

BERMUDA

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OVERVIEW

Due to its proximity to the U.S. and Canada, award-winning accommodations and venues and high level of personal service, Bermuda is an ideal destination for meeting and incentive travel.

Bermuda blends the charm, beauty and excitement of a secure island resort and the up-to-the-minute technology and infrastructure of an international business center. More than 75 percent of the Fortune 500 companies have set up businesses here, making Bermuda a world-renowned international business center. Meetings on Bermuda are U.S. tax-deductible. The Island does not have a sales tax and food and beverage are not taxed for group functions.

LOCATION

Six-hundred-and-fifty miles east of Cape Hatteras, North Carolina; under two hours by air from the U.S. East Coast, three hours from Miami, two-and-a-half hours from Toronto and under a seven hours flight from London. It is possible to travel to Bermuda in the morning or afternoon and hold first meeting or function that same day.

CLIMATE

Bermuda has a year-round mild semitropical climate with temperatures ranging from 68 to 84 degrees. Relative humidity is 71 to 84 percent. Average annual rainfall is 57.6 inches. Summer water temperatures reach 85 degrees Fahrenheit.

Bermuda has two seasons – spring and summer. Spring is designated “Golf & Spa” season and runs November through March. “Beach & Sizzle” season runs April through October.

ISLAND STATISTICS:

Bermuda is 21 miles long with a maximum width of two miles. It consists of 181 named islands and Hamilton is its capital. Seen from the air, Bermuda resembles a fish hook.

Bermuda is the oldest British Colony and has the second oldest Parliamentary Democracy (after England) in the world. English is the predominant language. There are approximately 64,500 people living on the Island. Ancestral groups include British, West Indian and Portuguese.

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BERMUDA MEETINGS & INCENTIVES/2

ACCOMMODATIONS/ MEETING VENUES

Business-class hotels and elegant cottage colonies offer a broad range of fully equipped meeting and conference facilities. Planners can also choose from a variety of on and off-site dining and catering venues. Some distinctive venues include private islands, forts, churches, homes and gardens and the Aquarium. A sampling includes:

- **Cambridge Beaches Resort & Spa:** This world-class cottage style spa and resort offers 94 pale pink cottage style rooms, 10,000-sq.-ft. award-winning European Spa and meeting facilities that accommodate up to 100 people. www.cambridgebeaches.com
- **Coco Reef Resort:** Ideally situated in the heart of Bermuda, this resort offers 64 rooms and can accommodate up to 35 people, theatre-style. www.cocoreefbermuda.com
- **Elbow Beach, Bermuda:** The resort recently completed a \$5.5 million renovation and now features 98 luxury cottage rooms and suites and enhancements to the public areas throughout the property, including the transformation of the free-standing Bermuda Room into a luxurious meeting and banqueting venue for groups. www.mandarinoriental.com
- **The Fairmont Hamilton Princess:** Overlooking scenic Hamilton Harbour, the hotel recently completed a \$20 million renovation and restoration project that includes guestroom and public areas. The property offers 19,000 sq. ft. of meeting space and can accommodate up to 500 people, theatre-style. www.fairmont.com
- **The Fairmont Southampton:** Sitting atop one of the highest points of the Island, the resort offers 594 elegant guest rooms and suites, all with private balconies and breathtaking views. In addition to meeting space that can accommodate up to 1,500 people, the resort also features The Mid-Ocean Amphitheatre, one of the largest and most sophisticated in the industry. www.fairmont.com
- **Grotto Bay Beach Resort:** Located less than five minutes from the airport, this resort offers 198 rooms and three suites as well as 4,144 sq. ft. of meeting facilities that can accommodate up to 150 people. The property also features an ancient underground cave to explore. www.grottobay.com
- **Newstead Belmont Hills Golf Resort & Spa:** Situated on Hamilton Harbour, the property offers 65 studio, one-, two- and three-bedroom suites ranging from 420-1800 sq. ft. The property can accommodate 200 people for a reception and offers a number of venues, including a private yacht which can accommodate 50 guests. www.newsteadbelmonthills.com

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ACCOMMODATIONS/ MEETING VENUES (Cont'd)

