

Sample Writing:

“If you had a ticket to travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?”

You do not know what you have until it is gone. This expression rings true for travel. Not until after returning from vacation did I realize the jewel of my voyage. If I were given a ticket to travel the world, I would return to this island.

Bermuda is a British colony and island in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean. This tourist attraction is famous for its beaches, people, and for its location at the tip of the Bermuda Triangle. Notorious for its science-fiction-level anomalies (such as disappearing planes and shipwrecks), the island conceals its mysterious side with pristine beaches and absolutely no visual evidence of failed voyages. When you arrive, a new world captivates you with natural wonders. Deep blue skies immerse you from above while variations of turquoise to dark blue water surround you from below. Just a simple drive on the main road unravels the mysteries hidden in the lush green plants that are so healthy and plentiful, they seem to jump out and grab you. The magnitude of life emanating from the stout greenery is fascinating; some of the flora boast an age of a thousand years. As the visuals mesmerize your eyes, the history enchants your ears. Visages of old colonial England retell the woes and triumphs of times past. Modernity sprouts through the days of yore where the houses, painted different pastel colors, signify the life of the island. The charm of Bermuda calls me back as the ideal destination.

I will eagerly return to the beach. Not just any beach, Horseshoe Bay beach on the south side of the island. The moment my feet feel the therapeutic caresses of Bermuda’s legendary sands, I will take a deep breath, look around and let the magic of Horseshoe Bay refresh my entire being. My eyes will fixate on the dancing waves and the see-sawing waterline that flirts with the pink sand. I will stare at the beautiful rock formations surrounding the beach and try to solve their riddles. When I come back to my senses and realize where I am, I will splash through the sparkling light blue water where I can see all the way down to my toes. The water looks so delicious and revitalizing, I almost want to drink it. I become part of the sea by letting the glistening water rock me backward and forward, while the cool wind massages my face. Taking in the beauty, I grab my snorkel gear and investigate the coral coastline that surrounds the island. As I explore the marine life, I see a rainbow of colors, like an underwater light show.

What makes Bermuda so unique is not only its natural beauty, but also its people. Smiling faces surround you everywhere you go. The locals are eager to help you and always available for heart-warming conversation. I would like to attend the annual Bermuda cricket match. Even though I know nothing about cricket, I would have a blast. The locals tell me that it's more about the gathering of the community than the actual game. Everyone unites in the spirit of fun and camaraderie. I would fit right in as one of the residents and meet all the friendly and interesting people that Bermuda holds in her arms.

Returning home to the mundane wind and grind, I would realize how beautiful and even mystical my experience was. Bermuda provides a gift for all the senses found nowhere else. This majestic island nation is where I would return if I had a ticket to any place in the world. I would not only visit because of its multi-layer history, incredible weather, and alluring beaches, but also the amazing people that inhabit the island.