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Welcome to Tortola, arguably the most famous sailing destination in the world. Throughout the BVI, you'll find sheltered harbours, sun-soaked beaches, pirate bars, and jaw-dropping shipwrecks. Give island life a go, and you won't want to leave. Relax and bask in the spectacular scenery; taste the French-Caribbean fusion cuisine; and explore the tiny villages scattered along the shores. During your vacation, the whole team will be doing their best to assist with whatever needs you will have. Enjoy your stay!

Sunsail BVI Team

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Sunsail BVI

The Sunsail BVI base, located in the island's capital of Road Town, is a 30-minute ride from the airport. A massive operation with over 300 yachts, offering bareboat, skippered and flotilla charters.

BASE FACILITIES

- [The Moorings Yacht Club Hotel](#) – Ocean View & Marina View Rooms
- [Amara Spa](#)
- Shower facilities
- [Restaurants & Bar](#)
- Swimming Pool
- Nearby local supermarkets
- Onsite market – [The Moorings Market](#)
- [Selection of shops](#)
- [Sail Caribbean Divers](#) – Watersports and dive equipment rental

THE MOORINGS YACHT CLUB HOTEL

Located on the Sunsail base, [The Moorings Yacht Club Hotel](#) invites you to stay a few days on land.

All rooms have air-conditioning, a refrigerator, and coffee bar. To book your stay or check pricing and availability at The Moorings Yacht Club Hotel, please contact a The Moorings Vacation Planner or request a room online.

Check-in is at 14:00, and check-out is at 11.00.

Amenities:

- Free Wi-Fi available throughout
- Swimming pool with lounge chairs and umbrellas
- Lounge area
- Reserve meeting rooms and dining areas for private events
- **Amara Spa** – A beautiful sanctuary within Tortola base, always ready to help one relax into vacation mode. Find out more about the spa online [HERE](#).

LOCAL FACILITIES

- **Explore Road Town:** Walk through the island's capital, where you can shop for local crafts, visit historical sites, and take in the local culture.
- **Hit the Beach:** Relax on nearby beaches like Smuggler's Cove or Brewer's Bay, great for swimming and sunbathing. Only a short taxi/ drive away.
- **Island Tour:** Take a guided tour around Tortola to see its natural beauty, from green hillsides to scenic viewpoints.
- **Discovery Scuba Diving:** Try a discovery scuba diving session if you are new to diving and want to see the underwater world.
- **Local Cuisine:** Sample local dishes at nearby restaurants and food stalls, offering everything from fresh seafood to Caribbean specialties.

For more useful information on the local area, view our ['Useful Information'](#) section.

Reception Opening Hours

7 Days a Week

October – July: 7:00am – 11:00pm

August – September: 8:00am – 10:00pm

Team Contact Numbers

Customer Support+1 284 393 2405
(7:00 to 23:00 daily)

Technical Support+1 284 346 0300
(8:00 to 17:00 daily)

VHFch. 12 – the base,
in line of sight

Base Address

Sunsail Base, Wickhams Cay II, Road Town, Tortola,
British Virgin Islands

Time Difference

The British Virgin Islands observe EST
(Eastern Standard Time), -4 hours UTC/GMT

Tortola Base Marina

BASE FACILITIES MAP

- 1** Hotel Reception
- 2** Customer Service Kiosks
- Yacht Sales**
- Sail Caribbean Divers**
- 3** The Moorings Yacht Club Bar & Pool
- 4** The Moorings Yacht Club Restaurant
- 5** **CHARLIE'S** Charlie's Restaurant
- 6** Island Roots coffee shop
- HIHO (Island Boutique)**
- 7** Shower, Restrooms, & Amara Spa
- 8** Chart Briefings/Conference Room
- 9** The Moorings Market
- 10** Departure Breeze Way
- Bounty Boutique**
- 11** Staff & Maintenance Area
- P** Parking
- 1 2** Entrance / Exit
- 1** Inner Harbour (Dock slip 1 - 25)
- 2** Customer Service Kiosks
- 3** Security Hut
- E** Evacuation Assembly Areas
- A** Dock A (1 - 24)
- B** Dock B (1 - 34)
- C** Dock C (1 - 35)
- D** Dock D (1 - 32)





Upon Arrival

AIRPORT ARRIVAL

Tortola's airport is situated at Beef Island, at the eastern end of Tortola.

Airport Code: EIS. Beef Island Airport to Wickhams Cay II Marina - Taxi ride: 30 mins.

If you are flying into Cyril E. King International Airport, St Thomas (USVI), we are not able to book the ferry nor a taxi in St Thomas for you. You will need to book your own ferry or private water taxi.

AIRPORT OR FERRY TERMINAL TRANSFERS

Sunsail can assist with arranging your transfers on Tortola which should be booked and paid in advance. Please send your travel details to our Pre-departure team to assist you with this.

If you have a pre-booked transfer, the local driver will be advised of your name and arrival time and carry a Sunsail sign to identify themselves to you at the pick-up location.

The cost of the ride is always per passenger (pp):

From Tortola airport (EIS) to the base (or return) -
30-minute ride:

- **Shared:** \$16 pp
- **Private:** 1-2 pax \$50 pp; \$25 per additional passenger
- **VIP:** 1-2 pax \$100 pp; \$50 per additional passenger

Ferry Terminal to the base (or return):

- **Road Town**
Shared: \$8 | **Private:** 1-2 pax \$19;
\$10 per additional passenger
- **West End**
Shared: \$16 | **Private:** \$25

PRE-BOOKED TRANSFERS

You'll receive a transfer voucher, via email, to show on arrival in the BVI. This is a requirement for all pre-booked transport with our partner Wheatley.

CAR RENTAL

In the BVI, drivers keep to the left side of the road, even though most rental cars have the steering wheel on the left. This can feel unfamiliar at first, and drivers may stop suddenly or hesitate at times. Be sure to leave plenty of space between vehicles and drive cautiously.

[Hertz.com](https://www.hertz.com) | [Avis.com](https://www.avis.com)

LOCAL TAXES & CHARGES

Please note you will be subject to local taxes and charges within the British Virgin Islands, payable locally. At your time of booking, these costs are 30 USD per person.

CHECK IN AT OUR RECEPTION

When you arrive at the marina, please go to the Sunsail reception where our team will help to check you in.

Please ensure you have the following items ready:

- Mobile phone number that works in the BVI
- Credit card for payment of your yacht's security deposit
- Please ensure all pre-departure tasks have been completed prior to your arrival to avoid any delays.



LATE ARRIVALS

If you arrive after office hours, please speak to security who will be notified to expect your late arrival, and will be able to direct you to your yacht.

OUT OF HOURS ARRIVAL

If you provide arrival details later than 23.00, we always try to have our Customer Service Staff available. In case of out-of-hours arrival, the security will make sure to show you to your boat. A sign will be left at the gate with security, on the office door and also on the yacht with the client's name and booking number.

EMBARKATION TIME

Your **boarding time is at 6pm**. We thank you for your patience and understanding whilst waiting to board your yacht. Please ensure you have left your mobile phone number with our reception team who will contact you as soon as your yacht is ready.

EMBARKATION TIME

Boarding is 6pm and disembarkation is 11:00am.

EARLY BOARDING

Early Boarding is available as a pre-paid extra and can be organised in advance of your arrival to the base. Please note that availability is limited and may not be possible.

WHAT TO DO WHILST WAITING FOR YOUR YACHT

- Provisioning
- Explore Road Town
- Take an island tour
- Explore the beach with a taxi or island tour
- Discovery scuba dive
- Visit the spa
- Relax by the pool
- Have lunch in one of our restaurants

LUGGAGE STORAGE

We offer secure storage; however, the base will not accept liability for items left in the bags. Luggage stored during charter should be empty. If you are leaving your luggage for the duration of the week, please remember to collect your luggage before departure. Sunsail cannot take any responsibility for any eventual damage or loss to the items left in storage.





Briefings

CHART BRIEFING

Enjoy more time on the water by watching the required [chart briefing HERE](#) prior to your arrival from the comfort of your home. Feel free to share the links with your fellow crew and start to build your perfect week. After viewing this, take note of any outstanding questions and discuss these with our teams upon arrival at our base.

Only Skipper and First Mate can participate in the face-to-face meeting at the base. The times of briefings will differ dependant on your arrival time and briefer availability.

Chart Briefing times:

- A mandatory face to face chart briefing will be provided in the chart briefing room at: 9.30am / 12pm / or 4pm daily.
- For all guests arriving later than 4pm, who miss the final briefing, please attend the 9.30am session the following morning.
- For our **6pm Sunsail starts** the **briefings are conducted the next morning**.

HEALTH AND SAFETY BRIEFING

We take the safety of all our customers very seriously. Please ensure you and each of your crew watch our health and [safety video here](#) prior to your arrival. This will ensure you are all set for a fun and safe week on the water.

YACHT BRIEFING

Once you have boarded your yacht, a briefer will go through all the technical aspects of the yacht and safety equipment. Please note that the skipper and first mate should both be present for this briefing. Yacht briefings are assigned on a first come, first serve basis. For those arriving outside of reception hours, your yacht briefing will be delivered the following morning.

CHARTER WITH SKIPPER

The skipper's time is booked from 12:00 to 12:00 for early boarding starts. If your boarding is at 18.00, you will meet your skipper at 8.00 the following day, unless specifically requested.

The skipper is responsible for the safety of the yacht at all times. The skipper is not permitted to dive with you, nor leave the vessel overnight, and must have his/her own cabin. The skipper must conduct a safety brief with you before leaving the dock regardless of the duration of his/her contract with you.

If you hired a skipper for less than the full duration of your charter, he/she is still required to give you a thorough briefing on all aspects of the yacht and dinghy in addition to assisting you with planning an itinerary for the trip and advising you how to contact the base, the return to base procedures and the emergency assistance procedures. It is suggested that you view the chart briefing online that will be supplemented by the skipper during his/her time with you on the yacht. It is also suggested that you make it clear what exactly you want to cover: anchoring, docking, etc.

The skipper will be required to give you as much information as you require concerning the yacht and its systems, sailing skills, and navigation in general. For one-day check out skippers, it is the client's responsibility to get the skipper back to the base. If you prefer not to come back to the base you must pay for his/her expenses (ferry, taxi, etc.) to get him/her back to the base.

A gratuity is expected and is typically given to the skipper at the end of the charter. The amount is entirely at your discretion.

