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exploring the Botanical Gardens, hiking Sage Mountain, visiting the historic Conch Mound, island-hopping on a day sail, swimming through the boulders at The Baths, or enjoying any of our other unforgettable adventures, you're sure to be left with memories that will make you want to return! As we look forward to 2025 and all the possibilities the new year holds, we invite you to explore our rich history and culture. We trust that the spirit of the Virgin Islands will resonate with you as you enjoy every corner of our beautiful territory.

From Jost Van Dyke to Anegada, Virgin Gorda to Tortola, and all the cays in between—whether by land or sea, our paradise is waiting to be discovered.

May the warmth of our people, the welcoming smiles on our faces, the flavours of our food, and the richness of our culture come alive through every story in this issue.

Enjoy this edition, and welcome to Our Beautiful Virgin Islands.

Claudia Hodge

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## **MESSAGE FROM THE** PREMIER of the VIRGIN ISLANDS

n behalf of the Government and people of the British Virgin Islands (BVI), I extend a warm welcome to all our visitors and guests.

The BVI prides ourselves in being one of the top destinations in the Caribbean for vacationers, both in terms of our natural offerings and delivering a quality experience. As you travel around and between our islands, you will see why thousands from around the world choose the BVI every year - from our calm and pristine sailing waters that have earned us the title of the Sailing Capital of the World, to our white sandy beaches, colourful coral reefs teeming with turtles, stingrays and other marine life, the stunning sunsets, and the countless beach bars and restaurants with picturesque backdrops. The BVI offers over 60 islands and cays, each with its unique personality, to get you relaxed.

Apart from sailing, diving, snorkeling and water sports, the BVI offers amazing hiking trails and cycling routes. The cuisine ranges from local conch fritters, grilled lobsters and boiled fish to

international and continental, and most restaurants are staffed with world class chefs, bartenders and mixologists. The BVI also features a rich cultural experience. Performers can be found at many hot spots performing traditional fungi music, soca, steelpan, contemporary music, limbo dances and moko jumbies. There is a lot to be seen and experienced, but it is best that you do it first-hand. Our tour guides, charter companies, the BVI Tourist Board or any resident would be happy to point you in the right direction.

We hope that your stay with us is pleasant, exciting and filled with happy memories, and that you are moved to return with your friends and family for more wonderful times.

Take care and see you again soon!

Sincerely,

Dr. the Hon. Natalio D. Wheatley

Premier





n behalf of the entire British Virgin Islands community, I extend my heartfelt congratulations on the return of the New BVI Welcome Magazine. This longstanding publication has been a cherished guide for tourists seeking to explore the many wonders of our beautiful islands, and we are thrilled to see its new version 'WelcomeBVI Magazine' back in circulation.

The British Virgin Islands, often hailed as the Sailing Capital of the World, is a paradise for sailing enthusiasts. Our pristine waters and steady trade winds offer unparalleled sailing experiences that attract visitors from around the globe. Whether you are an experienced sailor or a novice eager to learn, the BVI provides the perfect backdrop for your maritime adventures.

But sailing is just the beginning. Our islands are a haven for food lovers, featuring delectable cuisine and vibrant food festivals that celebrate our rich culinary heritage. The BVI Food Fete and the BVI Food & Wine Festival are must-attend events, where you can indulge in gournet dishes crafted by renowned chefs. Additionally, our Festival Food Fairs offer an authentic taste of local flavors that are guaranteed to delight your palate.

Our calendar is filled with captivating events that showcase the culture and spirit of the BVI. The Emancipation Festival and the Virgin Gorda Easter Festival are vibrant celebrations of our history and traditions, while the Anegada Lobster Festival is a seafood lover's dream come true. The BVI Spring Regatta draws sailors and spectators alike with thrilling races and festivities, and the Virgin Islands Music Festival fills the air with the sounds of world-class musicians.

For those interested in exploring the underwater world, the BVI offers an array of scuba diving opportunities, including the famous BVI Wreck Week. Dive into the crystal-clear waters to discover vibrant coral reefs and historic shipwrecks teeming with marine life.

As the year winds down, our New Year's Eve events are the perfect way to ring in the new year. From the lively celebrations at Trellis Bay and Tortola Pier Park to the festive atmosphere at Virgin Gorda Yacht Harbour and Foxy's Old Year's Night party, there is no shortage of places to welcome the arrival of a new year in style.

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We invite you to discover the British Virgin Islands, where every corner holds a new adventure, and every experience is a memory in the making. Thank you WelcomeBVI Magazine, for being a gateway to experience the BVI. Here's to many years of guiding visitors to the treasures of our islands.

Warm regards,

Clive McCoy Director of Tourism



The Virgin Islands are still popularly known as The British Virgin Islands or BVI. The archipelago of some 60 islands, islets and cays are separate from the neighboring United States Virgin Islands or USVI. They have their own almost autonomous system of government and two vibrant pillars of economic stability.

merindians through the Virgin Islands for centuries before the arrival of western explorers in the 15th century. Evidence of these nomadic people has been found in the northwest of Tortola at Belmont and Smuggler's Cove.

In 1493 Christopher Columbus sailed into the Virgin Islands on the anniversary of Saint Ursula who was martyred for fighting off marauding huns with the help of 11,000 virgins who were

eventually slaughtered, so the legend goes. The name is appropriate indeed since the islands, even today, are pristine and largely untouched by the ravages of modern 21st century life. It was Columbus who named the islands Santa Ursula y las Once Mil Vírgenes (Saint Ursula and her 11,000 Virgins), shortened to Las Vírgenes (The Virgins). When approaching the islands from the northwest the profile of Virgin Gorda resembles a fat person lying on their back, hence the Fat Virgin (Virgin Gorda).

The ensuing years saw the archipelago change

from Dutch administration to British in 1672. The islands became a plantation economy with slaves from Africa providing the labour. Slave revolts were fairly common until emancipation finally came in 1834. This led to economic difficulties and many plantation owners left and returned to England whilst the islanders resorted to fishing and farming. However, the population was still governed by the British government with unacceptable controls and restrictions.

After protests a legislative council was established by the British in 1950 under a new constitution and this was again updated in 1967 with a democratically elected ministerial government and now with a Premier at its head. A governor was and is appointed by the king as his personal representative as well as being chairman of the cabinet.

#### **TORTOLA**

Tortola has a population of close to 30,000. It's a mountainous island with verdant green hillsides and steep and winding roads providing spectacular views. Sage Mountain is 1,716 feet high and home to Tortola's unique national park. The north shore is dotted with beautiful sandy beaches. Road Town is the capital of the

BVI and the seat of the territory's government. It is also home to the many offices providing financial services for offshore investors. It is a bustling centre with a busy cruise ship pier, shops and tourist related services. Several marinas and yacht charter operations are based here alongside a selection of fine restaurants.

#### **ANEGADA**

Anegada is often called the drowned island; its highest point is 28-ft., and the interior is dotted with salt ponds. The island's perimeter is almost one long sandy beach. Horseshoe reef starts here and bends down close to Virgin Gorda. It provides the habitat for the Anegada lobster for which Anegada's seafood





#### **JOST VAN DYKE**

Jost Van Dyke got its name from a Dutch privateer who inhabited the island in the early 17th century and continued his exploits even after the British seized control of the territory in 1672. The island lies about five miles northwest of Tortola and is associated with Virgin Gorda's Little Dix, which formally was named Little Dyke's, a reference to a secondary base used by the Dutch seaman. The island is volcanic, and its main industry was cotton. An ingenious Quaker, John Coakley Lettsome was

born on neighboring Little Jost Van Dyke in 1744. At an early age he was sent to England to be educated. During an illustrious career he founded the Medical Society of London and the Royal Humane Society. Today Jost Van Dyke is a popular tourist destination with a spectacular white sand beach, White Bay, lined with eateries and beach bars. The BVI's most renowned party bar is Foxy's in Great Harbor. There are two outlying sandy cays popular with day trippers.

restaurants are famous. The reef also provides protection for a pleasant two-hour sail to and from Virgin Gorda. Anegada is home to a large flock of pink flamingos and a unique rock iguana found nowhere else in the world. Bone fishing is popular on Anegada; the habitat is perfect. Conch shell mounds are found just off-shore in the water at the island's east end. They are believed to be pre-Columbian and specifically placed to prevent the cessation of procreation.

#### SISTER ISLANDS

The BVI has many sister islands and cays, and many have their own interesting story. There's a treasure island, a salt island and an island once famous as the home of a famous author – and there are more.

For lovers of sailing, islands and their history, the sea and exploration, there is no better place than the BVI. Come and see for yourself.



#### **VIRGIN GORDA**

Virgin Gorda is the third largest island in the group and second in population; its geology is unique. Millennia ago, at the southern end of the island faulting and uplifting of the earth's crust caused huge, house-sized boulders of granite to be spewed on to the landscape producing what is known today as the Baths.

There are trails both above and below the sea, great for walkers and snorkelers alike. The rock formations and natural sculptures are a sight not to be missed. The ruins of an old copper mine attest to the presence of minerals. The snorkeling off Virgin Gorda's west coast is some of the best in the islands. The coast rises up to Virgin Gorda Peak, at 1359-ft and offers

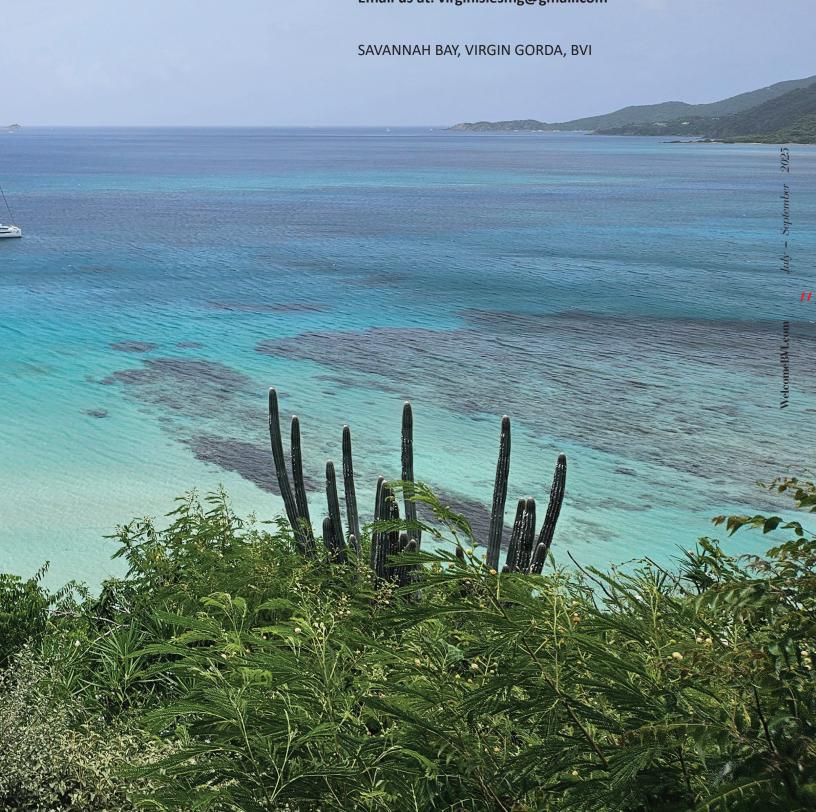
spectacular views. At the northeast end of the island lies the Sound, a large body of protected water known as Billionaires' Playground. Stunning properties and villas are seen here and celebrity/owners like Richard Branson, Larry Page and Melinda Gates are often seen enjoying the good life.





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# FESTIVALIN FULL FOCUS

Virgin Islands Celebrates its 71st Emancipation Festival

It's festival baby! From Food Fairs to Fungi Fests to the Grand Monday Parade, the Virgin Islands will once again come alive in a cascade of colours, costumes, and culture during one of the Caribbean's most significant cultural events: the Virgin Islands Emancipation Festival.

ut this event is more than just a festival! Every performance, from dancing mokojumbie to steel pan songs, is a celebration of our freedom! In 2025, the festival is bigger and better than ever, marking 191 years since slavery was abolished in these islands. In the next few pages, we take a look at festival in full focus, highlighting it's significance and what's in store for this year!

By: Anika M. Christopher

#### **Historical Significance**

The Emancipation Festival honours the historic Act of 1 August 1834, which liberated more than 5,000 enslaved people in the Virgin Islands. Its origins trace back to the reading of the Emancipation Proclamation, a tradition said to have taken place on the first Monday of August 1834 at the Sunday Morning Well in Road Town. This moment marked the culmination of a long-standing movement against slavery, which had begun with the abolition of the international slave trade in 1807. However, it wasn't until 1834 that slavery was fully abolished throughout Britain and its colonies.

In the Virgin Islands, the proclamation was read aloud at the Sunday Morning Well, sparking a celebration that the islands had never seen before. People gathered for church picnics, horse races, and water sports, while children played with maypoles and adults danced in the streets.

For many years, this tradition was observed





annually in early August, but it wasn't until the 1950s that it evolved into the festival we recognise today. The year Queen Elizabeth II ascended to the throne, 1952, was marked locally by a lively carnival parade—floats, beauty queens, dancers, and colourful costumes filled the streets of Road Town with joy and energy.

The popularity of the event grew, and the following year, organisers decided to add a parade to the August celebrations. Over time, the festival was officially declared a three-day public holiday, beginning on the first Monday of August. Monday became parade day, followed by a day dedicated to horse racing and water sports, and on Wednesday, communities like East End and Long Look would host their own parades and festivities.

As the festival expanded, a Festival Village was set up in Road Town each year, filled with food and drink stalls, creating a lively centre of entertainment. The village quickly became the heart of the celebrations, featuring nightly performances by popular regional bands playing reggae, calypso, and soca music.

#### Festival Highlights: What to Expect in 2025

As musicians played, dancers performed and mokojumbies added their special flair, a crowd gathered at Market Square in Road Town to mark the launch of the 71st annual August Emancipation Festival. The official launch took place on May 30, 2025, heralding a month-long celebration



under the theme "Uniting Our Culture, Freedom, and Joy in the Virgin Islands for Festival 2025." The theme winner, Mrs. Briana Henley-Mather, sat down with us and shares her inspiration behind the theme. "My creative process began with reflecting on the history and vibrant culture of the Virgin Islands, especially the significance of emancipation. I wanted a theme that celebrates unity, freedom, and the joy that comes from embracing our diverse heritage." She also expressed her hope that attendees will "feel a deep sense of pride and connection to their roots, recognising the importance of freedom and cultural unity." Meanwhile, the winning slogan, "Embrace the Past, Let Unity Thrive, as we Celebrate Our Culture at Festival 2025!" came from Jacob Edwards. This year's honouree, Mr. Neil Frett, was announced during the ceremony. Recognised for his longstanding dedication to Virgin Islands culture and heritage, Frett's contributions to community development and the arts have left a lasting legacy. His own recognition is a reflection of the festival's ongoing commitment to preserving and promoting Virgin Islands traditions, ensuring that the spirit of emancipation and cultural pride continues to thrive.

