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Welcome to St. George's...

A UNESCO World Heritage Site

Welcome to St George's. UNESCO (The United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization) recognized the Historic Town of St George's and its Related Fortifications as a World Heritage Site in 2000. We are proud of this designation and invite you to come and explore the great history that is entrenched in our parish.

Our Town was established in 1612 and is the oldest continuously inhabited English Town in the New World. Historically, our strategic location positioned us to be a major trading port. Today, sailors and yachtsmen stop at our shores on voyages to and from the Caribbean, the east Coast and Europe. St George's has always been a safe harbour for yachtsmen and we welcome them.

No matter how you got here, by water or air we welcome you and invite you to enjoy all St George's has to offer. St George's boasts some of the best beaches in the Island and we have more beaches than any other parish. Our waters are crystal clear so you can take a snorkel or merely stand on the shore and view the vast array of fish that swim on by.

Be encouraged to take in a leisurely stroll through our narrow streets and alleys, as well as take the time to visit our many historic sites and museums. More than likely you will encounter one of our locals to point you in the right direction and they may even tell you a story or two. This will be a true reflection of our Bermudian culture and the friendliness of our local residents and may be even a highlight of your trip.

Shopping in St George's is a unique experience. As you meander your way around the Town, there are lots of rare finds to entice you and your purchases will make you the envy of all your friends and family once you return home.

As you work up an appetite with all this exploring be sure to venture into one of our local restaurants. The menus are vast, and you may have trouble deciding. Try the fish chowder. This is a local favorite, be sure to add plenty of black rum and sherry peppers. Still can't decide then have your server recommend a dish. Things are slower in St George's so take your time no one is in a rush. And when you finally decide, I assure you, you won't be disappointed.

Across the harbor is neighboring St David's Island. Here you will find more beaches to explore, St David's Lighthouse and an island rich with culture. Visit Carter House to gain insight into the Native American and maritime history of the island's inhabitants.

Whatever you choose to do, you are sure to make the most of your time in St George's. So, slow down, stay a while and enjoy all St George's has to offer. Share your experiences with friends and family and come back often.

It is said there is no place like Bermuda, but there is truly no place like St George's. Welcome and enjoy your stay.

Candy - Lee Foggo

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Greeting from the Mayor of St.George’s...



Message from the Mayor of St. George...

As the elected Mayor of the Town of St. George and on behalf of the Council of Corporation of St. George, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to Bermuda and to the Town of St. George, our UNESCO World Heritage Site. Our Town has been in existence for over 400 years with the first settlers landing here in 1612. The Town of St. George has many listed buildings, historic monuments and historic fortifications which were significant enough in its historic makeup to be designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2000. I encourage you to take the time to visit all the historic sites and museums in the parish of St.

George’s.

In addition to all the history, there are many beaches that surround the Town, we truly have it all in the parish of St. George’s. We welcome the warm summer months and you should be sure to take a dip in the crystal-clear waters and feel the soft coral sand between your toes.

I hope you will have time to explore our museums, enjoy our beaches, dine in our restaurants and thoroughly enjoy your stay here.

There is no better place to explore and enjoy these experiences than the Historic Town of St. George. The pace is slower here in the Town, so sit, relax and enjoy the ambience of music in King’s Square while you share your vacation photos and stories with your family and friends back home via the free WIFI, courtesy of the Corporation of St. George.

In closing, I encourage everyone to slow down, stay a while and enjoy all the parish has to offer. Share your experiences with friends and family and return often.

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Yours Sincerely,
Mayor George Dowling III

World Heritage Centre...



The St George’s Foundation, (registered charity 454), operates the World Heritage Centre (WHC) located at Penno’s Wharf in St George’s, Bermuda. The St George’s Foundation was created in 1997 as a heritage organization for the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Town of St George and its related fortifications. Fundraising supported the WHC which was completed in July 2009 to coincide with the 400th Anniversary of Bermuda’s settlement.

Today the WHC is an orientation information centre for local residents, students and visitors. Its function is to facilitate tourism and history education in St George’s and Bermuda. It should be noted that the design of the WHC includes a Welcome Area, with a Visitor Information Centre and it contains some 7500 square feet of educational exhibits as well as a theatre to show visitors a brief orientation film about the town.

OPERATING HOURS

The operating hours for the WHC are as follows:

Monday – Saturday, 10 am – 4 pm, including certain Public Holidays
In April 2011, they opened the new “Second Hand Rose” Charity Shop which is a fundraising venture that supports the operating costs of the WHC. This charming, volunteer operated shop gathers gently used treasures including art, china, pottery, jewelry and books. Dive into history as you browse amongst a china collection that may include Wedgwood, Lennox and Limoges and imagine who has used this china previously. Our books may have travelled the world on sailing vessels that have called at St George’s harbour or been read on sunny beaches by visitors to our shores. Lucky buyers find art by Bermudian and global artists to grace the walls of their homes and Royal memorabilia is available for the collector. Affordable jewelry items are perfect for gifts or as mementos for you. After a chat with our volunteers, you will leave Second Hand Rose richer through the experience of charitable giving and with special souvenirs of your visit to the UNESCO World Heritage town of St George’s.

Bermuda Pink Shores

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Faces about the Towne...

Gill Outerbridge...



For Gillian Outerbridge of St Peter's Church, it's not just about showing up and carrying out a variety of activities- it's much more than that. For the last three years, Gill has been working tirelessly as the church's administrator, following her "stepping into the shoes" of former Parish Administrator Linell Greet. She became very good friends with Linell, prior to her sad passing. "I am proud to continue her service to the church", explains Gill, now able to continue her friend's legacy at St Peter's through hard work on a day-to-day basis.

It wasn't until Gill moved next door to the St Peter's Rectory 12 years ago that she first got involved with the church. The Priest at the time came over to welcome her and asked if she'd like to join The Friends of St Peter's Church. After agreeing, she remembers the Priest saying "Good, because we need a secretary". From that moment on, Gill was destined to become a part of the St Peter's family.

Gill explains that she feels like the "care-giver for a very old, very important person", and further goes on to outline that "I am totally devoted to St Peter's Church and walk the building and grounds daily looking for issues that need addressing". Other daily activities supervised by Gill in the process of maintaining the church's beauty and heritage include painting, plumbing, wiring, carpentry, and cleaning. "We have a wonderful team of dedicated staff and volunteers that play a huge role in keeping the church open and in excellent shape."

As for the tourists (and locals) that embark on Gill's detailed and informative tour of the church, Gill notes that they enjoy the immediate feeling of history, peace, and tranquility as soon as they step through the doors. Even the locals are amazed at the history contained within the church walls.

Gill is but one of the working beneficiaries of the amazingly historic town that she is based in. The significant history that St George's has to offer makes it the perfect place for what she is doing as she comments on the social and friendly aspect of the town- "The best part is seeing and greeting so many people you know just on the walk to work." It is safe to say that this simple description epitomizes the friendly Bermudian atmosphere that St George's is famous for. Gill is no stranger to the town however - as for 30 years prior to her years of service at the church, she was a walking tour guide within the town of St George's. St Peter's Church was always a favorite stop on the tour, she said.

George Frost

The Wongs - Golden Dragon...

Opening in March of 2011, Chung Wong and his wife have been successfully operating their Chinese-themed Golden Dragon restaurant in the town of St George's. Explaining that before their opening almost a decade ago, "the town had no Chinese restaurant for many years", Mrs. Wong further went on to describe that this is what ultimately gave them a platform on which they could build a successful operation.

