

The Ultimate Sailing Experience



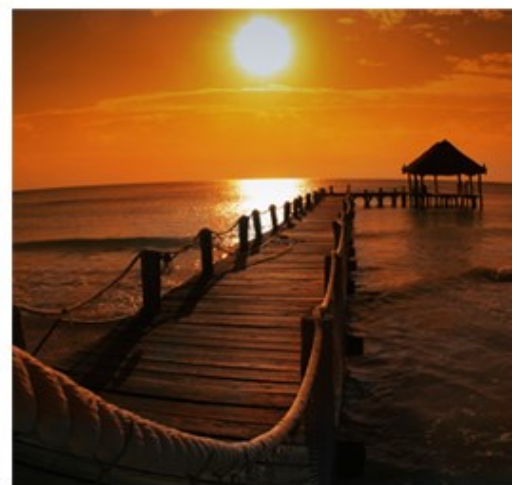
escape to **Paradise**

If you're looking to experience any of the 66 enchanted islands found in the British Virgin Islands or looking for a fun filled day of sailing in the Midwest, Island Time Charters will make those dreams come true. All you will need to do is sit back and let the sun and sea breeze take you away.

Island Time Charters offers a fully crewed yachting service that specializes in fulfilling the dreams of those who have always wanted to experience a sailing vacation but may not have the experience to realize those dreams on their own. So, we invite you to call upon Island Time Charters, and allow our experienced crew to take you to breathtaking islands, pristine beaches and perhaps find yourself swaying to the rhythm of steel drums at an open air beach bar.



Island Time Charters



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The Sailing grounds of the British Virgin Islands are an ideal setting having crystal clear waters, breathtaking vistas, pristine beaches and a host of restaurants, bars and shops. Temperatures average year round between 70 to 88 degrees F. The prevailing winds blow northeast to southeast at 10 to 20 knots. If you have never chartered before, this is the perfect opportunity to experience sailing at its finest. The waters of the BVI are some of the safest and widely cruised waters on the planet. Your hosts, Island Time Charters, will take care of the navigation, logistics, boat handling and provisioning in order to ensure that you have a stress-free, wonderful sailing vacation.



Setting Sail - Join your yacht at midday at Conch Charters, located at Road Town on Tortola. After a light lunch, there will be chart briefing by your captains along with an orientation of the sailing vessel followed by a "get to know the crew and new friend's mixer". There after, we will take off for a week of adventure that will take you places like Norman Island (Treasure Island) where you can snorkel at the caves, be amazed at how many fish there are in the crystal clear waters and spending evenings watching the sunsets and listening to the sea-faring tales of the day.

Norman Island:

Legend plays a large part in the history of Norman Island with tales of pirates and treasure caves, although the role of the island as the model for the epic "Treasure Island" by Robert Louis Stevenson is perhaps the most famous legend of all. While the island is now uninhabited, farmers have in the past reared cattle there and today the Caves are one of the most popular tourist attractions in the islands.

Norman Island - After a early breakfast, you can hike to the top of Spy Glass hill, a known lookout point for the pirates, or just relax on the boat until we set sail for Peter Island and Dead Man's Bay where you will be able to enjoy a lovely swim at this world class beach or partake in a sumptuous buffet lunch at the beach bar. It's expensive by some standards, but well worth it if you bring a healthy appetite! Their deserts are a culinary delight!



Mid-afternoon, we will head off to Salt Island to snorkel the Rhone. The Rhone was a British Royal Mail steamship which foundered during a hurricane in the BVI in 1867. The British Virgin Islands and the Rhone were made famous in 1977 as the location for the movie, "The Deep". This is an interesting wreck and much of the Rhone can still be clearly identified.

A late afternoon sail could take us to Cooper Island for the evening.

Peter Island:

When sailing past Peter and Salt Islands on your way to Cooper, you'll see a large, high rock formation to your starboard side called Dead Chest Island. You may have heard the song, "15 men on a dead man's chest ... yo ho ho and a bottle of rum". In buccaneer days, a dead man's chest referred to a coffin. From a distance (and depending on the number of pain killers you've ingested), Dead Chest can look a little like a coffin.