The Virgin Islands Emancipation Festival 2025 promises to be a celebration like no other, marking not only its 71st anniversary but also the 191st year since emancipation from slavery. Honourable Luce Hodge-Smith, Junior Minister for Culture and Tourism, shared in an exclusive interview. "This year, 2025, marks the 191st anniversary of emancipation from slavery in the Virgin Islands. We've seen a remarkable transformation in how we celebrate this significant historical and cultural milestone through the Virgin Islands Emancipation Festival. The celebrations span across communities like Road Town, East End Long Look, and Carrot Bay, each offering a diverse array of activities that recognize our culture and heritage. Through musical entertainment, delicious Virgin Islands cuisine, and other performing arts, the celebration allows residents and visitors alike to reflect on our past, celebrate the present, and look with hope toward the future. It's an experience everyone should enjoy!"



















hat began as a simple love for the outdoors has evolved into a powerful tool for storytelling. Rondel identifies himself as a wildlife and nature photographer, but those labels only scratch the surface. His relationship with nature is rooted in experience. Long before he ever picked up a camera, he was a naturalist at heart. His days

were spent on the water, along the coastline, beneath the waves. Nature was never something separate to be admired from a distance—it was, and still is, part of who he is.

"I was always outdoors," he says. "I grew up surrounded by it. Fishing, diving, just being in the environment. That came first. Photography came later as a way to share the things I was already seeing, already living."

He started small, using just his phone to capture the beauty around him. At first, the images were meant for friends—simple snapshots of his daily experiences. But as he shared more, the interest grew. People began to respond to what he saw, and more importantly, how he saw it. He soon moved on to a GoPro, and eventually to a professional camera. What never changed, however, was his intentionto show the world what he saw every day and to help others connect with the beauty and vulnerability of nature.

Photography is not Rondel's full-time job,









at least not yet. He still makes his living as a fisherman, another calling that keeps him in close connection with the natural world. But his camera is always close by, ready to capture a fleeting moment, an unexpected encounter, a story waiting to be told.

When asked to describe his approach to capturing nature, he pauses thoughtfully before answering.

"Nature is unpredictable. You can't plan for everything. And I used to go out thinking I had to get a certain shot. But over time, I started to let go of that. I began to realise that beauty is everywhere—you just have to slow down and really look. Now I try to be present. I observe, I wait, and when something happens, I'm ready."

That shift in mindset has allowed him to move beyond simply taking pictures and into the realm of storytelling. Every image Rondel creates holds meaning. It is not just about composition or lighting, but about the

relationship between himself and the subject. He speaks of having an "experience" with the animals he photographs, of observing them enough to learn their behaviour and begin to understand them. That connection, he says, is what gives a photo its power.

"All my favourite shots have a story behind them. I can remember the moment, the feeling, the interaction. And that's what I try to show in my work—that deeper layer of connection."

He does not travel with heavy gear or carry an array of tools. In fact, Rondel believes that simplicity is part of what keeps him grounded. He brings his camera, of course, but what matters more is the mindset he carries into the field—one of curiosity, humility, and appreciation.

"When I go out, I go to appreciate what's already there. I don't force anything. I just try to be in tune with the environment and let it speak to me."

Though he enjoys capturing still landscapes, his heart leans toward photographing wildlife in motion. He describes the challenge and beauty of freezing a moment that would otherwise be gone in a heartbeat—a bird taking flight, a stingray gliding just below the surface, the eyes of an iguana blinking in the sun. For him, motion tells stories that stillness cannot. And yet, he does not see one as better than the other.

"I think both are important. A good landscape tells you about a place, but an animal in motion tells you something about life, about energy, about survival. It's all part of the same story."

As his skills have grown, so too has his desire to do more with his work. Rondel has recently begun exploring underwater photography, investing in a specialised waterproof housing that allows him to take his camera beneath the surface. It is a more complex and demanding type of photography, requiring both technical skill and a sense of patience and calm. But the









rewards, he says, are unlike anything else.

"Underwater photography is difficult. You're moving, the current is moving, your subject is moving. But when you get it right—when you capture something that most people never get to see—it's amazing. It opens up a whole new world."

Yet his journey as a visual storyteller is not just about art or personal satisfaction. It is deeply rooted in a sense of responsibility. Spending so much time in nature has made Rondel acutely aware of how much is at risk, how quickly things are changing, and how urgent the need is to protect what remains.

"I've seen things change in just a few years. Habitats disappearing, animals behaving differently. It makes you think. It makes you realise how much of an impact we have. And that's part of why I do this. I want people to see what we have before it's gone. I want to raise awareness, even if it's just in a small way."

That sense of purpose runs through every photo he takes. For Rondel, photography

is not just a creative outlet—it is a form of environmental advocacy, a way to give voice to the voiceless and help people reconnect with the natural world around them.

"I feel a responsibility, yes. I want my work to make people stop and think. To remember that we are part of this world, not separate from it. And that if we want future generations to enjoy the beauty we have now, we need to start protecting it."

Looking to the future, Rondel sees his path evolving. While he will always have a camera in hand, he is beginning to explore wildlife videography as a way to reach audiences in a more emotional and intimate way. Video, he believes, has the power to tell stories that are layered and immersive, drawing people deeper into the experience.

"I'm not stepping away from photography, but I'm expanding. I want to bring more attention to the wildlife we have, especially here in the Virgin Islands. I think video can help people connect on a different level. It's about making people feel something—not just see it."

To young photographers in the Virgin Islands who might be inspired by his journey, Rondel's advice is rooted in authenticity.

"Don't chase the shot. Don't try to imitate what you see online. Just go outside. Spend time in nature. Let it inspire you. The best stories come when you're really connected to what you're shooting."

There are still places he dreams of photographing, species he hopes to capture, and projects he wants to bring to life. But for now, Rondel remains rooted in his home, letting the wind and tide guide his next move. His work is a gentle reminder that sometimes, the most powerful stories are the ones told slowly, with care, and with love for the world around us.

From the limestone flats of Anegada to the coral gardens beneath the sea, Rondel Smith's journey is not just about images—it is about presence, perspective, and purpose. And through his lens, nature continues to speak. All we have to do is listen.







## THE COPPER MINE

National Park, Virgin Gorda

**Words by Julian Putley** 

The BVI's National Parks Trust was established in 1961. Its original purpose was to manage the Sage Mountain Park, but over the years its responsibilities have increased to overseeing and managing over 20 national parks. The work of the Trust also includes species restoration (the pink flamingoes and endemic rock iguana), marine conservation, reforestation, historical preservation of which the copper mine ruins is one, biodiversity research and conservation as well as youth environmental education.



he Copper Mine ruins are on Virgin Gorda's south-east point. The site was officially designated a national park in 2003. The early history of the mine is doubtful. It is rumored that Amerindians used copper from the site but this is likely false. Local lore says that the Spanish were the first to mine copper here but there is no evidence of this either, just as there is no evidence of the Spanish ever having settled in Spanish Town. It is more likely that the town was named for an estate owner





named Penniston. It would have predated the town's rise to prominence and was part of the patchwork of British colonial landholdings in the Virgin Islands. The estate name gradually faded as Spanish Town became the dominant name in the 19th century. Interestingly, Spanish Town was the capital of the territory until 1741

when it was moved to Road Town in Tortola.

There is no doubt that the British built the mine and began mining operations in or around 1837. The operation was registered as the Virgin Gorda Mining Company and used Cornish miners and British capital. During its heyday the mine employed about 30 experienced Cornish miners and approximately 120 Afro-Caribbean labourers. The mine operated until 1862, ceasing due to escalating costs and other logistics including declining copper prices.

The Copper Mine National Park consists of about 18 acres. The buildings are still there having survived the catastrophic hurricanes of 2017. The engine house, chimney, mine shaft and another ruin are clearly visible and a rocky path takes you to all the vantage points. The mine shaft has been covered with a protective wire mesh for safety but you can still look down it and imagine the miners descending and working the mine some 170 years ago.

The tall chimney in a copper mine is primarily used for ventilation and emission of exhaust gases from smelting or refining processes. In Virgin Gorda's mine the chimney was most likely used to improve the air quality in the mine and for dispersing fumes from the steam engine that was used to operate the pump that discharged water at the bottom of the mine shaft. In Virgin Gorda the ore extracted from the mine was sent to the UK, specifically

Wales, where copper smelting was a recognized industry. It is doubtful that smelting ever took place on the island.

One of the notable features of the site is the remnants of a Cornish beam engine, manufactured in 1836 by the Perran Foundry in Cornwall. This engine was used for pumping out water and processing ore. The engine's beam is reportedly lying on the beach at Handsome Bay.

Recognizing its cultural value, restoration efforts began in 1998 to stabilize the ruins, with assistance from experts in Cornwall, England. Walking around the site there is visible evidence of copper deposits in the form of malachite. Granite, feldspars and quartz can also be seen.

Beyond its historical significance, the park is characterized by granite rock formations and visible copper veins. It also serves as a habitat for white-tailed tropicbirds which nest in the cliff crevices near the engine house. The area offers panoramic views of the Caribbean Sea, making it a picturesque spot for visitors.



The Copper Mine National Park is accessible via a short drive from Spanish Town, Virgin Gorda. Visitors are advised to bring sun screen, wear sturdy footwear due to uneven terrain and

to bring water. The site offers a unique blend of historical intrigue and natural beauty, making it a worthwhile destination for those exploring the British Virgin Islands.





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### From Hillside to Harvest:

#### The Story of Aukie's Shanti Farm

Tucked away in the lush, rugged hills of Carrot Bay—where the winding roads climb above the sleepy shores and the Caribbean Sea stretches endlessly into the horizon—lies a special place where tradition meets transformation: Aukie's Shanti Farm.



t's not just a farm, it's a living legacy, a testament to resilience, and a blossoming hub for sustainable tourism. High above the coastline, where the sun kisses the hillside and the breeze carries the scent of earth and sea, lies a patch of land rich with memory. It tells a story not just of crops and cultivation, but of hardship, rebirth, and hope.

At the heart of it all are Marley Donovan, his father Renardis Donovan, and their energetic right-hand man, Shakeem Grant. Together, this trio has transformed a once-forgotten slope into a space that's more than rows of produce—it's a statement. A place where the past is honoured, the present is nurtured, and the future is reimagined with every seed planted.

This is Aukie's Shanti: a hillside farm turned haven of healing, heritage, and hope, rooted in the wisdom of generations and reaching toward a brighter tomorrow.

#### THE SEEDS OF A LEGACY

Before it was known as Aukie's Shanti, the land was simply "the hill." Unforgiving, untamed, and thick with brush, it was the kind of place most would pass by without a second thought. But to Marley and his father, it represented something more—a fresh start.

In 2017, Hurricanes Irma and Maria tore

through the Virgin Islands, leaving devastation in their wake. The Donovans' original farm, like so much else on Tortola, was completely wiped out. "We lost everything," Marley recalls. "Years of work—gone in a few hours."

With their fields destroyed and their livelihood disrupted, Marley and his father tried their hands at something new: fishing. "We gave it a shot," Marley says with a grin. "But the sea just didn't speak to us the way the soil did." The experience made it clear-farming wasn't just what they did, it was who they were.

They returned to the hillside, determined to start again. This time, they had a vision: not just to rebuild, but to build better.



Marley's father, Renardis—fondly called "Aukie"—was no stranger to hardship. "He farmed through the hard days, when it was more about surviving than selling," Marley says. "From him, I learned everything. He taught me how to read the land, how to listen to the plants, and how to respect the rhythm of nature."

Aukie's legacy lives not only in name, but in the farm's very structure. Terrace farming, a technique Renardis learned from his elders, is what allows the Donovans to grow food on the steep hillsides of the BVI. "It's not easy work," Shakeem adds. "You're breaking stone, carrying soil, building it bed by bed. But once you've carved it out, the land becomes a partner—not a problem."

#### A GARDEN OF PLENTY

At Aukie's Shanti, the hillside bursts with life. The team grows a bit of everything—bananas, plantains, sugar cane, pineapples, peppers, corn, okra, sweet potatoes, papayas, turmeric, mangoes, coconut, and tania. "We're trying to use every inch of this hillside," says Shakeem Grant. "And we do it with respect for the natural environment, using local materials like stones to build the terraces."

Step onto the land and you're greeted by an explosion of colour, scent, and sound. Sugar cane rustles in the breeze, pineapple crowns poke from the earth, and pepper plants glow red under the Caribbean sun. Rows of crops stretch across the sloping terrain like green waves, feeding both the community and the spirit.

"You name it, we probably have it somewhere," Marley Donovan laughs. "And if we don't, we're probably trying to grow it."

But life on the hill isn't without its challenges. Water—precious and scarce in the BVI—is one of their biggest. With no natural freshwater sources on the farm, the team depends heavily on rainwater harvesting, storing every drop during the rainy season to sustain the crops through dry spells. They've also learned where underground wells are located in the area—a piece of knowledge passed down and shared among the older generations in Carrot Bay. It's just



one more way tradition helps them navigate the realities of the land.

Still, they've designed the farm not just for productivity, but for sustainability. "We use rainwater harvesting and composting. We try to keep it as organic and local as possible," Shakeem says. "Nothing goes to waste. Even banana leaves get used as wraps or mulch."

This is farming with intention. A living rhythm that honours the land, embraces tradition, and leans boldly into the future.

#### **BUILDING A BRAND, NOT JUST A FARM**

By 2019, Aukie's Shanti had sprouted beyond its original vision. What began as a humble farming venture has become a thriving business with multiple income streams. At markets and local events, the team now sells natural juices, bush teas, smoothies, baked goods, herbal oils, spice blends, and preserves, all made from ingredients grown right on the farm.

"It's one thing to grow food," Marley explains. "It's another to add value to it. That's how you build wealth in agriculture—by creating products, not just produce."

