

Paget Parish

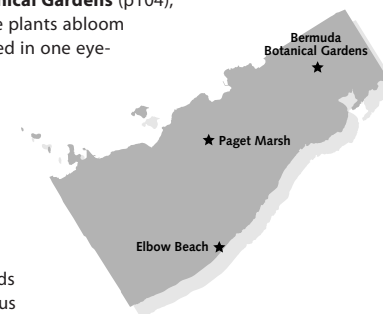


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HIGHLIGHTS

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- Join the locals for a day of frolicking and swimming at spectacular **Elbow Beach** (p106)
- Walk on water at **Paget Marsh** (p106), where, beneath a boardwalk, birds teem in the last indigenous ecosystem of its type



■ POPULATION: 5088

■ AREA: 1.95 SQ MILES

Paget has two distinct faces. The north side, across the harbor from the City of Hamilton, is quiet, scenic and lined with valuable homes. This is where the established families that run the city's most successful shops and law firms live. The south side, on the other hand, takes life a bit less seriously – it's where city folk flock for a day at the beach or a dinner out.

Most of the parish's action centers around the wonderful Elbow Beach, which is a spectacular spot and the first of a string of gorgeous pink-sand beaches that extend along Bermuda's southwest shore. Along the south shore you'll find a collection of the parish's fancy beach resorts, upscale inns and restaurants – some of which rank right up there among the island's finest. For all these reasons, this is the part of Paget Parish that draws in the lion's share of tourists.

However, if being close to the beach isn't a high priority for you, then there are also some delightful little places to stay along the north shore. The guesthouses and inns there are cozy spots that reflect their neighborhood charm, and considering what you get for your money, the prices are a bargain. And virtually every place on the north side is within walking distance of a ferry stop, so it's just a few minutes across the water to the City of Hamilton.

Nature lovers may be surprised to find that this central and bustling parish lays claim to a couple of Bermuda's top nature sites. Paget Marsh, in the center of the parish, is a rare haven for birds and native flora, and the Bermuda Botanical Gardens, on the east side of the parish, is amazingly extensive. While visiting the gardens be sure to stroll over to the Masterworks Museum of Bermuda Art; with its evocative setting and growing collection, it's a terrific little art museum. There are a couple of historic buildings to visit as well, but if you really want to bask in history you can't do better than to join the dinner crowd at the centuries-old Fourways Inn.

Information

- ATM** (Rural Hill Plaza, South Rd)
- King Edward VII Memorial Hospital** (☎ 911 for emergencies, 236-2345 for nonemergencies; 7 Point Finger Rd) Bermuda's general hospital; just south of Berry Hill Rd.
- Paget Pharmacy** (☎ 236-2681; Rural Hill Plaza, South Rd; 🕒 8am-8pm Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm Sun) Full-service pharmacy.
- Paget Post Office** (☎ 236-7429; 108 Middle Rd) Near the intersection with South Rd.

Sights
BERMUDA BOTANICAL GARDENS

Bermuda's ultimate walk in the park, the 36-acre **botanical gardens** (☎ 236-4201; 169 South Rd; admission free; 🕒 sunrise-sunset) are a perfect place to enjoy the island's varied flora. Originally opened in 1898, these delightful gardens encompass everything from formal plantings of roses and perennials to lofty trees and a little aviary.

If you enter from the main gate on Berry Hill Rd, you'll immediately pass a cacti collection that features native prickly pear along with aloes and other succulents that tolerate Bermuda's humid climate.

Just 100 yards south of the gate is the **visitor center** (☎ 236-5291; 🕒 10am-3:30pm Mon-Fri), where you can get a free brochure with a garden map and site descriptions. The center also sells snacks and has restrooms.

