

# visitors weeks of historical excitement



**HAMILTON, Bermuda** - Rendezvous Time, Dec. 1 to March 15, gives visitors a glimpse of bygone days on Bermuda. Wednesdays, a traditional skirling ceremony (left) is performed by Scottish dancers, pipers and drummers; Tuesdays, local wenches (center) can be found serving complimentary fish chowder and draught beer at Market Day; and on Mondays and Saturdays the town clerk of St. George's (right) can be heard telling all within earshot of the daily happenings.

Later in the day in downtown Hamilton, local artisans gather for Market Day, displaying and producing a wide range of crafts. Also part of the Market is an English pub where visitors can quaff a mug of complimentary draught beer or indulge in a cup of Bermuda fish chowder ladled by a waitress in an 18th century English costume.

On Wednesdays, another

organized tour of the Bermuda Botanical Gardens takes place in the morning. Then, at noon inside Fort Hamilton overlooking the capital city, a traditional skirling ceremony is performed by costumed Scottish dancers. The music is provided by the kilted bagpipers and drummers of the Bermuda Cadet Pipe Band.

On Thursdays, the Bermuda Maritime Museum becomes the focal point of

the day's activities. Located at the western tip of the island, the Museum houses a large collection of artifacts testifying to Bermuda's love affair with the sea. From 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., visitors will be able to sip complimentary grog while listening to a local vocalist sing traditional sea chanteys from the days when ships were made from wood and the men who sailed them were made from iron.

On Fridays and Saturdays,


Rendezvous takes on a contemporary flavor. At Port Royal Golf Course on Fridays, an 18-hole golf tournament for visitors is played, while tennis buffs can enter a round-robin mixed doubles tournament. The challenging par-71 government-operated golf course is 6,531 total yards. The four recently installed tennis courts are plexipave. Two courts are lighted for night play.

On Saturdays, St. George's again is the hub of activities for Festival Day. The mayor makes all visitors honorary citizens of the town, while local entertainers and dancers add a touch of color to the proceedings.

An added feature of Rendezvous Time is the annual Bermuda Festival, this year running from January 16 to February 23. Among the international performers and groups scheduled to appear on stage are singer Cleo Laine and her musician husband John Dankworth, Arlo Guthrie, Anthony and Joseph Paratore, The Juilliard Theater Company, the Brandenburg Ensemble and the Ballet Repertory Company.

Throughout the 15 weeks of Rendezvous Time, there is much more of Bermuda to see and enjoy, much of it from bygone days. And it all lends a delightful dimension

to a traditionally warm Bermuda experience.



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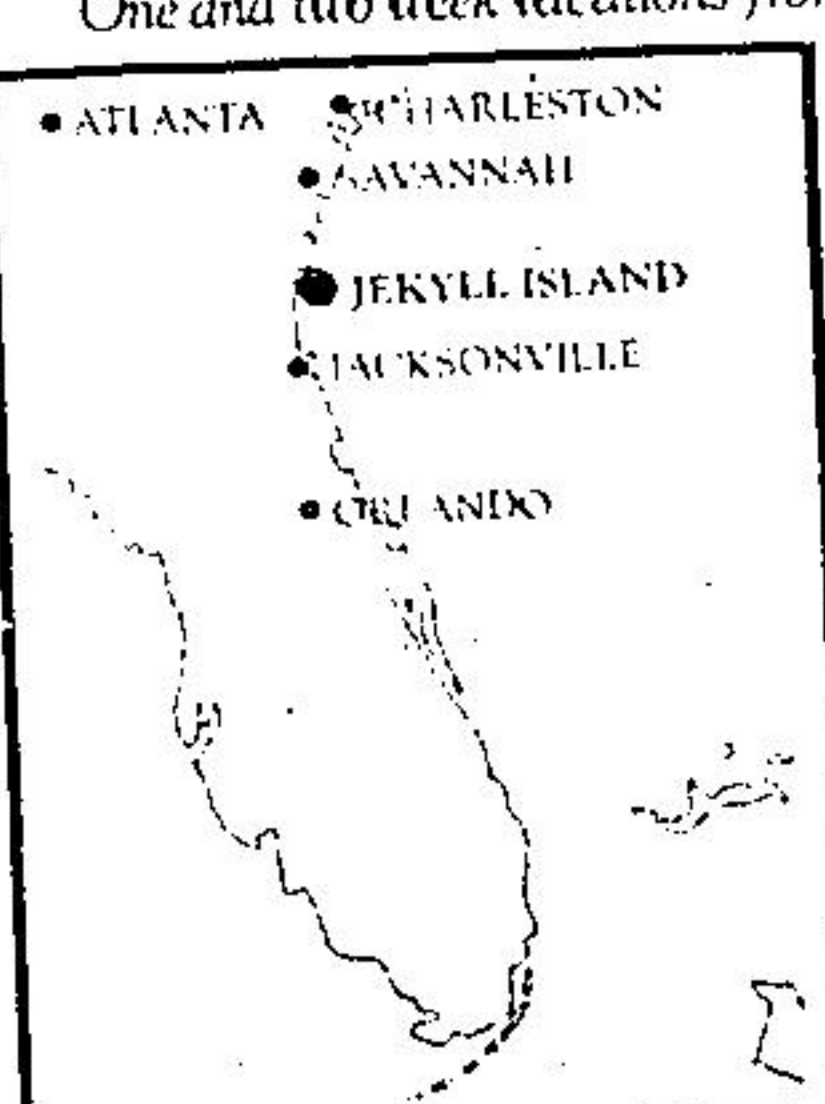
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