



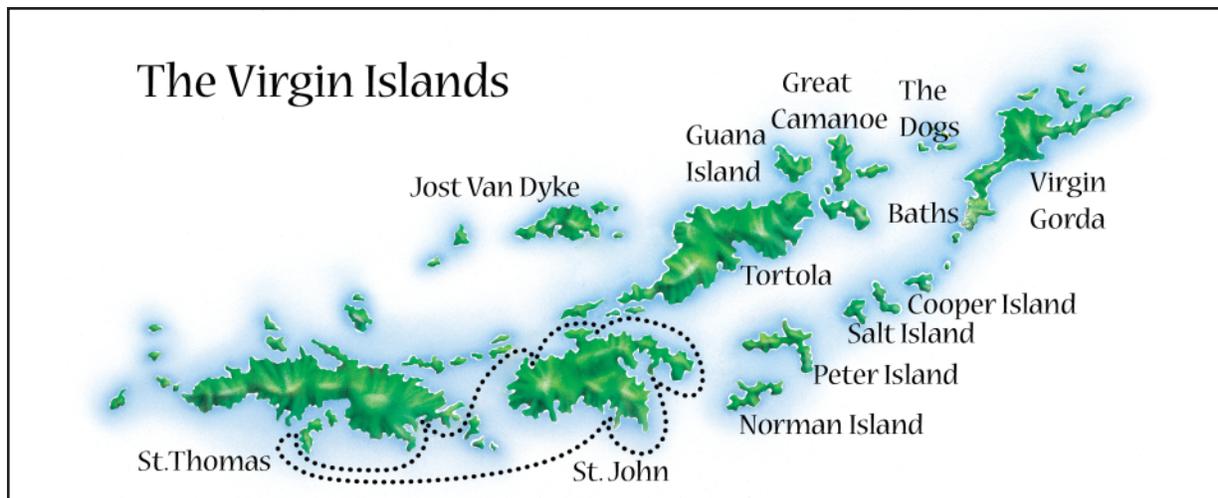
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Suggested Itineraries

7-Day USVI Cruise

If you can spare only a few days as a get-away, consider making a circumnavigation of St. John, 2/3 of which is U.S. National Parks land, which is recognized across the world for its breathtaking beauty. Within the park borders lie protected bays of crystal blue-green waters teeming with coral reef life, white sandy beaches shaded by seagrape trees, coconut palms, and tropical forests providing habitat for over 800 species of plants. To these amazing natural resources, add relics from the Pre-Colombian Amerindian Civilization to the remains of the Danish Colonial Sugar Plantations.....

Remember that if you are arriving on an afternoon flight, you can take advantage of our sleep-aboard program which will accustom you to life aboard. Restaurants are close at hand and your provisioning and beverage orders will be stowed prior to your arrival, meaning no worries about breakfast. Sleep-aboards are available on all vessels for half the daily rate.



Day 1 - Hawksnest Bay, St. John

Virgin Islands Cruising Guide
Pages 207 has full information.

Depart the VIP base at Compass Point Marina, St. Thomas and cruise across Pillsbury Sound past Caneel Bay to Hawksnest Bay on the north coast of St. John. Pick up one of the National Parks mooring balls which are free for day use but have a charge for overnight. The beach at Hawksnest Bay has beautiful white sand backed by coconut palms and is easily reached by your zippy 15hp inflatable dinghy.

Two endangered sea turtles, the hawksbill and the green, are commonly seen in St. John's

waters. The hawksbill comes ashore on remote St. John beaches to dig its nest and lay eggs. After burying the eggs in the warm sand, the female returns to offshore waters.

A taxi to Cruz Bay can be hailed from the road which runs behind the beach.

Day 2 - Leinster Bay, St. John

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The eastward trip from Hawksnest will take you along the north coast of St. John between Johnson's Reef, which is clearly marked, and Trunk Bay (which has a 225-yard, self-guiding snorkeling trail marked by underwater signs that

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identify coral reef life), Cinnamon, Maho and Francis Bays. All of these bays make great stops for lunch, swimming or exploring ashore.

Leinster Bay, which also has several National Parks mooring balls, is towards the east end of St. John on the north coast. The snorkeling around Waterlemon Cay is amongst the best you will encounter anywhere in the islands. You can readily observe the abundant and colorful parrotfish, a reef fish which feeds on algae that grows on coral.

An excursion ashore yields a trail to the ruins of the Annaberg Sugar Mill which has been restored by the National Park Service. Leinster Bay is an idyllic spot to enjoy some kayaking and barbequing aboard for the evening.

Day 3 - Coral Bay, St. John

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The numerous bays and coves which make up Coral Bay and Hurricane Hole on the southeastern corner of St. John are perfect for exploring by dinghy before making your way ashore to Skinny Legs or one of the other bars and restaurants for some island culture.

Day 4 - Lameshur Bay, St. John

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Lameshur Bay is within easy reach of Coral Bay on the South East Coast of St. John. For the keen hiker, guided park excursions of Reef Bay Valley (5 hours) provide opportunities to visit mysterious-in-origin petroglyphs (rock carvings). There are other trails as well, ranging from easy walks on well-maintained paths to difficult climbs along brushy tracks. For bird watchers, the Francis Bay Trail, during the winter months, is an excellent place to spot such species as the West Indian whistling-duck, yellow-billed cuckoo, and some of the other more than 160 species known to these islands.

Day 5 - Water Island, St. Thomas

(Water, Ice, Restaurants)
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Cruise along the south coasts of St. John and St. Thomas, and head into the protected waters of

Honeymoon Bay to the west of Water Island. Swim from the beautiful white sand beach, explore ashore or dinghy to Frenchtown, St. Thomas for the opportunity of some duty free shopping and wonderful restaurants for the evening.

Day 6 - Christmas Cove, Great St. James

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Back to the east with a lunchtime stop at Buck Island for some snorkeling before finishing off at the sheltered anchorage of Christmas Cove for the evening.

Day 7 - Benner Bay, St. Thomas

Have a leisurely breakfast and a final swim before making the short hop back to Benner Bay, St. Thomas and VIP Yacht Charters. Enjoy those last photo opportunities aboard before you grab a taxi for the ride to the airport.