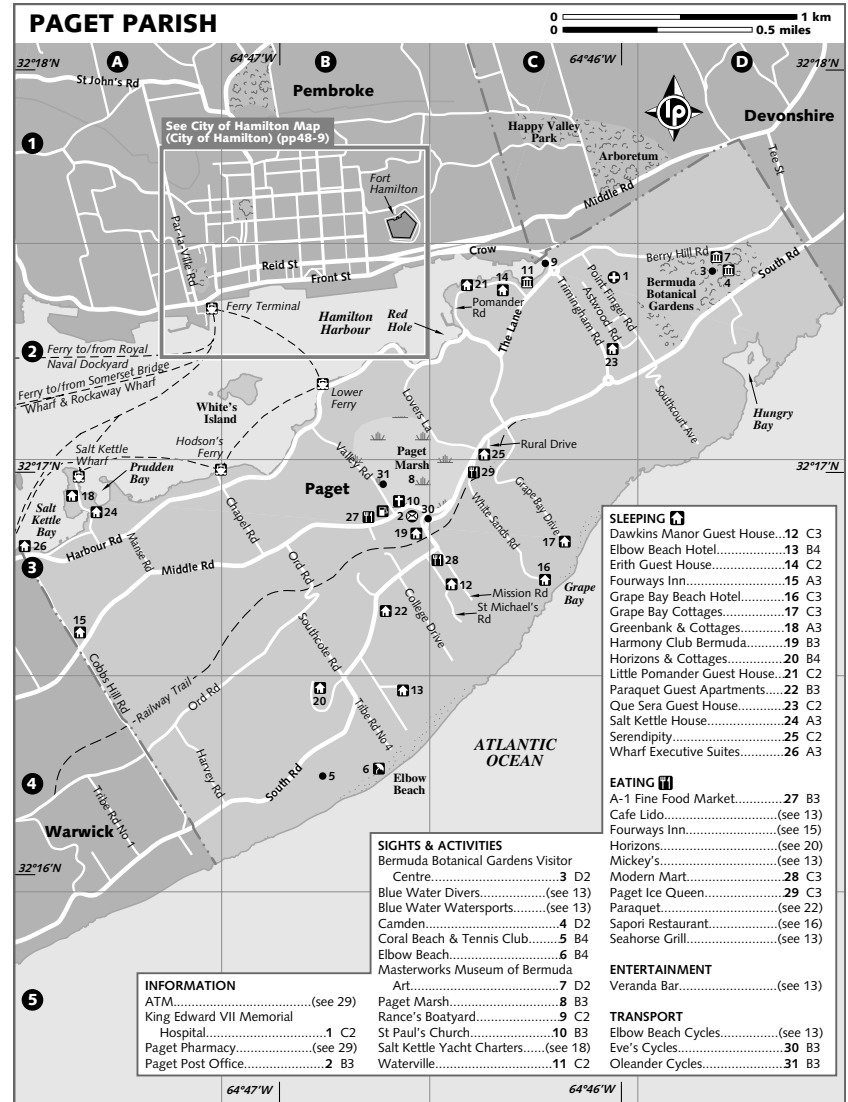
Some of the park's highlights include a palm garden with native palmetto trees, a section of endemic plants, a ficus collection with spreading banyan trees, greenhouses with exotic orchids and bromeliads, and an orchard that includes Bermuda's oldest avocado tree. Don't miss the sensory garden, originally created with the blind in mind, where a bubbling fountain is surrounded by some of the garden's most fragrant plants.

All in all, it's a delightful place to stroll. Give the gardens at least an hour. If you want to linger longer, you'll find benches where you can meditate on the cool green sights and distant ocean view. Because the plants are labeled, you can identify much of what the gardens have to offer on your own, but if you want to dig a little deeper

the visitor center offers free **guided tours** at 10:30am Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

While you are here, don't miss **Camden** (p107) and the **Masterworks Museum of Bermuda Art** (p106), also on the grounds.

The gardens are bordered by South and Berry Hill Rds. If you take a bus from Hamilton, the easiest way to get there is to get off



DOUBLE FANTASY

In 1980, while John Lennon was in Bermuda working on compositions for an upcoming album, he took a break to stroll through the Bermuda Botanical Gardens. Here he spotted a beautiful freesia in bloom and bent down to take a closer look. The flower was labeled 'Double Fantasy.' When Lennon stood up, he reportedly smiled and jotted down the flower's name – he had found the perfect title for his new album.