Optional Extras

PROVISIONING

You can pre-order your food and drink provisions in advance of your arrival. Please visit our online provisioning store [HERE](#). Please note provisioning orders must be submitted 5 days prior to your arrival.

Your confirmed order will be delivered to your boat on the day of your boarding (Early Boarding included). If you miss the cut-off date or forget to add an item to your order, there are plenty of local stores available. Please see the useful information section of the guide for further details.

You can also stock up on-site:

[The Moorings Market](#) is open from 8:00 - 19:00 daily, weekends until 20:00.

YACHT DAMAGE WAIVER

Our **Yacht Damage Waiver** can be added to your charter account any time prior to you leaving the marina. The pre-paid, daily amount reduces your liability in the case of damage caused to the yacht or the loss of equipment on board.

A **security deposit is required for all charters**. The amount will vary based on the size and type of yacht being chartered, please consult our terms and conditions for further information [HERE](#). You will be requested to sign a statement confirming the deposit amount.

FUEL

Fuel is not included on bareboat charters. Your yacht will be delivered with a full tank of fuel. At the end of your charter, simply return your yacht with a full tank or pay for the fuel used at the local marina price. Please refer to your destination-specific refuelling instructions for details.

Exceptions: Fuel is included for crewed charters/ flotilla charters.

SAILING LICENCE

Although no sailing licences are required for cruising in the BVI, you will need to fill out our online [sailing CV](#) to see if you have the experience to charter a yacht with Sunsail. If you have a sailing certificate, we strongly recommend that you take this on holiday with you too.



RE-FUELING

Fuel is not included on bareboat charters. (Exceptions: Fuel is included for crewed charters/ flotilla charters.)

Your yacht will be delivered with a full tank of fuel and should be returned with a full tank at the end of your charter. If the yacht is not returned full, fuel used will be charged at the local marina price.

Refuelling arrangements vary by destination. In some locations, you will refuel before returning to base, while in others our team will assist with refuelling and returning the yacht to her berth.

Full details will be provided during your yacht briefing.

**One full tank suffices for any holiday, however, to fuel up, please ask at the base for advice, as we like to keep contaminated fuel away from our tanks.*

In the BVI:

- Follow the return instructions and contact the base on VHF Channel 12 before docking.
- A staff member will check your fuel usage after arrival.
- The base will refuel the yacht for you.
- You will be charged for fuel used at the local market rate.

WI-FI

Wi-Fi is an optional prepaid addition to your charter. If you have added Wi-Fi, please ensure you have the router on board your yacht prior to leaving the base location.

Be sure to share your videos and pictures whilst out on the water and do not forget to tag us! Our social media handles can be found on [page 2](#).

FISHING GEAR

If you plan to fish in the BVI, you will need to **obtain your recreational fishing license** directly from Sail Caribbean. For instructions on how to apply for a fishing permit, please visit [Fishing Permits – Sail Caribbean Divers](#).

Please take note of the following:

- Once granted the fishing permit, it is only valid for one month.
- Taking lobster and spearfishing (any method) are prohibited.
- It is illegal to have billed fish in one's possession or to have more than 30 lbs by weight in one's possession per boat.
- Sail Caribbean Divers offers spinning rods and trolling rods for daily and weekly rental.

SAFETY NETTING

For those travelling with children, we do suggest adding safety netting to your yacht. This is a chargeable extra and must be organised in advance of your arrival to the base.



Optional Extras

Enjoy a carefree holiday on the water.



You can pre-order our optional extra's in advance of your arrival in the BVI. Please ask our reception team upon your arrival if there is something you have forgotten.

STAND UP PADDLE BOARDS (SUPs)

SUPs are light and easy to manoeuvre which makes them a great option when exploring the coastlines and heading to the beach from your yacht.

KAYAKS

Our one and two person kayaks provide the freedom to explore our bays and beaches plus can be great fun. Ensure you are wearing your life vests and see our swim safe policy on [page 18](#) for further guidance.

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On Board Your Yacht

ELECTRICITY

The standard voltage on all our yachts is 12 volts and you will find plenty of USB sockets throughout the yacht. You can also find plenty of 110V AC outlets, standard USA 3 pin outlets which can also take 2 pin USA plugs. To use them, your yacht either needs to be connected to shore power, or be equipped with an inverter, or have the generator running. Most of our catamarans have a generator and inverter, however, be mindful that it depends on the model you booked.

We recommend packing an adaptor or two if you plan to bring your own local appliances.

BBQ/ GRILL

All yachts are equipped with a barbecue, the type of grill may differ between electric or charcoal depending on the type of yacht you are chartering. If required, feel free to order some briquettes and fire starters at the store! The base does not provide charcoal nor lighter fluid. While in use, please move your dinghy to the bow and have a bucket of water handy. If there are any leftover briquettes from the previous charter, they will be offered to guests free of charge. Otherwise, guests will have to purchase the items themselves.

Please do not dispose of charcoal or any other items in the ocean.

COOLER BOXES

All Sunsail catamarans are equipped with one cooler box per yacht.

MUSIC

All Sunsail yacht stereos can be paired to your device via Bluetooth. We recommend having your music downloaded in case you are sailing in an area without good Wi-Fi signal.

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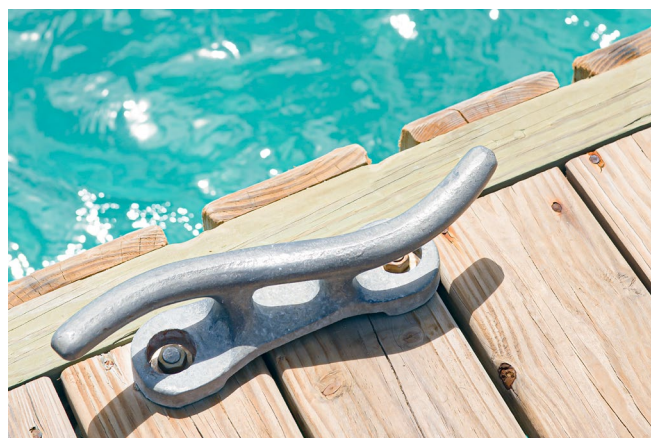
Ice is available in the base; each boat gets 2 bags of complimentary ice. More is available from the onsite [The Moorings Market](#).

WATER MAKER

If your yacht is fitted with a water maker, please note you should use this as directed in your briefing, and never in less than 10-feet of water. The water maker is not considered essential equipment and is not covered under [Sunsail 4-hour commitment](#). If your water maker is not working, there are locations within your cruising grounds where you can purchase water.

Before Leaving The Base

- Please ensure you have all the kitchen equipment and bedding you require. Extra bedding and some cooking utensils are available upon request.
- Check out fins from boxes next to reception. We have a range of sizes available, however these are limited, so we request that you take only what you will use. Take note that we are no longer providing snorkelling masks or snorkels.
- Check your safety equipment. We have a limited supply of children's life jackets (ages 4+ only) to rent. If you have your own children's life jacket, we encourage you to bring it along.
- Make sure the fuel/water tanks are full.
- Make sure you have your yacht papers with the last customs clearance.
- Make sure you are provisioned.
- Make sure you have enough cash.





Whilst Out On The Water

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

We always recommend calling the base first in case of any incidents.

However, there are a couple of contacts we would like our guests to keep handy:

Emergency	VHF Ch. 16
Emergency Police, Ambulance or Fire	911
Police	00 284 494 3822 or 311 (for non-emergency) 001 800 494 TIPS for anonymous tips
Ambulance	00 284 494 3497 Dr. Orlando Smith Hospital (Tortola)
VISAR	001 284 499 0911 767 (from BVI)
Virgin Islands Search and Rescue	VHF 67



ACCIDENTS AND COLLISIONS

While out sailing, things can happen where an accident or collision with another vessel occurs. If you are unfortunate enough to be involved in one, please contact the base immediately.

Please follow the check list below on what needs to be completed no matter how big or small the accident or collision with another vessel is:

- Check all persons are safe and no injuries.
- Make sure the vessel is in a safe area and no further injuries or damage can occur.
- Return back to dockage/anchorage, even if it looks like no damage is visible.
- Skipper of both vessels need to exchange contact details for later reference.
- Photograph the damaged area if damage has been induced.
- Please note that not returning to the scene of a collision or accident does make the situation a little more complicated.

MAINTAIN A LOOKOUT

All our yachts are equipped with an autopilot. Make sure one person is always maintaining a lookout, especially if the auto pilot is on. This person should be close to the helm and should watch for other vessel, debris, fish pots, land, or other navigational hazards.

Make sure your lookout knows how to disengage the autopilot and brief him / her on what to watch out for. Breaking water or patches of light-coloured water and brown areas may indicate shallow water or rocks. Seeing one fish pot usually means that there will be others.

ACCIDENTAL GROUNDING

If you should accidentally run aground the most important thing is to check everyone is ok and get off again as soon as possible - for those purposes, please call VISAR, or the coast guard immediately followed by the base, and we will provide you with immediate assistance.

SECURITY

- The entire marina is under 24/7 security.
- Whilst out on charter please ensure you take the appropriate precautions as advised by the base to lock valuables when leaving the yacht.
- As this is a public space, please note we cannot in any way be held responsible for any loss or damage to private property.

NIGHT SAILING

Night Sailing is not permitted; you must be moored at least one hour before sunset at all our locations.

It is strictly forbidden to sail alone; we require two persons minimum on board.

DINGHY SAFETY

We are counting on our guests to be mindful around their dinghy. Ensure you are towing and/or stowing this correctly whilst out on the water. Please ensure you take proper precautions when operating the dinghy and have the kill cord attached to your person at all times whilst underway. A flashlight must be used at night while underway.

Additionally, please ensure your dinghy is secure when docked and locked. If you require a dinghy ladder, these can be rented from [Sail Caribbean Dive Shop](#), next to reception.

WATER AND GARBAGE

Water can be purchased at most of the islands you will be sailing to. We cover this topic in the [chart briefing](#), or you can find more information in the Destinations section of this guide.

Never give your garbage to local sailors, you should dispose of it directly in garbage points along the coast or simply at the base.

MOORING TIPS

Most overnight stops in the BVI will be at mooring buoys/ anchor as opposed to alongside quays.

There is a colour system for buoys and flags in the national parks which is as follows:

- **White balls with a blue stripe** - for overnight stays, 45\$ USD; first comes, first served.
- **Blue balls** - for dinghies only. There is a rope between two blue buoys which you are supposed to use when tying your dinghy.
- **Yellow balls** - for diving boats only.
- **Red small buoys** - for day stays only, 90-minute stop.
- **Orange large buoys** - BoatyBalls.

