Overview

Bermuda is actually a group of 180 or so islands. The seven largest islands are connected by causeways and bridges. At their core the islands are volcanic. Hamilton is the capital of Bermuda since 1815 when the British colony’s capital relocated from St. George’s. The City is named after Sir Henry Hamilton, governor from 1786 to 1793.

Today, the city overlooking Hamilton Harbour is primarily a business district, with few structures other than office buildings and shops. The City of Hamilton has long maintained a building height and view limit, which states that no buildings may obscure the Cathedral.

Hamilton is the main container port in the island, and also the center of trade in Bermuda. As the offshore domicile of many foreign companies, Bermuda has a highly-developed international business economy, especially for financial services.

Hamilton is a small, vibrant and a friendly city. It’s really the heart of Bermuda. Front Street runs along the water edge and is the first part of the city seen by the cruise ship passengers as they come to shore in Hamilton. It’s a harbourfront road lined with turn-of-the-century Victorian buildings in bright pastel colors.

Cruise Ship Pier Location

Cruise ships directly dock at Front Street, the life and soul of Hamilton City and center of all the main activities.

Self-guided Shore Excursions & Cruise Excursions

- **Visitor's Service Bureau**: Located next to the Hamilton ferry terminal. Here you can collect useful pocket maps and brochures for free.
- **City Hall and Arts Center**: It houses the Bermuda National Gallery having collections of 17th & 18th century European paintings, located in Church street.
• **Bermuda Cathedral**: Close by, there is the Bermuda Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity, consecrated in 1911 after a fire destroyed the previous edifice in 1884. The style is early English, with a tower rising 143 ft. and provides a nice view of Hamilton.

• **St. Theresa’s Cathedral**: This Catholic church was built in 1932 to replace a smaller church and now boasts the largest weekly attendance in the island.

• **Bermuda Underwater Exploration Institute**: Located only a few minute walk from the shops and restaurants of Hamilton. It can reveal all the mysteries of the ocean with its ocean exhibits and has great collection of artifacts.

• **Albuoys Point**: Located behind the Hamilton ferry terminal, it has a nice park having a great view of Hamilton harbor and ideal for relaxing.

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**Taxi Transportation**

Usually taxis are available in front of the cruise ships in the morning but there is also a taxi stand outside the Fairmont Hamilton Princess Hotel.

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**Taxi Companies Contact Data**

- Bermuda Industrial Union Taxi Co-operative, +441 (292) 4476
- Bermuda Taxi Radio Cabs, +441 (295) 4141

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**Bus Transportation**

There are many bus routes that go out from the central bus terminal at Hamilton City, reach out to different parts of the island and come back. The central bus terminal is located at Washington Street near City Hall; Tel.: +441 (295) 4311.

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**General Store Opening Hours**

Most stores in Bermuda are open from 9 am to 5 pm Monday to Saturday, and closed on Sunday. Stores may remain open later, or on Sunday, when cruise ships are in town.

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**Service Locations**

**Free wifi:**

- Internet Lane, 22 Reid Street
- Logic Internet Cafe, 10-12 Burnaby Street
- Tele Bermuda International (TBI) Customer Center, 31 Victoria Street
- The Bermuda Library, Queen Street

Please note: The Wireless Hamilton pilot you might find listed online was discontinued in February 2013.

**ATM:**

- Front Street ATM, 6 Front Street
- Compass Point Express Banking Centre, Compass Point, 9 Bermudiana Road
- Esso City Tigermarket, 37 Richmond Road
- Washington Mall, Washington Mall East, Reid Street
- Harbourview Centre, 37 Front Street
- Church Street Branch, 6 Church Street, HamiltonThe Supermart Ltd., 125 Front Street
Tipping / Bargaining Habits

A service charge of 15% is added to restaurant bills. A tip of 10 to 15% is appropriate for taxis. Bargaining is not practiced in Bermuda.

Special Dress Code

A proper dress code is expected in Bermuda for all non beach locations, including shirt and shoes.

Safety Advice

Bermuda is a relatively safe island, even at night. As always be aware of your surroundings and lock up your valuables.

Nice To Know

- The city of Hamilton is the registered headquarters of the spirits manufacturer Bacardi.
- Cunard, R&O, and Princess cruises register their ships in Hamilton, Bermuda. They carry the Bermuda flag at their aft and consequently Bermudan law is applicable on board.
- Shoppers should note that branches of prominent American, British, Canadian or other chain or premium stores are not allowed in Hamilton.
- Local families are only allowed one car per household. And make sure to look left! Bermudians drive on the left side of the road.
- Rental cars are not available on the island as only residents are permitted to drive cars.
- There is a concept of “Bermuda Time”. You may find that when you call for a taxi to pick you up, they may not be as prompt as you would like, but remember that Bermuda is not at all fast-paced like many cities, it is much more laid back and relaxed.
- Sports Insider: Bermuda is a big destination for golfers, boasting the most golf courses per square mile of any other place on earth.

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Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany, 871 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017, Tel.: +1 (212) 610-9700, Fax: +1 (212) 940-0402

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