The venture's branding is earthy, elegant, and deeply personal. "The name 'Shanti' means peace," Shakeem shares. "And that's what we want this place to represent. A peaceful escape, a connection to nature, and a celebration of what this land can offer."

#### **TOURISM, EDUCATION, AND** THE BIGGER PICTURE

In recent years, the farm has also opened its doors to the public, offering farm tours, educational sessions, and cultural experiences. Guests can walk the terraces, sample fresh fruits, and learn firsthand about the challenges and rewards of hillside farming in the Virgin Islands.

But Marley, Shakeem, and Renardis aren't stopping here. Their eyes are set on greenhouse expansion, renewable energy systems, eco-lodges, and even a bed-and-breakfast that allows guests to fully immerse themselves in life on the





farm.

They also hope to create programmes for young farmers, offering hands-on training and mentorship. "We need to make farming cool again," says Shakeem. "Too many young people think agriculture is outdated. But we're here to show them it's the future—especially if we do it right."

#### A MODEL FOR THE REGION

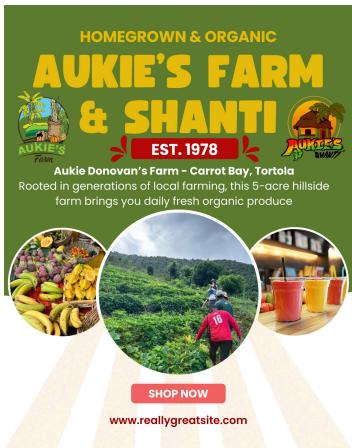
What's unfolding at Aukie's Shanti could become a blueprint for sustainable agriculture and rural development across the Caribbean. With smart planning, community involvement, and a deep respect for ancestral knowledge, the Donovans are proving that farming isn't just viable—it's visionary.

"When people come here, they see the beauty," Marley says. "But what they don't always see is the struggle, the sweat, the heartbreak it took to get here. That's okay. Because we didn't do this for applause. We did it for legacy."

#### **MORE THAN A FARM**

In every stone laid and every crop harvested, Aukie's Shanti carries forward the spirit of those who came before. It stands not just as a farm on a hill—but as a beacon of possibility, reminding us that even after disaster, something beautiful can grow.

So, the next time you're in Carrot Bay, take the road that climbs upward. Follow the scent of fresh herbs, the laughter in the wind, and the call of a Mourning Dove in the distance. You might just find yourself standing in the middle of something truly special—a place where peace grows wild, and the future is always in bloom.







#### THE NATIONAL PARKS TRUST

The BVI National Parks Trust of the Virgin Islands (NPT) was established in 1961. From small beginnings as a voluntary organization, it now has modern offices and a professional staff who manage over twenty parks and marine areas.

#### THE BATHS

Virgin Gorda, British Virgin Islands

Encompassing the beaches and rocky shoreline at the southwestern tip of Virgin Gorda, The Baths is a collection of massive granite boulders as large as 40 foot in diameter, with white sand beaches and secret rock pools.

#### **CAM BAY**

Great Camanoe, British Virgin Islands

An extensive shallow reef and lagoon system dominates Cam Bay, on the eastern shore of Great Camanoe. This is a popular anchorage with sailors, due to the calm waters and pristine marine environment for swimming and snorkeling. A white sand beach curves around the bay, encouraging hikers onshore to explore the salt pond that separates Cam Bay from Lee Bay and divides Great Camanoe in half.

#### **COPPER MINE POINT**

Virgin Gorda, British Virgin Islands

This prominent landmark dominates Mine Hill, on the cliffs of the southeastern tip of Virgin Gorda. Surrounding the Copper Mine ruins there are many granite rock outcroppings, with additional deposits of quartz, feldspars, tin, copper and other clay minerals.

#### **DEVIL'S BAY**

Virgin Gorda, British Virgin Islands

At the southwestern tip of Virgin Gorda is the picturesque Devil's Bay. This horseshoe shaped bay is a welcome sight at the end of the 15-minute hike through dry scrub vegetation and boulders from the car park at the top of The Baths.

#### **DIAMOND CAY**

Jost Van Dyke, British Virgin Islands

The tiny island of Diamond Cay is tucked between Little Jost Van Dyke and Jost Van Dyke on the southern shore. Bare rocky cliffs on the windward side are a contrast to the sandy beaches on the leeward side of the cay.

#### **FALLEN JERUSALEM**

From a distance, the island of Fallen Jerusalem looks like it's namesake, after the city was destroyed. Located south of the southern most tip of Virgin Gorda, the rocky shores are similar to The Baths, with

tumbled boulders covering the interior of this deserted island.

#### JOSEPH REYNOLD O'NEAL BOTANICAL GARDENS

Tortola, British Virgin Islands

At the site of the century old Agricultural Experiment Station, the Botanic Gardens are a beautiful oasis in the center of Road Town. They are named after the National Parks Trust's first Chairman, Joseph Reynold O'Neal who was a leading figure in the formation of the National Parks Trust and the establishment of the BVI's first national park, Sage Mountain National Park.

#### LITTLE FORT

Virgin Gorda, British Virgin Islands

Hidden amongst the enormous boulders at Fort Point, between Spanish Town and Big Trunk Bay is Little Fort. The site includes a small fortification and masonry ruins, including a munitions store on the hillside. Access is very difficult at this undeveloped site, as hikers must cross the rugged terrain and dense vegetation. The only area accessible for entrance into the park is located at the seashore, from here a difficult hiking trail leads to the munitions store.

#### THE TOBAGOS - LITTLE & GREAT TABAGO

British Virgin Islands

The Tobago Cays are perched on the northwestern corner of the BVI chain, west of Jost Van Dyke and north of St. John, USVI. Rugged cliffs surround the islands, extending into the ocean where the seabed slopes dramatically to depths of up to 50 metres.



Watson's Rock lies in the channel between the two islands, a warning of the hidden rocky pinnacles that are scattered around the cays.

#### **MOUNT HEALTHY**

Tortola, British Virgin Islands

This 18th century windmill was once used for grinding the sugarcane, farmed from the steep slopes on the north shore of Tortola. It was part of a thriving 250-acre plantation where enslaved Africans cultivated the sugarcane on the terraced slopes and processed it into sugar, which was then shipped to Britain for sale. Across the road from the windmill lies the ruins of the mill round, which was powered by animals. The factory was equipt with boiling house, the distiller, hospital and living quarters.

#### **PRICKLY PEAR**

North Sound, British Virgin Islands

Situated in the North Sound of Virgin Gorda, the bird sanctuary of Prickly Pear is fringed on the northern side by the Bank Barrier Reef, with the islands of Eustatia, Mosquito and Necker nearby. The island's slopes are dotted with cacti, such as the turks cap (Melocactus intortus), pipe organ (Pilosocereus royenii) and the prickly pear cactus (Opuntia rubescens) for which the island is named.

#### **QUEEN ELIZABETH II**

Tortola, British Virgin Islands

This park has evolved from a small seaside garden to two distinct multi-use areas, with recreational facilities for children and adults. The Children's playground on the western

end was developed in 1993 in collaboration with the Lions Club and other volunteers.

#### DEAD CHEST & RMS RHONE

Lee Bay, British Virgin Islands

Submerged in approximately 20 to 80 feet of water, the RMS Rhone lies in Lee Bay off Salt Island. The Marine Park extends to the west to include the island of Dead Chest, with additional dive sites such as the underwater pinnacles and ledges at Blonde Rock, the colourful canyons of Painted Walls, the coral encrusted tunnels and cave at Rhone Reef.

#### **SAGE MOUNTAIN**

Tortola, British Virgin Islands

As the first National Park in the BVI, Sage Mountain represents the beginning of conservation in the territory. Through a generous donation from Laurance Rockefeller, the land at Sage Mountain was purchased from farmers and given to the BVI Government as a national park.

#### **SHARK BAY**

Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Nestled on the northern shore of Tortola between Brewers Bay on the west and Rough Point on the east. This Park extends from the ridge of Anderson Point to the bay at the base of the Mount Healthy ghut.

#### **SPRING BAY**

Virgin Gorda, British Virgin Islands

Located on Virgin Gorda, Spring Bay is east of The Baths in an area known as The Crawl. Popular with visitors and residents, Spring

Bay can be accessed from land along a palmlined avenue. Surrounded by an expansive lawn are children's swings to while away the lazy days of summer that last all year.

#### WEST DOG

Nestled amongst a cluster of islands known as The Dogs west of Virgin Gorda; West Dog is surrounded by Great Dog, George Dog, Seal Dogs and Cockroach Island. This rugged volcanic island rises abruptly out of the sea, with steep cliffs offering an ideal habitat for nesting seabirds such as bridled terns (Sterna anaethetus), sooty terns (Sterna fuscata), red-billed tropicbirds (Phaethon aethereus) and endangered roseate terns (Sterna dougallii).

#### **GORDA PEAK**

Virgin Gorda, British Virgin Islands

The highest point on Virgin Gorda at 1,370ft; Gorda Peak is located on the northwestern ridge, south of North Sound and north of Soldier Bay. Donated by Laurance Rockefeller in 1974, Gorda Peak is one of the last remaining examples of Caribbean dry forest in the region, which makes it a high priority for conservation internationally.

#### **SANDY CAY**

Sandy Cay was privately owned for 40 years by Laurance S. Rockefeller, who maintained the island for the benefit and enjoyment of the people. Rockefeller's conservation management team planted over 200 palm trees, instituted a long term bird and turtle monitoring programme, and created a trail network for visitors to explore the 13.57 acre island.











Cyril B. Romney Tortola Pier Park

## Savour! Shop! Enjoy!

Imagine beginning your day with a freshly brewed specialty coffee and a leisurely breakfast, followed by a delectable lunch, and concluding with an exquisite dinner in a charming, serene setting. Cyril B. Romney Tortola Pier Park (Pier Park) offers precisely that—a luxurious and immersive shopping experience that invites both locals and visitors to indulge in the refined beauty of the British Virgin Islands.





Spanning nearly five acres, Pier Park is home to over 70 meticulously curated retail outlets. The park features an eclectic mix of high-end boutiques, exclusive Virgin Islands specialty stores, and internationally renowned brands. Fashion aficionados will delight in exploring stores as Taino Boutique and Urban VI, where the latest trends in men's and women's apparel are thoughtfully showcased. For those in search

harmonious fusion of modernity and traditional

West Indian charm, offering a serene atmosphere

enriched by lush green spaces.



of unique and meaningful mementos, shops like Imperial Shell Crafters present authentic BVI crafts, each piece offering a reflection of the island's artisanal heritage while That's The Spirit offers a curated selection of fine spirits, local rums, cigars, perfumery, and local artwork. Jewellery enthusiasts are treated to an unparalleled selection at Mi Amor Jewellers, Diamonds International, Little Switzerland and House of Luxury, where fine pieces from world-class designers await, perfect for gifting or self-indulgence.

Beyond shopping, Pier Park presents an exceptional dining scene that spans both Caribbean flavours and international delicacies. Whether you are seeking a quick indulgence or a leisurely culinary affair, Pier Park caters to every taste with sophistication and flair. Visitors can savour fresh, locally made treats at Locally Yours and ManJack Creamery, where the ingredients are as authentic as the flavours themselves. For a uniquely dining experience, Coconut Lounge offers bistro-style dining in a luxurious ambiance and Seven at the Pier offers a sophisticated setting







with exceptional cuisine. Mac's Restaurant, is another must-visit dining spot. This beloved full-service restaurant offers a delightful fusion of Local, Caribbean, American, and Italian cuisines. Known for its hearty breakfast and delicious lunch options. For those with a taste for refinement, Aromas Cigar & Martini Bar provides an intimate atmosphere where you can enjoy expertly crafted specialty cocktails paired with hand-rolled cigars. Alternatively, Botella offers locally distilled BVI Gin and Vodka, allowing guests to sit, sip and enjoy or take home a bottle of the islands' craftsmanship.

If you're in the mood for a delightful coffee experience, Beans Coffee Shop is the perfect stop. Known for its cozy atmosphere and ecofriendly practices, Beans Coffee Shop offers a variety of specialty coffees, refreshing smoothies, and savoury treats. Whether you're starting your day with a freshly brewed cup of coffee or grabbing a healthy shake, this charming café provides a warm retreat to relax, recharge and people gaze.

The boardwalk at Pier Park is a haven for those who wish to embrace the essence of island life in an elegant yet relaxed setting. As you wander along the picturesque promenade, the soft sea breeze, the gentle lull of waves against the shore, and the stunning vistas of the harbour create an ambiance of tranquility. The boardwalk is home to an array of carefully selected shops and dining options, including the beloved Best Burger, as well as vibrant social spots such as On The Rox and Tropix Cocktail

Bar, where the inviting atmosphere encourages you to linger, engage in friendly chatter, as the intoxicating breeze mesmerise you. Malo's Wing Hut is the latest addition to the offerings on the boardwalk. Serving up wings drenched in a selection of in house crafted specialty sauces. The iconic Myett's Chill Zone, a cornerstone of the Pier Park, has been a cherished part of the park since its inception, offering a refined yet relaxed place to enjoy exquisite meals while gazing out at the water.

On most Cruise Ship days, Pier Park elevates the experience with live entertainment on the lawn, creating a festive yet refined cultural atmosphere. Guests can recline on the lush green lawn, both young and old can indulge in the rhythm of local music and performances, and bask in the ambiance of this beautiful setting. It's the perfect way to unwind after a day of shopping, dining, and exploring the park, making every moment at Pier Park feel truly special.

No visit to Pier Park would be complete without capturing a photograph at the iconic BVI sign. A stunning symbol of the British Virgin Islands, the sign offers a picturesque infinity like backdrop that makes it the perfect setting for memorable photos, allowing visitors to take home a piece of the island's beauty and charm.

Designed with an emphasis on convenience and comfort, Pier Park offers a range of thoughtful amenities to ensure a seamless and pleasurable experience. With free Wi-Fi, ATMs,

medical services, beauty salons, car rentals, and parking facilities, every aspect of your visit has been carefully considered, allowing you to focus on enjoying the best that the British Virgin Islands has to offer.

Pier Park is not simply a shopping centre—it is a cultural and artistic enclave, celebrating the rich heritage of the British Virgin Islands. Throughout the year, the park hosts a series of sophisticated, family-friendly events including Friday Night Parties, Movies on the Lawn, Gospel Explosions, Local Food and Craft Fairs, Cultural and Community events and the acclaimed annual Old Year's Night (NYE) Celebration. These events bring together visitors and locals alike, providing a rich tapestry of music, culture, and artistry that complements the laid-back elegance of the park.

