

# *Art & Architecture of Bermuda*

March 26–31, 2023 | *Tour Leader: Curt DiCamillo*



*Heritage Tours*

by American Ancestors



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TRAVEL

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Characterized by graceful Georgian houses of whitewashed coral limestone, manicured gardens, and sparkling turquoise waters, Bermuda holds a charm unlike any other spot on the planet. The archipelago is named after the Spanish explorer Juan de Bermúdez, who came here in 1505. The islands have been permanently inhabited since 1612, when an English settlement was established at St. George's.

Led by Curt DiCamillo and noted Bermuda experts, our well-paced, custom-designed itinerary features superb meals and extraordinary access to some of the island's most impressive properties. We will be welcomed by distinguished hosts into several of the most elegant private homes in Bermuda and experience behind-the-scenes tours of the island's finest museums and cultural institutions, including a curator-led tour of the Masterworks Museum of Bermuda Art, a private tour of the Commissioner's House, and a guided visit of St. George's led by the Bermuda National Trust, which owns more than 60 historic properties and open-space areas. Many of our most special visits are because of our close relationship with the Trust, an important and formidable force in the preservation of this fragile island.

### ABOUT OUR TOUR LEADER



**Curt DiCamillo**, who joined American Ancestors/NEHGS in February of 2016 as the organization's first Curator of Special Collections, is an internationally recognized authority on British historic houses and the decorative arts (his award-winning website on British country houses can be found here: [www.TheDiCamillo.com](http://www.TheDiCamillo.com)). Before coming to American Ancestors/NEHGS, Curt was the Executive Director of The National Trust for Scotland Foundation USA, where he successfully raised more than \$7 million and initiated many innovative programs. As Curator of Special Collections, he provides strategic direction for organizing and exhibiting our extensive collection of fine art and family history-related artifacts, leads the

Society's Heritage Tours, and provides educational outreach through American Ancestors/NEHGS's extensive webinar series. In recognition of his work, Curt has been presented to the late Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother and The Prince of Wales. He is an alumnus of the Royal Collection Studies program, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, and a member of the Council of the American Museum in Britain. Curt's book, *Villa Astor: Paradise Restored on the Amalfi Coast*, was published in 2017 by Flammarion. He is also the brother of the award-winning author Kate DiCamillo, something of which he's extraordinarily proud.

### ACCOMMODATION



Palm Court Pool at the Rosewood Bermuda

#### Rosewood Bermuda

Located in the exclusive Tucker's Point section of Hamilton, our home will be the five-star Rosewood Bermuda, the island's most luxurious resort with two outdoor pools, a gym, and a luxe spa. Located in a seaside setting peppered with pink sand beaches and breathtaking views of the ocean, the hotel is noted for its inventive local and global cuisine served in several distinctive restaurants and bars.

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*Sunday, March 26*

## Arrival in Bermuda

Arrive at Bermuda International Airport on independent flights and take an airport shuttle to the luxury five-star Rosewood. Take time to settle in before gathering for a welcome dinner in the hotel's elegant on-site restaurant.

*Monday, March 27*

## Saint George & the Carter House

Set out for historic St. George, Bermuda's capital until 1815 and arguably the oldest continuously inhabited English town in the New World. Enjoy a walking tour along St. George's narrow streets to see King's Square; the Town Hall; *Deliverance*, a replica of one of two ships built by shipwrecked settlers; St. Peter's Church, the oldest Anglican church in continuous use in the western hemisphere; and the Globe to see the exhibition *Rogues and Runners*. At the 18th-century Tucker House, view Bermudian furniture, portraits, hand-sewn quilts, and silver. Next, drive to a spectacular private home and enjoy lunch with the owners. Proceed to Carter House, one of the oldest buildings on St. David's Island. An example of early Bermudian vernacular architecture, it was built circa 1640 of stone rather than wood by the descendants of one of two crew members of the shipwrecked *Sea Venture* who remained in Bermuda when other survivors left for Virginia in 1610. The evening is at leisure.

*Tuesday, March 28*

## Glorious Homes of Bermuda

Drive to Waterville, one of the oldest and most elegant houses on Bermuda, and the Bermuda National Trust's current headquarters. The waterfront grounds include the Bermuda Rose Society's showcase garden of old roses. Continue to one of the most splendid private historic estates in Bermuda. Next visit Verdmont, a unique example of early Georgian architecture built around 1710, which has remained virtually unchanged for 300 years and houses a collection of Bermuda-made cedar furniture, portraits, and English and Chinese porcelain. Continue to another private home with magnificent gardens and be treated to lunch hosted by the owner, a sixth-generation Bermudian. After time to relax and refresh, drive to a nearby restaurant for dinner.



