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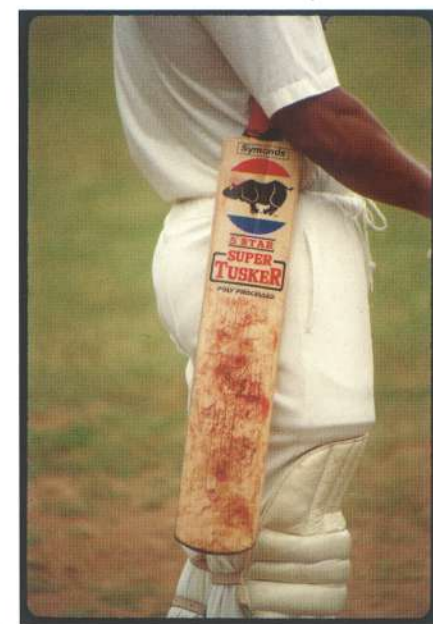


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## If It's Free, It's For Me

No visit to Bermuda is complete without a day spent on one of its famed pink-sand beaches, all of which are free and open to the public. The most popular of the bunch is Horseshoe Bay, a sweeping pink-sand crescent easily reachable from the Dockyard cruise pier by hopping on the number 7 bus. Once there, you'll find changing rooms with showers, chair and umbrella rentals, and the Rum Bum Beach Bar, a new beachfront restaurant serving burgers, seafood, and salads. Horseshoe Bay gets busy, so for a slice of sand all your own, walk east along the shoreline to explore secluded coves and bays.



**ICEBREAKER** \_ Want an earful from a local? Ask about Cup Match, an annual two-day cricket tournament when banks and businesses shut down so sports fans can watch the west end's Somerset Cricket Club play east end rivals, St. George's Cricket Club. It's the Bermuda equivalent of a Yankees-Mets baseball game in the middle of summer.

## Eat Around the Town

You can't leave the island without trying a bowl of Bermuda fish chowder, a spicy seafood and vegetable stew traditionally eaten with a dash of Gosling's Black Seal rum and Outerbridge's Sherry Peppers Sauce. It's hard to find a restaurant that doesn't serve this national dish, but for a bowl of the best, head to the Hog Penny Restaurant & Pub, a classic English pub in Hamilton.



**TOURIST TIPS** \_ If you don't feel comfortable driving a scooter on the left-hand side of the road and you'd rather not shell out for pricey taxis, Bermuda's public transportation system is a reliable and affordable way to get around. Just a short walk from the Royal Naval Dockyard cruise pier, board a 30-minute ferry to the capital city of Hamilton or a scenic 45-minute cruise to the historic town of St. George's (where some ships dock). Busses are widely available too; look for blue poles along the roadside, which denote routes heading east and pink poles for travel to points west.

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## How Not to Look Like a Tourist

**DON'T FORGET:** Bermuda is located in the Atlantic Ocean about 650 miles due east of Cape Hatteras, North Carolina. Simply put, it's nowhere near the Caribbean, which means "No Shoes, No Shirt, No Problem," does not apply. Unless you're at the beach or pool, make sure you're wearing a shirt or cover-up to avoid stares from locals.



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## The Best \$10 You'll Ever Spend

If Bermuda's national cocktail is the Dark 'n' Stormy — made with Gosling's Black Seal rum and spicy ginger beer — then the official runner-up is the Bermuda Rum Swizzle, a potent rum punch made with Gosling's Black and Gold Seal rums, orange and pineapple juices, Angostura bitters, and a local sweetener called falernum. Try the original at the Swizzle Inn in Bailey's Bay, a beloved dive bar and restaurant where patrons are encouraged to scribble graffiti, affix stickers, and tack business cards to the walls. Not on the east end? Then try its sister bar, the Swizzle Inn South Shore in Warwick Parish.

## GOTTA HAVE IT

To take home a real piece of Bermuda, head to Hamilton where you'll find the majority of the island's shops and boutiques. At Alexandra Mosher Studio Jewellery you'll find sterling-silver necklaces, rings, earrings, and more made with grains of Bermuda pink sand; at TABS you can buy a pair of authentic Bermuda shorts in all colors of the rainbow; and at The Island Shop buy linens, pottery, pillows, and ceramics all with hand-drawn designs of Bermuda flora and fauna.



**PHOTO OPS** \_ For Bermuda's finest bird's-eye view, climb to the top of Gibbs Hill Lighthouse in Southampton Parish. Built in 1844, it's the world's oldest cast-iron lighthouse with 185 steps to the top. Exhausting maybe, but once you reach the outdoor viewing deck you'll be rewarded with a picture-perfect 360-degree panorama of the island. If all of those steps make you hungry, then grab lunch at The Dining Room, a casual restaurant serving pizza, seafood, and sandwiches in an elegant room that was once the lighthouse keeper's cottage. ●

