

BERMUDA

RENDEZVOUS ACTIVITIES LOTS TO SEE AND DO.

NOVEMBER 1, 2011 – MARCH 31, 2012

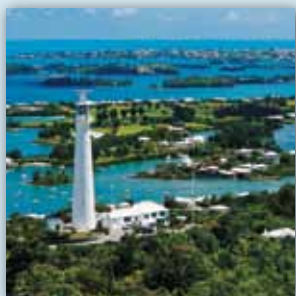


BERMUDA

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BRITISH CHARM WITH AN ISLAND BEAT



Bermuda's spectacular beauty provides the perfect setting for our unique *Bermuda Rendezvous Activities* programme which allows you to experience our Island's culture, arts and entertainment.

Time even permits for a game of golf!

Between the months of November and March, *Bermuda Rendezvous Activities* provides you with a wide range of family friendly activities, from guided tours to Gombey dancing, glassblowing to cooking. Check the month and times for each activity.



Bermuda Rendezvous Activities also includes a diverse lecture series covering several aspects of the Bermudian culture. (See page 11)

No matter where you roam, you're never far from warm friendly smiles, welcoming architecture and rich island charm.

Most of the daily activities listed are FREE unless otherwise indicated. Some have been arranged by the Department of Community & Cultural Affairs and others by the Department of Tourism.



PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Friday	November 11, 2011
Sunday	December 25, 2011
Monday	December 26, 2011
Tuesday	December 27, 2011
Sunday	January 1, 2012
Monday	January 2, 2012

MONDAY

VISITOR GOLF TOURNAMENT

Southampton



Port Royal Golf Course, par 71 (6,842 yards), the home of the PGA Grand Slam of Golf. \$110 per person inclusive of golf cart for 18 holes. Club rentals \$25.00.

- ~ Department of Tourism sponsored event
- ~ Prizes 1, 2, 3 and certificate for winner
- ~ 8:30 a.m. – 12 noon. Book your tee-off time early, tel 234-0974
- ~ Also held on Thursdays

GUIDED WALKING TOUR

City of Hamilton



10:00 a.m. A knowledgeable Tour Guide takes you past some of Bermuda's historic points of interest including City Hall & Arts Centre, the Sessions House, the Anglican Cathedral and Fort Hamilton.

- ~ Departs Bermuda National Library's verandah on Queen Street and ends at Fort Hamilton for the

performance of the Skirling Ceremony.

- ~ No tour on December 26, 2011 and January 2, 2012

SESSIONS HOUSE TOUR

City of Hamilton



11:00 a.m. Learn about the powerful role Parliament plays in Bermuda.

- ~ Meet at the door for a 45-minute tour
- ~ No tour on December 26, 2011 and January 2, 2012
- ~ No visits during the Budget Debate (late February/early March)

SKIRLING CEREMONY

City of Hamilton



12 noon Over-looking the harbour in an untried fortress, authentic kilted pipers, drummers and dancers perform to the bagpipe 'skirl' of the Bermuda Islands Pipe Band.

- ~ Fort Hamilton
- ~ No Ceremony on December 26, 2011 and January 2, 2012

TUESDAY

BOTANICAL GARDENS TOUR

Paget



10:30 a.m. Sub-tropical fruit groves, cedar and banyan trees, formal gardens, sensory garden, cacti and display houses with exotic plants are a few of the 15 permanent collections in the lush 36 acres.

~ Meet at the Berry Hill entrance near the Botanical Gardens Visitor's Centre

~ Also held on Wednesdays and Fridays

12 noon – 2:00 p.m. While in the Botanical Gardens, visit historic 'Camden', the official residence of the Premier.

~ 'Camden' is open Tuesdays and Fridays (unless official functions are scheduled)

BERMUDA GOMBAY REVUE

City of Hamilton



4:00 p.m. The swirling rhythm and vivid costumes of the Gombey dancers and musicians are an exciting Bermuda folk art event. Be sure to bring your camera!

~ No. 6 Passenger Terminal, Front Street

~ No event on November 29, December 6 and 13, 2011

WEDNESDAY

VISITOR GOLF TOURNAMENT

Devonshire



Ocean View Golf Course, 9-hole, par 35 (2,940 yards). \$50.00 per person inclusive of golf cart for 18 holes. Club rentals \$20.00.

