

# BERMUDA It's All Here

Take a walk, bike, swim or sail and discover Bermuda's natural side. Our island is teeming with natural wonders big and small, from 40-ton humpback whales to rare birds, secluded grottos to powdery-soft sand, rocky landscapes and lush green jungles. It's the perfect place to get back to nature.



## Bermuda: Beyond The Beach

Bermuda's beaches are legendary, but there is plenty of fun ashore. Here are a host of things to do when you're not under a beach umbrella. Think playing oceanfront golf, indulging in local seafood and touring the historic Town of St. George.



## 3 Days of Arts & Heritage

Follow this itinerary for an introduction to Bermuda's vast and interesting heritage. You'll discover some of the island's major art and cultural attractions and significant historic sites.



## Bermuda's Favourite Beach Walks

Walking on a warm, pink-sand beach in Bermuda and soaking in sparkling turquoise waters, pretty much defines a perfect day out here in island life. Here are some of the most beautiful seaside paths.

# Bermuda's Blissful *Beaches*

## Our island boasts some of the best beaches in the *world*.

In Bermuda, the beach is never far away. Tucked along the island's dramatically diverse and beautiful coastline, our blissful beaches invite you to replenish your soul, refresh your senses, and indulge your curious side. Hidden coves and wide crescents of powdery-soft pink sand brushed by gentle surf await your footsteps. Let Bermuda's alluring shores inspire your getaway to beaches so naturally stunning, you have to see them for yourself.



# Fudgy Zucchini Brownies



Got a gourd glut in your garden? Zucchini replaces cream and some of the butter here, leaving you with a super moist, fudgy treat that has less fat than the original.

## Ingredients:

Nonstick cooking spray, for the baking dish  
12 tablespoons (1 1/2 sticks) unsalted butter  
1 cup dark chocolate chips  
2 cups sugar  
1 cup unsweetened cocoa powder  
2 teaspoons kosher salt  
4 large eggs  
1 cup whole wheat or all-purpose flour (see Cook's Note)  
1 tablespoon pure vanilla extract  
2 medium zucchini (about 1 pound), grated or spiralized and chopped (see Cook's Note)  
1 cup chopped walnuts, optional

## Directions:

- 1 Arrange a rack in the center of the oven and preheat to 350 degrees F. Spray a 9-by-13-inch baking dish with nonstick spray.
- 2 Melt the butter in a large saucepan over low heat. Add 1/2 cup of the chocolate chips and cook, stirring with a rubber spatula, until the chocolate is melted; remove from the heat. Stir in the sugar, cocoa powder and salt until combined. Stir in the eggs and then the flour until fully combined. Fold in the vanilla, zucchini, remaining 1/2 cup chocolate chips and the walnuts, if using.

- 3 Scrape the batter into the prepared baking dish. Bake until the brownies are glossy and firm, 30 to 35 minutes. Let the brownies cool to room temperature or until slightly warm, at least 30 minutes (they will get fudgier the longer they cool). Cut into 24 pieces. Serve immediately or store in an airtight container for up to 1 week.

This recipe works equally well with whole wheat or all-purpose flour. When measuring flour, we spoon it into a dry measuring cup and level off excess. (Scooping directly from the bag compacts the flour, resulting in dry baked goods.) You can grate the zucchini using a food processor with the grating attachment or on the large holes of a box grater. Don't worry about draining off excess liquid.

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# Iceland February 7-12, 2024

Explore the 'Land of Fire and Ice'. See spectacular waterfalls, boiling geysers and enjoy a few hours relaxing in the thermal waters of the Blue Lagoon. A visit to Thingvillar National Park is not to be missed; called the Grand Canyon of Iceland because this is where the tectonic plates of North America and Europe come together creating an awesome sight. We will have the opportunity of seeing the Aurora Borealis\* or Northern Lights one night and a re-do if no lights are spotted on the first evening. The weather in February is usually +32 degrees (warmer than NYC because of the jet stream) and daylight hours are from 900AM to 430PM. Experience sunrise with a cocktail at the Blue Lagoon.

