



National Trust for Historic Preservation  
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# *Private Houses & Gardens of* **BERMUDA**

November 30 - December 5, 2027

*featuring study leader*  
*John Meffert*





Moongate, Bermuda  
(Kansasphoto)

## *Bermuda*

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.

Be invited to special luncheons hosted by local Bermudians in their exquisite private homes.

Enjoy a private cocktail cruise to St. George and take in the festive celebrations of the Bermuda National Trust's Christmas Walkabout.



Christmas Lights at  
King's Square, St George (Vernaccia)



### **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 30**

## *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, DECEMBER 1**

## *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. 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, DECEMBER 2**

## *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. 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 Hamilton, Bermuda's capital, and enjoy free time to have lunch and explore the city. Enjoy dinner together at the hotel. (B,D)

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3**

## *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, set out on a private cocktail cruise to St. George and take in the festive celebrations of the Bermuda National Trust's Christmas Walkabout. Dinner is included at the hotel. (B,D)

#### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4** *Art & Ancestry*

Set out for Camden and 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. Then 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. This evening, bid farewell to Bermuda during a memorable dinner at the hotel. (B,L,D)

#### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5**

### *Departures*

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

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#### **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.



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## Tour Information



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### Tour Cost:

Land Package ..... \$TBD

Single Supplement ..... \$TBD

*\*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, MasterCard, or American Express. Final balance will be invoiced and is due on August 25, 2026 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 their own air arrangements. Please do not purchase airline tickets until the 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:** Airline tickets, airline taxes and surcharges, and baggage fees; airport portage; private airport transfers; meals other than those specified in the itinerary; gratuities for hotel housekeeping; 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; travel insurance; any other items not specifically included in the itinerary.

**Terms and Conditions:** ISDI requires that all tour participants be 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 25, 2026: full refund minus \$500 per person registration and planning fee. Written cancellation received by ISDI between August 26 and October 20, 2026: full refund minus \$2,150 per person cancellation fee (includes registration and planning fee). Written cancellation received by ISDI on or after October 21, 2026: no refund. Tour registration is nontransferable. 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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