~ Book your tee time early, tel 295-9093

~ Last tee time for tournament entry, 12 noon

~ Prizes awarded for 1st & 2nd place

FORT ST. CATHERINE

Coot Pond Road, St. George's



9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Inside the fort, step back in time as you review the history of fortifications in Bermuda. Wander through the magazine where swords, pistols and muskets are on display and see the huge 10-inch rifled muzzle-loaders on the gun floor. You

may even catch a glimpse of the fort's resident ghost, George!

- ~ Reduced admission on Wednesdays: \$5 adults, \$3 seniors and children. Regular admission on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursday and Fridays: \$7 adults, \$5 seniors and \$3 children
- ~ 75% wheelchair accessible, including restrooms
- ~ No openings on November 11, December 26 & 27, 2011

THE BERMUDA INSTITUTE OF OCEAN SCIENCES TOUR

Ferry Road, St. George's



10:00 a.m. Tour the campus of BIOS for just over an hour. Learn its history, meet some of the scientists, see the labs. An interesting tour for everyone including children over eleven years of age.

- ~ Enquiries, tel 297-1880 ext 0 or 204
- ~ No tour December 28, 2011 and January 4, 2012

HISTORICAL HOUSE TOURS – VERDMONT & TUCKER HOUSE

Verdmont on Collector's Hill, Smith's and **Tucker House** on Water Street, Town of St. George



10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. 'Verdmont – The House & its People', a 30-minute tour on demand. Set in charming gardens with spectacular views of South Shore and built over 300 years ago it has remained unchanged structurally and contains a treasure trove of antiques and Bermuda furniture.

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. 'Tucker House – President Henry and his American

Connections', a 30-minute tour on demand. This 18th century merchant's house has an elegant interior with an extensive collection of silver and antique Tucker family Bermuda cedar and English mahogany furniture. The archaeology exhibit gives a glimpse into the daily lives of those who lived there.

- ~ Bermuda National Trust museums
- ~ Admissions to both Verdmont and Tucker House: \$5 adults, \$2 children each; children 5 years and under free

OLD TOWN TOUR & HISTORICAL RE-ENACTMENT

Town of St. George



10:30 a.m. A guided tour through narrow alleys and lanes of this historic UNESCO World Heritage Site town.

11:45 a.m. The Mayor greets visitors at Town Hall.

12 noon Ducking – light-hearted, historical re-enactment of public punishment.

- ~ Meet in King's Square for all activities

- ~ For the month of November, the historical re-enactment is also held on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 12 noon

Wednesday continues...

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~ Also held on Tuesdays and Fridays

CHIT CHAT

Royal Naval Dockyard



10:30 a.m. Join one of our dolphin trainers for a fun and fascinating sharing of dolphin behaviours, facts and fiction. Learn all about dolphins and what you can do to help protect our ocean.

~ Dolphin Quest in the National Museum of Bermuda *incorporating* Bermuda Maritime Museum, tel 234-4464

~ Admission to the National Museum of Bermuda is required: \$10 adults, \$8 seniors and children 13 years and under free.

~ Held November 2, 2011 to March 28, 2012 ONLY

BERMUDA COOKERY DEMONSTRATION

City of Hamilton



2:30 – 4:00 p.m. Bermudian cuisine is a 'melting pot' of ethnic influences. Bermudian chef, Cheryl Kerr, shares local flavours.

~ No. 6 Passenger Terminal, Front Street

~ No demonstration on November 30 and December 7, 2011

THURSDAY

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~ Also held on Mondays

WALK & SLIDE SHOW

Somerset, Sandys



10:00 a.m. Walk past charming homes; learn about our history, architecture and old-time medicinal use of the many plants and herbs along the way.

11:15 a.m. An informative 20-minute slide show of Bermuda highlights.

~ Bus #7 or #8 to Mangrove Bay, Somerset

~ Walk departs Somerset Country Squire restaurant, Somerset

BERMUDA AQUARIUM, MUSEUM & ZOO CURATOR'S TOUR

North Shore Road, Hamilton Parish



1:00 p.m. Discover 'North Rock', a 145,000-gallon replica of a local living coral reef. Visit also the new Animal Hospital, Natural History Museum, Animal Care Centre and Aquarium all from behind the scenes and have up-close encounters with various animals.