Boatyballs are new, large, and orange balls that one can book online at boatyball.com, for the day of the arrival. They usually get filled up by 7am, and their price is 10\$ USD more expensive than white balls (55 \$). Do not pick them up unless you have a reservation.

The National Parks Fee and your Cruising Permit have already been prepared for your yacht before your arrival. This does not include the 3\$ pp fee to the greater Baths area. In the case you are entering a park on foot, make sure to take it with you to avoid double-payment. An environmental and tourism levy of \$10 USD per person (3 years & older) will be collected on arrival at the ports of entry.

Make sure not to drive over a mooring buoy when leaving and do not anchor or fish in marine parks to avoid any fines. It is also not allowed to try to save a spot on buoys with a dinghy. Please also note their holding tanks need to be closed in Marine parks.

A great way to keep track of the ever-changing situations is to visit bvitourism.com for any updates. Marinas usually have good websites, and even better-maintained Facebook sites to check for current information while in the region. Do not forget to hail any marina on VHF Ch. 16 on approach to get instruction and assistance.





4 Hour Commitment

We maintain our fleet to the highest standards so you can make the most of your time on the water. However, if you have a breakdown or technical problems, please contact your base team so we can support you. For essential equipment we provide a 4-Hour Commitment. This means we will attend to the yacht within four working hours of you notifying us of the breakdown of any essential equipment (judged by the opening hours of the base reception). We are able to support you with the breakdown of unessential equipment too however this may not be attended to within 4 hours of us being notified.

ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT INCLUDES

- Engine
- Transmission
- Windlass
- Sails
- Standing and Running Rigging
- Battery and Alternator

UNESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT INCLUDES

- Cellular phones
- VHF
- Refrigeration
- Air conditioning
- Water maker
- CD player
- Marine toilets
- Water pump
- Dinghy and outboard
- Depth and speed instruments

Note: Breakdowns occurred outside the defined sailing area and hours (8am-5pm), problems due to user negligence, bad weather or force majeure are not covered. Get the full policy details by clicking [HERE](#).



Boat Papers & Procedures

COASTGUARD

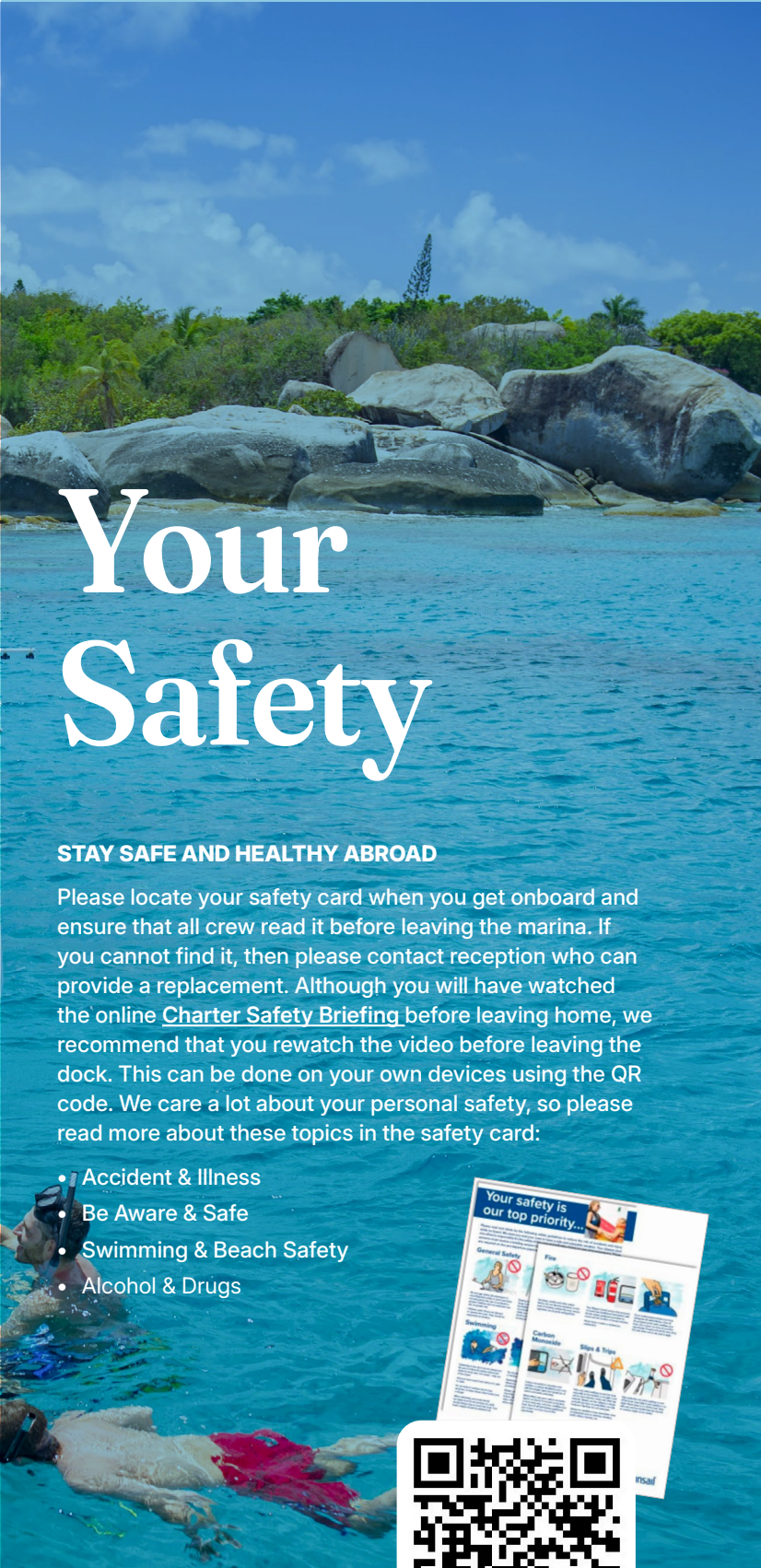
During your time on the water, you may be stopped by the coastguard who may carry out some routine checks. Do not be alarmed this is a standard process. The coast guard will likely check your crew list to ensure this is accurate, the registration documents of the yacht, your tourist status and you may need to display your sailing qualification/licence if this is a requirement for your destination. You may be fined if there are passengers onboard the yacht that are not listed on the crew list or if you cannot provide the relevant paperwork.

VISIT THE USVI

If you plan to visit the USVI on charter, **please announce your intention** to your Vacation Planner, or at the base before you go so, we can advise on the procedure and paperwork required. Basic procedure below:

- If you plan to **visit the USVI during your charter**, you are required to **officially clear out of the BVI** before departure, and clear back in upon return.
- The USVI—comprised primarily of St. Thomas, St. John, and St. Croix—are outside of BVI jurisdiction, and any entry into USVI waters requires specific steps to remain compliant with BVI regulations.
- To help you avoid any issues and ensure a smooth journey, we've outlined the key requirements [here](#).
- **Please note:** If your itinerary remains solely within BVI waters, this does not apply.





Your Safety

STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY ABROAD

Please locate your safety card when you get onboard and ensure that all crew read it before leaving the marina. If you cannot find it, then please contact reception who can provide a replacement. Although you will have watched the online [Charter Safety Briefing](#) before leaving home, we recommend that you rewatch the video before leaving the dock. This can be done on your own devices using the QR code. We care a lot about your personal safety, so please read more about these topics in the safety card:

- Accident & Illness
- Be Aware & Safe
- Swimming & Beach Safety
- Alcohol & Drugs



SWIM SAFE

Swimming is often a fun and important part of a vacation. However local rules, flag systems, currents and where swimming may be permitted, can be different and vary from country to country. We strongly recommend that you and all your crew read through our 'swim safe' information online before you travel. Unfortunately even the strongest of swimmers can get into difficulties. The information on our website covers children, your surroundings, looking out for others, and not overestimating your own ability. Snorkel vests, life jackets (please see [page 12](#) for advise on what is available) and diver down flags are all available on board.



Our Yachts



Community and Environment



Engagement and Education



Action on Waste



Net Zero: Our Carbon Reduction Commitment



Sustainability

As passionate sailors, we want to look after the beautiful destinations that our customers visit. Being conscious of the impact we can have on local communities; the ocean and wildlife is key to ensuring we protect them for future generations to enjoy. Here are a few of our top tips on how to minimise your footprint when out on the water that collectively makes a big difference:

- Sails up, sail green! Minimise the motor.
- Anchor with care.
- Give sea life space and do not attempt to touch marine life.
- Take only pictures.
- Leave only footprints.
- Throw nothing overboard.
- Turn electricity off.
- Use air-conditioning only when needed.
- Recycle and reuse where possible.
- Bring refillable water bottles.
- Say NO to plastic bags and bring a reusable bag.
- Minimise your plastic.
- Collect litter when possible.
- Buy local.
- Use eco-friendly and fair trade products.
- Use facilities on land.
- Shower quickly and ashore where possible.



Find out more

OUR
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Return to Base

Disembarkation Time

Please ensure you fully vacate your yacht by 11:00 am at the latest.

RETURN PROCEDURE

- Please empty all holding tanks and bilges before returning to base (2 nautical miles offshore). Make sure your holding tanks are closed while you are in the marina.
- Prepare your lines and fenders.
- Call the Sunsail base about 15 mins before arriving, or when next to the cruise ships as you will be in range, on VHF Ch. 12 to get instructions for docking. Remember to mention the name of your boat 3 times.
- If you need additional help, the dock master can arrange for assistance in docking the vessel.
- Please note that the dockmasters work between 8am-5pm, so you will not be able to dock outside of those hours. Make sure your dinghy is on the bow before entering the marina (applicable to both monohulls & catamarans). Please ensure the dinghy padlock is on the boat and not left on the dinghy.
- Follow the refuelling guidance provided below.
- One of our staff will guide you to your designated berth. The team will also help you dock.



RE-FUELLING

Fuel is not included & can be prepaid as an optional addition. Please contact our Pre-departure team for assistance. We would highly recommend that you pre-pay for fuel. If you do not pre-pay, you may need to return the yacht to us with a full tank of fuel on board. Follow the refuelling guidance provided during your yacht briefing. This will be checked on arrival back to the base.

