



THE ROYAL OAK FOUNDATION

Americans in Alliance with the National Trust of England, Wales and Northern Ireland



Britannia in Bermuda

Arts, Architecture & Culture in Paradise

December 2 – 6, 2021

HIGHLIGHTS

EXPLORE continuing ties between Bermuda and Britain in the UNESCO-listed parish of St. George's—the oldest continuously operating English town in the Western Hemisphere

ENJOY a private, behind-the-scenes tour of St. Peter's Church, the oldest still-standing Anglican church outside of the British Isles, where Jane Austen's brother Charles married his wife Fanny in 1807

DELIGHT in exclusive tours of festively decorated British colonial private homes during the much-anticipated annual Bermuda National Trust Christmas Walkabout, a spectacular event featuring dancers, musicians, and carolers

ATTEND a private cocktail reception at the 19th-century home of a prominent author and historian, and take an exclusive look at his magnificent collection of art and artifacts

SAVOR a private dinner in one of Bermuda's oldest British colonial homes, and enjoy a candlelit private dinner at Verdmont, an elegant 18th-century, Georgian-style home maintained by the Bermuda National Trust

SPEND four nights at the glamorous Hamilton Princess & Beach Club, and join a curator to peruse the extensive art collection displayed throughout the hotel, which includes works by British street artist Banksy and a portrait of Queen Elizabeth II reimagined by pop artist Andy Warhol

SAIL on a private cruise through beautiful Hamilton Harbour aboard a luxury catamaran to admire the pastel-colored houses dotting the shore, followed by a festive farewell dinner at the 175-year-old Royal Bermuda Yacht Club, the third-oldest Royal club outside British shores

JOIN the founder and curator of the Masterworks Museum of Bermuda Art for rare exclusive access to its impressive private vault, and view works by Winslow Homer, Georgia O'Keeffe, and Marsden Hartley, as well as works by lesser-known local and British artists

Front cover: One of the Royal Edition set of Andy Warhol's, *Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom*, Hamilton Princess Hotel & Beach Club.
Above: Country road on Bermuda



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Dear Travelers and Friends,

This holiday season, join the Royal Oak Foundation for a balmy December escape to beautiful Bermuda, a historic British Overseas Territory. This four-night journey is specially timed for the festive annual Bermuda National Trust Christmas Walkabout, when local residents will open their elegant, private British colonial homes—most dating to the 17th and 18th centuries, all bathed in candlelight and authentically decorated—for our exploration.

Take a magnificent behind-the-scenes look at Bermuda's UNESCO-listed former capital of St. George's, the oldest English colonial town in the New World, founded in 1612. On a private visit, discover St. Peter's Church, the oldest still-standing Anglican church outside of the British Isles and the venue for the wedding of Jane Austen's brother in 1807.

Located just a few hundred miles from Cape Hatteras, Bermuda offers a taste of the United Kingdom off America's Eastern Seaboard. This voyage will be further enriched with special events that highlight Bermuda's rich British heritage, including a scenic private cruise with views of British colonial architecture, a lavish dinner at the exclusive Royal Bermuda Yacht Club, and luscious teas at stunning private residences.

Home to pink-sand beaches, clear-blue ponds, and serene forests, Bermuda's dazzling landscapes have lured many artists to its shores, including Winslow Homer and Georgia O'Keeffe. You will have an inside look at how their legacy fuels Bermuda's art scene to this day. Join curator-led tours of some of Bermuda's top museums, including the extraordinary Masterworks Museum of Bermuda Art. This institution houses works by Homer and O'Keeffe as well as British artists like Henry Moore, and the museum's founder will open its private vault specially for us. On exclusive visits, you will also behold the excellent private holdings of Bermuda's leading collectors and meet local artists.

Stay at the luxurious Hamilton Princess Hotel & Beach Club, where you will be surrounded by its collection of contemporary works by famed international and U.K. artists including Banksy and Damien Hirst. I hope you will join the Royal Oak Foundation on this exciting, close-to-home look at Bermuda's arts, architecture, culture, and British history.

Sincerely,

Ian Murray
Executive Director
Royal Oak Foundation



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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2: DEPARTURE / HAMILTON, BERMUDA

Arrive in Bermuda, and transfer to the luxurious Hamilton Princess Hotel & Beach Club, known for its impressive art collection. In the early evening, make your way to the private 19th-century home of a Bermudian author and historian to view his extensive collection of treasures. After enjoying cocktails, gardens, and the beautiful sunset, sit down for a special candlelit dinner at Verdmont, an early-18th-century house owned and maintained by the Bermuda National Trust. This elegant Georgian-style home is the perfect backdrop for an evening of wonderful Bermudian cuisine and the sounds of island music. R, D

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3: HAMILTON / ST. GEORGE'S TOWN

