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Dear Compass Club Member and Guest,

Congratulations on a great year! Thank you for everything you've done to earn membership at Compass Club 2018.

You're proof that when we believe in our mission, commit to learn and grow every day, and possess an unyielding perseverance to achieve results – we can accomplish great things.

In just a few days you'll depart for your much-deserved vacation – a spectacular four-night trip to Bermuda, where you'll get to enjoy the island's famous pink beaches, its rich culture, and a long list of exciting activities, lavish parties and events that are such an integral part of our Compass Club tradition.

This book contains information needed to help you get ready for the trip. Before you pack your bags, read it carefully. If you have any questions, e-mail [compassclub@ca.com](mailto:compassclub@ca.com).

This should be a truly memorable trip, and I look forward to celebrating with you!

See you on the beach,

Adam Elster  
President, Global Field Operations



# IMPORTANT

By now, you should have checked the Compass Club website to ensure that you understand exactly what documents are required.

Everyone needs a passport that must be valid for at least six months beyond the duration of your stay in Bermuda. If you do not extend your stay in Bermuda, your passport must be valid until at least December 3, 2018. If you have qualified for President's Circle, then the date is December 5. In addition, some of you may need a multi-entry visa to enter another country in which you have a flight connection. If in doubt about any of these issues, you should refer to the Compass Club website: [ca-compassclub.com](http://ca-compassclub.com).

## Included with this trip book are...

- Compass Club Baggage Tags – three per couple. Please complete the information on the back of the tags.
- A "While We're Away" note containing the address and phone number of the Fairmont Southampton Resort. Leave this note with friends or family in case they need to reach you.
- If you are flying first to London's Heathrow Airport, then to Bermuda from Gatwick Airport, you will find a note containing details of your arrival in Heathrow, our private transportation arrangements, and Gatwick Airport departure procedure. You'll also find information regarding arrival in Gatwick and departure from Heathrow on your return.
- If you have been invited to attend President's Circle, enclosed is a copy of your program.

If any of these items are missing, e-mail [compassclub@ca.com](mailto:compassclub@ca.com).

## Not included with this trip book...

- Your airline e-ticket confirmation will be sent to your e-mail address approximately seven to ten days prior to departure.
- If you have made individual pre or post Compass Club travel arrangements with Atlas Travel or if your flight itinerary dictates that you require a hotel room in a connecting city, you should also receive an e-mail regarding those arrangements.

If you have any questions about your flights or have not received one of these documents, please call Atlas Travel at +1 (508) 449-3015 (in the U.S. and Canada you may also dial (800) 595-2560) and press "1" for the Compass Club Travel Desk. Or you may e-mail:

[Atlasevents@atlastravel.com](mailto:Atlasevents@atlastravel.com).

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# Your Compass Club

## Early Arrival Day

**Tuesday, May 29**

Because of airline schedules into Bermuda, some Compass Club members will arrive today. If so, you will be met at the Bermuda Airport and taken to the hotel for your overnight stay.

## Main Arrival Day

**Wednesday, May 30**

### Arrive Bermuda

Transportation provided to the Fairmont Southampton  
Hotel check-in and Compass Club Registration

**Until 7:00 p.m.**

Compass Club Hospitality Desk is open in the Poinciana Ballroom Foyer (lobby level).

**6:45 to 10:00 p.m.**

"Welcome to Bermuda" Beach Party – hotel beach  
(transportation provided from the front door)

6:45 to 7:30 p.m. Welcome Reception on the Beach Terrace

7:30 to 10:00 p.m. Dinner and entertainment on the beach

**Thursday, May 31**

**6:30 to 11:00 a.m.**

Buffet Breakfast – Windows on the Sound (lobby level)

Continental Breakfast – Wickets (lower lobby level)

**7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

Compass Club Hospitality Desk is open in the ballroom foyer.

### Throughout the Day

Compass Club activities depart.

### Free Evening

Visit the Hospitality Desk for assistance with dinner reservations.

**Friday, June 1**

**6:30 to 11:00 a.m.**

Buffet Breakfast – Windows on the Sound (lobby level)

Continental Breakfast – Wickets (lower lobby level)

# Itinerary at a Glance

## Friday, June 1 – cont'd

### 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Compass Club Hospitality Desk is open in the ballroom foyer.

### Throughout the Day

Compass Club activities depart.

### 5:00 p.m.

Compass Club Awards Ceremony and Dinner

Doors open for our annual Compass Club Awards Ceremony in the Mid-Ocean Amphitheatre, lower lobby level of the hotel. After the ceremony dinner will be served on the Great Sound Lawn. Then join us in the Poinciana Ballroom for a dance party.

## Saturday, June 2

### 6:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Buffet Breakfast – Windows on the Sound

Continental Breakfast – Wickets

### 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Compass Club Hospitality Desk is open in the ballroom foyer.

### Throughout the Day

Compass Club activities depart.

### Free Evening

Visit the Hospitality Desk for assistance with dinner reservations.

## Sunday, June 3

### 6:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Buffet Breakfast – Windows on the Sound

Continental Breakfast – Wickets

### 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Hospitality Desk is open in the ballroom foyer

### Throughout the Day

Transportation to Bermuda Airport and your flight home.

Returning U.S. residents and passengers connecting through the U.S. will clear immigration and customs at the Bermuda Airport.

**Note:** Compass Club members attending President's Circle, please follow the separate pamphlet you received for the locations and times of your events.



# Our Compass Club Destination Bermuda



**B**ermuda occupies its own little corner of the world. Most travel books include Bermuda with the islands of the Caribbean. But, in fact, Bermuda sits all by itself in the Atlantic Ocean about 1245 miles (2000 km) north of the Caribbean, 580 miles (945 km) off the coast of North Carolina and 1056 miles (1700 km) northeast of Miami, Florida.

One usually thinks of Bermuda as a single island, but the country is an archipelago of 138 small islands. The largest, Great Bermuda or Main Island, was discovered by the Spanish explorer Juan de Bermudez around 1503. The first permanent settlers were members of the British “Virginia Company” led by Sir George Somers in 1612. Bermuda was granted British Crown Colony status in 1684 and, although the island is self-governed by an elected parliamentary legislature, it is the oldest remaining British overseas territory. For a very small island, Bermuda has had a long and interesting history. If you are interested, you can read about it in the section in the back of this book titled “Bermuda from A to Z”. The latest chapter in Bermuda’s history occurred between June 17 and 26 of 2017, when Bermuda hosted the 35th America’s Cup races. Team New Zealand won by a score of 7 to 1 over the USA. The races were held in the Great Sound, which you can see from our hotel.

Bermuda is only about 21 miles (34 km) long and never more than 2 miles (3.2 km) wide, so you are always in close proximity to the water. Bermuda is about the size of Manhattan Island.

Don't let the island's size fool you; there's plenty to do: outstanding golf courses, deep-sea fishing, sailing, sightseeing, and excellent shopping. In fact, just off the Bermuda shore lies the most northern tropical coral reef in the world, so the snorkeling and diving are excellent. Visitors who prefer to relax will be happy to know they can easily slow the pace to a crawl. Lounging on the beach, lingering over a rum swizzle or just basking in the sunshine are all popular and pleasant pastimes in Bermuda.

As we noted, frequently Bermuda is confused with the islands of the Caribbean. Those who have been to the Caribbean quickly discover that Bermuda is different in many wonderful ways. It will come as a surprise to most that Bermuda is a very wealthy island. In fact, depending upon the criteria used, the per capita gross domestic product (GDP) is between 5th and 8th in the world at US\$85,748.07, which exceeds the per capita GDP of the U.S. and most everyone else. Compare this to the Caribbean islands which average between \$10,000 and \$20,000 per person. So, no endemic poverty or other related problems, including crime. Bermuda is simply one of the safest places in the world. Unlike much of the Caribbean, Bermuda is a lush green island of short steep hills encircled by the most amazing soft pink sand



beaches on earth. The pink sand and green flora are complemented by a clear clean deep blue sky and shimmering water that is varying degrees of aqua, turquoise, sapphire, and pale blue. The natural beauty and charm of the island are enhanced by a strong British heritage. Motorists drive on the left, "Bobbies" wear white gloves while directing traffic, four o'clock tea is a national institution, and the favorite sport is cricket. Other popular Bermuda sports include: football, sailing, tennis, and golf.

No description of Bermuda is complete without paying tribute to the Bermudians themselves. Perhaps no other place on earth is home to a friendlier, more courteous people. And it is for this reason that Bermuda boasts the highest percentage of return visitors of any island on earth. The first time visitor comes to Bermuda for the sun, sand, and water, but visitors return time after time because of the hospitality and kindness of the Bermudians. You are invited to enjoy their hospitality and this magnificent island.

An aerial photograph of the Fairmont Southampton resort. The hotel is a large, multi-story building with a curved facade and many windows, situated on a lush green hill. In the foreground, there is a well-maintained golf course with several green fairways and sand traps. To the right of the golf course, there are several smaller buildings, likely part of the resort's amenities. The background shows the blue ocean and a distant shoreline with more buildings and islands under a clear sky.

# Your Hotel *Fairmont Southampton*

**L**ocated atop Bermuda's highest hill on a 100 acre (40 hectare) estate on the south shore, Fairmont Southampton has been the island's premier luxury resort since its opening in 1974. The resort sits in the middle of the island, about 500 meters from the beach and ocean to the south and Waterlot Dock and the Great Sound to the north. The Fairmont's continuous shuttle service connects the hotel with the beach and dock. Each of the 593 guest rooms has a private balcony and views of the ocean, the harbor, or the golf course. The guest rooms feature two queen or a king size bed, LCD television, coffee/tea maker, iron and ironing board, mini bar, complimentary WiFi and walk-in closet with safe. Large marble bathrooms include a hair dryer and bathrobes.

The beautifully kept grounds at Fairmont Southampton include the Beach Club with its pink sand and sapphire blue waves, perfect for sunning or water sports. Other facilities include a large outdoor swimming pool, a fully equipped health club and six all-weather tennis courts.

Of special note are two truly outstanding resort features. The first is Willow Stream Spa, one of the finest resort spas in the world. The spa covers 31,000 ft<sup>2</sup> (3,000 m<sup>2</sup>) and features 15 treatment rooms, three lounges, an indoor heated pool with



waterfalls and gardens, a beauty salon, a fitness center with state-of-the-art Cybex equipment and two Jacuzzis with a sundeck that overlooks Bermuda's South Shore and the ocean. Open daily: 6:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The other resort feature of special note is their Turtle Hill Golf Club. Most serious golfers look at you funny when you mention a par 3 golf course, but honestly, this one is a gem. The course has received numerous awards as one of the best par 3 courses in the world. The 18 truly challenging holes are made more difficult by the dramatic elevation changes and variable wind. This 2,684 meter (2,935 yard) course takes full advantage of the beautiful surroundings. For tee times contact the hotel concierge.

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## Fairmont Southampton Restaurants and Bars

In addition to the excellent recreational facilities, the resort boasts 10 different dining options. Here they are, in alphabetical order:

**Boundary** is the resort's sports bar. The food ranges from pub favorites to great smoked barbecue – ribs, chicken, brisket. Whether you're bellying up to the bar for one of the many beer selections or relaxing in the cozy lounge, you're sure to have a great view of all the games from every seat in the house. Dress is resort casual. Boundary is located in the same building as the golf pro shop, which is about a one minute walk from the hotel. The easiest way is to exit the hotel near the spa on the Mezzanine Level and follow the path. In case of rain, you can take the hotel shuttle. Boundary is open daily from 5:00 p.m. until midnight.



**Cabana Bar and Grill** sits on Fairmont's private beach. Spend a morning relaxing and enjoying this island's natural beauty. Then, when hunger strikes, enjoy a delicious, super-relaxed lunch served at the grill or at your lounge chair. This is living. The beach bar serves up the best in tropical cocktails to keep you cool under the warm sun. The lunch menu features grilled wahoo, BBQ ribs, Caribbean chicken, calamari, salads and sandwiches. Cabana Bar and Grill is open daily from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**The Dock at the Waterlot Inn** is a great place for a drink before or after dinner, or a light bite, and a wonderful place to watch a spectacular sunset. The Dock sits adjacent to the Waterlot Inn restaurant, directly on the dock from which many of our Compass Club watersports activities depart. Sip on a refreshing drink from a varied and unusual cocktail menu, enjoy a beautiful Bermuda evening on the contemporary, stylish loungers and listen to great music under the canopy of stars.



The Dock also features an eclectic tapas menu that can serve as snacks with cocktails or a full meal. The Dock is open Thursday to Sunday from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. Dress is casual. Reservations are not required.

**Jasmine Cocktail Bar and Lounge** is one of the world's best lobby bars. Located next to the front door, this will be the base of operations for many. Meet friends for a drink before dinner, after an activity or for a night cap. In addition, Jasmine offers light snacks and a full lunch and dinner menu - much more than traditional lobby bar food. Try the Bermuda fish chowder – perhaps the best on the island. The setting is comfortable and the service is great. Hours are 11:00 a.m. to midnight daily. Afternoon tea is served from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. and there's live entertainment nightly. Dress is casual. No swimsuits, please.

**Mediterra** is a one-of-a-kind restaurant featuring dishes influenced by the countries surrounding the Mediterranean Sea. The resort refers to the concept as "shared dining" – meaning among the selections are "tapa" type small dishes, which, they report "not only allow you to experience the dynamic flavors of the region but create a sense of community with each ingredient". From the homemade pasta to the signature land and sea dishes, the selections are bountiful. Mediterra is located on the lobby level and is open each night from 6:00 to 9:30 p.m. Dress is resort casual. Reservations are required.

**Ocean Club**, located next to the Fairmont Southampton's beach, is the resort's great seafood restaurant. This is fresh-off-the-boat seafood simply prepared and beautifully served in a location you can't beat. The brochure reads: "Let the breaking waves be your soundtrack." Nothing more need be said. This is a very popular restaurant with visitors and locals. The menu also includes beef and chicken. If you wish to dine here on one of your free nights, make reservations early. Hours are 6:00 to 9:30 p.m. daily. Dress is resort casual.

**Waterlot Inn**, located on the resort's dock, occupies a charming 350-year-old building and is arguably the best restaurant on Bermuda. Serving the finest steaks, chops and seafood, this

classic dining room has introduced a newly updated menu. But in spite of that, the Waterlot chefs continue to produce great food. The Waterlot Inn is open every day from 6:00 to 9:30 p.m. Dress is resort elegant. Jackets and ties are not necessary. Reservations are required. This is a very popular restaurant, so if you wish to dine here on one of your free nights, make reservations early.

