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Barbados: It's a land of sun, beach and luxury

PRESIDENT REAGAN didn't mention rum punch, so I assume that he didn't play aboard the Jolly Roger in Barbados. The Jolly Roger is one of two boats that ferry tourists daily up he warm west coast of the island, with ho-ho-ho and a keg of rum.

Barbados, on the eastern edge of the whiplash of Caribbean atolls, is one of those islands that has its belly in the warm waters of the Caribbean and its back in the deeper, cooler waters of the

The capital city of Bridgetown was listed last August by London's World Business Weekly as the most expensive of all the 100 business centers surveyed worldwide, a fact that should be noted but not taken too seriously by the tourist.

The president's party may have spent 3.5 million on planes, ships and personnel to the president of the president priced variation there on his own or through the Rest of Barbados package. Business travelers and tourists stay at the classy-and-comfortable Barbados Hilton, or 23 acres of Howers and sand at the southern point of Carlishe Say, or at the luxurious Holiday Inn down the street. Both charge world-insasprices, and look across the clutter of boats on the Bay to Bridgetown. Travelers on a budget can stay on the same stretch of street at the locally popular Island Inn, with its good West Indian table, for much less.

BARBADOS WAS a British colony from 1625 to Independence Day 1966, so its British-West Indian culture at-tacts many travelers from the United singdom, usually for several weeks at time.

Many rent apartments or stay in small hotels on the southern coast between Bridgetown and the Grantley Adams International Airport, with an open-sided car called a Mini-moke foliesurely short-un transportation.

Others pick the rititier west side of the island, where dozens of small, luxurious hotels have a St. James address. The beautiful and expensive Sandy lane Hotel is one of the best, its colloaded 18th century entraneway making the state of the state

ig a low line against the beach. But smaller, still-luxurious hotels



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like the Coral Reef Club spread their spacious rooms across the same beach a short distance away, with a view across umbrella tables and beach chairs to the some glorious emerale the same special sp

Pirate ships look very much at home Prizate snips look very much at nome in Bridgeport, a quaint little town that looks like it might still be waiting for the sailing ships to come back, in spite of the air-conditioned modern buildings mixed with the Victorian gingerbread

CRUISE SHIP passengers spend a day in the duty-free shops, at historical sites in town or photographing the inter-island fruit boats and the fishing boats along the Careenage.

The Careenage, a French word meaning "to tip a ship and clean its hull," is an inland waterway to the very heart of town.

To do the island justice, hire a driver like Randolph Brathwaite to drive you from Bridgetown through St. James to Speighistown and across Cherry Tree Hill to the Atlantic Coast, timed to stop for lunch at the old well-lowed Atlantis Hotel, especially on Sunday when Enid Maxwell presides over a wonderful Bajan buffet.

You could retreat from civilization to a clean simple room here, but most Atlantic lovers turn the southeast cor-ner of the island to the Crane Beach

Hotel, with its restored suites on a cliff

Hotel, with its restored suites on a cliff high above the sea, or Sam Lord's Castle a national trust monument on 72 acres, surreunded by smaller villas and run by Marriott Hotels.

Samual Hall Lord I ured ships to Cobbers Reef and then plundered them, so you could be said to be following historie precedent when you finally board the Jolly Roger at its dock near Bridgetown.

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THE JOLLY ROCER leaves daily at 9.30 a.m. island time, which means whenever the vans deliver passengers from island hotels.

Tourists swarm aboard like pirates, climbing the stairway to an open sun deek, finding shade under the canopy or clustering around the forward scall. In the stairway to an open sun deek, finding shade under the canopy of the stairway to an open sun deek, finding shade under the canopy of the stairway of the stairway of the stairway to the captain support of the keep of rum purch, but beware, because we make it strong the way the pirates made it.

or coarse normal behaves min, our everybody is singing and dancing by the time the young boys in their sunfish sailboats arrive alongside, and we can all dance island-style, doing a congo line up and down stairs, by the time we weigh anchor up-island.

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I'd like to give President Reagan some advice, in case he decides to play a little on his next "working vacation" in Barbados.

Don't plan busilness appointments for the day you sail the Jolly Roger or its new counterpart, the Cap'n Patch. Your 352 U.S. tour ticket includes not only rum punch and food, but a ride back to your hotel, where you will vow not to eat or drink again for a month, or until the next meal, whichever comes first.

For information on rum punch tours

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For information on rum punch tours
and other fun things to do in Barbados,
contact your travel agent or the Barbados Board of Tourism, 800 Second Ave.,
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The ritzy western coast of St. James includes lazy beaches (above) and luxury hotels. The Jolly boats that ferry tourists around, complete with a keg of rum (left).

...Getting the most for your money

When you travel to an island like Barbados, listed as the most expensive destination in the world for business travelers, you should know how to get the most for your money. The Barbados Board of Tourism offers a single-numer-fall package called Best of Barbados for four seven nights, either the Barbados for four seven nights, either the Barbados for Marcian Plan (with breakfast and dinner). They are an excellent buy, All are quoted here in U.S. döllars.

dollars.
Forty hotels and 37 apartments take part in the package. At the
Barbados Hilton, a long walk or a five-minute taxi ride from
Bridgetown, four nights cost \$1171 to \$191 U.S. dollars; seven nights
\$291 to \$1256. European Plan (EP).
The Island Inn down the street ranges from \$77 for four nights
to \$126 to seven nights, EP.

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Up the west coast, In the St. James area, you can buy four nights on the Modified American Plan (MAP) for from \$251 to \$295, seven nights for \$425 to \$502.

Sam Lord's Castle, a fine hotel a long way from Bridgetown, costs \$111 to \$191 for four nights, and \$186 to \$236 for seven nights, EP. For MAP and \$30 per person per day.

You might want to save your meal money for some of the interesting restaurants on the island. The Brown Sugar, behind the Island Inn, is very popular among tourists.

IF YOU ARE on the island on Sunday, don't miss a chance to follow the local people to Enid Maxwell's wonderful West Indian

table at the Atlantis, on the Atlantic side of the island.
The Sunday buffel is ‡23 Barbados, but be careful when you see
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Diners crowd the verandah overlooking the Atlantic, where arrokes lod fishing boats on the beach and wraps its white foam around great coral outcroppings.

The small signs on the buffet tell you what you are eating: okra, pumpkin fritters, spinsch cake, candied sweet potatoes, cassava, pepper pot soop, pickled breadfruit, flying fish, curried black-belly sheep, as well as plain meat and fish.

The dessert table will finish you off. The house specialty is run cake, but don't waddle away without trying the coconut pier fresh coconut, grated and lightly bonded together to fill a two-crust pie. Try the Flamboyant, where Brian Cheeseman serves a finet table an old house on the south coast in Hastings.

I asked people who live in Barbados to recommend other restaurants, and they said: Luciano's, for Italian food in an old Barbadian plantation house; Pisces for seafood in a romantic settling; the Cariobean Pepper Pot, where you can eat and listen to the Merry Men; the Island im, especialty for the Monday-night floor show.

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