On a private tour with a local curator, peruse the Hamilton Princess' extensive art collection. Displayed throughout the hotel, it includes works by enigmatic British street artist Banksy and other icons such as Andy Warhol, Jeff Koons, KAWS, and Yayoi Kusama. After some time at leisure in the late afternoon, depart to the charming, UNESCO-listed World Heritage Site of St. George's Town, the oldest continuously operating English settlement in the New World, with its well-preserved brick streets and British colonial architecture. Delight in a private tour of St. Peter's Church, the oldest surviving Anglican church outside of Britain and site of Charles Austen's wedding to his wife Fanny. In 2012, the church was given the title "Their Majesties' Chappell" by Queen Elizabeth II. At the World Heritage Centre, a

local historian and general manager of the St. George's Foundation will showcase the murals of British-born artist Emile A. Verpillieux, who created several paintings depicting Bermudian life in the early 19th century. While there, you will also view a series of paintings by renowned Bermudian artist Christopher Grimes. Tonight, experience the seasonal festivities at the annual Bermuda National Trust Christmas Walkabout, one of the island's most exciting events of the year, with musicians, dancers, and carolers. Savor dinner tonight at Tom Moore's Tavern, a restaurant housed in one of the oldest and most charming homes in Bermuda. Formerly known as Walsingham House, this British colonial building was designed by architect John Millner and built in 1652. It was considered of such architectural importance that a replica was put on show at the British Empire Exhibition in Wembley in 1924. The tavern was named after the Irish poet Tom Moore, who in 1804 lived in Bermuda for a few months. Return to the hotel after dinner. B,D





St. George's Town Hall decorated for Christmas



Mural by Graham Foster, National Museum

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5: BERMUDA

This morning, meet a Bermudian artist and view local artwork. Then, visit the Royal Naval Dockyard, built in the 19th century and once Britain's largest naval base outside the United Kingdom. Notably, the Dockyard houses the island's most significant cemetery, which is dedicated to those who died in service of the British military. Today, the Dockyard serves as a hub of the Bermudian arts scene, and we will visit the Bermuda Arts Center there to meet with local artists. Afterwards, on an exclusive tour of the National Museum with one of its board members, experience fine marine artworks and a mural painted by Bermudian artist Graham Foster. Following lunch, board a catamaran for a cocktail cruise back to the Hamilton Princess. Our farewell dinner is at the 175-year-old Royal Bermuda Yacht Club, the third-oldest Royal club outside British shores and one of the most premier yacht clubs in the world. We will meet the club historian. While there, learn about the club's connection to yachtsman Sir Russell Coutts, a frequent visitor to the island and co-founder of Sail GP, an international sailing league whose 2021 season will launch in Bermuda. B, L, R, D

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6: BERMUDA / RETURN

After breakfast, depart for your flights home. B

This itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of The Royal Oak Foundation and Arrangements Abroad. For complete details, please carefully read the terms and conditions at www.arrangementsabroad.com/terms.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4: BERMUDA

Start the day on a short walking tour of Bermuda's capital of Hamilton, established in 1793 and known for its colorful architecture. Stroll through Queen Elizabeth Park, visit the Bermuda National Gallery in City Hall, and see the Anglican cathedral. This afternoon, join the founder and curator at the Masterworks Museum of Bermuda Art on a private tour of the gallery in the museum, whose collection includes works by Winslow Homer, Georgia O'Keeffe, and several British artists including Henry Moore. Get a behind-the-scenes look at paintings from the original collection that are now housed in the museum's private vault. Enjoy afternoon tea before returning to the hotel for an evening at leisure. B,T



Gardens at the Masterworks Museum



Royal Navy Dockyard

ACCOMMODATIONS

Hamilton Princess Hotel & Beach Club

Overlooking the stunning blue waters of Hamilton Harbour sits the luxurious Hamilton Princess Hotel & Beach Club. Enjoy views of the beautiful boats passing by at this iconic hotel, known as the "Pink Palace." This urban oasis features beautifully appointed guest rooms; a stunning infinity pool with uninterrupted views of Hamilton Harbour; exceptional restaurants, and remarkable art collections with works by artists including Picasso, Magritte, Matisse, and British street artist Banksy.



PROGRAM RATE
\$4,999 per person, double rate
\$5,899 single rate
RATE INCLUDES

- Four nights hotel accommodations as per itinerary
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, T=Tea, R=Reception, D=Dinner). Bottled water, soft drinks, juices, and coffee/tea with all meals; house wine at included dinners
- Escorted sightseeing by private motor coach and entrance fees for included visits
- Airport/hotel/airport group transfers for all participants on suggested flights
- Taxes, service, and portage charges
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers

NOT INCLUDED IN RATES Airfare; passport/visa fees; meals not specified; alcoholic beverages other than as noted in inclusions; personal items and expenses; baggage in excess of one suitcase; trip insurance; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.



THE ROYAL OAK FOUNDATION BERMUDA • DECEMBER 2 – 6, 2021 RESERVATION FORM

To reserve a place, please contact Arrangements Abroad at phone: 212-514-8921 or 800-221-1944, or fax: 212-344-7493; or complete this form with your deposit of \$1,000 per person (of which \$500 is non-refundable for administrative fees), payable to *Arrangements Abroad*. Mail to: Arrangements Abroad, 1040 Avenue of the Americas, 23rd floor, New York, NY 10018-3721.

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ACCOMMODATIONS

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