**Wickets Coffee and Burger Bar** is a strange mix, but it works. If you are interested in a continental breakfast, consider Wickets as an alternative to Windows on the Sound. Breakfast seating is very limited, so think of Wickets for breakfast as more of a “take away” type place such as Starbucks. If you want a quick sandwich or other snacks, check out the selection of salads, sandwiches and pastries “to go”. Once 11:00 a.m. happens, Burger Bar opens and Wickets produces some very decadent burgers and all kinds of salads, hot dogs, nachos, ice cream and a variety of beverages. You can dine either in the restaurant or poolside. Wickets is located on the lower lobby level of the hotel and the restaurant is adjacent to the swimming pool. Hours are 6:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for coffee and snacks and 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for lunch. Dress is casual.

**Windows on the Sound** is the Fairmont’s breakfast restaurant and the location of our Compass Club breakfast. Located near the front desk on the lobby level, the room is beautiful and each day you are greeted by views of Bermuda’s Great Sound. This is a perfect way to start the day. The restaurant’s bountiful buffet features made-to-order omelets, waffles, breakfast pastries, breads, and other morning delicacies. Breakfast hours are 6:30 - 11:00 a.m. Dress is casual.

**In Room Dining** – If the other nine dining options aren’t enough for you, there is always 24 hour room service.





# Travel Information



*Editorial note: It seems that every year travel rules, regulations, requirements, and limitations become more restrictive. We know that reading this section of our trip book is a chore, but it's a very necessary chore. The time you invest in pre-planning will result in a smoother and more enjoyable Compass Club.*

## Travel Documents

By the time you receive this book, you should have no doubt about the documents that are required for you to travel to Bermuda. The information provided below is just a reminder. If after reading it you are not sure of the documentation required, please visit the Compass Club website at [ca-compassclub.com](http://ca-compassclub.com).

### Passports

Everyone needs a passport that must be valid for at least six months beyond the duration of your stay in Bermuda.

### Visas

Bermuda does not require a visa for entry from any nation. However, a multiple entry visa may be required for the country through which you're flying to Bermuda (the U.S. or the U.K). Bermuda immigration officials will ask to see this visa to ensure it is multi entry and that you are authorized to transit through the U.S. or the U.K. to return home. Please check the website listed above for the requirements for your country and note that if a visa is required, you must apply for a multiple entry visa.

What's more, if you choose to extend your vacation and visit,

let's say the U.S. or Canada, you may need additional documents. For a complete list of countries requiring visas for the U.S. or the U.K., see the "Passport and Visa Information" link on the Compass Club website.

Keep in mind that you must obtain all visas before departing for Compass Club. Visas are not issued at airports, and if you require a visa, you will not be allowed to board your flight without it.

## Airline E-Ticket Confirmation

Please check your e-ticket confirmation carefully to be sure that the itinerary agrees with your travel plans. The tickets are valid only for the times and dates shown. The name on your e-ticket itinerary must be exactly the same as the name on your passport and must include your middle name or initial, if applicable. If your e-ticket name does not match your passport, inform one of our Atlas Travel specialists.

Because changes in the airlines' schedules can occur at any time, we suggest that you reconfirm your flights directly with the appropriate airline 24 hours prior to departure. Important: If you call the airlines, please tell the agent that you are traveling with a group and your reservation may be "split into two separate records".

## If you have any questions about your flights...

Call Atlas Travel at +1 (508) 449-3015 (in the U.S. and Canada you may also dial (800) 595-2560) and press "1" for the Compass Club Travel Desk. Or you may e-mail Atlas at:

[Atlasevents@atlastravel.com](mailto:Atlasevents@atlastravel.com).

## Connecting Cities

As with most small islands in the world, flights to Bermuda are limited. Most everyone will connect somewhere to get to paradise. Please read the following information. You don't want to be surprised by any of this on the day you travel. Make sure that you are at the departure gate for all flights at least 30 minutes prior to departure.

## U.S. Travelers

When you check in for the flight at your home airport, you will need to show your passport. You should check your luggage

through to Bermuda (airport code BDA). Before you walk away from the ticket counter in your home city, you should know exactly what the procedure will be in your connecting city.

When you arrive in your connecting city, if your luggage has been checked to Bermuda, simply proceed to your connecting gate. If the agent has tagged your luggage only as far as your connecting city, you will need to claim your luggage and bring it to the airline ticket counter. (Note: We can't understand why your luggage would not be checked to Bermuda, but we are dealing with airlines and strange things happen.)

Before you board the flight in your connecting city, you will need to show your passport.

## Canadian Travelers

When you check in for the flight at your home airport, you should check your luggage through to Bermuda (airport code BDA). The flight schedule from Canada to Bermuda on May 30 requires that you connect in a U.S. city. Before you walk away from the ticket counter in your home city, you should know exactly what the procedure will be in your U.S. connecting city. You will likely clear U.S. immigration and customs in your home city airport.

When you arrive in your U.S. connecting city, if your luggage has been checked to Bermuda and you have cleared U.S. immigration and customs in Canada, you may proceed to your connecting gate. If the agent has tagged your luggage only as far as your connecting city, you will need to claim your luggage and bring it to the airline ticket counter. If you have to clear U.S. immigration and customs, you will need to collect your suitcases and deposit them at the bag drop outside of customs.

**Note:** If your return flight is on June 3, the airline schedule is such that you will likely fly from Bermuda to Toronto and then connect to your flight home.

## All Other International Travelers

All flights to Bermuda originate either in the U.S. or at London's Gatwick Airport.

### **If you are connecting through a city in the United States...**

The U.S. does not have an "In Transit" system; therefore you must clear U.S. immigration and customs at your first point of

entry into the U.S. Sometime during the flight to the U.S., the flight attendant will give you U.S. immigration and customs forms. When you arrive in the States, you will be directed to U.S. immigration. (On behalf of the citizens of the United States of America, we wish to apologize for the length of the queues some of you will likely have to endure.) If your country is on the U.S. visa waiver program, you may be directed to automated kiosks where you will scan your passport and complete the immigration and customs form. (If you are directed to a kiosk, present the kiosk generated form to the immigration officer.) Next, it's on to baggage claim and customs. Just before you leave the customs hall, you will give your customs form to the officer.

As you exit the customs area, look for the connecting flight baggage drop. If your luggage has been tagged to Bermuda, you may leave your luggage here. If you do not immediately see the baggage drop, ask one of the airline agents as you exit customs. If your luggage has been tagged to your U.S. connecting city only, then you will need to bring your luggage to your connecting flight terminal and check in with the airlines.

### **If you are connecting through Gatwick Airport...**

If the flight from your home city arrives at Gatwick Airport follow the signs to "International Flight Connections".

Depending upon the country you're flying from you may have to clear security. If you do not have a London to Bermuda boarding pass, go to the British Airways Connections desk to obtain one. If your luggage has been checked to Bermuda (airport code BDA), the airlines will transfer it to your connecting flight. If not, you will need to pass through U.K. immigration, collect your suitcases, clear customs and bring your luggage to the British Airways ticket counter.

### **If the flight from your home city arrives at London's Heathrow Airport...**

You are in for an adventure, but Bermuda will be worth it. London Heathrow and Gatwick airports are located approximately 48 km (30 mi) apart. Drive time is about an hour. We have arranged for specially chartered transportation to take you from Heathrow to Gatwick, so please do not board the public transportation.

When you check in for your flight at your home city, you will receive a boarding pass for the Heathrow flight only and you'll

be able to check your luggage only as far as Heathrow. When you arrive at Heathrow, you will need to clear U.K. immigration. Next, you must collect your luggage and clear U.K. customs. After you exit the customs hall, look for the sign displaying the CA logo. The greeter will direct you to the transportation for the 60 minute or so ride to Gatwick Airport. When you arrive at Gatwick, you will be met by our staff who will direct you to the British Airways ticket counter. From there, you will clear airport security and then proceed to your departure gate.

### **If no one meets you outside the customs hall at Heathrow...**

If your travel plans change or for whatever reason no one is there to meet you as you exit the customs hall, take a taxi to Gatwick Airport's South Terminal and check in for the Bermuda flight. You will be reimbursed for the taxi ride when you arrive in Bermuda.

### **If you have a long layover between flights...**

Because of the airlines' schedules, you may have a layover of six or more hours between flights. If so, CA will arrange for a hotel room in your connecting city. If this is your situation, in the email with your e-ticket confirmation is a letter with the name of the hotel in which your room has been reserved.

### **In case of flight problems en route...**

Call Atlas Travel at +1 (508) 449-3015 (in the U.S. and Canada you may also dial (800) 595-2560) and press "1" for the Compass Club Travel Desk. Our agents will work with you to rebook your flight and inform our Travel Staff in Bermuda of any changes in your schedule. The agent will find your airline record faster if you give him/her CA's access code of "MQ2H".

Every once in a while, a traveler will experience a change of schedule caused by bad weather, air traffic, or mechanical delay and be rerouted to a different flight time and different airline. If this is the case and you have not had the opportunity to call Atlas Travel, we won't know when to expect you. It is possible, therefore, that when you arrive in Bermuda no one is there to meet you. If this happens, take a taxi to the hotel and contact a member of the Travel Staff. He or she will reimburse you for the taxi fare. Note: The reimbursement offer is valid for the Compass Club program arrival days of May 29 (for those whose airline schedule requires early arrival) and May 30.

## Bermuda Airport Transportation

CA is providing transportation between the Bermuda Airport and the Fairmont Southampton on Tuesday, May 29 (for travelers whose airline schedules require early arrival) and Wednesday, May 30 for most Compass Club members and guests. Return transportation from the resort to the airport is provided on Sunday, June 3 for Compass Club and on Tuesday, June 5 for those attending the President's Circle program. Travel to and from the airport on all other days is by personal arrangement and at your own expense. If you are arriving in Bermuda on non-Club dates, you will find taxis just outside the international arrivals hall. Taxi drivers will accept both U.S. and Bermuda dollars only. They do not accept credit cards. The cost of the taxi ride is approximately US\$40.

## Return Flights

During Compass Club, your return flights will be reconfirmed for you by the Travel Staff. If you have any questions about these flights, please see the staff at the Compass Club Hospitality Desk. On the evening of June 1 (June 3 for President's Circle members), you will receive a letter confirming your flight departure time, and the time you will be leaving for the airport. If you have any questions, please contact a member of our Travel Staff.

## Returning Home

When you return to your home country, you will need to clear customs. If you are in doubt about your country's duty free import allowance, please contact your local authorities. Most countries have their customs regulations posted on their websites. If you are returning to the United States or connecting through the U.S., note that you will clear U.S. immigration and customs in Bermuda. Therefore, when you arrive in the U.S., you will not need to go through this process.

## Luggage Allowance and Information

As a Compass Club member, you may expense the cost of checking two suitcases per person. If you plan to bring your golf clubs, note that a golf bag is considered one piece of luggage. You must submit receipts for luggage charges with your expense report. Important: CA will cover the cost of checked luggage

for flights to and from Compass Club only. The cost of checked luggage for flights in conjunction with pre or post Club travel is a personal expense.

Weight and size limits differ depending upon your home country and the rules imposed by your airlines. If you are concerned about weight limits, please go online and check the baggage allowance of your specific airline.

If you plan on traveling with a “smart bag” (a suitcase with a battery that powers features such as GPS, Bluetooth, WiFi, device charging ports), please note the following: Smart bags contain lithium ion batteries, a known fire hazard. Your smart bag must therefore have a removable battery pack. If you intend to check the bag, **you must remove the battery pack** and keep it in your carry-on during the flight. If you intend to use the smart bag as a carry-on, you may be able to keep the battery pack in the bag, but the battery must be powered down before boarding.

## Canadian and U.S. Travelers

Generally, suitcases may not weigh more than 50 lb (23 kg) each. The sum of the dimensions (length + height + width) of each suitcase may not exceed 62 inches (158 cm).

## All Other Travelers

Limits vary. In most cases, the weight of each suitcase may not exceed 20 kg. The total dimensions of each suitcase (height, width, length) may not exceed 157 cm. Some airlines will allow suitcases weighing 23 kg and a total dimension of 208 cm. If you are concerned about these limits, please go online and check the baggage allowance of your airline.

## Travelers Originating or Connecting in the U.S. and Canada

Your luggage is subject to search by TSA agents. If your luggage is locked, the agents have the right to break the lock and examine your belongings. Therefore, you should not lock your suitcases unless they are equipped with TSA approved locks. The packaging on the locks or your luggage owner’s manual indicates whether the locks are TSA approved. When in doubt, don’t lock your luggage.

## CARRY-ON LUGGAGE

**Restrictions concerning toiletries, liquids and gels packed in your carry-on are as follows and apply to everyone...**

You may bring small travel-size containers of toiletries such as shampoo, toothpaste, sunscreen, hand cream, hairspray, make-up and perfume in carry-on bags. The rule is that any liquid cosmetics and toiletries in your carry-on must be in amounts of 3.4 oz (100 ml) or less. It is important to note that this restriction applies both to the amount of liquid and the size of the container. Liquids and gels must be packed together in a one quart/liter plastic re-sealable bag. When you arrive at airport security control, the sealed plastic bag must be removed from your carry-on and placed on the conveyor belt for screening.

### U.S. and Canadian Travelers

You are allowed one carry-on bag per person. The dimensions may not exceed a total of 45 inches (22 x 11 x 12) or 118 cm. You are also allowed a "personal item", which can include a camera case, briefcase, computer case, small backpack, or purse. Some U.S. airlines' policies state that the weight of carry-on luggage may not exceed 40 lb, however, other airlines do not impose a weight restriction. Most Canadian airlines restrict passengers to a weight limit of 10 kg (22 lb) for each carry-on bag. Furthermore, at its discretion, the airline can restrict carry-on luggage based on the size of the aircraft and how full the flight is.

Examine your carry-on bag to make sure you are not carrying restricted items on board the aircraft. The U.S. and Canada allow one butane cigarette lighter to be brought on board in carry-on luggage only. These lighters are not allowed in checked luggage. Also permitted are scissors with blades (measured from the fulcrum) no longer than 4 inches (10 cm). However, small knives are not allowed on the aircraft. If you need more information about carry-on restrictions, visit the TSA website: [tsa.gov/](http://tsa.gov/).

### All Other Travelers

Please check your departing airline's website for checked luggage and carry-on limits. Be mindful of bringing restricted items on board the aircraft.

## Delayed Luggage

If you arrive in Bermuda and your luggage does not, please fill out a report with the airline representative in the baggage claim area, and inform a member of the CA Travel Staff who greets you. Our Travel Staff will do their best to work with the airlines to track your bags and get them to you as soon as possible.

Frequently luggage is delayed because the airline did not check it to your final destination. When checking in with the airline agent in your home city, make sure the agent understands your final destination and check the baggage tag receipt to make sure your luggage is tagged properly. A delayed bag first has to get to Bermuda; given the frequency of flights to Bermuda, this usually means the next day. Then it has to clear customs, and then it has to be transported to the hotel, meaning that some of those afflicted will not be reunited with their luggage for at least 30 hours. Although our Travel Staff will be in constant communication with the airlines attempting to locate lost luggage, we cannot speed up this process.

