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BERMUDA

BARBUDA

BEACH GRADE

The south coast is a series of gorgeous pink sand beaches (Horseshoe Bay, Jabson's Cove, Elbow Beach) with clear water and the island's characteristic rock stacks.

The beach on the southwest coast, one of the Caribbean's widest, goes on for 10 miles without a building or person in sight. The pink hue is caused by tiny rose-colored shells in the sand.

BEST DIGS ON THE BEACH

Pink Beach Club: The 94 ample cottage-like suites and junior suites, some with cathedral ceilings, boast ocean views. The resort fronts two perfect beaches. Tennis available. www.slh.com

The Beach House: 22 vast all-white rooms with terra-cotta tile floors, canopy beds with Fil d'oro linens, and your own Service Ambassador to attend to your every need. www.thebeachhousebarbuda.com

LOCALS

The 65,000 inhabitants are friendly and partial to knee socks.

Shy and respectful population of around 2,000.

ESTHETICS

One of the cleanest, most manicured islands in the world.

Very light development makes this one of the most uncrowded islands anywhere.

VACATION STRATEGY

If you have an itch to shop and sightsee, there's Tucker's Town and Hamilton.

Stay put and veg out. There's no scene except the frigate birds diving into the surf.

BEST TIME TO GO

May to October, but keep an eye on hurricanes after June.

Anytime is the right time, but ditto on the hurricane watch.

VIBE

Fitly rich and proud of it. High tea is served, but few places still require a dinner jacket.

Mind your own business. Bring flip-flops, a good book and someone you love.

STAR POWER

Michael Douglas and Catherine Zeta-Jones live here part time.

Place is so off the radar, you're the star.

CASH

American greenbacks.

Eastern Caribbean dollar.

SMALL BUMMER

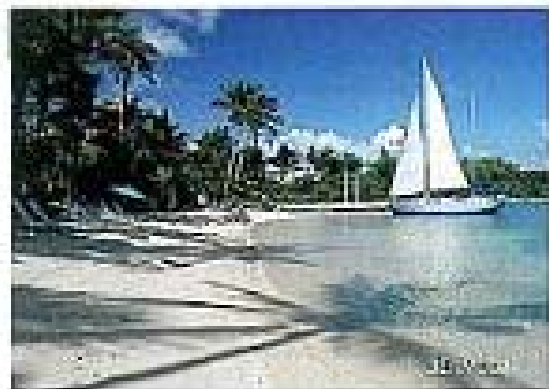
Visitors cannot rent cars; scooters are available instead. Drive carefully on these twisting roads.

Nickel-and-dimed: cough up the \$20 departure tax in that shack of an airport on the way out.



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BEACHFRONT BARBUDA



SEPARATED AT BIRTH

BERMUDA OR BARBUDA... THE NAMES OF THESE PARADISIACAL ISLANDS ARE SO SIMILAR THAT THE DYSLEXICS AMONG US MIGHT BOARD A PLANE FOR THE WRONG ONE. HERE'S A HANDY GUIDE TO THESE ISLAND GETAWAYS.

—DREW LIMSKY

	BERMUDA	BARBUDA
LOCATION/SIZE	Atlantic Ocean, off the North Carolina coast — 21 square miles.	Caribbean Sea, farther away than the Virgin Islands, closer than Barbados — 42 square miles.
CONVENIENCE	Obscurely quick trip — as short as 90 minutes from New York. Customs more efficient than some other islands.	Must pass through Antigua, Barbuda's sister island (4 hours from NY); then take an island-hopper (30 minutes) or ferry (90 minutes).
AIRLINES	JetBlue offers non-stop service from \$260.	American Airlines can fly you as far as Antigua for \$400 and up.