



The British Virgin Islands



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The British Virgin Islands - the popular cruising ground that's always full of surprises

Simply put, the British Virgin Islands are one of the most popular charter destinations in the world. The ingredients of dozens of islands, calm waters, great snorkelling and superb diving are seasoned with a mix of fun shoreside diversions including nightlife, shops and high-end resorts making an irresistible recipe for fun. Even if you've been to the BVI, each time you return you'll add new memories. The islands are close together, allowing for relaxed cruising. You can snorkel, beach comb and enjoy different spots several times in a day. Explore The Baths - a stunning location where boulders seemingly tossed by playful giants create sunlight caverns and pools - or relax on pristine beaches, which are so plentiful in the BVI that it's easy to find a sandy spot all to yourself. For a glimpse at the world below the waterline, you can snorkel or dive over the *Rhone*, a sunken mail ship made famous in the movie *The Deep*, or swim into the caves on Norman Island that inspired Robert Louis Stevenson's classic novel *Treasure Island*. All of these are best reached by your super yacht's tender, of course. Conditions here also make for great sailing, and the BVIs host the regattas to prove for it. For some more relaxed pursuits, savour spa treatments at one of the five-star resorts that dot the islands, or sip a legendary seaside cocktail at a beachside bar. The British Virgin Islands have something for everyone, no matter how many times you return.



7 Day Sample Itinerary

Day 1 - Beef Island to Norman Island

The Beef Island airport on Tortola welcomes both commercial and private aircraft, and your yacht will be anchored just minutes away from the terminal. If you're ready for a swim, your captain can stop at The Indians, a spectacular snorkelling reef, en route to The Bight on Norman Island. Visit the feisty "pirate ship" *Willy T* in the evening for cocktails but warning adults only!

Day 2 - Norman Island to Scrub Island

In the morning, swim into the nearby caves, where you should keep your eyes open for gold doubloons! Later, you'll cruise to Salt Island, where you can snorkel over the sunken wreck of the *Rhone*. After all this swimming, head for the luxury Scrub Island Resort Marina, where the Ixtora Spa (one of the 10 best in the Caribbean) will ease any aches.

Day 3 - Scrub Island to North Sound

Leave early and explore The Baths on Virgin Gorda, followed by snorkelling among schools of fish. Cap this with brunch at the Top of the Baths restaurant overlooking Sir Francis Drake Channel, once a pirate hangout. Anchored in North Sound, you can visit the teensy pub perched on Saba Rock, or enjoy the water sports at the legendary Bitter End Yacht Club.

Day 4 - North Sound to Anegada

Cruise to Anegada, a low island that is coral, unlike the other BVI that are volcanic. Surrounded by Horseshoe Reef, the fourth largest coral reef in the world, the snorkelling is outstanding! Anegada has miles of flawless beaches for sunning and fishermen can test their skills against wily bonefish on the salt flats. Dine aboard late on freshly caught lobster.



Day 5 - Anegada to Oil Nut Bay

Heading back to Virgin Gorda, you'll moor at the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda, a world-famous Italian yacht club known for super yacht sailing regattas in Sardinia and now with an outpost in the BVI. Nearby Oil Nut Bay Resort will draw you in with their spa to recharge yourself while enjoying serene ocean views. Dine ashore at the elegant YCCS.

Day 6 - Oil Nut Bay to Jost Van Dyke

Your first stop is Sandy Cay, a perfect picnic island with a sandy beach and palms. Then to Jost Van Dyke, named after a Dutch pirate, which has the legendary Foxy's Taboo, famed for its New Year's Eve party, but fun anytime of year. Don't miss the nearby Soggy Dollar bar, named for the wet bills swimmers use to pay for the legendary local potent concoction; the Painkiller!

Day 7 - Jost Van Dyke to Beef Island

On your last day, enjoy breakfast al fresco or perhaps a brunch on the beach on Green Cay. Fancy one last dive? Mercurious Rock, between Jost Van Dyke and Tobago Island, offers phenomenal diving. Then head for Soper's Hole, a colourful nook on Tortola with shops and restaurants, before returning to Beef Island. If time allows, visit Trellis Bay by the airport, with its quaint collection of art galleries and shops, before jetting home.