## Compass Club Luggage Tags

Enclosed with this book are three Compass Club luggage tags per couple. Please print your name and address clearly on all the tags and attach them to your luggage. Note: Please print your name on the luggage tag as it appears on your e-ticket confirmation. This will help to identify your luggage at the airport and expedite delivery to your hotel room. If you are bringing a golf bag, please attach a Compass Club luggage tag to it.

## Duty Free Allowance

Visitors are permitted to bring with them into Bermuda one liter of liquor, one liter of wine, and 200 cigarettes or 50 cigars. Note that the definition of "Duty Free" means that the item purchased was free of duty in the country in which the item was purchased. Duty free items are still subject to customs duty in your country on your return home.





# Getting Ready for Bermuda

## Suggested Attire

During the day, comfortable casual clothing is appropriate – shorts, tee shirts and sandals. Some of our Compass Club activities require or suggest specific clothing such as hats and comfortable walking, closed-toe or flip-flop/water shoes. Please refer to the “Compass Club Activities” section in the back of this book for details.

The famous “Bermuda shorts” are appropriate attire for both day and night. Traditionally, Bermuda shorts are worn with knee-high socks, but this is a matter of taste. You will frequently see them worn as business or evening attire with a dress shirt, tie, and jacket.

## Suggested dress for our four evenings in Bermuda:

- Wednesday, May 30 – “Welcome to Bermuda” Party – casual attire – jeans or shorts. Wear flat shoes, sandals or flip-flops as the party is on the beach.
- Thursday, May 31 and Saturday, June 2 – Free Evenings – dress for all but the most casual restaurants is smart casual.
- Friday, June 1 – Compass Club Awards Ceremony and Dinner – casual – jeans are appropriate.

A couple of hints regarding daytime dress: Swimsuits should be worn at the beach only and not in any of the other public areas of the hotels or in town. Topless bathing is taboo in Bermuda.

## Items on your packing list should be:

- Comfortable walking shoes
- Beach sandals or water shoes
- Hat
- Sunglasses and eyeglasses
- Sunscreen
- Swimsuit and cover-up
- A light rain jacket
- Camera and spare battery
- Prescription Medicine

If you are required to take any prescription medicine, make sure you bring enough with you to last for the duration of your trip. When traveling, always keep the medicine in your carry-on bag and never pack it in the luggage you check with the airlines. To avoid any possible customs problems, keep the medicine in the container you received at the pharmacy.

**Packing Note:** It is likely that your hotel room will not be ready until after 4:00 p.m. If you are scheduled to arrive before that time, we suggest packing a swimsuit, cover-up and sandals in your carry-on bag, so you can enjoy the beach or pool as soon as you arrive at the hotel. Changing facilities and a place to store your hand luggage will be available.

## Golfers...

If you are debating whether or not to bring your clubs to Bermuda, consider that the Port Royal Golf Course (where CA has reserved tee times) offers the latest TaylorMade clubs. If you choose golf as one of your Compass Club activities, CA is picking up the cost of the rental.

## Electricity

The electrical service in Bermuda is the same as in the U.S. - 110 volts, 60 Hz. Plugs are the U.S. flat two-prong type. Most computers, mobile phones, iPads and similar devices function on both 110 and 220 volts. If you intend to bring appliances which operate only on 220 volts, you will need to bring an electrical converter, which will decrease the voltage from 220 to 110. You will also need an adapter plug which adapts your plug to the flat two-prong style. Before you buy a converter, look at the power pack on your appliance. On the back it will indicate the voltage the appliance can manage. If you see a range such as "110~240"

(as you will on most power packs), you do not need a converter, but you will still need an adapter. If you see simply "220", you will need both. If purchasing a converter, note that they are not all the same. Make sure that the appliance you intend to use is listed on the outside of the box. A converter can destroy your appliance if improperly used. If you plan to buy a converter, we strongly suggest you do so before leaving home. Your hotel room is equipped with a hair dryer.

## Climate

Temperatures during our stay in Bermuda will be between 81°F (27°C) for an average daily high and 74°F (23°C) in the late evening and early morning. Humidity is usually quite high. Remember, the rays of the sun are strong, so use sunscreen and apply it often. During the time we are in Bermuda, we have about a 20% chance of rain on any given day. The rain usually comes in the form of brief but heavy showers. The water temperature will be about 75°F (24°C).

## Sunrise and Sunset

Dawn begins at approximately 5:45 a.m. Sunrise will be at about 6:15 a.m. Sunset is around 8:20 p.m. and the end of twilight is about 9:15 p.m.

## Time Zone

Bermuda lies in the Atlantic Time Zone, three hours earlier than Greenwich Mean Time. When it's 12:00 noon in Bermuda, it's...

- 12:00 noon in Sao Paulo
- 11:00 a.m. in New York and Toronto
- 10:00 a.m. in Chicago and Dallas
- 9:00 a.m. in Denver
- 8:00 a.m. in Los Angeles
- 4:00 p.m. in London
- 5:00 p.m. in Paris and Western Europe
- 9:30 p.m. in Mumbai
- 11:00 p.m. in Singapore
- 12:00 a.m. (next day) in Tokyo
- 1:00 a.m. (next day) in Sydney

## Health, Safety & Security

Most people return from Bermuda healthier than when they left home. The combination of fresh clean air, beautiful scenery and a relaxed atmosphere tends to be very good for the body and soul. Most health problems experienced by visitors are related to sunburn, heat exhaustion and dehydration. These problems can be avoided by using common sense – drink plenty of water, know your limits and remember to apply sunscreen before going outside.

Bermuda is one of the safest places in the world. Violent crime against tourists is virtually non-existent. However, when on the beach use normal precaution and don't leave wallets, cash, cameras, or valuables unattended.

If you have difficulty walking or a medical problem which restricts your mobility, or a dietary concern, you had the opportunity to note it on the Compass Club registration site. If you did not do so, please return to the registration site and edit your record.

### Medical Services

Unlike many islands, Bermuda has excellent health care facilities. If you require medical services, please contact the hotel's reception desk or a member of the CA Travel Staff.

### Health Insurance

CA has purchased travel health insurance for Compass Club qualifiers and guests. Bermuda does not offer free medical care. If you need medical attention, expect to pay by cash or credit card for the service when it is rendered. You may then submit the claim when you return home. Any amount not covered can be submitted to your personal medical insurance company. More information can be found on the Compass Club website.

### Inoculations

Bermuda does not require foreign visitors to be inoculated unless, for some reason, you are traveling from an area of the world infected by cholera, yellow fever, typhoid or small pox.

For pregnant women and anyone concerned, Bermuda does not have the Zika virus, Dengue Fever or any of the diseases associated with tropical countries.

## Water

The water in the hotel and restaurants is safe to drink. Bottled water is available in restaurants and bars, and will be delivered to your room nightly. During your stay, you will likely do a lot of walking and it will be hot. Please drink plenty of water to avoid dehydration.

## Passports/Valuables

Many people believe it is necessary to keep your passport with you at all times. This is not true in Bermuda. Most passports are lost because they are moved from pocket, to purse, to dresser, to jacket. A safe can be found inside the closet of your guest room. We recommend you store your passports in the safe so you always know where they are. We suggest you make a photocopy of the identification pages of your passport. Bring the photocopy with you on the trip, but store it separate from your passport. If your passport is lost, the photocopy will help identify you to the embassy or consulate staff and expedite the issuance of a new passport.

## Bermuda Scooters a.k.a Mopeds a.k.a Motor Bikes

The rental of motor scooters (mopeds/motor bikes) is popular with visitors. In keeping with the English custom, Bermudians drive on the left. Accidents involving mopeds and scooters are by far the most common cause of serious injury on the island, and result in a number of deaths each year. CA recommends that you take taxi transportation in lieu of renting a motor scooter. If, however, you decide to rent a scooter, please be aware that you do so at your own risk and please drive with extreme caution. Helmets are mandatory and remember to KEEP LEFT.

Recently, Bermuda has imported a number of small vehicles called the "Twizy" manufactured by Renault. These mini cars are 4-wheeled vehicles and can accommodate two persons (one



sitting behind the driver). The renter (located at the hotel) says that the Twizy is much safer than the scooter. But the vehicles are too new to the island to have much of a history. They do come equipped with an air bag for the driver, seat belts and some side impact protection. But they are very small – less than 4 feet wide. No other vehicles of any kind are available for rent in Bermuda.

## Emergency Contact Information

If there is an emergency at home, your family should first call your mobile phone. If they have a problem reaching you, they should call the hotel at +1 441 238 8000 and ask for your room. If they continue to have trouble reaching you, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., they should call the hotel and ask for the Compass Club Hospitality Desk. Our staff will do their best to locate you.

If you have an emergency while traveling and need to reach us, please call the Atlas Travel number listed on the bottom of page 4.

## Money Matters

The Bermuda dollar (BD\$) is the monetary unit of Bermuda and is on par with the U.S. dollar. The currency denominations are printed in 5, 10, 20, 50, 100 and 500 notes. Coins are minted in 5, 10, and 25 cents and 1 dollar. U.S. dollars are accepted everywhere on the island.

**Important:** The hotel can only exchange euros, pounds sterling, Canadian dollars and Japanese yen into Bermuda dollars. If you come from a country using currencies other than those mentioned, we strongly suggest you change your currency into U.S. dollars before you arrive in Bermuda. **To repeat: U.S. dollars are accepted everywhere.**

The best rates of exchange are typically found at banks and by using an ATM. There is an ATM at the hotel, but the nearest bank is about a 20 minute drive away. You may also change money for a small service fee before you fly at exchange bureaus, such as Thomas Cook, that you find at major airports. Bermuda does not have a currency exchange bureau at the airport.

The following are the approximate exchange rates of selected international currencies and were correct at the time of printing.

\$1.00 Bermuda equals...

Australian Dollar 1.28

Brazilian Real 1.90

Canadian Dollar 1.29

Euro €0.81

Japanese Yen 107

Pound Sterling 0.72

Swiss Franc 0.94

Do spend any Bermuda currency you may have before you leave the island, as it is worthless outside of Bermuda.

## Automatic Teller Machines (ATMs)

Please understand that you will receive Bermudian currency from these machines and that not all bank cards will operate in all of the machines. You may want to go online to your bank's website to determine if your bank card will be accepted in Bermuda, and whether you will be charged a fee. As mentioned, an ATM is located in the lower lobby of the hotel.

## Credit Cards

MasterCard and Visa, and American Express to a lesser degree, are accepted in most shops and restaurants. Discover Card, Diners and JCB are not accepted.

## Incidental Expenses

The hotel will establish an incidental account for you when you present your credit card at check-in, so you may charge any purchases not covered by CA to your room. The hotel accepts American Express, MasterCard and Visa only. Personal checks cannot be accepted.

## Gratuities

Most of the gratuities have been prepaid by CA, including: tips for servers at breakfast and group dinners, bellmen, maids, door-men, guides and airport drivers. When dining on your own, you'll find that almost all of the bars and restaurants include a service charge on the check. If so, tipping is at your discretion. If the service charge is not included, the usual gratuity is 15-20%. It is customary to tip taxi drivers 15% of the fare.

## Weights and Measures

Bermuda officially uses the metric system of weights and measures, but because of its proximity to the U.S., you will still find signs in miles and measurements in pounds and ounces.

1 meter = 39.37 inches (little more than a yard)

1 liter = 1.05 quarts

1 kilogram = 2.2 lb.

1 kilometer = 0.62 mile (For an approximate conversion of kilometers to miles, you take the kilometer number, divide it in half. Then take a quarter of that half and add it to the half. For example, 20 kilometers divided by 2 = 10. One quarter of 10 is 2.5. Add 2.5 to 10 = 12.5.)

20 kilometers = 12.5 miles

Temperature is still mostly measured in Fahrenheit degrees, but you will usually find the temperature stated in both. If you encounter a temperature only listed in Fahrenheit, to convert to Celsius subtract 32 from the Fahrenheit temperature and divide by 1.8, which may be a bit difficult to do in your head. For a close approximation, take the temperature in Fahrenheit subtract 30 and divide by 2. For example, to convert 80°F to Celsius: Take the temperature 80, subtract 30 = 50, then divide by 2 = 25 C (Actual is 27°C)

To make matters even easier... Fahrenheit to Celsius: 60 = 15, 70 = 21, 75 = 24, 80 = 27, 85 = 29.

# Enjoying Bermuda



## Compass Club Hospitality Desk

Our Hospitality Desk will be located in the Poinciana Ballroom Foyer, lobby level. For you first time Compass Club members, the Hospitality Desk is our base of operations in Bermuda. Visit the desk if you have a question, a problem of any kind, for dinner reservations on May 31 and June 2, or if you need suggestions on how best to spend your time in Bermuda. Hospitality Desk hours will be from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

## Compass Club Name Badges

At Compass Club Registration in Bermuda, you will receive a name badge. You are requested to wear the badge to all planned Club evening events. It is not necessary to wear your name badge on your free evenings or during the day.

## Dining at Compass Club

### Breakfast

A buffet breakfast is served in Windows on the Sound (lobby level, near the hotel's front desk) each day of Club from 6:30 to 11:00 a.m. If you are interested in a continental breakfast, you may also visit Wickets Coffee Bar on the hotel's lower lobby level from 6:30 to 11:00 a.m. Breakfast seating in Wickets is very

limited, so think of Wickets for breakfast as more of a “take away” type place, such as Starbucks.

Breakfast is compliments of CA; however, you will be presented with a check in both restaurants. Please print your name and room number and sign the check.

## Lunch

To allow you the maximum amount of free time to enjoy Bermuda, no group lunches have been scheduled. All lunches are a personal expense. Whether visiting Hamilton, Dockyard or touring the island, you’ll see that Bermuda has many great places to have lunch. Please stop by the Hospitality Desk for recommendations.

Lunch options at Fairmont Southampton include:

- Wickets Burger Bar - from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Poolside - from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Cabana Bar and Grill - from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Jasmine Lounge - from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## Dinner

CA is hosting dinner events on two of your evenings at Compass Club:

- “Welcome to Bermuda” Beach Party on Wednesday, May 30
- Compass Club Awards Ceremony and Dinner on Friday, June 1

On Thursday and Saturday evenings you will be free to dine in the restaurant of your choice. We strongly encourage you to make dinner reservations on May 30 by calling or visiting the Local Information desk at Compass Club Registration.

## Bermuda Cuisine (An Unofficial Guide)

Bermuda cuisine is a wonderful mix of ingredients and cooking styles from all over the world. As you would imagine, seafood is the specialty. Local favorites include grouper, snapper, wahoo, and spiny (Caribbean) lobster. The unofficial national dish is Bermuda Fish Chowder – a spicy fish soup. The recipe includes whatever local fish happens to be fresh that day, plus diced paw-paw (small papaya), onion, carrots, tomatoes, thyme, parsley, cloves, peppercorns, potatoes, bacon fat, salt and black

pepper. But what really sets the soup apart is a splash or two of Bermuda Black Seal Rum and hot sherry peppers, customarily added to taste at the table.