Nearly 10 years on, and Wong's is still serving up traditional Chinese favorites such as sweet and sour chicken, sesame chicken, and Singapore style spicy noodles to- not only the St George's locals, but to customers who travel from as far as Dockyard for a taste of what Wong's has to offer. Mr. Wong has even adapted his menu to comply with local Bermudian favorites and standards- adding local delicacies such as lobster fried rice to their menu- allowing locals the option of one of their favorite seasonal foods, with Wong's delicious Chinese twist.

For Wong and his wife, it's not just taking orders and serving food directly to the customers. Wong explains that some of the daily tasks that take place include ensuring that the kitchen and cooking facilities are well maintained and clean, guaranteeing that the food meets the standards of their valued customers, and of course- cooking. Mrs. Wong, however, does describe her enjoyment of working directly with the customers-taking orders and serving the delicious food. This way, she gets to meet and interact with new people, where she explains that "this is one of my favorite things to do".

Wong and his wife both highly value the town that they are based in- the town that allowed their business that they are so passionate about to grow. Mrs. Wong describes that her love for St George's stems from it being "one small community- like a family". This familial vibe is surely radiated throughout the restaurant, as upon entering it, you are struck by the welcoming nature of Chun Wong and his wife.

George Frost



Faces about the Towne...



Antwan Albuoy - Kinezumi-Water Sports...

Once eager to escape the corporate world that once deemed him redundant, Antwan Albuoy now finds himself part owner of one of St George’s most successful watersports companies- Kinezumi Watersports. It was a casual scroll through his Facebook timeline that ultimately led to his initial inspiration for his business, after seeing a friend of his aboard the Sea Breacher. “I did my research, and the rest is history. In a nutshell, I wanted to be my own boss” explains Antwan.

Having started the planning process for the business in 2015, Kinezumi has seen two years of successful operation, since fully opening in July of 2016. The demand for Antwan’s services has evidently grown since the first opening of his business, as they were able to add jet skis to their list of watersport vehicles, only one year subsequent to the business’ opening.

Antwan’s daily grind includes preparing jet skis and life vests, getting equipment ready, and generally ensuring the successful daily operation of his business. Aside from his preparational and administrative duties, he can also be found out on the water doing tours, while he explains that the company’s financial aspect is left to his partner.

Through his tours and watersports, Antwan and his partner are able to ensure the satisfaction of guests, which he explains are mostly tourists. It is this, along with the daily compliments regarding Bermuda’s beauty from his tourist clientele, that provides an everyday enjoyment for Antwan, “They always comment on how blue and clear the water is.”

Working in the town of St George’s proves to be largely advantageous to Antwan and his business. The relaxed town atmosphere truly does allow him to feel as though he has escaped the “crazy hustle and bustle” of Dockyard or Hamilton. Due to Bermuda’s beauty and stable climate, Kinezumi is able to establish itself as a year-round business, leaving Antwan with high hopes for the future of his business in St George’s.

George Frost

The Dowlings...



George Dowling the III

Garon Dowling

Gina

George Jr.

Manager Garon Dowling and his brother George, who also happens to be the assistant manager, are the ones responsible for the day-to-day operation of the gas station. They work alongside each other daily, as well as with their father and sister, proving the station to be very much a family run affair. Because of this unconditional familial vibe, the gas station is rigged with sheer positivity, and a true sense of the friendly Bermudian charm.

The Dowling family describe their days of ensuring quality service from the many different aspects and services that the gas station offers, catering to both marine and vehicular traffic. Garon and George spent most of their youthful lives around the gas station, while their grandfather was at work there. This undoubtedly played a minor role in sparking the boys’ interest in what is now their passion.

Taking over from their grandfather years ago, George and Garon now have nearly 15 years of professional experience between them, ensuring that the 56-year-old legacy of their family-run gas station prevails. During their time working here, they both agree that the most enjoyable thing about what they do is simple- making people happy. Garon describes the unbeatable feeling of “being able to help someone when they come in with a problem with a car or a boat, or anything really, and putting a smile on their face”, with George adding that rather than brothers, he and Garon are best friends- “It’s a family business, it can’t get any better than this.”

Daily life for the Dowlings includes fixing tires, fueling vehicles, and working in the garage. None of these tasks however are done without a warm embracing smile and friendly service, and it is with this quality Bermudian service that has granted them on numerous occasions the award for the island’s Friendliest Service. Further accolades achieved by the fully deserving Dowling family include best customer service award, and consecutive awards for retailer of the year.

George Frost

Philip “Phoopa” Anderson 1960 - 2019...



Phillip “Phoopa “ Adward Anderson, was born on May 28th 1960, and grew up on Old Wells Lane, St George’s, the youngest of 11 children. Phillip had an undeniable love and appreciation for the place he grew up in. His love for both the people and Town of St George was fulfilled every day when he stepped into work as the manager of the St. George’s Visitor Information Centre. He worked passionately and loved interacting with visitors and being able to enrich their vacation experience while on island.

Phillip had a lot of faith in and hopes for the town, and believed that it had all the resources it needed to be Bermuda’s number one tourist destination; perhaps even one of the world’s top tourist destinations. As an elected Councilor for the Corporation of St. George’s, he worked tirelessly and with determination on various committees to improve the infrastructure of Bermuda’s UNESCO World Heritage Site.

As an avid sailor, he spent many years on the water on his beloved parasail boat, Skinny Dipper. During the winter months he would crew on vessels to the Caribbean. Later he acquired the glass bottom boat, Skinny Dipper Two. One of his guests wrote on Trip Advisor “the highlight of our holiday was a glass bottom boat tour of Bermuda with Captain Phoopa aboard the Skinny Dipper Two. We saw turtles swimming amongst the coral in the most beautiful clear waters, pristine and empty bays imaginable. We snorkelled and fed fish by hand whilst being regaled by Captain Phoopa’s tales. Brilliant experience!”

Phillip had music travelling through his veins. He was a self-taught musician, learning to play the guitar in his spare time by playing songs over and over until he perfected them. His musical hero was Bob Marley, and he knew every lyric written by the reggae titan and had the appropriate Bob quote for any situation. So we should remember “Love the life you live. Live the life you love” – as Phoopa did.

Phoopa was a great supporter of the St.Georges Crown from day one, he allowed me to utilize the VIC Center to create every edition printed of the newspaper and I’m forever grateful for his friendship and his kindness.

May you rest in peace.

Jarae - St.Georges Crown

Hidden Figures...



St. Peter Church...

St. Peter's Church in the Town of St. George is well known as an iconic building central to the World Heritage status of the historic town. Many also know that St. Peter's was redesignated 'Their Majesties Chappell' by Queen Elizabeth in 2012 in honour of the church's 400th anniversary. How many though have explored the stories of the people memorialized in the churchyards surrounding this community building? Starting from the church steps proceed in a clockwise direction on this brief exploration.

The western churchyard is known as the resting place of Pilot James Darrell, who is commemorated by a slate plaque on the churchyard wall. A memorial service is held here each year in April to commemorate his accomplishments as a Pilot and community activist as he is the first recorded black landowner in the Town and his descendents continue to live on Silk Alley and Pilot Darrell Square just west of the churchyard and adjacent to Stewart Hall, home of the Bermuda Perfumery.

By 1698 almost a third of the 1124 inhabitants of the parish of St. George were black. The other grave markers in the western churchyard are generally unnamed but we know each marks the resting place of a free black or enslaved resident of the Parish.