Double Fantasy, Lennon's final album, was released shortly before his death, in 1980. After the origin of the album's title surfaced, Lennon fans made efforts to seek out the little flower, and for years the staff at the botanical gardens stayed busy replacing the flower's identifying label, which kept disappearing.

The park eventually decided to deal with the souvenir issue by printing T-shirts with a 'Double Fantasy' flower design and selling them at the visitor center gift shop.

at King Edward VII Memorial Hospital on Point Finger Rd. Walk south from the hospital and take the path that begins directly opposite Astwood Rd.

ELBOW BEACH

This glorious stretch of soft pink sand extends for more than half a mile. The Elbow Beach Hotel sits at the east end of the beach and claims that section for its guests, but the rest of the beach is public.

Being the closest noteworthy beach to the City of Hamilton, Elbow Beach attracts a crowd of locals and visitors alike, especially on the weekends. Not only is it a very popular swimming and sunbathing locale, but it's a good beach for jogging and strolling as well. The west side of the beach is backed by interesting limestone cliffs that provide habitat for sea grape trees and birds.

Public access to Elbow Beach is at the end of Tribe Rd No 4, which begins at a sharp curve on South Rd, just west of the Elbow Beach Hotel. Elbow Beach has shower and toilet facilities.

MASTERWORKS MUSEUM OF BERMUDA ART

If you love art or historic buildings, don't miss this quality museum (☎ 236-2950; Berry Hill Rd; admission free; ☎ 10am-6pm), with its beautiful setting and fine collection. Opened in 2004, it's inside a 250-year-old building that used to be an arrowroot factory. The Masterworks Foundation has preserved some of the historic vats and the press where this starchy cooking substance was once made and spread the art exhibits around the antique factory works. The building, renovated to the tune of \$5 million, is quite lovely, with

thick-beamed ceilings and fine views of the surrounding gardens.

The gallery has two sides, one of which exhibits contemporary artists, most of whom have connections with Bermuda and explore island themes in their work. If you see something that catches your fancy in this gallery you can actually purchase it, with the proceeds going directly to the artist.

The Rose Garden Gallery exhibits the main Masterworks collection, which includes more than 1,000 works of art, several by world-renowned artists who were inspired during stays in Bermuda. With the help of wealthy patrons, including Prince Charles, the foundation has managed to repatriate Bermuda-themed paintings by such legendary artists as Georgia O'Keeffe and Winslow Homer.

To get to the museum take the northwest entrance into the Bermuda Botanical Gardens, which is off Berry Hill Rd. The museum is just behind Camden House.

PAGET MARSH

Just minutes from busy South Rd, this unique marsh (Lovers Lane; admission free; ☎ sunrise-sunset) stands like a little wetland oasis untouched by all the development beyond its soggy borders. Set aside as a 25-acre nature reserve, Paget Marsh is a birder's delight and an amazing place to visit.

Since colonial times the inhospitable swampy conditions here have kept humans at bay. The marsh was inaccessible until 2000, when the Bermuda National Trust and the Bermuda Audubon Society, who jointly maintained the reserve, constructed a boardwalk across the wetland. Dubbed Dennis' Walk, the boardwalk takes you

right through the center of the marsh, past scurrying lizards, beneath a canopy of palms and into the least-disturbed natural area in Bermuda. You walk right through the last virgin forest of two native trees, the Bermuda palmetto and the Bermuda cedar. In addition, Paget Marsh contains the full range of Bermudian marsh habitat, including a mangrove swamp thick with red mangrove trees, readily identified by their hanging prop roots.

The marsh provides a habitat for a number of species of birds. Yellow-crowned night herons like to perch on the boardwalk rails, and belted kingfishers, great egrets, yellowlegs, rails and sandpipers also make their home in the wetland. The mangroves attract nearly two dozen species of wintering warblers, the most common being the myrtle warbler, which feeds on the wax myrtle berries found here.

The trailhead for Dennis' Walk begins at the west side of Lovers Lane, diagonally opposite a dry cleaners' shop; the bus stop is just a few yards west of the cleaners. The whole walk takes only about 15 minutes but give yourself more time than that to thoroughly enjoy your surroundings.