The unofficial national condiment is Outerbridge's Sherry Peppers Sauce, made with hot peppers, apple cider vinegar, salt and sugar. You might want to bring some of this home.

The unofficial national dessert is Bermuda Rum Cake, made with locally produced Bermuda Black Rum. The cakes are described as "light and unbelievably moist" and promise "a piece of Bermuda in every bite!". Note that these cakes contain a substantial amount of alcohol.

Unofficial national drinks include Gosling's Black Seal Rum, which has been a Bermuda staple since 1860. It can, of course, be consumed in all kinds of ways. One of the local specialties is called a Rum Swizzle. Each bartender has his own secret recipe, but the drink is likely to include: two kinds of rum, lemons, limes, honey, and maybe some apricot brandy and a dash of bitters. A couple of other island specialty drinks are the "Shandy", made of lager beer and ginger beer or 7up. And the sinister looking "Dark 'n' Stormy", which is black rum and ginger beer. A couple of years ago, Bermuda produced one local beer. Today that number is 19 and growing by the minute. Most beers are produced in the Dockyard section of the island and production includes everything from a porter, to wheat, to amber ale to IPA to bitter, to light.

"High Tea" – a British and now Bermudian tradition, is served in most of the hotels. At Fairmont Southampton it is served in Jasmine Lounge daily from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

All Bermuda restaurants outside of the hotels must be owned by Bermudians, so you will not see chain or fast-food restaurants on the island, except for one: KFC. Kentucky Fried Chicken was established before the regulation was passed.

For more information on island restaurants, check out: [bermuda.com/restaurants](http://bermuda.com/restaurants).

## Shopping

The main shopping districts are Hamilton, the charming capital of Bermuda; St. George, the quaint colonial town and the original capital of the island, and Dockyard, the home of the

British Royal Navy. Hamilton and Dockyard are about a 25 minute taxi ride and St. George is about a 40 minute ride. Most of the shops accept major credit cards. Shopping hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 or 6:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Most shops in Hamilton and St. George are closed on Sunday. The hotel shops and the Royal Naval Dockyard Shops will be open on Sunday, but only until 1:00 p.m.

The shopping in Bermuda is very good. Some of the best buys include English china, crystal, cashmere sweaters and woollens from the British Isles. Other bargains include French perfume, Bermuda made perfume, Swiss watches, Irish linens and light-weight tropical clothing. In recent years, Bermuda has developed a thriving hand crafted glass industry. The best local shops are in Dockyard. Department stores can all be found in the capital of Hamilton. For souvenirs try local shops like The Bermuda Shop or The Island Shop. For clothing and the best Bermuda shorts visit The English Sports Shop. (They have a branch at the hotel.) The Fairmont Southampton has many of the same shops found in Hamilton. Although the selection may be limited, the prices are identical to the prices in town.

Between 1885 and 1900, artists began to discover Bermuda. The most famous was American painter Winslow Homer who chose to paint the local scenery using watercolors to capture "the islands' luminous beauty". This tradition continues today. You will find reasonably priced watercolor paintings of Bermuda in Hamilton, St. George, and the boutiques in Dockyard. Local crafts made of Bermuda cedar also make great souvenirs. Spirits (liquors) of all kinds are sold at low prices. But before buying spirits, keep in mind that you cannot carry bottles onto the airplane; they must be packed in your checked luggage. Cuban cigars are also sold in several locations. U.S. citizens are allowed to bring home Cuban cigars for "personal use". No amount or dollar limit on Cuban cigars exists at this time.

## Getting Around Bermuda

First of all, getting around Bermuda is something you are going to want to do. Bermuda is a beautiful friendly island that wants to be explored. The towns of Hamilton and St. George and the Dockyard historic and shopping/dining complex are all worth a visit. In addition, there is no other island on this side of the Atlantic with more interesting, secluded and uncluttered beaches.

One of the best things to do is take a taxi to one of the many beaches, spend a couple of hours – just the two of you – and arrange with the taxi driver to pick you up at a set time.

Bermuda is comprised of nine political divisions called “parishes”, which is noteworthy, because when asking directions, the first point of reference is usually the parish. For example, if you ask for directions to the Botanical Gardens, you will be told that it is in “Paget”, or to get to Dockyard you have to go all the way to “Sandys”. The names of the nine parishes are: Devonshire, Hamilton, Paget, Pembroke, St. George’s, Sandys, Smith’s, Southampton, and Warwick.

## Island Transportation

**Public Buses** – Tourists generally travel to a Caribbean island and rarely use the local transportation, but they do here in Bermuda. The island has an excellent public bus system which is used extensively by locals and visitors. Buses depart from stops at the bottom of the hill on both the Waterlot and the beach sides of the hotel. You may purchase bus tokens and passes at the Front Desk of the hotel. Bus schedules are available at the Concierge Desk as well as the Compass Club Hospitality Desk.

**Taxis** - are abundant and the drivers are perhaps the friendliest and best informed taxi drivers in the world. Many of them are licensed tour guides, so don’t be afraid to ask questions. CA is offering a taxi tour of Bermuda. But, if you have chosen to participate in other activities, keep in mind that taxis may be rented for 2, 3 or 4 hour tours of the island. The rate differs depending upon the capacity of the taxi, but for a taxi that holds four people, figure \$8.00 for the first mile (1.6 km) and \$2.75 for each additional mile. A 25 minute taxi from the Fairmont Southampton to Hamilton or Dockyard will cost approximately \$30, including gratuity. You can expect that the taxi driver speaks English only. Credit cards are not accepted.

Bermuda has its own version of Uber, which is called “Hitch”. Many of the taxi drivers also drive for Hitch. You can download the app at: [www.hitch.bm](http://www.hitch.bm). Once you download the app and submit a credit card, you can order a car on Hitch 24/7.

**Note:** Unless you dine in the hotel, you will need to take a taxi to the restaurants on your two free nights. Quite frankly, hail-

ing a taxi from some of the restaurants could take some time, especially on Saturday night, June 2. To help ensure that you do not experience a delay, we suggest that you download the Hitch app.

**Motor Scooters** – We hope you don't, but the scooter rental companies are found at the Fairmont Southampton and throughout the island. See the "Health, Safety & Security" section of this book for reasons not to rent motor scooters.

**The "Twizy"** – Because of the number of cars on the road, Bermuda never allowed visitors to rent cars. Recently, Bermuda has imported a number of small vehicles called Twizys. These electric mini cars are 4-wheeled vehicles with a length of 2.32 meters (7 ft 7 in), a width of 1.19 meters (3 ft 11 in) and a height of 1.46 meters (4 ft 9 in) and can accommodate two persons (one sitting behind the driver). The renter (located at the hotel) says that the Twizy is much safer than the scooter. But the vehicles are too new to the island to have much of a history. Again, please remember that in Bermuda they drive on the left.

**Hotel Ferry Service** - The most pleasant way to get to Hamilton is by the hotel ferry. The scenic ride takes 25 minutes – about the same as a taxi – and the views of Bermuda from the water are lovely. The ferry departs from the Waterlot Dock at 9:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 4:40 p.m. (Keep in mind that most shops close at 5:00 p.m.) You can walk to Waterlot, but we suggest you take the hotel shuttle. Allow 15 to 30 minutes to get to the dock from the hotel's front entrance. The ferry drops off at Albuoy's Point on the edge of downtown Hamilton. Return times from Hamilton are 9:45 a.m., 1:15 p.m., and 5:10 p.m. The ferry is complimentary to Fairmont guests, but has a limited capacity. You will need to show your room key when you board. No reservations. Boarding is on a first come basis.

## Mobile Phones

In our experience, most mobile phones function in Bermuda. If in doubt, we suggest that you check with your mobile phone provider.

## High Speed Internet

All guest rooms have complimentary WiFi.

## Bermuda Beaches

Bermuda is home to 34 beaches and coves that total about 9 mi (14 km) of some of the loveliest natural pink sand on earth. Two of the best – the Fairmont Southampton and Horseshoe Bay are within walking distance of the hotel. One of the great aspects of Bermuda beaches is that each one has its own character. You can visit a different beach each morning and each afternoon of Compass Club and only see about half of them. What makes them pink? The sand contains pink flecks that are the remains of a tiny organism known as red foam. This combined with tiny particles of broken shells and bits of coral create the pink hue of Bermuda's beautiful beaches. Besides the Fairmont's beach, the most convenient beaches to reach from the resort are:

### Horseshoe Bay

Perhaps Bermuda's most famous beach, Horseshoe Bay is about ½ mi (1 km) from the hotel on South Shore Road. The entrance to Horseshoe Bay is adjacent to the Fairmont beach. The Beach House offers snorkel rentals, a snack bar and toilets. To get there, take the hotel shuttle to the Beach Club and walk to Horseshoe Bay from there. You'll find unusual rock formations, caves, trails and a life guard on duty during the day. Usually there's good snorkeling. It's very popular and can be crowded, especially if the cruise ships are in port.

### Elbow Beach

This is a lovely one mile stretch of pink sand located about 4 mi (6.5 km) from the hotel on South Shore Road. It's one of Bermuda's most popular beaches, but not usually crowded during the week. If you go, you can enjoy a wonderful lunch at the outdoor Sea Breeze restaurant at the Elbow Beach Hotel.

### Astwood Cove

This is a secluded public beach located 3 mi (5 km) from the hotel at the bottom of a steep road that crosses South Shore Road. This beach is never crowded (especially on weekdays) and is a great place to get away and be alone. The wonderful nature setting of Astwood Park also provides a beautiful backdrop for the beach.

### Other Beaches

Among the other top choices are Warwick Park, Warwick Long Bay and John Smith's Bay – favorites of locals and visitors alike.

At Compass Club Registration in Bermuda, you will receive a map of Bermuda and each of these beaches will be clearly marked.

## Compass Club Activities

Members of Compass Club and their guests each have a choice of two of the very best activities Bermuda has to offer. Please refer to the "Compass Club Activities" section in the back of this book for details.

### Online activity sign-up...

If you have signed up for activities on the Compass Club Registration website, when you arrive at the hotel you will be given a confirmation for the activities you have selected.

### If you have not signed up online...

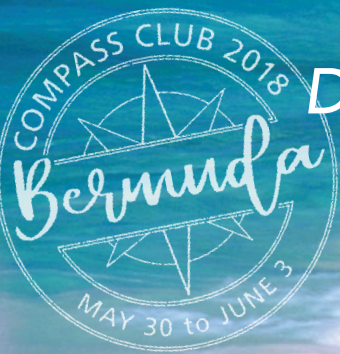
Your next chance to sign up will be at Compass Club Registration at the hotel on May 30.

### To change or cancel your activity...

Because of the size of our group, the financial commitment the company makes to guarantee the activities, and the number of activity spaces available, you are required to adhere to CA's cancellation policy: You are allowed to make activity changes up until 6:00 p.m. on May 30. After that time, you may not change the activity, date, or time. You may, however, go "stand-by" by being at the departure location at the time the activity departs. Be sure to tell the Travel Staff dispatching the activity that you are "going stand-by". If you have to cancel an activity, please advise a member of the Travel Staff, so other Compass Club members may participate in the activity.

### If you have an activity related question or a problem...

You may visit the Hospitality Desk until 7:00 p.m. on May 30, and any time between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on the other days of Compass Club.



# Day-by-Day Itinerary

Tuesday, May 29 OR  
Wednesday, May 30  
Depart for Bermuda

Because of airline schedules most Compass Club members and guests will depart home and arrive in Bermuda on May 30 while some others will leave home on May 29. Please check your e-ticket confirmation carefully for the date and time of your flight.

Before leaving home for the airport, please make sure you have the following in your possession:

- Passports with visas (if necessary)
- E-ticket confirmation. The name on your e-ticket itinerary must be exactly the same as the name on your passport.
- Luggage with Compass Club luggage tags attached
- Prescription medication (in your carry-on bag)
- Eyeglasses or contact lenses
- Camera, extra flash card and batteries

Given the long distances many of you are traveling, if your luggage is delayed it will likely not arrive in Bermuda until the next day. We suggest you pack a change of clothes, personal items, prescription medicine, and anything else you can't live without in your carry-on bag.

## Flight Check-in

Airlines request that you arrive at the airport two to three hours prior to flight departure time. At the ticket counter, the airline agent will want to see your passport and visas (if necessary), so have them ready.

If the airline agent cannot see your complete itinerary in the computer, tell the agent that you're traveling with a group and your reservation may be split into two separate records, or simply show him or her your printed itinerary.

## Checked Luggage

Please read the "Luggage Allowance and Information" section of this book before you leave for the airport.

You may be traveling on an airline that permits you to check your luggage through to Bermuda (airport code BDA). However, Compass Club members will be traveling from more than 20 countries so rules and procedures will differ. Therefore, you may have to collect your luggage in a connecting city. Before you walk away from the ticket counter make sure you understand exactly which airport your luggage is checked to and what you have to do at your connecting airport.

**If you are first flying to London's Heathrow Airport** and then taking our private ground transportation to Gatwick Airport to connect to the British Airways flight to Bermuda, you will be able to check your luggage only as far as Heathrow (airport code LHR).

## Travelers originating or connecting in the U.S. and Canada

Do not lock your luggage. Security regulations require that your luggage be x-rayed. If the machine "sees" a shape it is unfamiliar with, the inspector may need to open your luggage. If it's locked the inspector has the authority to break the lock.

## All Other International Travelers

We suggest you check your country's regulations regarding locked luggage.

## Airport Security

You are likely familiar with the security rules at your home airport, but if you must clear security in another country, regulations can differ. Some countries, such as the U.S., require

that shoes and belts be removed and placed on the conveyor belt. *Everything* must be removed from your pockets. If you are wearing a jacket, it must be placed on the conveyor belt as well. Once past security, you may proceed to your departure gate.

International flights board 45 minutes before departure and domestic flights board 30 minutes before so please allow yourself plenty of time to get to your gate. At some airports you can be denied boarding if you arrive at the gate less than 30 minutes prior to flight time.

### **On board the airplane...**

Sit back and do the best you can to enjoy the flight. To avoid the effects of jet lag, don't overeat, get some sleep, and drink plenty of non-alcoholic beverages. This is a good time to review the information in this book. For background information on our destination, read the section "Bermuda from A to Z" found in the back of the book.

### **In case of flight delay or cancellation causing you to mis-connect en route...**

Call Atlas Travel at +1 (508) 449-3015 and press "1" for the Compass Club Travel Desk. In the U.S. and Canada, you may also dial (800) 595-2560. The agent will find your airline record faster if you give him/her CA's access code of "MQ2H". The agent will work with you to rebook your flight and inform our staff in Bermuda of any changes in your schedule.