The historic churchyard, with its separate section for blacks - indeed one of the last graveyards for blacks still remaining in Bermuda - is a vivid reminder of the reality of racial segregation in Bermuda, including in the churches. Not only were slaves and free blacks buried there in the 17th and 18th centuries, blacks continued to be buried in this separate section right up to the closing of the graveyard in 1854, twenty years after the Emancipation of all slaves in Bermuda.

Pause here under the mulberry tree and amongst endemic Bermuda Cedars and Palmettos and reflect. Were these unnamed people pilots and seamen, farmers and fishermen, domestic workers and caregivers, tavern keepers and shopkeepers, masons and carpenters, tailors and seamstresses?

As you move to the central and eastern churchyards the tombs become larger and more names are memorialized. Many are early Bermudians and others are visitors to these shores. Strong American connections exist with Richard Sutherland Dale and Anne Willing Bingham being buried in the central area. He was the last casualty of the War of 1812 and Anne was the model for the Lady Liberty draped bust coinage minted between 1796 and 1804.

Also here you will find the Houghton family grave memorializing George and Mary and their children Julia and Robert who died in an eight day time period in September 1853 when the Town was in the grip of a yellow fever epidemic. There are other victims of this mosquito borne illness in this churchyard and others throughout the island, including the military graveyards held under stewardship by the Bermuda National Trust.

Governor George James Bruere, who was the representative of the Crown during the American Revolutionary War, rests close to the church and near the giant Bermuda Cedar that served to hold the bell in the central churchyard. His remains were discovered under the church by archaeologists in 2008 and he was reinterred with the permission of the Queen. Under shady Olivewood trees in the eastern churchyard rest Sir Richard Sharples Governor and Commander-in-Chief who was assassinated on 10th March 1973 and his aide-de-campe Hugh Sayers. Yet more graves important to the social history of the island and telling of times of civil unrest in Bermuda's recent history.

As you walk back towards the church imagine the life of Abigail, young wife of Captain Coffin who died at age 22 years and 7 months on board the steam ship Merlin on a voyage from St. Thomas in June 1853. One cannot but wonder, was she another yellow fever death like the Houghton family?

As you continue clockwise to the church steps you will pass three infant graves as well as graves of young and older Bermudians.

The resting places in the churchyards of the oldest Anglican church in continuous use in the Western Hemisphere weave a rich texture of social history of the Town of St. George.

Now, if you have not already done so, enter and explore, the wonderful St. Peter's Church, Their Majesties Chappell.

...Tania Stafford

Where are our visitors from?

During the month of September 2016 over 1000 visitors signed the Visitor Book. They came from: Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia, Florida, Wisconsin, Massachusetts, Maine, Missouri, New Jersey, Idaho, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, Texas, Illinois, Arizona, Maryland, Delaware, North Carolina, Indiana, Alabama, Connecticut, New Mexico, Vermont, New York, Arkansas, California, Utah, Rhode Island, Oklahoma, Ohio, South Carolina, Georgia, Washington State and Washington DC.

Countries: Italy, Canada, India, Jersey, England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Iran, Australia, New Zealand, Germany, Belize, Jamaica, Hong Kong, St Lucia, Haiti, Belgium, Luxembourg, Bahamas, Singapore, Northern Ireland, South Africa, Uzbekistan, Romania, Belarus, Puerto Rico, Hawaii,

The Team of St. Peters Church...

- Fr Tom Slawson, Priest-in-Charge
- Gillian Outerbridge, Parish Administrator
- Nandi Outerbridge, Event Manager and Accounts
- Marvin Fox, Custodian
- Edith Swainson, House keeper,
- Ronnie Denbrook, Grounds.
- Nolan Crane, Graveyard.
- Volunteers - 38 at last count!

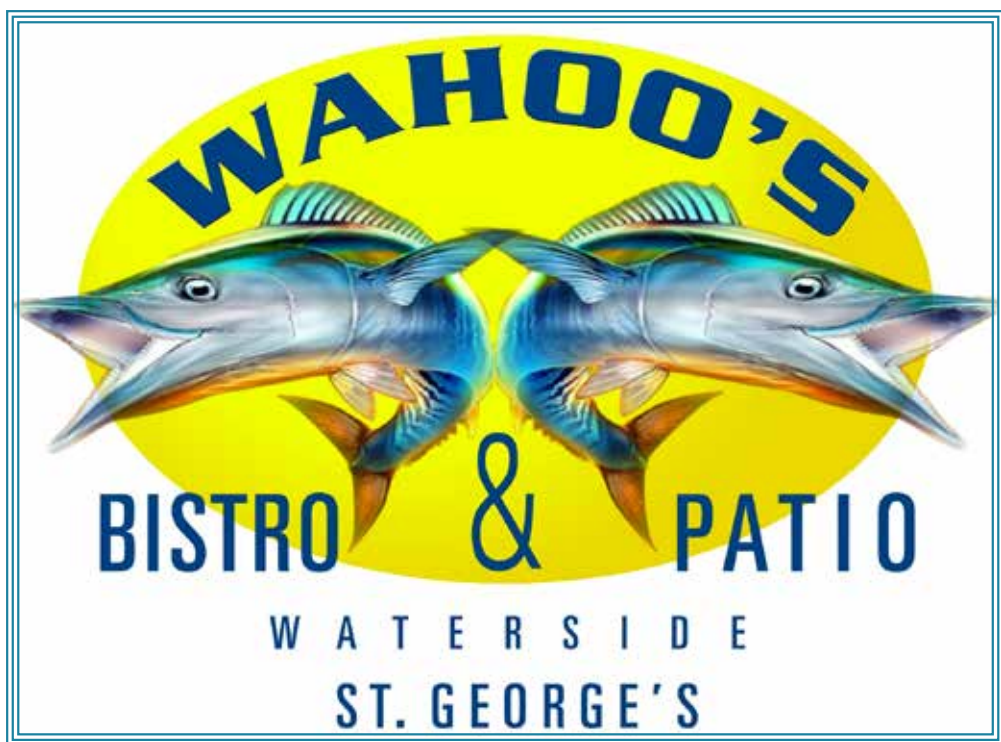
Tasteful...



The Wharf is a 220-seat restaurant with an 18-seat bar and small lounge focused on a Bermudian/ Caribbean/ International menu. It is located on the water side of 14 Water Street, St Georges, right next to the Ferry Terminal.

The Wharf is known to be a warm and friendly place with excellent food featuring live music from local entertainers on Friday and Saturday evenings. It offers comfortable furnishings and decor with soothing warm tones. The Wharf has comfy outside lounges on the terrace overlooking St George's Harbour Beautiful LED lighting comes on at sundown from the private dock illuminating the water alongside the terrace. It is perfect place to stop in for a bite to eat, for a drink or for a small business meeting and they also invite mariners to come by boat and tie up alongside the dock.

The menu is inspired from different countries' specialties and appeals to a diverse clientele. You can get Bermuda Fish Chowder, local fish and lobsters when in season, an Indian Curry, or pizza prepared by the Italian Pizza Chef in the brick pizza oven. They offer a special soup of the day every day plus the all-American meal which is guaranteed to appeal to all. The menu changes every 3-4 months but keeps the favorites. Price are competitive with other upscale restaurants in the area. However, it is the strategy of the Wharf to give a perception of the higher value than its competitor, through its food service and entertainment.