**One full tank suffices for any holiday, however, to fuel up, please ask at the base for advice, as we like to keep contaminated fuel away from our tanks.*

Before You Leave Your Yacht

Before disembarkation, you will be met with a debriefer. It is done to let us know if you have encountered any problems with the boat or broken anything during the trip, so we can rectify any problems for the next charter.

Please ensure:

- Allow 15-20 minutes for an on-board debrief with a member of the customer service team to record any maintenance issues experienced during your charter.
- Navigational instruments have been covered and sailing bag has been closed.
- Charts, keys and guidebook have been left on the chart table.
- All rubbish has been removed and disposed of in marina bins or left on the dock for collecting.
- All cupboards and refrigerator have been emptied of food.
- All sheets and towels should be left on the bed inside pillowcases.
- Snorkelling fins to be rinsed and placed back into the cockpit locker.
- All personal possessions have been removed; please check thoroughly as items are often left onboard.
- All hatches are closed

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Weather

PREVAILING WINDS

Prevailing winds in the BVI are always easterlies, from November to January northeasterlies, 15 to 20 knots in strength. By June, the wind generally shifts to the SE at 10 to 15 knots. During September and October, the trade winds are at its weakest and the weather can be less settled.

WEATHER FORECASTS

You will be given a two-day forecast at the beginning of your charter. The weather forecast will be discussed in your chart briefing.

Additionally, you can also check it here:

Internet.....windy.com; windguru.cz;
windfinder.com; sailflow.com
 RadioFM 92,3 on the hour
 VHF.....WAH on Channel 85 at 6:00
 (simultaneously on 4357 repeat)

HURRICANE SEASON

The official **hurricane season starts on 1 June and ends 30 November**. Information on tropical systems is available from many sources 4 - 5 days before these weather conditions are experienced in the BVI.

CNN Weather Channel, the Office of Disaster Preparedness and the radio stations all issue regular updates on any tropical disturbances. Additional information can be obtained via the internet.

The base keeps track of any major weather disturbances and will reach out with any warnings if necessary.





Marine Life

JELLYFISH

There are many species of jellyfish in the cruising area and there have been several instances where clients who have been stung by jellyfish have required hospital treatment. If you have allergies, it is advised to wear stinger suits or refrain from swimming.



If you are stung:

- Immediately exit the water and apply copious amounts of vinegar to the affected area.
- Pour vinegar over the tentacle before attempting to remove it with tweezers.
- Do not try to rinse it off with fresh water and
- **DO NOT RUB!**
- You can then immerse the affected limb in hot salt water or apply a hot compress and antihistamine cream.
- Generally, the affected area will usually only be a minor irritation, similar to a bee sting and the sting area is normally itchy. Should you start to experience any additional symptoms you should contact the base immediately for help and advice on where to seek medical assistance.

CORAL STINGS AND CUTS

People get more injuries from fire coral (bright orange), than from anything else, so it helps to wear protective footies and gloves. Avoid touching any type of coral, it is very delicate and can easily break.

Cuts and abrasions caused from coral have a considerable risk of infection, so thoroughly clean the wound as soon as possible and apply copious amounts of vinegar and immerse in hot water or apply a hot compress. Avoid swimming afterwards.

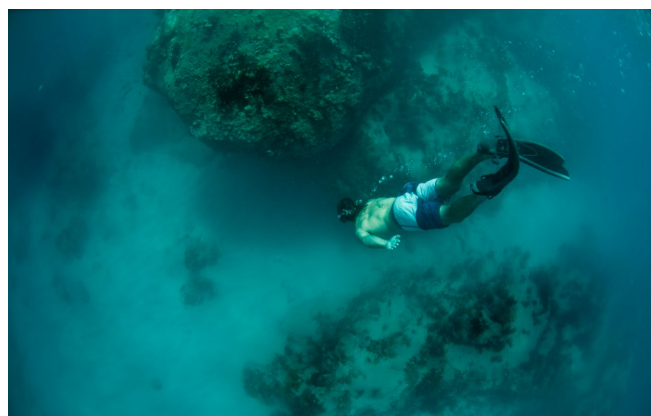
SEA URCHINS

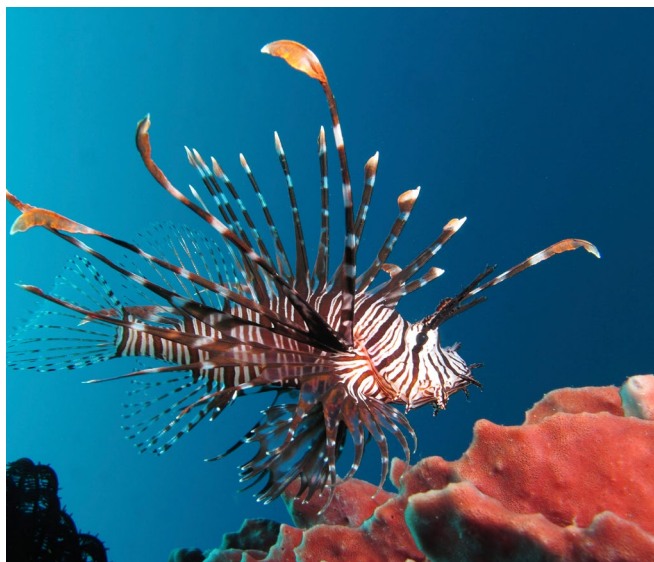
Sea urchins are not poisonous, but their spines are very painful if touched or stepped on and will normally break off if attempting to pull them out with tweezers. Again, hot water is the best treatment and leaving vinegar-soaked cloth on the injured spot, so the spines get out.

FISH AND CIGUATERA

Ciguatera is caused by a neurotoxin which is only present in reef fish. There is no telling if fish are contaminated, so best avoid eating reef fish and stick to deep water fish, like swordfish, dolphin, tuna and wahoo.

Symptoms include tingling of the lips, mouth and tongue, itching skin, fever, chills, muscle and joint aches, weakness, vomiting and diarrhoea. Seek medical attention immediately. If you happen to be stung by a fish immediately exit the water and treat with hot water. You may require a tetanus injection.





LIONFISH ALERT!

Pacific lionfish are an invasive species, destroying the coral reefs and very aggressive. If stung, get out of the water, apply the hottest water tolerable, and call VISAR.

Although venomous, the flesh of the fish is not poisonous, so it is safe to eat. The Conservation and Fisheries Department is encouraging people to make it their next meal, so to help keep their populations at bay.

If you see the Lionfish, try and place a marker, record the location and depth and contact the Department of Fisheries at 001 284 494 34 29, or one of local dive operators. You can also visit them on bvi.gov.vg.



MANCHINEEL TREES

Recognised by their tiny apple-like fruit, yellow or yellow green in colour. **DO NOT eat the fruits** or even sit underneath the tree in the rain. They grow along the shore and their toxin causes rashes and, in extreme cases, death.



Other Useful Information

CURRENCY AND CREDIT CARDS

- USD is the currency used throughout the British Virgin Islands and credit cards are widely accepted except in smaller establishments.
- US Banks are situated in Road Town, Tortola and Spanish Town, Virgin Gorda and operate under normal banking hours: 9:00 – 14:00, Monday through Friday.
- Local banks on Tortola include First Caribbean, Banco Popular, Scotia Bank and First Bank.
- ATMs are limited. Please bring the cash you will need for your entire stay.
- Visa and Mastercard are accepted by most restaurants and hotels, as well as by local stores and supermarkets.

LANGUAGE

The language of the British Virgin Islands is **English**.

LOCAL CUSTOMS

Travelers are required to complete the online Immigration and Customs Form which will be available 72 hours prior to your arrival in The British Virgin Islands.

Once the form is completed, the Immigration and Customs receipts are to be saved to your mobile device or printed and presented to Immigration and Customs upon arrival.

[Start application here.](#)

GROCERIES

Nearby provisioning options:

- **Rite Way shop** - 5 min. walking distance
Open Sun-Thu from 6:30-21:00
- **One Mart** - 10 min. walking distance
Open from 7:00 - 22:00 daily
- **Bobby's** - 10 min. driving distance
Open from 7:00 - 24:00 daily

After choosing the goods you will need for your charter, the shops offer delivery to the boat. You will need to provide your contract or booking reference number to the 3rd party provisioning store, and they will advise of their arrival time and inquire with the front desk about the location of your vessel. Also, consider that you will not find any supermarkets on the islands, so make sure you have all the provisions you need before departure.

DRONES

The use of flying drones may be restricted in some areas. For current drone regulations in this destination, please visit www.bvi.gov.vg.





Activities

RESTAURANTS

Choose one of the three restaurants on the base:

- **Charlie's** (*Open for dinner daily*) 18:00-21:30
- **Island Roots** (*Coffee and sandwiches*) 07:00 - 15:00
- **The Moorings Yacht Club Restaurant**
(*On-site or delivery to yacht*)
Breakfast07:00 - 11:00
Lunch.....11:00 - 14:00
Dinner16:00 - 20:00
- **The Moorings Pool Bar** (*Open daily*) 10:00 - 22:00

Weekends are the busiest time in the base, so we kindly ask for some patience. The base is constantly looking to improve their product and service, and we are looking forward to future upgrades in restaurants, online stores, and new utilities, which are coming soon.

RESTAURANTS AND TIPPING

As well as the three restaurants on the base, there are numerous options a short taxi ride away from the base, in Road Town. Most restaurants within the BVI close at 22:00, so make sure to leave enough time for dinner.

During low season (mid-August to beginning October) all the restaurants are closed, so you should provision accordingly. This would be a perfect time of year to enjoy a BBQ off the back of your boat.

For more information on restaurants in Tortola, Virgin Gorda, Anegada, Jost van Dyke and other islands please speak to our base team who will be happy to provide information and recommendations.

Tipping is standard and expected in all restaurants/bars and for other services undertaken during your vacation. **The rule of thumb is 15-20% of the amount charged.** **Some establishments automatically add this onto the bill, so make sure to read it closely.**

DISCOVERY SCUBA DIVE

It is possible to do a discovery dive with [Sail Caribbean Divers](#). Find out more about their services online.

SAIL CARIBBEAN DIVERS

Our partners can be found next to the reception area, taking care of all water sports equipment, such as diving equipment, kids' life jackets, fishing licenses, and equipment, Stand up paddle boards, snorkelling masks, souvenirs, dinghy ladder rental, etc.