## **Important Connecting City Information**

From most cities a trip to Bermuda requires a stop in another city. If you are connecting through large airports such as Miami, New York or London, you need to know your arrival terminal and departure terminal. Getting from one to the other may include a bus ride and an additional security check.

The information below is a description of most connecting flight scenarios.

### **U.S. Travelers**

If your luggage has been checked to Bermuda, when you arrive in your connecting city, you should proceed to your connecting gate. You will need to show your passport before you board the flight to Bermuda.

## Canadian Travelers

The flight schedule from Canada to Bermuda on May 30 requires that you connect in a U.S. city. You will likely clear U.S. immigration and customs in your home city airport. In most cases, if your luggage has been checked to Bermuda, when you arrive in your U.S. connecting city, you may proceed to your connecting gate.

## Anyone Connecting Through a City in the United States

The U.S. does not have an "In Transit" system; therefore you must clear immigration and customs when you land in the United States. Sometime during the flight to the U.S., the flight attendant will give you U.S. immigration and customs forms. However, depending upon your nationality, after landing you may be sent to an automated kiosk to complete your immigration and customs form. First pass through immigration, then it's on to baggage claim and customs. Just before you leave the customs hall, you will give your customs form to the officer.

### If your luggage has been tagged to Bermuda...

As you exit the customs area, look for the connecting airlines' baggage drop and place your luggage on the conveyor belt.

### If your luggage has been tagged only to your connecting city...

In some U.S. airports, you will see a number of airline ticket counters as you exit customs. If so, you should be able to have your luggage tagged at this counter. If you do not see airline counters, you must bring your luggage with you to your connecting airline check-in counter.

**Important:** In case you locked your luggage, before you leave it to be transferred to your connecting flight, you must unlock it. Security regulations require that your luggage be x-rayed. If the machine "sees" a shape it is unfamiliar with, the inspector may need to open your luggage. If it's locked the inspector has the authority to break the lock. Also, if you have purchased any liquids, gels, lotions, etc. duty free and are bringing them into the U.S., these items must be placed in your checked luggage in your U.S. connecting city. You will not be allowed to bring them through security on the way to your connecting flight.

## Anyone Connecting Through London

### If the flight from your home city arrives at London's Gatwick Airport...

Follow the signs to "International Flight Connections".

Depending upon your originating country, you may have to clear security. If you do not have a London to Bermuda boarding pass, go to the British Airways Connections desk to obtain one.

### If your luggage has been checked to Bermuda...

The airlines will transfer your luggage to your connecting flight.

### If your luggage has been checked only to Gatwick...

You will need to clear U.K. immigration, collect your luggage and check in at the British Airways counter.

### If you're flying from your home city airport to London's Heathrow Airport...

When you check in for your flight, you will check your luggage to and receive a boarding pass for Heathrow. When you arrive at Heathrow, you will need to clear U.K. immigration, then collect your luggage and clear U.K. customs. After you exit the customs hall, look for the sign displaying the CA logo. We have arranged for specially chartered transportation to take you from Heathrow to Gatwick, so please do not board the public transportation. Drive time is usually about an hour. **Note:** this private service is provided on May 29 only.

When you arrive at Gatwick, you will be met by our staff who will direct you to the British Airways ticket counter. From there, you will clear airport security and then proceed to your departure gate.

If for whatever reason no one is at Heathrow to meet you, take a taxi to Gatwick Airport – South Terminal and check in with British Airways. You will be reimbursed for the taxi fare when you arrive in Bermuda.

## All Compass Club Members and Guests

### If you have a long layover between flights...

Because of flight schedules, you may have a layover of six or more hours between flights. If so, CA will arrange for a hotel room in your connecting city. If this is your situation, you will

find with your e-ticket confirmation a notice with the name, address and phone number of the hotel where your room has been reserved.

### **During the flight to Bermuda...**

The attendant will distribute a Bermuda Immigration form (one per person) and a Customs form (one per family). Please complete the forms and be ready to hand them to the immigration official at the airport when you arrive.



## Welcome to Bermuda!

Upon arrival, first pass through Bermuda Immigration where you will be asked to show your passport (and a U.S. or U.K. multi-entry visa, if required) and the immigration form you completed during the flight. Then claim your luggage and clear Bermuda Customs.

If you need help with your luggage, ask a porter who will be happy to assist. If you are arriving on your scheduled Compass Club date, gratuities for the porters are covered by CA. If you are traveling before Club, portage is a personal expense.

Once outside of the customs hall, look for a member of our Travel Staff who will direct you to transportation for the 30 minute ride to the Fairmont Southampton.

When you arrive at the hotel, you will be met by our staff and directed to the private Compass Club check-in area. You will be asked to present a credit card to cover your incidental expenses. Bellmen will deliver your luggage to your room. Your next stop is at Compass Club Registration to collect welcome gifts and program information.

If you signed up for activities online, you will receive a confirmation sheet containing information on what to wear and bring with you, and dates and times of the activities you selected.

### **To change or cancel your activity...**

You are allowed to make activity changes up until 6:00 p.m. on May 30. After that time, you may not change the activity, date, or time. You may, however, go "stand-by" by being at the departure location at the time the activity departs. Be sure to tell the Travel Staff dispatching the activity that you are "going stand-by". If you have to cancel an activity, please advise a member of the Travel Staff, so other Compass Club members may participate in the activity.

If you did not sign up for activities online, please go to the Activity Desks to select the activities of your choice.

### **Dinner Reservations**

We suggest you make dinner reservations early for your two free evenings. Visit the Local Information desk at Compass Club Registration for assistance. To accommodate you we have reserved tables in a number of restaurants, but any unused res-

ervations must be released today. When making reservations, consider the distance of the restaurant from the hotel. Some restaurants can be a 30 minute taxi ride. Depending upon your reservation time, you may experience a ten minute or so wait at the front door for a taxi. The staff will suggest an appropriate time to leave the hotel.

### **If you arrive in time for lunch...**

Lunch is served from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. in Jasmine (lobby lounge), at the Cabana Bar (beach), poolside, and at Wickets Burger Bar (lower lobby level). Lunch every day of Compass Club is a personal expense.

### **If you arrive at the hotel before 4:00 p.m....**

Your room may not be ready, but we will provide storage for your carry-on bags as well as changing rooms, if you wish to explore the resort or go for a swim.

The remainder of the afternoon is yours to unpack, relax by the pool and become acquainted with this great resort.

## **6:45 to 10:00 p.m. "Welcome to Bermuda" Party**

6:45 to 7:30 p.m. Reception

7:30 to 10:00 p.m. Dinner and Entertainment

The private beach at the Fairmont Southampton is the perfect location for your welcome to this magnificent island. The evening begins with a 45 minute reception featuring a variety of classic Bermuda beverages such as the unique "Dark 'n' Stormy" and the classic "Rum Swizzle", a special rum tasting bar, hors d'oeuvres and local entertainment. Following the reception, enjoy a sumptuous island buffet consisting of local specialties and international dishes. Some of Bermuda's great musicians and dancers will perform throughout the evening.

Dress is casual. You will be walking in the sand, so flat shoes or sandals are recommended. Please wear your Compass Club name badge.

The beach is located about 750 meters down the hill from the hotel. Continuous shuttle transportation will be available from the front door, or you may take the 10 minute walk if you choose. Shuttles will return to the hotel until 10:30 p.m.

## Thursday, May 31

### Activities and Free Evening

Enjoy your first full day in Bermuda. Participate in one of our Compass Club activities or simply relax on a pink sand beach while sipping a cool tropical drink. During your free time, we suggest you spend a half day in at least one of these three locations: Hamilton, Bermuda's capital; St. George, the island's historic center; and/or Dockyard, the former home of the British Royal Navy. Built in 1809 as a military installation, the Dockyard became the strategic "Gibraltar of the West" for the ubiquitous British Empire. The magnificent stone buildings now house a



variety of museum and maritime exhibits which tell the story of this most interesting and important island. You will also find a thriving arts and crafts community featuring local painters, sculptors, and artisans specializing in glass and jewelry.

If you are interested in Bermudian culture, folktales and history, we suggest you read the section of this book titled "Bermuda from A to Z" before you embark on your first activity. Doing so will enhance whatever activities you have selected.

Tonight you are free for dinner. Reservations are required at most local and hotel restaurants. For restaurant suggestions and assistance with reservations, please visit the CA Hospitality Desk.

#### 6:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Breakfast is served in Windows on the Sound (lobby level). The hotel offers an extensive buffet menu. You may order à la carte, but expect the service to take about 20 minutes. If you prefer, take-out continental breakfast is available in Wickets Coffee Bar (lower lobby level).

Breakfast and gratuities in both locations are covered by CA, but you will be presented with a check. Please print your name and room number and sign the check.

#### 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The Compass Club Hospitality Desk is open in the ballroom foyer. Please come to the desk to make dinner reservations, get local information, or if you have a question or a problem.

## Compass Club Activities

Throughout the day, Compass Club activities depart from the front entrance of the hotel. Please check your activity confirmation to be sure of your departure time, and read the helpful hints concerning what to wear and bring with you. Out of respect for other Compass Club members, please arrive ten minutes prior to your departure time. Note that the hotel elevators can be slow, so please allow plenty of time to get to the lobby.

### Free Evening

Tonight you may dine in the restaurant of your choice. We will have a supply of menus from some of the island's best restaurants for you to inspect and the staff will assist you with reservations.

For your return transportation, there can be a wait for taxis from restaurants that are not located in Hamilton or Dockyard. For return taxi transportation, please tell your waiter or Maitre d' that you will need a taxi to return to the hotel. Bermuda has its own version of Uber, which is called "Hitch". You can download the app at: [www.hitch.bm](http://www.hitch.bm). Once you download the app and submit a credit card, you can order a car on Hitch anytime you need transportation.

### After Dinner

You will find a number of interesting pubs in Hamilton and Dockyard – colorful names like Swizzle Inn, The Pickled Onion and Coconut Rock – some featuring local entertainment. You may want to visit the hotel's Jasmine Lounge for a nightcap. Each night features local entertainers.



Friday, June 1

## Activities and Compass Club Awards Night

Another gorgeous day in Bermuda. Explore the island, take part in a Compass Club activity, or enjoy one of the great beaches. Horseshoe Bay is one of the island's best beaches and it sits adjacent to the Fairmont's beach. You can take the resort shuttle to the resort's beach, then ask the driver to show you the gate that will open to Horseshoe Bay. Bring towels from the Fairmont's beach or pool. Horseshoe Bay offers walking trails, secluded coves and some stunning rock formations. You can easily spend a half day exploring and swimming. The snorkeling is usually good and the clarity of the water is generally excellent. If you wish to snorkel you must bring your own equipment, which you can rent at the Fairmont's Beach Club. Horseshoe Bay also has a snack bar serving lunch.



The town of St. George, a UNESCO World Heritage site, is another great option. St. George is the oldest continuously inhabited town of English origin in the Western Hemisphere. The town tells the story of Bermuda's

founding. Kings Square is the epicenter. You should visit the 236 year old town hall which continues to function as the town offices to this day. Nearby is a replica of *Deliverance*, the ship that was constructed after Sir George Somers and his crew were shipwrecked off Bermuda in 1609. The incident became the subject of Shakespeare's play *The Tempest*. If that isn't enough, the saints among us can visit St. Peter's Church, the oldest Anglican church in the New World. The interior is worth a look. And the sinners can visit the stocks and pillory where they used to punish and publicly humiliate naughty Bermudians for crimes like drunkenness. Plenty of good shopping in St. George as well. After the visit you can have lunch at the White Horse Pub. The food is hit or miss, but the view of the harbor and the atmosphere make up for it. (Fish and chips are a good bet.)

St. George is on the east end of the island past the airport, so expect a taxi ride to take about 40 minutes. On your way to or from St. George, you'll pass by two impressive and adjacent caves, Crystal and Fantasy Caves. The admission is \$22

for each, but \$30 gets you into both. It takes about 30 minutes to see each one. Unless you are a cave aficionado, one cave is usually enough. Our recommendation is Crystal Cave. The caves are not wheelchair accessible.

Tonight is our annual Compass Club Awards Ceremony and Dinner. In keeping with the relaxed spirit of this year's Club, dress for the evening is casual – jeans are appropriate.

#### 6:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Breakfast is served in Windows on the Sound (lobby level). The hotel offers an extensive buffet and à la carte menu. If you order from the menu, expect to wait about 20 minutes for your breakfast.

#### 6:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Wickets Coffee Bar offers continental breakfast. Seating is limited.

#### 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The Hospitality Desk is open in the ballroom foyer.

### Compass Club Activities

Throughout the day, Compass Club activities depart from the front entrance of the hotel. Please check your activity confirmation to be sure of your departure time and read the helpful hints concerning what to wear and what to bring. Please arrive ten minutes prior to your departure time.

#### 5:00 p.m. (doors open)

### Compass Club Awards Ceremony and Dinner

Tonight begins with our Compass Club Awards Ceremony, which happens in the hotel's Mid-Ocean Amphitheatre (lower lobby level). Doors open at 5:00 and the presentation begins promptly at 5:30 p.m.

You will be assigned to a specific seating area with your group for the awards ceremony, which lasts about two hours. Following awards, you are invited to dinner on the scenic Great Sound Lawn. Dinner seating will be assigned by area/country. After dinner, the party continues with dancing in the Poinciana Ballroom.

## Departure Information

Tonight you will receive a letter from the Travel Staff containing details of your departure from Bermuda on Sunday. Please note the time you will leave the hotel, and the time to have your luggage ready for collection. If you have any questions please contact a member of our Travel Staff tomorrow. Members of President's Circle, you will not receive this letter tonight, as you are extending your stay in Bermuda for another two nights.

## Saturday, June 2

### Activities and Free Evening

One last full day in Bermuda and lots of choices: the beach, the pool, Compass Club activities, and much more. If you haven't made the 25 minute trip to Hamilton, today is the day. The city is named after Sir Henry Hamilton, governor from 1778 to 1794. Hamilton has a permanent population of only about 1,000.

Despite its small population, Hamilton has a highly-developed



and very affluent international business economy. It is a center of financial services, primarily insurance, reinsurance, and investment funds. Finance and international business now constitute the largest sector of Bermuda's economy, and virtually all of this business takes place

within the Hamilton city limits. In total, over 1,500 exempted or international companies are currently listed with the Registrar of Companies in Bermuda.

Affluence aside, most visitors come to Hamilton for the quaint architecture. The main street along the water with its many shops and restaurants is Front Street. Enjoy the shopping, the beautiful harbor, and great water view restaurants for lunch or dinner.

