

BERMUDA



Niagara Historical
SOCIETY  MUSEUM

NOVEMBER 14 - 19, 2019

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COST PER PERSON: **\$4,100** **\$5,200**
 PER PERSON PER PERSON
 DOUBLE OCCUPANCY SINGLE OCCUPANCY

Price is listed in Canadian Dollars and includes all applicable taxes and gratuities. Meals are included where specified in the itinerary. Alcohol is not included with meals unless specified. Price also includes a donation of \$500 per person to the Niagara Historical Society, for which a tax receipt will be issued following the trip.

FLIGHT & ACCOMMODATIONS

WESTJET *Toronto Pearson International Airport*

Flight departs at 2:00 pm on Thursday, November 14th, 2019 and returns on Tuesday, November 19th, 2019. One checked bag is included per person. All passengers are responsible for getting themselves to the airport.



THE HAMILTON PRINCESS

A Fairmont Managed Hotel

Historic splendour. Modern luxury. For over a century, the iconic “Pink Palace” has embraced Bermuda’s elite travelers.

Hamilton Princess & Beach Club is a luxury urban resort, overlooking the stunning blue waters of a breathtaking harbour. A 5 minute walk from the shopping, dining, and nightlife of downtown Hamilton.

Includes daily breakfast.

DAY 1

Thursday, November 14

5:40 pm: Upon arrival, Skycaps will be expecting you and will have customized welcome signs. After obtaining your luggage, you will proceed to the “Pre-Arranged Transportation” area, assisted by the skycaps. As you clear customs, you will be met by staff from Select Sites Group and escorted into mini-vans staged in a private loading area.

6:30 pm: Arrival at the hotel (Hamilton Princess)
Transfers and Dinner at La Trattoria Restaurant in the city of Hamilton – a local favorite!

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DAY 2

Friday, November 15

Leave the resort at **9:30 am**

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

11:30 am: Meet the Mayor of Hamilton, Charles Gosling, upon departure of City Hall for a welcome to the city and a proclamation by the official Town Crier.

12:00 pm: Lunch at Rosedon, a charming hotel, built in 1906 as a private home. It is a historically listed property and has been lovingly restored. One almost expects to find Mark Twain "loafing" with his gin & tonic on the expansive front verandah, with a garden view. Iced tea or sparkling water is included.

1:45 pm: Visit to the Bermuda National Trust headquarters, Waterville, to meet Executive Director, Bill Zuill. Stepping into this historic house will give you a sense of the island's unique past. Learn about the architecture, art and furniture of the 1700s & 1800s as well as ship building and privateering. You will be fascinated about trade, politics and the population during this time period. And, of course, discover the fascinating era when Bermuda's tourism industry flourished. This historic home was built in 1775. Hear stories of the famous family, the Trimingham, who lived here.

Also, a wonderful feature of the Waterville estate is the Heritage Rose Garden created by the Bermuda Rose Society in 1988. The ground area of Waterville also includes Mary-Jean Mitchell Green Memorial Garden and Gazebo.

Peter Carpenter is a master rose gardener and will be present for a chat about the roses grown here. From Slater's Crimson China (or as Bermudians know it, the "Belfield") rose to Bermuda's mystery roses, the island is a "living museum of roses".

3:30 pm: Back at the hotel for free time.

6:15 pm: Dinner in Verdmont, a Bermuda National Trust Museum that was once the home of Bermuda's first customs collector. Dine by candlelight with two Trust members. This dinner includes a glass of prosecco and 2 glasses of wine per person.

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DAY 3

Saturday, November 16

10:15 am: Leave the resort for Masterworks Gallery and join founder and curator, Tom Butterfield as he recounts the fledging efforts to establish an art collection that reflected Bermuda and her culture. Learn about the journey from the first modest acquisition to the two-decade quest that resulted in repatriated works of Bermuda, inspired by Bermuda and created in Bermuda. Discover how grit, determination, serendipity and a stroke of luck culminated in a twelve-million-dollar collection that rivals some very high-profile museums. Bermuda's character and culture unfold through famous painters like Homer, O'Keefe, Hartley, Demuth and Moore. Get up close to many paintings that were part of the original collection that are housed in the museum's purpose-built vault. There are three Homers and two O'Keefe works in the Masterworks collection.

Lunch in the museum's Salty Lime Café and a chance to stroll the garden for a bit. Visit the adjacent official residence of the Premier of Bermuda, though it is no longer used as such. It has been used in the past to host foreign dignitaries, such as Margaret Thatcher, Colin Powell and Princess Margaret. Inside, the gilded mirrors, antiques, artworks and stunning hand-carved cedar furniture created a very refined atmosphere.

