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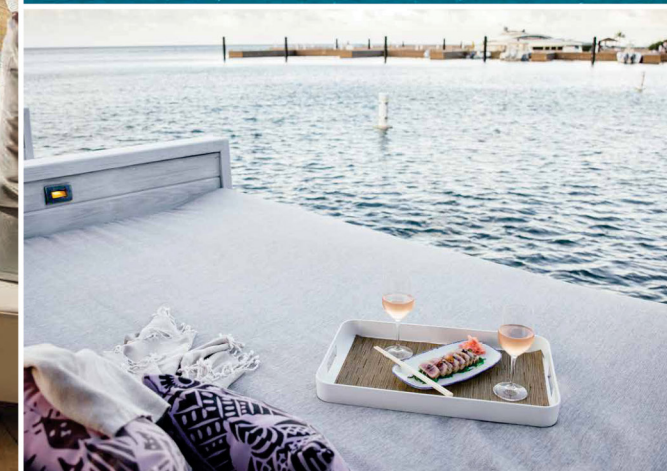


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One VI Poker Run,
Cane Garden Bay, Tortola
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Greetings and Welcome to our Virgin Islands *60 Islands and Cays, One Magical Experience!*

WelcomeBVI is a publication where our passionate contributors share stories that define our way of life, our culture, and all things Virgin Islands. Experience the beauty of our islands!

Whether you're swimming at Cane Garden Bay or Long Bay Beach, enjoying a Painkiller on White Bay, watching flamingos on Anegada, 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.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER of the VIRGIN ISLANDS

On 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.

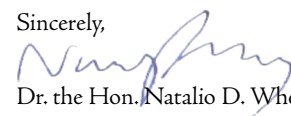
Apart from sailing, diving, snorkeling and water sports, the BVI offers amazing hiking trails and cycling routes. The cuisine ranges from local conch fritters, grilled lobsters and boiled fish to

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



About Our Islands

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.

Amerindians passed 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 Virgenes (Saint Ursula and her 11,000 Virgins), shortened to Las Virgenes (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.



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.



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

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

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.

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.



On 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 gourmet 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

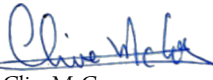
at Virgin Gorda Yacht Harbour and Foxy's Old Year's Night party, there is no shortage of places to welcome the arrival of a new year in style.

Health and wellness enthusiasts will find a sanctuary in the BVI, with luxurious resort spas offering rejuvenating treatments and unique experiences such as our floating spa. Let the serene surroundings and expert care of our wellness professionals help you unwind and recharge.

For the adventurers, the BVI is a playground of exhilarating activities. Explore our lush hiking trails, try your hand at sport fishing, or enjoy a variety of water sports that promise excitement and fun. Ziplining through our tropical landscapes offers breathtaking vistas and a thrilling perspective of our islands' natural beauty.

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

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NORTHSIDE SUNSET (SHELL MUSEUM)
CARROT BAY, TORTOLA, BVI



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Get Your Engines Ready; The One Virgin Islands Poker Run Returns!

By: Kyla K. Forbes
Photos by Michael Winter

On 29th June, 2025, the One Virgin Islands Poker Run makes its highly anticipated return—bigger, bolder, and wetter than ever—under the electrifying theme “SPLASH!”



For the fourth year, the waters of the Virgin Islands will roar to life as boats of all shapes, sizes and colours sail through our azure waters. Participants can choose their vessel of choice—from high-powered speedboats to lively party boats—as they make their way through the archipelago in a poker-themed marine fun run, celebrating a day of horsepower, camaraderie, and island pride.

What began in May 2022 to reignite the spirit of the Virgin Islands' people following the devastation of Hurricanes Irma and Maria has grown into one of the region's most anticipated maritime events. The One Virgin Islands Poker Run is not a race—it's a celebration of unity across The Virgin Islands, also attracting crews from St. Maarten, Anguilla, Puerto Rico, and beyond.

At its heart, it's a floating game of five-card poker. Registered participants race from checkpoint to checkpoint, collecting playing cards at each stop. At the end of the run, the crew with the best poker hand walks away with



bragging rights and a share of up to \$16,000 in cash and prizes.

But winning isn't just about luck. Team spirit, creativity, and flair play a big part—spectators' line up at each stop to see the boat crews dress in coordinated themes which often matches the design of their boats. This brings an undeniable energy to each island stop.

HISTORY

The One Virgin Islands Poker Run made its debut run in 2022, with a purpose to reignite the spirit of the Virgin Islands community, while using its proceeds for charitable impact within the community. Organised by Black Point

Entertainment Group, the One Virgin Islands Poker Run is more than just entertainment—it's a mission-driven event. Proceeds go toward educational and technological advancement across the Territory, with significant donations made to public schools to help modernize classrooms and create dynamic learning environments for our future leaders.

This fusion of boating culture and community impact gives the Poker Run a unique heart, proving that fun and philanthropy can powerfully coexist.

FROM WAKE TO WAVE

The action kicks off at the One Virgin Islands

Poker Run “hub,” Paradise Bar & Lounge in Cane Garden Bay. The energy is exhilarating first thing in the morning, the breakfast is hot, the music is grooving as the boats enter the harbour ready, just in time for registration.

The Poker Run kicks off taking the “scenic route” around the islands, firstly stopping at Foxy’s Taboo on Jost Van Dyke, steering east to the official lunch stop Trellis Bay Market, Beef Island, then proceeding to the Cyril B Romney Tortola Pier Park in Road Town, on to the last stop Ocean 7, Peter Island and finally returning to Cane Garden Bay for the final card draw and an exciting evening of events.



The event also appeals to the land lovers, even they can join the fun! Each stop features live entertainment, island food, and a beachside party atmosphere, making it the perfect event for everyone—whether you're on deck or dancing in the sand.

When the boats return and the sun dips below the horizon, the celebration kicks into high gear. The Official Poker Run After-Party is hosted by the one and only DJ Dre, featuring explosive live performances by VIBE and DJ Fire Blaze, a sizzling fashion show, and the much-anticipated

Prize-Giving Ceremony.

SAFETY FIRST: HAVING FUN RESPONSIBLY

The One Virgin Islands Poker Run team places a premium on marine safety. All vessels are required to comply with BVI and USVI maritime laws. Key measures include mandatory life jackets and safety equipment, designated captains (no drinking while piloting), real-time GPS tracking of participating vessels.

