Destination Calendar '25

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WE GATHERIN' 2025

We Gatherin' 2025 is your call to come 'long home. Throughout the year, every parish from the cliffs of St. Lucy to the markets of Bridgetown will be buzzing with events that touch on everything Barbadians hold dear: faith, family, sports and community.

HERITAGE CENTRES

Each Heritage Centre will be housed in an iconic location in each parish positioned around that month's central theme featuring historical and anecdotal data in an exhibit format which tells the story in a way that is chronological, compelling and relatable across demographics and nationalities. In addition, we will be celebrating the stalwarts within the communities and displaying a Treasure Chest of iconic items while patrons will be encouraged to participate in a Wailing Wall type activity – leaving little notes or stories/ message boards.

GENEOLOGY

Discover your roots at the Genealogy Marketplace & Workshop, a unique event aimed at helping attendees trace their Barbadian ancestry. With engaging workshops, expert advice, and fascinating historical insights, it's an exciting opportunity to connect with the past and uncover personal stories linked to the storied ancestry of Barbados.

We Gatherin' 2025 COME 'LONG HOME

JANUARY

We Gatherin' January - St. Lucy: Faith

January kicks off **We Gatherin' 2025** in St. Lucy, celebrating faith as the foundation of community and tradition. This month's events highlight the spiritual and cultural connections that have shaped the parish, featuring church services, gospel celebrations, and community gatherings that bring people together in reflection and unity. St. Lucy's vibrant calendar sets the tone for a year of celebration, inviting Barbadians to reconnect with their roots and embrace the spirit of togetherness.

JAN 15-22

Barbados Sailing Week

Barbados Sailing Week is an exhilarating celebration that beckons sailing enthusiasts from across the globe and the Caribbean region. Set against the stunning backdrop of Barbados, this event combines thrilling yacht races with the island's vibrant energy. Both visitors and locals have the unique opportunity to experience the adrenaline of yacht racing around Barbados' picturesque coastline.

Barbados Horticultural Society Flower & Garden Show

Join our Annual Flower and Garden Show at the BHS Headquarters, Balls Plantation, Christ Church. We have many exciting activities planned for you including plant competitions, plant sales and clinics to diagnose any issues that you may have, demonstrations, craft and jewellery, books, knick knacks, music and of course, our world famous teas!

JAN 25

Barbados International Polo Season

AHPC Barbados v. Australia
Time: 4:30 p.m.
Location: Apes Hill

JAN 30

Barbados International Polo Season

AHPC Barbados v. Australia
Time: 4:30 p.m.
Location: Holders

FEBRUARY

We Gatherin' February - St. Peter: Heritage

In February, the spotlight shines on St. Peter, embracing its rich heritage with a series of events designed to celebrate the history and cultural legacy of the parish. Participants can look forward to immersive experiences that highlight the deep historical roots and stories that have shaped the community.

JAN 29-FEB 2

Barbados Independent Fillm Festival

The 9th edition of Barbados' longest-running film festival returns, showcasing an extraordinary lineup of 60 films over five days across eight venues. This year's event features a vibrant blend of global cinema and local culture, celebrating the dynamic spirit of the Barbados film community. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of Sir Trevor Carmichael and his team, the festival continues to flourish, offering a unique cultural experience to both locals and visitors.
Visit **barbadosfilmfest.com** to view the Festival schedule.

FEB 1

Barbados International Polo Season

Mervyn & Bobby Barnes Memorial
Time: 3:15 p.m.
Location: Apes Hill

AHPC Barbados v. Australia FINAL
Time: 4:30 p.m.
Location: Apes Hill

FEB 9-16

Holetown Festival

Step back in time at the Holetown Festival, held annually in mid-February on Barbados' west coast to commemorate the first settlers' arrival on 17th February 1627. This week-long celebration on the vibrant streets of Holetown showcases Barbadian heritage through a joyous blend of tradition, community, and entertainment.