Our private, customized trip includes:

Round trip airfare from Newark to Reykjavik on Icelandair

Four nights at the 4\* Fosshotel Reykjavik

Four buffet breakfasts at the hotel and one continental breakfast on morning of arrival at Viking World Museum

Admission w/towel at the Blue Lagoon, private Golden Circle tour with tomato soup lunch and a greenhouse tour

Northern Lights evening tour, admission and breakfast at the Viking World Museum

All current air, city hotel taxes and government fees

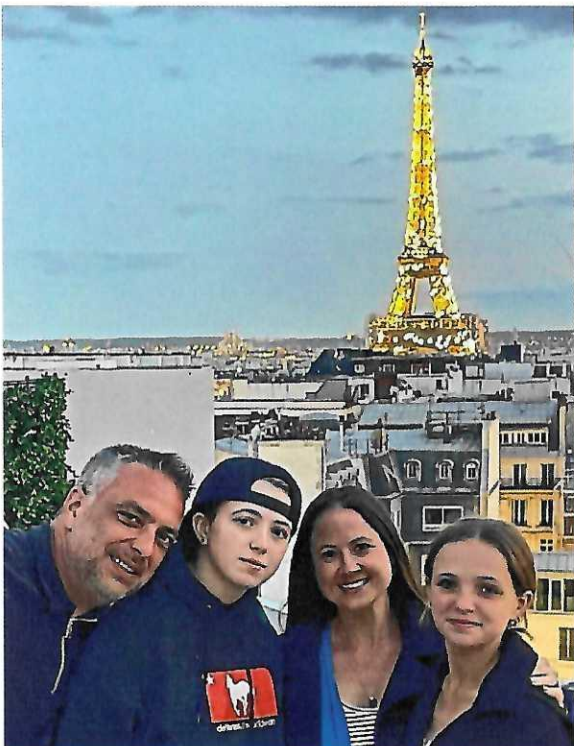
Optional tours will be available on our free days (Into the Glacier \$300 or South Shore \$119 per person), Sky Lagoon \$TBA.

A passport is required and must be valid for at least six months from return date. The tour price is \$1,998.00 per person double

A limited number of singles will be available at a surcharge of \$400 per person. A deposit of \$350 per person is required and must be paid by cash or check. Deposits are non refundable, for any reason, without insurance and final payment is due by October 23, 2023.

Insurance is recommended and must be purchased within 14 days of deposit.

\*Aurora sightings are never guaranteed. Porterage is not available in Iceland.



It was our first trip to Europe and we had an amazing time! Nancy did an awesome job finding us a wonderful boutique hotel in Paris and arranging our sightseeing tours. Tara was very helpful as well with last minute details. They are a great team.

We loved our guide, Patrick, who accompanied us at both the Louvre and again at Versailles. He gave us A LOT of very interesting details and historical information about each location. Without a guide we would've had quite a difficult time figuring out where to go in the Louvre as there's no way to see it all in one day! Versailles was absolutely beautiful! The top of the Arc de Triomphe makes you feel like you're on top of the world until you do the Eiffel Tower summit! The view of the city was breathtaking! We enjoyed a champagne toast and macarons while we were enjoying the spectacular panoramic view. It was definitely a bucket list check off. The people of Paris were very friendly and the food, c'est délicieux! We also went to Köln, Germany for a wedding. We stayed at another boutique hotel next to the train station which made the transition from Paris to Köln a breeze with a train that connected the two cities. The Köln Cathedral is definitely a sight to see! I couldn't help but marvel at it every time we walked past it. The food and people in Köln were wonderful, too! We even had delicious pizza in both cities! It was a great trip! —Christina

Jeremiah Kalm, owner of Anchor Appliance West Creek, his wife Christina and their daughters Madelyn and Mackenzie in Paris.



## *Congratulations Ethan!*



“Eagle Scout” is the highest rank a young person can reach in Scouting. In fact, only **around 5%** of all scouts who join ever reach the Eagle rank.

Ethan Ping, of Troop 56 in Lacey Township earned the rank of Eagle Scout.

His project included building 3 benches in the Lacey High School Courtyard for the Pre-k students and constructing a Hawk net barrier to keep hawks from taking the baby ducks that are born in the courtyard.

Ethan is pictured with his brother Aiden and his parents Christina Ulinski Ping and Michael Ping. They will be celebrating this summer by going to Ireland.

