


Islands of Bermuda

Single center  independent walking and sightseeing

- Unspoiled pocket-sized paradise; perfect for independent discovery
- Kaleidoscope of sugary pink sands, secret turquoise bays, sea grottoes and pastel villages; fabulous year-round climate
- Gentle traffic-free trails, spectacular coastal paths, lush woodland tracks
- Luxurious hotel with swimming pool, tennis court, panoramic ocean views, outstanding cuisine
- Lots of colorful flowers, birds and fish - look out for humpback whales!



This independent walking holiday explores the quintessential island paradise of Bermuda – a sub-tropical gem, seemingly adrift in the North Atlantic Ocean. Warmed by the temperate Gulf Stream, Bermuda is a stunning archipelago of 180 islands and islets, the eight largest of which form the fishhook-shaped mainland. The oldest British colony, this tiny treasure trove is packed with history and natural beauty.

Famed for its stunning turquoise waters in a whole rainbow of blues, incredible pink sands and coral reefs home to hundreds of colorful fish, Bermuda is a beach lover's heaven. But beyond the postcard perfect bays, the islands offer a lush interior alive with hundreds of birds and flowers, making it perfect to explore on foot.

A traffic-free trail spans Bermuda's diminutive 21-mile length; we've split it into six diverse sections to offer gentle walks exploring every corner. From hidden sea grottoes to crumbling 17C forts, lush flower-speckled fields to the sun-kissed sands of the South Shore Trail; the kaleidoscope of color is unforgettable and the diversity of flora and fauna unbeatable. To help you get around, a 7-day travel pass is included, allowing unlimited access to the modern and efficient bus and ferry network. Our local partner, Tim Rogers, will brief you about how everything works; he has a wealth of knowledge about Bermuda's flora, fauna and history.

You'll stay in deluxe ocean view rooms (with either balcony or terrace) at the exclusive 64-room Coco Reef Hotel on the edge of the best private beach on the island and just 5 mins from the capital, Hamilton. Meals are taken either in the elegant Café Coco Signature Restaurant or on the recently restored Tamar's Terrace overlooking the pool and with spectacular views of the famous South Shore.



Book now on **1-800-567-6286** or visit www.breakaway-adventures.com for more information

ISLANDS OF BERMUDA | DAY BY DAY

Day 1 Arrive in Bermuda

We meet you at the airport and take you to your hotel (25 minutes) in time for dinner overlooking the ocean.

Day 2 Somerset to the Dockyard 8km/5mi/3hr

Today's route begins at Somerset Bridge, the world's smallest drawbridge, to follow the Railway Trail lined with unusual screw palm and cedar, reaching 19C Fort Scaur, with stunning views to Hamilton. Onwards to sleepy Somerset Village for lunch by pretty Mangrove Bay, you then follow a coastal track to the Royal Naval Dockyard at Bermuda's most westerly end. Maybe visit vibrant Hamilton before meeting Tim Rogers at the hotel who will talk you through the suggested program for the rest of your walking week.

Day 3 St David's and Spittal Pond 8km/4.5mi/3hr

At tranquil St David's, fragrant hibiscus scent the salty ocean air as you visit Red Hole Bay and then St David's Battery, with cliff views stretching infinitely across the ocean. Then to Spittal Pond, maybe spot heron, egret and flamingo before following the coastal path, vibrant with sea lavender, looking out for humpback whales basking in the warm Atlantic waters.

Day 4 Sights of the South Shore 11km/6.5mi/3.5hr or 14km/9mi/4.5hr

From Gibbs Hill Lighthouse balcony views span the entire west end across the azure waters of Great Sound, dotted with white sailboats. From here you descend to the sugary pink sands of the South Shore Trail, a string of nine gorgeous bays linked by a scented path of flowering morning glory and oleander, time for a dip at Chaplin Bay before a shaded path leads past cassava fields to the hotel.

Day 5 Coast and Caves 13km/8mi/4hr

Colorful prickly poppies and oleander dot the sparkling coastal route towards Flatts Village, where friendly locals cast their nets into the azure expanse of Harrington Sound, an inland lake littered with sea grottoes. Onwards with views over the northern shore to reach Blue Hole Park, a tiny treasure trove of caves filled with aquamarine waters. Maybe savour a "dark 'n' stormy" cocktail after visiting the fascinating Crystal Caves, then take the bus back to the hotel.

Day 6 Botanical Gardens and Hungry Bay 4km/2mi/2hr

Alive with the noisy chatter of yellow kiskadee, a gentle allspice scented trail brings you to Paget Marsh, a wetland oasis home to heron and warblers, and then to the Botanical Gardens – John Lennon's "Double Fantasy" album is named after the purple flower he spotted here! – before descending to aptly named Hungry Bay for a picnic by the lazily ebbing water.

Day 7 Exploring the East End 14km/8mi/4hr

A dazzling path lined with prickly pear and casuarina leads to Gates Bay where Sir George Somers first came ashore in 1609. It's then on to charming St George, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Explore the tangle of colorful streets - there's a lovely spot for lunch overlooking the harbour - before following the herb-scented coastal track to Ferry Reach, with its 17C forts and Corsican tower.

Day 8 Leave Bermuda

Make the most of the sunshine by the pool before your flight home.



ISLANDS OF BERMUDA | WALKING DETAILS

The walking is predominantly flat with no real ascents or descents. Terrain varies between asphalt, gravel and earthen surfaces as well as some sandy trails. Walking boots are recommended.



Average daytime temperature (°C):

18 18 18 19 21 24 20 19
JAN FEB MAR APR MAY OCT NOV DEC



Average monthly rainfall (mm):

112 119 122 104 117 147 127 119
JAN FEB MAR APR MAY OCT NOV DEC



Dates and Prices

Departs selected Sundays	Tour Only
2012 departures	
Nov 4, 11, 18, 25, Dec 2, 9, 16	\$3,443
Oct 14, 21, 28	\$3,659
Jan 8, 15, 22, 29	\$3,861
Dec 23, 30	\$3,695
Feb 5, 12, 19, 26	\$3,753
Mar 4, 11, 18, 25	\$3,770
Apr 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	\$3,789
May 6, 13, 20	\$3,827
2013 departures	
Jan 6, 13, 20, 27	\$3,534
Feb 3, 10, 17, 24	\$3,587
Mar 3, 10, 17	\$3,626
Mar 24, 31, Apr 7, 14, 21, 28	\$3,875
May 5, 12, 19	\$3,975

Singles: Please phone for details and prices.

Child: This holiday is unsuitable for children under 12.

Room upgrade: Prices from \$19 per person, per night, based on 2 sharing.

Holiday type: Independent walking and sightseeing, single center, no minimum group size, however airport transfers are subject to at least 2 people (in total) booked on each departure.

Departs: Selected Sundays from Jan 8 2012 to May 19 2013.

Duration: 8 days (7 nights).

Meals: Buffet breakfast and evening meal.

Other details: For "What your holiday price includes," see "Holiday Planning" section pp 48-51.

Tailor-made travel choices

Nearest Arrival Airport: Bermuda Airport

Flights can be arranged from most US/CANADA airports, with connecting transfers as required, prices and details on request.

The above prices include our standard transfers: Bermuda Airport at 18:20, (transfer to the hotel, 25 mins, provided). **Return:** Bermuda Airport by 18:10 (transfer provided).

Tour only: Transfers included from Bermuda airport at 18:20, and back to Bermuda airport departing hotel at 17:30.

W07BM