FEB 8

Barbados International Polo Season

Andy Dowding Memorial
Time: 3:15 p.m.
Location: Holders

BPC Barbados v. Rest of the World
Time: 4:30 p.m.
Location: Holders

FEB 8

Barbados National Trust

Open House
1pm – 5pm
State House

FEB 8

Barbados Turf Club February

Hopeful Stakes
Barbados Turf Club Race Season One

FEB 10-15

Sun, Sea & Slam Bridge Tournament

Experience the trick-taking card game of bridge at the **Sea & Slam Bridge Tournament,** which brings card game enthusiasts together in Barbados! Set against the idyllic backdrop of sun-drenched beaches and the sparkling Caribbean Sea, this tournament is as much about camaraderie as it is about competition.

FEB 13

Barbados International Polo Season

BPC The Villages (USA) v. Barbados
Time: 4:30 p.m.
Location: Apes Hill

FEB 15

Barbados International Polo Season

Tony Archer Memorial
Time: 3:15 p.m.
Location: Holders

BPC The Villages (USA) v. Barbados
Time: 4:30 p.m.
Location: Holders

FEB 19

Barbados National Trust

Open House
2pm – 5pm
Welches Plantation House

FEB 21-23

Agrofest

Agrofest 2025 is Barbados' premier agricultural exhibition, celebrating the island's farming heritage and cultural traditions. This three-day event features over 300 exhibits, including livestock showcases, agribusiness innovations, and culinary demonstrations. Visitors can experience interactive displays, local produce, and engaging activities, making it a must-attend event for families, farmers, and enthusiasts of Barbadian agriculture.

FEB 22

Barbados International Polo Season

Andrew Phillips Memorial
Time: 3:15 p.m.
Location: Holders

BPC Cheshire (UK) v. Barbados
Time: 4:30 p.m.
Location: Holders

FEB 26

Barbados National Trust

Open House
2pm – 5pm
Sunbury Plantation Great House

FEB 22

Barbados International Polo Season

BPC Cheshire (UK) v. Barbados
Time: 4:30 p.m.
Location: Apes Hill

Barbados Horticultural Society Open Garden

Step into a blooming paradise at the Annual Flower & Garden Show, hosted at the charming BHS Headquarters, Balls Plantation, Christ Church. This much-anticipated event is a vibrant celebration of nature, creativity, and community.

MARCH

We Gatherin' March - St. Thomas: Nature

March brings the celebration to St. Thomas, focusing on the theme of nature. This month is all about connecting with the natural beauty of Barbados, with events centered around outdoor activities, environmental awareness, and the preservation of the parish's stunning natural landscapes.

MAR 1

Sandy Lane Gold Cup

The **Sandy Lane Gold Cup** stands as the pinnacle of horse racing in the Caribbean. With its thrilling races, elegant atmosphere, and glamorous spectatorship, this prestigious event draws top-class horses and jockeys to the historic Garrison Savannah. Attendees are treated to a spectacular blend of sport, fashion, and excitement, making it an unmissable occasion for both racing aficionados and socialites.

MAR 2

Barbados International Polo Season

Mickey Hutchinson Memorial
Time: 4:30 p.m.
Location: Apes Hill

BPC Cheshire (UK) v. Barbados FINAL
Time: 4:30 p.m.
Location: Holders

MAR 5-15

All Stars Festival

Opera, Comedy, Music and Dining
Visit, **www.allstarsfestival.org** for event schedules and tickets.

MAR 8

Barbados National Trust

Open House
1pm – 5pm
Guinea Plantation House

MAR 12

Barbados National Trust

Open House
2pm – 5pm
Colleton Great House

MAR 15

Barbados National Trust

Open House
1pm – 5pm
Lion Castle Great House

MAR 15

Barbados Turf Club February

Barbados Turf Club Race Season One

MAR 15

Barbados International Polo Season

BPC Canada v. Barbados
Time: 4:30 p.m.
Location: Holders

MAR 20

Barbados International Polo Season

BPC Canada v. Barbados
Time: 4:30 p.m.
Location: Apes Hill

MAR 22

Barbados International Polo Season

BPC Canada v. Barbados FINAL
Time: 4:30 p.m.
Location: Apes Hill

MAR 18

Barbados National Trust

Open House
1pm – 5pm
Bagatelle Great House

MAR 24-30

Barbados Surf Pro & Live Like Zander Jr. Pro 2025

Get ready to ride the waves at the **Barbados Surf Pro & Live Like Zander Jr. Pro 2025,** a spectacle of surf culture and athletic excellence. This premier event features a 5000-point series for adults and a 1000-point series for juniors, drawing 248 competitors, including 227 from abroad. Attendees can expect intense competition, skilful displays, and the iconic Soup Bowl waves perfect for breathtaking surf action. The event not only showcases top-tier surfing but also celebrates the sport's culture and honours Zander Venezia's legacy, offering a unique blend of excitement and local charm for all levels of surf enthusiasts.