ARE YOU READY TO SPLASH?

Whether you're piloting a vessel, partying at our route stops, or soaking in the after-party, the One Virgin Islands Poker Run 2025 is an event not to be missed. It's the ultimate blend of Sun, Splash and One Virgin Islands Spirit—a day where waves unite us all, and every ripple creates change.

Secure your spot now—call 1 (284) 441-8378 to pre-register and be part of the excitement!

This year's event is sponsored by Blackpoint Group, Paradise Bar & Lounge, The British Virgin Islands Tourist Board and Caribbean Cellars Limited.



outdoors

The BVI's Premier National Park

Mt. Sage

Most visitors to the BVI come for the beautiful trade wind sailing amongst the numerous islands dotted around this small archipelago. Often missed, though, are the many historical sites and national parks that offer so much of interest and perspective into the life of Virgin Islanders throughout history. From the Baths on Virgin Gorda to the Copper Mine and the Botanical Garden in Road Town, nature's little secrets are abundant.

Words by Julian Putley

Photos by RaeVaughn Callwood

However, the first national park in the BVI was Sage Mountain, established in 1964 and comprising 86 acres. It was donated to the BVI government by Laurance Rockefeller who had purchased the land from local farmers. He stipulated that it was for a national park and it became the first of what is now a group of over 20 protected areas and parks.

The BVI's national parks have suffered in recent years. The COVID pandemic saw a huge decrease in visitors and two severe hurricanes in 2017 devastated the Virgin Islands. Now, eight years on, restoration of many facilities including Sage Mountain is evident. There's a new visitors' center with a lookout; there are modern bathroom facilities and a dedicated boot washing station complete with shoe brushes to clean muddy feet. Under a brand-new sign



are wooden walking sticks for visitors to choose from. Deputy Director of the National Parks Trust, Ms Nancy Pascoe, explained that many improvements are underway with new signs being built to identify unusual and rare plants, shrubs and trees. Also new sign posts will soon be installed to clearly mark the various trails of which there are a total of twelve.

Having lived on Sage Mountain for over ten years, I have walked most of the trails. It is important to note several advisories before embarking on walks. Wear proper footwear, not flip flops. Make sure you have insect repellent, a bottle of water and take a light rain jacket for unexpected showers. Be careful not to step on rocks covered with moss or algae since they can be slippery, and take advantage of the available walking sticks. Brochures describing the trails are available at the visitors' centre.

The entrance to the park is a short distance from the car park but even here tropical foliage is interesting. Near the car park are several rare tree ferns, reminiscent of those seen in Jurassic Park, the movie.

As you enter the park you will see two possible entrances. The main gates are identified by a large sign with the name and date of declaration of the park. This entrance



leads you to a network of trails. There is a second entrance gate to the left of this on the opposite side of the trail, which leads to another series of trails that go to the highest point in the Virgin Islands, 1,716 -ft. It affords panoramic views of all the islands. It's quite steep in places and you'll be glad you brought a water bottle. On our recent excursion, Monique and I decided to forego the summit and do the south loop or AO Shirley Trail, described as easy/moderate.

The trail was very manageable and the

walking stick was a comforting assist. Some of the most unusual trees were identified with tags but the original Latin names were unintelligible to us neophytes. We did recognize some plants like the elephant ear (the name is self-explanatory), a pretty tree of the myrtle family (myrtaceae) whose berries were prolific, and some species of agave.

The south side of the park is dryer than the north side due to the effect of less frequent rain. The moisture laden trade winds blow from east to west, so when the clouds have



risen to the maximum elevation water vapour condenses to form rain which falls on the leeward side of the mountain. The result is a different kind of foliage.

In the early days of the national park, parts of it were reforested with white cedar and mahogany trees. The mahogany has not only survived but has multiplied and regenerated with secondary vegetation and is common



along the central trail terminating with a giant fig tree. The trail is named for Joseph Reynold O'Neal, the first chairman and founder of the National Parks Trust.

Apart from experiencing a tropical rain forest the views from this elevation are spectacular. Half way along the central trail a small path branches off uphill to a lookout station and rest stop. Here you can see the Sir Francis



Drake Channel, Peter Island, Norman Island and St John.

Back at the visitor's centre at the beginning of the park you can look down on the north side and see the Tobago Cays, Jost van Dyke, Little Jost and the cays of Sandy Spit and Sandy Cay. And don't forget to call into Jim's Mountain Top Bar. He makes the best Banana Smoothies on the island.

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From Surfbike to Bike Surf

After a 20 year wait, Pete Smith returns water bike adventure to the region.

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

25 years ago, Surfbike, a French-Canadian waterbike company simply vanished from the marketplace. Pete Smith, a product distributor at the time, was left shocked but he kept his eye on the marketplace over the years. In the Summer of 2023, his heart felt an unexpected but long awaited leap. Quite coincidentally, it was called a Bike Surf.



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Kiffany, one of his nieces, sent him a short video that piqued his curiosity, as he always had his eyes on the market for a better waterbike product. Smith said that he and his niece scoured the internet that night for several hours. What was it made of? How did it work? Where was it made? This new company was Red Shark Bikes.

Days later, Smith contacted the company and expressed his interest in becoming the exclusive distributor for the product in the Caribbean. Three months later, Pete and his wife Marsha, flew to Barcelona, Spain, to see and try the product for themselves and meet with the owners. The trip was successful and they returned home with the exclusive Caribbean distribution rights.

Pete recalls taking his first Red Shark Bike ride. "Literally, when I had my first ride, I

“We want to see Red Shark Bikes on every beach in the Caribbean,” he said. “Whoever you are, wherever you are, this is a great business to start. You can start with four units and build to whatever the market demands. It’s easy to ride, versatile and flat out fun. Both kids and adults love it.”

had my swim trunks underneath my regular clothes. We went to the office and they were like, “Let’s go” and I asked if we weren’t going to change and they said, “No, you’ll be fine,” he recounted. “On my very first ride, I was in dressed shoes, long pants and a long sleeved shirt on the Mediterranean Sea. My wife and I both rode the bikes fully clothed and neither of us fell off. I went out for a second ride and I

said, “This is it.”