You can take a taxi or, for a change of pace, take the two minute resort shuttle ride down to Waterlot Dock, board the Fairmont Ferry and cruise to Hamilton. The ferry departs at 9:00 a.m., 12:30 and 4:40 p.m. (shops close at 5:00 p.m.). Allow 15-30 minutes to get to the dock from the hotel's front entrance. For your return to the resort, you can find a taxi or take the ferry. Return times from Hamilton are 9:45 a.m., 1:15 and 5:10 p.m.

The ferry is complimentary to Fairmont guests. (You'll need to show your room key.) The capacity is limited and boarding is on a first come basis.

If you want some time for the two of you, visit one of Bermuda's more secluded beaches. Long Beach, Astwood Cove, Church Bay (usually good snorkeling and rentals available) and Elbow Beach. You can also visit Bermuda's lovely 35 acre (14 ha) Botanical Gardens, go for a horseback ride, rent a pontoon boat or take a stroll through Spittal Pond Park. Visit the staff at the Hospitality Desk for details regarding these and other options.

Tonight you are free to dine in the restaurant of your choice. This is Saturday night, so make reservations early. Don't overlook the hotel restaurants. Waterlot Inn and Ocean Club are two of Bermuda's best.

**Note:** In preparation for your trip home, make sure that you have read the letter you received last night explaining the details of your departure. This is also a good time to make sure you know the location of your passports.

**6:30 to 11:00 a.m.**

Breakfast is served in Windows on the Sound.

**6:30 to 11:00 a.m.**

Continental breakfast is available in Wickets Coffee Bar.

**7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

The Compass Club Hospitality Desk is open in the ballroom foyer.

### Compass Club Activities

Throughout the day, Compass Club activities depart from the front entrance of the hotel. Please check your activity confirmation to be sure of your departure time and arrive ten minutes prior.

### Free Evening

We will have a supply of menus from a number of the island's best restaurants for you to inspect and the staff will assist you with reservations. Before you walk away from the desk, make sure that you know how long the taxi ride is to your restaurant. Remember to make arrangements for a return taxi with the restaurant Maitre d' or use the "Hitch" app to summon a ride.

## Sunday, June 3

### Depart for Home

Sad to say that Compass Club is coming to a close. Time for one last dip in the pool before packing up and heading for the airport to catch your flight home. Please refer to the letter you received on Friday night for details. Remember to settle your incidental bill either by using the express check-out system explained in the letter you received Friday, or by visiting the hotel's reception desk.

**6:30 to 11:00 a.m.**

Breakfast is served in Windows on the Sound.

**6:30 to 11:00 a.m.**

Continental breakfast is available in Wickets Coffee Bar.

**7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

The Compass Club Hospitality Desk is open in the ballroom foyer.

### Airport Transportation and Check-in

Before boarding the transportation to the airport, be sure to identify your luggage and watch it loaded onto the vehicle. At the airport you will check in with the airlines.

#### **If you are returning to or connecting through the United States...**

You will clear U.S. Customs in Bermuda. Remember, do not lock your luggage. It will not be necessary to clear U.S. Customs again when your flight arrives in the States.

#### **If you are flying directly to Canada...**

You will clear customs in Toronto and then connect to your home city.

#### **If you are returning via London's Gatwick Airport and connecting to Heathrow...**

When you arrive, you must clear U.K. immigration and collect your luggage. When you exit the customs hall, look for the staff carrying a sign with the CA logo. They will direct you to the transportation for the ride to Heathrow. You and your luggage will need to check in at Heathrow with the appropriate airlines for your flight home.

During your flight take a few moments to remember your time in Bermuda: the gentle beauty of the pink sand beaches, clear blue sky, amazing turquoise water, the pastel houses, the white-washed roofs, those great Compass Club activities and especially the warmth and kindness of the gracious Bermudian people. You have spent just a few days on this enchanting island and now have memories to last a lifetime. Thank you for making Compass Club the great event that it is. Have a wonderful and prosperous year and we look forward to seeing you in Dublin.

## YOUR COMPASS CLUB INCLUDES:

- Four nights at the Fairmont Southampton Resort
- Round-trip flights between your home city airport and Bermuda
- The following meals:
  - Breakfast daily
  - “Welcome to Bermuda” Beach Party
  - Compass Club Awards Ceremony and Dinner

(All evening events include entertainment, open bar, dinner and transportation where applicable)

- Your choice of two activities as described
- Transportation between the airport and resort on program dates
- Luggage handling throughout the program and fees to check luggage
- Services of the Compass Club Travel Staff and Hospitality Desk Staff
- All service charges, gratuities and taxes on all program features
- Travel Health Insurance as described
- Expense of obtaining passports or visas
- Expense of transportation to and from your home airport

## NOT INCLUDED:

All lunches and dinner on your two free evenings, items of a personal nature, such as telephone calls, laundry, room service, bar charges, items from mini bar, beverages other than those described and any optional activities that may be offered by the hotel or other local vendors.

**Note:** The award pursuant to Compass Club is not considered earned until the day that they are paid. Accordingly, winners must be active CA employees at the time the award is held to be eligible to receive the award. CA reserves the right to terminate and/or change the terms and conditions of this contest at any time, for any reason. CA may publish, post or otherwise notify you of any such changes. The interpretation of the terms and conditions of this contest, including eligibility to participate and eligibility to receive an award pursuant to this contest shall be made by CA, in its sole discretion.

# Compass Club Activities

## Bermuda Island Taxi Tour

Thursday, May 31 & Saturday, June 2

9:15 AM to 2:15 PM

Bermuda is one of the prettiest islands on earth, with intimate coves, lovely beaches, pastel cottages and scenic vistas awaiting you at each turn in the road. Seeing it all from the seat of a motorcoach is not the right way to discover Bermuda, so we have designed a semi-private tour of the island. You and your spouse/guest plus one other couple will share a taxi with a professional driver/guide at the wheel. You and your driver/guide will discuss your adventure – beaches, shopping and sightseeing in Hamilton, a visit to Crystal Cave, the Perfume Factory, Botanical Gardens, and many other options. We suggest that you plan your itinerary to arrive in the charming and historic town of St. George around 11:15 a.m. We have arranged for a number of local guides to give a 30 minute walking tour of the town. Your guide will explain the history of St. George and point out such sights as the Town Square, Old Town Hall, the ship *Deliverance*, and St. Peter's, the oldest Anglican Church in the Western Hemisphere.

After the visit to St. George, you'll reboard your taxi and drive about 30 minutes to Hamilton, Bermuda's capital, for a look at the city's highlights. At the end of the excursion, you may elect to return to the hotel, or remain in Hamilton and have free time to enjoy lunch and shopping. If you choose to remain in Hamilton, transportation back to the hotel will be a personal expense. Taxi cost from Hamilton is about \$25 plus tip. Note that the rate is per taxi, not per person.

Wear casual clothing, hat, sunscreen, sunglasses and comfortable walking shoes; bring your camera. Water will be provided. If you choose to go to Crystal Cave, entry tickets will also be provided.

## Bicycle Tour of the Bermuda Railway Trail

Thursday, May 31

12:45 to 4:45 PM

Friday, June 1

7:45 to 11:45 AM

Saturday, June 2

7:45 to 11:45 AM and 12:45 to 4:45 PM



Participate in this activity and you will see Bermuda in a way unavailable to most visitors. Enjoy spectacular views, stunning seascapes, and a bit of interesting Bermuda history. From 1931 to 1948 Bermuda had a

railroad running the length of the island. The tracks were then dismantled, but the remaining trail was left undisturbed and now provides a secluded biking and walking trail. Think of this activity as a tour of Bermuda by bicycle on relatively flat terrain rather than a rugged mountain bike adventure.

The tour begins with a 15 minute drive to Somerset Bridge, where you will walk across the world's smallest drawbridge, all 18 inches of it. Then it's a five minute walk to the former Somerset Railway Station and the start of the tour. Here you will be outfitted with a mountain bike and helmet and given riding and safety instruction. Your guide will then lead you on a leisurely 5 mile (8 km) bike ride mainly along the scenic Railway Trail, with portions of paved and dirt road, through the countryside and along the Great Sound. During the ride your guide will offer informative commentary and stop at various points of interest along the trail, including: Fort Scaur, Mangrove Bay and the Royal Naval Cemetery.

The adventure concludes in Dockyard, the former home of the British Navy and now one of Bermuda's most popular destinations – shops, restaurants, marinas and the wonderful National

Museum of Bermuda, which features many interesting exhibits on the history, culture, social life and maritime traditions of the island. When you arrive in Dockyard, your guide will take you for an orientation ride around the area. You will then leave your bike and have two options: 1) You may take our transportation directly back to the hotel (drive time is about 25 minutes), or 2) You may stay in Dockyard to shop, have lunch and visit the many attractions. If you choose to remain in Dockyard, transportation back to the hotel will be a personal expense. The cost of a taxi is approximately \$30 plus tip. Note that the rate is per taxi, not per person.

From the time you leave the hotel until you return is about 4 hours. You will be touring for about 3 hours and you will be on the bicycle for about 1½ hours of that time. Although this is not an exhausting bike ride, you do need to be in relatively good shape.

Wear athletic or other closed-toe shoes. For safety reasons, no flip-flops or sandals are allowed. Shorts and a tee shirt are appropriate clothing. Bring a hat, sunscreen, sunglasses and camera. Bicycles do not have baskets, so we suggest you bring one backpack per couple. Included in the tour are the bicycle, helmet, bottled water, a protein bar, and the services of your guides.

## Catamaran Snorkel Cruise

Thursday, May 31

1:15 to 5:15 PM

Friday, June 1

8:15 AM to 12:15 PM

Saturday, June 2

7:45 to 11:45 AM, 8:15 AM to 12:15 PM, 9:15 AM to 1:15 PM,

1:30 to 5:30 PM, 2:00 to 6:00 PM



This is Bermuda's signature activity and there is no better way to relax and enjoy the island. At some point during Compass Club, you must see Bermuda from the water and this is the best way to do it. The activity begins with a two minute bus ride "down the hill" to the hotel's Waterlot Dock where you will board the vessel. Our boats are

wide, stable 50-65 foot sailing catamarans that accommodate 40 to 60 people. Following a safety briefing, you'll sail (or motor, depending upon the winds) across Great Sound. About 45 minutes into the trip you will make a one hour stop for snorkeling in calm, protected waters. The exact location of the snorkeling spot will depend upon the winds and weather.

This is a great activity for both novice and experienced snorkelers. If you are new to snorkeling, the boat crew will be happy to instruct you in the use of the snorkel, mask and fins, and soon you'll be enjoying the colorful marine life. Veteran snorkelers will be glad to know that Bermuda is home to the northernmost coral reef in the world, so here you will see species of fish found nowhere else on earth. The water should be crystal clear, with a temperature of about 74°F/23°C.

Once back on board, the bar will be open so you can enjoy a Rum Swizzle or a cold beer during the leisurely return cruise.

Wear your swimsuit and cover-up, flip flops, hat, sunscreen and sunglasses, and bring your camera. Instruction, towels, dry snacks, sliced fruit, refreshments, pool noodles, life vests and all snorkel gear will be provided.

## Deep-sea Fishing

Thursday, May 31 and Saturday, June 2

7:45 AM to 12:15 PM and 12:45 to 5:15 PM

Friday, June 1

7:45 AM to 12:15 PM



Spend a half-day fishing in the clear waters of the South Atlantic. Catches include mahi mahi, chub, amberjack, black and yellow fin tuna, barracuda, rock fish, snapper, wahoo, and if you are really lucky, perhaps a blue or white marlin. Our exclusively chartered 45 foot

boats can accommodate a maximum of six people. Before deciding on this activity, keep in mind that this is serious ocean fishing. You will be on the boat for four hours and the seas can be choppy. Any fish caught is the property of the skipper. But

he may offer you a piece, which you may bring back and have the hotel chef cook for you.

Bring your camera, sunscreen, sunglasses and hat. A box lunch, water, beer and soft drinks, tackle, and bait are included.

The fishing boats depart from Robinson's Marina, which is a 15 minute ride from the hotel.

## Dolphin Quest

Thursday, May 31

7:30 to 10:00 AM, 8:30 to 11:00 AM, 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Friday, June 1

8:00 to 10:30 AM

Saturday, June 2

8:00 to 10:30 AM, 8:45 to 11:15 AM, 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM



We think the experience at Dolphin Quest is among the best you'll find anywhere. The dedicated marine mammal specialists who operate this facility have designed a dolphin encounter program that is as respectful of these great

and gentle marine mammals as it is exciting and rewarding for us mere humans who have come to interact with them.

Dolphin Quest is located in Dockyard on the far west end of Bermuda, which is a 25 minute mini bus ride from the hotel. Once you arrive, you'll receive a locker where you may store anything you don't want to get wet. Here you will be given a flotation vest and a mask along with some pointers on how to get the most out of your experience. Next, you'll be divided into groups of six by the trainers who will then escort you to the sheltered ocean lagoons. You are now ready to meet your dolphin and begin this extraordinary encounter. Not only will you observe the dolphin demonstrating its playful athleticism, you will also spend about 20 minutes in the water interacting with your dolphin.

Cameras are not allowed poolside but professional photographers will be taking pictures which you can see in the Photo Center at the conclusion of the activity. One photo will be given

to you by CA as a souvenir; you may purchase others.

At the conclusion of the activity you may return to the hotel or remain in Dockyard to shop, have lunch or a snack and visit the many attractions. If you choose to remain in Dockyard, transportation back to the hotel will be a personal expense. The cost of a taxi is approximately \$30 plus tip. Note that the rate is per taxi, not per person.

Wear your swimsuit and cover-up, hat, and flip flops or water shoes. A life vest (mandatory), mask, bottled water and towels are provided. If you plan to stay and visit the Dockyard area, you might want to bring a change of clothing.

Important: To participate in this activity you need to be comfortable with your head underwater from time to time for a few seconds. Please be very careful walking around the dolphin lagoon, as the area is always wet and slippery.

## Golf at Port Royal

Thursday, May 31 and Saturday, June 2

7:00 AM to 1:30 PM



Port Royal Golf Course, an original Robert Trent Jones designed course, is consistently ranked as one of the top PGA tournament

courses in the world. In fact, it was home to the 2009 and 2010 PGA Grand Slam of Golf. Majestic emerald green fairways and simply stunning views of the ocean from almost every hole make this Bermuda's best and longest golf course. This is no simple resort course. Doglegs and wind are just some of the factors that will challenge you. The signature hole is the scenic and rather infamous 16<sup>th</sup>, situated precariously atop craggy cliffs that overlook the Atlantic Ocean. The hole requires a nearly perfect shot in order to reach the green. The course plays 6,842 yards, par 71.

Greens fees, TaylorMade club rentals, one sleeve of (3) balls, practice balls, a shared cart and bottled water are provided. Golf shoe rental, available for \$15, is a personal expense. Continental breakfast will be available at the Club. Beverages (other than water) and snacks from the beverage cart are a personal expense. The drive to Port Royal takes approximately 15 minutes. This is a shotgun start, so we ask that all players be on time for the departure from the hotel.

