrington Sound

An annual event since 1990, open water swimmers are challenged to race 0.8k, 2k, 4k, or a full 10k loop around Harrington Sound. **bows.bm** aquamoonadventures.com Bermuda Lawn Tennis Association ITF Juniors, Oct 15-20, W.E.R Joell Tennis Stadium

A series of matches for international players aged 18 and under, aimed at improving competitive opportunities and helping develop players' skills. **blta.bm** 

#### City Food Festival, Oct 18-21, City of Hamilton

With drinks, local dishes, competitions and events throughout the City, you're sure to find something to give you an appetite. **cityofhamilton.bm** 

#### Bermuda 3s World Team Championships, Oct 21-26, Turtle Hill Golf Club

A new team par 3, Pro-Am golf championship set against the ocean views and lush terrain of Turtle Hill. PCA professionals will captain and compete individually for a \$100,000 purse.



#### Bermuda Pilot Gig Regatta, Oct 21-27

An international rowing regatta celebrating the role of Bermuda's historical gigs, which were once used to guide ships through treacherous

reefs to shore. bermudapilotgigclub.com

#### Bermuda Street Food Festival, Oct 28, City of Hamilton

Fried fish sandwiches, curry pies, malasadas (Portuguese donuts)... Bermuda's food cultures swirl together at this annual event in the City of Hamilton. **GoToBermuda.com** 

#### November

#### Bermuda Football Cup, Nov 1-3, Bermuda

National Sports Centre Both a competitive and elite youth football match and a cultural experience, this tournament combines games with a tour of Bermuda's highlights.

bermudafootballcup.com

#### World Rugby Classic, Nov 4-10, Bermuda National Sports Centre

An unforgettable event - Bermuda has played host to many of the world's most famous, international players from Europe, South Africa, New Zealand and Canada. worldrugby.com

#### Bermuda Squash Challenge, Nov 8-10, Bermuda Squash Racquets Association

Players from the U.S., Canada and Bermuda compete in a friendly, three-day tournament with a welcome dinner and familyfocused events. bermudasguash.com

#### Gosling's Invitational Golf Tournament, Nov 26-30,

#### Belmont Golf Club & Port Royal Golf Course

A nearly 50-year golf tradition, The Cosling's Invitational is an annual Pro-Am, international, 72-hole, stroke play championship with a cut after 54 holes.

sport.goslingsrum.com

#### December

Goodwill Golf Tournament, Dec 2-5, Port Royal Golf Course, Mid Ocean Club, Tucker's Point Golf Club

The island's best courses play host to the oldest Pro-Am tournament in the world, featuring teams from the U.S., Canada and England, participating against coastal backdrops.

bermudagoodwillgolf.com

For a lineup of island-style holiday events, see page 30.

### Throughout *Fall Season*

### The Skirling Ceremony at Fort Hamilton

While overlooking the panoramic views of Hamilton Harbour, see a wonderful part of Bermudian culture during the Skirling Ceremony. The kilted pipers, drummers and dancers perform to the bagpipe 'skirl' of the Bermuda Islands Pipe Band. Held on Mondays at 12 pm.

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#### Bermuda Cookery Demonstration at Fort Hamilton

Following the Skirling Ceremony, enjoy a Bermuda cookery demonstration by a talented Bermudian chef creating bite-size cuisine for all to sample. Held on Mondays at 12:30 pm.

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#### Bermuda Society of Arts Cocktails & Conversations

Mix and mingle with exhibiting artists over cocktails on the gallery's exhibition opening nights. Featured artists include Vanessa Turner on Sept 21; Janet Percy on Oct 19; and Kevin Morris, Vivienne Gardner and Sheilagh Head on Nov 9. Contact: +1 (441) 292-3824

#### Secrets of the Bermuda Triangle Revealed at BUEI's Ocean Discovery Centre

This new immersive exhibit is designed to enlighten and unlock all the secrets of this mysterious phenomenon called "The Bermuda Triangle." BUEI has done historical and scientific research to separate the two, and you will be intrigued by all of the stories. Open daily from 10 am – 5 pm. **BUEI.bm** 

#### Bermuda Gombey Revue

For centuries now, Bermuda has danced to the Gombey beat! The swirling rhythms, infectious moves and vivid costumes are a must-see during any visit to the island. You can catch this amazing Bermuda folk art in action in the heart of the City. Held at 4:15 pm every Tuesday at Pier 6 in the City of Hamilton.

