



BERMUDA

Bermuda, situated in the North Atlantic just off the Carolina coast, is a popular choice for those wishing to work abroad. Just 22 square miles, Bermuda has a population of around 63,000. Hamilton, its capital, is situated on the harbour and is home to most of the financial institutions that are located in Bermuda. One of the prettiest locations to work in, with white beaches and turquoise ocean, the island is a renowned offshore location for international businesses.

Cost of Living: This is generally quite high in Bermuda but the tax free salary and the standard of living more than make up for this. There is a good variety of shops, however as business have to ship in everything, the import duty on goods increases the price.

Accommodation: This can prove to be quite expensive making it more practical to house-share. Average rental costs per month vary between \$775 to \$1,500.

Transport: Cars are limited to one per household. Most travel is done by moped which are readily available to buy or rent. Driving is on the left and it is advisable to have an international driving licence.

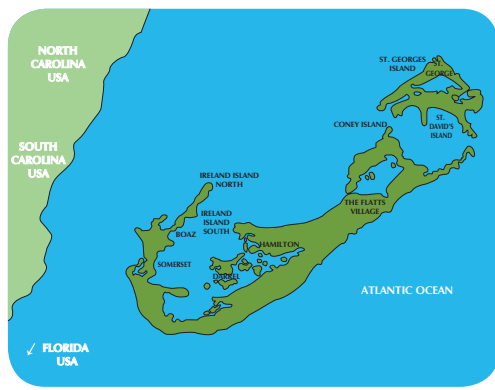
Socialising: Very active expatriate life. Watersports, football and rugby are hugely popular and the sporting clubs all have a great social life attached.

Dress Code: For business, lightweight suits are appropriate. Men tend to wear the traditional Bermuda shorts. It is a conservative island so beachwear on the streets is not suitable

Taxation: There is no direct taxation on the island. However, up to 4.5% of salary may be deducted as payroll tax.

Getting There: There is no direct flight from Dublin to Bermuda. However there are daily flights to and from London and New York. Employers generally pay the cost of relocation and 1 return flight a year.

Visas: All non-Bermudians must have a working permit visa which will be applied for by the employer, but documents such as medical certificates and notarised copies of qualifications and passports will be required to secure this visa.



KEY FACTS
Population: 66,163
Area: 53.3 km²
Capital City: Hamilton
Languages: English
Currency: Bermudian Dollar (BMD)
Time Zone: UTC/GMT -4 hours

CLIMATE
Bermuda has a very mild climate with very few extremes of hot or cold. Temperatures in winter average 68°F (20°C) and 86°F (30°C) in mid-summer. Short but heavy showers can occur during any time of the year.

