

# British Virgin Islands 2023



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## BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS DECEMBER 1 - 9, 2023

The unspoiled islands of the British Virgins are renowned as one of the finest cruising locations in the world. Warm moderate trade winds, tranquil bays and beautiful clear water make the BVIs an unbelievable sailing destination. There are over 20 islands in the BVI's. Most of them offer good harbors and anchorages, restaurants and shops, places to visit, great diving and snorkeling. All are rich with history and friendly people.



Sailing in Paradise is a dream for most sailors, yet many never get around to it. Spinnaker not only makes it possible but easy. We help take care of all arrangements including boat charter, transfers, provisions and will help with travel arrangements. We make it safe, easy, affordable and memorable.

**Join us as an individual, couple, or gather together a group of friends or family to fill a boat of your own.**

If you have your own group and are qualified you can charter your own boat and join the flotilla. This gives you the option to choose the boat, provisioning package and other options. Contact Bob for information about cost and availability.

BVI Sailing Vacation

## Itinerary

Depart Bay Area by Thursday evening, Nov. 30th, arrive Tortola Friday afternoon after transferring either from St. Thomas or San Juan. Chart briefing 4 pm. Friday or 8:00 am Saturday morning.

**Saturday**-Take care of any remaining items checking out the boats. Sail to first nights destination at Cooper Island. The Beach Club is good for dinner. Snorkel at Cistern Point in the afternoon. Diving on The Rhone is an option for the next morning.

**Sunday**-If not diving get over to the Baths early to catch a mooring ball in the morning. Then sail to North Sound to moor at either Saba Rock, Bitter End, or Leverick Bay

**Monday**-Scuba divers can dive with Sunchaser in the morning. There's also watersports rentals at BEYC. It's a good place to spend an extra night.

**Tuesday**-Sail up to Anegada. This island is so flat you can't see it until you get close. Home of the big lobsters. Scooter or taxi to the beach at Loblolly Bay.

**Wednesday**-Sail to Marina Cay. Refill with fresh water. There's good snorkeling along the Caminoe Island shore line.

**Thursday**- Sail to Jost Van Dyke but stop at Monkey Point for snorkeling and possibly lunch on the boat. Jost is very laid back and West Indian in nature. The Painkiller was invented at The Soggy Dollar Bar in White Bay. Foxy's is in Great Harbor.

**Friday**- Stop at Soper's Hole for shopping or at The Indians for snorkeling on the way to Norman Island for the night. Norman Island is the place that inspired Robert Louis Stevenson's Treasure Island. Snorkel the caves at Treasure Point

**Saturday**- Check in the boats at the base by 11:00, then have lunch. Ferry to St. Thomas if flying home from there or taxi to BVI airport if departing from there. It's nice to stay the night before flying home.

## Dining

The food order is customized for each boat. Crew will get together and choose their own provisions. This includes breakfasts, lunches, snacks and any dinners that will be cooked aboard the boat. Members will get together before the trip to fill out the order forms. Each boat will be responsible for their food and beverage cost.

A transom barbecue and fully equipped galley are provided for cooking aboard. Most dinners will be had ashore.

## Crew Meetings by Oct. 1st, 2023

Each crew should meet to complete their provision and beverage orders by Oct. 1st. (There's nothing like doing a beverage order to help people get to know each other.)



## Reservation and Payment Info.

Cost per Cabin  
(for 1 or 2 persons)

Sunsail 454 - \$6,100/cabin  
4 cabin 4 head Catamaran

Sunsail 51' - \$4600  
4 cabin 4 head Monohull

Payments:

\$500 non refundable deposit  
1/3 due May 15th 2023  
1/3 due June 15th 2023  
Balance due July 15, 2023

Airfare is not included but  
we'll help you get the flights.

*If you would like to join the trip,  
you must be fully vaccinated*

## The Boats

Our group will use late model 51' sloops and 45' Catamarans. These yachts are equipped with 4 double staterooms and 4 heads for up to 10 passengers. We'll limit the number of people to keep it extra comfortable for everybody.

## Bareboat Charter Certification

Certification is available to Basic Coastal Cruising graduates who have done at least 3 charters as skipper on a BCC boat such as a Merit 25 or Catalina 27 and have passed the Docking Endorsement class. The cost is \$500 for non members & \$375 for members. Cruising Catamaran is also available for those sailing on catamarans. Study materials are provided and Bob Diamond will lead a study session for Bareboat students in time for students to get the written exam completed before the cruise.

## Diving in the BVIs

Beautiful diving spots abound in the British Virgin Islands and getting to them couldn't be easier. The dive store at the Moorings provides rental equipment for those who want to be able to dive all week. Refills are available at many harbors. Dive boats also come out to any location by request.

The most famous diving spot is the wreck of Royal Mail Packet Steamer "Rhone". It lies in 30 to 80 feet of water after sinking in a hurricane in 1867. This wreck was used in the filming "The Deep". Another famous snorkeling spot is at Treasure Point at Norman Island. This place has the submerged caves that inspired Robert Louis Stevenson in writing Treasure Island. There are many beautiful reefs too, each unique and waiting to be explored.

Experienced snorkelers who aren't certified for diving can take an introductory course. This short course includes instruction and a supervised dive. Although you don't get regular certification, you can dive at other sites during the remainder of the cruise. Student divers (from home) may do open water certification during the cruise.



*The Baths - Virgin Gorda*