Wahoo's Bistro & Patio Restaurant located at 34 Water Street, St George's is owned and operated by Alfred Konrad and Geza Wolfe. Both owners bring with them decades of combined experience in the restaurant industry. "Our waterfront location is a perfect spot to enjoy both indoor and patio dining. Our menu features a variety of delicious options. Come and try our Wahoo specials especially the award-winning Bermuda Fish Chowder, certified Angus Beef, homemade desserts and daily blackboard specials featuring fresh caught fish. Their Wiener Schnitzel is prepared with love by their own Austrian chef Alfred. They also offer a full bar service with specialty drinks, liqueurs and coffees. Ask Geza about his daily special coffee creation. "Good food, great prices in a friendly and casual atmosphere."



Gojo's Coffee Shop in the historic Town of St George's sits on the water's edge next to the infamous Ducking Stool in King's Square. Enjoy some of the best local cuisine freshly prepared for you each day: traditional Bermuda fish chowder, homemade codfish cakes, local fish sandwiches and Jo's famous sloppy GoJo burgers. A must-try is their ever-popular amazing carrot cake, fudge brownies, old-fashioned fudge and homemade apple pie.



Other Eateries in St. George's & St. Davids

Big B BBQ and Jerk
Boardwalks Cafe
Double Dip
St. David Elenas
Griffins St. George's Club
Mama Angie Coffee Shops
Mr. Chicken
Sweet Saak
Somers Supermarket

Tobacco Bay Beach Concession
The Beach House
Yo Cherry
Temptation Cafe
Tempest Bistro
The White Horse
Victoire Cafe



Beaches, Beaches, and more Beaches...



Clearwater Beach



Tobacco Bay



Buildings Bay



Gates Bay



Shelly Bay



Cooper's Island

More Beaches in the East End:

Whale Bone Bay, Achilles Bay, Drew's Bay, Turtle Bay, Long Bay, John Smith's Bay, and Shelly Bay Beach.

Tour Around the Towne...

- 1 Bermuda Perfumery Tour**
Steward Hall, 5 Queen Street, St.George's
Your sense of smell will be transformed. At the Bermuda Perfumery you will see and learn how master perfumer Isabelle Ramsey - Brackstone blends all the captivating perfumes which are influenced by the island.
Date: Mon - Sat | Price : Free
Time: 9:00am - 4:30pm
Call: 441-293-0627
- 2 Haunted History Tour**
Long Story Short, Water Street, St.George's
As a storyteller guides you through the winding alleys and lanes of the town of St.George's, you'll hear stories of residence who lived and worked here centuries ago. Be careful, your footsteps may just wake those who slumber.
Date: Thursday
Price: \$35 for adults
Time: 8:30 pm private tours available
Web: hauntedhistorybda.com
Call: (441) 705-1838
- 3 UNESCO Walking Tour**
World Heritage Site
King's Square, St. George's
Enjoy guided tour through the narrow alleys and cobblestones lane of this idyllic UNESCO World Heritage Site that was hardly changed since the 17th century.
Date: Mon- Thurs, Sat
Price: \$15 for adults, \$7.50 for children under 10 years
Time: 10:30am
Web: destinationstgeorges.com
Call: (441) 333-1830
Email: stgeorgesvic@bermudatourism.com
- 4 Tales From the Past**
Carter House, 34 Southside Road, St.David's
This special tour is unique and by arrangement only. The tour includes 17th century Carter House a settler's dwelling circa 1612, the Lighthouse Gunners Point, the Battery and Coopers Island.
Price: \$30 per hour per person,(min of 3 people). Transport not included
Web: carterhousemuseum.org
Call: 441-293-5960
- 5 Horse Carriage & Rides**
35 Barry Road, King Square, St.George's
Take a tour with Bermuda's traditional horse carriages. Located in King Square the journey will take you through along and on the St.Georges historical narrow roads.
Price \$50 for 30 min/\$100 for an hour, time can be extended insets of 30 min. Up to 4 People can fit in the carriage.
Call: (441) 704 7840 / 297 8395
Email: cmp-70@hotmail.com
- 6 Re- Enactment of a Public Punishment**
a re-enactment of a public punishment meted out to local gossips and nags at the ducking stool, or drunks at the stocks, takes place in King's Square, St.Georges
Date: Mon- Thurs- Sat
Time: 12:30pm
Call: (441) 297-1532
- 7 Bermuda Horse Trail Ride**
Enjoy a horseback ride with Moran Meadows. The private trail ride will take you along St. George's coastline and includes the beautiful and historical views.
Call: (441) 537 0400
Web: www.bermudahorsetrailride.com
- 8 Kinezumi Water Sports.**
Hunter's Wharf, Penno's Drive, St.George's
If you are a thrill seeker, look no further as your quest for the ultimate water sport entertainment is over! Enjoy some of the BEST adrenaline fuelled water sport activities Bermuda has to offer. Kinezumi Water Sports is for those individuals who are adventurous, thrill seekers, fearless, bold and exhilarating explorers. Fill your world with excitement.
Call: (441) 296-9595
Date: Mon - Sun
Time: 8:30AM - 6:30PM
Web: www.kinezumiadventures.com
- 9 Mysteries & Majesties**
Majesties Chappell St. Peter's Church
Duke of York Street, St. George's
Discover the mysteries and untold stories of the royal connections of histories St. Peter's Church. The tour reveals a treasure trove of history heritage, architecture and regal personalities.
Date: Mon-Wed- Fri
Call: (441) 297-2459
Tickets: \$15
Time: 1pm
- 10 Long Story Short Bicycle Tours**
Water Street, St.George's
In addition to bicycle rentals, Long Story Short offers a Food + History Bicycle Tour three times a week and takes Private tours maybe booked anyday.
Date: Mon, Wed, Sat
Time: 12 - 5pm
- 11 St. George's Food + History Bicycle**
Long Story Short, Tucker House, Water Street, St. George's
Come learn about the history of St. George's and as you cycle around taste some of the best local fare, creative cuisine and seaside bites that the town offers. Private tours are available.
Date: Wed-Sat
Tickets: \$150 at (ptix.bm)
Info: longstoryshort.life
Time: 1 pm - 4 pm
Call: (441) 705-1838
- 12 Sweet P Afternoon High Tea At The Bermuda Perfumery**
Sweet P's tiered tea tray features fresh and seasonal treats, adapted every week to reflect the island's diverse local ingredients.
Reservations required.
\$32 Cash only
Info (441) 705-2390
Email: sweetpbermuda@hotmail.com

Gardens & Trails in the Old Towne...

Somer's Garden...

Somers Garden is a verdant park that's perfect for relaxing in during the day. Named after Admiral Sir George Somers, considered to be the father of Bermuda. In 1609, his flagship bound for Virginia, was wrecked on a reef in Bermuda's waters. As a result, he and the colonists on board had to make land in Bermuda. They built two new ships and continued their voyage to Virginia after 10 months.

In 1610, they set sail again for Virginia, but Somers left behind three men to continue the British claim on the newly discovered island, Bermuda. It was in recognition of his efforts that the island was initially given the name "Somers Isle" which is still an alternative name for Bermuda.

After reaching Jamestown, Virginia, Somers found that those who had reached the new British colony were in a state of starvation and many were dead. He decided to return to Bermuda to collect provisions, but on his return, he fell ill and eventually died.

His final wish was that his heart should be buried in Bermuda. His nephew, Matthew Somers honoured this wish, and buried his heart near the south west corner of the garden.



Smiths Garden...