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### **Tours** & **Excursions**

#### An air of mystery may surround Bermuda, but getting to know our island is delightfully easy. We've highlighted some of the tours to enhance your adventure planning. Please check our website at **GoToBermuda.com** for more information, or visit islandtourcentre.com/reservations to book many of these activities.

#### Art. Culture **& History Tours**

#### Segway Tours in Dockyard

Take a high-tech tour of Royal Naval Dockyard on a Segway Human Transporter. These environmentally friendly vehicles let vou cruise around King's Wharf and visit the National Museum of Bermuda and Commissioner's House. It's a fun way to learn about the island's history.

Cost: \$80 per person

#### Duration: 11/2 hours

**Operates:** Daily

Contact: info@islandtourcentre.com, +1 (441) 236-1300

#### **Must-See Forts by** Hidden Gems Excursions\*

Spend some time exploring the island's fascinating past. Hear stories of great intrigue around the 91 forts constructed around the islands of Bermuda. Your tour begins in Royal Naval Dockyard and ends in the City of Hamilton.

Age Requirement: Minimum age is six vears old

Cost: \$100 per person Duration: 5 hours

Operates: Tues | Thurs, Nov - Mar

**Contact:** For reservations, go to hiddengems.resgwest.com/web or call the Island Tour Centre at +1 (441) 236-1300

#### Haunted History Tour in the Town of St. George

Hear true tales and ghost stories from over 400 years as you walk the Town of St. George after dark. Storytellers in period costumes guide groups of up to 25 people through the winding alleys and narrow lanes of the town. The tour departs from the bookstore, Long Story Short, in the historic Tucker House at 5 Water Street. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Cost: \$35 per person; \$25 per person under 16 or over 65 Duration: One hour

#### Operates: Oct: Thurs, 8:30 pm Nov - Dec: Thurs, 7 pm **Contact:** hauntedhistorybda.com/

booking, +1 (441) 705-1838

#### National Gallery Docent Tours

Located inside Hamilton City Hall, this Bermuda treasure houses three permanent art collections and is now showcasing the exhibit 2018 Bermuda Biennial: What We Share. The centrepiece is the Bermuda Collection. with artwork spanning from the 1600s to the present. Art tours are conducted by a docent who will guide you through the

The National Gallery is open Mon-Fri from 10 am-4 pm and Sat from 10 am-2 pm.

**Cost:** Docent tour is free with \$5 donation for adults and is free for seniors and students Duration: Tours begin at 10 am **Operates:** Thurs Contact: +1 (441) 295-9428

#### Bibles & Bones Tour at St. Peter's **Church, Their Maiesties Chappell**

Discover the mysteries and secrets of the historic St. Peter's Church from the crypt to the clock tower on Duke of York Street in St. George's. Your guide will unveil the hidden corners of the oldest Analican church outside the British Isles and tell stories about the famous characters buried in the graveyard. Cost: \$20 per person

Duration: 10:30 am - 11:30 am

**Operates:** Tues

Contact: +1 (441) 297-2459

#### Deliverance Tour

Board a full-size replica of a legendary 17th-century ship, the Deliverance, located in historic St. George's on Bermuda's East End, and learn the fascinating story of Bermuda's earliest days.

Cost: Free Duration: 10 am – 4 pm

**Operates:** Daily

Contact: manager@sgf.bm or +1 (441) 297-57.91

#### Folk Medicine Yesterday & Today: Walking Tour

Join Dr. Kuni Frith as she provides an insight-filled afternoon about the healing properties of local spices and herbs that early settlers in Bermuda used. Meet in the Kitchen Garden at the Botanical Gardens. You will be able to touch and feel the plants used in traditional folk medicine.

Cost: Free

Duration: 2 hours

Operates: Sun

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Walking Tour of The City of Hamilton Take a guided tour of the City of

Hamilton before experiencing a live skirling ceremony at Fort Hamilton. This informative tour will share with you the history behind key city landmarks. Tour departs from The Bermuda National Library Verandah on Queen Street Cost: Free

Duration: Mon. 10:30 am - 11:30 am

#### St. Georges Walking Tour & Historical Re-enactment

This walking tour is perfect for history buffs. Watch Bermuda's history come to life as the St. George's Town Crier conducts a light-hearted re-enactment of an 18th century trial in Kings Square.