When he returned to the BVI after getting a firsthand introduction to the product, Smith began putting things in motion. He got trade licenses, incorporated the company as Red Shark Caribbean and purchased his first set of bikes in June, 2024, just 10 months after his niece sent him that first picture. Since the bikes arrived, he and his wife Marsha, have been



doing a number of demonstrations at beach establishments on Tortola, looking at other outer island venues and a website is being built.

"We've made a number of contacts and now, we're getting it into the market and letting everybody know about it. We're growing it into the post tourism season then moving it onward," Smith said. "The bikes are easy to ride, easy to transport, environmentally friendly and don't emit any emissions because they're just a pedal bike. You're sitting on it like a regular bicycle, pedaling like a regular bicycle, but instead of turning a wheel, you're spinning a propeller with your feet and with your hands the handlebar turns the rudder. It comes with two different propellers. The second one provides a little more intensity for those wanting a better workout."

The bike is available in three models, Enjoy, Fitness and Adventure. All the parts are based on standard bicycle parts but upgraded to marine grade. Smith said that the owner of the company is, himself, a cyclist but he is also an industrial designer who designed and built his own super bike motorcycle named 'Mura.' The owner is also the founder and designer of the AD Tramontana super car. The owner's passion for sea and cycling led to the birth of Red Shark Bikes.

"They have gone through upgrades to ensure we have a really great product for the market place and we're pleased to introduce it to the Caribbean market," Smith said. "It's inflatable and has bottom to top stitching throughout the board to ensure rigidity. If you look at the board itself, it has nearly a thousand little dimples and that's where the stringers inside connect the top to the bottom, so it's very rigid. It can be inflated or deflated in minutes for easy transport or storage. For regular maintenance, just rinse off the salt water and let it dry. It's portable, environmentally friendly and silent on the water. A lot of quality engineering has gone into this product."

When Smith invited me to Cane Garden Bay to try it, he said that the weight limit is around 230 pounds—which was my weight at the time. Furthermore, he said that it's great for fun, relaxing, exercising and doing tours and the board itself can be used as a paddle board or as a kayak.

Smith stated, "The response to seeing the bike for the very first time that sticks in my mind

is the very first time we went for a ride in Carrot Bay. We were pulling the bikes on the trolleys from the house to the bayside and the look on this girl's face in a car that was passing by was priceless. Her expression said "I don't know what it is but I want to try it." Smith went on to say, "Every time we take them to Cane Garden Bay Beach, people stop and stare. We had one lady who tried it, she went out, stopped in the middle of the bay and just simply enjoyed the peace of having the harbour to herself while everyone else was in on the sand. After she was there for a while, I went out to check on her and she said it was so serene."

Smith said they have been speaking to different rental shops and beach side businesses about the bikes.

"We want to see Red Shark Bikes on every beach in the Caribbean," he said. "Whoever you are, wherever you are, this is a great business to start. You can start with four units and build to whatever the market demands. It's easy to ride, versatile and flat out fun. Both kids and adults love it."

Smith is currently preparing to launch his first rental and tour location. They will also offer subscriptions where you can prepurchase 8 rides a month, like a gym membership. Just pick your dates and time and they will have the bike ready for you. All you have to do is come and ride. Smith hinted that one of his bikes should be on a TV show soon but gave no other details. After 25 years, he is again excited to bring waterbikes back to the Caribbean.



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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 palm-lined 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.



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While many vendors offer a variety of imported gift items, visitors may also find a wide range of some locally made products, including art, quilts, dolls, shell crafts, coconut carvings, wood carvings, jewellery and more.

Crafts Alive is more than just a shopping spot, it's a cultural hub. For artisans that create their products, many work directly in the shops, offering live demonstrations where visitors can watch how their products are made, from

carving to weaving. This interaction makes the experience educational as well as enjoyable, allowing you to gain a deeper appreciation for the craftsmanship involved.

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This week-long celebration is the crown jewel of the BVI Food Fete, a calendar of events that transform the islands into a gourmet playground. Whether you're sailing in from the neighbouring cays or landing fresh from an international flight, BVI Restaurant Week offers an irresistible invitation to eat your way through and around paradise. With over thirty participating restaurants, there is certain to have something deliciously

satisfying to every palette.

Imagine savouring a plate of freshly grilled Anegada lobster kissed with lime and drawn butter, served with a side of spicy okra fungi, a medley of locally grown vegetables and golden plantains—your toes in the sand, a mango mojito in hand, and calypso melodies floating on the breeze. During Restaurant Week, participating restaurants across Tortola unveil exclusive prix fixe menus, showcasing the best of local and international cuisine crafted with BVI flair by chefs pulling out all the tricks for Culinary Excellence.

Dishes draw from a rich blend of African, European, Caribbean and Indigenous influences—think conch ceviche, jerk mahi-mahi, steam fish in mayo sauce, coconut tarts, and drunken mango cheese cake. Menus often feature locally sourced ingredients such as fresh seafood, tropical fruits, and island-grown herbs, reimagined in both traditional and contemporary

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Dining in the Virgin Islands is not just about the food—it's an experience merging stories, traditions, culture, love and shared moments together. Many restaurants host live music performances, storytelling nights, game nights or cooking demos with beloved island chefs. You'll learn how to roll a perfect roti or stir up a batch of bush tea, all while immersing yourself in the cultural rhythm of the islands.

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In the heart of the Culture District—Carrot Bay, Tortola—where the scent of wood smoke mingles with sea breeze hailing from the Bubbly Pool and laughter drifts from open-air tables, Selly's Barbecue Pit is more than just a local restaurant. It's a cultural icon, a neighbourhood gathering spot, and now, a must-visit stop for curious travellers hungry for a true taste of the Virgin Islands.

Interview and photos by Cleave Farrington

We caught up with Selvin Dawson, cofounder of the beloved eatery, to hear how this roadside grill grew into one of the Territory's most treasured dining experiences.

