PRIVATE HOUSES &
GARDENS OF BERMUDA
April 1–5, 2019
with Michael Weishan ’86
Charaterized by graceful Georgian houses of whitewashed coral limestone, manicured gardens, and sparkling turquoise waters, Bermuda holds a special charm for cultural enthusiasts. The Bermuda National Trust has acquired more than 60 historic properties and open-space areas and is a formidable force in the preservation of this fragile island. On this special tour, travelers will be welcomed by distinguished hosts into several of the most elegant homes in Bermuda. Experience behind-the-scene tours of Bermuda’s finest museums and cultural institutions. Outstanding guest lecturers and expert local guides await you at each visit along the way to bridge the shared history between Bermuda and the United States and share their love for Bermuda. Enjoy luxurious accommodations, superb cuisine, and special access to private estates. Discover Bermuda with special openings of private historic homes and hidden gardens and VIP tours of historic monuments.

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LOW KEY
I enjoy walking up to a couple of miles a day, but my pace is more stroll than scamper. I can get on and off a tour bus or boat, and standing for a period of time in a museum or historic site is about as much as I can handle.

TO BOOK A TRIP, CALL 800-422-1636 OR VISIT ALUMNI.HARVARD.EDU/TRAVEL
Schedule by Day

MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2019

Welcome to Bermuda

Arrive at the Bermuda airport and transfer by shared hotel airport shuttle to the Fairmont Southampton, located on Bermuda’s south shore. Enjoy an introductory talk by your Bermudian guide or Harvard study leader. Celebrate your first night in Bermuda at a welcome dinner at one of the island’s best restaurants.

Fairmont Southampton (D)

TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2019

St. George & Hamilton

Set out for the historical town of St. George, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the oldest continuously inhabited English town in the New World. Many of St. George’s narrow streets remain just as they were centuries ago as you will see during a walking tour led by a Bermuda National Trust representative. See King’s Square; the Town Hall; Deliverance, a replica of one of two ships built by the shipwrecked settlers; and St. Peter’s Church, the oldest Anglican church in continuous use in the western hemisphere. Continue on to Hamilton, Bermuda’s capital, for a guided tour by bus to see its cathedral. Enjoy a guided stroll through Hamilton, including a tour of the Bermuda Historical Society Museum at “Parla-Ville.” Return to the Fairmont by ferry. The evening is at leisure.

Fairmont Southampton (B, L)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2019

Magnificent Homes of Bermuda

This morning, drive to Waterville, one of the oldest and most elegant houses in Bermuda, currently the headquarters of the Bermuda National Trust. Major renovations were undertaken in 1811, and the house has been restored in that period’s style. The waterfront grounds include the Bermuda Rose Society’s showcase garden of old roses. Continue to one of the most splendid private historical estates in Bermuda. Next visit Verdmont, one of Bermuda’s most significant historic buildings. Built around 1710, Verdmont is a unique example of early Georgian architecture and has remained virtually unchanged for 300 years. The museum within features an extensive collection of antiques including Bermuda-made cedar furniture, portraits, English and Chinese porcelain, and a child’s nursery. The gardens contain an assortment of herbs, old roses and fruit trees, and the sweeping view of South Shore is spectacular. Continue to another private home with magnificent gardens, and be treated to lunch hosted by the owner, a sixth-generation Bermudian. Enjoy a curator-led tour of the Masterworks Museum of Bermuda Art, which boasts a world-class collection of more than 1,200 pieces of art, including works by legendary artists Henry Moore, Georgia O’Keeffe, and Winslow Homer. Enjoy your evening at leisure.

Fairmont Southampton (B, L)

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2019

Bermuda’s Maritime History

Drive to the Royal Naval Dockyard for a special walking tour led by the Bermuda Trust. Visit the National Museum of Bermuda, housed within a large fortress called The Keep. This fascinating museum is dedicated to Bermuda’s rich maritime history with extensive artifact collections and fine historical exhibitions. Enjoy a private visit to the Commissioner’s House, the largest restoration project ever undertaken in Bermuda. After free time to explore the Royal Naval Dockyard, enjoy a private luncheon cruise back to the Fairmont. This evening, bid farewell to Bermuda during a memorable dinner at the island’s finest restaurant.

Fairmont Southampton (B, L, D)

FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2019

Depart Bermuda

Following a morning of leisure, take a shared hotel shuttle to the airport for return flights to the United States. (B)

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Tour Highlights

• Explore historic homes from the 1700s and 1800s and their collections of Bermudian furnishings, portraits, hand-sewn quilts, and porcelain.

• Enjoy private lunches in magnificent private homes hosted by the owners.

• Discover Bermuda’s lush tropical landscape including estate gardens containing an assortment of herbs, old roses, and fruit trees.

• Stroll through the charming streets and historic sites of St. George, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the oldest continuously inhabited English town in the New World.

• See Bermuda’s Royal Naval Dockyard including a private visit to the Commissioner’s House, the largest restoration project ever undertaken in Bermuda.

Hotel Accommodations

**Fairmont Southampton Resort**

**Southampton, Bermuda**

Perched on Bermuda’s stunning south shore with miles of pink sand beaches, the luxurious Fairmont Southampton beach resort sits on nearly 100 acres, dotted with lush bougainvillea and towering coconut palms. Guest rooms are richly appointed with private balconies, walk-in closets, and marble bathrooms. Amenities include indoor and outdoor pools, tennis courts, and a spa and fitness facility.

Tour Price  $3,695 per person double occupancy  |  $495 single supplement
Registration Form

To register, fill out this form and return to Harvard Alumni Travels with your deposit of $1,000 per person.

Please return this form by mail to:
Harvard Alumni Travels
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