Afterwards, across the street, a brief visit to Tucker's Farm to meet James Tucker, a cheese maker and sample cheeses is a fun way to end the afternoon! The baby goats will charm even the grumpiest person in the group.

4:00 pm: Return to the hotel for an evening on you own.

DAY 4

Sunday, November 17

10:00 am: Tour of the Hamilton Princess contemporary and abstract art collection, owned by the Green Family, who also own the hotel. This collection includes works by Banksy, Andy Warhol, Jeff Koons and Ai Wei Wei.

Transfer to Albuoy's Point and the ferry terminal for a ferry ride to the Royal Naval Dockyard (20 min).

12:00 pm: Casual lunch in the infamous Frog & Onion Pub, a historical venue in the Royal Naval Dockyard and a visit to the Bermuda Arts Centre at Dockyard. Lunch includes a soft drink, sparkling water or iced tea.

2:00 pm: Visit the National Museum of Bermuda, with board member Paul Leseur. The jewels of the museum are the Commissioner's House that has been beautifully restored and the Queen's Exhibition Hall. Exhibits in these two areas of the museum highlight the 18th century British fortress Royal Naval Dockyard, outstanding maritime works of art, the subject of slavery in Bermuda, the War of 1812 and the two world wars. There is an incredible mural depicting 400 years of Bermuda history by Graham Foster, created in the Commissioner's House stairwell.

3:30 pm: Leave for a drive along the South Shore, return to resort by 4:15 pm.

7:00 pm: Leave hotel for dinner this evening in the quaint courtyard of Angelo's Bistro, just a short distance from the hotel.

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DAY 5

Monday, November 18

Morning on your own.

12:30 pm: Leave the hotel for lunch at Rosewood Bermuda, with a signature drink in the Conservatory Bar, the lively heart of the resort with twin fireplaces, hand-painted floors, handcrafted cocktails, and views of Castle Harbor. Lunch is in the Island Brasserie, a vibrant, informal restaurant inspired by a colonial-style British home, featuring a Gerard Henderson mural commissioned by Pan Am founder Juan Trippe for the exclusive Sky Club of New York's Pan Am Building (now the MetLife Building).

2:30 pm: Depart for a walk along Cooper's Island with Jeremy Madieros, the curator of the island. Discover the wonders of Bermuda's newest 77-acre nature reserve, former site of the NASA space tracking station rich in colonial and natural history. This pristine landscape reflects a variety of habitats from upland forest to rocky coast with long stretches of pink-hued, sugar-fine, sandy beaches of unparalleled beauty. You can climb to the top of the old refurbished satellite mission tracking tower, a 360-degree view overlooking famous Nonsuch Island and surrounding islands, home to our rare endemic national bird the Cahow along with a uniquely restored salt water marsh teeming with life. You will also meet Phillipe Rouja, Bermuda's Director of Wrecks. He is a marine archeologist and is a fascinating source of rich information about the 350 wrecks off the reefs surrounding the island, including the Warwick that is just off-shore from Cooper's Island.

Dr. Derek Tully will also be on the walk to speak about Bermuda's role in WWII and the intrigue of the American and British Forces in Bermuda. During the war, Bermuda was known as "Bletchley-in-the-Tropics" after the English country house where the Enigma code was broken. Afterwards, visit a 17th century home, Carter House, along with a replica of the first "Settler's Cabben".

5:00 pm: Back at hotel for a free evening.

DAY 6

Tuesday, November 19

9:00 am: Breakfast at the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club, in the heart of the city of Hamilton. Meet club historian, Paul Doughty, to learn about the club's rich sailing history, Royal visits and the famous Furness cruise line.

10:45 am: Back at hotel or time for last minute shopping and lunch on your own.

1:45 pm: Leave with luggage to St. George's - St. George's was home for the first settlers in 1612 and capital of Bermuda for 200 years. It is a living town and continues today frozen in time. In 1815, the capital moved from St. George's to Hamilton. This move preserved an original 18th century town enjoyed by all today. The Town's historic qualities were recognized by UNESCO when they designated St. George's and the surrounding forts as a World Heritage Site in 2000.

The tour concludes at the World Heritage Centre, once a cotton warehouse in the Civil War that has been restored. There is a wonderful mural artwork by Emile Verpilleaux that depicts Bermuda's way of life in the early 19th century.

3:45pm: Leave for airport to arrive by 4:00 pm. WestJet flight departing at 6:30 pm.

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