Selly's story began in February 2007, when Selvin and his team set up a simple roadside grill just in time for the annual Virgin Islands Festival. "We started with the festivals," he shared. "Fried

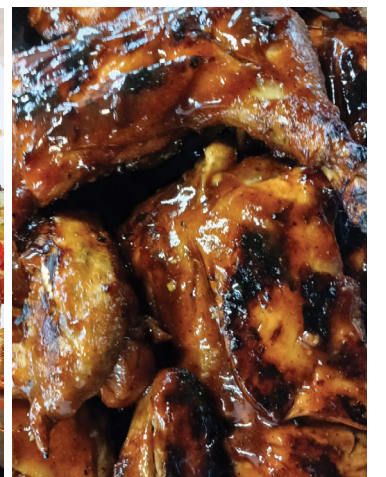
fish, Johnny cakes, barbecue chicken, and ribs. That was it." But that modest menu quickly became known as "the taste of Festival"—bold, flavourful, and undeniably local.

Since then, Selly's menu has grown to include comforting island staples like steamed fish, green bananas, sweet potatoes, peas and rice, macaroni pie, and refreshing seasonal fruit juices made from local produce.

Like many businesses across the Virgin Islands, Selly's Barbecue Pit was devastated by Hurricane

Irma in September 2017. "We lost the whole business," Selvin said. "Everything was gone." But what followed was a powerful comeback story. In the aftermath of destruction, Selly's became a beacon of hope—rebuilding from scratch and serving as a source of comfort and familiarity for a shaken community. "Now we're up and running again," he added with pride.

No visit to Selly's is complete without tasting their famous fish soup—a local legend in its own right. "People come just for that," said Selvin.



Another guest favourite? The fried fish and johnny cakes, a delicious pairing that embodies VI home-style cooking at its best.

Selly's has long been a local favourite, but in recent years it's been gaining popularity with visitors too—especially as cruise ship traffic increases. "We used to get a few tourists here and there," Selvin explained, "but now we're seeing more. Since Bronson's new ship started coming in, they've really taken to the fish soup."

Even as tourism grows, Selvin is committed to keeping the spirit of Selly's rooted in island

culture. "We intend to fly higher, do bigger things," he said. "But we're keeping it local." That includes continuing weekly traditions like Thursday night barbecues, Friday specials, and hearty Saturday morning breakfasts—loved by locals and newcomers alike.

Behind Selly's success is a team driven by love and loyalty. Selvin gives full credit to those who have stood by him. "My wife, Rosie—she's been the rock behind it all. My son, Devani, has been a big part of this. And Miss Taylor, our head cook—she's been with us for two years and is

truly amazing."

Whether you're strolling through Carrot Bay, staying in one of the many villas in and around the community or hopping off a cruise ship in search of local flavour, Selly's Barbecue Pit offers more than just food—it offers a true island experience.

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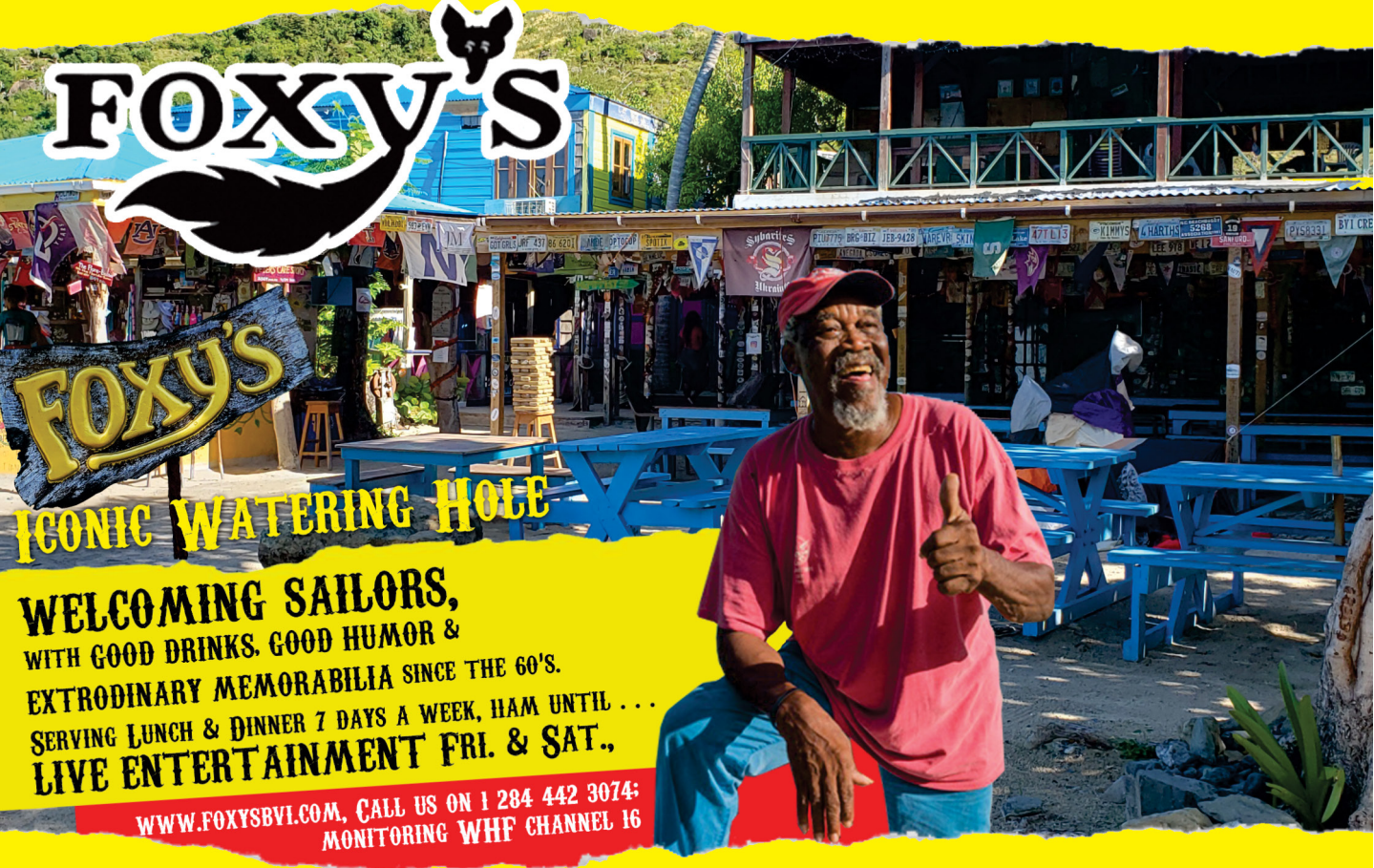

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Ingredients:

- 4 cups ripe guava
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1/2 cup water
- Dash of ground ginger or ground cinnamon

Instructions:

1. Peel, deseed and chop the guavas. Cook the Guava:
2. In a large saucepan, combine the chopped guava and water. Cook over medium heat for about 10-15 minutes stirring occasionally until the guava becomes soft and starts to break down.
3. Once the guavas are soft, use a potato masher or immersion blender to mash the fruit into a chunky or smooth consistency,

depending on your preference.

