8 Days in the Virgin Islands

The U.S. and British Virgin Islands are among the most popular yacht charter destinations in the world. With shopping hubs like Mongoose Junction on St. John, beach bars like Foxy's on Jost Van Dyke, and world-renowned snorkeling venues like The Baths on Virgin Gorda, the Virgin Islands offer a wide variety of fun.

Jost Van Dyke

This round-trip itinerary from St. Thomas gives you

plenty of time for multiple stops in both the U.S. and British Virgin Islands. Note the short cruising distances between most of the islands, one of the features that make the Virgins such a terrific yacht charter destination.

Day 1: St. Thomas to Trunk Bay, St. John

- 11 nautical miles
- 1½ hours aboard a yacht that cruises at 10 knots
- Just shy of 2 hours aboard a sailing yacht that cruises at 6 knots
- In St. Thomas, USVI, you can shop for souvenirs inside centuries-old warehouses that used to supply sailors with molasses, rum, and spices, or meander through the modern promenade at Yacht Haven Grande marina. After a quick cruise to Trunk Bay, the crystal-clear waters will beckon. This is the home of the Virgin Islands National Park Underwater Snorkel Trail, with underwater signs to help you learn



Day 2: St. John to Soper's Hole, Tortola

- 5 nautical miles
- One-half hour aboard a yacht that cruises at 10 knots
- Less than an hour aboard a sailing yacht that cruises at 6 knots
- Soper's Hole Wharf and Marina welcomes you to the BVI via Pusser's Landing, where upper- and lower-level restaurants serve a combination of fine cuisine and casual fare. The Pusser's Painkiller is famous for living up to its name, offered in three different strengths of rum combined with pineapple juice, cream of coconut, and orange juice topped with fresh nutmeg.

Day 3: Tortola to Peter Island

- 9 nautical miles
- Just under an hour aboard a yacht that cruises at 10 knots
- About an hour and a half aboard a sailing yacht that cruises at 6 knots
- Peter Island boasts white, sandy beaches that are ideal for swimming and snorkeling, or just taking a romantic walk at the end of a fun-filled day. Dozens of scuba-diving sites are nearby, making Peter Island a must-see for anyone interested in water sports. Several restaurants offer various styles of cuisine, or you can dine on your yacht with a private view of the coastline after the day-trippers have gone.

Day 4: Peter Island to The Baths, Virgin Gorda

- 15 nautical miles
- 1½ hours aboard a yacht that cruises at 10 knots
- About 2½ hours aboard a sailing yacht that cruises at 6
- The Baths are an interesting geological formation and protected national park that make Virgin Gorda one of the most popular tourist destinations in all of the Virgin Islands. Climb and swim within formations of natural boulders that form tidal pools, tunnels, arches, and grottoes, many within view of your charter yacht's anchoring location.

Day 5: Virgin Gorda to Cane Garden Bay, Tortola

- 15 nautical miles
- 1 ½ hours aboard a yacht that cruises at 10 knots
- About 2½ hours aboard a sailing yacht that cruises at 6 knots
- · Cane Garden Bay is home to everything from pretty beaches to restaurants and music-filled bars. A special treat here is a walk from the beach to Callwood Distillery, whose buildings are believed to date to the 1700s. Today, Callwood is one of only two rum distilleries in the British Virgin Islands, making 80-proof rum from pure sugar cane without any preservatives.



Day 6: Cane Garden Bay to Jost Van Dyke

- 5 nautical miles
- One-half hour aboard a yacht that cruises at 10 knots
- Less than an hour aboard a sailing yacht that cruises at 6 knots
- Jost Van Dyke is home to two of the most popular beach bars in the Virgin Islands: Foxy's on Great Harbour, and the Soggy Dollar Bar on White Bay. Few places in the world are better for sipping drinks, taking a refreshing swim, and then singing well into the night. Great Harbour is particularly popular on New Year's Eve, when countless boaters jam the local watering holes.

Day 7: Jost Van Dyke to St. John

- 13 nautical miles
- About an hour and 15 minutes aboard a yacht that cruises at 10 knots
- A little more than two hours aboard a sailing yacht that cruises at 6 knots
- St. John marks your return from the BVI into the USVI with a blanket of beaches that are protected as a national park. The parts of St. John that are developed tend to be more upscale than other island villages, with jewelry shops, fine restaurants, and luxury hotels. Trunk Bay on St. John is regularly ranked on lists of the top beaches in the world.

Day 8: St. John to St. Thomas

- 10 nautical miles
- One hour aboard a yacht that cruises at 10 knots
- A little more than an hour and a half aboard a sailing yacht that cruises at 6 knots

your charter. Please discuss you preferences with the captain and be open to

other suggestions that may improve your charter experience.

 The international airport on St. Thomas is within quick driving distance of your charter yacht's marina, making transfers from the boat easy. Depending on your flight time, you can enjoy last-minute shopping or a leisurely breakfast onboard before departing at the end of a memory-filled yacht charter vacation.