

# Caribbean: BVI

7-night: Tortola to Tortola





#### Tortola to Norman Island

7 miles - 1 hour. Motor out of the marina, then sail on a broad reach.



#### Day 1

#### Arrive at Road Town marina, Tortola for boarding at 12:00hrs.

Take a short 15-minute taxi or transfer from either Tortola's airport at Beef Island or the West End or Road Town ferry docks to the marina meeting point. The first night can be a sleep-over in the marina, but if there is time after unpacking and provisioning, sail across the Sir Frances Drake Channel on a downwind reach to Norman Island.

NORMAN ISLAND: Upon arrival, jump in with a mask and snorkel to be formally welcomed to the Virgin Islands by swarms of Sargent Majors and multitudes of other brilliantly colorful fish. Swim ashore and explore the famous Norman Island Caves – often linked to Robert Louis Stevenson's book Treasure Island. Celebrate your first night in the tropics with dinner and drinks aboard the fun floating pub, the Willy T's, which is moored in the middle of Bight bay.



**Dinner**: Enjoy a tropical meal on board or take the dinghy to Willy T's.



10 miles - 1.5 hours. Sail close hauled.

#### Day 2

**THE INDIANS:** Enjoy breakfast on anchor then sail to Pelican Rock and the Indians region, which offers great snorkeling and scuba dive sites with caves, arches, grottoes and a huge variety of coral and marine life. Depths range from 3-30ft, so the site is great for first time snorkelers.

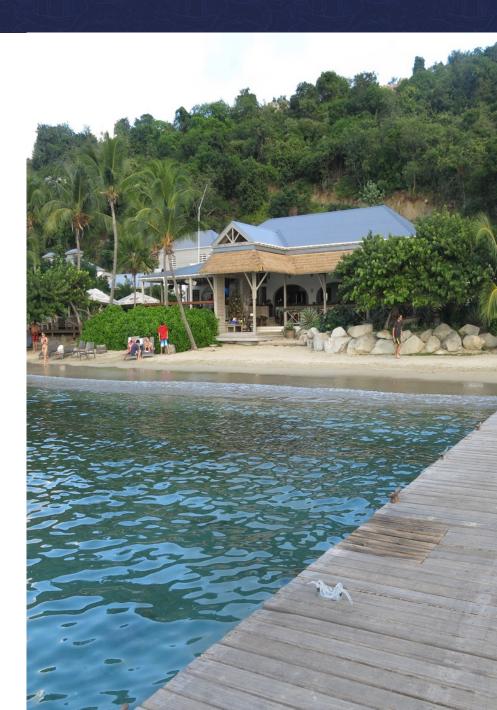
**SALT ISLAND:** Sail by Peter Island Dead Chest Atoll towards Salt Island, home of RMS Rhone which sank in 1867 during a hurricane. Listed as one of the world's 10 best scuba dives and featured in the Hollywood movie The Deep, the wreck can be snorkeled or explored by a pre-arranged scuba dive. A walk ashore to visit the salt ponds is interesting and fun for non snorkellers.

**COOPER ISLAND:** Enjoy an enjoyable night on anchor in Manchioneel Bay and a lively night ashore at the Cooper Island Beach Club.

**PETER ISLAND:** Another great anchorage is Deadman's Bay on Peter Island with great dining at both the Tradewinds hotel and the Deadman's Beach Bar and Grill.



**Dinner**: Dine aboard or give the cook a break and make plans to eat ashore.





#### Peter or Cooper island to Virgin Gorda

15 miles - 2 hours. Tack upwind.



### Day 3

VIRGIN GORDA: Sail early to Virgin Gorda to experience one of the highlights of the BVI. A magical hike through an area known as the Baths, bears witness to the island's volcanic past. The fantastic coastal pathway cuts between huge granite boulders leading into scenic grottoes, set in soft sandy tidal pools. The morning and early afternoon can be spent at the Baths hiking swimming and exploring the labyrinth of boulders and caves. The trail leads to Devil's Bay and lots of little souvenir shops. Later in the afternoon make way for Virgin Gorda and Bitter End bay.

Anchor and dinghy ashore to enjoy some rum punch and dancing to the beat of a steel drum band. Optional night anchorages are St Thomas bay and Spanish Town for more nightlife, or the Dogs and Savannah Bay if peace and quiet is the consensus aboard.