- **Pink Beach Club & Cottages:** This secluded cottage colony situated on 1800 feet of oceanfront offers 94 suites and junior suites and meeting facilities that can accommodate up to 40 people theatre-style. www.pinkbeach.com
- **Pompano Beach Club:** Ideal for small groups, this resort is located adjacent to the Robert Trent Jones-designed Port Royal Golf Course and offers 75 rooms and suites with ocean views. www.pompanobeachclub.com
- **Rosewood Tucker's Point:** Bermuda's newest luxury resort offers 88 oversized guest rooms and suites, a 12,000-sq.-ft. spa, 18-hole championship golf course and a 5,000 sq.-ft. Conference Centre. www.rosewoodtuckerspoint.com

ACTIVITIES/ ISLAND VENUES

Bermuda offers a range of group activities of cultural, historic and athletic nature. From scuba diving to golf to local museums, the Island has a variety of options for groups of all sizes. A year-long calendar of events provides ready-made group functions, including golf tournaments and sailing regattas.

A selection of attractions and venues ideal for meetings and incentives include the following:

- Bermuda Aquarium, Museum & Zoo – www.bamz.org
- Bermuda National Gallery – located in the City Hall & Arts Centre in the City of Hamilton – www.bng.bm
- Bermuda National Trust – 76 properties representing the best of Bermuda's heritage – www.bnt.bm
- Bermuda Underwater Exploration Institute – ocean discovery centre – www.buei.org
- Bermuda Maritime Museum & Commissioner's House displays 500 years of local history and culture
- Royal Naval Dockyard – www.thesestend.bm
- Corporation of Hamilton – five public parks that can be used for private functions
- Corporation of St. George – historic Old Town of St. George is a World Heritage Site
- The Crystal Caves of Bermuda – opened in 1907
- Dolphin Quest Bermuda – in-water and out-of-water programming
- Fort St. Catherine – dates back to 1614

ISLAND SERVICES

A variety of on-island businesses are available to facilitate meeting planning. Destination management companies – including Destination Bermuda Ltd., Bermuda Event Solutions and Select Sites Group – technology specialists, merchandising outlets and personnel companies are among the services provided by local business.

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ON-ISLAND TRANSPORTATION

Mopeds, bicycles, taxis, buses, ferries and horse-drawn carriages are popular modes of transportation. There are no rental cars in Bermuda. Due to a strong environmental commitment, only one car is permitted per household. Transport for large groups as well as “meet and greet” amenities can be easily arranged. Recommended companies include:

- Bee-Line Transport Ltd.
- Bermuda Triangle Tours
- Bermuda Taxi Radio Cabs Ltd.
- Flood Transport Services Ltd.

RESTAURANTS

Bermuda offers a fine selection of restaurants, ranging from very formal to casual and comfortable. Dine-around programs can be arranged through many hotels. Although some restaurants vary, most open at 11 a.m. on weekdays and noon on Saturday.

STORE HOURS

Bermuda’s stores and boutiques are open Monday – Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., closed on legal holidays. Visitors from the U.S. may make duty-free purchases of up to \$400 after 48 hours. Most shops will pack breakable purchases for travel or overseas shipping.

COMMUNICATION

Cable & Wireless provides international telecommunications services, including direct dial service to over 200 companies, fax, cellular phone service, video conferencing, digital private-leased circuits and international high-speed data services.

CURRENCY

The Bermuda dollar (BD\$) is divided into 100 cents and is pegged, through gold, to the U.S. dollar. The U.S. dollar is accepted by all merchants. Most hotels and stores accept major credit cards.

DOCUMENTATION

Customs requires passport for all travelers visiting Bermuda. Materials shipped from the U.S. and Canada to Bermuda must clear customs and can be prearranged. Items such as trophies or giveaways brought back to the U.S. and Canada will not incur duty fees.

GETTING TO BERMUDA

From the air, Bermuda is served by AirTran Airways, American Airlines, Continental, Delta, JetBlue Airways, USAirways, USA 3000, Air Canada, WestJet British Airways. Direct service is available from Atlanta, Baltimore/Washington, Boston, Halifax, London, Miami, New York, Newark, Philadelphia and Toronto.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about group travel to Bermuda, call the Group and Incentive Sales Department: 800-223-6106, send an email to bermudagroups@bermudatourism.com; or visit www.gotobermuda.com/meetings

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