THE 245th ANNIVERSARY
OF THE BERMUDA GUNPOWDER PLOT
13th – 18th May 2020
Bermuda

The oldest continuously occupied British settlement in the new World has been welcoming cultures from around the globe for over 400 years. The result is fascinating Bermudian History, including its little-known role in the American Revolution. The SAR will commemorate the 245th anniversary of the Bermuda Gunpowder Plot with this wonderful trip to Bermuda. While a British Overseas Territory, it is in the North Atlantic Ocean approximately 1,070 km east-southeast of Cape Hatteras, North Carolina. Bermuda is considered one of the most beautiful islands in the Caribbean/Atlantic and has been voted by Conde Naste readers the Best Island in the Caribbean over 18 times. While the United Kingdom retains responsibility for defence and foreign relations Bermuda is self-governing with its own constitution and government and a Parliament which makes local laws. The capital city of Bermuda is Hamilton where SAR will be staying at the magnificent Fairmont Hamilton Princess, during their celebration of the GunPowder Revolution. Bermuda has 9 parishes (districts) plus three very important areas on the island-the first being the Royal Naval Dockyards at the west end which is the major cruise port and 2nd being Hamilton City at the center of the island which is the capital of Bermuda, and St. George in the east, the historical town and UNESCO World Heritage Site.

THE BERMUDA GUN POWDER PLOT and the REVOLUTION

Bermuda saves the Revolution!

In the summer of 1775, the American Colonies are in revolt and the British have responded to the growing crisis in the colonies with a blockade of American ports. The blockade hurt Bermuda as the islands already had a shortage of food, putting the islanders at risk of starvation. Bermudians were divided and while most of the island’s population remained loyal to the English Crown, there were many who sympathized with the Continental Congress and its fight for independence. Among those was Colonel Henry Tucker, one of Bermuda’s most powerful merchants and a resident of the Town of St. George. Being a man of action Tucker traveled to Philadelphia in an attempt to re-open trade routes with the 13 Colonies. Benjamin Franklin would have no part of re-opening the trade routes. What he needed was gun powder, and he knew Bermuda had over a 100 barrels of gun powder sitting in St George only lightly guarded and for the gun powder Franklin would consider the needs of Tucker and the Bermudians. This was the birth of the Gun Powder Plot. On August 15, 1775, as night falls in St. George, Colonel Tucker and a small party of trusted Bermudians overtake the sentry guarding the gun powder. Once removed, the barrels are brought down to Tobacco Bay where small boats take the gunpowder to American ships are anchored offshore. On the morning of August 16th, the plot was discovered, and an attempt was made to chase the American ships, but it was too late. The gun powder was safely delivered to Charleston and Philadelphia providing the patriots with much needed fire power in New England and later at the Battle of Sullivan’s Island in 1776.

The Fairmont Hamilton Princess & Beach Club

The Fairmont Hamilton Princess, a five-star luxury property located in Hamilton, the Capitol of Bermuda, has been selected by SAR as the headquarters hotel for the 245th anniversary program of the Bermuda Gunpowder Plot. The Hamilton Princess is located in a serene harbor has everything imaginable to make your stay in Bermuda absolutely wonderful! All 170 guest rooms have been completely renovated bringing
all rooms to a new level of luxury. Every room has a large spacious balcony, marble bathrooms, walk-in closets, plush bathrobes, coffee makers, and access to wireless high-speed Internet. And while there are different views, all views are views of Hamilton Harbor, the City of Hamilton or the hotel's lush tropical gardens. As they say it is all about location, location, location, and the Hamilton Princess has just that – the perfect location. Your hardest chore will be what to do first. You can relax by the infinity edge resort pool, or a stroll through Hamilton or enjoy one of the delightful restaurants at the hotel. There is so much to see and do just minutes from the hotel. Bermuda’s beaches are only a short trip away – including a ferry ride to the Fairmont Southampton private beach next to the world-famous Horseshoe Bay Beach.

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Tentative Daily Itinerary

In addition to the itinerary below, we anticipate scheduling exclusive events with Bermuda government officials and local historical organizations. In 2015, the trip included a fabulous reception at Government House hosted by the Governor of Bermuda and his wife, and a luncheon with the Premier of Bermuda at his official residence, Camden, nestled in the grounds of the Bermuda Botanical Gardens.

Wednesday, May 13, 2020
SAR participants will depart home cities for the beautiful island of Bermuda. Arriving at the L F Wade International Airport participants will be met by MAGIC-SAR travel staff, assisted with luggage, and transferred to the luxurious Fairmont Hamilton Princess & Beach Club.

Day 1: Arrive in Bermuda and transfer to the luxurious Fairmont Hamilton Princess Hotel & Beach Club. Welcome Reception with local officials.

Day 2: Breakfast at Fairmont Hamilton Princess & Beach Club
Town Crier Tour of Hamilton followed by lunch

Day 3: Breakfast at Fairmont Hamilton Princess & Beach Club
Ceremonies in St. George’s and at Tobacco commemorating Bermuda’s role in the American Revolution.
Tour of the UNESCO Historic town of St. George including museums and old town.
Lunch in St. George at the Tempest Bistro
Dinner – Fairmont Hamilton Princess & Beach Club Ferry to the Southampton Princess to enjoy Dinner at the Waterlot Inn – return to Hamilton via the Fairmont Ferry

Day 4: Breakfast at Fairmont Hamilton Princess & Beach Club
Full day tour of the historic West End and the royal Naval Dockyard and then on to Port Royal Golf Course for the wreath laying ceremony honoring Bermuda-born Patriots of the American Revolution. Lunch at Bella Vista Restaurant following ceremony.
Evening – Sunset cocktail cruise around Hamilton followed by dinner in Hamilton

Day 5: Breakfast at Fairmont Hamilton Princess & Beach Club
Full day at leisure to enjoy Bermuda on your own. SAR Hospitality Desk open to assist
Dinner at the Bermuda’s Famous Fourways Restaurant
Estimated Inclusions

- 5 nights deluxe room at Fairmont Hamilton Princess & Beach Club Based on two persons sharing double accommodations
- 11.75% tax & room levy $12.00 per person per night
- Resort Fee
- Room Gratuity
- Round trip transfer – airport/hotel
- Daily buffet breakfast at Fairmont Hamilton Princess
- Welcome reception Night 1 – Fairmont Hamilton Princess
- Town Crier Tour with Lunch – day 2
- Historical Tour St George and wreath ceremony with lunch – day 3
- Dinner Waterlot (or other) – night 3
- Historic Tour East End including Dockyards followed by wreath laying
- Ceremony at Port Royal with lunch
- Gala Dinner Night 5 – Fourways Restaurant
- On Site Escorts and Guides

Not Included: Airfare from home city to Bermuda

Estimated Price Per Person: $2,775.00 (Based on Double Accommodations)
Single Supplement: $1,017.00
Price Children age 3 – 18: $1,150.00
Price age 2 and under: NO CHARGE

To register, please visit: BERMUDA GUNPOWDER PLOT 2020
(https://prod.groupandevent.net/register/sar)

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For further information or to discuss the program please contact SAR@MAGICglobal.com.