



National Trust for Historic Preservation

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*Private Houses
& Gardens of*
BERMUDA

*featuring study leader
John Meffert*





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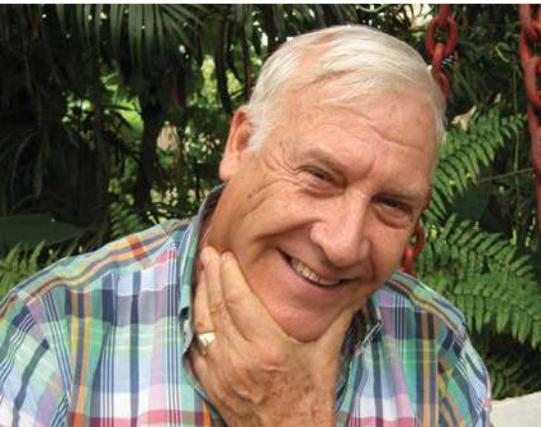
with John Meffert

Since it was established in 1969, the Bermuda National Trust has acquired more than 60 historic properties and open-space areas in Bermuda, and is a formidable force in the preservation of this fragile island, characterized by graceful Georgian houses of whitewashed coral limestone, manicured gardens, and sparkling turquoise waters. In 1612, settlers from Britain entered St. George's Harbor resulting in a unique blend of British formality and island nonchalance. Discover Bermuda in all its cultural glory with VIP tours of historic monuments, special openings of grand private homes, and exclusive invitations into breathtaking hidden gardens. Taking place during the Bermuda National Trust's festive "Christmas Walkabout," uncover Bermuda at its best, while enjoying many of the island's most interesting people and finest restaurants.

BERMUDA

Enjoy special luncheons hosted by local Bermudians in their exquisite private homes.

(right) Vermont House (Jeremy T. Hetzel)
(below) Camden House (Malcolm Manners)



Travel with John Meffert

A longtime proponent of preservation and the former director of the National Trust's Southern Office, John Meffert now serves as a consultant on heritage conservation services in his hometown of Charleston, S.C. He has also served as director of the Preservation Society of Charleston, preserving the city's historic resources.



St. Peter's Church, St. George, Bermuda. Photo by Traveling Offer

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

*Welcome to
Historic Bermuda*

Arrive at the Bermuda airport and take a shared airport shuttle to the four-star Pompano Beach Club, located on a stunning ocean cliffside. Join study leader John Meffert for an introductory talk about Bermuda and celebrate your first night with a welcome dinner at the hotel. (D)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

*Carter House
& St. George*

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; and St. Peter's Church, the oldest Anglican church in continuous use in the

western hemisphere. 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. Dinner is included at the hotel. (B,L,D)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

*Estates &
Antiques*

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, then visit Vermont, 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 Hamilton, Bermuda's capital, for free time to enjoy lunch and explore the city. Enjoy dinner together at the hotel. (B,D)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

*Royal Dockyards
& the Christmas
Walkabout*

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 special visit to the Commissioner's House, learn about the largest restoration project ever undertaken in Bermuda. Following free time for lunch and shopping, return to your hotel for a break. Later, return to St. George to take in the festive celebrations of the Bermuda National Trust's Christmas Walkabout. Dinner is included at the hotel. (B,D)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2 *Art & Ancestry*

Set out for Camden and explore highlights from 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 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. Continue to another private home with magnificent gardens and be treated to lunch hosted by the owner, a sixth-generation Bermudian. Return to your hotel while enjoying a private cocktail cruise. This evening, bid farewell to Bermuda during a memorable dinner at the

hotel. (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 *Departures*

After a morning at leisure, take a shared shuttle to the airport for return flights to the United States. (B)

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:

Pompano Beach Club

Dramatically situated overlooking Bermuda's southwest coast, the Pompano Beach Club has one of the best beachfront settings on the island with superb water views at every turn. Enjoy spacious, ocean-facing rooms, and unwind while enjoying sea breezes and ocean sunsets from your private balcony.



Victualling Yard, Royal Naval Dockyard

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Tour Information



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Dates: November 28–December 3, 2023

Tour Cost:

Land Package \$3,995

Single Supplement \$695

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

Activity Level: Moderate, good overall mobility required.

Deposit & Final Payment: A deposit of \$1,000 per registrant is required to reserve space on the tour, of which \$500 is nonrefundable for ISDI's registration and planning fee unless the tour is cancelled due to low enrollment. This deposit may be paid by check or by Visa or MasterCard. Final balance will be invoiced and is due on August 17, 2023 and must be paid by check to International Seminar Design, Inc. Registrations are accepted after this date on a space-available basis with payment in full by check only.

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 operation of the tour is confirmed by ISDI.

Tour Inclusions: 5 nights at the four-star Pompano Beach Club (superior rooms); breakfast daily, 2 lunches, 5 dinners, access to 3 beautiful private homes; a sunset cocktail cruise; airport shuttle transfers; academic leadership of John Meffert; services of an ISDI tour director; land transportation by private coach and public ferry; gratuities to local guides, drivers, and hotel porters; entrance fees to sites per itinerary; bottled water daily; taxes, services, and portage fees.

Tour Exclusions: Airfare, airline taxes, and fuel surcharges; airport portage; private airport transfers; excursions, activities, or meals during traveler's free time; personal items; personal services; travel extensions; personal insurance for health, baggage, and tour cancellation; passport fees; visa fees; gratuities for hotel housekeeping staff.

Terms and Conditions: 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 ISDI and is effective only upon acknowledged receipt by ISDI. There is a non-refundable registration and planning fee of \$500 per person regardless of cancellation date. Written cancellation received by ISDI on or before August 17, 2023: full refund minus \$500 per person registration and planning fee. Written cancellation received by ISDI between August 18 and October 12, 2023: full refund minus \$2,000 per person cancellation fee (includes registration and planning fee). Written cancellation received by ISDI on or after October 13, 2023: 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 cancelled by ISDI or National Trust Tours 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, ISDI must strictly abide by the cancellation policy outlined herein. Travel insurance information will be sent upon tour registration. For additional information, please contact National Trust Tours at 888-484-8785.

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Registration Form



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Full Name Birth Date

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Address

City State Zip

Home Phone Mobile Phone

E-mail Address (Participant 1) E-mail Address (Participant 2)

ROOMING OPTIONS: *(please select)*

- Double Occupancy; I will share a room with _____
 - We prefer separate beds
- Single Occupancy (\$695 single supplement)
 - I would like a roommate but will pay the single supplement if one cannot be found

TOUR DOCUMENTS:

ISDI will send all documents pertaining to the tour by email to the email address listed above.

- If you wish to receive hardcopy versions of the tour documents by post as well, please check this circle. Paper documents will not be sent to your home address unless this circle is checked.

DEPOSIT (\$1,000 per person):

_____ # of persons _____ Amount Enclosed

- Visa MasterCard American Express Check *(make check payable to International Seminar Design, Inc.)*

Card Number Exp. (mm/yy)

Name as it appears on card Billing Zip Code

Each participant must sign.

Registration invalid without signature

By registering and paying the deposit for this tour, registrant acknowledges that he/she has carefully read and understands all information contained in the tour brochure, recognizes and accepts any risks therein, and agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions outlined above.

Signature 1 / Date Signature 2 / Date

**TO REGISTER
OR FOR QUESTIONS,
CONTACT:**

**National Trust Tours at
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info@nationaltrusttours.com**