This tiny garden, just off Barber's Alley was designed by Evelyn Young of the Bermuda Garden Club and given by Garden Club members as a gift to St George's when it acquired World Heritage Status some years ago.


Admiral Sir Georges Somers...

The Virginia Company's third "supply" to Jamestown colony (established May 1607) set sail from Plymouth, England on 2 June, 1609. The fleet included a 300-ton galleon, the flagship Sea Venture. The experienced mariner, Sir George Somers, was Admiral of the Fleet, and Christopher Newport was Captain of the Sea Venture. On board was the entire high command including the colony's new Governor, Sir Thomas Gates.

To shorten the sailing time and avoid potential conflict with the Spanish, the fleet decided on a more northerly route. The vessels sailed in sight of each other until 24 July when a monstrous hurricane dispersed the fleet. The Sea Venture, along with the crew and passengers battled the storm for four anxious days, until they landed on Bermuda's eastern reefs.




Meanwhile, the other storm-battered ships with their sick and exhausted passengers arrived into Jamestown. Those in Virginia presumed that Sea Venture, along with the colony's new leadership and vital food supply, were lost in the storm. The ship's company stayed in Bermuda for nine months while completing the construction of two small rescue ships, Patience and Deliverance, and these set sail for Virginia on 10 May, 1610. Patience was estimated as thirty tons in size and Deliverance about eighty tons. Both vessels were constructed as a single deck vessel with a modest forecastle, curved stem and square stern. The Deliverance was built of wood salvaged from Sea Venture's (ribs, beams, and prow) and local Bermuda cedar (planking and decking). The Patience was built from of Bermuda cedar with only one iron bolt from the Sea Venture



***Shopping and
Dining in
St. Georges***

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The statue of Sir Georges Somers.
By Desmond Fountain, Bermudian Artist

Forts and Batteries...

Fort St. Catherine...



Located at the northern tip of St George's and overlooking the ocean, Fort St Catherine stands perched on a hill between St Catherine's Beach (Gates' Bay) on one side and Achilles Bay on the other. One of the most impressive forts in the island, Fort St Catherine has many historic exhibits, artefacts, and a well-preserved interior.

Surrounded by a dry moat and accessed by a drawbridge, the fort has many tunnels, towers, redoubts and ramparts. In 1609, the ship known as the Sea Venture captained by Sir George Somers was wrecked on a reef nearby. The entire crew came ashore where Fort St Catherine now stands. They established the first settlement in Bermuda.

In 1612 Bermuda's first governor, Richard Moore, arrived in Bermuda from England. Moore built a wooden fort at this spot to defend Bermuda mainly from Spanish attacks. The original Fort St Catherine in Bermuda was built around 1614, but it was renovated at least five times. In fact, work continued until late in the 19th century.

Alexander Battery...



Alexandra Battery is located at the eastern edge of St George's. It was built in the 1860s as a fortification. Below the Fort is Buildings Bay Beach which is well known to locals for its colourful sea glass. The fort was named after Princess Alexandra of Denmark, who later married Edward VII, who became King of England.

Alexandra Fort is located about a mile away from Fort St Catherine and near Gates Fort. Alexandra Battery was built on a site of another old battery, Buildings Bay Battery which was built in the 1840s. Like several of our other forts, this one too was built to guard the eastern waterways.

Alexandra Battery had nine guns which were known as rifled muzzle loaders mounted here. One such gun is still on site, at southern end of the Battery. A unique feature of these guns was the use of metal flash plates, called Gibraltar Shields. These were used to protect the gunners from incoming fire.

In the 1900s, when Princess Alexandra of Denmark became Queen, the entire fort was modernized and then equipped with two 6-inch modern guns for coastline protections. These were called the rifled breech loaders. Climb the steps of these 6-inch loaders to enjoy exceptional views. The Battery was last manned during the Second World War, but it did not have active involvement.

Next to the Battery is the small Buildings Bay Beach, also known as Alexandra Beach one that is hardly known to visitors, but well known to locals for its colorful sea glass. While there is lots of sea glass on the beach, if you go towards right, you'll see a beach cave with more sea glass.

Gates Forts...



Gates Fort was first called Davers or Danvers Fort. "Davers Fort" is first shown on a map of Bermuda published in 1626 and it is most likely that the fort was built shortly before this time. In later years the fort was often called Towne Cut Battery. Captain Andrew Durnford improved the fort in the early 1790s by constructing emplacements for four 6-pdrs and building a small two-storey guardhouse behind the gun emplacement. In 1793 Durnford added a musketry line and a communications trench to defend Town Cut Channel. In the 1800s the fortifications at Upper Paget Fort (Fort Cunningham) replaced Gates Fort in defending the northern entrance to St Georges Harbour but the building continued to be used by the military as barracks. In 1870 the keep was occupied by a local family until 1922 when the fort was returned to the Bermuda Government and restored by prison labour.

Here is a list of the other Forts and Batteries in St. George's, which are all open to the public unless otherwise posted:

- Martello Tower
- St. David's Battery
- Penno's Wharf
- Fort Victoria
- King's Castle Forts
- Fort George's
- Fort Cunningham
- Ferry Island Fort
- Fort Popple
- Fort Albert
- Fort William



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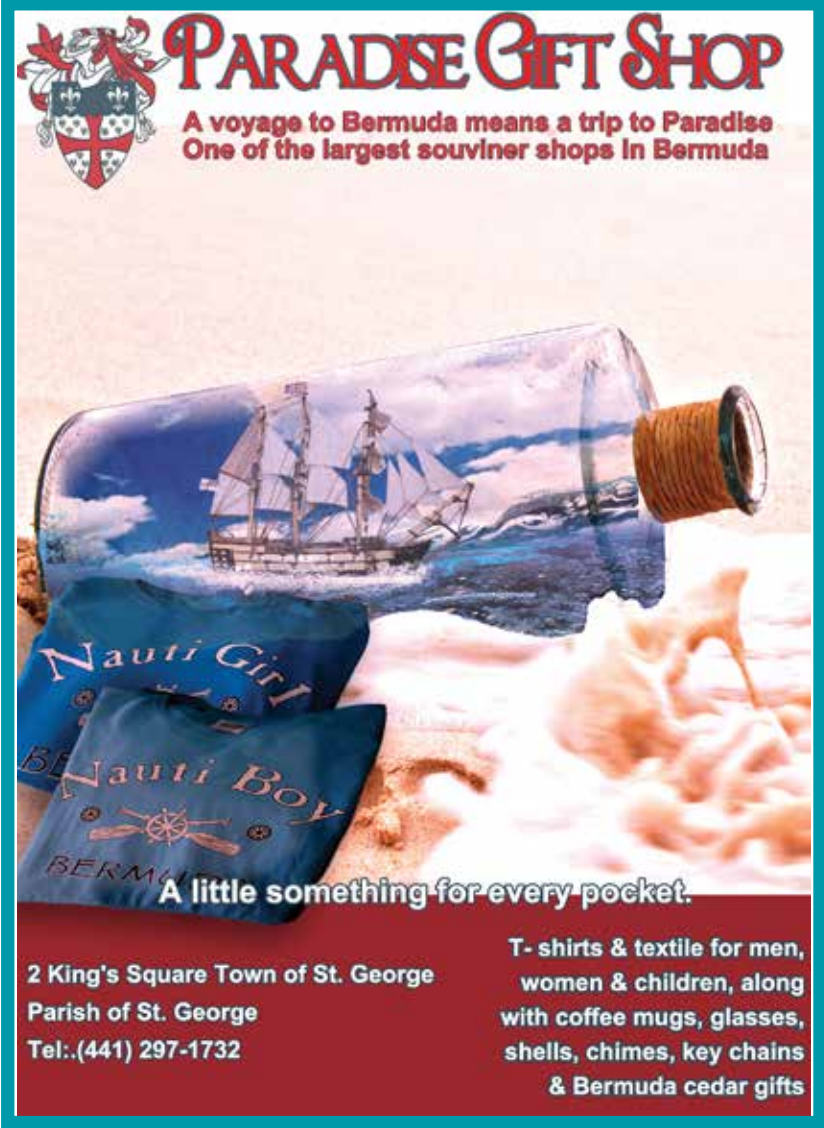
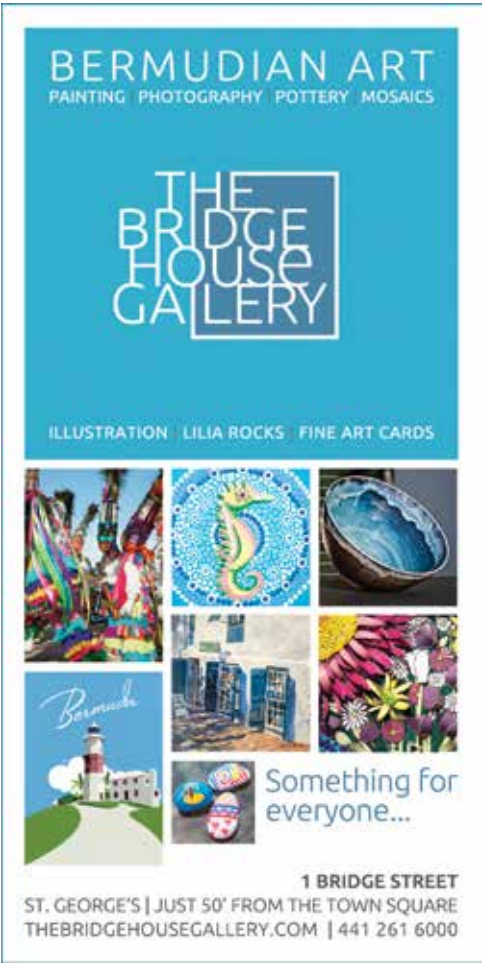
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More Boutiques to Find...