#### A TRULY UNMATCHED EXPERIENCE

The Pier Park presents an inviting and sophisticated atmosphere, providing a beautifully curated space where the best of the British Virgin Islands comes together, offering every visitor an unforgettable experience.

Whether you are searching for that perfect gift, enjoying a refined meal, or immersing yourself in the vibrant culture of the Virgin Islands, Cyril B. Romney Tortola Pier Park offers an extraordinary experience for every guest. For the latest updates on events, movie nights, and updated directory listing, be sure to visit the park's official website tortolapier.com and social media pages.

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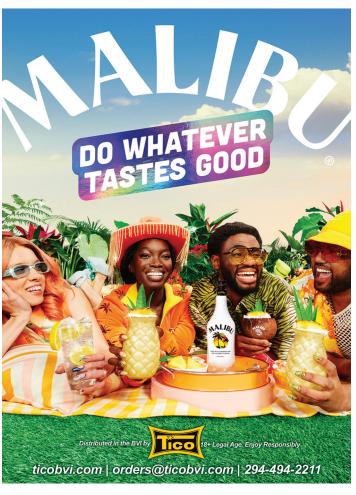
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**Bell's Café** is a restaurant that is popular with both locals and visitors in the British Virgin Islands. It is independently run, offers a unique experience, good food, a welcoming atmosphere, and have strong ties to the local community. Looking for a restaurant with a cozy ambiance, friendly service, and a focus on fresh, local ingredients? Look no further!

Michael Thomas - Managing Director at CTL Home Center, explained it best.

### Can you tell us the story behind Bell's Café? What inspired its creation?

The story of Bell's Café started when CTL Home Center relocated to Fish Bay. Initially, we envisioned a simple walk-up window to serve coffee, tea, sandwiches—just light fare like you'd see in places like Miami. But about a year into being at our new location, it became blaringly obvious that we needed a full kitchen and a proper restaurant.

We knew from the beginning that we wanted to serve breakfast all day. One thing we noticed about the BVI is that after 10:30 or 11:00 AM, most places put away the eggs. Nobody wanted to serve breakfast beyond that. So, breakfast quickly became our specialty.

### What's the meaning behind the name "Bell's Café"?

The café is named after our mom, Mabel Thomas. "Bell" is her nickname, short for Mabel. She's a cook and a baker, and we wanted to pay tribute to everything she's done for us as a family.

Our customers know that they could find her baked goods at the store. She used to bake on a daily basis until some years ago when she started to slow down. So, Bell's Cafe is a really a tribute to her legacy.

### How has the café evolved since it first opened?

We've expanded far beyond just breakfast. In addition to a full all-day breakfast and regular menu, we offer daily lunch specials—whether it's a pasta dish, something local, or Puerto Rican favourites, thanks to the influence of my wife Caroline Thomas, who manages Bell's Café.

We've definitely evolved and continue to do so, incorporating a wide range of flavours while still staying rooted in local favourites.

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Bell's Café plays a big role in CTL's signature events—like our popular Father's Day event, the annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt, and now our expanding Tools & Builders Expo. From pig roasts to shish kebabs to local fish cooked in foil, there's always something delicious to enjoy. We even offer kid-sized portions so everyone can join in.

## For someone visiting the BVI for the first time, how would you describe the Bell's Café experience?

It's the best stop for coffee, frappés, and freshly blended natural smoothies. It's a must-visit for breakfast. We've got the best pancakes on island—full stop. Order the blueberry pancakes—they're one of my personal









favourites. Just a heads up: if you're not a big eater, maybe start with one pancake. They're huge and very filling!

We also offer spectacular lunch specials every day and a special Latino Week once a month. And if you've got something specific in mind that's not on the menu—if we have the ingredients and you don't mind waiting—we're happy to prepare it for you.

You'll find a mix of local and international cuisine, served by our vibrant, young team led by Caroline and the legendary "Popeye". They love what they do, and it shows in the service.

### Do you serve any dishes or drinks that give visitors a true "taste of the BVI"?

Absolutely! We serve local Johnny cakes, salt fish, patties, pea soup, stewed chicken, peas

and rice, plantain, macaroni pie, and other BVI staples. When they're in season, we also have conch (served in butter, creole, or curry sauce), whelks, and lobster.

### How do you showcase BVI culture through your food, drinks, or décor?

The vibe at Bell's is a bit of a throwback. The décor pays homage to our dad's memory and the history of CTL—old shipping pallets line the walls, zinc sheets (galvalume) dress the counters, and if you look up, you'll see a metal frame ceiling that gives off that old-school commercial building feel.

On the food side, we highlight traditional dishes like mutton, saltfish, stewed chicken, conch, whelks, lobster, and our national dish—fungi and fish. Don't miss our traditional BVI

peas soup every Thursday.

### Are there any traditional or locally inspired menu items that visitors rave about?

Definitely! Our patties, empanadas, conch fritters, and saltfish fritters are crowd favourites. And you have to try our corned beef and Johnny cakes. We have a friend from Miami who never misses it when he visits—it's available every day.

### What kind of vibe can guests expect—cozy, island chic, vibrant, relaxing?

It's cozy and relaxing. From the air-conditioned restaurant to the gazebos that are right on the water's edge—very inviting and peaceful. People love hanging out there because they have their own space, it's comfortable, and the atmosphere is just laid-back and chill.













### How does Bell's Café fit into the overall BVI tourism experience?

Bell's Café is one of the few spots on island that offers excellent coffee and pastries, a mix of local and international dishes, and the best allday breakfast—period.

That's why we open at 7:00 AM and close at 4:30 PM. But if you get up late and show up at 3:00 PM wanting pancakes and eggsor saltfish and Johnny cakes—we've got you covered. We also offer kid-friendly options to make sure everyone is happy.

### Do you get many repeat visitors or people who say, "We had to come back this trip"?

Yes, we do! A lot of folks come back again and again. Visitors who come to the BVI for work or vacation often find their way to Bell's. Puerto Rican guests, especially, love that my wife is in the kitchen-she makes tostones, beans and rice, and all kinds of dishes that remind them of home.

We're blessed to see repeat customers—locals

and visitors—every day, and we're very grateful for that.

### What menu items would you recommend for first-time visitors?

The pancakes—no question. Johnny cakes, waffles and chicken, and the chicken fajita omelette are all must-tries. Be sure to explore our international options too-like the chili cheese fries, Philly cheesesteak, and our signature Jack Daniels burger. And don't forget to check out our daily local specials!

Don't miss the smoked chicken when it's on the menu. Our fried rice and Latin Week dishes are also crowd favourite.

### What's one thing a guest will remember after visiting Bell's Café?

They'll remember the great service, the exceptional food, and the friendly conversations they had—with both our staff and other restaurant and store patrons.

### next for Bell's Café? Any new menu items, events, or expansions in the works?

Big things! We plan to relocate the restaurant to the waterfront-right across from the gazebos. Once we get government approval, you'll be dining with your feet over the water, just three or four feet above the sea. It's going to be a fantastic experience.

As for our current location, we're turning it into a full-fledged bakery. We want to bring back some of our traditional local breads, specialty loaves, and Puerto Rican favourites. We'll also expand our selection of local pastries to complement what we already serve

So, whether you're a first-time visitor or a returning friend, Bell's Café offers a warm welcome, unforgettable flavours, and a true taste of BVI hospitality. We're more than just a café—we're a gathering place where good food and great company come together. See you soon at Bell's Cafe!







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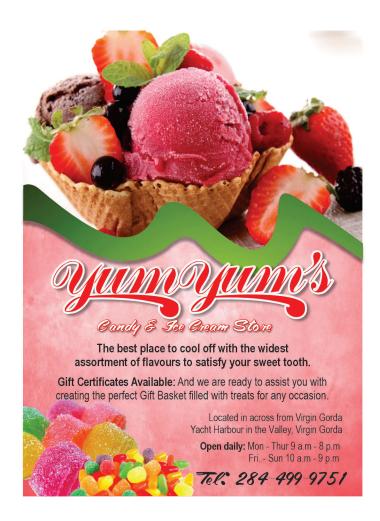
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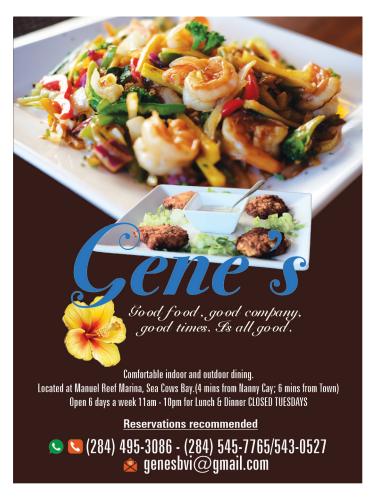






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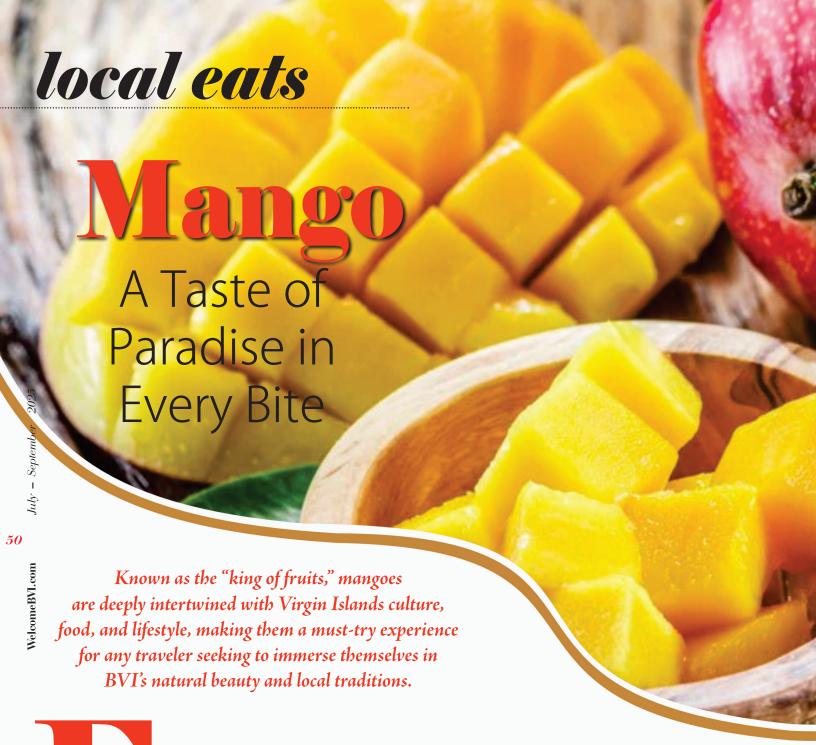
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or locals, the mango tree is often seen as a sacred part of their agricultural heritage, with many trees throughout the Territory dating back over 100 years. Mango trees can be found scattered across gardens and throughout the lush, green land of the islands. The fruit's distinctive sweetness, paired with its juicy, tender texture, signals the arrival of summer.

Whether enjoyed freshly sliced, blended into a refreshing mango smoothie, made into frozen mango ice cream, used in savoury sauces, or baked into a mango cheesecake, mangoes are a key ingredient in local dishes, offering a unique taste of the islands. For tourists, sampling the diverse varieties of mangoes—from the island's favourite - fleshy and sweet grafted mango to the firm, yellow cottage mango and the stringy, solid kidney, each variety provides a truly authentic taste. Many varieties are so specific that they are only grown in certain villages.

Mangoes hold deep cultural significance in the Virgin Islands. For many locals, the mango tree represents more than just food; it symbolises family, heritage, community and a strong connection to the land. Mangoes are often featured in local festivals, with mangoeating competitions where both the young and old can vie for the title "Mango Eating Champ". Gifting mangoes to family and friends is a common tradition. It's a way of expressing love, togetherness, blessings and goodwill.

If you're lucky enough to be invited to a local home, you may be treated to fresh mangoes picked directly from the tree. Grab a seat and enjoy the beauty of eating a mango Virgin Islands-style—using your teeth to peel back the skin and biting into the sweet, juicy flesh, as the juice from the mango rolls down your arms. It's a simple but unforgettable experience.

### Ingredients:

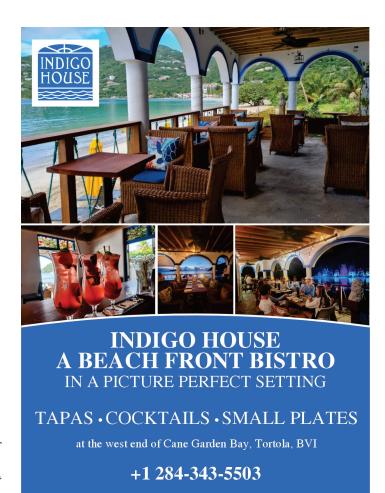
- 5 Fully Ripe mangoes (preferably kidney or cottage)
- 1/2 cup of sugar (adjust to taste, depending on the sweetness of the mangoes)
- 1/4 cup of water
- 1/2 teaspoon of ground cinnamon (optional)
- 1/4 teaspoon of ground ginger (optional)
- + 1 tablespoon of lemon or lime juice
- 1-2 tablespoons of butter (optional, for richness)
- · A pinch of salt

### Instructions:

Peel the mangoes (remove all the skin only)

- In a medium saucepan, combine the sugar, water, and a pinch of salt. Heat over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until the sugar dissolves.
- Stir in the ground cinnamon and ginger if using.
- Once the sugar has dissolved and the mixture is slightly simmering, add the mangoes
- Reduce the heat to low and let the mangoes simmer or about 10-15 minutes, or until they are tender and the syrup has thickened slightly. Stir occasionally to prevent burning or sticking.
- Add the lemon or lime juice for a touch of brightness and balance. For extra richness, stir in a tablespoon of butter. This will give the stew a silky texture and enhance the flavour.

Enjoy!!!













### Experience Virgin Gorda at Fischer's Cove WHIDRIDTHIBBOACH MBBTS BLISS

There's nothing quite like the feeling of sitting in the warm Caribbean sun with a gentle lapping of turquoise waters just steps away. Now imagine this while being seated at a breezy seaside table, savoring a fresh seafood platter—perhaps conch fritters or local fish—while taking in the breathtaking views of Virgin Gorda.