#### Cost: Free

Duration: 10:30 am - 11:30 am Re-enactment: 12:30 pm

#### Operates: Wed

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#### **Royal Naval Dockyard Tour**

Discover the secrets of Royal Naval Dockyard on a guided tour. This journey will take you by landmarks, boat slips and more. Meet your guide at Cooperage next to the Craft Market on Thursdays, and at Clocktower Mall next to the anchors on Sundays. Cost: Free

Duration: 1 hour

Operates: Thurs: 2 pm - 3:15 pm | Sun: 11:30 am - 12:30 pm | Concludes Mar 31, 2019 Brought to you by the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs

\*All Hidden Gems Tours include a picnic lunch and an additional \$5 non-refundable booking fee. Please check in 15 minutes ahead of your scheduled tour.

#### **Nature Experiences & Eco Tours**

#### Tom Moore's Jungle by

Hidden Gems Excursions\* Enter into Bermuda's one and only jungle. Swing on vines, explore and swim in a cave and take in the majestic nature preserve. Wear or bring your bathing suit, long pants, a t-shirt, socks and sneakers.

Age requirement: Minimum age is eight years old Cost: \$175 per person until Oct;

\$100 per person Nov - Apr Duration: 10 am - 3 pm

**Operates:** Year-round

**Contact:** For reservations, go to hiddengems.resqwest.com/web or call Island Tour Centre at +1 (441) 236-1300

#### Kavak Eco Tour With Fantasea Diving & Water Sports

Paddling the crystal-clear waters, through the breathtaking Ely's Harbour in Bermuda's West End is a great way to spot corals, fish and coastal crustaceans. Age Requirement: Minimum age is five years old and children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian Cost: \$80 per adult, \$60 per child under 12 years old Duration: 3½ hours Operates: Daily, May - Oct Contact: info@islandtourcentre.com.

Hartley's Helmet Diving

+1 (441) 236-1300

hartley@logic.bm

This undersea walk, or bell diving, is conducted on the sandy bottom 8-10 feet down less than two miles from Bermuda's western shore. Your head stays dry, no swimming skills are required and you can even make friends with marine life. Departure by Heritage Wharf in Dockyard.

Age requirement: Minimum age is five vears old Cost: \$99 per diver; \$49.50 for riders Duration: 3-4 hours, dive is 30-40 minutes **Operates:** Daily (call for departure times) Contact: +1 (866) 836-3989



#### **Bermuda Railway Trail by Bike**

This two-wheel journey is packed with island history and teeming with rich, flora-filled landscapes. The 18-mile trail is named for the transit route that ran along the island shores. Wind past hidden coves, beautiful beaches and spectacular cliffs on mostly flat terrain.

Age Requirement: Minimum age is 10 years old; riders must be at least 58 inches tall

Cost: \$80 per person; helmet and mountain bike included

Duration: 3½ hours

**Operates:** Daily Contact: info@islandtourcentre.com,

+1 (441) 236-1300

#### **Moran Meadows Trail Rides**

With trail rides for beginners. intermediate and advanced riders, this horseback riding experience is not to be missed. Start your morning with a 7 am sunrise ride along the ocean's edge. Hop on a horse and enjoy the elevated views on a leisurely scenic coastal ride, or tour the Town of St. George. The stables are just a 10-minute walk from St. George's Square.

Age requirement: Minimum age is nine vears old

Cost: Rates starting at \$155 per person Duration: 1-2 hours

**Operates:** Daily

**Contact:** bermudahorsetrailride.com/ trail-rides.html, +1 (441) 537-0400



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#### Sightseeing on the Water

#### Famous Homes & Hideaways **Boat Tour**

Cruise along the shoreline and view charming, pastel-hued colonial homes that are steeped in island history. Along the way, get a sneak peek at "Millionaire's Row." Bermuda's most exclusive neighborhood, which is only accessible by boat.

Cost: \$50 per person

Duration: 2 hours

Operates: Daily

Contact: info@islandtourcentre.com, +1 (441) 236-1300

#### **Glass Bottom Boat Sightseeing Tours**

No matter where you are on island, there's nothing like seeing Bermuda from the water. Vistas above and below the water's surface are always spectacular. This tour is one of the best ways to view Bermuda's coral reefs and diverse marine life. Cost: \$50 per adult; \$30 per child (under 12 years old)

#### Duration: 1½ hours

**Operates:** Departs daily from Hamilton until Nov 30: departs from Dockvard year-round Contact: info@islandtourcentre.com, +1 (441) 236-1300

#### Glass Bottom Boat & Sightseeing Adventure in St. George's

Join Captain Phoopa as he sails in and out of secret coves and hideaways to view some of the East End's spectacular homes. This boat adventure also offers swimming and snorkelling and departs from King's Square. **Cost:** \$55 per person (ask about family rates)

Duration: 1 pm - 4 pm

Operates: Mon | Wed | Fri

Contact: stgeorgesvic@bermudatourism.com. +1 (441) 297-0556

#### Jet Ski Tour with K.S. Watersports

Skim across dazzling turquoise waters above coral formations and sea gardens while you take in the beautiful scenery. A variety of locations to choose from allows vou to customize your tour in the East. Central or West. Towels not provided.