~ Meet in the Aquarium

~ Maximum 12 people; first-come, first-served

~ Admission to BAMZ is required: \$10 adults, \$5 seniors and children 5-12 years, children under 5 years free

~ This tour begins December 1, 2011 and ends March 29, 2012

HANDS ON CRAFT

Royal Naval Dockyard



1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Meet a different artist each week and learn the techniques of working with natural foliage or paper and take away your own creation. You'll see a demonstration of the art of chair rushing, bobbin lace making, beaded tassels and lathe turning of cedar. Also included, an animated discussion

about the crafted Gombey dolls and answers to needlework problems.

~ Bermuda Craft Market

~ Also held on Sundays

DISCOVERING THE ROYAL NAVAL DOCKYARD



2:00 – 3:15 p.m. Step back in time as we walk through the development of the Dockyard from cedar forest to fortified base.

~ Meet at the Dockyard Tour sandwich board sign in front of the Cooperage on Maritime Lane

3:20 – 4:00 p.m. Tour the Victualling Yard and visit the barrel makers store

now used as a microbrewery. Tasting and Q & A included.

~ Meet in the Victualling Yard (north end)

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SATURDAY

HISTORICAL HOUSE TOUR OF TUCKER HOUSE

Water Street, Town of St. George



10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. 'Tucker House – President Henry and his American Connections', a 30-minute tour on demand. This 18th century merchant's house has an elegant interior with an extensive collection of silver and antique Tucker family Bermuda cedar and English mahogany furniture. The archaeology exhibit gives a glimpse into

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Royal Naval Dockyard



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~ Dolphin Quest in the National Museum of Bermuda *incorporating* Bermuda Maritime Museum, telephone 234 4464

~ Admission to the National Museum

of Bermuda is required: \$10 adults, \$8 seniors and children 13 years and under free

~ Held November 26, 2011 to March 10, 2012 ONLY

SUNDAY

ROYAL NAVAL DOCKYARD TOUR



11:30 a.m. The Dockyard defences and ship repairs form the basis of today's walk.

~ Meet at the Anchor Fountain outside Clocktower building

~ Approximately one hour long

~ No tour on December 25, 2011

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~ Admission to the National Museum

of Bermuda is required: \$10 adults, \$8 seniors and children 13 years and under free

~ No show on December 25, 2011

~ Held November 27, 2011 to March 11, 2012 ONLY

HANDS ON CRAFT

Royal Naval Dockyard



1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Meet a different artist each week and learn the technique of 3-dimensional paper art, wire wrapping and the use of fibre optics in jewellery, paint your own ornament and learn how to recycle paper into attractive ornaments.

~ Bermuda Craft Market

~ Also held on Thursdays

TASTE OF BERMUDA CALYPSO SUNDAYS

Royal Naval Dockyard



1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Taste our delectable pepper jams, rum cakes, locally brewed beer and ginger beer while listening to a rhythmic Calypso band that will have you moving to the beat. Stop by the Bermuda Craft Market and enjoy an array of flavours such as Bermuda preserves and other sizzling treats.

~ Bermuda Craft Market

A WALK ON THE RAILWAY TRAIL TO THE HERBAL GARDENS

Paget



2:00 – 4:00 p.m. An introduction to herb and plant medicines used by early settlers in Bermuda along with a review of modern day folk remedies and holistic approaches to health. Dr. Frith-Black takes you along the trails to her garden where she shares a talk and tea.

~ Tour begins at the entrance of the Railway Trail, South Road in Paget (next to the former Harmony Club)

~ No tour on December 18 & 25, 2011 and January 1, 2012

DAILY

MADE IN BERMUDA: DOCKYARD GLASSWORKS & THE BERMUDA RUM CAKE COMPANY

Royal Naval Dockyard



Glassworks is an exciting experience, whether it's lamp-working miniatures on an open flame or hot furnace art glass demos. The artists are available for questions. Items made are ready next day to travel. Buy off the iron. Sample Bermuda-made cake with Goslings Black Seal Rum baked daily in a micro-bakery in the Cakery Kitchen.