By: Anika M. Christopher



Established in the late 1960s, Fischer's Cove was started by Andy and his late wife, Norma Flax, when they transformed a gift of land from Andy's grandfather. Over the years, it has blossomed into a beloved beachfront property that embodies authentic Virgin Gorda hospitality. Still proudly family-owned and operated, Fischer's Cove offers a warm, welcoming atmosphere where guests are treated

like family. Whether you're seeking a romantic retreat, a fun-filled family vacation, or a peaceful solo escape, experience the magic of a place where history and hospitality come together. Surrounded by lush gardens and a pristine halfmile stretch of white sand beach, the property features a variety of cozy accommodationsfour charming Beach Cottages and eight Beach Studios-each designed with comfort and island style in mind. Fully equipped with Wi-Fi, air conditioning, a TV, a kitchenette, and private showers, these spaces blend modern convenience with vibrant Caribbean charm. The cottages, with their soft whites, tans, and colourful accents, evoke a relaxed yet stylish atmosphere that captures the beauty of the islands.

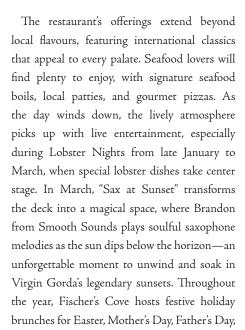




As for the restaurant side of things, Fischer's Cove's is more than just a place to grab a bite; it's a true taste of island life. Sitting right on the white sands of Virgin Gorda, with turquoise waters stretching out beyond, it offers a laidback vibe where you can relax and soak in the scenery. Their breakfast in Paradise is no cliché—think fluffy specialty omelets called Normandy, local fish fillets known as Andy's Delight and chilled mango or passion fruit mimosas, all served with a spectacular ocean backdrop. Come midday, the menu continues to impress. Guests can indulge in Norma's famous Chunky Conch Fritters, savour a BVI inspired Fish and Fungi Platter, or enjoy a variety of island-style platters complemented by flavourful iced teas or fresh lemonade.









and Christmas, often featuring performances by talented groups like Resurrected Rhythms. From a romantic dinner to a lively family gathering to just a casual drink with friends, the restaurant offers the perfect seaside setting to form unforgettable memories.

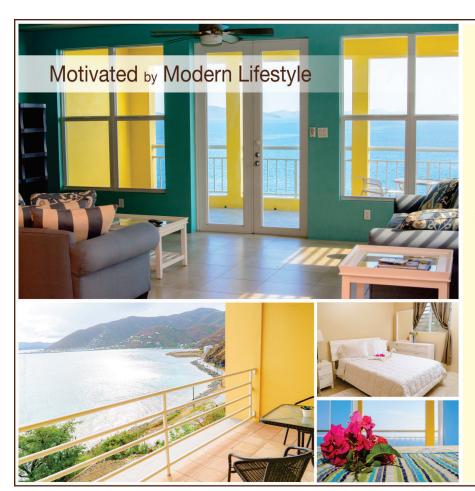
For those seeking relaxation beyond the beach, Cocoa Coconut Bliss Spa offers a range of rejuvenating treatments—massages, manicures, pedicures, and hair services—all available by appointment. It's the perfect way to pamper yourself after a day on the beach or simply for some well-deserved self-care. Additionally, just steps away from the main area, Lady Norma's Boutique is filled with beautiful island resort wear, including swimwear and jewelry—ideal for adding that special touch to your wardrobe.



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From the colourful cottages and delicious cuisine to the soothing spa treatments and lively entertainment, Fischer's Cove is designed to help you relax, reconnect, and experience the beauty of Virgin Gorda. Whether you're here for a romantic escape, a family adventure, or a peaceful solo getaway, Fischer's Cove offers a sprinkle of seaside magic that stays with you long after you leave.

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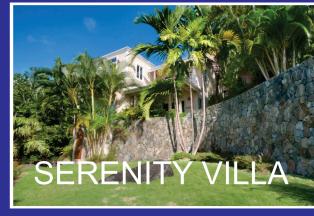




































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Spring Bay

**HOLLY HOUSE VILLA** – The Baths

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LAS BRISAS VILLA - The Baths

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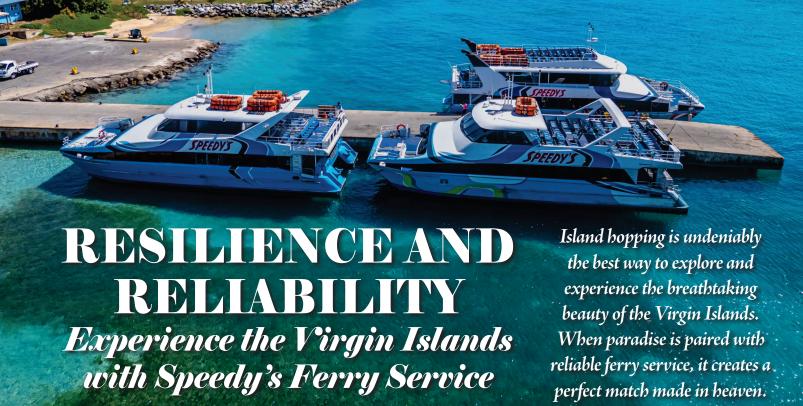












By: Anika M. Christopher

his idea was at the heart of what the late founders, Edwin "Speedy" George and his wife Nidia George, envisioned when they started Speedy's Ferry Service. Their passion and dedication laid the foundation for what has become the number-one ferry service in the Virgin Islands. We sat down with Corinne George, one of their grandchildren, to learn more about how Speedy's Ferry Services has been a cornerstone of Virgin Islands tourism for nearly 60 years, bringing people closer to the natural wonders of our islands.

### The Legacy of Speedy's

Founded in Virgin Gorda in the early 1960s, Speedy and his wife Nidia started out with just a single taxicab and a lot of hope. Little did they know that this would lay the groundwork for what would become a legendary enterprise. Their early ventures included Virgin Gorda's first diving school and island tours using a safari bus. That was until, in 1974, they introduced their first ferry, Adventure, marking the beginning of their inter-island transportation services. Over the years, Speedy's expanded from humble beginnings into a leading regional ferry operator, boasting a fleet of modern vessels that now connect Virgin Gorda, Tortola, and other islands. Beyond ferry services,

Speedy's also offers car rentals, taxis, safari tours, and charters—providing comprehensive transportation solutions for exploring the islands. Following Speedy's passing on March 28, 2018, the company continues to thrive, guided by his philosophy of reliability, kindness, and professionalism. Whether you're snorkelling in crystal-clear waters, hiking Gorda Peak, or enjoying local cuisine, Speedy's legacy lives on through a commitment to making every journey memorable.

### **Resilience**

The company's journey has not been without challenges. After the devastating impacts of Hurricanes Irma and Maria in 2017, Speedy's Ferry Service had to temporarily scale back operations. Despite these hardships, their resilience and commitment to their community drove their recovery efforts. "We've been a vital part of the Virgin Islands' travel fabric for over 60 years. We're proud to have grown alongside the community," Corinne reflected. At a time when many people lost their jobs, Speedy's maintained their full staff and continued to serve the community. Today, they are actively working to expand their offerings, serving as a symbol of community strength and resilience that was displayed during those challenging times.

One of Speedy's proudest achievements

post-Hurricane Irma has been increasing their schedule to include more frequent trips, especially between Tortola and Virgin Gorda. "We've really expanded our ferry schedules, now with boats between Tortola and Virgin Gorda, so visitors can spend 12 or 13 hours enjoying the islands and all they have to offer. Whether you spend the day with us or another tour company, you're sure to enjoy paradise," Corinne added. This increased frequency allows travelers to make the most of their time, whether for a quick getaway or a full day of adventure.

### Reliability

Speedy's Ferry Service isn't just about transportation. For nearly 60 years, Speedy's has built a reputation of providing consistent, safe, and reliable service to ensure the best experience of the Virgin Islands. "Our goal is to make every journey seamless whether you're visiting for a day, exploring the islands, or returning home," Corinne shared. And when it comes to exploring the islands, reliability is just the beginning. Speedy's offers a wide array of services and adventures that make your travel plans both seamless and stress-free.

From effortless island hopping to personalised excursions, here's what's waiting for you:





### 1. Regular Ferry Routes

Virgin Gorda to Tortola, Beef Island, and St. Thomas: Experience dependable daily departures connecting the islands—no reservations needed! Simply board and pay onboard for an effortless journey.

### Special Saturday Service - St. Thomas to Virgin Gorda

A direct ferry from St. Thomas to Virgin Gorda runs every Saturday, taking approximately 90 minutes. Tickets can be purchased upon arrival in St. Thomas, with check-in required 30 minutes before departure.

### **Custom Private Charters**

For those seeking a tailored experience, private boat charters are available for individuals or groups, with flexible schedules, including afterhours trips for a premium experience.

### 2. Airport Transfers Free Shuttle Service

Speedy's provides free transportation between Terrance B. Lettsome International Airport and Virgin Gorda, making arrivals and departures effortless.

#### **Private Boat Charters**

For added convenience, travelers can rent the Speedy's Sprinter—capable of accommodating up to 10 passengers—for direct, private transfers between Beef Island and Virgin Gorda at any time.

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### **Special Deals**

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### 4. Excursions and Tours

Discover Virgin Gorda's Natural Wonders
Explore iconic sites like The Baths and Devil's
Bay, hike scenic trails, or enjoy water sports—all
guided by experienced staff to ensure a memorable
adventure.

### **Open-Air Safari Buses**

Experience Virgin Gorda's highlights in a fun, open-air safari bus, taking in beaches, historic sites, and lush parks at a relaxed pace.

### 5. Private Boat Charters Create Your Perfect Day

Charter a private boat from Beef Island to Virgin Gorda starting at just \$375 one way. After-hours trips are available for those seeking a truly exclusive experience.

### 6. Special Packages Ferry and Dining Combos

Combine scenic ferry rides with delicious island cuisine, creating an effortless day trip that blends adventure and relaxation seamlessly.

### 7. Excursion & Activity Bookings

Speedy's helps travelers craft the perfect island experience with trusted local guides.

Whether you're seeking an island-hopping adventure, convenient airport transfers, or a scenic day trip, Speedy's Ferry Services offers the perfect solution. Their commitment to quality, safety, and community connection has made them a trusted name in the region for nearly 60 years. So why not experience the stunning waters of the Virgin Islands with a company that has been part of its story for decades? Book your trip, hop aboard, and discover the magic of these beautiful islands—one ferry ride at a time!

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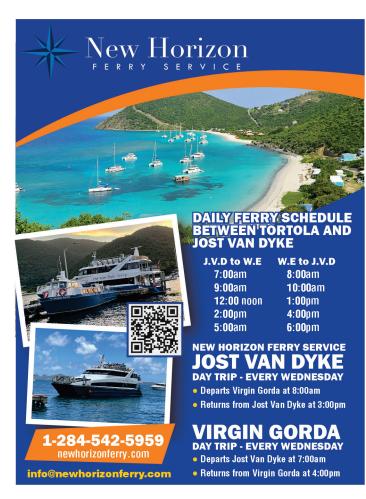


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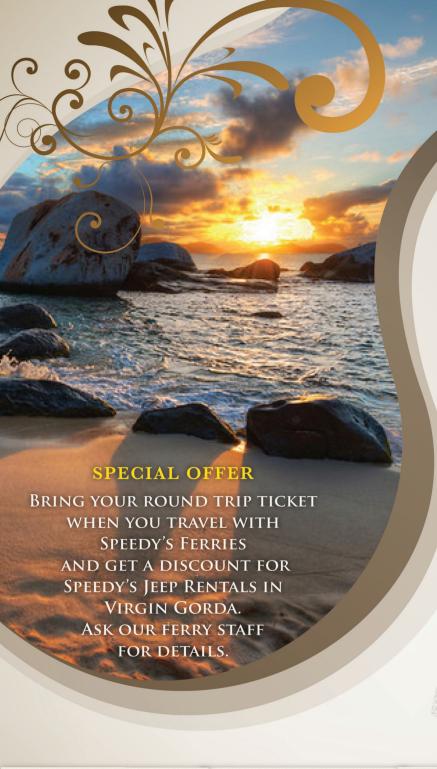
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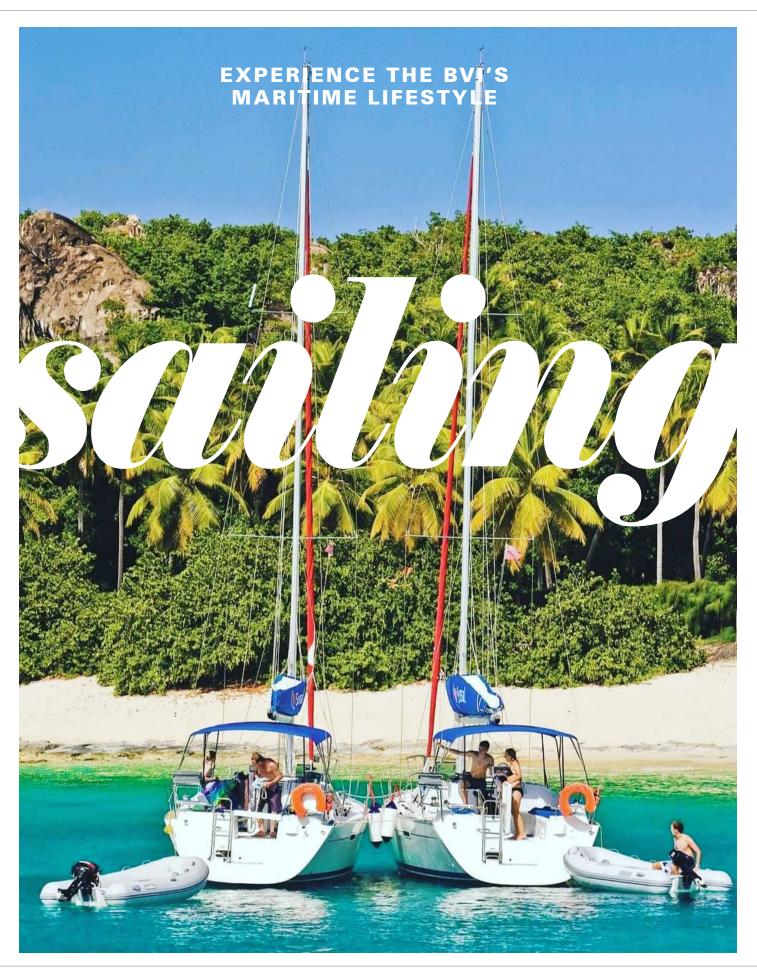








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# Christmas in July:

# A Celebration of Culture, Connection & Community

What began in 2007 as a simple summertime gathering has grown into one of the British Virgin Islands' most spirited and meaningful events: Christmas in July. Each year, thousands of visitors—many arriving aboard more than 400 boats—drop anchor in the crystal-clear waters of Pond Bay Beach, Virgin Gorda, for a week-long celebration filled with music, culture, and camaraderie.