Age Requirement: Minimum 16 years old to drive; must show valid photo ID Cost: \$145 per single jet ski; \$155 per double jet ski Duration: 11/4 hours

Operates: Daily, Mar 21 - Dec 23 Contact: info@islandtourcentre.com. +1 (441) 236-1300

#### Hamilton Sunset Sail

The best way to watch Bermuda sunsets is from the water. Sail toward the setting sun on a monohull sailing vessel, rum swizzle in hand, through Hamilton Harbour and into the Great Sound. Cash bar on board. Age Requirement: Must be 18 years old

Cost: \$60 per person

**Duration:** 1½ hours

Operates: Daily (call for sail times) Contact: info@islandtourcentre.com, +1 (441) 236-1300

#### **Somerset Boat Tour**

Cruise past charming homes while learning about Bermuda's history, architecture and the stunning inlets of Somerset. You will have the opportunity to stop by the Vixen. one of the island's famous shipwrecks. Cost: Free Duration: 10 am - 11:35 am Operates: Thurs beginning Nov 8, 2018 -Mar 31, 2019 **Operates:** Mon

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### Photo *Tour*

#### **Picture-Perfect** Photography by Hidden Gems Excursions\*

Pretty much anywhere you point and click during your visit, the result will be a stunning photo. Experienced guides will take you to the island's most photogenic spots, from dramatic coastal cliffs to pink-sand beaches where the colours just pop. Age Requirement: Minimum age is 12 years old Cost: \$100 per person

Duration: 5 hours Operates: Sat, Nov - Mar

Contact: For reservations, go to hiddengems.resgwest.com/web. or call Island Tour Centre at +1 (441) 236-1300

### **Bermuda Cocktails:** What to Sip & Where

With a history stretching back to the early 19th century, Gosling's Black Seal Rum is the key ingredient in Bermuda's signature cocktails, the Dark 'n Stormy® and the Rum Swizzle. Bermuda's libations extend far beyond a frozen daiquiri. With craft beers, wild herb-infused cocktails and fine wine imports, there are plenty of ways to wet your whistle.









There's a reason why it's a registered trademark. This staple exclusively uses dark, syrupy Gosling's Black Seal Rum - no substitutions - and is mixed with Bermuda's soft drink of choice since 1874, Barritt's Ginger Beer.

#### Rum Swizzles at the Swizzle Inn

First opened in 1932 in a 17th-century roadhouse, this institution lavs claim to inventing the fruity cocktail and is a traditional place for visitors to enjoy a first or final drink on the island.

#### **Creative Cocktails at Yours Truly**

Venture off the beaten path to the speakeasy-style Yours Truly on Chancery Lane. There's no signage. no shingle and no indication that the place exists, save for a red door. Inside, irresistible cocktails await.

#### **Craft Brews at the Frog and Onion**

Dockyard Brewing Co., has quickly earned the love of locals and visitors. Enjoy a pint of Dockyard's flagship ale, a crisp and refreshing Pilsnerstyle beer named for Bermuda's founder, Sir George Somers. Then take a tour of the brewery on-site.

#### A World (or Warehouse) of Wine

While there are no vinevards within its 21 square miles, Bermuda is a community of wine enthusiasts. Importer Two Rock Wine Company hosts regular and passionate wine tastings. Their own Raft Up Rosé is a crisp and refreshing blend produced with winemakers in Provence.

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## Dishing on the *Destination*

Out here, one of the things that sets this island country apart (besides the fact that it's 650 miles from Cape Hatteras, North Carolina) is the warmth, pride and diversity of Bermudians. Its 65,000 residents are a welcoming, eclectic swirl of cultures – many of English, African, Caribbean, Portuguese and Native American descent. Their influences are reflected in everything from customs (proper politeness like saying good morning to *everyone*) to food, which includes a mash-up of Creole spices and proper English dishes to Portuguese donuts.

### From fishcakes to rum cake, you'll taste the various ethnic influences in these typical Bermudian dishes.

On Sunday mornings, locals tuck into a hearty codfish breakfast – a heaping plate of steamed salt cod with boiled potatoes, onions, sliced bananas, a hard-boiled egg and avocado slices. It's topped with a tomato or butter onion sauce. Bouchée, Paraquet and Speciality Inn are good bets.