British pirate, Edward Teach, or Thatch (nobody is certain of his name) a.k.a. Blackbeard, sailed the British Virgin Islands and made his home in Soper's Hole between 1715 and 1718. When faced with a mutinous crew, Blackbeard concocted a devious plan. His scurrilous scheme promised the crew a feast on "Dead Chest Island". He sent 15 of his most dissatisfied men ashore with a keg of rum and plans for preparing their BBQ. Blackbeard then hauled anchor and left the men to perish!

Aside: Blackbeard's men had to be pretty dumb or at the very least, very drunk to believe that their mangy faced captain was planning a feast on Dead Chest. Its just a great big rock sticking out of the water and one of the least inviting of any of the British Virgin Islands.

It is said that the bones of 14 men were found on Dead Chest Island, BVI some years later. There was no fresh water, no food, and nothing to protect the ill fated sailors from the scorching, Caribbean sun. One man reportedly tried to swim to Peter Island (which is where a kinder captain would have planned his BBQ!) Alas, the poor fellow's bones were discovered on the beach named in his honor at "Dead Man's Bay"!

Virgin Gorda - A morning sail will take us to Virgin Gorda where we will have lunch at the Top of the Baths, followed by a short hike over to the Baths. The Baths are one of the most awesome sights to behold when sailing the British Virgin Islands. There are conflicting theories as to how these incredible rock formations came to be. Some say The Baths resulted from a meteor shower. Others credit volcanic activity.

Spanish Town - Up for shopping or a quick tour around the island? Spanish town and Virgin Gorda has something for everyone. Most days on Virgin Gorda are spent shopping or taking in the Baths followed up with a fast sail up the west side of Virgin Gorda to one of the most beautiful spots in the Virgin Islands. Evenings can be spent having dinner and dancing the night away at the Bitter End Yacht Club to the local reggae band in the elegant settings that the resort



Onward to Anegada, the sunken land nestling within a horseshoe reef, the third largest barrier reef in the world. For the first half of this 3 hour sail, there is no land visible, and then the palm trees appear on the horizon warning of your imminent arrival. After lunch, absorb the atmosphere of the anchorage at Setting Point. Informality and relaxation are the key elements of Anegada. Deserted beaches, fringing reefs, and the unique flora and fauna of the salt ponds, home to the pink flamingo, await your exploration. Lobster dinner at the Anegada Reef Hotel will be a must. As darkness falls, with cocktail in hand, you will see from the cockpit of the boat the driftwood fires on the beach grilling your lobster. The open air restaurant in and around the beach promises a dining experience only Anegada can offer.

An early start from Anegada will ensure plenty of time to sail back to enjoy the snorkeling off Guana Island. If evening entertainment is your choice, you might enjoy Trellis Bay and The Last Resort restaurant owned by BVI legend, Tony Snell. Dinner at The Last Resort is quite enjoyable and the after dinner show is very amusing.

A leisurely downwind sail along Tortola could take us to Cane Garden Bay, one of Tortola's most popular anchorages. This destination features a long, white, sandy beach, lined with palm trees and beach bars. This day will be spent relaxing and sunbathing in one of the waterside hammocks with a frothy drink, or enjoy a cool swim. In the evening, there's plenty of choices for dinner, and most of the restaurants offer live Caribbean music. However, the highlight of this day will be watching the sunset as it sets across the open Atlantic.