July 20 to 29, the beach mes alive with the sound of Caribbean and Hispanic rhythms, DJs spinning dance-worthy beats, live entertainment and crowds swaying to the music under the sun. The signature day of celebration this year is July 26, when the beach transforms into a vibrant party scene of festive dancing, island cuisine, and cheerful toasts of rum punch and tropical cocktails.

But Christmas in July is far more than just a summer beach party. It has become a symbol of friendship, resilience, and unity, with deep emotional roots connecting the British Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico.

The soul of the celebration is carried by the Puerto Rican boaters, who lovingly refer to themselves as the Puerto Rican Navy. Their tradition begins even before the festival itself, as they sail into BVI waters starting with the 4th of July celebrations, extending their stay through the

end of the month. Their vibrant and colourful presence brings not only a joyful cultural flair to the event but also a legacy of kindness and solidarity that has permanently bonded the two communities. The bond was most profoundly demonstrated in 2017, when hurricanes Irma and Maria devastated the Virgin Islands. In the wake of destruction, it was the Puerto Rican Navythose same visitors who once came to dance, celebrate and enjoy all that the Virgin Islands have to offer—who were among the first to respond.









Their boats came loaded with food, water, medical aid, generators and more. They made repeated crossings to deliver emergency supplies and assist in evacuating residents, offering relief and hope when it was needed most. This was no act of charity—it was an act of family, of island neighbours helping neighbours. Their compassion and swift action created an enduring emotional connection with the people of the Virgin Island; one that is remembered and celebrated every year through Christmas in July.

The event's continued growth and impact are thanks in large part to organisers like Wally Castro, owner of Puerto Rico's Wally Castro Marine, and Marcos Rivera, working in partnership with the BVI Tourist Board. Together, they've elevated the festival into a true highlight of the BVI's summer season and a much desired experience for locals to party and celebrate with the Puerto Rico Navy.

The party extends to various hot spots across the Territory who hosts "Xmas in July" celebrations for those that want a more personal and less crowded celebration, such as many bars and restaurants in Cane Garden Bay, Jost Van Dykes and Virgin Gorda.

In addition to music, beach parties, and food fairs, the event also supports a higher purpose: raising funds for Beyond the Reef, a nonprofit dedicated to marine conservation and youth education in the BVI. This initiative adds an important layer of sustainability and community impact to the weeklong celebration. It's a "Party With A Purpose"!

At its core, Christmas in July is a fusion of fun, philanthropy, and cross-cultural connection. It's a time when laughter echoes across the bay, strangers become lifelong friends, and the sea that separates islands becomes a symbolic bridge of shared stories and values.

Come for the music, the community, the adventure—or all three—leave with memories of a celebration and unity that's as meaningful as it is magical. This is not just a party. It's a homecoming.



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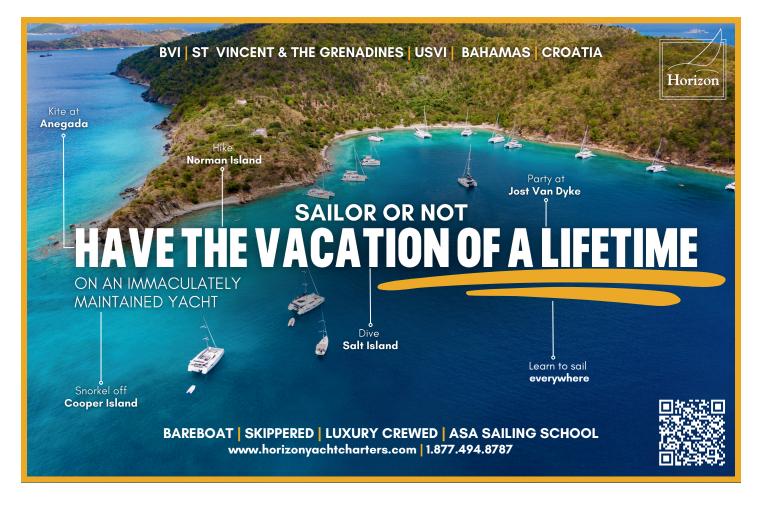
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# sailing

# **PRIME DIVE SITES**

The B.VI.'s underwater vistas are among the world's most breathtaking.

# WRECK OF THE RMS RHONE

Before she was sunk here during a hurricane, the Rhone had been the pride of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company and carried 313 passengers. During the storm she hit Salt Island, was broken in two and promptly sank. Today her two halves are well preserved on a sandy bottom and her steel wreckage has become home to myriad species of fish and encrusting corals. The Rhone is now a marine park that is part of the B.VI National Parks Trust, and is perfect for a two-tank dive. The bow section, which lies in about 80 feet of water, reveals the coral encrusted cargo hold and other interior chambers. Outside, a careful survey of the wreckage reveals the ship's fore mast complete with crow's nest, and its bowsprit lying in the sand. The stern section contains the ship's once-powerful engine, her prop shaft and enormous propeller.

**BLONDE ROCK** is another favourite. It is a pinnacle between Dead Chest and Salt Island which rises from a depth of 60 feet to a mere 15 feet below the surface. Its rock ledges, tunnels, caves and Overhangs are home to crabs, lobsters, beautiful fan corals and hordes of reef fish.

**PAINTED WALLS** is a shallow dive off the southern point of Dead Chest. Here divers delight at the kaleidoscope of colours created by encrusting corals and sponges on the walls of four long gullies. The depth ranges from 20-30 feet.

**SANTA MONICA ROCK** lies about a mile South of Norman Island and is a pinnacle that reaches from about 10 to 100 feet. Because it is on the outer edge of the island chain, it is a good place to see larger open ocean (pelagic) fish like spotted eagle



rays, and possibly a nurse shark or two.

**THE INDIANS** Not far from Peter and Norman Island, four large, jagged pinnacles protrude from the surface after rising 50 feet from the ocean floor near Pelican Rock. These tooth-like formations yield a series of canyons and grottoes which feature both soft and hard corals.

# **ALICE IN WONDERLAND**

Experienced divers looking for a deep dive will enjoy this one at South Bay on Ginger Island. The wall here slopes gently downward from 15 to 100 feet. Huge mushroomshaped corals give the site its name.

# **BREWERS BAY PINNACLE**

offers spectacular diving when conditions are right. Lying about 200 yards off the west point of the bay, this towering rock rises from 90 to 20 feet and abounds with fish life.

**GREAT DOG** is another good spot for beginners. The southern side is a pretty site indeed, divers swim along the parallel reef from 10 feet down to 60 feet. The Chimneys is in the same area. Within this series of arches and canyons, you'll be dazzled by the colourful soft corals and charmed by the variety of fish.

**THE CHIKUZEN** is one of the B.V.I.'s truly great dive sites. Lying at a depth of 75 feet, six miles north of Beef Island, the ship was sunk in 1981. The full 246-foot length of this once-refrigerated vessel is teeming with fish of every description. You may see big

rays, horse-eye jacks, barracudas and more.

**Please Note:** In order to protect the B.V.I.'s fragile coral reefs, boats are required to use National Parks Trust (NPT) mooring buoys when visiting the following areas: the Baths, the Caves, the Indians, Pelican Island, Carrot Shoal; also dive or snorkelling sites at Peter, Norman, Ginger and Cooper Islands, the wreck of the Fearless, Dead Chest, Blonde Rock, the Dogs, Guana Island, the wreck of the Rhone and the Rhone's anchor. All users of the moorings must have a valid NPT moorings permit which can be obtained at their office in Road Town, or at B.V.I. Customs Offices, local charter boat companies and brokerages.

# **ANCHORAGES**

# LITTLE HARBOUR, JOST VAN

**DYKE** is a quiet, easy to enter lagoon. The Harbour's three restaurants all provide local food and atmosphere at the shore's edge.

**GREAT HARBOUR, JOST VAN DYKE** is the venue of good West
Indian restaurants and beach bars. The
picturesque harbour is fringed by a small
settlement bordering a white sand beach.
The anchorage is well protected, and the
holding good.

# WHITE BAY, JOST VAN DYKE

lies west of Great Harbour and features a white sand beach, several restaurants and

bars, gift shops and accommodations. A channel through the center of the reef allows entrance to the anchorage, which is subject to winter swells.

NORMAN ISLAND is the reputed locale of Robert Louis Stevenson's Treasure Island. The uninhabited island's main anchorage is The Bight. From here one can go ashore and dine or take a rough cattle track to the top of the island. The fames caves at Treasure Point can be reached by dinghy.

PELICAN ISLAND and the Indians are near to the Bight and offer both good snorkelling and excellent SCUBA diving.

**SOPER'S HOLE** lies at the very west end of Tortola and is one of the islands' three main ports of entry. The anchorage is both deep and sheltered. Ferries to St. Thomas and St. John leave from here daily and there are several nearby restaurants, marinas, gift shops, and supermarket.

**ROAD HARBOUR** is Tortola's largest harbour. Road Town, which borders the harbour, is the capital of the B.V.I. Here one will find customs and immigration facilities, a selection of good supermarkets and shops, marinas, restaurants and a boatyard - all within walking distance of the harbour. Brandywine Bay and Maya Cove, which also offer restaurants, are two more anchorages just beyond Road Harbour.

# **BEACHES TORTOLA**

# SMUGGLERS COVE

A small sandy and secluded beach at the western tip of Tortola. It is popular for snorkeling; explore a world of sea fans, sponges, parrotfish, and elkhorn and brain corals.

# LONG BAY/BELMONT

Is a lovely mile-long stretch of white sand beach on the western end of Tortola. Swim, run snorkel or just enjoy the spectacular sunsets.

# **APPLE BAY**

Just before you get to Long Bay, along North Shore Road, lays the surfer's paradise of Apple Bay Beach.

# **CANE GARDEN BAY**

Known as one of Tortola's finest and most popular beaches, Cane Garden Bay Beach with white sands, with sheltering palm trees and gentle surf is located on the aptly named Cane Garden Bay a yachter's paradise with plenty of places to eat along the beach, plus a handful of bars.

# **BREWER'S BAY**

East of Cane Garden Bay, Brewers Bay, accessible via the long, steep Brewers Bay Road, is ideal for snorkelers and surfers. This clean, whitesand beach is a great place to enjoy walks in the early morning or at sunset.



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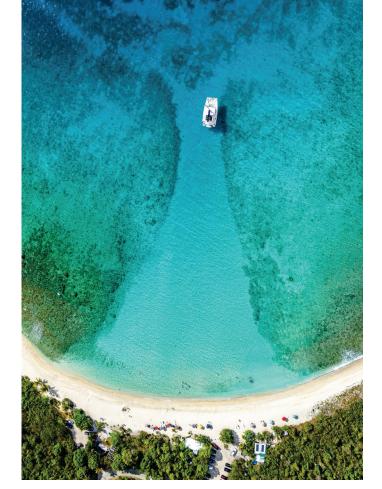
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# **ROGUES BAY**

Located off the beaten path on Tortola's northeast shore this lovely and secluded stretch of white sand beach is absolutely spectacular. Walk with everything you need, for there are no beach bars, restaurants or vendors.

# JOSIAH'S BAY BEACH

Located on Tortola's East End, Josiah's Bay Beach is also a coveted this spot for surfers during the winter months. It is a sunbather's paradise with its long, wide swath of powdery sand, beach bar, and nearby guest houses and restaurants.

# **LAMBERT BAY**

One of the widest beaches on Tortola and a favoured picnic spot, Elizabeth Beach, also known as Lambert Bay, offers spectacular views, fine white sand, and sheltering palm groves.

# **LONG BAY - BEEF ISLAND**

A favoured picnic spot for locals located just walking distance from the airport Long Bay Beach offers spectacular shade, fine white sand, and excellent water sports.

# **VIRGIN GORDA**

# THE BATHS

With its giant boulders that form a series of spectacular pools and grottoes, The Baths are one of the BVI's favourite attractions. The sandy beach itself is small and sprinkled with majestic rocks and has some trees for shade. There is also moorings for yachts and excellent snorkelling along the areas nearby underwater boulders and reef.

# **SPRING BAY**

Sprinkled with boulders, this stretch of white sand is one of Virgin Gorda's loveliest and features some of The BVI's clearest waters.

# **SAVANNAH BAY**

Savannah Bay Beach is a stunning sandy beach that is located along a thin neck of land that joins The Valley section of Virgin Gorda to North Sound. Savannah Bay is a beautiful long curving stretch of sand, perfect for relaxing on the beach, swimming and taking in spectacular sunsets.

# **DEVIL'S BAY**

Accessible by boat or by walking through the trails of The Baths, this National Park beach offers pure white sand sprinkled with large granite boulders, as well as deep blue Caribbean waters rich with marine life and coral for captivating diving and snorkelling.

# **MAHOE BAY**

Mahoe Bay beach is a pretty white sand beach at the Mango Bay Resort that has a gently curving stretch of sand and vivid blue water. Mahoe is one of the more quietly remote beaches of the BVI's located north of Savannah Bay and boasts calm waters, gentle sandy curves and a variety of water activities.

# **OIL NUT BAY**

Nestled on a private peninsula on the eastern tip of Virgin Gorda sits the lush Oil Nut Bay. Its white sand beach faces dazzling turquoise waters with an average depth of only five feet. As the centre piece of the Oil Nut Bay Resort Community, the beach and extraordinary island landscape presents an unrivalled Caribbean sanctuary.

# LITTLE DIX BAY

A beautiful white sandy beach home to the 5-star Little Dix Bay Resort. A haven of tranquillity and luxury in harmony with nature.

# **ANEGADA**

Anegada is known as the Beach Lover's Island. Secluded sandy beaches protected by the sheltering reef include:

# **COW WRECK BEACH**

Cow Wreck beach is the perfect beach to relax while on Vacation in the BVI. The beach has miles of soft sand that stretches out along the coast, and if you come across another soul, consider the beach busy.