4. Stir in the sugar and lemon juice. Continue to cook the mixture over medium heat, stirring occasionally to prevent burning.
5. Allow the guava mixture to simmer for 30-40 minutes, or until it thickens and reaches a jam-like consistency.
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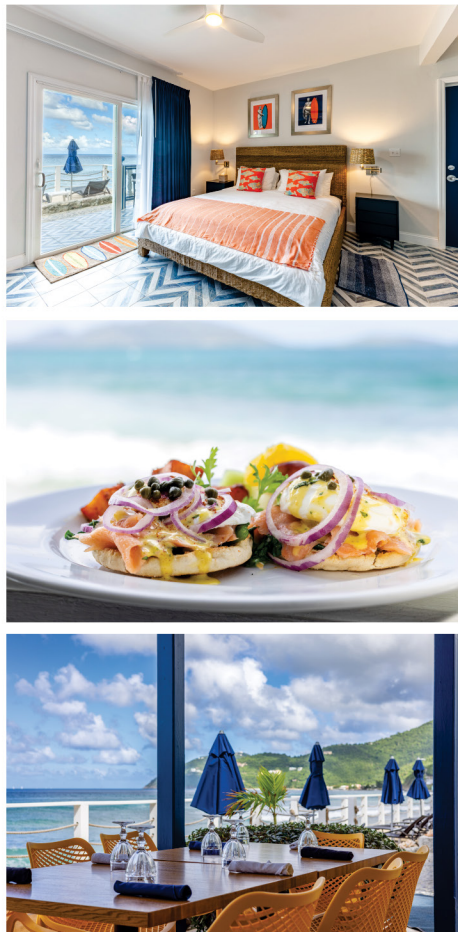
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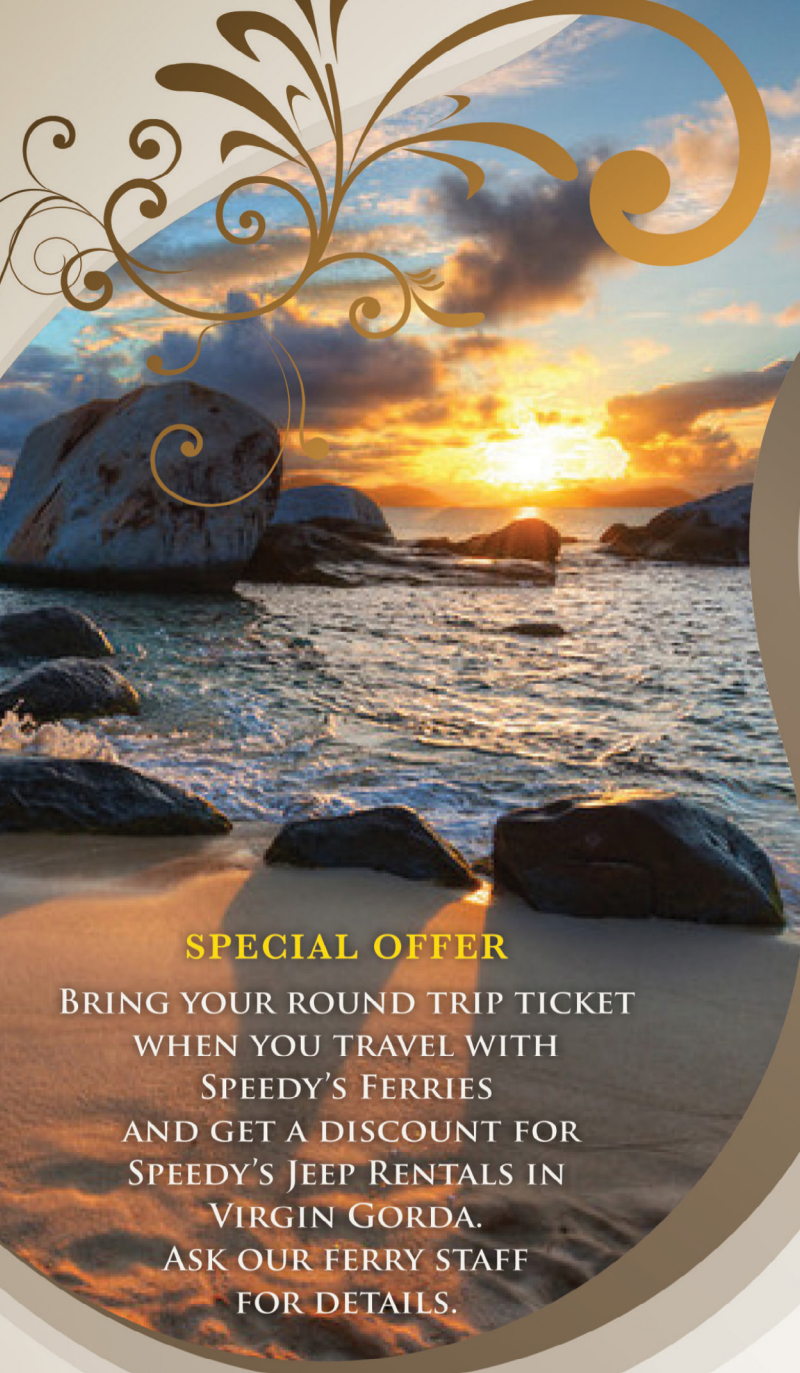
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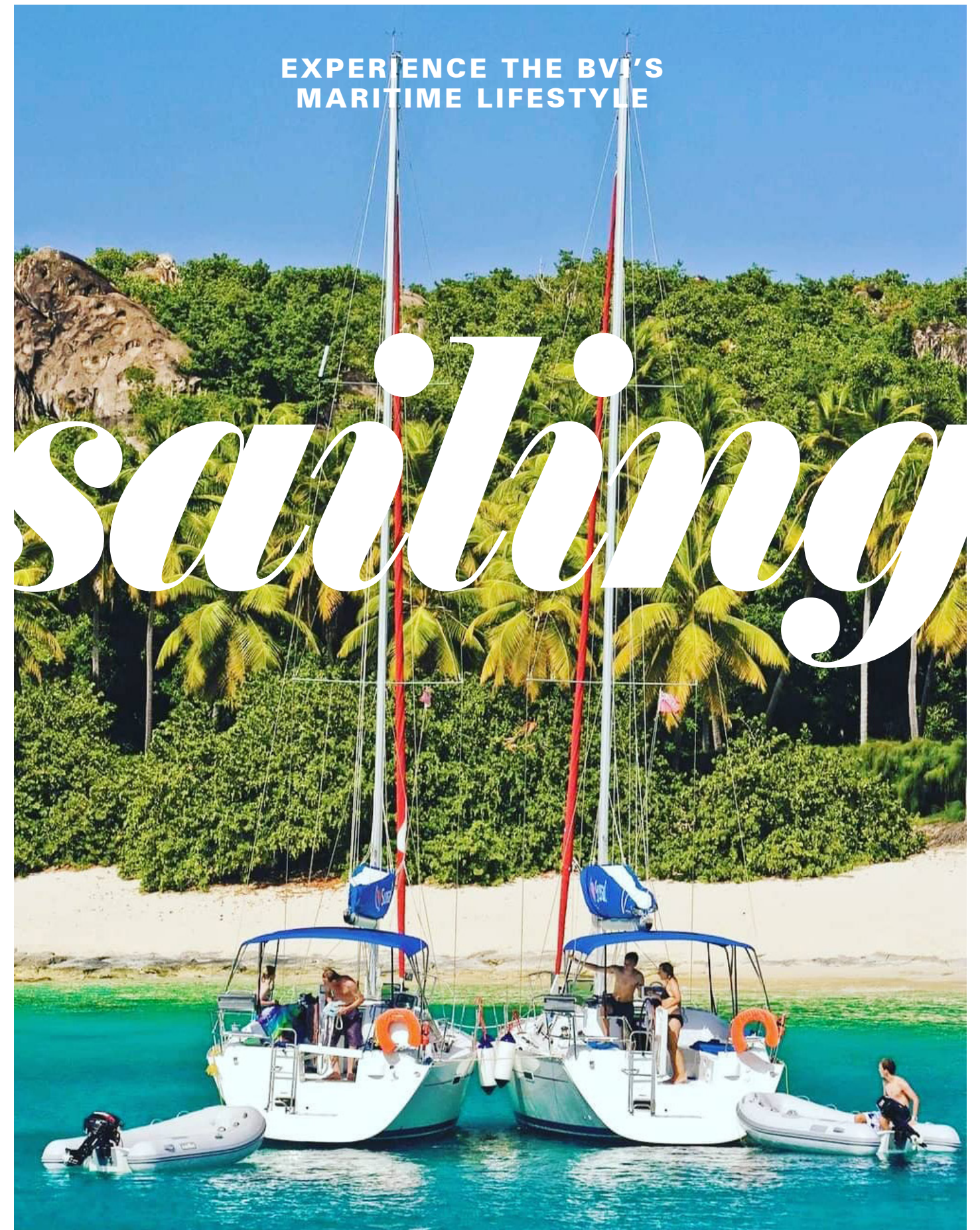


