



THE BIG GUNS & BERMUDA ROSES TOUR

Bermuda...a living museum of ancient forts and beautiful roses! And, so much more.

Well known for its beautiful beaches and pink sand, Bermuda has many other unique surprises in store. You'll discover two of them on this fascinating **Big Guns & Bermuda Roses** tour.



BIG GUNS

When King Philip III heard that Bermuda had been settled by the English in 1612, he sent two ships to investigate, but they were turned back by shots from

forts already erected. And with 11 forts being built by the early 1620s, so began a long history of fortifying Bermuda through the centuries. From that time up to 1957, some 90 forts were built. Visit some of the most important sites, chat with experts and even learn how Bermuda protects itself to this day.



BEAUTIFUL ROSES

Bermuda loves roses and roses love Bermuda's sub tropical climate. From October to May they bloom profusely in gardens throughout the island. And

the Island has a long history with roses, the first mention of them being in 1639 by a Spaniard who was shipwrecked on Bermuda's reefs. Visit public and private gardens with talks by local experts with an emphasis on Old Garden Roses including many whose provenance is unknown and are simply called "Bermuda" roses.

2014 BIG GUNS & BERMUDA ROSES TOUR OUTLINE



THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2014



Arrival at L.F. Wade International Airport to be personally met by your Big Guns & Roses representative. 30 minute transfer to the Royal Palms Hotel. Welcome itinerary presented in Big Guns & Roses tote bag, along with a Bermuda rum cake.



6:30am-7:30pm Reception at "Waterville", located at the end of Hamilton Harbour, and the headquarters of the Bermuda National Trust. This elegant house was built c.1725 by the Trimmingham family, and was the site of the first Trimmingham's store, which opened in 1842. The reception rooms provide an interesting look into life in early Bermuda. The charming grounds include the Bermuda Rose Society's showcase garden and the Mary-Jean Mitchell Green Memorial Garden and Gazebo. Members of the Bermuda Trap & Skeet Club, Bermuda Regiment officers and Bermuda Rose Society welcome guests.

Dinner on own in the city of Hamilton

FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2014



Buffet Continental Breakfast to guests at the Royal Palms Hotel
Breakfast on own to guests at the Fairmont Hamilton Princess

10.00am Roses Track Leave for the Botanical Gardens for the Bermuda Annual Exhibition to meet members of the Bermuda Rose Society and to view award winning entries in the Rose Competition. The Annual Exhibition brings all Bermudians and visitors alike out to enjoy an Equestrian Show, the Botanical Gardens, Open House at the Premier's official residence, the Rose Exhibits, fine furniture making displays and more.



10.00am Gun Track Visit the Bermuda Regiment Headquarters to view current and historical fire arms.

12:30pm Both Tracks Lunch at Coral Beach Club, followed by garden and gun tour of the property where the oldest dwelling was built before 1650. The Smith family of Bermuda has owned the land for ten generations. Captain Christopher Smith sailed from England in 1624 on the "Return" and, finding Bermuda an agreeable place, decided not to! Nowadays, it is difficult to associate wars and piracy with this peaceful place but, in Norwood's first survey of Bermuda in 1626, the property is marked with the symbol of a cannon. The early settlers were resolved to defend their island against the Spanish. Nearly two centuries later, two mobile guns were mounted to keep Napoleon at bay. They were never used. The restored "West Elbow Bay Battery" is located on the cliff above the beach. "The Mobile Gun Emplacements" are a few steps further uphill. Join the Coral Beach Club horticulturist for a tour of gardens and the Alfred Blackburn Smith Nature Reserve.



2:45pm Roses Track visit the private home of Peter Carpenter to view his extensive rose garden, learn propagating techniques.

2:45pm Gun Track -visit Fort Scaur and the replica of a Moncrieff Disappearing Counterweight Carriage. The pit constructed is still visible. The original carriage was dismantled in the early 1900's.



7:00pm Drinks Reception at the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club, joined by members of the club as well as gardening and gun enthusiasts.



Dinner on-own in Hamilton with recommendations to a short list of restaurants that are offering Big Guns & Roses specials.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2014



Breakfast on own at the Fairmont Hamilton Princess
Buffet Continental Breakfast provided to Royal Palms Hotel guests

8:45am Leave for St. George's along the South Shore.

9:15am Both Tracks Arrive at the World Heritage Centre, view "A Stroll through St. George's" film, and tour the town and outlying areas, with guns and gardens pointed out in private homes. Visit Fort St. Catherine and the Bermuda Perfumery. Meet David Frith, the St. George's Town crier. Gun enthusiasts have the opportunity to view a sniper rifle used in the American Revolutionary War and meet the owner; only 200 were produced and 20 remain in the world.

12pm Pub Lunch at the Infamous Swizzle Inn, Bailey's Bay.

1:15pm Leave for Hamilton, along the scenic North Shore, to Hamilton.

1:45pm Garden Track enjoys a private tour of the gardens at Government House, led by Mrs. Fergusson, wife of Governor George Fergusson.

2:00pm Gun Track travels aboard the Sea Express ferry to visit the National Museum of Bermuda: The 15 acres of the defences of the Royal Naval Dockyard (anchored to the north by the Commissioner's House and southward by the great Casemate Barracks) contain a number of guns on interior display in the National Museum of Bermuda or exhibited in their original battlement positions.

2:30pm Roses Track carries on to private home garden tours to meet members of the Bermuda Rose Society.

7:30pm Private cocktails and dinner at Ascots. View a display by local artists and meet with local gun/cannon enthusiasts.



SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2014



Buffet Continental Breakfast provided to guests at the Royal Palms Hotel. Breakfast on own at the Fairmont Hamilton Princess

Optional: Traditional Bermuda codfish breakfast, followed by visit to Fort Hamilton and walk through Queen Elizabeth Park for those who do not have early flights. \$50.00 per person.

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ACCOMMODATION

THE ROYAL PALMS HOTEL, a beautiful boutique hotel set in two 19th century manor houses and nestled in lush gardens just outside Bermuda's capital Hamilton. Royal Palms has won the Bermuda Department of Tourism's award, in the small hotel category, for meeting the highest standards in accommodation, health and safety for five consecutive years. Visit www.royalpalms.bm for more information.

Or, for guests who prefer a full service, larger hotel experience:



THE FAIRMONT HAMILTON PRINCESS celebrated its 125th Anniversary in 2010. It is a historical hotel with a brand new feel as the hotel has undergone \$5 Million in renovations in the last three years (to all public areas, meeting space, Heritage Court restaurant, the Bermudiana House wing of guestrooms, Fairmont Gold lounge and guest rooms and all suites), the hotel is looking better than ever!

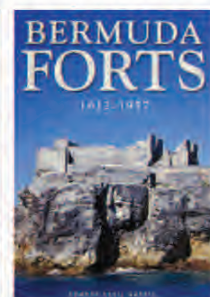
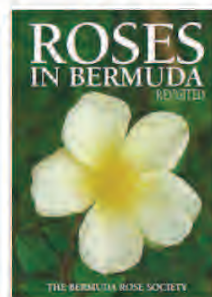


**TOUR COST: \$1,950.00 PER PERSON
BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY
OR \$2,575.00 PER PERSON,
SINGLE OCCUPANCY.**

To book your group or individual reservation for the Big Guns and Bermuda Roses package-contact : biggunsandroses@selectsitesgroup.com or Starla Williams at: 441) 292-9741 ext 108



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