# **BONES BIGHT**

Anegada is renowned for its secluded bays and laid-back lifestyle, and Bones Bight is a great example of that. Chances are you'll have the beach to yourself, and can make the most of the flour-soft sand and tranquil snorkelling.

# **LOBLOLLY BAY**

This beach is a popular snorkelling and sunning spot. With miles of untouched sand, the beach has hammocks dotted along the bay and a couple of great daytime beach bars, such as the Big Bamboo.

# **JOST VAN DYKE**

# WHITE BAY

Aptly named White Bay Beach is a long stretch of white sand protected by a great snorkeling reef and is dotted with award-winning beach bars. White Bay is most easily reached by boat.

# **GREAT HARBOUR**

With its white sandy horseshoe shape, the island's arrival point offers a fabulous water sport facility and dinghy docks, as well as a host of casual Caribbean beach bars and restaurants.

# LITTLE HARBOUR

Little Harbour, or Garner Bay as it's sometimes known, is just to the East of Great Harbour on Jost Van Dyke. There are three restaurants ashore which cater mainly to the needs of charter yachts, Abe's By The Sea, Harris' Place, and Peace & Love Restaurant serve amazing fresh lobster.

# **NECKER ISLAND**

# **TURTULE BEACH**

There are plenty of places on Necker Island to lie on the beach and enjoy the sun, sand and sea. Main beach is where most of the water activities are based, and where you will find the Tennis and Beach Pavilions where there are sun loungers to lie on.

Turtle Beach is a more peaceful palm-fringed beach, with hammocks hanging between the trees, sun loungers to relax on, snorkeling equipment for floating around in the calmer water, and many other places where guests can find a peaceful spot to relax, and the more energetic can take a 2-hour walk around the island to view the native wildlife and plant life.

# **PETER ISLAND**

# **DEADMAN'S BAY**

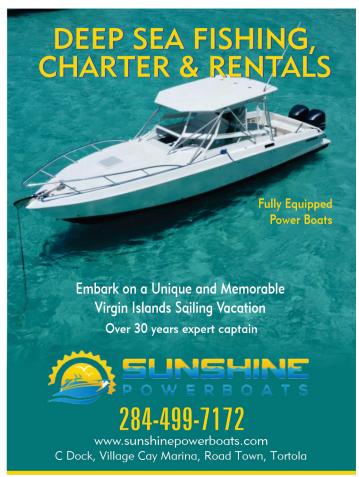
Deadman's Bay is a stunning palm fringed beach at the beautiful Peter Island Resort with pristine white sand and turquoise-blue waters perfect for snorkelling, sunbathing or just relaxing. Legend has it that Deadman's Beach was named after the pirates who were marooned on neighbouring Dead Chest Island and washed up on the shores.

# **WHITE BAY**

White Bay Beach on Peter Island is truly spectacular and considered the most beautiful beach in the Caribbean. The beach is great for snorkelling and ideal for a romantic picnic and a private swim.













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You may also register in person. Couples wishing to wed in the BVI are welcome to apply for a marriage license at the Registrar-General's Office, which is situated in the Sakal Place, 1st Fl. 286 Walter James Francis Dr., Road Town, Tortola.

The Registrar-General's Office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A marriage license takes one (1) working day to process. Once the BVI government has granted a license, it remains valid for three (3) months from the date it is signed.

# **TYPES OF LICENSES**

- Special License: To qualify for a special license, you must be present at the time of application and plan to be a resident/present in the Virgin Islands for at least one day. A special license requires the presentation of a US\$220 postage stamp to the Registrar-General. The stamp is available from the Registrar-General's Office, or the Post Office.
- Ordinary License: If you have been resident in the Virgin Islands for 15 days or more, you must present a US\$120 postage stamp — available from the Registrar-General's Office or Post Office — to the Registrar-General.
- In addition, couples must also:
- Show proof of your identity, resident status and day of arrival via your passport the day you arrived in the Virgin Islands.
- Show proof of marital status (including certified copies of Decree(s) Absolute for divorced spouse or Death Certificate(s) of deceased spouse).
- Have two people to witness and sign your application for the license

(please note that these two witnesses CAN be but need not be the same two witnesses who are present at your marriage ceremony). Also, please note that you can always request people in the Virgin Islands to be witnesses at the Registrar-General's Office and at your marriage ceremony.

Once the license has been applied for, couples should then schedule an appointment for the date and time they propose to be married. If the couple has arranged for their appointment from abroad, they will need to confirm it at the Registrar-General's Office at this time.

> For further details, please write or call: Registrar-General P.O. Box 3199 Road Town, Tortola, BVI VG1110 Tel: (284) 468-3442Fax: (284) 494-2783 Email: info@crisvi.gov.vg or infocris@gov.vg Website: www.crisvi.gov.vg

# **CEREMONIES PERFORMED** BY THE REGISTRAR-GENERAL

Weddings are performed by the Registrar-General outside their office between the hours of 9:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and inside the office between the hours of 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.

At the Registrar-General's office couples will be required to complete an application form showing their names as shown on their official travel documents, as well as ages, occupations, marital status, and the names of two witnesses (these two witnesses must be present at the Ceremony). Please be careful to accurately spell the names of the witnesses. Any correction of an error ex post facto will attract a charge of US\$15. Couples must then also indicate the proposed venue for the marriage ceremony.

If you wish to be married at the Registrar-General's Office, this can be arranged for a fee of US\$340. If you wish the Registrar-General to perform your Wedding Ceremony outside the office, the fee is US\$220. All cheques should be made payable to the ACCOUNTANT GENERAL.

If the Registrar-General is required to leave Tortola and go to one of the adjoining islands of the Virgin Islands to perform the ceremony, the couple will be required to pay the Registrar-General's transportation to that Island. Fees for Ferry Services range from US\$20 one-way to US\$40 round-trip.



If the couple wishes to be married in the church of their choice, arrangements must be made in advance with the officials of the church in question. Couples can also be married in a church via a special marriage license, but those arrangements must also have to be made with church officials. Wedding Banns must also be published on three (3) consecutive Saturdays or Sundays within the church.

If you plan to be married in the BVI, it is highly recommended that you travel with your driver's license and/or birth certificate in addition to your essential travel documents (passports, visas, etc.). Also, all documents showing your marital status MUST BE ORIGINALS, or CERTIFIED AS TRUE COPIES of the original.

The BVI's marriage certificates with the Registrar-General's seal are official legal documents. You may, however, wish to check with your local authorities if the certificate requires to be legally authenticated by means of an apostille. If apostilles are required, these can also be prepared at the Registrar-General's Office on payment of **US\$50**.

# **APPLICABLE FEES (IN USD)**

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# where to go, what to do

Sites of natural beauty and historic significance can be found throughout the B.V.I. and exploring the islands can be both fun and educational.

Sites are keyed numerically into the map in the center pages.

# **TORTOLA**

- **1.** LR. O'NEAL BOTANIC GARDENS are a cool and peaceful refuge located in the respite of Road Town. The beautiful 4-acre garden includes a lush array of indigenous and exotic tropical plants.
- **2.** MAIN STREET which was Road Town's primary shopping street is now more of a historic promenade. This narrow street, which runs through the centre of town, retains a great deal of West Indian cham with its colourful traditional wooden and stone buildings. Sights starting from the Government House Museum including the Cottage Hospital wall, the Sir Olva George's Plaza, the 19th century Post Office, the Old Customs Building, now a coffee shop, the Her Majesty Prison Museum, Anglican Church, the Sunday Morning Well, where the Emancipation Proclamation, ending slavery in the islands was said to be read and the Legislative Council Building/Court House.
- **3. OUEEN ELIZABETH II PARK** is a small park bordering the western side of Road Harbour which also features a children's playground.
- **4. OLD GOVERNMENT HOUSE** Museum Once the Governor's residence, this stately colonial building, constructed in 1924, is perched on a knoll above Road Harbour. Open for tours, it also houses a small museum and a BVI stamp collection.
- **5. LOWER ESTATE SUGAR WORKS MUSEUM.** This 1780 sugar refinery on Station Road in Road Town was later used to process locally grown cotton for export. It contains photo exhibits on BVI Culture, history and nature, plus artifacts from BVI's early and recent history.
- **6. SAGE MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK.** At 1,716 feet, Sage Mountain is the BVI's highest point. The park is laid out with graveled paths, and although it is not a true rain forest (it receives less than 100 inches of rain a year), the lush area possesses many of the characteristics of one.
- **7. THE NORTH SHORE SHELL MUSEUM** in Carrot Bay displays shells, shell craft, traditional wood boats and other examples of local culture.
- **8. FORT BURT** once guarded the mouth of Road Harbour. It was constructed by the Dutch and later rebuilt by the English, who annexed the islands in 1672. Now a hotel, only the foundations and the magazine remain.
- **9. FORT RECOVERY,** at the West End is the BVI's oldest intact structure. A turreted gun emplacement with three-foot-thick walls, it was built by the Dutch in 1660.
- **10. THE WILLIAM THORNTON ESTATE RUIN,** located in Pleasant Valley, was once the home of the designer of the U.S. Capitol Building.
- **11. THE DUNGEON** is a fort located halfway between Road Town and West End and was built in 1794 by the Royal Engineers. It was dubbed the Dungeon because of its underground cell.
- **12. THE CHURCH AT KINGSTOWN,** just east of Road Town, is all that remains of a community of free black apprentices established in 1833.
- **13. JOSIAH'S BAY PLANTATION.** This former rum distillery is now an art gallery.
- **14. MOUNT HEALTHY NATIONAL PARK,** above Brewer's Bay, features the intact remains of a thickly walled stone windmill, once part of an 18th century sugar plantation.
- 15. THE CALLWOOD RUM DISTILLERY at Cane Garden Bay is housed in a

- stone plantation era building. The rum distillery still produces rum in much the same fashion that it did over two centuries ago.
- **16. GREEN VI** at Paraquita Bay. Watch glass blowing artisans create hand-crafted pieces from local recycled glass walk and look out.
- **17. SHARK BAY NATIONAL PARK** above Brewer's Bay has a short nature walk and look out.
- **18. SOPER'S HOLE** on the West End of Tortola is a major anchorage. The main ferry terminal is here, as are several restaurants and the Caribbean-style Soper's Hole Marina and shopping wharf.

# **VIRGIN GORDA**

- **19. At THE BATHS,** giant boulders form a series of sea pools and grottoes. This spectacular geological wonder is one of the BVI's most popular attractions. Together with the beautiful beaches of Spring Bay and Devil Bay, which are located on either side, it is a national park.
- **20. LITTLE FORT NATIONAL PARK** south of the Yacht Harbour was the site of a Spanish fort and some stone walls remain. The 36-acre area is alco a wildlife sanctuary.
- **21.** NAIL BAY contains ruins of a 19th century sugar plantation.
- **22. THE COPPERMINE** was mined by Cornish miners from 1838-1842 and 1859-1862 and perhaps earlier by the Spanish. Today, the remains of the chimney, boiler house, cistern and mine shafts can be seen.
- **23. GORDA PEAK NATIONAL PARK** contains a wide variety of indigenous and exotic plants and has been reforested with mahogany trees. At 1,500 feet, it's the island's highest point.

# OTHER ISLANDS

- **24. THE RMS RHONE** was a 310 Royal Mail Ship that dashed against the rocks off Salt Island's southwest coast during an 1867 hurricane. NOW a National Park, its remains have become a fascinating underwater habitat for marine life.
- **25. CAM BAY NATIONAL PARK** is a nature preserve located on Great Camanoe.
- **26. PRICKLY PEAR ISLAND.** This National Park in North Sound has a nature preserve.
- **27. SANDY CAY** This pristine island off Jost Van Dyke is a National Park.
- **28. NORMAN ISLAND** is the reputed setting for Robert Louis Stevenson's Treasure Island. The caves at the Bight are popular for snorkeling.
- **29. SALT ISLAND** has three salt ponds and was once a source of seasoning for islanders and passing ships.

**ANEGADA** is a coral atoll known for its miles of uninterrupted beaches surrounded by a reef.

**GREAT HARBOUR, JOST VAN DYKE.** This village of picturesque wooden houses on a sandy beach is a page from a by-gone era.



#### **BANKING SERVICES**

There are several major banks in the British Virgin Islands: Banco Popular de Puerto Rico, FirstBank Puerto Rico, CIBC-First Caribbean International Bank (Cayman) Limited, National Bank of the Virgin Islands (formerly Development Bank), Republic Bank (British Virgin Islands) Limited and VP Bank (BVI) Limited. Hours vary, but most are open Monday through Thursday, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. They all have extended hours on Fridays. Banco Popular opens a teller drivethrough window from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays.

#### **BUSINESS HOURS**

Most businesses open at 8:30 a.m. and close at 5 p.m. Many merchant stores, including pharmacies, are closed after 1 p.m. on Saturday and all day on Sunday; but a few open if cruise ships are in port. Supermarkets open earlier and close later, and most are open on weekends and holidays. Bobby's Supermarket in Road Town is open from 7 a.m. until midnight every day. Call a specific business for its hours of operation.

#### **CLIMATE**

The islands benefit from the trade winds that keep humidity low, but temperatures rarely go above 95 F or below 75 F. The wettest months are between September and November, coinciding with the height of the hurricane season.

#### **CLUBS**

Several clubs operate in the BVI. Amongst them are Lions, Interact, Toastmasters, Rotaract and various Rotary Clubs, including the Rotary Club of Tortola, which meets every Thursday at noon at The Mariner Inn Hotel. Fellow club members visiting the Territory are always warmly welcomed. Enquire at your front desk for more information on the clubs and their meeting times.

#### **CURRENCY**

U.S. dollar is the only legal tender in the BVI. Major credit cards are accepted in many, but not all, establishments. It's advisable to travel with U.S. traveller's cheques.

#### **CREDIT CARDS**

Many BVI establishments accept credit cards, generally MasterCard

or Visa; some, but not all, take American Express. There is an American Express office at Romney Associates in Road Town. There are several ATM machines on Tortola located in Road Town, West End and at OneMart Super Market, Fat Hogs Bay, East End, as well as in The Valley on Virgin Gorda. There are no banks or ATM machines on Anegada, Jost Van Dyke or Peter Island. Please note that there is a 10-cent stamp duty charged on all cheques, including traveller's cheques.