DIVING AND SNORKELLING

- When snorkelling from your yacht, please ensure that you utilise the snorkelling vests onboard, as well as the diving flag and buoy to ensure you are visible in the water.
- One person should always remain onboard or out of the water to keep watch on the snorkellers.
- We have a range of fins available in various sizes. We do have limited children's sizes therefore we recommend bringing your own to avoid disappointment. Please note that **we do not provide snorkelling masks or snorkels onboard.**
- BVI's have a range of interesting diving spots, like the sunken RMS Rhone, or Willy T, staged with pirates' skeletons performing daily activities. Artificially created dive sites like this are provided by Beyond the Reef non-profit foundation. One can donate to their cause in the base and find more information online [HERE](#).
- It is not permitted to dive independently. Rendezvous diving is advisable, which can be booked through local operators on the islands. [Sail Caribbean Divers](#) has an office on our base – they are a PADI 5-star IDC centre offering rendezvous diving at various points throughout the BVI, for certified and non-certified divers.

For bareboat charters (where no staff from Sunsail are onboard the yacht) charterers are permitted to dive from the yacht. Sunsail does not provide such activities so you should ensure that any third parties that you engage with in order to dive should be through reputable third-party operators. Any diving activities are fully undertaken at your own risk and Sunsail shall have no responsibility or liability in connection with your participation in any diving activities, irrespective of whether this takes place from the yacht or an alternative location during your charter. Diving is not permitted under any circumstances whereby there is any skipper or other crew onboard the yacht which is provided by Sunsail.

FISHING

- Fishing equipment can be added to your Sunsail Charter, so make sure to inquire about it with your Vacation Planner.
- Vessel registration is required for any boat wanting to fish in the BVI, we offer this on all our catamaran fleet in Tortola.
- In addition to the vessel registration, [a personal fishing license](#) is required for any adult fishing in the BVIs. Our diving and fishing equipment partner, Sail Caribbean Divers, has provided this Fishing License Application for your convenience. The cost is \$65 USD per person and permits are valid for 1 month. Please email your application at least 2 weeks in advance of the charter to allow for adequate preparation of your licenses.
- You will be able to pick up your fishing permit and sign-out your equipment at [Sail Caribbean Divers](#), in the shop next to reception, when you arrive at the base.
- Please note that **you may not fish in the National Parks**, and unless fishing well offshore, fish should not be eaten due to Ciguatera poisoning. No spear fishing is allowed.
- **Please note:** certain fishing activities are subject to Captain approval and prevailing conditions, particularly on Crewed charters.

TRIPS AND EXCURSIONS

- **Island tours** can be arranged for everybody looking to learn a little bit more about Tortola. Find out more details about it from our Customer Care at reception.
- There are also a **couple of great beaches** on the Tortola Island that one can visit before boarding, or while doing the island tour, the closest one being Cane Garden Bay.

HOTELS

[The Moorings Yacht Club Hotel](#)

Located at the Sunsail base, The Moorings Yacht Club Hotel invites you to stay a few days on land. All rooms are fully equipped with air-conditioning, basic cable TV, refrigerator, and local phone service. To book your stay at The Moorings Yacht Club Hotel, or for more information regarding pricing and availability, please speak with a Sunsail Holiday Planner or request a room online.





Sailing Area Restrictions

BVI TO USVI

Bareboat charters are permitted to sail into the USVI. If you wish to sail into the USVI you must be a US citizen, resident, or have a US Visa which has to be obtained before arrival in the Caribbean. You must follow all customs procedures and ensure you are clear on these before leaving the base. Bareboat charters with any hired crew onboard, may not sail to the USVI (crewed yachts, captain/skipper, cook, etc.)

Please discuss your intentions with the base if you wish to sail to the USVI, since it is outside our

[4-Hour Commitment](#).

ANEGADA

If sailing to Anegada, be aware that we do not provide for the [4-Hour Commitment](#) service there. Pay close attention to our [Red & Amber Zones](#) when planning your itinerary.



Red and Amber Zones

These are a part of the region where guests need to pay special attention, and/or may need to avoid the areas altogether.

You will have signed the Yacht Acceptance form inside the check-in check-out booklet after your yacht briefing stating you understand these zones and their dangers.

AMBER ZONES

Guests need to pay special attention in these areas. Proceed with extreme caution and follow directions provided within your chart briefing video.

Extreme caution in the following areas:

Virgin Gorda

- Savannah Bay
- Oil Nut Bay
- Spanish Town
- The passage between Mosquito Island and Prickly Pear

Beef Island

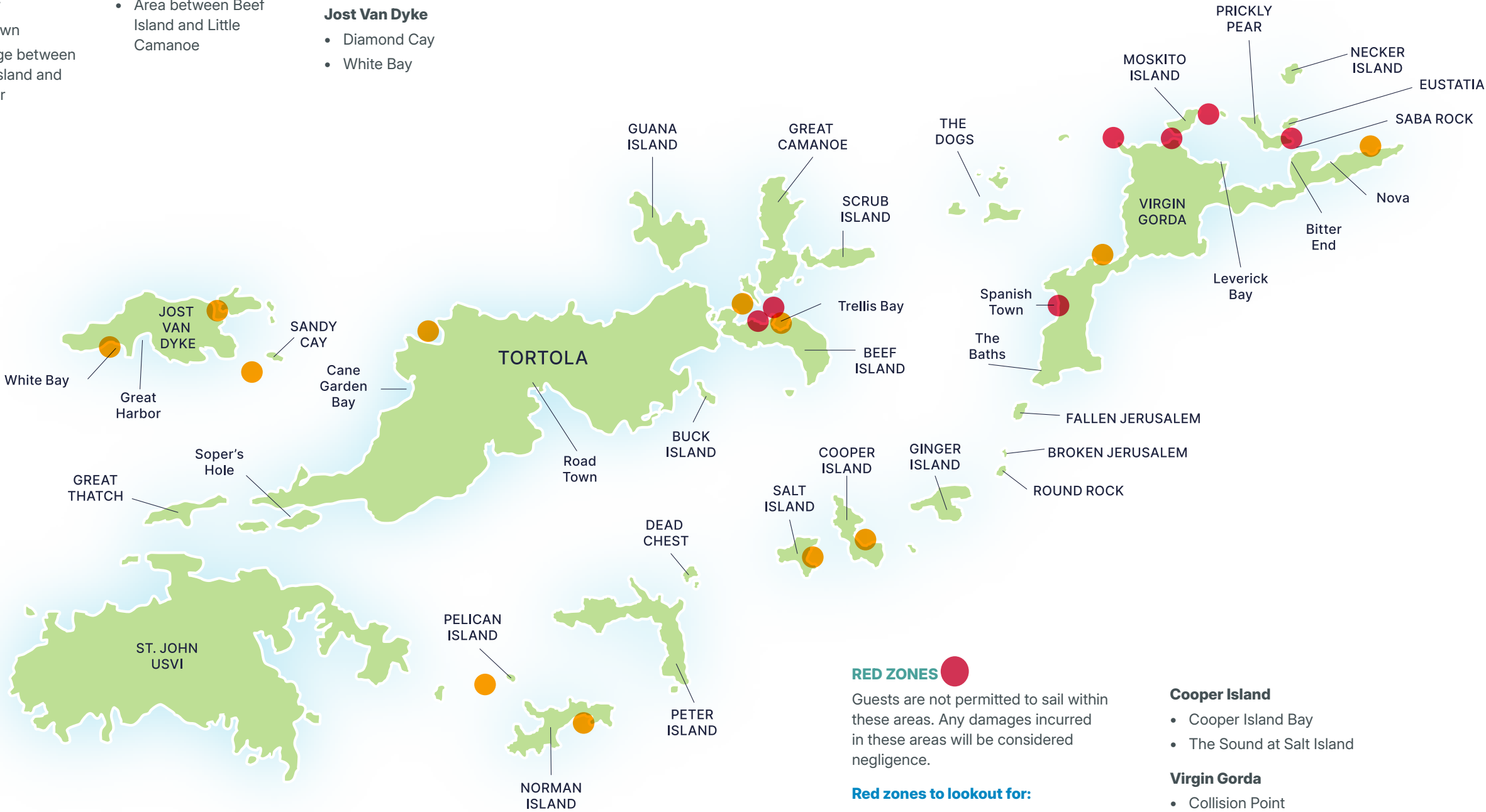
- Trellis Bay
- Area between Beef Island and Little Camanoe

Tortola

- Brewer's Bay
- #### Jost Van Dyke
- Diamond Cay
 - White Bay

Anegada

- Setting Point



RED ZONES

Guests are not permitted to sail within these areas. Any damages incurred in these areas will be considered negligence.

Red zones to lookout for:

Norman Island

- Money Bay
- No passage between Pelican Island and The Indians

Cooper Island

- Cooper Island Bay
- The Sound at Salt Island

Virgin Gorda

- Collision Point
- No passage between Saba Rock and Prickly Pear
- No Passage between Virgin Gorda and Mosquito Island

Beef Island

- No Passage just North and South of the airport runway

Jost Van Dyke

- No Passage between Little Jost and Jost Van Dyke
- No Passage between Green Cay and Little Jost
- No Passage between Sandy Spit and Green Cay