Dominica's  
cable-car ride  
will be the  
longest in the  
world



Construction for a new cable car system, the world's longest of its kind, is underway in Dominica.

The single-cable system will take riders 4.1 miles from the Roseau Valley up to Boiling Lake, one of the world's largest thermal springs, located in the Morne Trois Pitons National Park. The 10-passenger, detachable gondola will make the trip to the top in 20 minutes -- a big time-saver from the rugged hike to the lake across the rainforest, which can take six hours roundtrip.

Tourism minister Denise Charles said she expects the cable car project, to be completed in early 2024, to draw 20,000 visitors a year.

The \$54 million project is being constructed by Austrian cable car manufacturer Doppelmayr Group.

The bottom station will include shopping and refreshments areas, and the top station will include a cafe, a viewing platform and a 19-foot statue of Dominica's national bird, the sisserou parrot.

Vietnam is home to the current world's longest single-cable gondola ride, at 3.6 miles long.



# Weird and Wonderful Museums Around the World

Move aside classic paintings and ancient sculptures. This selection of weird and wonderful museums showcases the stranger side of life. No matter how odd the object, there's likely to be a museum somewhere in the world dedicated to it. Whether you want to learn more about Spam, spies, dog collars, death, barbed wire, or lawnmowers, there's an extraordinary exhibit dedicated entirely to that. Here's a guide to some of the kookiest collections on the planet.

## Poopoo Land (Seoul, South Korea)

Dedicated entirely to something most of us would rather forget, Poopoo Land is a bright and bouncy exhibit that brings the digestive tract to life. Inside this family-friendly museum, you'll find the Dynamic Digestion Maze, which is an inflatable intestine obstacle course, and the Poo Party Zone, where you can listen to tunes from a poo jukebox. Picture poo-fect photo opportunities include 3D optical illusions that make you appear to be riding on a magic poo carpet.

## Museum of Hangovers (Zagreb, Croatia)

Another museum focusing on a less appealing part of life, Zagreb's Museum of Hangovers details what it feels like when you drink too much alcohol. You'll find amusing stories of drunken misdemeanors and simulators that replicate the feeling of being drunk, including the uneven path throughout the museum that is meant to make you feel like you've had one too many. When you're done, the Croatian capital's famous Museum of Broken Relationships is a good place to end up.

## The Ghost Museum (Penang, Malaysia)

Packed to the rafters with ghosts and creepy curios from around the world, Penang's Ghost Museum is a weird but well-meaning museum meant to amuse the living. Inside this sinister shrine to the supernatural, you can wander through different sets that feature costumes and props you can use for spine-tingling or silly snaps with the whole family. The Ghost Museum is just one of several novelty museums in Malaysia's food capital. Other top picks include The Owl and Camera Museum and the Wonderfood Museum, which features larger-than-life Asian dishes.

## Viktor Wynd's Museum of Curiosities (London, England)

Tucked away on a backstreet in Hackney, Viktor Wynd's Museum of Curiosities exhibits a fascinating collection of oddities including an 8-legged lamb, items used in traditional magic rituals, the alleged skeleton of a mermaid, and the supposed leg bone of an Irish giant. More than just a museum, Viktor Wynd's also has an Absinthe Parlour where you can drink cocktails garnished with scorpions and attend talks ranging from Norwegian fairytales to New Orleans voodoo.

## Cancun Underwater Museum of Art (Isla Mujeres, Mexico)

Submerged in the warm waters off Cancun's Caribbean coast, the Cancun Underwater Museum of Art was the creative brainchild of British sculptor Jason deCaires Taylor. Not only does the museum have artistic significance, but it also serves as a haven for local marine life by helping to conserve the coral reef. Get up close to the sculptures on a scuba diving tour or admire the exhibits from closer to the surface on a snorkeling experience.

## Phallogical Museum (Reykjavik, Iceland)

Boasting hundreds of phallic specimens, the Icelandic Phallogical Museum is the only museum of its kind in the world. The museum hosts almost 300 penile specimens, including a real human penis and a phallus from a blue whale. There is even a folklore section that explores the role of the penis in mythology. If you've worked up an appetite wandering around the museum, the on-site café serves coffee and penis-shaped waffles. Yum.