CAMDEN

The official residence of Bermuda's premier, **Camden** (☎ 236-5732; Berry Hill Rd; admission free; ☎ noon-2pm Tue & Fri) graces the northeast corner of the Bermuda Botanical Gardens. This elegant plantation house was built in the early 18th century, though its handsome latticed verandas were later additions. One of Bermuda's most prestigious families, the Tuckers, lived in the house in the 19th century.

In more recent times Camden was turned over to the Bermuda government to be incorporated into the botanical gardens. The house was restored in the 1970s and set aside for the premier, though holders of that office have opted to use it solely for official receptions and not as living quarters.

Camden's gracious interior reflects its history with antique furnishings, Waterford crystal chandeliers, gilt mirrors and portraits of former premiers. The interior liberally incorporates native Bermuda cedar, most notably in the elegant staircase and wall paneling but also in much of the period furniture.

You don't have to wait for a formal invitation to peek inside – just stop by in the early afternoon on Tuesday or Friday, when Camden opens its doors to the general public.

WATERVILLE

Built around 1725, **Waterville** (☎ 236-6483; www.bnt.bm; cnr The Lane & Pomander Rd; admission free; ☎ 9am-5pm Mon-Fri), with traditional salmon walls and a gleaming white roof, is one of the oldest buildings in Bermuda. Quite aptly, it's now the headquarters of the Bermuda National Trust, which maintains historic buildings around the island.

Waterville, at Hamilton Harbour, was built by John Trimmingham II, the grandson of an early Bermudian governor, and stayed in the Trimmingham family for seven generations, until 1990. Over the years it was used as living quarters, a cargo storehouse for the family's shipping fleet and a guesthouse (authors EB White and James Thurber were two of the better-known guests).

These days, in addition to housing the Bermuda National Trust's administrative offices, Waterville contains a room of antique furnishings, including Staffordshire figurines, china and period portraits. There's a lovely little rose garden along the west side of the building and a 300-year-old tamarind tree out front. The tree, once the largest in Bermuda, took a near-leaving hit from Hurricane Fabian, but its stout trunk, now just a few feet high, is sprouting new shoots – proving history doesn't die easily around here.

Activities

BOATING

Blue Water Watersports (☎ 232-2909; 60 South Rd; Sunfish sailboats/kayaks per 4hr \$65/50; ☎ 9am-6pm) at Elbow Beach Hotel rents everything from aqua cycles (\$40) to small sailboats. Consider taking one of their daily guided kayak tours (\$48) that go out to the reef for snorkeling over coral gardens and a 200-year-old sunken ship.

If you have a small group and are up for a sail, **Rance's Boatyard** (☎ 292-1843; Crow Lane; per 4hr \$90; ☎ 9am-5pm) has a 16ft Cape Cod Gemini sailboat that holds six people.

DIVING

Blue Water Divers (☎ 232-2909; 60 South Rd; 1-1/2-tank dive \$55/75; ☎ 9am-6pm) at Elbow Beach Hotel is a reputable diving operation that serves

divers at all levels, including introductory dives over a shallow reef (\$95).

HIKING

For delightful short walks, you can stroll **Paget Marsh**, the **Bermuda Botanical Gardens** and **Elbow Beach**. For a longer outing, a two-mile section of the **Railway Trail** (p34) crosses Paget. Going from west to east, the Railway Trail runs between Middle Rd and South Rd until Paget village and from there continues south of South Rd. Along the trail you'll get glimpses of old Bermudian estates, Paget Marsh and bountiful vegetable gardens where carrots and cabbages grow.

TENNIS

Elbow Beach Hotel (☎ 236-3535; 60 South Rd; per court per hr \$12; ☎ 8am-9pm) and **Horizons & Cottages** (☎ 236-0048; 33 South Rd; per court per hr \$10; ☎ 7am-9pm) both have tennis courts open to the public.

Sleeping

SOUTH SHORE

There are two hotels right on the beach; most of the other south shore accommodations listed below are about a 10-minute walk from the water.