#### **DEPARTURE TAX**

After you have checked in at the airport or at any sea-port, look for the departure tax window. Every air travel passenger must pay a \$20 departure tax in cash or by Visa or MasterCard (cheques are not accepted). For those leaving by sea departure tax from sea ports \$20 for visitors and \$15 for residents.

## **DIVING AND SAILING**

Many diving and yachting companies specialise in helping you take advantage of BVI's excellent diving sites and the fact that it's the Sailing Capital of the World.

# **DRESS**

Bathing suits and other beachwear are only considered appropriate on the beaches, at the pool or on a boat. Topless bathing and nudity on the beach are frowned upon. In general, day and evening dress is casual.

# **DRINKING WATER**

Tap water on Tortola and Virgin Gorda is generally desalinated. Some hotels have their own desalination plants and cisterns. Other islands rely on private supplies from cisterns, but bottled water is available throughout the islands.

## **DRUGS**

Recreational drugs are strictly forbidden. Their possession, sale, use or distribution is a criminal offence punishable by law. Conviction can lead to heavy fines and jail sentences.

# **ELECTRICITY**

Electricity is supplied by the BVI Electricity Corporation. The standard electrical current is 110 volts on all the islands.

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## **FISHING**

Non-British Virgin Islanders need a recreational fishing permit to remove any marine organism from BVI waters. There are closed seasons for harvesting certain species of fish and other seafood. Call the Ministry of Natural Resources and Labour at 468-2147 for information. Recreational fishing permits will be issued at all ports of for \$45. A licence is required for every adult on board who will be fishing.

#### **FLORA AND FAUNA**

Common trees in the British Virgin Islands include the white cedar (the national tree); fruit trees such as the tamarind, mango and papaya; sea grape trees; and spectacular flowering trees such as the flamboyant and yellow poui. Oleanders, bougainvilleas and hibiscus are also common in local gardens and along the roadsides. The indigenous Anegada rock iguana, found nowhere else outside the Territory, is a protected species. The islands also have a variety of lizards. Hummingbirds; the pretty, yellow-breasted bananakeet; brown pelicans; and laughing gulls are amongst the bird species found throughout the islands. Snorkellers and divers will see schools of snapper and grunt as well as many other fish, brain and elkhorn coral and other sea life.

### INTERNET

There are several places throughout the islands that offer Internet access. Most have free Wi-Fi and can be found at the following locations: Saba Rock, North Sound, Virgin Gorda; Trellis Bay Market, Beef Island; Lambert Beach Resort, Tortola; Nanny Cay Marina, Tortola; Village Cay Marina, Road Town; Myett's Garden Inn and Grille, Cane Garden Bay; Foxy's, Jost Van Dyke; The Watersports Centre, Jost Van Dyke; Anegada Reef Hotel, Anegada; Big Bamboo, Anegada.

#### **ISLAND INFORMATION ONLINE**

The BVI Tourist Board's website (bvitourism.com) offers printable online information about each island, useful schedules and much more. The BVI Chamber of Commerce & Hotel Association (BVICCHA; bvihotels.org, BVI Government, WelcomeBVI Magazine and two local newspapers also host helpful links to other websites belonging to various individual hotels and organisations. You may also want to visit experiencethebvi.com for useful information about the islands.

#### LANGUAGE

English is the official language, and communication is fairly easy around the islands. Islanders speak a local dialect, which is easily understood. Spanish is also spoken by many members of the growing immigrant population, many of whom come from the

Dominican Republic.

# **MEDICAL/DENTAL**

Dr. D. Orland Smith Hospital is the main general hospital in Road Town, Tortola; but health clinics are available at villages on Tortola, Virgin Gorda and other sister islands. There's also a government dental clinic in the Dr. D. Orlando Hospital in Road Town. Dr. Adamson, Smile Dental, Premier Dental, Dr. Rhymer and B&F Medical Complex, VI Medical - Manual Reef, provide experienced general dental services, whilst Vision Center offers advanced eye care. The B&F Medical Complex, the Pic-Smith Medical Complex and Eureka Medical Clinic in Road Town and The Valley, Virgin Gorda, provide modern diagnostic and treatment facilities. All accept walk-in patients and provide X-ray and CT scan services. The Bougainvillea Clinic, overlooking Road Town, specialises in aesthetic reconstruction and general surgery and is now affiliated with the Eureka Medical Clinic. Staffed by resident and visiting specialists from the United States and continental Europe, the clinic attracts patients from all over the world. Several pharmacies offer prescription and over-the-counter services in Road Town. These include Penn Medical at 1st Floor, Rodus Bldg, Road Reef Marina, Medicure at Omar Hodge Building (with another location on Virgin Gorda); Vanterpool Enterprises on Wickham's Cay I; and Qwomar Trading, Ltd., Blackburne Road, Phoenix Medical, the foot of Joe's Hill, Road Town and Diamond Everest Mediplex, Glancina George Bldg, Road Town.

#### **MONEY TRANSFERS**

MoneyGram and Western Union provide services to receive and send money worldwide.

#### **NATURAL HAZARDS**

There are no poisonous snakes or other dangerous animals in the BVI. The leaves of the oleander and elephant ears are poisonous. Be careful of the manchioneel tree (or poison apple tree), which grows near beaches. Its leaves, fruit and sap are dangerous to the eyes and poisonous when ingested. Under water, fire coral can cause a nasty sting and subsequent rash if touched. The spiny black sea urchin is very painful if stepped on or brushed against, and jellyfish and lionfish should be avoided, as both can cause serious injury.

# **NEWS, NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES**

Several weekly and monthly publications are available in the BVI and by subscription. The BVI Beacon and The Island Sun keep readers up to date on events and general news occurring locally and regionally; they're also available online or have a Facebook presence. WelcomeBVI Magazine offers information for tourists, and The

BV1 Property/Yacht Guide has combined with the Yacht Guide to provide information for yachties and those interested in real estate in the BVI. Virgin Island Life&Style is a complete lifestyle magazine offering a true reflection of the people, places, events, issues and concerns that shape our lives, our style, our islands. Business BVI, a business and investment magazine, is published annually. Also, BVINews.com, VirginISlandsNewsOnline.com and BVIPlatinum.com are Internet services that provide daily news updates on the BVI.

#### **PETS**

Pets are allowed into the Territory only after an import permit is obtained from the Department of Agriculture. For regulations concerning animal importation, contact the Department of Agriculture, Paraquita Bay, Tortola; tel. 495-2532 and fax 495-1269.

#### **POST OFFICES**

The main post office on Blackburne Highway also has a philatelic counter. There are sub post offices on Beef Island (Airport), East End and West End on Tortola, and on the larger sister islands. Most hotels and resorts offer daily mail pickups. Virgin Islands' stamps are worldwide collectors' items. The BVI Philatelic Society (494-7789) organises an annual stamp exhibition, usually held in the spring, that attracts a wide range of enthusiasts.

# **2025 PUBLIC HOLIDAYS**

1 Jan	Mon	New Year's Day
7 Mar	Mon	Hamilton Lavity Stoutt Holiday
18 Apr	Fri	Good Friday
21 Apr	Mon	Easter Monday
9 June	Fri	Whit Monday
20 Jun	Fri	Sovereign's Birthday
1 Jul	Tues	Virgin Islands Day
4 Aug	Mon	Emancipation Monday
5 Aug	Tue	Emancipation Tuesday
6 Aug	Wed	Emancipation Wednesday
20 Oct	Mon	Heroes' and Forefathers Day
20 Nov	Mon	The 1949 March & Restoration Day
25 Dec	Wed	Christmas Day
26 Dec	Thurs	Boxing Day

# **RADIO**

Local radio stations, most of which are available on-line, include ZBVI (780 AM), ZKING (100.9 FM), ZROD (103.7 FM), ZCCR (94.1 FM), Let's FUZE VI (106.9 FM) and TOLA RADIO (100.5 FM).

# **RELIGIOUS SERVICES**

There are Methodist churches throughout the BVI. Other Christian denominations represented include the Anglicans (Episcopalians),

Baptists, Roman Catholics, Seventh-Day Adventists and various Pentecostal sects. Many of their churches are located in Road Town, but there are churches on almost every corner throughout the islands. For information about church services, contact the secretary of the BVI Christian Council, Rosemarie Flax, at flax@ mossfon-bvi.com. There is an Islamic Center in Road Town, and the Baha'i and Hindu faiths are also represented.

#### **SHIPPING**

There are various shipping and courier facilities conveniently located throughout the Road Town area. Virgin Gorda also offers several options for your shipping needs.

#### **SMOKING**

Smoking in public places such as restaurants, bars, shopping malls, recreational facilities, offices, public transportation terminals, etc. is forbidden, in accordance with the Tobacco Products Control Act of the BVI. It's also forbidden to smoke within 50 feet of these public spaces. A person found smoking tobacco in a public place will be subject to a fine. In the BVI, it's illegal to sell cigarettes to persons who are under 18 years old.

## **TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

The area code in the BVI is 284. FLOW, (formerly Cable & Wireless [West Indies], Ltd.), provides digital, national and international telecommunications services and broadband Internet access. Full IDD (international direct dialing), facsimile and data services, including IDAS (international database access) and private leased circuits, are available. Inbound 800 numbers accessible from the United States, Canada and the rest of the Caribbean are also available. FLOW also offers competitive wireless services, and you can purchase SIM cards, handsets and TopUp credits at locations throughout the BVI. CCT Global Communications, the first provider of wireless communications in the BVI, offers 3G wireless broadband Internet service throughout the islands and offers CDMA and GSM roaming services, with more than 140 roaming partners worldwide. CCT SIM cards are available from authorised resellers throughout the BVI. Digicel, the newest of the providers of cellular phone service, also offers a range of wireless services and landline services throughout the BVI. Digicel SIM cards and TopUp credits are available at locations throughout the BVI.

#### **TIPPING**

A 7 percent government tax is usually added to your hotel bill, as well as a 10 percent hotel service charge. Additional tipping is optional. It's customary to include a 15 percent tip when dining out. Most restaurants automatically include this on the bill as a service charge.

# >Useful Information

## **TRANSPORTATION**

**Air:** Regional airlines connect Beef Island with international hubs (e.g., San Juan, Puerto Rico, and Antigua) and other Caribbean islands. Small planes fly between Beef Island and Virgin Gorda and St. Thomas, USVI. Charter planes are also available to the outer islands and the U.S. Virgin Islands from the airport on Beef Island.

Land: The British Virgin Islands have 150 roads, of which 118 are paved. The two main roads on Tortola are Blackburne Road, which runs along the seashore from the eastern to the western end of the island, and Ridge Road, which runs centrally over the hills. Both offer spectacular scenic views of the islands.

**Buses:** Mini and safari bus outings are usually arranged by the hotels and are also available for other extended group trips and scenic sightseeing.

Car Rentals: Renting a car is both economical and convenient. There are several agencies offering reasonable rates, unlimited mileage, emergency services and additional insurance. If visiting for more than a month, a temporary licence must be obtained from the Department of Motor Vehicles in Pockwood Pond. The cost is \$10. Bring your passport and a valid driver's licence from country of origin. Driving is on the left-hand side of the road.

Ferry Services: The main ferry docks on Tortola are in Road Town and at West End. Inter-island boat services operate several times per day between Tortola and several other islands in the BVI (including Marina Cay, Scrub Island, Virgin Gorda, Peter Island and Jost Van Dyke) and the USVI (St. Thomas and St. John). Departure and arrival information can be obtained at byiports.org.

Taxis: Taxis are available at the airport, hotels, taxi stands and other venues throughout the islands. Some hotels have a franchised taxi arrangement for guests or will quickly order a taxi from the front desk. Taxi drivers usually provide running commentaries on local history and other useful information. New government rates are now in effect. It's a good idea to check the fare with your driver in advance.

Taxi Rates Tortola: A fare for one person from the airport to Slaney is US\$30. A chartered taxi from Road Town to any of the villages can range from \$15 to \$27 for one person depending on the distance, and the regular fare around town is \$5. Farther out to the suburbs is \$6, and the fare from Road Town to West End is \$27. From the cruise ship dock to most beaches, the range is from \$24 to \$27 for one person, but for three or more people the fare ranges from \$8 to \$12 each.

**Virgin Gorda:** From The Valley to The Baths is \$6, and from Gun Creek to the Yacht Harbour is \$30.

Anegada: From the airport to Loblolly Bay is \$7, whilst to Setting Point is \$14

Jost Van Dyke: One person going from Great Harbour to White Bay pays \$10, and to Bubbly Pool, \$20. Three or more people going to Bubbly Pool pay \$10 each.

Tours: A one-hour tour for up to two people is \$55 (fixed rate), whilst

for up to three people the cost rises to \$70. A group of five persons is \$100 (each ad-ditional person over the five pays \$15). A two-hour tour starts at \$110 for up to two people. Waiting charges: First 15 minutes are free, but every subsequent block of 15 minutes is \$10. Tour costs are the same for all islands.

Children three years or younger travel at no cost, children ages 4-10 pay half fare, and children 11 and over pay the full fare. Between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. there is a sur-charge of 30 percent on all fares. Always discuss the rates with your driver in advance. There is limited bus service running from Road Town to East End and Road Toen to West/ Northside. The fare is \$3.

Taxi Contacts	Numbers
West End Taxi Association	284-543-4241
Nanny Cay Taxi Association	284-394-2512
Waterfront Taxi Association	284-494-4959
Road Town Taxi Association	284-494-8755
Quality Taxi Association	284-422-0353
BVI Taxi Association	284-494-2322
Moorings Taxi Association	284-393-2331
Beef Island Taxi Association	284-495-1982
Valley, Virgin Gorda Taxi Association	284-540-6482

#### **TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

**Emergency Telephone Numbers** 

Ambulance 311

Fire 311 Police 311

Hospital 494-3497

VISAR 494-4357 (Virgin Island or 767 (SOS) Search & Rescue)

Airlines		Numbers
Cape Air, Ltd.	284-495-2100	
Fly BVI	284-495-1747	
Island Birds	284-495-2002	
LIAT	284-494-1187	
Seaborne Airlin	340-773-6442	
American Airlin	284-494-2646	
Inter Caribbean	1 (833)-568-9128	
Winair	+1 (284) 495-1298	+1 (284) 495-3082

Other Useful Telephone	Numbers
BVICCHA	494-3514
BVI Red Cross	494-6349
BVI Tourist Board	494-3134
CADA (Drug Information)	494-3125
Family Support Network (FSN)	494-7622
Humane Society of the BVI	494-2284
Main Post Office	468-3701



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