**Dinner**: Eat aboard or step ashore as there are many fun pubs and eateries at Bitter End.

## Day 4

ANEGADA: Enjoy an exhilarating upwind tack to Anegada Island and the Settlement anchorage. The long narrow atoll and massive reefs structure protects all of the BVI's from the Atlantic ocean. The north coast is rich in great snorkeling reefs and steep pink sandy beaches. Upon arrival rental cars are available allowing access to miles of deserted beach on the north coast. Loblolly Bay is famous for great beachcombing and snorkelling, followed by succulent fresh lobster for lunch or dinner at the beach restaurant.



**Dinner:** Enjoy dinner board or indulge in the fresh spiny lobster at Loblolly Bay or Anegada Reef restaurants.





#### Anegada to Marina Cay to Scrub Island

28 miles - 4 hours.. Sail on a downwind broad reach.



## Day 5

MARINA CAY: After breakfast leave Anegada and enjoy the best sail of the trip to Monkey Point on Guana island. Before lunch, enjoy some of the best snorkelling in the BVI, with plenty of sea turtles and shoals of larger fish close to shore. After lunch explore remote White's Bay by paddle board and sea kayak or beachcomb by foot. The evening anchorage can be Marina Cay, an 8-acre private island off eastern Tortola with an interesting history. Just after the Great depression, newlyweds Robb and Rodie White, moved to the island and chronicled their life in a book which later became a film starring Sidney Poitier.

**SCRUB ISLAND:** Scrub Island resort and spa offers restaurant and spa services. Every Wednesday there is a barbequed pig roast so plan accordingly!



**Dinner:** For a more private anchorage, sail around the corner to Lee Bay on Great Camino Island or Monkey Point on Guana Island.

#### Scrub island to Sandy Cay to Jost Van Dyke

14 miles - 2 hours. Sail on a broad reach.

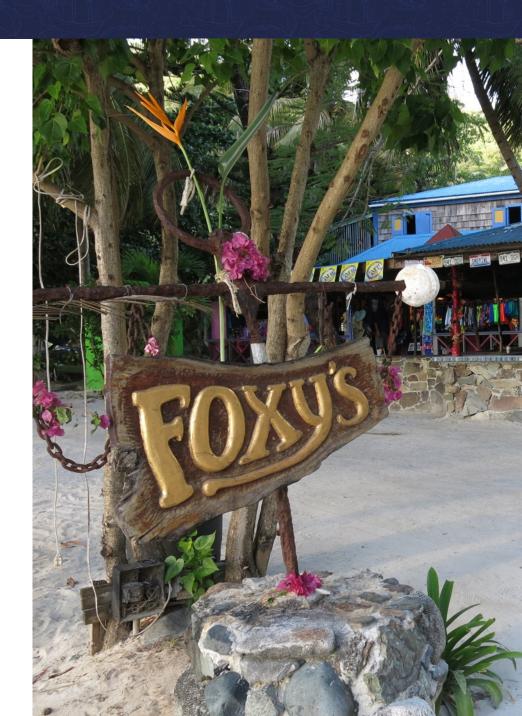
#### Day 6

**SANDY CAY:** Depart Scrub island after breakfast for some more time snorkelling around Monkey Point at Guana Island, exploring the unique coral outcroppings. Later, sail on a nice reach to Sandy Cay which is a national park island donated by the Rockefeller family to BVI. Enjoy some free time sunning on the beach or wandering the short trail through the island.

**JOST VAN DYKE:** Sail the short distance into Great Harbour bay on Jost Van Dyke. Wander the powdery sand beach and enjoy happy hour and dinner at Foxy's restaurant for barbequed lobster or steak followed by live Caribbean music.



**Dinner**: Reserve at Foxy's, they offer an a la carte menu all week except Friday and Saturday when they host their famous beach barbeque.



### Day 7

JOST VAN DYKE: Around the corner from Foxy's is a spectacular strip of white sand known as White Bay. Swim ashore to the Soggy Dollar Bar and try the Virgin's most famous rum drink the Pain Killer - conceived right in White's Bay. Spend a leisurely morning then return to Tortola sailing south between Great Thatch island and the west end of Tortola. A lunch stop can be made at quaint Soper's Hole for souvenir shopping and a meal.



**Dinner:** Dine aboard or ashore back at the Road Town marina.

### Day 8

**DISEMBARK: Road Town 09:00hrs** 

