



Georgia Trust Beautiful Bermuda! November 7 – 11, 2019



The Delta flight to Bermuda is 2 hours, 15 minutes in length. Upon arrival, the average November temperature is 73 degrees so pack to enjoy Lovely weather for exploring the island and meeting friendly residents. This visit, designed exclusively for the Georgia Trust, includes once-in-a-lifetime experiences.

Bermuda is a British Overseas Territory in the North Atlantic Ocean. It is approximately 1,070 km east-southeast of Cape Hatteras, North Carolina; 1,236 km south of Cape Sable Island, Nova Scotia; and 1,759 km northeast of Cuba. The capital city is Hamilton. Bermuda is self-governing, with its own constitution and its own government, which enacts local laws, while the United Kingdom retains responsibility for defense and foreign relations. Its population is approximately 64,000, the joint-highest of the British overseas territories along with the Cayman Islands.

Thursday, November 7

Check in to Rosedon, a charming hotel, built in 1906 as a private home. Your breakfast is included in the price each morning. Rosedon is a historically listed property which has been lovingly restored. One almost expects to find Mark Twain "loafing" with his G&T on the expansive front verandah. After settling in, afternoon tea is served while you meet your tour host.





Enjoy cocktails this evening at Orange Valley, the home of John Cox, a Bermudian author and historian. Set in acres of orange groves and gardens, this beautiful Georgian home was built by Captain William Cox in 1802 after he returned from a voyage at sea. The house has remained in the family since. Sixth generation John reports that his ancestral home is haunted by three ghosts, one of Mary, the first wife of Captain Cox, Laura, Captain Cox's daughter who died in 1861 and Aubrey, the grandson of John Cox's great-great-great grandfather, who died in 1929. John is the author of two fascinating books about Bermuda and he is an avid collector of Seves china. His collection includes pieces from Marie Antoinette.



Dinner at the contemporary French restaurant Beau Rivage, with a breathtaking view of Hamilton Harbour and the capital city.



Friday, November 8

Depart Rosedon for a visit to Cooper's Island, with a view of Nonsuch Island, the home and nesting place of the endangered cahow, once thought to be extinct. Joined by Jeremy Madieros, the curator of the island. Discover the wonders of Bermuda's newest 77 acre nature reserve, site of the NASA space tracking station rich in colonial and natural history—host to nest sites for our strikingly beautiful native pelagic seabird the White-tailed Tropicbird, affectionately known as the Bermuda Longtail. Dr. Derek Tully will also be encountered on the walk. He will speak about Bermuda's role in WWII and the intrigue of the American and British Forces in Bermuda. During the war, Bermuda was known as "Bletchley-in-the-Tropics" after the English country house where the Enigma code was broken. Visit Carter House, a 17th century original homestead and a 16th century replica of a settler's cabin.



Nearby is the historic town of St. George's. Brick lanes and pastel buildings bring this UNESCO World Heritage Site to life as historian, Peter Frith meets Georgia Trust guests at the World Heritage Centre for a tour through the alleys of the oldest continuously operating town in the Western Hemisphere. Peter is the General Manager of the St. George's Foundation and is an 11th generation Bermudian. His mother was a descendant from Christopher Carter who was a sailor on the Sea Venture, the ship that was wrecked on the island in 1609 and his father is a descendant of Hezekiah Frith, a famous Bermuda privateer.



Learn how Shakespeare's *Tempest*, wild hoggies and the cahows all contributed to Bermuda's reputation as being known as the Isle of Devils. Arriving at Stewart Hall, olfactory creativity will be summoned as guests learn about the scents and the history of the Bermuda Perfumery.

Visit St Peter's Church, recognized by Her Majesty The Queen and is a World Heritage Site in its own right. The church has been holding services on the same spot for 400 years and witnessed the first General Assembly on 1st August, one year after Jamestown, Virginia, USA.

Lunch at Rosewood Resort in the Island Brasserie, a vibrant, informal restaurant inspired by a colonial-style British home, featuring a Gerard Henderson mural commissioned by Pan Am founder Juan Trippe for the exclusive Sky Club of New York's Pan Am Building (now the MetLife Building).

Arriving back to the Rosedon, your home base, there's time in the afternoon to relax, sit by the pool or enjoy shopping. This evening is free for you to discover the wonderful dining options in Hamilton or the hotel's signature restaurant, *Huckleberry's*.