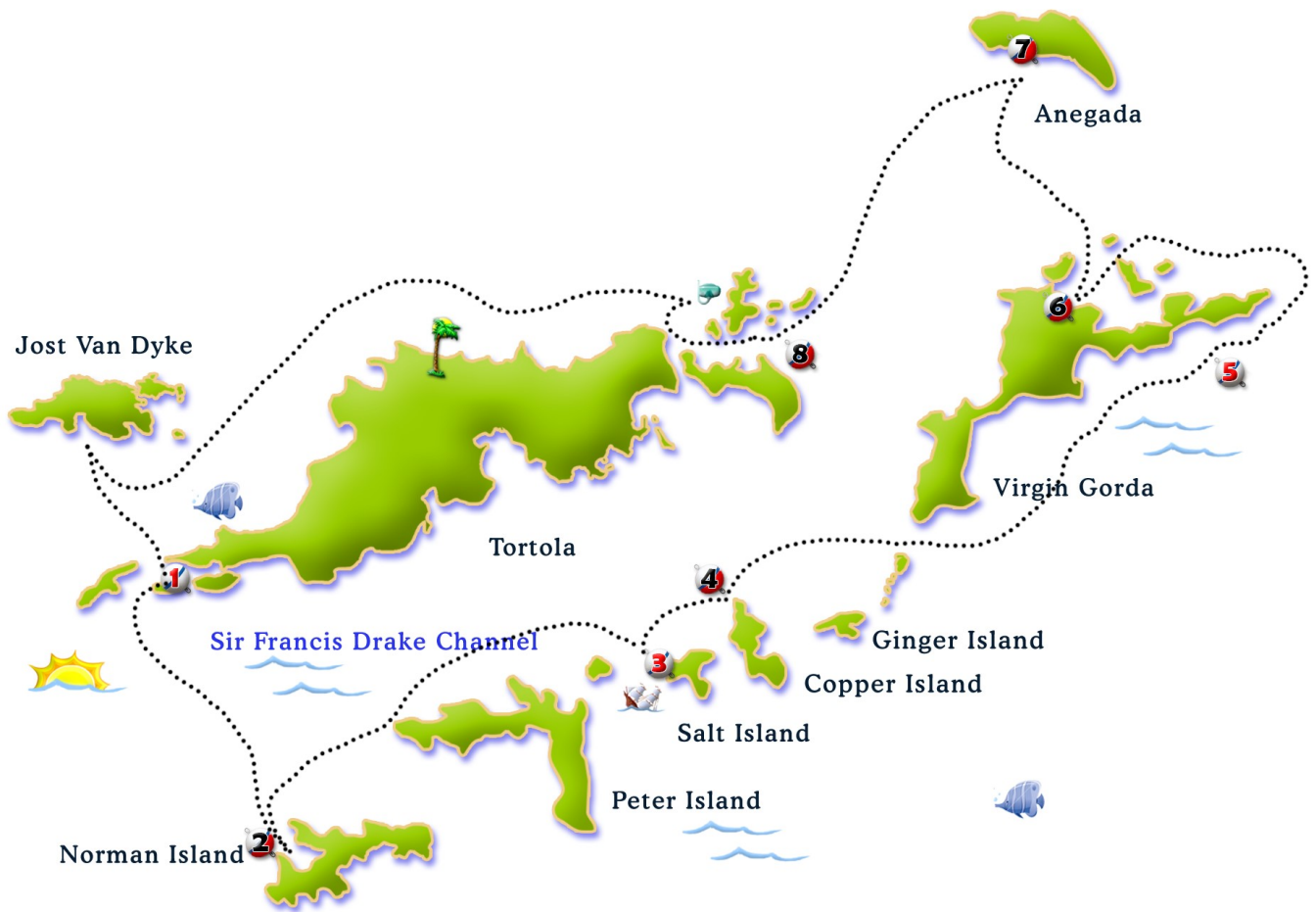


After a restful and relaxing day and evening at Cane Garden Bay, everyone should be well-rested for an exciting day of sailing and a trip over to Sandy Cay, an enchanting little island, girdled by a picture-perfect, 360° white sand beach, where sailors and visitors from all over the world have continue to enjoy sun bathing, excellent snorkeling, picnics and exploring.