Grape Bay Beach Hotel (☎ 236-2023, in the USA ☎ 800-548-0547; www.grapebay.com; 55 White Sands Rd; r winter/summer from \$145/205; ☎ ☎ ☎) This intimate little hotel enjoys a quiet beachfront location on the south end of Grape Bay. The accommodations are on par with places charging twice the price. Completely redone after Hurricane Fabian slammed into it, the three dozen rooms have a cheery tropical decor; and it's well worth the extra \$20 to add on an oceanview balcony. Facilities include a cozy lounge with a fireplace and a romantic Asian-influenced restaurant.

A CHELSEA EVENING

Bermuda's romantic inns have aroused the passions of many a starry-eyed couple. According to reliable sources, former American First Daughter Chelsea Clinton was conceived during a relaxing vacation taken by Bill and Hillary in 1979 at the Horizons & Cottages resort in Paget. Apparently those four-poster beds and glowing fireplaces really set the mood.

Elbow Beach Hotel (☎ 236-3535, in the USA ☎ 800-344-3526; www.mandarinoriental.com/hotel/534000001.asp; 60 South Rd; r winter/summer from \$290/455; ☎ ☎ ☎) Dating back nearly a hundred years, this grand resort spread over 50 landscaped acres enjoys a prime location along the glistening sands of Elbow Beach. The accommodations, ranging from rooms in the classic main building to beachside cottages, have been thoroughly renovated and are part of the exclusive Mandarin Oriental chain. The rooms are cushy with all the comforts, right down to terry bathrobes and slippers. In addition to the beach, you'll find health club facilities, tennis courts, a pub and a couple of seaside restaurants.

Horizons & Cottages (☎ 236-0048; www.horizonscottages.com; 33 South Rd; r winter/summer from \$265/360; ☎ ☎) A fireplaced lounge, traditional afternoon tea and four-poster beds characterize this genteel cottage colony atop a 25-acre estate. Nine guestrooms are in the atmospheric main house, while the rest are in a dozen attractive cottages scattered across the grounds. Facilities include a nine-hole golf course, three tennis courts and an excellent restaurant; Elbow Beach is within walking distance. The hotel is a member of the Relais et Chateaux chain. Breakfast is included.

Serendipity (☎ 236-1192; ajcorday@northrock.bm; 6 Rural Drive; studio winter/summer \$90/100; ☎ ☎ ☎) You'll feel like part of the family staying in the duplex cottage at the side of Judy and Albert Corday's home. Although it's all in one room, each unit has everything a visitor is likely to need, including a phone and a kitchen. One unit is furnished with two twin beds that can be made up as a king bed; the other unit has a queen bed and a sleep sofa. The location, set back slightly from South Rd, makes for a quiet stay. It is a bit further from the water than other Paget accommodations, but if you hop the bus Elbow Beach is just a few stops away.

Harmony Club Bermuda (☎ 236-3500, in the USA ☎ 888-427-6664; www.harmonyclub.com; 109 South Rd; r winter/summer \$320/378; ☎ ☎ ☎) There's an enjoyable sense of exclusivity at Bermuda's only all-inclusive hotel. The stylish rooms are in a cluster of low-rise buildings of traditional Bermudian design. Rates include everything – accommodations, three squares and even unlimited drinks at the open bar. The grounds have tennis courts, a putting green and a sauna.

Dawkins Manor Guest House (☎ 236-7419; dawkinsmanorhotel@ibl.bm; 29 St Michael's Rd; r winter/summer \$90/140, apt winter/summer \$110/175; ☎ ☎ ☎) You'll find a cozy family environment here with guests gathering in the lounge at night to share stories. Whether you opt for just a room or one of the one-bedroom apartments, all eight units have the amenities you'd expect in a pricier place, such as TVs and phones. Some of the units have their own private entrance. A grocery store is within easy walking distance.

Grape Bay Cottages (☎ 295-7017; www.bermuda.com; Grape Bay Dr; cottage winter/summer \$210/315; ☎) If you're looking for privacy within earshot of the surf, consider one of these two self-contained cottages perched just above the beach at Grape Bay. Ideal for a small family, each has two bedrooms, a kitchen and a fireplace, and can accommodate four people.

