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Pink Sand Beaches and Rum Swizzles: The Bermuda Travel Guide

From the clear blue water to the pink sand [beaches](#), the Crystal Caves to the endless rum cocktails, it's obvious to see why [The Beach Boys](#) were so intent on taking their pretty mamas to Bermuda. This island is home to some of the most picture-perfect (read: #nofilternecessary) [seaside towns](#) on the planet. And best of all? It's only 90 minutes from New York City and Boston, respectively, which is faster than a drive to Cape Cod or (God forbid) the Hamptons on a busy weekend.

With its easy accessibility, Bermuda is perfect for an East Coast [friends' trip](#) any time of year. And did we mention the weather is always warmer too? Who needs the polar vortex when you can be ordering a Rum Swizzle poolside? But West Coast travelers shouldn't be discouraged: The extra flight time is worth it to experience this pastel playground in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean. Read on for our Bermuda travel guide and find out how you can live like a (Hamilton) princess — for 72 hours, at the very least. (Photo via Getty)

WHERE TO STAY

If you dream of little pink houses, then Bermuda is your architectural paradise. The reigning queen (or should we say, princess?) of these pastel colonials is indisputably [Bermuda's Hamilton Princess](#), also known as "The Pink Palace" — a nickname bestowed by Princess Louise of England. Located just minutes from downtown Hamilton, this iconic institution was opened in 1885 and is the oldest of all the [Fairmont Hotels & Resorts](#). (Photo via [The Loren at Pink Beach](#))

The property was renovated in 2015 and now features the country's sole full-service hotel marina. The hotel's marina in Hamilton Harbour now accommodates up to 60 yachts of up to 500 feet at once. As if that weren't opulent enough, the hotel also boasts a collection of roughly 40 Warhol originals — but more on that later.

The [Newstead Belmont Hills Resort](#) is a more cost-effective option, which also boasts its own gorgeous waterfront views. The oceanfront pool is ideal for whiling away an afternoon ordering Rum Swizzles, which is just as well, since the hotel takes care of most of your logistical worries the second you land at the airport (and a complimentary shuttle is there to greet you). There are also hourly ferries operating across the harbor from town, so — whether by land or by sea — you're taken care of.

Standing out from the sea of Bermuda's pastel-colored buildings, [The Loren at Pink Beach](#) is a breath of fresh air, or contemporary architecture, at least. The pool, however, with its lined rows of umbrellas, is a vintage classic — and could serve as the inspiration for any [Gray Malin](#) photograph.