Cane Garden Bay, Tortola

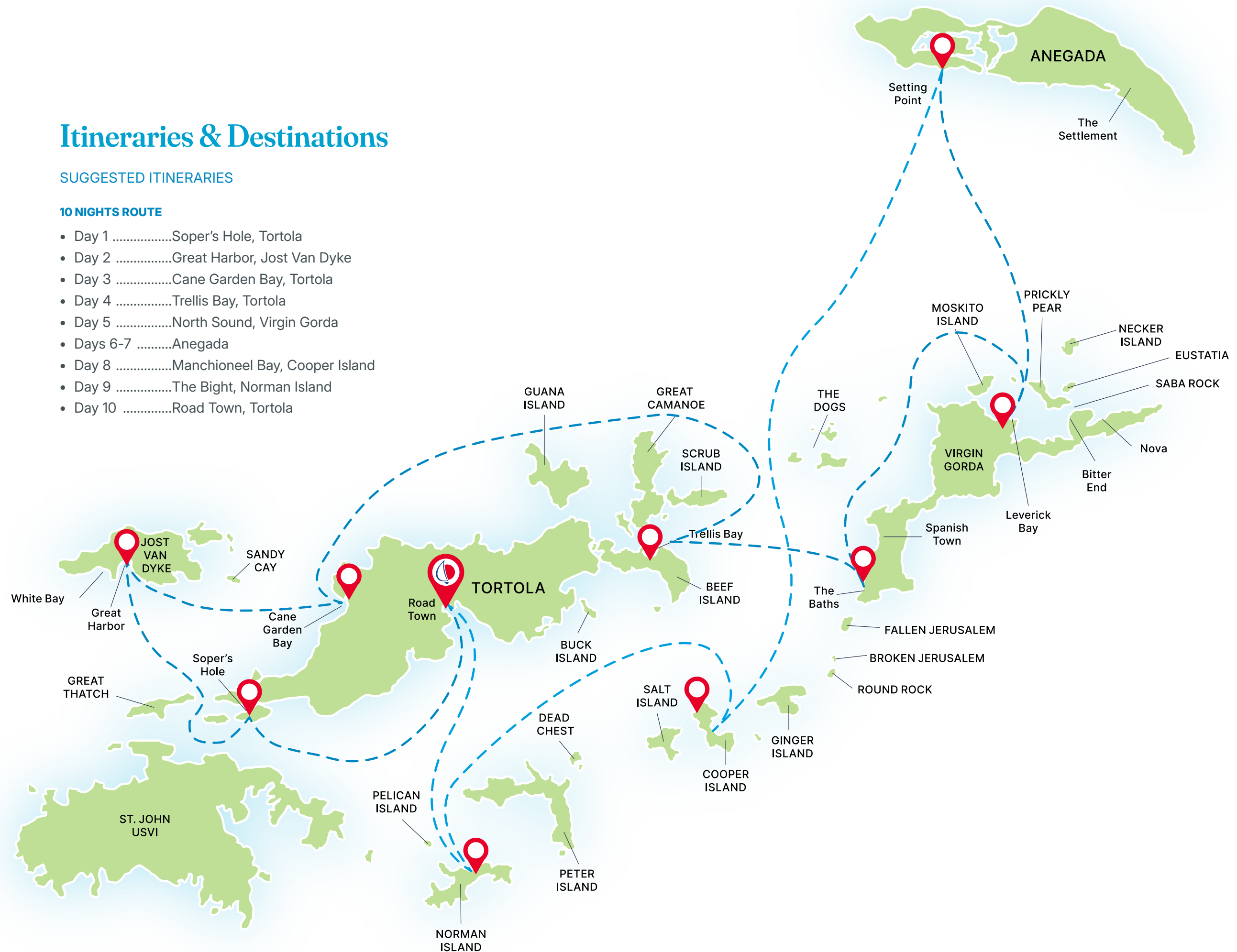
- No passage, mooring or anchoring on the Southeast side of the Bay

Itineraries & Destinations

SUGGESTED ITINERARIES

10 NIGHTS ROUTE

- Day 1Soper's Hole, Tortola
- Day 2Great Harbor, Jost Van Dyke
- Day 3Cane Garden Bay, Tortola
- Day 4Trellis Bay, Tortola
- Day 5North Sound, Virgin Gorda
- Days 6-7Anegada
- Day 8Manchioneel Bay, Cooper Island
- Day 9The Bight, Norman Island
- Day 10Road Town, Tortola



7 NIGHTS ROUTE

- Day 1Manchioneel Bay, Cooper Island
- Day 2Virgin Gorda Yacht Harbor
- Day 4Settling Point, Anegada
- Day 5Scrub Island
- Day 6Great Harbour, Jost Van Dyke
- Day 7The Bight, Norman Island
- Day 8Road Town, Tortola



5 NIGHTS ROUTE

- Day 1Manchioneel Bay, Cooper Island
- Day 2Leverick Bay, Virgin Gorda
- Day 3Scrub Island Resort and Marina
- Day 4Great Harbour, Jost Van Dyke
- Day 5The Bight, Norman Island
- Day 6Road Town, Tortola



Cruising Areas

We have divided and color-coded our sailing region into five areas enabling you to see the time it will take under normal conditions to reach those cruising areas from the base on Tortola. Choose where you want to head to and the places you must visit in each cruising ground.

These charts and the information provided are a guide only and does not replace navigational charts and pilot books.

Cruising Area 1

1 - 2½ Hours sailing from the base, 1 hour power

Salt Island | Norman Island | Cooper Island | Peter Island

Cruising Area 2

3 - 4 Hours sailing from the base, 1½ hour power

Jost Van Dyke | Great Harbour | White Bay | Diamond Cay, Little Jost Van Dyke | Soper's Hole, Tortola | Cane Garden Bay, Tortola | Guana Island (Monkey Point) | Scrub Island Marina | Marina Cay | Trellis Bay | The Dogs

Cruising Area 3

4 - 5 Hours sailing from the base, 1½ hour power

Spanish Town, Virgin Gorda | The Baths, Virgin Gorda

Cruising Area 4

5 - 6 Hours sailing from the base, 2 hours power

Bitter End Yacht Club, North Sound | Leverick Bay, Virgin Gorda | Saba Rock, North Sound | Biras Creek | Oil Nut Bay

Cruising Area 5

8 - 9 Hours sailing from the base, 3 hours power

Setting Point, Anegada



Destination Highlights

Cruising Area 1

1 - 2½ Hours sailing from the base, 1 hour power

SALT ISLAND

Best known for the famed Wreck of the RMS Rhone, Salt Island is a must-visit for diving and snorkelling enthusiasts. Moor at a National Parks Mooring Ball and dinghy over to explore this legendary sunken vessel, where marine life flourishes—including resident barracuda, turtles, and, with luck, a cruising reef shark. In calmer conditions, snorkelers can also enjoy the site’s crystal-clear waters. If you prefer to stay above the waves, head ashore to discover the island’s historic salt evaporation ponds, once a vital resource for the Royal Navy.

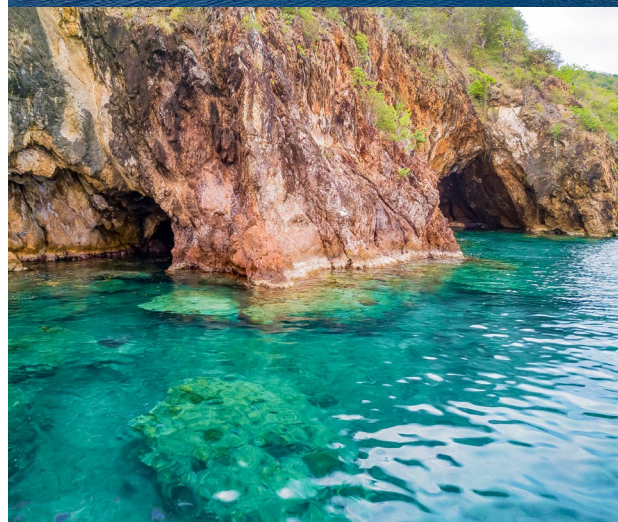
Facilities & Services	Comments	Facilities & Services	Comments
Anchoring	✗ Forbidden around the Rhone. Exposed to N swell.	WiFi	✗
Mooring Balls	✓ National Park buoys available over the Rhone. Daytime only.	Restaurants & Bars	✗
Dock	✗	Shops	✗
Provisioning	✗	ATM	✗
Refuel	✗	Trash	✗
Water Refill & Ice	✗		



NORMAN ISLAND

Steeped in pirate lore, Norman Island is a haven for adventurers seeking both excitement and a touch of buried treasure. Drop anchor or pick up a mooring ball at The Bight, where the lively [Willy T's](#) floating bar promises an unforgettable evening. For a quieter stay, head to Kelly's Cove or Privateer Bay. By day, snorkel the legendary Treasure Point Caves, where colourful reef fish thrive, and whispers of hidden pirate gold still linger. If moorings are full, Privateer Bay offers an alternative anchorage with easy dinghy access back to the action.

Facilities & Services	Comments	Facilities & Services	Comments
Anchoring	✓	WiFi	✓ In bars
Mooring Balls	✓	Restaurants & Bars	✓ Willy T's, The Bight
Dock	✗ Dinghy dock available	Shops	✓
Provisioning	✗	ATM	✗
Refuel	✗	Trash	✗
Water Refill & Ice	✗		



COOPER ISLAND

Home to the stunning Cooper Island Beach Club, Manchioneel Bay is a favourite anchorage offering a blend of relaxation and adventure. Ashore, you'll find a welcoming beach club, a renowned rum bar, a coffee shop, a bakery, and a stylish boutique—making it a perfect stop for a laid-back island experience. Booking a BoatyBall mooring is highly recommended to secure your spot. For those eager to explore beneath the waves, Cistern Rock at the far end of the bay is a fantastic snorkelling site, where resident turtles are often spotted gliding through the clear waters.

Facilities & Services	Comments	Facilities & Services	Comments
Anchoring	✓	WiFi	✓ In the marina
Mooring Balls	✓ White and BoatyBalls	Restaurants & Bars	✓ Bar in Great Harbour, Drunken Pelican, Peter Island YC Restaurant
Dock	✓ In the marina	Shops	✓ Bakery and boutique
Provisioning	✗	ATM	✗
Refuel	✗	Trash	✗
Water Refill & Ice	✓ In the marina		



PETER ISLAND

Located just five miles southwest of Road Town, Tortola, Peter Island is a privately owned retreat known for its luxurious resort and yacht club. While the island exudes exclusivity, adventurers can dive the legendary [Willy T's wreck](#) in Key Bay, an artificial reef created by the [Beyond the Reef Foundation](#). A \$5 USD donation is encouraged for those exploring the wreck or the nearby "shark planes," with proceeds supporting local children's swim programs. Whether indulging in upscale relaxation or underwater exploration, Peter Island offers a unique blend of luxury and adventure.

Facilities & Services	Comments	Facilities & Services	Comments
Anchoring	✓	WiFi	✗
Mooring Balls	✓	Restaurants & Bars	✓ Bar in Great Harbour
Dock	✗	Shops	✗
Provisioning	✗	ATM	✗
Refuel	✗	Trash	✗
Water Refill & Ice	✗		

DEADMANS BAY, PETER ISLAND

This stunning crescent-shaped bay of white sand is steeped in legend, named after 15 marooned pirates who perished trying to swim from Dead Chest Island. A perfect anchorage in calm weather, the bay's grassy seabed is a feeding ground for numerous resident turtles, making it an excellent spot for wildlife spotting. While the waters are open for enjoyment, the **shoreline is part of a private resort, so visitors are kindly reminded not to go ashore.**



Cruising Area 2

3 - 4 Hours sailing from the base, 1½ hour power

JOST VAN DYKE

Renowned for its lively beach bars and legendary island hospitality, Jost Van Dyke promises an unforgettable stop in the BVIs. From the iconic *Soggy Dollar Bar* in White Bay to the world-famous *Foxy's* in Great Harbour, this island is a hub of fun, music, and tropical cocktails. By day, relax on the sandy shores, snorkel in the crystal-clear waters, or take on a hike into the lush, rainforest-covered hills behind Great Harbour. Whether you seek laid-back beach vibes or vibrant nightlife, Jost Van Dyke offers the best of both worlds.



