



The Moongate is used as a decorative feature in landscaping gardening. Its complete circle symbolizes unity, peace and happiness and can be found throughout Bermuda in gardens and at picturesque spots around the island. It is not Bermudian originally but Chinese or Japanese or both, many centuries old. In 1860, a Bermuda sea captain brought home a plan for a moongate he had seen in a Chinese garden. He drew the design for a circular gateway and then set about building it himself upon his return. The result was an eye-catching structure that other Bermudians quickly adopted as an entrance to a garden and it has become a national symbol. There are many now in Bermuda. Islanders believe that when a couple makes a wish as they pass hand-in-hand through a moongate, they are guaranteed everlasting happiness and good fortune throughout their marriage. For that reason, many locals and visitors exchange their wedding vows in front of a Moongate.

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Fairmont Hamilton Princess

The first Moongate plan in Bermuda was brought from a Chinese garden in 1860 by a local sea captain. He copied the design of a circular wooden gateway to a garden or place of inner repose.

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Southampton Parish

A rounded span of coral blocks arranged in a circular arch above a wooden gate, the Moongate was introduced to Bermuda around 1920 by the Duke of Westminster's landscape architect.

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Par-la-Ville Park

Bermuda's oldest Moongate. A walk under this gracious stone arch, which spans the less-frequented southwestern entry, guarantees a long spell of good luck.

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Pitts Bay Road

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Hamilton Harbour

Legend has it that couples who kiss under the wedding-band shaped archways of coral and stone called Moongates will be assured of good fortune and happiness.

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Par-la-Ville Park

Moongates at popular beauty spots and attractions make perfect backdrops for wedding photographs. They are national symbols and features of parks, hotels and many private properties.

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Christmas Stamp 1999

This stamp issue is the result of a competition in which the Post Office invited students from all educational levels to submit artwork based on Christmas in Bermuda.

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Waterville

Islanders believe that when a couple makes a wish as they pass hand-in-hand through a Moongate, they are guaranteed everlasting happiness and good fortune throughout their marriage.

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Bermuda International Airport

The Chinese Moongate has been adopted by Bermuda as a national symbol. The Bermuda version is built of Bermuda stone and often but not always used as an entrance to a garden.



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