MAR 29

Barbados Turf Club

Barbados Turf Club Race Season

APRIL

Barbados Horticultural Society Open Garden

The Barbados Horticultural Society Open Garden offers a delightful exploration of some of the island's most beautifully landscaped private gardens. Wander through lush greenery, blooming tropical flowers, and expertly designed spaces, all while soaking in the tranquil atmosphere. It is a perfect outing for nature lovers, garden enthusiasts, and those seeking inspiration for their own homes.

Old Brigand Rum Regatta

Set against the azure waters of Barbados, the **Old Brigand Rum Regatta** delivers a thrilling showcase of yachting prowess. Featuring both seasoned sailors and passionate novices, this exciting competition blends fierce racing with festive camaraderie. With refreshing rum cocktails and stunning coastal views, it's the perfect seaside spectacle.

National Sports Council Interschool Sports

The National Sports Council Interschool Sports inspires youthful spirit and fierce competition as schools across Barbados come together for this annual sporting showdown. Athletes vie for glory in various disciplines, cheered on by vibrant crowds of supporters. It's an exciting display of talent, sportsmanship, and the future stars of Barbados.

We Gatherin' April - St. Joseph: Adventure

In April, **We Gatherin'** continues its celebration of Barbadian heritage with lively events in the Parish of St. Joseph, fostering a sense of community and pride. Expect vibrant cultural displays, engaging activities, and opportunities to reconnect with the island's traditions in a meaningful way.

APR 5

Barbados International Polo Season

AHPC Teddington v. Barbados
Time: 4:30 p.m.
Location: Apes Hill

APR 5-6

Naniki Music Festival

Experience the magic of the Naniki Barbados Music Festival – three unforgettable shows spread across two captivating days in the scenic paradise of Naniki, the island's premier eco-resort at Suriname, St. Joseph, Barbados. Immerse yourself in a harmonious blend of world-class performances and a vibrant showcase of local talent.

APR 8-13

International Game Fishing Tournament

The **International Game Fishing Tournament** is the ultimate event for fishing enthusiasts. Hosted by the Barbados Game Fishing Association, this five-day tournament combines the thrill of sport fishing with lively entertainment, both day and night. With 10 foreign boats expected, including entries from Trinidad and Tobago, it's shaping up to be another exciting chapter in Barbados' maritime legacy.

APR 10

Barbados International Polo Season

AHPC Teddington v. Barbados
Time: 4:30 p.m.
Location: Holders

APR 12

Barbados Guineas Race Day

Barbados Turf Club Race Season

APR 11-20

Oistins Fish Festival

The **Oistins Fish Festival** is a vibrant Easter weekend celebration honouring Barbados' fishing heritage. Located in the historic and picturesque south coast village of Oistins, the festival features live music, craft stalls, culinary delights, and thrilling competitions like the ever-popular fish boning contest. It's a lively family-friendly event with something for everyone.

APR 12

Barbados International Polo Season

Rotary Match
Time: 3:15 p.m.
Location: Apes Hill

AHPC Teddington v. Barbados
Time: 4:30 p.m.
Location: Apes Hill

APR 19

Barbados International Polo Season

Soroptomist Charity Match
Time: 3:15 p.m.
Location: Holders

Roger Gooding & Trevor Davis Memorial
Time: 4:30 p.m.
Location: Holders

MAY

APR 25-27

European Legends Tour

The **European Legends Tour** offers a premier golfing experience, featuring elite former champions, Ryder Cup legends, and renowned celebrities. Hosted at one of Barbados' stunning courses and led by golfing great Ian Woosnam, the event draws top amateur golfers seeking to play alongside the legends while supporting charitable causes.