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Picture navigating a scenic route through turquoise waters, stopping at iconic waterfront spots in the Virgin Islands with food, drinks, and entertainment along the way. From the lively shores of Virgin Gorda to the historic anchorages of Norman Island, boaters are gearing up for one of the BVI's most iconic events of 2025—the Leverick Bay Poker Run.

By: Anika M. Christopher

Celebrating over 20 years of adventure, community, and charity, this legendary event returns for its 21st year on May 25th, drawing participants from across the Caribbean and beyond for a day of fun, competition, and island spirit. Get ready to set sail! But what exactly makes this event so special? Well, we spoke with one of the organisers, Joel Brillert, to learn more about the event and what makes it a true Virgin Gorda treasure!

What inspired the start of the Leverick Bay Poker Run and how has it evolved over the past 21 years?

The Poker Run was founded by Nick Willis and

his wife Monica, who managed Leverick Bay Hotel and Marina. They started Poker Run as a way to bring the boating community together for a day of exploring the territory, and to raise funds for local programs here in the BVI. The event has evolved to include boaters from neighbouring countries, and participants from the local community who come out to see the boats and experience the Mr. Nice Guy Fashion Show and Afterparty.

Can you describe what participants can expect this year, both during the Poker Run and at the After Party?

This coming May 25th, 2025, participants can expect an exciting day at not only Leverick Bay, but at each of the stops along our route. Each stop

has food, drinks and entertainment planned not just for the boaters, but for anyone who wants to spectate and experience the energy of the Poker Run crowds. The Afterparty is again powered by Mr. Nice Guy and includes the now-famous Fashion Show, followed by the Prize-giving Ceremony at Leverick Bay. All are welcome!

What are the logistics involved in organizing an event of this scale, especially with so many boats and participants?

The Poker Run would be logistically impossible if not for the group of volunteers that donate their time and talents to keep the event on track! We receive incredible support from the teams at each of our stops, who handle the 'playing card' feature

of the event. And back at Leverick Bay over a dozen volunteers are keeping track of participants progress, and coordinating with the stops to bring the boats home in time for the afterparty!

How do you determine the route for the Poker Run, and what factors influence the stops along the way?

The route is largely determined by which waterfront properties have the dockage and/or space on the beach for boats to safely arrive and depart together. Preference is given to stops who have participated in the past, which includes Norman Island who has been a supporter since the inception of the Poker Run.

Can you share some memorable moments or highlights from previous years of the Poker Run?

We've had some very memorable moments from Poker Run over the last two decades. After COVID restrictions were lifted and the territory began returning to normal, we weren't sure if people would be interested in Poker Run, having missed three years in a row due to the pandemic. The biggest highlight for me was seeing the record shattering crowd of boats entering North Sound at 8am on the morning of the 2023 Poker Run. We weren't sure what to expect that morning, but by the end of the day we'd completed the largest Poker Run ever in terms of both number of participants, and dollar amount raised for charity. The territory pulled together and sent a strong message that we were back!