Wear a collared shirt and long pants or Bermuda length shorts. No cargo shorts, cutoffs or denim please. Tennis/running shoes are an acceptable form of footwear at Port Royal. Bring a hat, sunscreen, sunglasses and camera.

## Jet Ski Excursion

Thursday, May 31 and Saturday, June 2

7:45 to 10:15 AM, 9:45 AM to 12:15 PM,

11:45 AM to 2:15 PM, 1:45 to 4:15 PM, and 3:45 to 6:15 PM

Friday, June 1

7:45 to 10:15 AM, 9:45 AM to 12:15 PM

and 11:45 AM to 2:15 PM



Another great way for you to see Bermuda from the water is by captaining your own jet ski. This activity begins with a 2 minute bus ride "down the hill" to the hotel's Waterlot Dock, where you will meet your guide. After a safety brief-

ing and instructions, groups of six jet skis will follow a guide on a cruise of the Great Sound and the north side of the island. During the trip the guide will describe various points of interest along the shore and take you to the location of a shipwreck. You will also feed the fish and those who wish may have a brief swim.

Our Jet Ski Excursion is not a wild and crazy "let's race" activity. Yes, you will have an opportunity to go fast at various points in the tour, but you are expected to stay with your group and follow the instructions of your guide at all times.

The Jet Skis each accommodate two people, however, we are

providing one machine per person. If you and your spouse or guest want to share a Jet Ski, you may. But keep in mind that doing so will still “cost” one activity per person. Please note that the combined weight of both riders may not exceed 375 lbs (170 kg) and a single rider may weigh no more than 300 lbs (136 kg).

Wear a swimsuit, water shoes or Teva type sandals, sunglasses (and a strap to secure them), and apply sunscreen before you leave your room. Life vests are mandatory and will be provided, along with bottled water. There is a compartment on the Jet Ski where you may put a cover-up, shirt, small bag, or camera. The compartment is not guaranteed to be water tight, so if you have anything that cannot get wet, we suggest you place it in a plastic or waterproof bag.

## Kayak Adventure

Thursday, May 31

2:45 to 6:45 PM

Friday, June 1

7:45 to 11:45 AM

Saturday June 2

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM and 1:00 to 5:00 PM



Explore the pristine waters of Bermuda in a two-person kayak. The adventure begins with a two minute bus ride “down the hill” to the hotel’s Waterlot Dock where you will board our chartered pontoon boat. Then enjoy a 30 minute cruise from the

hotel to Somerset. Your guide will describe the sights and share a bit of Bermuda history and culture. After arriving at the calm water kayak launch site, you will receive an instructional and safety briefing. You’ll be issued a life vest and a stable sit-on-top double kayak. At the beach site, you may leave any clothing or personal items you do not wish to bring with you on the kayak. By the nature of sit-on-top kayaks, there are no guaranteed dry places, so only bring or wear on the kayak items that can get wet.

On this fully guided and narrated tour, your guide will pick the best location and tour route depending on weather conditions. This is not a race, but a leisurely paddle along rocky coastlines, past uninhabited islands and beaches and a view of some famous homes and hideaways. Along the way your guide will point out coastline creatures such as Bermuda longtails, egrets, herons, and various crustaceans. Beneath you lives a variety of coral, fish, and an abundance of sea turtles, which you will likely see. Following your tour you will return to the launch site and have some time to relax on the beach or cool off by going for a swim. After this, you'll gather any belongings and reboard the pontoon boat for the cruise back to the Waterlot Dock. During the return cruise beverages, including beer and rum swizzles, will be served.

This activity is designed for two people per kayak. If you choose this activity for only one person, you can expect to be paired with another member of Compass Club. **Note:** If you have never paddled a two-person kayak before, you will find that it takes a few minutes to coordinate your efforts. Kayaks tend to zig-zag. To avoid a marriage counseling session, we suggest that the stronger person sit in the front of the kayak and set the paddling tempo. The person in the rear follows along. When you see that you are getting off course, the person in the rear should stop paddling until you are back on course.

The duration of this activity is 4 hours. You will be kayaking for about 90 minutes.

Wear your swimsuit and cover-up, flip flops or water shoes, hat, sunscreen and sunglasses, and bring your camera. Towels, water, a protein bar and a beverage on your return cruise are provided.



## Spa Treatment — Massage or Facial

Daily – Morning and Afternoon



Fairmont's Willow Stream Spa is a 31,000 square foot (3000 m<sup>2</sup>) oasis of relaxation and luxury. In addition to the many treatment rooms, the spa offers women's and men's locker rooms with sauna, steam room

and showers. The spa facility is also home to a beautiful indoor swimming pool, outdoor hot tubs and sun deck with spectacular coastal views. Your spa experience includes the choice of a 60 minute massage or facial, as well as the use of the spa facilities on the day of your treatment.

You can customize your massage by choosing your perfect aroma from a selection of aromatherapy oils. If you prefer a facial, the treatment will leave you fresh faced, pampered and re-energized.

When you sign up online, you will be asked to select either a morning or afternoon treatment. When you arrive at the hotel, you will receive a confirmation with the exact time of your appointment. The spa is located on the mezzanine level of the hotel. Please arrive 30 minutes prior to your appointment time to complete the medical form and relax in the lounge. If you are late for the appointment, the spa reserves the right to cancel your appointment. If you choose to reschedule, the cost will be a personal expense.

**Note:** We understand that some of you may have a preference for male or female massage therapists, but we cannot assign therapists at the time you sign up. All therapists will be assigned at random. Any additional spa treatments are a personal expense.

# Bermuda from A to Z

The following is a compilation of facts pertaining to the culture, history, geography, anthropology and daily life of the Bermudians.

## Agriculture

The total area available for agricultural production in Bermuda is about 1 square mile (2.4 square kilometers). Major crops are bananas, citrus, potatoes, vegetables and onions.

## Architecture

Bermuda's building material is coral stone, which is limestone formed from drifting sand packed down through the ages with crushed bits of shell and coral. Each block cut from the coral stone measures 2 ft (61cm) x 6 in (15 cm) x 10 in (25 cm). Until the late 19th century all of the homes on Bermuda were white with dark green wood trim. Now the colors cover the spectrum from pastel pink to turquoise, from bright yellow to violet.

The whitewashed roofs are designed to harvest rain. They are constructed of quarried limestone slabs sawn into slates about 1 in x (2.5 cm) thick x 8 in (20 cm) wide x 12 in (30 cm) long. The stepped nature of the design slows down heavy rainfall helping the gutters to collect the water. Drinking water is collected by directing rainwater off the roofs and into cisterns in the basement of each house. For each square foot of roof space, all houses must have eight gallons of tank space. As a result, each home is self-sufficient. No water bills. To ensure that the water is pure, a fresh coat of disinfecting limestone whitewash is applied to each roof once a year.

The "Moongate", considered to be a typical feature of the island, became popular after 1920 when Furness Withy, the Duke of Westminster's gardener, stole the idea from the Chinese and brought it to Bermuda. For some reason honeymooners always have their picture taken in front of one of these things. Now there are all kinds of stories about fertility and good luck, but the fact is that the moongate started out as pure decoration.

## Beaches

Bermuda is home to about 9 miles (14 km) of great beaches; most are found on the south shore of the island. The major beaches are: Achilles Bay, Astwood Park, Buildings Bay, Church Bay, Clarence Cove, Devonshire Bay, Elbow Beach, Horseshoe Bay, Jobson Cove, John Smith's Bay, Mangrove Bay, Peel Bay, Shelley Bay, Somerset Long Bay, Stonehole Bay, Stovell Bay, Tobacco Bay, Warwick Long Bay, West Whale Bay and Whale Bone Bay.



## Bermuda Shorts

One might think that since the British military was in Bermuda for 300 years, in India for 200 years, plus in Egypt and other hot places, Bermuda shorts were modeled on their uniform. But the truth is actually the reverse. During WW I, the Brits' North Atlantic headquarters were

in Bermuda. A native Bermudian, Nathaniel Coxon, owned one of the only teashops on the island. With the influx of British officers all wanting tea, his little business boomed. The shop became so overheated from the crowds and the steaming pots of tea that it felt like a steambath. The employees' uniform was a navy blue blazer and khaki pants. Coxon took all the khaki pants from his staff and cut them just above the knee to create the very first pair of Bermuda shorts.

Rear Admiral Mason Berridge took one look at the shorts and was instantly reminded of both his school days at Oxford and his time in India. The admiral decided to adopt the style for his officers and coined the name 'Bermuda shorts'. Berridge later went on to credit Coxon for his creative solution and Coxon was awarded an OBE (Order of the British Empire). Really.

Today, Bermuda shorts are the island's national dress and you will see businessmen wearing them with long socks and a blazer all year long.

## Bermuda Triangle

Doesn't exist. For more on the subject, read *The Bermuda Triangle – Mystery Solved* by David Kusche.

## Bridges

There are nine bridges connecting the islands of Bermuda. The oldest is Flatts Bridge, which was mentioned in the records of the First General Assembly in 1620. The Somerset Bridge between Elys Harbour and the Great Sound is, according to Guinness, the smallest drawbridge in the world. Total span is 46 cm or 18 inches.

## Caves

The island's Crystal Cave and Fantasy Cave are open to the public. They are floodlit, with floating walkways leading through the underground lagoons. Fascinating and worth a visit, especially if the weather is bad. The caves are adjacent to each other.



## Climate

Bermuda, located 600 miles (968 km) off the coast of North Carolina, is a semi-tropical island. The Gulf Stream (discovered by Captain Gordon Folger of Nantucket, Massachusetts) flows in between Bermuda and the U.S. mainland. As a result, Bermuda is the site of the northernmost living reef in the world. Climatologically speaking, Bermuda has two seasons: summer and spring. During the summer the temperature rarely rises above the mid 80s°F (high 20s°C). The humidity is usually high all year round at about 77%. Average rainfall is about 50 inches (1270 mm) per year. There is no real rainy season. So, in any month one can expect about 4 inches (100 mm) of rain. The highest temperature ever recorded was 95°F (35°C) in August 1951 and the lowest was 41°F (5°C) in 1955.

## "Dark 'n' Stormy" and "Rum Swizzle"

Bermuda's national cocktail, the "Dark 'n' Stormy", is a concoction of ginger beer and dark rum. The Rum Swizzle is the second national cocktail and more popular with tourists. While Bermuda bartenders customize their own Swizzles, the basic ingredients are equal amounts of Gosling's Black Seal Rum and Goslings Gold Rum, pineapple juice and orange juice; half of that amount of Triple Sec, a squeeze of lemon, four dashes of Angostura bitters and sugar to taste.

## Discovery of Bermuda

The exact date is uncertain. The earliest known map showing Bermuda was drawn in 1511 by Peter Martyr. The map resides in Seville, Spain. In 1601 historian Antonio de Herrera of Spain wrote: "...the island was called La Bermuda or La Garza because the captain who first discovered Bermuda was named Juan Bermudez and his ship was 'La Garza'". Both a French cartographer and an English historian give the date of discovery as 1503. Since this is the only thing in history that both the English and French have ever agreed upon, the year of discovery is considered to be 1503. It should be noted that Bermudez and his crew landed, and for reasons unknown, let some pigs go ashore. (We don't know if the decision to leave the ship was the Spaniards' or the pigs'.) Bermudez then sailed on to the Dominican Republic, where they eventually named a cheap rum after him. Anyway, we do know that the British arrived here in 1609, agreed with the pigs, and decided to stay.

## Education

Bermuda has both public and private schools. All children wear uniforms. The public schools have a three tier system: primary school, middle school and high school (or secondary school). A Bermudian child is required to attend school up to the 16th birthday. Therefore, one is required to typically go through primary, middle and at least 2 years of high school programs. Bermuda has one post-secondary institution of higher learning, Bermuda College, which offers Associate Degrees and Certificate and Diploma programs in various subjects. Bermudians are permitted to attend colleges and universities tuition-free in the U.K, Canada and other Commonwealth countries.

## Finances

Bermuda is a very rich country. However, since Bermuda is technically a colony of Great Britain, the island doesn't appear as a country on all of the rating services. Thanks to the influx of major financial institutions into Bermuda – banking, finance, insurance, reinsurance – the average per capita income of the Bermudians is about \$90,000, which according to the CIA makes it the 8th richest country in the world. This is about \$30,000 more than the U.S. average per capita income. Bermuda imposes no direct taxes on personal or corporate income or profits. Most of the government's income comes

from indirect taxation. Customs duties account for 40% of the income. The cost of running the Bermuda Government is about 11.5% of the gross domestic product, which is a bargain.

## Fishing

Fishing licenses are not required in Bermuda. The best fishing is between May and November. You can catch: amberjack, mahi mahi, snapper, chub, wahoo, marlin and tuna.

## Forts

For centuries Bermuda was of important strategic value to the United Kingdom and to the U.S. It is hard to believe, but when the British navy and the U.S. left their bases in 1995, Bermuda had 90 forts. Many of them are now defunct, but dozens are still scattered around the island – 17 are considered major attractions. Bermuda has been ready, willing and able to defend itself since 1612. The total military production of all 90 forts through the 406 years amounts to 2 cannon balls being fired. If you go to the town of St. George you can see the location of this illustrious military engagement. In 1613 two Spanish ships arrived. Governor Moore fired two shots – the first missed, but the second went through one of the Spanish ships. The invaders retreated. Good thing too, because the Bermudians only had one cannon ball left.

## Frogs

The things you hear at night that you think are crickets are really little tree frogs.

## Geography

Bermuda is in the middle of no place. It lies about 1250 mi (2000 km) north of the Caribbean and 600 mi (928 km) off the coast of Cape Hatteras, North Carolina and 1050 mi (1700 km) northeast of Miami, Florida. Bermuda is an archipelago of 138 small islands. The largest of these islands is Great Bermuda, or Main Island. The island is 21 mi (34 km) long and never more than 2 mi (3.2 km) wide, so you are always in close proximity to the water. Bermuda is about the size of Manhattan Island, but smells better. The area is 21.5 square miles (53.3 km<sup>2</sup>). The highest point is "The Peak", 259 feet (79 m) above sea level on Peak's Road, Smith's Parish.

## Geology

When you look at Bermuda from the plane or on a map, what you are seeing is the southernmost rim of an extinct volcano. The area just north of Bermuda is the eroded remains of the rest of the crater. The islands are actually the top of a 10,000 foot (3,000 m) mountain that sits pretty much all by itself in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean.

## Golf

Bermuda has more holes of golf for its size than any place else on earth. There are seven excellent 18-hole courses, one excellent 9-hole course (at the Fairmont Southampton) and a mediocre 9-hole course.