If there's a quintessential Bermuda dish, it's fish chowder, an aromatic blend of seafood and spice that often includes potatoes, tomatoes, onions, carrots, green peppers and celery. Every recipe is slightly different, but the one thing they all share is the island's own Outerbridge's Original Sherry Peppers and a splash of black seal rum.

A perennial menu staple in Bermuda, the fish sandwich is honoured island-wide: deep-fried fillets of fish with tartar sauce on raisin bread or whole-wheat toast. Go for "the works" and add lettuce, tomato, grilled Bermuda onions, cheese, hot sauce and coleslaw. Some top local spots include Art Mel's Spicy Dicy, Woody's or SeaSide Grill.

The reefs are teeming with hogfish, snapper and spiny lobster, when in season. From September to March you'll find these crustaceans in nearly every restaurant, including Lobster Pot, North Rock Brewing Company and Blû. Smaller than its Maine counterpart and without claws, most of the tender, flavourful meat is found in the tail.

On land, Bermuda's food is equally fresh. From November to June, browse the farmers' market at the Bermuda Botanical Gardens for local produce, home-baked goods, Bermuda-made gifts and allnatural meat and poultry. Local preserves, seasoned popcorn, seasonal soups and fresh juices are all on the table on Saturdays from 8 am to 12 pm.

Main photo: Traditional Bermudian codfish breakfast. Inset photo: Restaurant Weeks 2018 winner, Lost In The Triangle (L.I.T.T.)



### Tour Bermuda *One Bite at a Time*

#### 1 // Wadson's Farm

Take a guided tour with head farmer and owner, Tom Wadson, who will take you through his greenhouses, share the island's farming history and introduce you to some homegrown Bermuda hogs. Date: Tues | Fri Time: 10 am Contact: wadsonsmarket@gmail.com

#### 2 // Bermuda Food Tour

These three-hour guided walking tours explore Hamilton's attractions and eateries.

SITES & BITESCULTURE & CUISINEDate: Tues | ThursDate: Wed | FriTime: 10:45 amTime: 11:15 am

FLAVOUR & FLARE Date: Sat Time: 11:15 am

Contact: info@bermudafoodtour.com

#### 3 // Sip & Savour Bermuda

Eat and drink like a local, stopping at five to nine beloved restaurants for food and drinks. Private bus tours can be arranged.

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 Date: Mon - Fri
 Date: Tues

 Time: 11 am
 Time: 11 am

 Date: Sat
 Time: 2.30 pm

Contact: info@sipandsavorbermuda.com

#### *4 // Wild Herbs and Plants of Bermuda* With a focus on vegan cuisine, Doreen Williams

James hosts wild herbal walks and tasting sessions of her dandelion cookies, hibiscus and prickly pear sorbet, and more. **Contact:** wildherbsnplantsofbda@gmail.com

#### 5 // East End Eats Bicycle Tour

With devoted St. George's resident Kristin White and her bicycle Shoshanna, you'll experience centuries old forts, winding cobble-stoned alleys and one-of-a-kind eats. Date: Wed | Sat Time: 1 pm - 4 pm Contact: hiya@kristindotcom.com

#### 6 // Full Moon Dinner Series at

Cambridge Beaches Resort & Spa Bask in the glow of the Harvest and Hunter Moons with special menus that celebrate each. Dishes are focused on locally sourced produce and paired with the finest wines and cocktails. Date: Sept 23 | Oct 24 Time: 8 pm Contact: asstmgr@cambeach.bm

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# Holiday *Traditions*

With clear, sunny skies through December, it's easy to enjoy classic holiday experiences - with a Bermuda twist.

#### **Holiday Dishes**

Of course, there's roast turkey and rum-glazed ham, but our sides are just as essential. Hoppin' John, paw-paw (papaya) casserole and cassava pie (a sweet cake made with shredded cassava root layered with chicken) are a key part of any Christmas dinner. Moist, buttery Bermuda black rum cake is a perfect finale to any meal.

#### Lighting of the Tree Ceremony at City Hall (Nov. 23)

The City of Hamilton becomes a luminous spectacle filled with Christmas cheer when the lights are turned on by the Mayor of Hamilton while school children sing carols.

#### Lighting of the Town in King's Square, St. George's (Nov. 24)

The Mayor of St. George's, the Governor and a parliamentary representative will light the Town of St. George to kick off the holiday season, while musical entertainment lights up King's Square.