Paraquet Apartments (☎ 236-5842; www.paraquetapartments.com; 72 South Rd; s/d from \$120/150; ☎) These apartments, behind a neighborhood eatery, are a bit utilitarian but fully modern. They are also roomy and each is equipped with a coffeemaker and refrigerator. If you expect to be preparing your own meals pay the extra \$10 to get an apartment with a full kitchen.

NORTH SHORE

Salt Kettle House (☎ 236-0407; 10 Salt Kettle Rd; s/d winter \$80/90, summer \$85/110, cottages \$100-260; ☎) So friendly and refreshingly informal, this nine-room guesthouse has a prime location right on the water between Prudden and Salt Kettle Bays. It's a delightfully homey scene, whether you're chatting over breakfast with fellow guests or lazing in the seaside hammock. Rooms vary, but all have access to kitchen facilities and interesting nooks and crannies. A favorite in the historic main house is the tower room, which has fantastic water views in both directions. The Salt Kettle ferry stop is just a few minutes' walk away. Breakfast is included in the price.

Wharf Executive Suites (☎ 232-5700; www.wharfeexecutivesuites.com; 11 Harbour Rd; s/d ste winter from \$205/220, summer from \$220/235; ☎ ☎) Catering to business travelers, this all-suites hotel masterfully blends luxury and modern conveniences. The spacious units have king beds, kitchen facilities, desks with high-speed Internet connections and balconies that are literally on the harbor, just a stone's

throw from the ferry stop to Hamilton. Each unit also has voice mail, a printer and a fax machine with a dedicated phone number. Forget your laptop? There's a spare loaner at the front desk. Breakfast is included.

Little Pomander Guest House (☎ 236-7635; www.littlepomander.com; 16 Pomander Rd; r winter/summer \$90/130; ☎) A lovely waterfront home overlooking Hamilton Harbour, this guesthouse has high standards and tasteful decor. Each of the five guestrooms has its own personality and a different bed setup so no matter how you're traveling there's something to suit you. The rooms have TVs, microwave ovens and refrigerators. Breakfast is included. The lawn in the rear, which has lounge chairs and a barbecue grill, makes a perfect spot to watch boats sail around the harbor.

Fourways Inn (☎ 236-6517, in the USA ☎ 800-962-7654; www.fourwaysinn.com; 1 Middle Rd; r/ste \$260/390; ☎ ☎) Although this place is most famous for its superb restaurant, it also has a handful of delightful rooms and suites in the garden out back. Each has a king-size bed, minibar, kitchenette and little extras such as bathrobes and fresh-cut flowers. The suites add on a spacious living room as well. Mouth-watering pastries from the inn's bakery adorn the breakfast table; breakfast goodies are included in the price.

Erith Guest House (☎ 252-1827; erith@therock.bm; 15 Pomander Rd; r winter/summer \$140/150; ☎ ☎ ☎) This beautiful old Bermudian home, which is surrounded by palms and borders the harbor, has been renovated into a guesthouse. The rooms are spiffy, with a queen or king bed, a microwave and a refrigerator; for an extra \$15 you can get a room with cooking facilities. Breakfast is included in the room price. Despite its classic appearance, everything is fully modern inside, right down to the Ethernet Internet access, and there's a hot tub.

Greenbank & Cottages (☎ 236-3615; www.greenbankbermuda.com; 17 Salt Kettle Rd; r winter/summer \$150/180; ☎ ☎) Like neighboring Salt Kettle House, this place consists of a period Bermuda home and a handful of waterside cottages. Most of the units have kitchens and water views and all are quite pleasant for the money. The property has a private dock – so if you fancy doing a little sailing from the backyard you're in the right place. Otherwise, the Salt Kettle ferry dock is a minute's walk away.