APR 25-27

Barbados Reggae Weekend

APR 26

Barbados International Polo Season

Sir Charles v. Kent Cole Memorial
Time: 4:30 p.m.
Location: Apes Hill

APR 26

Barbados Guineas Horse Racing

The **Barbados Guineas** is an exciting showcase of speed, endurance, and the finest thoroughbreds. This highly anticipated race marks a major event on the local racing calendar, drawing enthusiastic crowds eager to witness the crowning of a new champion.

Barbados Junior International Tennis Tournament

The **Barbados Junior International Tennis Tournament** showcases emerging talent as young players compete in this highly regarded competition. Witness gripping matches and support the next generation of tennis stars as they strive for victory on the island's world-class courts.

Barbados Football Cup

The **Barbados Football Cup** brings together passionate youth and adult teams for a highly competitive tournament. Matches are played across several venues, with spectators treated to an exhilarating display of skill, teamwork, and the island's love for the beautiful game.

We Gatherin' May - St. John: Community

The **We Gatherin'** festivities in May continue to promote Barbadian culture through specially curated events designed to engage the local community and visiting diaspora. Look forward to celebrations that highlight the island's artistic flair, culinary excellence, and vibrant spirit.

MAY 3

Barbados International Polo Season

BPC Kearns Trophy
Time: 3:15 p.m.
Location: Holders

BPC President's Trophy
Time: 4:30 p.m.
Location: Holders

MAY 8-11

Roger Boyce Classic & IFBB World Cup

The **Roger Boyce Classic – IFBB World Cup** is an electrifying bodybuilding competition that offers a gateway to professional status. Competitors aim for the coveted IFBB Elite Pro Card, showcasing months of rigorous preparation and discipline. With its elevated status as an IFBB World Cup qualifier, the event has drawn increasing numbers of international athletes. In 2024, over 400 visitors attended, making it one of the premier fitness events in the region.

MAY 10

Barbados Turf Club February

Barbados Turf Club Race Season

JUNE

MAY 25 - JUNE 1

Barbados Gospelfest

The **Barbados Gospelfest** is a week-long celebration of faith and music, featuring powerful performances by renowned gospel artists. From soul-stirring choirs to uplifting solo acts, this festival showcases the best of local, regional, and international gospel talent. Each concert offers a spiritually enriching experience, making it a highlight on the island's cultural calendar.

MAY 30-JUN 1

Rally Barbados

Rally Barbados is the crown jewel of motorsports in Barbados, its huge popular fanbase gathers spectators and motor enthusiasts across the island as they follow the drivers competing for the renowned title of rally Barbados champion. This event has attracted international drivers and multiple WRC champions most notable names such as Ken Block and Elfyn Evans. Throughout 34 editions of Rally Barbados over 600+ overseas participants and 32 visit countries have been represented.

Rally Barbados – King of the Hill Rally Show

Rally Barbados is the ultimate motorsport event in the Caribbean, drawing elite drivers and motorsport enthusiasts. The King of the Hill Rally Show serves as the high-octane prelude, giving fans a chance to see competitors test their limits before the main rally. With international drivers, renowned champions, and thousands of fans lining the course, the excitement is unmatched.

Barbados Auto Racing League

Get your adrenaline pumping at the **Barbados Auto Racing League**, where high-speed thrills meet fierce competition. This league showcases the island's best drivers and racing machines, offering fans an exhilarating motorsport experience.

International Museum Week

International Museum Week in Barbados invites history enthusiasts to explore the island's diverse cultural and historical landmarks. With special exhibitions, guided tours, and interactive activities, visitors can dive into Barbados' fascinating past and learn more about its role in world history.

400th anniversary of the British Landing at Holetown

We Gatherin' June - St. George: The Land

June shines a spotlight on St. George as part of **We Gatherin' 2025**, where the theme of "The Land" takes center stage. This month is dedicated to celebrating the natural beauty and agricultural heritage of St. George, showcasing everything from farm tours and eco-walks to local produce markets.

JUN 6-9

Barbados Invitational Masters Classic

The **Barbados Invitational Masters Classic** is a premier football tournament for players aged 35 and over. Known for its competitive matches and festive atmosphere, the event draws seasoned teams from the Caribbean and beyond. In 2024, over 500 international participants joined, making it a standout sporting festival filled with camaraderie and high-energy action.

