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# Map Pack - Bermuda & Caribbean



## Synopsis

The Caribbean is normally thought of as including the islands of the Bahamas archipelago (including Turks and Caicos), but technically the country of Bahamas is part of the Atlantic chain of reefs rather than the Caribbean. Then there is Bermuda, which isn't Caribbean except in its temperate climate, nor does one tend to think of it as a mid-Atlantic entity, although it is, nor part of Europe (like the Azores are). Technically, it is part of North America, yet it doesn't seem to fit into any category it just IS. Well, Bermuda and the Bahamas have a lot in common and, in conjunction with tiny Turks and Caicos, form an entity: Atlantic-based Caribbean island countries. The 700 islands that make up Bahamas range from urbane New Providence (housing Nassau) to unoccupied atolls and chains, most of which are barely above sea level. Bahamas is very close to the Florida coastline, and is a popular and inexpensive cruise for holiday-makers. It is also a sophisticated tourist destination, with upscale resorts on several islands, offering romance and adventure for snorkelers, beach loungers, and those wanting to get away from it all . Bahamas is one of the most touristic Caribbean island countries, with huge resort complexes in Nassau and in Freeport. We visited Grand Bahama Island and can attest to the friendliness of the people and the attractiveness of the island. This map shows all of the many islands that comprise The Bahamas. There isn't a lot of contouring, as the country's highest point is only 36 feet above sea level. Virgin Islands Travel Reference Map 3rd Ed. 2011 1:50,000 . This is also brand new artwork and has been digitally prepared from GIS data, so is extremely precise in its portrayal of physical features. This version is printed on double-sided plastic paper for both durability and waterproofing, and covers both the British and the American land masses that comprise the Virgins. The US Virgins were purchased from Denmark in 1917 and is a sophisticated American Caribbean enclave. The British Virgins are accessible by ferry and reek of quiet colonial architecture and lifestyle. Named after Queen Elizabeth the First, the network of islands has a colourful history which we have enhanced in a series of topical capsule comments. The more populated island of St. Croix includes an elaborate myriad of roads and inset maps of Christiansted and Frederiksted. The St. Thomas island portion includes detailed insets of Charlotte Amalie and Cruz Bay on St. Johns. The other side of the sheet covers the BVI region; less populated and oh so very British. I remember staying in Road Town for several days many years ago. This map includes an inset of the town showing all the major buildings and nothing has changed since I was there fifteen years ago. The map also includes an inset of The Valley, the only town on Virgin Gorda and, I'm sure, the only map ever published of that small settlement. Bermuda map shows the island in better detail than any other map. Apart from roads, the map shows the route of the former railroad (now a cycling path), most of the hotels and

guest houses, parks, schools, churches and, of course, historic sites and touristic attractions. Inset maps of Hamilton, the capital, and St. George, are included. Bermuda shares a British heritage, but has opted to remain a self-governing entity under the British crown. Its climate is more temperate than tropical and its ambiance is more that of a giant resort of pastel-coloured cottages than of a bustling banking centre (which it is). Our double-sided map shows the historic sites to advantage, along with detailed inset maps of Hamilton and St. George.

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