Que Sera Guest House (☎ 236-1998; quesera@ibl.bm; 28 Astwood Rd; unit \$85; 🍷 🍴) Affordable prices and a central location near the botanical gardens are just part of the appeal of these two studio units at the side of the home of Richard and Harriett Grimes. Each unit has all the expected amenities from TV to kitchen and is furnished with two twin beds that can be made into a king bed. Guests have access to a pleasant little pool and a barbecue grill.

Eating

The south side of the parish has some excellent places to eat, some with fine water views, others with traditional charm. If you're staying on the north side of the island, there are no restaurants or even grocery stores up there – most people hop the ferry and go over to the City of Hamilton to dine.

RESTAURANTS

Fourways Inn (☎ 236-6517; 1 Middle Rd; lunch \$10-16, dinner \$18-36; 🍷 lunch & dinner; 🍷 🍴) Great style and terrific food characterize this top-rated fine-dining restaurant. Occupying a 1727 manor house, the setting is formal with a menu that offers both rich traditional dishes and lighter contemporary fare. At lunch there are creative sandwiches, spinach and goat's cheese salads and the like but dinner is the real prize. And it's not necessary to break the bank to dine here: come before 7pm for the three-course early evening meal (\$35), which always allows several choices for each course.

Sapori Restaurant (☎ 236-7201; 55 White Sands Rd; sushi \$6-13, pizza \$12-15, mains \$18-28; 🍷 lunch & dinner) Poolside alfresco dining and a romantic ocean view set the tone at this eclectic little restaurant at the Grape Bay Beach Hotel. They do a little bit of everything – Thai, Japanese, Italian and Bermudian – and amazingly they do it all well. The sushi is excellent, the thin-crust pizzas make a nice lunch, and the Thai coconut fish curry tantalizes the tastebuds. Everything from the sea is fresh and locally caught.

Horizons (☎ 236-0048; 33 South Rd; fixed-price dinner \$55; 🍷 dinner; 🍷 🍴) At the Horizons & Cottages resort, this formal fine-dining restaurant offers a traditional Bermudian setting, a hilltop ocean view and good service and food. The multicourse, fixed-price menu changes daily, but you can typically

choose from two soups, three appetizers and five main dishes, with offerings such as lobster ravioli or pan-roasted lamb with tomato chutney. Men are required to wear a jacket and tie.

Mickey's (☎ 236-9107; Elbow Beach Hotel, 60 South Rd; lunch \$14-24, dinner \$18-30; 🍷 11:45am-10:45pm, closed in winter) Right on Elbow Beach, you can dig your toes into the sand as you dine on the beachfront patio. Lunch features sandwiches and a few hot catch-of-the-day-type dishes, while dinner ranges from pastas to steaks. Mickey's is also the perfect spot to linger over a sunset cocktail.

Seahorse Grill (☎ 236-3535; 60 South Rd; appetizers \$10-18, mains \$22-40; 🍷 dinner; 🍷 🍴) This fine-dining restaurant, in the main building of the Elbow Beach Hotel, creatively blends island flavors with contemporary styles. Shark hash summer rolls, oven-roasted rockfish and lobster thermidor are specialties. For dessert, don't miss the black rum tiramisu.

Cafo Lido (☎ 236-9884; Elbow Beach Hotel; 60 South Rd; appetizers \$12-18, mains \$18-32; 🍷 dinner; 🍷 🍴) For a romantic beachside dinner this place is hard to beat, at least in terms of the setting. Service and food could be more consistent, but if you come during the week when it's less busy it's a safer bet. The menu has a Mediterranean accent with the likes of smoked salmon penne, rack of lamb and grilled vegetables with blackened shrimp.

Paraquet (☎ 236-9742; South Rd; breakfast & lunch \$8-15, dinner \$15-25; 🍷 8am-midnight; 🍷 🍴) Sit at the counter and rub elbows with the locals at this neighborhood diner just a short walk from the Elbow Beach Hotel. It serves up three squares a day, seven days a week, with all the usual egg dishes at breakfast, sandwiches and soups at lunch, and hearty meat dishes at dinner. They also sell a few simple pastries and homemade bread for take-out.