How has the community responded to the Poker Run, and what impact

has it had on local businesses and tourism?

The Poker Run has become somewhat of a holiday in Virgin Gorda and in many parts of the BVI, Puerto Rico, and neighbouring islands. One of the things we love is the fantastic outfits and custom Poker Run shirts that groups of participants create for the event. There are a number of 'pre- Poker Run' parties that take place across the territory which we also love. When large groups of boaters and participants come from other countries, it helps bring tourism dollars to the BVI during what would otherwise be a slower period of time. And the dollars that the Poker Run is able to raise go directly back to the community, which benefits us all.

This year, you mentioned a significant charity component. Can you explain how the funds are allocated to local charities and the importance of these contributions?

Each year the Poker Run donates all profits directly to charity. The Poker Run was and will always be a non-profit event, which was the intention of Nick and Monica when they founded the event in 2001. Over the past 20 years of Poker Run we have donated \$179,000 USD to charity, and will continue to do so in 2025. The list of charities we support often changes based on needs. We will publish the list of 2025 charities as the event draws closer.

What challenges do you face in organising the Poker Run, and how do you overcome them?

The biggest challenge with Poker Run is finding

sponsors to support our fixed costs of running the event. Sponsorships begin at \$500 and provide your business with a lot of local advertising! Logistically, our largest challenge is finding locations that can support the number of boaters that attend Poker Run. As the event grows, so do our dockage needs. It's a good problem to have!

How do you incorporate sustainability practices into the event to protect the local environment?

A number of years ago we coordinated with local ferry companies to provide a 'shuttle service' so participants could still enjoy Poker Run on the water, without the need to burn their own fuel and use their own boat. That service has since evolved into one of the more exciting ways to experience the Run! The ferries offer a party atmosphere with food and drink, music and one of the best environments to watch the event unfold.

With its rich history across our oceans, the Leverick Bay Poker Run continues to embody the spirit of the Virgin Islands and the generosity of its people. As Joel Brillert concluded, "I help to organise the event in the months leading up to the Poker Run, but without our teams of volunteers there would be nothing to organise." Their dedication and teamwork make this extraordinary event possible each year. Whether you're a boat owner or not, your support helps sustain this cherished tradition. So join in the excitement—participate, volunteer, or simply cheer from the shoreline—and be part of a memorable Virgin Gorda experience that brings people together for fun, charity, and the beauty of the Virgin Islands!





Capt. Ramond Nibbs at the the helm.

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For Raymond Nibbs, sailing isn't just a profession—it's a lifelong passion that began when he was only six years old. Growing up amidst the beauty of the BVI, Raymond was drawn to the sea, its rhythm, and

its power. Early on, he found himself captivated by the dance of the sails, the creak of the boat, and the endless horizon that awaited beyond the waves. It wasn't long before he was charting his own course, learning the intricate dance of wind and water that would shape his future.

By the time he reached adulthood, Raymond had become an expert sailor, with an intimate

knowledge of the BVI's waters, weather patterns, and the best hidden gems that dot the islands. His passion and experience have made him a highly sought-after captain, known not only for his skills behind the wheel but also for his warm, welcoming nature and his ability to make every journey feel like a personal adventure.

Whether you're a seasoned sailor yourself or a first-time adventurer, Raymond and his friendly team tailor each trip to suit your preferences. Want to snorkel over coral reefs and through the caves, try your hand at fishing, or simply relax on the boat with a cocktail as the breeze carries you between islands and cays and sail all your worries away? Raymond's crew will accommodate your every need. With their vast knowledge of navigating and exploring the local waters and expertise in



sometimes unpredictable Caribbean seas, you can rest assured that you're in good hands.

Raymond believes in crafting an experience that's not only fun and adventurous but also comfortable and stress-free. His 38' Fountain LX is fully equipped with everything you need for a day at sea, including plenty of space to relax, sunbathe, or take in the view. Plus, with his friendly team by your side, you'll feel like you're cruising with old friends, making memories that will last a lifetime.

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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 mushroom-shaped 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 fumes 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, white-sand beach is a great place to enjoy walks in the early morning or at sunset.

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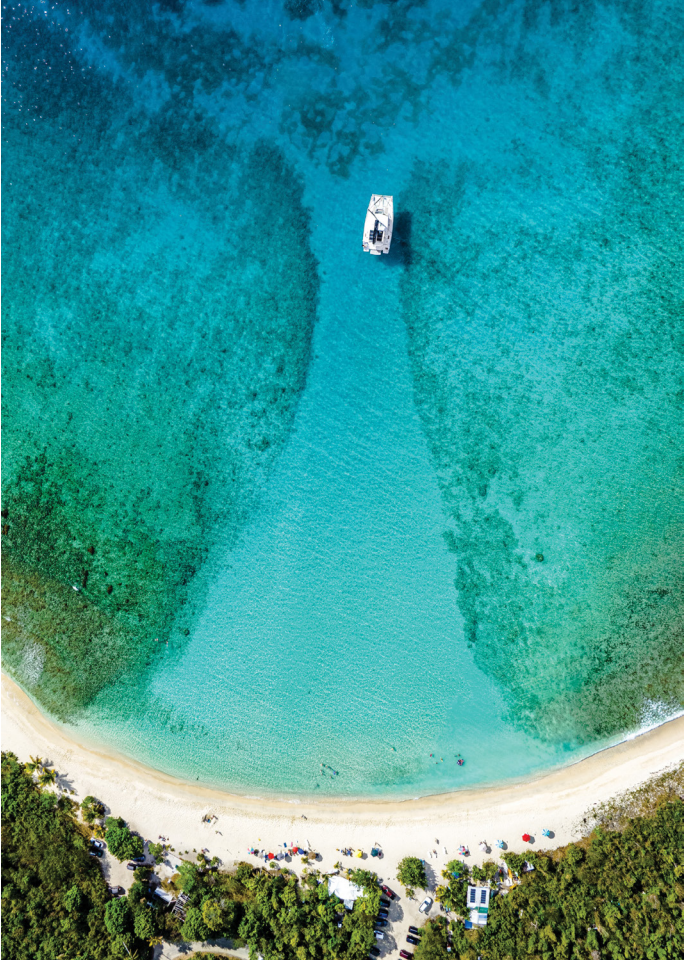
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ROGUES BAY

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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

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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

TURTLE 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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What began in 2024 as a series of artistic events has rapidly grown into a dynamic and engaging movement, bringing together local artists, visitors, and the island community in an immersive exploration of the Virgin Islands' creative spirit.

