

BASK in history at the Granaway Guest House & Cottages, an 18th-century manor with cedar beams and antique silver. WATCH a colorful (and musical) military parade during the Bermuda Tattoo at the Royal Naval Dockyard. TAKE an artistic journey through the island's history at the Bermuda National Gallery. LEARN MORE at www.bermuda2009.bm

HISO THIS MONTH

» Marine Movies

Meet hundreds of fish during the Seychelles' SUBIOS (Sub Indian Ocean Seychelles) Underwater Film and Image Festival (Oct. 2-4). Created to promote marine-based tourism to the islands, the festival is celebrating its 20th anniversary. By day, explore some of the world's oldest underwater granite formations on diving and snorkeling expeditions. By night, watch films and presentations by local and international guest speakers at hotels on Mahé Island. Cheer for your favorite fish film or photo on Oct. 4 when the competition winners are announced. subios.com

» Conch Crazy

Crack, string or simply eat your food at the eighth annual South Andros Conch Festival (Oct. 10-12). Held in Mars Bay, on the south end of Andros Island in the Bahamas, this extravaganza of all things conch plans to attract more than 500 revelers this year. They'll celebrate the different ways to prepare and eat this tasty mollusk. If you go, be sure to try the popular Conch Fregagie, made with coconut and fresh veggies. And see how your conchcracking skills match up to the local pros' in the cracking contest, a festival highlight. bahamas.com

400 Years in the Making

TRAVEL TO BERMUDA THIS FALL, AND YOU MAY NOTICE something's different: Drumming echoes through the island's narrow streets as a wave of gyrating colors and headdresses with

GO NOW Bermuda peacock feathers parades past. From the capital city of Hamilton to charming historic St. George's Island, dotted with pastel-colored buildings, nautical pride and cultural heritage

fill the crisp, fresh air. It's all part of a yearlong, island-wide celebration of Bermuda's 400th anniversary.

Learn more about those centuries with a visit to the Bermuda National Gallery in Hamilton. Fine-art exhibitions showcase the island's history visually — from furniture made by the first English colonists to black-and-white photography of people and architecture at the turn of the 20th century to abstract modern art that reflects the island's vibrant present. The story unfolds further at the annual Gombey Festival (Oct. 4). Dancers performing 18th-century rituals with rhythmic drums, whistles, whips, masks and mirrors reveal the island's African influence. Ride the bus on winding roads, or take a small ferry over turquoise waters to Bermuda's west end. Visit the Royal Naval Dockyard and enjoy the Bermuda Tattoo (Oct. 22), a military event that combines world-class armed units, ceremonial

> uniforms, music and dance. There's no better time to let Bermuda's history wash over vou. — LOLA AKINMADE





» Apple a Day

Challenge yourself to try

more than 120 varieties of apples at Salt Spring Island's Apple Festival (Oct. 4). Salt Spring is the organic gardening capital of Canada, and this 11th annual celebration of its prized crop (favorites are the apples that are red on the inside) is full of activities. Base camp is at Fulford Hall, where you can chat with apple experts, watch historical re-enactments and buy a homemade pie. The island's 15 apple farms will also be open and waiting for your arrival - with tasty samples, naturally. saltspringmarket .com/apples - AMY CASSELL

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