GREAT HARBOUR, JOST VAN DYKE

A well-protected anchorage with plenty of mooring balls, Great Harbour offers a hassle-free stop with easy access to the island's famous nightlife. Home to the legendary *Foxy's* and the popular *Corsaire's*, this lively harbour is the perfect place to enjoy great food, strong cocktails, and an unforgettable evening of music and entertainment. With its convenient moorings and vibrant atmosphere, Great Harbour is a must-visit for those looking to experience Jost Van Dyke's signature island charm.

Facilities & Services	Comments	Facilities & Services	Comments
Anchoring	✗	WiFi	✓ In bars
Mooring Balls	✓ White and BoatyBalls	Restaurants & Bars	✓ Hendo's, Soggy Dollar, floating spa
Dock	✓ North Latitude Marina northlatitudemarina.com	Shops	✓
Provisioning	✓ In Great Harbour	ATM	✗
Refuel	✓ In the marina	Trash	✓
Water Refill & Ice	✓ In the marina		

LITTLE HARBOUR, JOST VAN DYKE

A tranquil and well-protected bay, Little Harbour offers excellent holding for anchoring, with the option to swing freely or take a line ashore. This peaceful retreat is perfect for unwinding, with frigate birds soaring overhead and diving for fish. As the sun sets, the bay transforms into a serene haven, ideal for stargazing and soaking in the quiet beauty of the BVIs. For those seeking a more relaxed atmosphere away from the crowds, Little Harbour is a perfect choice.



WHITE BAY, JOST VAN DYKE

Famous for its dazzling white sand and lively beach scene, White Bay is a must-visit daytime anchorage brimming with iconic bars and restaurants. The legendary *Soggy Dollar Bar*, birthplace of the BVI's famous *Painkiller* cocktail, welcomes swimmers who arrive with soggy bills in hand. Alongside refreshing drinks, it offers tasty bar food, and a boutique filled with branded gear—conveniently packaged in dry bags for the swim back. Nearby, *Hendo's Hideout* serves fantastic food and drinks, while *Gertrude's Beach Bar* offers a fun, laid-back honesty bar experience. For a unique treat, visit the floating spa on the bay's eastern side, built from salvaged wood after Hurricane Irma. When entering White Bay, stay mindful of the reefs at both ends and follow the markers carefully to avoid grounding.

Facilities & Services	Comments	Facilities & Services	Comments
Anchoring	✓ Be careful when anchoring	WiFi	✓ In bars
Mooring Balls	✓ White balls, not suggested to go with boat - red zone	Restaurants & Bars	✓ Hendo's, Soggy Dollar, floating spa
Dock	✗ You have to beach the dinghy	Shops	✓ Souvenirs
Provisioning	✗	ATM	✗
Refuel	✗	Trash	✗
Water Refill & Ice	✗		



DIAMOND CAY, LITTLE JOST VAN DYKE

A peaceful anchorage with mooring balls available, Diamond Cay offers a quiet retreat that's perfect for a day stop or an overnight stay away from the crowds. Ashore, *Foxy's Taboo* serves up delicious meals in a lively setting, while a short hike leads to the *Bubbly Pool*, a natural rock formation where waves crash in, creating a fun, foamy dip—bring drinks and soak in the experience. Across the bay, *B-Line Bar* welcomes visitors with its laid-back, rustic charm, making this a fantastic spot to unwind and enjoy the relaxed Caribbean vibe.

Facilities & Services	Comments	Facilities & Services	Comments
Anchoring	✗ National Park, exposed to S swell.	WiFi	✓ In restaurants
Mooring Balls	✓ White and BoatyBalls	Restaurants & Bars	✓ Foxy's Taboo and Bline
Dock	✗ Only dinghy dock	Shops	✗
Provisioning	✗	ATM	✗
Refuel	✗	Trash	✗
Water Refill & Ice	✓ Ask in Foxy's Taboo		

SANDY CAY

A picture-perfect tropical escape, Sandy Cay is an unspoiled gem, and an ideal daytime stop for swimming, relaxing, and exploring. This tiny island, a National Park gifted to the BVI by Laurence Rockefeller, offers a scenic botanical trail that winds through its lush interior. On the beach, visitors can add their own rock sculpture to the growing collection, all while sharing the shore with the many resident hermit crabs. With no facilities and only anchoring access, Sandy Cay remains a pristine slice of paradise best enjoyed in its natural beauty.



SOPER'S HOLE, TORTOLA

Nestled between Frenchman's Cay and Tortola, Soper's Hole is a deep, well-protected harbor and a key port of entry for vessels, as well as a ferry hub for travellers heading to the USVI. This vibrant marina is an excellent stop for re-provisioning, refuelling, and exploring the charming waterfront shops and restaurants. While much of *Soper's Hole Wharf and Marina* has been rebuilt since the hurricanes, remnants of past storms still tell a story of resilience. A practical and scenic stop, it's a great place to pause before continuing your BVI adventure.

Facilities & Services	Comments	Facilities & Services	Comments
Anchoring	✗ Safe harbour in all weather. Beware of currents from S	WiFi	✓ In Pusser's
Mooring Balls	✓ White and BoatyBalls	Restaurants & Bars	✓ Pusser's in the marina
Dock	✓ Marina and dinghy dock	Shops	✓
Provisioning	✓	ATM	✗
Refuel	✓ In the marina	Trash	✓
Water Refill & Ice	✓ In the marina		



CANE GARDEN BAY, TORTOLA

One of the busiest and most picturesque anchorages in the BVIs, Cane Garden Bay boasts a long stretch of white sand backed by lush green hills leading up to Sage Mountain and the rainforest. With plenty of mooring options, yachts can settle in and enjoy the bay's lively atmosphere. The public dock on the northwest side offers water refills and ice, while the sandy and grassy seabed provides a chance to spot resident turtles gliding past. Ashore, the bustling village offers shops, restaurants, and a visit to *Callwood Rum Distillery*, where visitors can explore the island's rum-making heritage with free admission.

Facilities & Services	Comments	Facilities & Services	Comments
Anchoring	✓ AVOID in northern swell, and lock your dinghies	WiFi	✓ In bars
Mooring Balls	✓ White and BoatyBalls	Restaurants & Bars	✓
Dock	✓ Dinghy and public dock	Shops	✓
Provisioning	✓ Bobby's	ATM	✗
Refuel	✓	Trash	✗
Water Refill & Ice	✓		



GUANA ISLAND (MONKEY POINT)

Monkey Point, at the southern tip of Guana Island, is a stunning anchorage known for its excellent snorkelling. Red National Park mooring buoys make it an ideal daytime stop, where crystal-clear waters reveal vibrant marine life along the rocky coastline. For an overnight stay, *White Bay* now offers mooring buoys, allowing visitors to enjoy its pristine white sand beach. However, be mindful to avoid the northernmost tip, as it is part of a private resort with restricted access to its dinghy dock. A visit to Guana Island promises both relaxation and adventure in a breathtaking setting.

Facilities & Services	Comments	Facilities & Services	Comments
Anchoring	✗ Bay exposed to N swell	WiFi	✗
Mooring Balls	✓ White and red NP buoys	Restaurants & Bars	✗
Dock	✗ Do not use the private dock!	Shops	✗
Provisioning	✗	ATM	✗
Refuel	✗	Trash	✗
Water Refill & Ice	✗		



SCRUB ISLAND MARINA

A premier full-service marina accommodating up to 55 yachts, Scrub Island offers a luxurious escape with access to its world-class resort amenities—for a fee. Whether unwinding by the pools, indulging in fine dining, or enjoying a rejuvenating treatment at the renowned *Ixora Spa*, this stop promises relaxation and refinement. Just a short dinghy ride away, *Diamond Reef* beckons snorkelers with its vibrant coral and abundant marine life, named after a rumoured lost diamond engagement ring. For those seeking a touch of luxury on their sailing adventure, Scrub Island is a must-visit.

Facilities & Services	Comments	Facilities & Services	Comments
Anchoring	✗	WiFi	✓
Mooring Balls	✓ Mooring buoys in front of the marina	Restaurants & Bars	✓
Dock	✓ 2\$ USD per ft. off-season. VHF 74: scrubisland.com	Shops	✓
Provisioning	✓ Gourmet Market and café	ATM	✗
Refuel	✓	Trash	✓
Water Refill & Ice	✓		



MARINA CAY

Tucked between Camanoe and Scrub Islands, Marina Cay is a well-protected all-weather anchorage with good holding and easy access. The bay features numerous mooring balls, primarily managed by *BoatyBall*, making reservations a smart choice for securing a spot. While anchoring is limited to the northeast and northwest behind the mooring field, the calm waters and surrounding reef make this a reliable and scenic stop for visiting yachts.

Facilities & Services	Comments	Facilities & Services	Comments
Anchoring	✗ Anchoring at Diamond reef not allowed. Beware the reef NE of Marina Cay	WiFi	✗
Mooring Balls	✓ White and boaty balls	Restaurants & Bars	✗
Dock	✓ Fueling dock	Shops	✗
Provisioning	✗	ATM	✗
Refuel	✓	Trash	✗
Water Refill & Ice	✗		



TRELLIS BAY

A vibrant and eclectic anchorage, Trellis Bay is known for its artistic community, laid-back charm, and legendary *Full Moon Parties*. Reminiscent of the free-spirited '60s and '70s, the bay is dotted with unique shops, restaurants, and art installations, making it a fun and colourful stop. Though hurricane-wrecked boats still line the shore, they add to the bay's rustic character. A handful of mooring balls are available, and while the bay is usually quiet, it fills up quickly during the famed *Full Moon Parties*, so arriving early is essential for securing a spot.