JUN 11-23

West Indies Women's Home Series Vs South Africa

DATE	FORMAT	LOCATION
June 11	First ODI	3Ws Oval, Barbados
June 14	Second ODI	3Ws Oval, Barbados
June 17	Third ODI	3Ws Oval, Barbados
June 20	First T20	3Ws Oval, Barbados
June 22	Second T20	3Ws Oval, Barbados
June 23	Third T20	3Ws Oval, Barbados

JUN 14

Midsummer Creole Classic

Barbados Turf Club Race Season Two

JULY

JUN 25-29

West Indies Men's Home Series Against Australia

FORMAT
First Test

LOCATION
Kensington Oval, Barbados

JUN 28

Midsummer Creole Classic

Barbados Turf Club Race Season Two

CIBC First Caribbean Golf for the Cure Tournament

The **CIBC First Caribbean Golf for the Cure Tournament** combines sporting excellence with philanthropy, as golfers tee off to raise funds for cancer research. With a stunning course and an inspiring cause, this event brings together top players for a meaningful day of sport.

We Gatherin' July - St. Philip: Celebrating Our Sugar Heritage

In July, St. Philip is the spotlight parish for We Gatherin' 2025, embracing the theme "Sugar." This month is dedicated to honoring the rich history and ongoing influence of sugar cane on Barbadian culture and economy. Join us for a series of events that delve into the historical journey of sugar, from cane fields to modern culinary uses. Activities will include tours of historic sugar mills, sugar cane harvesting demonstrations, and sweet culinary events featuring local chefs. Experience the sweetness of St. Philip and discover how sugar has shaped the island, brought communities together, and remains a vital part of Barbadian heritage.

JUL 5 - AUG 4

Crop Over Festival

This summer Barbados invites travelers to live like a local and experience the island's lively Crop Over Festival, celebrating a 200 year-old tradition that honors the end of the sugar cane season.

The festival celebrates all that is Bajan with dusk till dawn parties, arts and crafts markets and a culinary-driven street fairs.
Crop Over it sweet fuh days!

JUL 5-20

Sir Garfield Sobers International U19 Cricket Competition

The crown jewel of secondary school cricket across the island. The tournament's reiteration after a four-year hiatus was welcomed back with excitement among the cricket community locally, regionally, and internationally. The tournament comprised 6 overseas teams and 12 local teams, as 2025 is approaching there's an even larger interest from overseas teams.

JUL 12

Derby Day

Barbados Turf Club Race Season Two

JUL 26

Barbados Derby Day

The Barbados Derby is the most established race within the racing industry both locally and internationally and is the benchmark of the breeding Industry.
It is as an opportunity to show the international horse racing community Barbadian culture through sports. The performances also pay homage to Emancipation Day.

AUGUST

We Gatherin' August - St. Andrew: Culture

August in St. Andrew celebrates "The Arts" for **We Gatherin' 2025**, showcasing a vibrant tapestry of local creativity. This month, immerse yourself in a festival of visual arts, crafts, and performances that capture the unique cultural spirit of St. Andrew. Attend art exhibitions featuring local painters and sculptors, participate in interactive craft workshops, and enjoy live performances from Barbadian artists. It's a perfect opportunity to explore the rich artistic heritage of St. Andrew and engage with the community's most creative minds. Experience the arts like never before and see how they paint the parish with the colors of innovation and tradition.

AUG 4

Crop Over Festival Grand Kadooment

Grand Kadooment Day celebrates the end of Crop Over, where Masquerade Bands make their way to Spring Garden highway with revelers dressed in sequin costumes decorated with colorful feathers, jewels and bright accents.
The finale of Crop Over's events makes this the island's most exciting day of the year.
Crop Over, it sweet fuh days!

AUG 9

BTBA Sprint

Barbados Turf Club Race Season Two

AUG 15-20

Barbados Dive Festival

Barbados Dive Festival partners with PADI AWARE Foundation as it brings together divers alike across Barbados, the region, and the World. Dive Fest offers the chance to showcase Barbados in a unique way beyond its shores.