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The Bermuda Perfumery

The Bemruda Perfumery located at Stewart Hall is home to the Lili Perfume Collection where each unique fragrance represents a certain element of the natural beauty and character of Bermuda at Stewart Hall you can find a history room, retail store, and the fragrance making studio of master perfumer Isabel Ramsay Brackstone.
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This store stocks local items and imports from over 100 overseas companies many from the UK. This allows Robertson’s to offer a unique range of merchandise to thier customers in a relaxing and enjoyable shopping atmosphere with friendly staff and pharmacists, who can provide expert advice.

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Sea Glass Studio

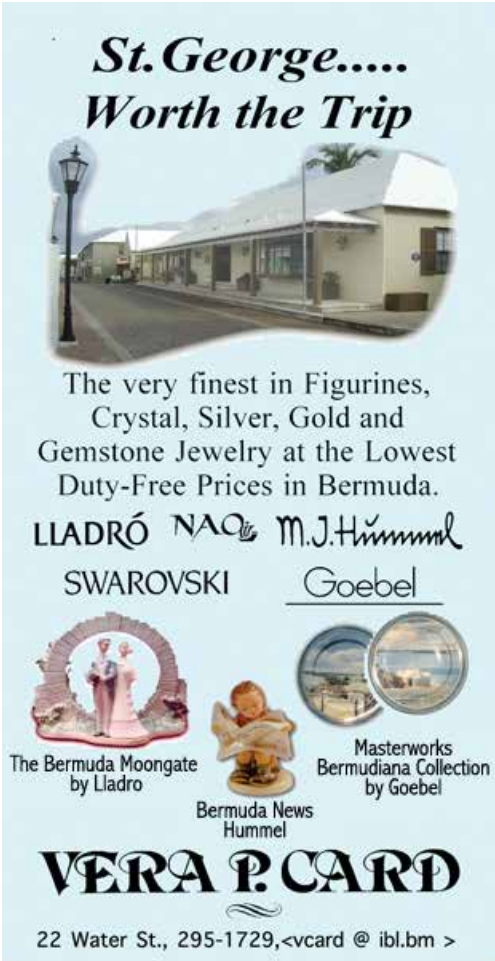
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Paradise Gift Shop

With entrance on King’s Square one of the largest souvenir shops in Bermuda it offers a wide variety of attractive merchandise. Specialising in T-shirts and textiles of all descriptions catering to both men and ladies, with a great se- lection for children. While there one cannot miss the vast array of souvenirs, from mugs, glasses and plates to shells, chimes and key chains - a little something for every pocket. A comprehensive stock of Bermuda - made cedar items Bermuda made preserves also the Outerbridge’s Sherry Peppers. A voyage to Bermuda means a trip to Paradise



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The Museums...

Bermuda National Trust Museum...



Bermuda National Trust Museum, in the 17th-century building constructed as a dwelling by Governor Samuel Day, who arrived from England and built this house using land and wood provided by the government in 1699.

After his tenure of service as a Governor, Day used his father’s political connections as the Mayor of Bristol to retain the building as his residence. But later, he was imprisoned at debtors’ prison on Castle Island where he later died.

This house was once a hotel called “The Globe Hotel” in the mid-19th century but later became the Confederate Agent office during the US Civil War. Subsequently, it was acquired by Bermuda’s Historical Monument Trust and opened as a museum in 1961.

On the ground floor, there’s a detailed model of Sir George Somers ship, “Sea Venture” which was wrecked on reefs off St George’s. You will find the replica of a machine commissioned by the Congress of the Confederate States that placed a seal on their official documents.

A 12-minute video presentation called ‘Bermuda: Center of the Atlantic’ is shown which tells the story of the island’s development and discovery over the past four centuries.

On the first floor, the Rogues and Runners Museum presents an exposition of Bermuda’s role in America Civil War. Through both business and family connections, Bermuda had many ties with the southern states. Although Britain remained neutral, the Bermudians favoured the south, wishing to help friends and make money in the process.

Mitchell House...



the house and it is clear how far Bermuda’s construction techniques have come, along with how much the daily lifestyles of Bermudians have changed. For instance, nowadays water tanks are located underground and are filled up with rainwater pouring into the tank from the roof, but in this historic home, the water tank can be found above ground. This is a result of the pipes that the water flows through being mainly horizontal. This was once very common among houses in the 1700’s, but now it is the only house in the town where this feature still exists.

Mitchell House takes its name from the man who built it in 1731, Walter Mitchell. The house subsequently changed ownership various times before being owned by one of Bermuda’s most fruitful black couples, Isabella and William Archer. William looked after it for a period as a slave when his master owned it, before owning it himself. In the museum some of the objects that he would have used can be found, including ax heads, whale blubber cutters, kitchen utensils. Of these objects, it is safe to say that none are used anymore, and many would even find them unrecognizable and alien.

The house’s significance and importance to the town of St George’s was shown by its people in 1920, when the home was going to be auctioned but the sale was prevented by the Historical Society buying it in order to preserve it. Because of this, the town now boasts one of the few homes on the island where the way Bermudian’s used to live can readily be seen.

Bermudian Heritage Museum...