From the moment you arrive, the islands welcome you with vibrant murals, reflecting the stunning natural beauty and deep cultural heritage of the Territory. The BVI Ports, especially the Road Town Ferry Dock, serve as a testament to this creative revolution. The walls are transformed into an interactive art gallery themed "Celebrating the People and Places of the BVI," turning the space into a vibrant showcase of island living. Each mural tells its own unique story, reflecting the warmth, resilience, and beauty of the Virgin Islands. This dynamic artwork captures the rich culture, history, and heritage of the islands through the lens of local artist Tai Modeste, whose interpretation brings to life the essence of the Territory. From iconic landscapes to treasured moments, the gallery invites visitors to engage with the soul of the islands in a truly immersive and meaningful way.

Whether you're strolling through craft fairs with over 45 vendors or taking in live performances under the stars, Creative Waves ensures that you experience more than just art; you're engaging with the island's heartbeat. Creative Waves also emphasises the preservation of Virgin Islands' cultural heritage through crafting

sessions that highlight traditional skills like basket weaving, doll making, calabash carving, and woodwork. These hands-on experiences provide opportunities to engage with the local culture and learn about traditional crafts while supporting local artisans.

Sophie Steton, founder of Creative Waves BVI, puts it best: "Tourists come for the beaches, but they stay for the stories, the creativity, and the art that connects them to the islands." The experience is designed to leave you with lasting memories, making you feel as if you've truly become part of the island's ongoing creative narrative.

Looking ahead, Creative Waves aims to further enhance the Virgin Island's tourism product by expanding its portfolio of events and exhibitions, giving visitors more opportunities to explore the islands' creative spirit. With plans for an Artist Residency Program and the introduction of an art space for rotating exhibitions, the initiative aims to offer artists a dedicated platform to focus on their craft, showcase their individual talents, and truly become the star of their own narrative.

So, if you're seeking more than just sun, sand and sea - Creative Waves BVI offers an adventure that delves deep into the heart of the islands with an invitation to be part of something transformative. Immerse yourself in the vibrant, ever-evolving art scene of the Virgin Islands and create lasting memories that go beyond the ordinary. Creative Waves is helping to position the Virgin Islands as a global art destination that celebrates creativity, culture and the arts. Visit creativewavesbvi.com for more information, to participate and for event schedule.

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MAY HIGHLIGHTS

MAY 5:

FOXY'S CINCO DE MAYO PARTY

Join the fun at Foxy's Cinco de Mayo Party, a lively celebration featuring food, music, and dancing. This event is a great way to enjoy the local party scene while celebrating Mexican culture.

MAY 12: BVI FULL MOON PARTY

Another chance to enjoy the BVI Full Moon Party, this event promises an evening of fun and community spirit under the moonlight.



MAY 23 - 25: LEVERICK BAY POKER RUN

For those who enjoy a bit of friendly competition, the Leverick Bay Poker Run combines boating and poker for a unique experience. Participants can enjoy the scenic waters while vying for prizes.

JUNE HIGHLIGHTS

JUNE 1: VISAR SWIM & SUP

Kick off June with the VISAR Swim & Stand-Up Paddle board event. This community-oriented activity promotes fitness and water safety, welcoming participants of all skill levels.

JUNE 9: WHIT MONDAY

Whit Monday is a public holiday celebrated with various local events and gatherings. It's a great day for family and community activities.

JUNE 11: BVI FULL MOON PARTY

The month's third full moon party continues the tradition of celebrating under the stars with music and merriment.

JUNE 13: SOVEREIGN'S BIRTHDAY (KING)

Join in the celebrations for the Sovereign's Birthday, a day marked by community events and festivities honouring the monarchy.

JUNE 15 - 21: WRECK WEEK

Wreck Week is an exciting event focused on diving and exploring the BVI's underwater sites. Divers can participate in organised dives, making it an excellent opportunity to experience the islands' marine beauty.

JUNE 28 - JULY 5:

As the month wraps up, prepare for the BVI Food Fete's Restaurant Week. This culinary event highlights local dining establishments, offering



special menus and experiences. It's a perfect time for locals and visitors to savour the flavours of the BVI.

JUNE 29: ONE VI POKER RUN

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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.

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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.

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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**.

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- 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 charm 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. QUEEN 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

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.**

- 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 also 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 Camanoë.
 - 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.

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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 drive-through 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.

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 web-sites 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. Rhymmer 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 manchineel 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 [bviports.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 Airlines	340-773-6442
American Airline	284-494-2646
Inter Caribbean Airways	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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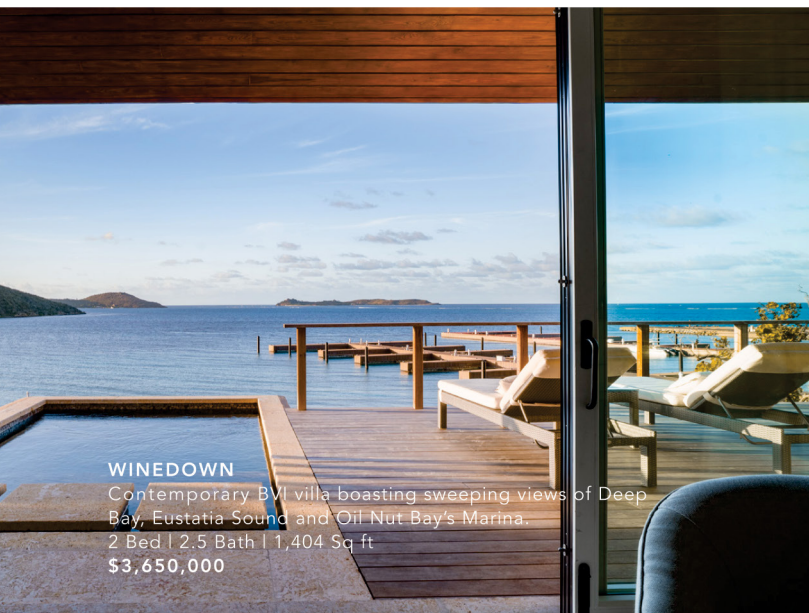
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