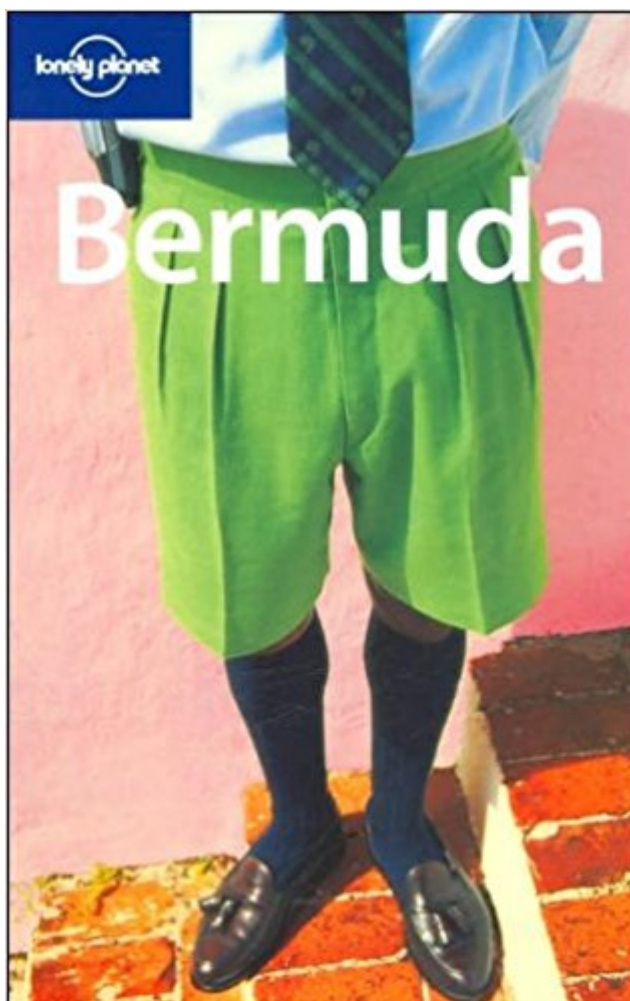




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Lonely Planet Bermuda (Country Guide)



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Sip a rum swizzle while lolling on a pink-sand beach, amble down the cobblestones of the historic Town of St George, explore parish backroads by motor scooter â “ bite-size Bermuda will seduce you with its tranquil, subtropical charm. Whether you want to dive down to shipwrecks or work on your golf swing, this comprehensive guide to de Rock is your ticket to the perfect island getaway. Stay In Style â “ whether your tastes run to gracious B&Bs, romantic resorts or cozy cottagesGet Moving â “ world-class snorkeling, golfing and tennis right at your fingertipsConnect With The Past â “ forts, wrecks and lighthouses display the fascinating history of the oldest continuously inhabited English settlement in the New WorldEat, Drink & Be Merry â “ uncovers the best spots for fresh seafood and high teaExplore â “ crystalline limestone caves and the worldâ™s most northerly coral reefs beckon the adventurous

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Customer Reviews

For sheer global reach and dogged research, attention must be paid to Lonely Planetâ” --Los Angeles Times, February 2, 2003

I'm a fan of Lonely Planet guides, as I like to get out and explore offbeat places on my own and meet the locals. Their Bermuda guide was a great planning tool to do so. Coupled with Insight's laminated [eraseable] map, it was all I needed for my 9-day trip. The Guide is set up by Bermuda's parishes, which is a bit cumbersome until you get a grasp of the island's geography. Even when you

do, it's a bit difficult to figure out if the place you saw on the road by bus is in Warwick or Southampton or Somerset Parish. So the really map helped orient me before I hit the tarmac. As my work keeps me indoors when at home, I like to spend as much time as possible physically engaged in the outdoors when I'm on vacation. The only portion of the guide which should be changed is the part about biking the Old Railway Trail. This "trail" ranges from grass with a tire rut, to dirt and rocks through the woods, to becoming synonymous with the main roads of the island, depending on whether it's been taken over by development. Very little of the trail is paved off of the main road, and there are places with steep grades with steps. Also, about every quarter to half mile on the real "trail," there are metal barriers over which you have to lift your bike, making a continuous pedal cumbersome. The scenery is great on many portions of Warwick and Somerset in particular, but I wouldn't plan on a cycling vacation for exercise or for primary transportation. Cycling the roads is precarious, as they are barely wide enough for two cars, and I never saw a straight segment of street on the island. Shrubbery juts out from stone walls at bike level in yards all over the island, making the situation even more difficult. I did about 40 miles of trail and road, and although I'm happy I did it, I wouldn't recommend it for the faint of heart. Scooters look pretty dangerous, and accidents and fatalities are rampant, even amongst locals. I took a ride my last evening on the back of one, and the curvy roads are precarious even when seated behind an experienced local. I'm a big risk taker, but I respect limits of common sense. No rental cars are available on the island, but the bus and ferry service is good. So get a multiple day buss/ferry pass and enjoy the public transportation after perhaps one full day on a pedal bike. Rentals are steep at \$25 a day published, but I got the shop to reduce it to \$15 with some quibbling. My Huffy 18 speed mountain bike was sufficient, and you do need those speeds on the steep hills! Do a lot of online research on the Bermuda sites listed in the Guide when planning your trip and email or phone ahead of time, as Bermudians tend to change printed schedules on a whim. The guide should emphasize that cab fares are very, very expensive, with a minimum fare of about \$5 for a very short ride to \$20 or more to traverse from one hotel to another for dinner. Cabbies are independent and subscribe to a call service. The other part the guide left out is that single women are pursued by Bermudans to no end. The first question I always seemed to get is "Where is your husband?" to confirm I was fresh meat on the island. It seems that American women traveling alone are curious commodities and perhaps seen as "easy" by local men. The other part the guide leaves out is that the tourist industry is heavily supported by guest workers from Europe, Asia and Latin America, making communication sometimes problematic. All in all, a great source to give you planning tools, costs, and the inside scoop on the island.

I received this book the day after I had to postpone my planned ninth trip to Bermuda. Ouch! Even though I've been to Bermuda several times, my last trip was a few years ago. This book brought me up to date on what has changed (fortunately, not much) and new things to see and do. I like Lonely Planet's approach to guide books. They don't focus on just the fancy, popular "tourist trap" types of places but also include slightly off-beat attractions, restaurants, etc., that other guidebooks tend to ignore.

Bought this for my parents as they were leaving soon for a trip to Bermuda. They found it very useful as a plane read and once they arrived.

Good as Lonely Planet always is! Good photos and ideas on places to stay. See you over there in some awesome Bermuda shorts!

Easy to use.

This was a library book! Not happy

This book was invaluable on our week long stay on the island. It has a nice amount of history and included all the highlights. Would have been lost without it! Only warning it that a few numbers and restaurants are out of date since this book was published, but this was not a big issue.

I found this guidebook to be quite useful during our recent trip to Bermuda. Tom Moore's Tavern was as excellent as you promised. Lonely Planet has a great index, and the maps were especially helpful.

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