

# BERMUDA

## TOURISM AUTHORITY

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### Bermuda Fact Sheet

#### Location Snapshot

- While many believe [Bermuda](#) to be part of the Caribbean, the island actually rests hundreds of miles north of the Bahamas in an astoundingly beautiful stretch of the Atlantic, a mere 650 miles (1,046 kilometers) east of North Carolina.
- Flights from New York and other eastern US cities are typically under two hours.
- All of Bermuda fits in a cozy 21 square miles (54 sq km)
- The island boast 75 miles (120km) of dramatic coastline
- Bermuda may seem like one continuous landmass to visitors, but is actually made up of 181 islands, islets and rocks. Most of these are uninhabited, but eight of the larger ones are linked by bridges and one causeway that form the subtropical paradise visitors cannot resist
- Bermuda's unique location in the Atlantic provides an extraordinarily pleasant climate that rarely sees extremes of either hot or cold.
- The Island's pink beaches are actually a combination of crushed coral, calcium carbonate and the shells of tiny single-celled animals called Foraminifera.

#### Getting to Bermuda

Bermuda is served by Air Canada, American Airlines, British Airways, Delta Airlines, JetBlue Airways, United Airlines, US Airways and WestJet. Non-stop flights and seasonal routes are available from Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, Charlotte, London, Miami, New York, Newark, Philadelphia, Toronto, and Washington DC. Connecting flights are available from most major cities.

#### History

Discovered in 1505 by the Spanish, Bermuda was later colonized and settled by the English in 1612. The former capital, St. George, currently stands as one of the earliest English settlements of the New World. It is now recognized by UNESCO as a world heritage site. Hamilton has been the capital of Bermuda since 1815.

#### Island Transportation

Bicycles, taxis, buses, scooters, and ferries are the most common modes of transportation on the island. There are no rental cars available for visitors due to strict environmental laws.

#### Proper Fun

In Bermuda, British influences and sophistication meet the laid-back island rhythm of the Caribbean. We call this confluence of cultures "Proper Fun". Visitors looking for refined activities can experience afternoon tea and crumpets at many of the island's main resorts, while adventurers can enjoy an afternoon on the beach and participate in a number of water sports including jet skiing, fly boarding, scuba diving and sailing, among others. Exploring the island's many subterranean caves and forts, cycling the historical Railway Trail, and taking in the natural landscapes of Bermuda's many nature reserves are just a few other ways to have "Proper Fun." Cricket is another popular activity among Bermudians. Cup Match, the annual cricket classic between prominent local cricket teams St. George's and Somerset, is held annually on the island in July or August and attracts thousands of spectators each year.

## Population

Approximately 64, 237 people reside in Bermuda per the 2010 Bermuda Census.

## Climate

With mild sub-tropical temperatures year round, Bermuda ranges from 68-84 degrees Fahrenheit. Its relative humidity is 71-84 percent, and its beaches stay comfortably warm at 85 degrees in the summer.

## Size

Bermuda is approximately 21 miles long and 1.75 miles wide at its widest point. The country consists of 181 islands and islets in total.

## Language

English is the official language of Bermuda.

## Attire

Bermuda shorts, are a popular fashion choice on island for both men and women. In addition to casual wear, the shorts are also acceptable business attire.

## Currency

The Bermuda dollar (BD\$) is fixed to the U.S. dollar through the gold standard. U.S. dollars are accepted by all merchants and most stores and hotels will accept major credit cards

## Government

Bermuda is a parliamentary democracy with a multi-party system. The Premier is the head of government. The largest government parties are One Bermuda Alliance and Progressive Labour Party.

## Visitor Information Centers

Visitor Information Centers are conveniently located on Front Street in Hamilton, Clocktower Parade in the Royal Naval Dockyard, King's Wharf in the Royal Naval Dockyard (only when a cruise ship is docked), Water Street Plaza in St. George's for maps, brochures, weekly events, bus info, and more.

For more information on Bermuda, visit [www.gotobermuda.com](http://www.gotobermuda.com).