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The inviting infinity pool at Cambridge Beaches Resort & Spa



A Spectacular Room with a city view at W New York - Downtown

TAKE US THERE

ITC Classics (itcclassics.co.uk) offers 10 nights B&B at the Cambridge Beaches Resort & Spa from £2,815 per person, including flights via New York and transfers. Doubles at W New York - Downtown (whotels.com) cost from £135 per night.

Bermuda & NYC

Fashion and beauty journalist Funmi, 36, and writer Yazan Fetto, 32, spent 14 nights in Bermuda and New York



Newlyweds Yazan and Funmi in sunny Bermuda

We wanted a twin-destination honeymoon. Bermuda was somewhere we'd wanted to visit for years and New York is about a two-hour flight from the island, so the combination worked really well.

Our first stop was Bermuda, where we stayed at the Cambridge Beaches Resort & Spa for 10 days. The resort is set on a lush private peninsula with four beaches, and is luxurious in a laid-back way. The breakfast help-yourself 'bar' had absolutely everything you could want - every type of pastry under the sun, cereals, exotic fruits, fish, cold meats, full English breakfasts and incredible omelettes.

We were keen to get off the beaten track and see how the locals lived, so we spent time exploring the island. One of the fun things we did was to go to a 'fish fry' in a huge field at night, where locals cooked fish and served it with everything from fries to macaroni cheese.

We took the ferry to Hamilton, the island capital, where we visited the Maritime Museum (bmm.bm) and hired a scooter to get around. We explored Tucker's Point, the most expensive area on the island (where Michael Douglas and Catherine Zeta-Jones

have a home), the beautiful Horseshoe Bay beach and the historic town of St George. We had wonderful food throughout our stay. One night, we ate at the Grotto Bay restaurant (grottobay.com), which overlooks the sea, and we discovered a lovely Jamaican takeaway, Jamaican Grill (00 1 441 296 6577), not far from our hotel. We had rice and peas, oxtail stew, jerk chicken, curried chicken and some spicy beef, all of which were mouth-wateringly good.

It was then on to New York, where we spent four nights at the W New York - Downtown. Located close to the site of the former World Trade Center, it's a

super-modern hotel. Everyone there was friendly and helpful, and a free car service took us into the centre of Manhattan, which was very convenient. We did a lot of shopping and ate at some fantastic restaurants. We loved George's on the corner of Rector and Greenwich Street (georges-ny.com) for its fabulous breakfasts; Shake Shack (shakeshack.com) for its melt-in-your-mouth burgers; and the Oyster Bar & Restaurant in Grand Central Station (oysterbarny.com). We also visited The Metropolitan Museum of Art (metmuseum.org) and The Frick Collection (frick.org). A real highlight was the Harlem Soul Food and Jazz tour - it was so cool. Twinning Bermuda with New York worked well. Bermuda was fantastic. The people were so friendly, the weather was perfect and the views were unspoilt. Stopping off in New York meant that going back home wasn't such a shock to the system! ☺

When to visit March to October for Bermuda. New York is a year-round destination, however July and August can be very hot and humid. **Flight times** London to Bermuda: 8 hours. Bermuda to New York: 2 hours*. New York to London: 7 hours*.



Elizabeth Arden Targeted Sun Defense Stick SPF50, £75

WHAT DID YOU PACK?

Lots of dresses, my laptop and a million and one beauty products.

WHAT DID YOU FORGET?

My Converse for walking around New York, extra-smart wear for impromptu glamour and sweaters.

WHAT DID YOU READ?

Dr. Laura Schlessinger's *The Proper Care and Feeding of Husbands*.

WHAT DID YOU BUY?

Gifts such as Bermuda Hot Sauce, plus vintage cowboy boots (my husband) and a vintage Chanel-esque jacket (me!).



Bikini top, £48; bottoms, £37.50, SeaFolly