Jost Van Dyke - Most mornings at Jost are spent sleeping in from a night of eating and dancing at Foxy's but soon the ocean breeze will waken your senses and drive you to sail down to White Bay and the Soggy Dollar Bar and Restaurant where you will be able to experience the birthplace of the Painkiller. This smooth, full-flavored rum cocktail has become the essence of Caribbean imbibing. If too early for a tropical drink, you can always try your luck at the famous Ring Game.

After lunch, we could set sail for the West End of Tortola and Soper's Hole. Soper's Hole is a very picturesque harbour as well as an excellent overnight anchorage. Blackbeard is said to have taken up residence in the BVI for a couple of years in the late 1700's at Soper's Hole. The area provided several excellent lookout points at which his men could spot ships laden with goods bound for faraway lands.

Like shooting fish in a barrel, Blackbeard would raise the Jolly Roger flag, set sail and swoop down upon the unsuspecting ships. Once he had "dispatched" their crews, he'd seize their ships and whatever cargo they carried. He made quite a living out of plundering and murder! Today, the only person flying the Jolly Roger in Soper's Hole is Lou Schwartz, owner of the Jolly Roger Restaurant & Inn on Tortola. However, one could get into trouble at Soper's Hole, due to the shopping and bars that lace the docks.



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Flotilla Information:

Includes:

Captain and First Mate
All on-board provisions
All breakfasts, lunches and three evening dinners
All available beverages on board, soda, mixers, etc
All standard grade alcoholic beverages on board, beer, wine, liquor
BVI Cruising Taxes
BVI National Park Fees
Hull/Dinghy Damage Waiver
Fuel, water, ice
One standard dinghy
Sleep Aboard first night
All taxes, Permits, Mooring Fees
Boat & Dinghy Insurance
Captains Fees (does not include gratuities)

Terms:

Pricing is per person and based on double occupancy, partial provisioning. Couples get their own stateroom. Singles will share with other singles (same sex). Airfare is not included. A deposit of 50% is required on booking with the balance due 60 days prior to departure. Deposits are non-refundable unless a replacement can be found under the same terms. See www.island-time-charters.com for further terms and conditions.

Travel Notes:

Passports ARE required!

Proof of International Medical Insurance is required. Medical insurance can be obtained through AAA or can be purchased with travel insurance at Travel Protection Services.

Travel Protection Services: Phone: 800-694-5921

Web: www.travelproservices.com

Airport: Tortola, British Virgin Islands (Beef Island) (EIS)

Currency: US Dollar, Credit cards are accepted in the BVI but remember to tell your credit card company you are going on holiday. Some cards get declined the first time for fraud reasons until you phone and tell them you are on vacation!

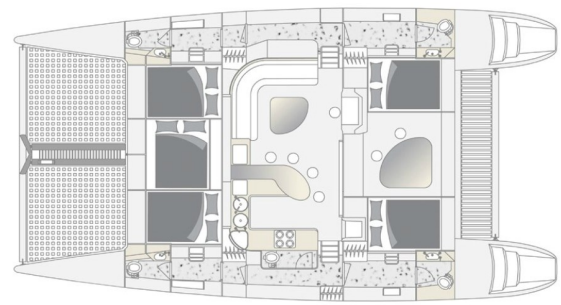
Additional Costs:

All meals on shore are not included.

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In Case Of Emergency or Staying In Touch:

You will be given a cell phone to take with you. It is a free service between Conch Charters and the boat but you can also use it in the rest of the world with a charge. You will be given your number at the chart briefing. (This does require a deposit on a Visa or MasterCard)

Carrying your own phone? See your service provider and check coverage in the BVI. Most providers will allow you to add international service for the month you are away.

What's On Board and What Do I Need To Bring?

We suggest you check out our equipment list for a complete list of what's already onboard. All linens are supplied, just like a hotel room. However, we suggest that you bring beach towels.

Snorkel gear is supplied but there is a limited selection, so if you have a personal set we suggest you bring it. Fit is always important, and this is one of the most beautiful past times in the BVI.

Medical supplies are limited so any special needs should be addressed at home and brought with you.

Don't forget hats, sunglasses and buckets of suntan lotion.