Saint Peter's Church by TravelingOtter



Tucker House Bedroom by TravelingOtter



Waterville by Malcom Manners



The Royal Naval Dockyard by James Willamor

*Wednesday, March 29*

## **The Royal Naval Dockyard**

Discover the Royal Naval Dockyard on a special walking tour led by the Bermuda National Trust. Visit the National Museum of Bermuda, housed within a large fortress and dedicated to Bermuda's maritime history. During a private visit to the Commissioner's House, learn about the largest restoration project ever undertaken in Bermuda. Enjoy a lunch cruise to Hamilton, Bermuda's capital. Following a short city orientation, enjoy an afternoon at leisure relaxing back at the Rosewood or stay on in Hamilton to explore the city with a late afternoon transfer back to the hotel.



Hamilton by Kansas Photo

*Thursday, March 30*

## **Bermuda's Best Museums**

Set out for Camden and take a short walk through a section of the 36-acre Bermuda Botanical Gardens, featuring native palmetto trees, rose and hibiscus gardens, and banyan and ficus trees. Enjoy a curator-led tour of the Masterworks Museum of Bermuda Art, with a world-class collection including works by Henry Moore, Georgia O'Keeffe, and Winslow Homer. At the Bermuda Aquarium and Natural History Museum, learn about the island's unique geological history and diversity of habitats and see the museum's 140,000-gallon North Rock Exhibit that showcases live corals and 200 species of fish, including large predatory fish. Enjoy a free afternoon at the Rosewood or stay on in Hamilton for an independent lunch. Gather in the evening for a memorable farewell dinner at Verdmont, especially for us.



Verdmont House by Jeremy T. Hetzel

*Friday, March 31*

## **Return to the United States**

Take an airport shuttle to the Bermuda International Airport for independent flights back to the United States.

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### Tour Cost:

Land Package: \$6,995

Single Supplement: \$1,195

*Tour price is per person, based on double occupancy, with a minimum of 15 paying participants.*

**Deposit & Final Payment:** A deposit of \$1,500 per person is required to reserve a spot on the tour. Deposits are payable by check or credit card (MasterCard, Visa, or American Express). Final balance will be invoiced and is due on September 19, 2022. Final balance payments are payable by check only to International Seminar Design, Inc. Registrations will be accepted beyond this date on a space-available basis.

**Activity Level:** Moderate; good walking ability is advised.

**Flights:** Airfare is not included in the tour price. Participants are responsible for all aspects of their round-trip air arrangements. Please do not purchase airline tickets until the operation of the tour is confirmed.

**Tour Price Inclusions:** 5 nights' accommodation at the Rosewood Bermuda; breakfast daily, 3 lunches, 3 dinners; 2 glasses of wine or beer at included dinners; land transportation by private motor coach; airport transfers by shared shuttles; entrance fees to sites and visits listed in the itinerary; leadership of Curt DiCamillo for duration of the tour; services of an ISDI tour manager; expert local guide for walking tours; gratuities for guides and drivers and at included meals; handling of 2 pieces of luggage per person upon arrival and departure from the hotel; bottled water on coach; service charges and taxes.

**Tour Price Exclusions:** Airline tickets, airline taxes and surcharges, and baggage fees; gratuities for hotel housekeeping; airport portage; passport or visa fees; transfers to and from the airport for individuals not using the shuttle service; meals other than those specified in the itinerary; personal items such as telephone calls, room service, valet service, à-la-carte orders, specialty wines and liquors, laundry charges, travel extensions, or tour deviations; entry or departure fees levied by local governments; travel insurance; any other items not specifically included in the itinerary.

**Terms & Conditions:** International Seminar Design, Inc. ("ISDI") requires that all tour participants be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 to participate on the tour. Upon receipt of registration, ISDI will send registrant a Participant Tour Agreement detailing the full terms and conditions for this tour. This document must be signed and returned to ISDI before participant's registration is considered complete and any arrangements can be confirmed.

**Cancellations & Refunds:** Cancellation by participant must be made in writing to NEHGS and is effective only upon acknowledged receipt by NEHGS. There is a non-refundable registration and planning fee of \$500 per person regardless of cancellation date. Written cancellation received by NEHGS on or before September 19, 2022: full refund minus \$500 per person registration and planning fee. Written cancellation received by NEHGS between September 20 and December 19, 2022: full refund minus \$3,500 per person cancellation fee (includes registration and planning fee). Written cancellations received by NEHGS on or after December 20, 2022: no refund. Tour registration is non-transferable. In the case of cancellation, substitutions are not allowed. After the tour has commenced, no refunds will be issued for any reason including, but not limited to, unused portions of tour. If the tour is canceled by NEHGS or ISDI due to low enrollment, active registrants will receive a full refund of all tour payments.

**Travel Insurance:** Travel Insurance is not included in the tour cost, but participants are strongly encouraged to purchase a travel protection plan in conjunction with this tour, including coverage of trip cancellation, trip interruption, emergency evacuation/repatriation, medical expenses, lost or damaged baggage, and other expenses and/or losses incurred due to unexpected situations. Should a participant cancel at any time after registering for the tour, NEHGS and ISDI must strictly abide by the cancellation policy outlined herein. Travel insurance information will be sent upon tour registration.

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