Facilities & Services	Comments	Facilities & Services	Comments
Anchoring	✓ Allowed, but not recommended. Plenty of balls available	WiFi	✓ In bars
Mooring Balls	✓ White	Restaurants & Bars	✓ Willy T's, The Bight
Dock	✓ Only dinghy dock	Shops	✓
Provisioning	✗	ATM	✗
Refuel	✗	Trash	✗
Water Refill & Ice	✓		



THE DOGS

Comprising *West Dog*, *Great Dog*, *George Dog*, and *Seal Dog*, these islands lie just west of Virgin Gorda and take their name from the barking seals that once inhabited them. Now part of *The National Parks Trust*, they offer pristine snorkelling and diving opportunities, making them ideal daytime stops while sailing north. With multiple anchorages, *The Chimney* on Great Dog is a standout, featuring a dramatic canyon leading to an underwater arch teeming with marine life. The south side also boasts an extensive reef, offering over 100 yards of vibrant coral to explore. Best visited in calm weather, The Dogs provide a scenic and adventurous break along your route.

Facilities & Services	Comments	Facilities & Services	Comments
Anchoring	✗	WiFi	✗
Mooring Balls	✓ National park buoys	Restaurants & Bars	✗
Dock	✗	Shops	✗
Provisioning	✗	ATM	✗
Refuel	✗	Trash	✗
Water Refill & Ice	✗		



Cruising Area 3

4 - 5 Hours sailing from the base, 1½ hour power

SPANISH TOWN

Home to *The Virgin Gorda Yacht Harbour*, Spanish Town remains a key hub for shopping and yachting despite the damage from Hurricane Irma. Follow navigation markers and hail the harbour master on VHF Ch 16 for guidance. The marina offers a range of facilities, and just a short walk or taxi ride away, *Coco Maya* awaits with beachfront dining, Asian fusion tapas, and expertly crafted cocktails—perfect for a sunset toast. For those with time to explore, a taxi ride up to Hog Heaven rewards visitors with stunning views over the North Sound and a laid-back bar serving up island flavours.

Facilities & Services	Comments	Facilities & Services	Comments
Anchoring	✓ Careful while anchoring in N swell	WiFi	✓
Mooring Balls	✗	Restaurants & Bars	✓
Dock	✓ Marina \$2 USD per ft. vgyh.vg. Access through the channel ONLY	Shops	✓
Provisioning	✓	ATM	✓
Refuel	✓	Trash	✓
Water Refill & Ice	✓		



THE BATHS

A must-visit on any BVI itinerary, *The Baths* is a breathtaking natural wonder featuring massive granite boulders that create sea-filled grottos, hidden pools, and shafts of sunlight dancing on the water. The adjacent white sand beach offers excellent snorkelling, while a scenic trail winds through the boulders, leading to the stunning *Devil's Bay*. Be sure to follow the flag system for swimming conditions—if red or anything but yellow, access is best by land. A dinghy mooring system allows for an easy swim ashore along a marked line. After exploring, unwind at the *Poor Man's Bar* or head to *The Top of The Baths* restaurant for incredible bay views, a refreshing pool, and a few souvenir shops to complete the experience.

Facilities & Services	Comments	Facilities & Services	Comments
Anchoring	✗ Forbidden, no overnight stays, exposed to weather	WiFi	✗
Mooring Balls	✓ National park balls	Restaurants & Bars	✓ Poor Man's Bar, Top of The Baths
Dock	✗ Dinghy can be left on blue dinghy balls	Shops	✓
Provisioning	✗	ATM	✗
Refuel	✗	Trash	✗
Water Refill & Ice	✗		



Cruising Area 4

5 - 6 Hours sailing from the base, 2 hours power

Bitter End Yacht Club, North Sound

A premier yachting destination, the *Bitter End Yacht Club* boasts a state-of-the-art marina with top-tier facilities and a lively waterfront atmosphere. Visitors can enjoy a range of amenities, including restaurants, provisioning shops, and a charming boutique. The club also offers a ferry service, connecting guests to *Leverick Bay* and *Saba Rock*. For adventure seekers, water sports such as Hobie Cats, windsurfing, kiteboarding, and stand-up paddleboarding are available, alongside beach games and plenty of comfortable lounging spots with hammocks and umbrellas. Whether for relaxation or activity, the *Bitter End Yacht Club* is a must-visit stop in the North Sound.

Facilities & Services	Comments	Facilities & Services	Comments
Anchoring	✓ Ok a bit outside of the marina, good in all weather	WiFi	✓
Mooring Balls	✓ Private belonging to BEYC - reservable via the marina	Restaurants & Bars	✓
Dock	✓ Dinghy docks and the marina	Shops	✓
Provisioning	✓	ATM	✗
Refuel	✓ In the marina	Trash	✓
Water Refill & Ice	✓ In the marina		



Leverick Bay, Virgin Gorda

Nestled at the northern end of Virgin Gorda, *Leverick Bay* is a well-protected anchorage surrounded by islands and reefs, making it a fantastic stop for water sports and family-friendly fun. Visitors can rent jet skis, jet boards, stand-up paddleboards, kayaks, or even try SNUBA—all conveniently available from the beach. Adding to the bay's lively atmosphere, the area's most famous *pirate show* takes place on select days, making it a must-see, especially for those traveling with kids. Whether for adventure or entertainment, *Leverick Bay* offers something for everyone.

Facilities & Services	Comments	Facilities & Services	Comments
Anchoring	✓ Ok a bit outside of the marina, good in all weather	WiFi	✓
Mooring Balls	✓ White and BoatyBall	Restaurants & Bars	✓
Dock	✓ Dinghy docks and the marina: leverickbayvg.org	Shops	✓
Provisioning	✓	ATM	✗
Refuel	✗	Trash	✗
Water Refill & Ice	✓ In the marina		



Saba Rock, North Sound

A tiny island with a big reputation, *Saba Rock* sits between *Bitter End* and *Prickly Pear Island*, offering a unique blend of laid-back charm and upscale appeal. Home to a stylish bar, restaurant, and boutique hotel, it's a hotspot for yachters looking to enjoy cocktails, a game of pool, or even a relaxing spa treatment. Adventure seekers can try windsurfing on the nearby reef, while the daily 5 PM *tarpon feeding* is a must-see spectacle. Alongside *Bitter End* and *Oil Nut Bay*, *Saba Rock* is part of the most high-end scene in the BVI—worth a visit.

Facilities & Services	Comments	Facilities & Services	Comments
Anchoring	✗ Careful if going through channel	WiFi	✓ At the resort
Mooring Balls	✓ White and BoatyBall	Restaurants & Bars	✓
Dock	✓ Boat and dinghy dock	Shops	✓
Provisioning	✗	ATM	✗
Refuel	✗	Trash	✗
Water Refill & Ice	✗		



Biras Creek, North Sound

Biras Creek, a vast and iconic property in the North Sound, is known for its picture perfect bay with calm waters, perfect for anchoring or docking overnight or simply enjoying the modern marina for lunch or dinner. With a high end multibrand boutique, a Mediterranean restaurant (The Mangrove), a Japanese omakase experience (Ikigai), rooftop lounge bar, coffee shop, bakery and swim area- Biras is your ideal stop for a taste of understated luxury in the heart of the North Sound.

Facilities & Services	Comments	Facilities & Services	Comments
Anchoring	✓	WiFi	✓
Mooring Balls	✓	Restaurants & Bars	✓
Dock	✓	Shops	✓
Provisioning	✗	ATM	✗
Refuel	✓	Trash	✓
Water Refill & Ice	✓		



Oil Nut Bay -Nova, Virgin Gorda

The Exclusive Oil Nut Bay has recently unveiled its *Marina Village* and the stunning *Nova Restaurant*, offering a taste of its luxurious lifestyle to visiting yachts and day guests. While the main resort remains private, the new marina provides a refined stop for those cruising the North Sound. Nova, the marina's signature over-water restaurant, features a suspended pool, a stylish bar, and inviting over-water hammocks and daybeds—perfect for a leisurely afternoon in paradise. This high-end destination blends sophistication with relaxation, making it a must-visit for those seeking a touch of luxury.

Facilities & Services	Comments	Facilities & Services	Comments
Anchoring	✓ Allowed a bit outside, careful on approach	WiFi	✓
Mooring Balls	✓ White	Restaurants & Bars	✓ High end
Dock	✓ 2\$ USD per ft., details online: oilnutbay.com	Shops	✓ Small souvenir shop
Provisioning	✗	ATM	✗
Refuel	✗	Trash	✗
Water Refill & Ice	✓ Payable		



Cruising Area 5

8 - 9 Hours sailing from the base, 3 hours power

SETTLING POINT, ANEGADA

A visit to Anegada is well worth the 11-mile sail from the North Sound, offering a completely different landscape from the other BVIs. With its highest point just 28 feet above sea level, this coral island stretches 11 miles and is surrounded by *Horseshoe Reef*, renowned for its abundant lobsters and conch—making Anegada famous for its fresh lobster dinners. The island's main anchorage, *Setting Point*, has a partially marked entrance channel, so careful navigation is required. Once ashore, explore the island by renting a car, moped, or mini-moke, and discover the *north shore's breathtaking beaches* or the salt ponds, where Caribbean flamingos and other migratory birds can often be spotted. Please note Anegada is an amber zone and caution should be taken when accessing through the narrow channel.

Facilities & Services	Comments	Facilities & Services	Comments
Anchoring	✗	WiFi	✗ Very poor signal
Mooring Balls	✓ White and BoatyBall.	Restaurants & Bars	✓ Known for lobsters
Dock	✗ Dinghy docks available	Shops	✓ Souvenirs
Provisioning	✗	ATM	✗
Refuel	✗	Trash	✓ \$5 USD to collect
Water Refill & Ice	✓ Ice in the restaurants		

ANEGADA SANDY BEACHES

Anegada's pristine beaches stretch for miles, offering some of the most breathtaking coastlines in the BVIs. The best spots require a bit of exploration—rent a *moke* or small car from Setting Point or opt for a taxi or guided tour if you plan to indulge in a few beachside cocktails. Nature lovers can visit the island's *iguana habitat*, where young iguanas are raised and released into the wild, with free entry. The *north side* boasts stunning beaches like *North End*, *Loblolly*, *Anegada Beach Club*, and *Cow Wreck Beach*, all perfect for a full day of lounging, snorkelling, and unwinding. With abundant marine life—including the chance to spot stingrays or reef sharks—snorkelling is a must. Be sure to end the day with a legendary Anegada lobster dinner and soak up the island's lively atmosphere at one of its local beach parties.





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