At the eastern end of Water Street, in a building that was once called the “Samaritan’s Lodge.” As it was once the head office of the Order of Good Samaritans & Daughters of Samaria - a society formed in the 1800s to help blacks after they were freed from slavery in 1834. The Bermudian Heritage Museum is the only Black History Museum in Bermuda. The museum is part of the African Diaspora Trail which designated such places of interest. As the island was settled in the 1600s, slaves were involved in thriving the growing economy.

The Bermuda Heritage Museum contains many artefacts, photographs, uniforms and exhibits capturing the legacy of slavery, the social and historical heritages as well as achievements of Black Bermudians including sports and social history. The museum has exhibits on the Friendly Societies that helped black community following emancipation, black nurses, Cup Match and more. Many personalities in sports and music are also recognized here.

There’s an exhibit of the American slave ship The Enterprise, which blew off its course in 1835 and reached Bermuda. 78 black slaves were on board. Since slavery had ended in Bermuda, customs and the friendly societies refused to let the ship sail back again until the slaves on board were set free. All enslaved persons on the vessel chose freedom except for one woman and her five children. Today, thousands of Bermudians can trace their ancestry to the slaves who were freed. There are also stories about descendants of Native American slaves like Mary Prince and Sally Bassett. Mary Prince wrote in her diary about her torturous life as a slave in vivid descriptions, later published as a book. Sally was accused of poisoning a couple who owned slaves and was burnt to death. The unique ‘L’ shape and hipped roof of the former Grand United Order of Good Samaritans Lodge is characteristic of many 19th century lodges. The museum’s installations highlight the social, cultural and political achievements of Black Bermudians including the history of Cup Match (a two-day cricket game celebrated during the Emancipation and Somers Day holidays), Bermudian black lodges, and the 1959 Theatre Boycott, which ultimately ended segregation in Bermuda.

The museum, located at the junction of Water and Duke of York Streets, is open at 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tuesday through Wednesdays. Thursday - Friday 9:30 - 3:00 Admission fee is \$5 adults, \$3 for students under 13 yrs, free ages 5 and under.

For further information or to schedule a time call 441-297-4126



Other Museums...

- Carriage Museum
- Featherbed Alley Printery - Part of Mitchell
 - Old Rectory
- St. George’s Historical Society Museum
 - Tucker House Museum

Places to explore in the East End...

Blue Hole Park...



Blue Hole Park popularly known as Tom Moore’s Jungle and as Walsingham Nature Reserve is in Hamilton Parish. The entrance to the park is located where the Blue Hole Hill Road meets the Causeway near to the Grotto Bay Beach Resort. The entire reserve is spread across 12 acres of land area.

A narrow lane from Blue Hole Hill just before the Causeway leads to a car park. Walk through an opening in a fence and then through a wooden log frame into the reserve area. The main paved trail goes almost all along the water’s edge giving you a lovely view of Castle Harbour. The trail and many offshoot paths through the dense woodland area lead to different attractions within the reserve including caves and grottos with great stalactite formations and natural pools. One of the highlights is the mangrove pond, which is a pool with crystal clear, deep blue water full of fish. This is the Blue Hole after which the park has been named. The pool is fringed by forests on one side and by rocks and crevices. It was restored by the Bermuda Government in 1970.

Exploring the Jungle

From the entrance, walk along the stone pathway, past a beach on your left. When the path forks, take the left and you will reach an open grassy area. From the open grassy land with a picnic table on one side, you can see the steps to a small wooden platform (having a wooden bench on one side). Standing on the platform, you can soak in the serene beauty of Blue Hole Pond with surrounding cliffs and greenery, and watch fish in the water.



Crystal Caves...

A totally unique experience the Crystal Fantasy Caves are a virtual jewel box of stunning formations. Your guided experience will bring you face-to-face with entire walls covered in calcite mineral deposits nature has shaped to resemble majestic waterfalls frozen in time. Reflections from the deep pools dance before you on the surfaces of the cave. Gazing into the crystal-clear water, you can see the beginnings of the passageways connecting the caves with the ocean. It is a journey to delight kids and adults alike. A state-of-the-art lighting system allows you to focus on the intricacies and impressive details of the formations. Your experienced guide will provide facts on the history and geology of the caves to enhance your overall experience.

In 1907, two young teenagers named Carl Gibbons and Edgar Hollis were engaged in a spirited game of cricket. One of the boys struck the ball with ferocity and it disappeared into a hole several yards away. This ball was a prized possession, so no effort was spared at attempting to retrieve it. As one of the boys crawled deeper and deeper into the hole it became apparent that this was not your ordinary hole. What the boys had discovered was, in fact, the entrance to a spectacular natural wonder.



What he found was beyond his or the Wilkinson family’s wildest dreams. It was an underground world of splendour with magnificent crystal formations of every size and shape surrounding a clear lake 55 feet deep.

Today, the caves are Bermuda’s favourite attraction for thousands of visitors every year. Much has been done through the decades to upgrade the accessibility and the comfort level for visitors. But nothing can enhance this exquisite fantasy world that Mother Nature began over 30 million years ago. When they enter the caves, every visitor still feels the same sense of awe the boys experienced that day over a century ago.



Bermuda Aquarium, Museum and Zoo...



The Bermuda Aquarium, Museum & Zoo, also known as BAMZ for short, is one of the most loved attractions in Bermuda. Located in the picturesque Flatts Village in Hamilton Parish, BAMZ was founded in 1926. It offers three different attractions in the same complex: an Aquarium, a Museum and a Zoo.

Other East End Attractions...

- The Unfinished Church
- St. Peter’s Church
- Stocks, Pillory & Ducking Stool
- Swizzle Inn
- Spittle Pond
- Flatts Bridge
- 400th Anniversary Monument
- Barber’s Alley
- Bob Burns Park
- Bridge House Buckingham
- Building Bay
- King’s Square
- Globe Hotel
- Mitchell House

Historical Sites of St.George’s...

Saint Peter’s Church...

St Peter’s is located on York Street and is believed to be the oldest continually used Anglican church in the Western hemisphere.
The image shown here is probably recognised worldwide – judging by the international visitors listed on page six!
Bermuda’s first church is one of the island’s most photographed buildings and although the church boasts a heritage of over 400 years, the famous frontage shown here is only 170 years old.
St Peter’s gained its unique appearance in 1841 when the columns, arches and distinctive pinnacles were added in the ‘Victorian Gothic’ style fashionable at the time.
The church inside has a wonderfully simplistic ambience with exposed cedar beams in the ceiling, rough wooden pillars and candlelit chandeliers. The church has many treasures and inside you will see the altar from the original structure which was built in 1615 under the supervision of Bermuda’s first Governor, Richard Moore. This is the oldest piece of carpentry in Bermuda.
The church narrowly escaped demolition in 1869 when a new church was proposed. (See below: The Unfinished Church)
The Church of 1612 was described as ‘make-shift’, with a palm-thatched roof but by 1616 a timber-framed building was complete.
A rebuild took place in 1619 and the first General Assembly was held there in 1620.
The destructive hurricane of 1713 resulted in a new church built of stone, cruciform with large box pews and the three-decker pulpit seen today.
The Church was consecrated as St Peter the Apostle by Bishop Inglis of Nova Scotia, Bermuda and Newfoundland in 1826.
In 2012, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II granted the church the honorary title of ‘Their Majesties Chappell’ on the church’s 400th anniversary and the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee.
The church is currently open to the public 11:00 am to 3:00 pm daily except Sunday. \$2 donation required.
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The Unfinished Church...