Saturday, November 9

Visit the world class art exhibit throughout the Hamilton Princess Hotel. It is a private collection, with some of the top names in the world of Pop and Modern Art on display. The Hamilton Princess Hotel is located across the street from the Rosedon.



Alternatively, you may prefer a walking tour of the City of Hamilton to include a visit to Queen Elizabeth Park and the Anglican Cathedral.



Depart for the Bermuda National Gallery, in City Hall, for a private tour with Curator Sophie Cressall. Special exhibitions will be the Bermuda Biennial (juried show of contemporary Bermudian artists) and Landscape Impressionism (American Impressionists and local works). Then off to The Bermuda Society of Arts for a view of the local arts scene. BSoA is affectionately known as The Peoples Gallery and is the oldest arts society on the island. Guests will see sculptures and mosaics in stained glass by Vivienne Gardner as well as works by artist, Sheilagh Head. She works mainly with oils and is known for her collection of abstract and figurative paintings referencing Bermuda's land, sea and sky.

Lunch today at private member's club, Coral Beach Club, followed by a driving tour of Bermuda's most iconic beaches on the South Shore.





Visit the home of Paul and Penne Leseur, local Bermudians who have traveled extensively. They are delighted to welcome you to their home. Penne's father's collection started the Bermuda National Gallery. Paul and Penne are benefactors of the arts and sit on boards of the National Museum of Bermuda, Bermuda National Trust, the St. George's Foundation and the Bermuda National Gallery. Penne's father's collection started the Bermuda National Gallery.

Afterwards, meet Paul Leseur for a private tour of Commissioner's House and the Queen's Exhibition Hall. This museum is located in the Royal Naval Dockyard, a mid 18th century fortress built by the Royal Army. View the famous Graham Foster mural, depicting 415 years of Bermuda!



Return to Hamilton via public fast ferry and enjoy cocktail & canapes at the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club in the Trophy Room. Meet historian, Paul Doughty to enjoy the club's memorabilia, tales of America's Cup and other international yacht races. By 6pm, you'll be back at Rosedon to reflect on your day and have dinner on your own.



Sunday, November 10

Enjoy a late start this morning, the gardens at Rosedon are yours to savor! Or, linger over morning coffee.

It's a short drive to the Masterworks Museum in the Bermuda Botanical Gardens. Join founder and curator Tom Butterfield as he recounts the fledgling efforts to establish an art collection that reflected Bermuda and her culture. Learn of the journey from the first modest acquisition to the two-decade quest that resulted in repatriated works of Bermuda, inspired by Bermuda and created in Bermuda. Discover how grit, determination, serendipity and a stroke of luck culminated in a twelve million-dollar collection that rivals some very high-profile museums. Bermuda's character and culture unfold through the famous painters like Homer, O'Keefe, Hartley, Demuth, Moore and more. Get up close to



many paintings that were a part of the original collection that are housed in the museum's purpose-built vault. There are three Homer painting in the Masterworks Collection and two O'Keefe works. See Camden House: This early 1700s Georgian mansion in the Botanical Gardens is the official residence of the Prime Minister, though it's not used as such. It has been used in the past to host foreign dignitaries, such as Margaret Thatcher, Colin Powell, and Princess Margaret. Inside, the gilded mirrors, antiques, artworks and stunning hand-carved cedar furniture create a refined atmosphere.



Afterwards, meet an interesting 3rd generation Bermudian who is passionate about his family property and his Tucker's Farm, a goat farm that produces award –winning cheeses, meet the goats too-- and sample cheeses such as Hay Jude.

En route to Rosedon, stop at Fort Hamilton for a historic tour and sweeping views of Hamilton Harbor. There are beautifully kept gardens here and a moat with great foliage and Spanish moss hanging from the trees.



Visit the headquarters of the Bermuda National Trust, Waterville, and the Bermuda Rose Society Depository Garden.

This evening will be a memorable one! Dine by candlelight at Verdmont, a 17th century Georgian mansion, home to Bermuda's first customs collector.



Monday, November 11

To commemorate this important date (Remembrance Day - also known as Armistice Day and Poppy Day), before departure for the airport in the afternoon, you will view Bermuda's Remembrance Day parade, with a performance by the Bermuda Regiment & Pipe Band, and witness the Governor arriving in his landau to kick off the ceremonies.



Lunch at hotel and departures.

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