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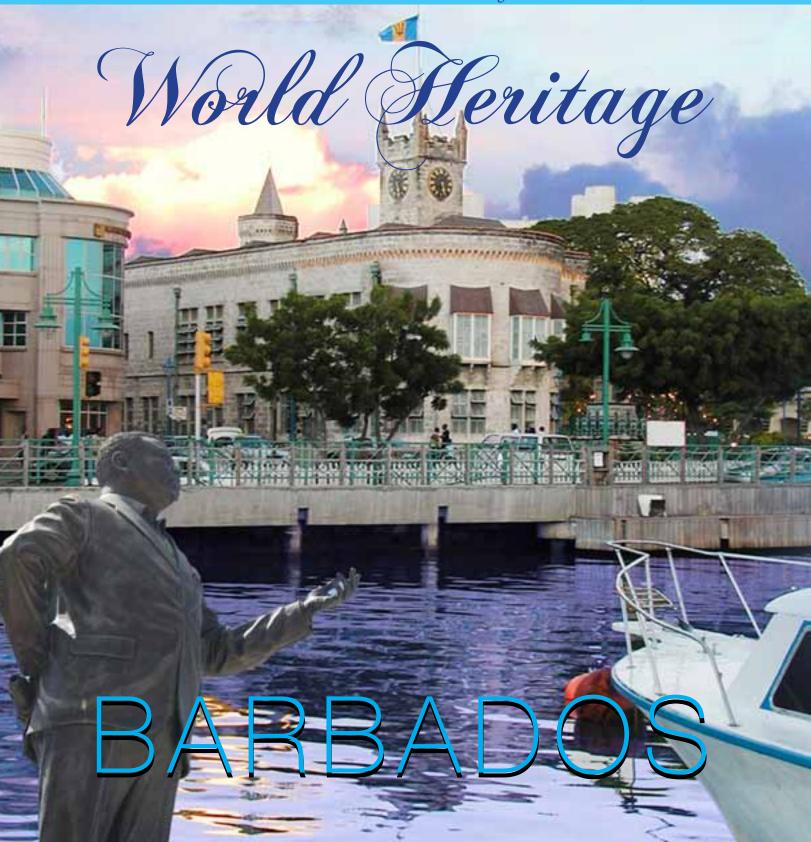


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Bridgetown's architecture, says the UNESCO announcement, consists "of a well-preserved old town built in the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries, which testifies to the spread of Great Britain's Atlantic colonial empire".



St. Nicholas Abbey - Jacobean architecture



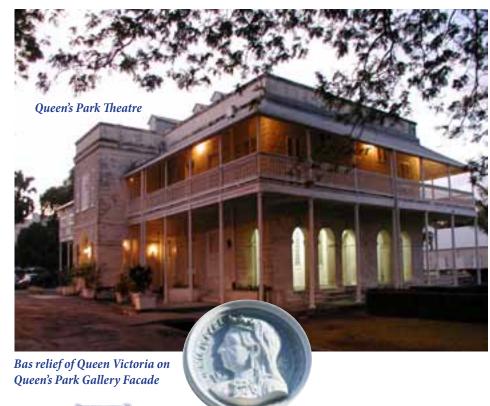
The Nelson Statue is an interesting recognition and one that sits uneasily with some Barbadians, remembering that it was the African slaves and their descendants who built the wealth of the British plantation class, and that Nelson was a hard supporter of the dreadful trade in slavery. The square where Nelson stands, once named Trafalgar Square, was renamed "Heroes Square" to commemorate the human heritage of the island and celebrate its African past as much as its British roots. The UNESCO recognition of Historic Bridgetown and its Garrison "also includes a nearby military garrison which consists of numerous historic buildings. It's serpentine urban lay-out, testifies to a different approach to colonial town planning compared to the Spanish and Dutch colonial cities of the region which were built along a grid plan."





Barracks of the Defence Force





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