#### Santa Claus Parade (Nov. 26)

Thousands turn out in the City of Hamilton to welcome Jolly Old St. Nick. Themed floats, dancing majorettes and Gombey troupes fill the streets before Santa makes his appearance.

#### Bermuda National Trust Christmas Walkabout (Dec. 7)

During the Town of St. George's signature holiday event, many homes in the UNESCO World Heritage site open their doors to the public, unveiling their lavish seasonal décor. Stroll the candlelit streets to enjoy historical reenactments and classic carolling.

#### **Christmas Boat Parade (Dec. 8)**

The holidays get merry (and a lot brighter) when dozens of boats decorated with brilliant lights cruise around Hamilton Harbour. The night wraps up with a brilliant fireworks display.

#### **Christmas Eve Candlelight** Service at St. Peter's Church (Dec. 24)

Experience the hushed majesty of Christmas Eve by candlelight at one of Bermuda's most evocative houses of worship. The oldest Anglican church in the western hemisphere, St. Peter's was originally built in 1612.

#### **Christmas on Elbow Beach** (Dec. 25)

Dreaming of a pink Christmas? Join hundreds of locals, ex-pats and visitors on the pale pink sands of Elbow Beach on Christmas day to watch the sunrise, drink champagne and take a plunge in the 67.5-degree waters

The British holiday gets a Bermudian

#### New Year's Eve on the Square (Dec. 31)

Ring in the New Year at King's Square in the Town of St. George. Enjoy live entertainment, local food and the only-in-Bermuda onion drop, the island's endearing version of the New York City ball drop.

### **Stocking Stuffers** from Bermuda



### **Tiny's Night Before**

Christmas, \$20 Starring Tiny the treefrog, this tale by local children's book author and illustrator Elizabeth Mulderig puts a Bermudian spin on the holiday classic. (The Bermuda Bookstore, Queen Street, Hamilton)



#### Solid Perfume by Lili Bermuda, \$60 It fits perfectly in a handbag

and is ideal for adding fragrance on the go. The solid perfume is available in all of Lili Bermuda's ladies fragrances. (The Bermuda Perfumery, St. George's)

#### **Leather Card** Wallet, \$90

Embossed with Bermuda's island silhouette in aold foil. this elegant cardholder is a special collaboration between a local boutique and accessories designer Asha by ADM. (Atelerie, Washington Mall, Hamilton)



#### Cedar Spoon, From \$50

For loved ones who love to cook, gift a piece of the island with this fun and functional souvenir whittled by Alex Davidson from Bermuda cedar. (&Partners, Par-La-Ville Road, Hamilton)

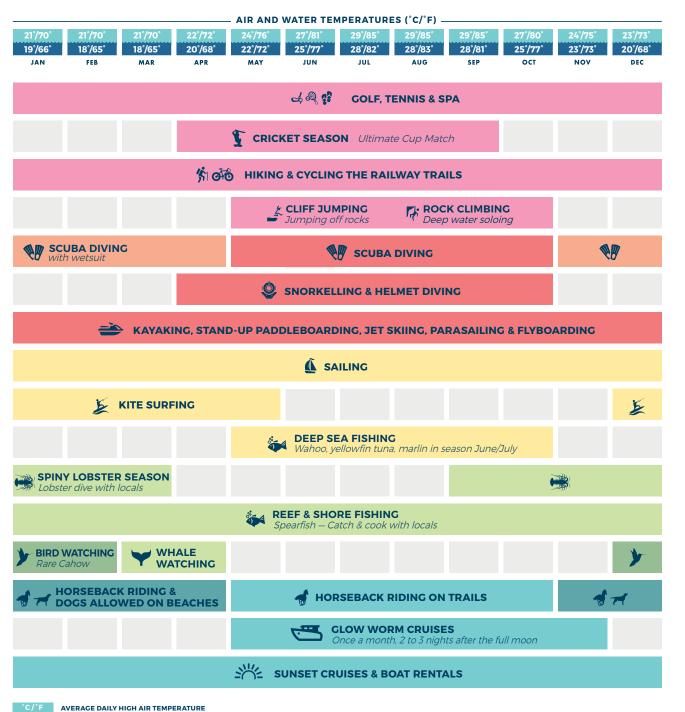


twist. The day after Christmas, Gombey troupes decked out in colourful costumes dance down the streets to the sound of drums, beer bottle fifes and tin whistles.

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# Signature *Events*

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