~ Open daily, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Glassworks demos Monday – Friday and Sundays, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

~ Closed December 25, 2011 and January 1, 2012

BERMUDA AQUARIUM, MUSEUM & ZOO

North Shore Road, Hamilton Parish

See Thursday for Curator's Tour

~ Open daily, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (last admission 4:00 p.m.)

~ Closed December 25, 2011

~ Admission: \$10 adults, \$5 seniors and children 5–12 years, children under 5 years free

FORT ST. CATHERINE

Coot Pond Road, St. George's

See Wednesday for reduced admission day

~ Open: Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

~ Closed November 11, December 26 and 27, 2011

~ Admission on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursday and Fridays: \$7 adults, \$5 seniors and \$3 children

~ 75% wheelchair accessible, including restrooms

TALKING ABOUT BERMUDA

A **FREE** lecture series featuring a variety of topics, each one held in a cultural venue and on weekdays. All lectures are held from **11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.***

NOVEMBER 2011

Monday 7, 14, 21, 28
LECTURE: BERMUDA'S HISTORY, CULTURE & TRADITIONS
LOCATION: Bermuda National Gallery, City of Hamilton

Tuesday 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
LECTURE: BERMUDA'S HISTORY
LOCATION: Bermuda National Gallery, City of Hamilton

Wednesday 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
LECTURE: BERMUDA'S HISTORY, CULTURE & TRADITIONS
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DECEMBER 2011

Monday 5, 12, 19
LECTURE: BERMUDA'S HISTORY, CULTURE & TRADITIONS
LOCATION: Bermuda National Gallery, City of Hamilton

Wednesday 7, 14, 21, 28
LECTURE: BERMUDA'S HISTORY, CULTURE & TRADITIONS
LOCATION: Bermuda National Gallery, City of Hamilton

FEBRUARY 2012

Monday 6, 13, 20, 27
LECTURE: BERMUDA'S HISTORY, CULTURE & TRADITIONS
LOCATION: Bermuda National Gallery, City of Hamilton

Wednesday 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
LECTURE: BERMUDA'S HISTORY, CULTURE & TRADITIONS
LOCATION: Bermuda National Gallery, City of Hamilton

MARCH 2012

Friday 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
LECTURE: BERMUDA'S PRISONER'S OF WAR
LOCATION: Bermuda Historical Society Museum, City of Hamilton

*(Information subject to change without notice)



B E R M U D A F E S T I V A L OF THE PERFORMING ARTS 2012

JANUARY 17 – FEBRUARY 26, 2012

An International Performing Arts showcase featuring world class theatre, jazz, chamber music, soloists, mime and more. See the Bermuda Festival brochure for a detailed schedule. For tickets or more information on these performances, call 232-2255 or visit bermudafestival.org.

JANUARY

17 **Blake**
20 **Jon Faddis Jazz
Orchestra of New York**
23–24 **Ailey II**
27–28 **Marlena Smalls and
the Hallelujah Singers**
29 **Gabriela Montero**
31 **Mother to Mother**

FEBRUARY

3 **Schubert Ensemble of
London**
10–11 **Proof**
16 **Carole Farley**
17–18 **Toulouse Chamber
Orchestra**
24–26 **ZooZoo**

See separate brochures for:

BERMUDA RESTAURANT WEEK

January 16 – February 6, 2012

FEEL THE LOVE MONTH

January 16 – March 3, 2012

Resources for enquiries for the Bermuda Rendezvous Activities programme:

Department of Community & Cultural Affairs

Dame Lois Brown-Evans Building, 58 Court Street, City of Hamilton

Tel: 292 1681

Department of Tourism

Global House, 43 Church Street, City of Hamilton

Tel: 292 0023

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1.800.bermuda (Monday–Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. EST)

Visitor Information Centres (VIC)

Next to Ferry Terminal on Front Street, City of Hamilton

Open: Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Closed: December 25, 26, 27, 2011 and January 1 and 2, 2012

Tel: 295 1480

Gazebo #2, Dockyard Terrace, Royal Naval Dockyard

Open: Saturdays and Sundays, 10:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Closed: December 25, 2011 and January 1, 2012

Tel: 238 4842

Bermuda National Trust in the Globe Hotel, Duke of York Street, Town of St. George

Open: Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Tel: 297 1423



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