AUG 23

BTBA Sprint

Barbados Turf Club Race Season Two

AUG 16-17

Ninja Throwdown

Barbados Ninja Throwdown is a competition designed to present a thrilling, exciting, and limited-testing contest for athletes and stunt enthusiast spectators. Barbados Ninja Throwdown is the only course in the Caribbean that can qualify athletes for the World Ninja Throwdown League, in 2024 the competition has expanded to 2 days to not only benefit athletes but also allow for more engagement from the audience. Ninja Throwdown garnered 180 overseas ninjas, and their guests (friends, family & family) totalling to 525 persons, in addition to 10 overseas competition officials and 2 international broadcasters.

Caribbean Motorsport Championship

This is a regional circuit racing event which draws competitors and spectators from the Caribbean incldluing Jamaica, Suriname, Guyana, Trinidad and Tobago and of course Barbados to mention a few.

AUG 17-23

Barbados Field Hockey Festival

The **Field Hockey Festival** is open to all international and regional hockey teams for their participation. The festival invokes both a friendly and competitive atmosphere with a rich touch of Barbadian culture it is played on both grass and astroturf. For the upcoming year of 2025, this marks the 40th Barbados Field Hockey Festival hosted by the Barbados Hockey Federation (BHF).

AUG 22-31

CARIFESTA

AUG - SEP

Caribbean Premier League (CPL)

The **CPL** has continued to deliver with its thrilling atmosphere across the various Cricket Stadiums. Since 2013, the CPL integrated under the West Indies Cricket Board and has consisted of 6 Caribbean teams that compete for the title of CPL Champions. Over the years, the fast-paced T-20 format has seen the incorporation of entertainment with performances, influencers, and bands, all to enhance both the competitor's and viewers' experience as the tournament takes place. Kensington Oval the crown jewel for cricket in the Caribbean has seen many electrifying CPL games as the Oval fills with spectators and supporters of the participating teams.

SEPTEMBER OCTOBER

One Movement Invitational Skateboarding Contest

The OMISC is a three-day festival which includes daily free skateboard clinics for children. It features professional skateboarders, the best skateboard contest in the region along with entertainment by local musicians and artists.

We Gatherin' September - St. James: Celebrate Cricket

In September, St. James hosts the **We Gatherin' 2025** theme "Cricket," celebrating the sport that runs deep in the veins of Barbadian culture. Whether you're a die-hard fan or new to the sport, St. James offers a thrilling insight into cricket's role in Barbadian society and its contribution to the island's sporting excellence. Join us for a month of exciting matches, community spirit, and cricketing festivities.

SEP 6

The Final Handicap

Barbados Turf Club Race Season Two

SEP 26-29

Tour De Bim

Tour De Bim hit the roads of Barbados for one of the most energising cycling events throughout the year. Tour De Bim debuted in 2023 and continues to poise itself to be one of the most renowned cycling events in the region.

We Gatherin' October - Christ Church: The Sea

October in Christ Church is dedicated to celebrating 'The Sea' as part of **We Gatherin' 2025**. This month, experience the unparalleled beauty of Barbados' coastal life through a series events and activities. Savour seafood culinary delights at various pop-ups, and unwind at beachside events featuring live music and dance under the stars. Christ Church's vibrant connection to the sea offers both educational and entertaining experiences, inviting everyone to explore and appreciate the blue heart of Barbados.

OCT

Barbados Triathlon Open

The **Barbados Triathlon Open** is a premier multi-discipline sporting event welcoming athletes of all levels. Set against the beautiful backdrop of Barbados, the triathlon offers various race categories, including Olympic, Sprint, and Relay distances. Whether competing solo or as part of a team, participants enjoy a unique challenge in paradise.

NOVEMBER

We Gatherin' November - St. Michael: Food & Feting

November in St. Michael is a celebration of 'Food and Feting' for **We Gatherin' 2025**, making it the ultimate destination for culinary enthusiasts and party-goers. Revel in the joyous atmosphere of music-filled fetes where you can dance the night away. Experience the best of Barbadian cuisine and savour dishes that are as diverse as our culture. St. Michael turns into a hub of flavour and festivity, offering endless opportunities to eat, dance, and celebrate the spirit of Barbados.

NOV 1

Barbados Pork Festival

Get ready for the ultimate foodie experience at the Barbados Pork Festival, where juicy, smoky, and mouthwatering flavors take center stage!