## Government

Bermuda is officially a British Overseas Territory and the oldest self-governing British Overseas Territory. Bermuda's parliament has been meeting continuously since 1620, making it the third-oldest continuous parliament in the world. Queen Elizabeth II is head of state and is represented in Bermuda by a governor, whom she appoints. But, Bermuda is autonomous in its day-to-day operation. The governor is responsible for external affairs, defense, internal security, and the police. Military defense is officially the responsibility of the United Kingdom, but Bermuda maintains its own military force. Internally, Bermuda has a parliamentary system. Legislative power is vested in both the governor and the two houses of Parliament. The two major political parties are the Progressive Labour Party and the One Bermuda Alliance.

Why don't the British give Bermuda its independence? Bermuda doesn't want it. The official British Government's attitude is this: "Bermuda can have independence whenever she chooses to take it; or the colony is welcome to remain a colony. The decision is the Bermudians'."

## Hamilton

Bermuda's capital and main town is one of the most attractive small cities you are likely to visit. You have to spend at least half a day in Hamilton. The population is about 1,000, making it one of the smallest capitals on earth. About 14,000 work within the city limits.

## Historical Dates

**1503** - Bermuda probably discovered by Juan Bermudez.

**1511** - Peter Martyr publishes the first map showing the island as "La Bermuda".

**1609** - In June a fleet of nine ships from The Virginia Company set sail from England to Virginia to try to help John Smith and the other members of the Virginia Company who settled Jamestown in 1607. En route the fleet encountered a hurricane and was scattered. Most of the ships were destroyed. On July 28, Sir George Somers, his ship the *Sea Venture* being badly damaged, was forced to come ashore. (For a great first-hand account of this story, pick up the book *Bermuda - Unintended Destination* by Terry Tucker.) Among his passengers are legendary characters Myles Standish and John Rolfe, who eventually married the Indian princess Pocahontas.

**1610** - May 10, Sir George Somers finishes building a ship, *Deliverance*, and sails to Virginia. (A replica of *Deliverance* can be seen in the town square in St. George, Bermuda.)

**1612** - The Virginia Company is given permission to colonize Bermuda.

**1612 to 1752** - Nothing much happens, except...

**1613** - A ship is known to have carried potatoes from England to Bermuda

**1621** - The governor of Bermuda sent to Governor Francis Wyatt of Virginia two large chests filled with plants and fruits, among them potatoes. Thus the first potatoes in North America were a gift of the Bermudians.

**1752** - Bermuda joins the rest of the British Empire and changes from the Julian to the Gregorian calendar. Get this - the day after September 2 becomes September 14. All the people with birthdays from September 3 to 13 are upset.

**1775** - August 14 - Gunpowder is stolen from the Royal Magazine in St. George and shipped to the rebels in Massachusetts.

**1784** - *The Bermuda Gazette*, the island's first newspaper, is published. On March 1 - snow falls in Bermuda for the first and only time.

**1793** - Town of Hamilton incorporated.

**1815** - January 1 - The capital of Bermuda changes from St. George to Hamilton.

**1834** - August 1 - Slavery is abolished.

**1861 to 1865** - United States Civil War. Bermuda's vessels run Northern blockades and supply the south.

**1877** - Mark Twain visits Bermuda eight times and writes an essay entitled: *Some Rambling Notes of an Idle Excursion*. (Well worth reading.) His most notable quotation about Bermuda is: "You can go to heaven if you want. I'd rather stay right here in Bermuda."

**1880** - HMS *Northampton* sails into Dockyard and Bermudians get their first look at an electric light. The ship and the light bulb sailed back to England a week later.

**1887** - Bermuda's first telephones are installed.

**1901** - December 13 - Bermudians are shocked by the sight of the first steam driven automobile on Bermuda. They don't like it. Cars are banned until 1946. Same year, Afrikaner prisoners of war from the Boer War are interred in Bermuda. That's a cruise of 7,000 mi (11,400 km) just to get to the prison camp. But the prisoners agree the trip was worth the effort and enjoy their time in Bermuda.

**1908** - Electricity flows to a small group of customers.

**1926** - Construction begins on the Trans-Bermuda Railroad. Seems easy enough to build a railroad on a relatively flat island, but it wasn't. Because of the lumber, bridges, etc. needed, the 21 mile railroad from one end of Bermuda to the other turned out to be the most expensive railroad per mile/kilometer in the world. It took five years to complete.

**1930** - Bermuda's first radio station opens.

**1930** - April 1 - The first international flight lands in Bermuda. A Stinson "Detroiter" single engine single wing seaplane piloted by three Americans leaves New York City at about 10:00 a.m. Their navigation equipment was a compass and a map, which makes it difficult to find a tiny island in the middle of the Atlantic. At 6:32 p.m. they knew they were close, but Captain Lewis Alonzo Yancey determined it was too dark to see the island, so he decided to land in the ocean and spend the night floating around. They later discovered that they were only about 60 miles (100 km) from Bermuda. The next morning

they took off and landed in Hamilton at about 10:00 a.m. The always polite Bermudians greeted them as heroes and gave them \$1,000 each.

**1931** – Bermuda's first and only train "Old Rattle and Shake" begins service. It will remain in operation for 17 years.

**1937** - June 16 - First commercial airline service operates between Port Washington, Long Island, New York and Bermuda. If you look out the "back" of our hotel to Great Sound, you can see the location of Bermuda's first seaplane airport terminal.



**1939** - September 1 - Bermuda declares war against the Axis Powers. Adolf and Benito call each other and have a good laugh.

**1940** - The Princess Hotel becomes the headquarters for British censorship activity.

All mail to and from the Americas and Europe passes through Bermuda and is opened, read and searched for hidden messages. On August 24 - England and The United States announce that US military bases will be built in Bermuda.

**1944** - Bermudian women who own land are given the right to vote.

**1946** - Despite strong opposition, the use of motorcars is allowed.

**1946** - Cedar tree blight hits Bermuda. Eventually all of the famous Bermuda cedars will die. The culprit is the scale bug that entered on a batch of Christmas trees imported from the U.S. In an effort to eradicate the scale bug, there was a scientific consensus that Bermuda should bring in a bunch of ladybugs because they eat scales. But the ladybugs ate the crops. So, they brought in the Jamaican anote (lizard) to eat the ladybugs, but the anote ate the indigenous lizard, the Bermuda skink. In the ongoing saga of hope triumphing over experience, they imported kiskadee birds to eat the anote, but they ate blue bird eggs. To be continued.

**1948** - Bermuda's last train runs. See 1980.

**1953** - 'Big Three Conference' – Churchill, Eisenhower and Laniel (of France) meet in Bermuda.

**1958** - Bermuda's first television station opens. First local broadcast.

**1961** - All British subjects over the age of 25 are allowed to vote.

**1968** – Bermuda's present constitution is approved by the U.K. and Bermuda's parliament. Pope Paul VI visits.

**1970** - Bermuda goes decimal, dumps the pound sterling and adopts the dollar.

**1978** - Bermuda's first traffic light is turned on in Hamilton.

**1979** - Miss Bermuda, Gina Swainson, wins the Miss World title in London.

**1980** – Bermuda decides to dismantle all of the 18 miles of Bermuda railroad tracks and create the Railway Trail. Today the recreational Bermuda Railway Trail runs the length of the island, offering fabulous coastal views along the way. Restricted to pedestrians, horseback riders, and bicyclists, the trail is a delightful way to see the island away from the traffic and noise of main roads.

**1985** - World Bank reports that Bermuda is the 9th richest country in the world. They have been close to this ranking ever since.

**1998** - Jennifer Smith elected as first female Premier (head of state).

**2002** - British Overseas Territories Act grants full British citizenship to Bermudians.

**2007** - 20 March - Bermuda's national cricket team participated in the Cricket World Cup in the West Indies. Their most famous player is Dwayne Leverock, a 130 kg (290 lb) police officer. He took a catch against India, which was so spectacular that it was posted on the "YouTube" website. Unfortunately, his catch was the high point of their performance. Later the team would have the ignominious distinction of conceding the highest number of runs ever in the history of the World Cup. That's 413 runs in a 50 overs in a one-day game.

**2017** – Bermuda hosts the America's Cup. By all accounts, the country manages all aspects of the event very well. Emirates Team New Zealand crushes Oracle's Team U.S.A. by winning 7 of 8 races. The event was held in Great Sound, which you can see from your hotel.

**2018** – Bermuda sends one athlete, Tucker Murphy, to the Winter Olympics. He walks into the freezing cold opening ceremonies wearing traditional Bermuda shorts. Tucker competes in the men's 15K freestyle cross-country ski event. He finishes 109th, but not bad for a country with no snow.

**2018** – May 31 to June 3 - CA's Compass Club members and guests travel from more than 20 countries around the globe to visit Bermuda. They report that the island is beautiful, the people are welcoming and the consensus is that Compass Club 2018 was a resounding success.

## Local Armed Forces

The Bermuda Regiment numbers 400 to 450. All males between the ages of 18 and 25 are required to register for military training. Eighty Bermudians were killed during World War I and 35 lost their lives during World War II.

## Motor Vehicles

The first car in Bermuda was a steam-driven automobile that arrived in 1901. Nobody liked it, so cars were banned for the next 45 years. The next vehicles were brought in by the U.S. military during World War II. Interestingly, it was the U.S. who, to connect their two bases, tarmacked the main roads of Bermuda. Cars were finally allowed for personal use on September 1, 1946. Today there are about 27,000 automobiles, 32,000 scooters and motorcycles and various emergency vehicles and public works trucks, for a total of about 59,000 motor vehicles on Bermuda's roads. Private cars cannot be more than 66 inches (1.67m) wide, which is why you won't see many U.S. cars.

To keep traffic flowing, Bermuda has come up with unique rules concerning the ownership and operation of private cars. Only one car may be registered to each household. No one may drive another person's car unless a member of the car owner's household is in the car. In most cases, if you sell a car, you may not buy one for another year. (You will see no used car lots in Bermuda.) Each year cars must be brought in for an inspection and if the car has rust or an "erratic paint color", the officials can take the car off the road. No foreign country's driver's license is recognized here.

## Motto

The motto of Bermuda is taken from Virgil's *Aenid*, book 3 line 7: "Incerti, quo fata ferunt ubi sistere detur, contrahimusque viros". Which means: "Uncertain wither the fates are carrying us and where it may be given us to settle, we rally our men together." The motto refers to the voyage and tribulations of Sir George Somers and the crew of the *Sea Venture*.

## Onions

Bermuda was famous for its sweet onions. Onions were introduced to Bermuda in 1616 from seeds sent from England that originated in the Canary Islands of Spain. The island's soil and climate produced onions that were particularly tasty and developed a huge following in the markets of New York. So much so that Bermuda was referred to as the "Onion Patch" and Bermudians as "Onions". In 1898, seeds from Bermuda were taken to the U.S. and planted in South Texas. At about the same time an onion blight hit the island. In 1930 the U.S. passed tough tariff regulations, which wiped out the Bermuda export business. Today, Bermuda onions are grown in Bermuda for local consumption only. All of the Bermuda onions around the world are grown in Texas.

## Parishes

Bermuda is divided into parishes, nine in all. The parishes were first called "Tribes". Today small rural side streets are called tribe roads. Each parish is named after one of the main shareholders of the Bermuda Company: Sandys (Sir Edwin Sandys), Southampton (The Earl of Southampton), Warwick (The Earl of Warwick), Paget (Lord Paget), Pembroke (The Earl of Pembroke), Devonshire (The Earl of Devonshire), Smith's (Sir Thomas Smith), and Hamilton Parish, not the city (The Marquis of Hamilton). The exception is St. George's, which was the first parish and named after the patron saint of England.

## Population

About 61,156 comprising 54% black, 31% white, 3% Asian and the remainder multiracial.

## Railway Trail

Between 1931 and 1948 a train traversed most of the island. In 1984 the last of the railroad ties were removed and today Bermuda enjoys an 18 mile-long trail that connects many of the parks and is used by locals and visitors for walking, cycling, and various tours.

## Real Estate

The average three-bedroom house costs about US \$1.5 million! This is not just the tourist price; this is what everyone pays. You may not own two homes at the same time. You must sell the

first house before buying the next. Non-Bermudians cannot buy property whose annual rental value is less than \$153,000.

## Religion

Almost 100% of the population of Bermuda practices some branch of Christianity. The Anglican Church remains the strongest with 23% (in 1970 it was 45%), followed by the Roman Catholic Church at 15%, then African Methodist Episcopal at 11%, and Seventh Day Adventist at 7%, plus non-denominational Christians. It is said that Bermuda has the highest number of churches per capita in the world. It's hard to walk for more than 500 meters without a sight of a church. Some say that if you close your eyes and throw a stone, you will probably hear the sound of shattering stained glass.

## Sand (Pink)

The pink beach sand is from finely pulverized remains of calcium carbonate shells and skeletons of invertebrates and things called Foraminifera or "forams". The pink beaches get their color from the forams, which are dark red single-celled skeletal animals that grow on the underside of Bermuda's coral reefs. The forams are eaten by Parrot Fish and the skeletons end up on to the ocean floor. Wave action erodes the reef, shells of clams, snails and shrimp which over time are bleached white. The white shells and coral mix with the red forams and the result is pink. So the lovely pink sand is a mix of wave action and Parrot Fish poop. How do you know which is which? The wave action stuff doesn't stick to your feet.

## Speed Limit

Bermuda's speed limit is 22 mph (35 km/h). In and around the airport they will permit you to do no more than a blistering 15 mph (24 km/h).

## Shakespeare

Shakespeare's patron was the Earl of Southampton, who had a great deal of money invested in Bermuda. The Earl told William about Sir George Somers' encounter with the hurricane and pursuant shipwreck. Shakespeare used the story as the basis for his play, *The Tempest*.

## Shipwrecks

Bermuda is almost completely surrounded by coral reefs. As a result, somewhere between 300 and 400 ships have been wrecked off the coast of Bermuda (which is why the island was referred to on some maps as “Devil’s Isle”). Most of the wrecks occurred on the south side of the island and most within 500 meters of shore.

## Taxis

The taxi drivers in Bermuda are great. They know everything there is to know about their country. Most are licensed guides and are happy to tell you all they know. The Bermuda Transport Control department places very strict controls on the 600 taxi drivers, right down to their appearance. (For example, drivers may not wear shorts without wearing socks.)

## Water

Bermuda has no rivers or springs. The residents get their drinking water by catching rainwater on their whitewashed roofs. By law, every house must have a catchment area of 140 ft<sup>2</sup> (13 m<sup>2</sup>) per



person and a tank of at least 1,500 gallons (5,700 liters) per occupant. Roofs must be lime washed annually to ensure pure drinking water. Hotels have water distillation facilities.

## Zoo

Bermuda has a zoo, but it isn’t very good. We mention it because the name of this section is “Bermuda from A to Z” and if we finished with Water, the name would have been “Bermuda from A to W” and that just doesn’t seem right.