Paget Ice Queen (☎ 236-3136; Rural Hill Plaza, South Rd; items \$3-7; 🍷 10am-5am; 🍷 🍴) If you've got the munchies in the wee hours, or virtually any time of the day, head here for ice cream, fried chicken and the like.

GROCERIES

Modern Mart (☎ 236-6161; 104 South Rd; 🍷 8am-10pm Mon-Sat, 1-5pm Sun) This mid-size grocery store has a decent wine section and a small deli that sells baked chicken and a few other take-out foods.

A-1 Fine Food Market (☎ 236-0351; Middle Rd near Valley Rd; 🍷 8am-10pm Mon-Sat, 1-5pm Sun) Another modern grocery store.

Entertainment

Veranda Bar (☎ 236-3535; Elbow Beach Hotel, 60 South Rd; 🍷 5pm-midnight) Paget's night scene is centered at the Elbow Beach Hotel. The Veranda, in the hotel's main wing, has entertainment nightly, typically keyboards and vocals during the week, a jazz band on Saturday and steel pan on Sunday. It attracts a well-dressed mixed crowd of locals and visitors.

Mickey's (☎ 236-9107; Elbow Beach Hotel, 60 South Rd; 🍷 11:45am-10:45pm, closed in winter) Sip a cool rum swizzle with the salt spray drifting by.

Getting There & Around

Paget Parish is crossed from west to east by three main roads: Harbour Rd along the north shore, Middle Rd in the central area and South Rd along the south shore.

There's no bus service along Harbour Rd, but that area is connected to the City of Hamilton by public ferry and sections of it are within walking distance of Middle Rd bus stops.

BICYCLE

Bicycles can be rented at **Eve's Cycles** (☎ 236-6247; 114 Middle Rd) and at **Elbow Beach Cycles** (☎ 236-9237; 60 South Rd).

BOAT

The Pink Route of the public ferry (p154) connects the north side of Paget with the City of Hamilton, making a 20-minute roundtrip loop from Hamilton that stops at Lower Ferry, Hodson's Ferry and Salt Kettle Wharf along the way. An exception is in the evening and on Sunday, when some sailings skip the Lower Ferry stop.

In addition, some of the ferries, mainly those that operate from 9am to 4pm, but also a few in the evenings, continue on to Warwick, stopping at Darrell's Wharf and

Belmont Wharf before returning to Hamilton. On the ferries that serve both Paget and Warwick, the whole trip from Hamilton via all five stops takes only 36 minutes, so you're never long on the ferry and the ride is scenic as it weaves through the harbor islands.

The cost between any two points on this route is \$2.50 one way. The boats, which run from 7:15am to 9:45pm, leave Hamilton about once every 30 minutes. On Saturday the first ferry leaves Hamilton at 8:15am. On Sunday and holidays the ferry operates about once an hour from 10am to 7pm.

BUS

The two main bus routes through the parish are No 8, which runs from Hamilton to the Royal Naval Dockyard via Middle Rd, and bus No 7, which runs between the same two points but via South Rd. Both buses operate once every 15 minutes during the day Monday to Saturday and about once every 30 minutes in the evening and on Sunday. The last No 7 bus leaves Hamilton at 9:15pm (6pm Sunday), and the last No 8 bus departs at 11:45pm (10:45pm Sunday). The once-hourly bus No 1 and the frequent bus No 2 run to parts of the parish but stop short of the western extent of it.

From the City of Hamilton you can take bus No 1, 2 or 7 to get to the hospital (\$3, 10 minutes) or the adjacent botanical gardens. Bus No 2, 7 and 8 stop at Paget village (\$3, 14 minutes) and nearby Paget Marsh. To get to Elbow Beach (\$3, 17 minutes) catch Bus No 2 or 7. For more information on public buses, including passes, see p155.

MOTOR SCOOTER

Scooter rentals are available at **Elbow Beach Cycles** (☎ 236-9237; 60 South Rd) at the Elbow Beach Hotel. Scooters can also be rented in Paget village at **Eve's Cycles** (☎ 236-6247; 114 Middle Rd) and at **Oleander Cycles** (☎ 236-5235; Valley Rd), north of St Paul's Church.

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