This festival is a pork lover's paradise, showcasing the island's best pitmasters, chefs, and grill masters serving up everything from slow-roasted pork belly to spicy jerk ribs, savory pulled pork, and traditional Bajan pudding & souse!

NOV 1

BTBA Juvenile & Breeders' Classic

Barbados Turf Club Race
Season Three

NOV 3-13

Barbados Darts Festival

The **Barbados Darts Festival** is a lively and competitive event that draws top players and enthusiastic amateurs. With numerous tournaments, social gatherings, and a festive atmosphere, it's a great opportunity to enjoy the sport while basking in the island's welcoming spirit.

NOV 5-9

Barbados Open Water Swim

Swim enthusiasts can dive into adventure at the **Barbados Open Water Swim**, a five-day festival featuring practice sessions and competitive races. With over 300 participants annually, including Olympians and world champions, this event is a thrilling test of endurance set in the crystal-clear waters of the Caribbean Sea.

NOV 15

BTBA Juvenile & Breeders' Classic

Barbados Turf Club Race
Season Three

NOV 29

BTBA Juvenile & Breeders' Classic

Barbados Turf Club Race
Season Three

Barbados Adventure Race

Push your limits in the **Barbados Adventure Race,** the island's first obstacle course event. The course blends natural challenges with man-made obstacles, offering participants a true test of strength, endurance, and grit. Whether competing or cheering from the sidelines, it's an unforgettable experience.

Barbados Independence Surf Festival

This is the biggest surfing event on the Barbados Surfing Association's Calendar.
This year we are reintroducing the concept of a Surfing Festival, where different aspects of surfing and local culture will be highlighted.

Mindful Living Barbados Wellness Festival

Mindful Living Barbados 2024 has been created to inspire and engage people to reconnect with their mind, body and soul while learning about how mindfulness can enrich their lives. This year we would like to invite all people from around the world and in the local Caribbean countries to come and immerse themselves for 3 days in mindfulness, self-love and compassion in beautiful Barbados. The healing place.

Barbados Rally Cross

Barbados Rally Cross typifies sprint-style racing between modified production cars, on mixed surface circuits specifically designed for excitement and excellent spectator viewing.

DECEMBER

NOV 30

Independence Day National Parade

Celebrate Barbados' independence at the **Independence Day National Parade,** a grand display of national pride. Held at the historic Garrison Savannah, which is a UNESCO heritage site, the parade features military displays, cultural performances, and colourful pageantry, commemorating the island's journey since gaining independence in 1966.

Mega Genealogy Marketplace

We are gearing up for another fun day of cultural activities at our **Genealogy Marketplace.** Barbados was a major trans-shipment hub from the 17th and 18th centuries, and therefore millions around the world are said to be able to trace their roots to the island. We're therefore actively developing the genealogy tourism niche and are excited about this upcoming day of activities. We hope to see you there!

BIIG Beach Games

BiiG (BOA Independence Invitational Games) birthed in 2016 is a multi-sport game.
The kind games held under the BOA banner reemerges after a Covid-19 hiatus with the same ambitious desire to fuel the sporting passion of Barbados and provide visitors with intense entertainment and competition.
Events include: beach volleyball, beach, wrestling, cycling and weightlifting.

We Gatherin' December Nationwide: Family & Friends

December wraps up the year of **We Gatherin' 2025** with a heartfelt tribute to 'Family and Friends,' celebrated across every corner of Barbados. This month is dedicated to fostering connections and cherishing shared moments, making it the perfect time for reunions, community gatherings, and festive celebrations.

DEC 5-7

Run Barbados

The **Run Barbados** series is a standout event on the island's sporting calendar, attracting runners of all levels. Participants can take part in various races, from marathons to fun runs, all set against the island's scenic landscapes. Since its inception in 1983, the event has grown to become one of the Caribbean's premier running festivals.

DEC 13

Barbados Turf Club Race Season Three

DEC 26

Barbados Turf Club Boxing Day Race

Rugby World 7s Tournament

The **Rugby Barbados World 7s Tournament** is the longest-running club rugby sevens event in the Caribbean. Featuring high-intensity matches, international teams, and an electric atmosphere, it offers a thrilling weekend of top-tier rugby action. With roots stretching back over 30 years, it's a true celebration of the sport.

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