Once known as The New Church! Amazing as it sounds today, it was once thought advisable to demolish St Peter’s Church and build a new church on the same site. Fortune favoured St Peter’s as the church received the gift of a plot of land that once held the early Government House at the top of Duke of Kent Street.
The foundation stone of the ‘new church’ was laid there in 1874.
The grand new, gothic edifice was designed by Scottish architect William Hay in a cruciform shape with brick interior pillars and tall arched windows.
The church had been almost completed by 1899 but a split in the congregation lead to a group deciding to build their own church nearby.
Funds were also drawn away when the cathedral in Hamilton burned down and money earmarked for St George’s was diverted.
The balance of the congregants fortunately decided to renovate and restore St Peter’s Church.
The abandoned building, once so close to completion, has gradually eroded away exacerbated by hurricanes and a severe tornado. The roof has vanished and many of the internal pillars have toppled.
It is now under the watchful care of St Peter’s Church and although closed to the public, has a whole new life as a popular site for weddings and photography sessions. Events: contact St Peter’s Church office, 297 2459.
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The Deliverance...

The St George’s Foundation owns and operates a full-scale replica of the Deliverance, constructed in 1967 by the Bermuda Junior Service League. Visitors are welcome on board and can imagine what it was like to be a passenger in the 17th century crammed into the narrow decks with cargo below and a main deck above. A simulation of William Strachey tells the tale of the survival of those 1609 castaways who were rescued as were the starving settlers in Jamestown, Virginia.
Physically challenged visitors can access the ship by a special entrance located in the starboard hull.
There is also a permanent exhibit of the Sea Venture, the Patience, and the Deliverance on display in the World Heritage Centre on Penno’s Wharf.
Please note that the “Deliverance” and World Heritage Centre with Second Hand Rose Thrift Shop will only be open from 10am till 4pm on Wednesdays and Saturdays starting 1st. November 2018, until 28th April, !!!New times?
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Historic Houses around the Towne...



Esten House



Stiles House



Long House



Bridge House



Globe House



Mitchell House



The State House



Wooden House

Journey to St.Davids...

The early colonisation of Bermuda began in the east on Smith’s Island, just north of St David’s Island, which would later have its own settlement as more colonists arrived from England. St David’s Island got its name from the patron saint of Wales, who lived in the 6th century. It is worth mentioning that the St David’s Islanders, although they have a strong sense of nationhood, consider themselves St David’s Islanders first as opposed to being part of the St George’s, the parish in which St David’s Island is a part. When asked where they are from, they will say St David’s. You will not hear a St David’s Islander claim to reside in St George’s. In other parts of the island, people claim the parish they live in as their place of residence – not St David’s Islanders.

St David’s Island was originally 503 acres of land, which, after land reclamation by 1942, the land mass was increased by 247 acres. The new 750 acres of land was part of the new Fort Bell which was commissioned by the US military as part of a lend-lease programme under President Franklin Delano Roosevelt during World War II. It was Roosevelt who declared that setting up of a military base in Bermuda was “the most important event in United States defense since [Thomas] Jefferson’s Louisiana Purchase in 1803.” (Rosemary Jones – Bermuda Five Centuries). The commission of a military base at St David’s Island was a necessary investment for America as Roosevelt. declared, “If Bermuda fell into the wrong hands, it would be a matter of less than three hours for hostile bombers to reach our shores.” (Rosemary Jones).

Much of St David’s Island for 54 years (the military withdrew in 1995) was lost to the US military. By 1995, ownership was restored to Bermuda and what was felt by the St David’s Islanders as a loss of their legacy was returned to them. Many of the roads that had US military names have been renamed. The area occupied by the base has now returned to its pre 1942 name: Southside. The site now boasts many local businesses and a medical centre – The Lambe Foggo Urgent Care Centre, which opened April 2009 is a welcomed addition to the people of the entire parish of St George’s as it is recognised that during a hurricane, should the Causeway (The Sliver of Land that connects St George’s to the rest of Bermuda) be destroyed, they would be cut off from medical emergency care. Prior to its opening, the King Edward VII Memorial Hospital in Paget, near the city of Hamilton was the only medical care facility on the island.

Many St David’s Islanders now feel a sense of wholeness and closure with the return of the land. St David’s Islanders are a unique people. Many are descendants of the Pequot Indians who were brought to the island as slaves along with slaves from Africa and the West Indies. Many of the people who reside there resemble their Pequot brothers and sisters in the United States. This strong sense of community goes back as far as the settlement of St David’s Island when one had to stay put for the most part or use a rowboat to get to any of the other islands making up Bermuda’s archipelago. The community is close knit. Many were born there and died there, from generation to generation.

...Sandra Burrows

St.David Lighthouse...



St David’s Lighthouse – Located on Lighthouse Road at Mount Hill, this lighthouse overlooks the South Shore of St David’s and has been in existence since 1879. It was built to stop pirates and privateers luring ships onto nearby rocks and reefs and stealing their cargo. The St David’s Light-house is the smaller of the island’s two lighthouses, with the larger being Gibb’s Hill Lighthouse in Southampton.

Carter House...



Carter House. On the former US Military base, Carter House is named after a survivor of the shipwrecked Sea Venture. The House was built around 1720. The US Military agreed to preserve is, as opposed to tearing it down when the military base was constructed in 1942. It was used as a beauty parlour until 1955, but it is now the home of the St David’s Historical Society Museum.

Carter House (Early 1600)...



Replica of early settlers dwelling hut at the Grounds of Carter House.

Great Head Battery Park...



Great Head Battery Park – This military fort was in use until 1957 and is armed with nine 12-inch loading guns, the largest ever installed in Bermuda and two 6-inch breech loading guns. The 12-inch loading guns had a range of seven miles and were the only guns to protect the island from coastal invasion.



Extensive walking trails, nature reserve, beautiful beaches, and a stunning view of Castle Harbour can all be found on the peaceful, undisturbed Cooper’s Island. Cooper’s Island Nature Reserve located at the south eastern end of St David’s, covers an area of about 44.5 acres. The area is largely undeveloped, making you feel even closer to the untouched, natural beauty. The island’s Nature Reserve spans across 12 acres of unspoiled land. It is heavily wooded and has a wide range of habitat diversity, including salt-water marshes, rocky coastlines, and upland hillside habitats. Cooper’s Island is also home to many picturesque, shallow-water beaches. Clearwater Beach one of the most popular is very well known to host weekend and holiday picnics and sporting events. The other great beaches located on Cooper’s Island include Turtle Bay Beach, Well Bay, Long Bay, and Fort Hill Bay. There have been several sightings of turtles at all these beaches.

Cooper’s Island used to be a restricted area, occupied by the U.S Military and later the U.S Navy. Remains of the military have been left untouched for the public to explore the eerie, abandoned buildings. In 1960, the island was repurposed for NASA as a space tracking station, which had been involved in the Mercury Project along with the Gemini Apollo and Skylab missions. In 1997, the station was shut down and the land was returned to Bermuda. Now, rather than trafficking space data via satellite spacecraft and planetary probes, the NASA space shuttle monitoring tower serves as a perfect vantage point for wildlife watchers to catch a glimpse of the Humpback whales or the Bermuda Cahow petrels – one of the island’s national birds.

Cooper’s Island is a wonderful place for anyone who wishes to experience the untouched beauty of nature as well as explore the ruins and remains of history on the island.

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The Map of St.Georges & St.David's Islands...



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