

British Virgin Islands Yacht Charter Itinerary

Day 1 Road Town, Tortola to Peter Island

Your yacht will be waiting for you in the capital of the BVI - the perfect spot for casting off on your Virgin Island adventure. Your captain and crew will welcome you aboard with a "Welcome to Paradise" cocktail followed by a gourmet lunch. Once you've kicked off your shoes and settled in, we hoist the sails and cast off across Sir Francis Drake Channel for your first island in the sun – Peter Island, home of the 5-star resort, Peter Island Yacht Club and one of the prettiest beaches in the BVI. The name is a bit frightful - Deadman's Bay - it's where Bluebeard stranded his traitors with a cutlass and a bottle of rum. But history, or sea tale, aside, the azure blue water is calling your name, and it's time for your first dip, dive, or cannonball into the big blue. Later, a walk or run ashore to the top of Peter Island rewards you with commanding panoramic views.

The Spa at Peter Island is not to be missed!? This magnificent spa is built on its own secluded beach of flour white sand, 150 feet from the water, close enough to hear the waves and high enough to enjoy the astonishing view, bordered by coconut palms and filled with the ever-changing blues of Caribbean sea and sky. Your captain can easily book a treatment for you.

Late afternoon, we will motor to Great Harbor, Peter Island for a magnificent sunset Happy Hour followed by an exquisite dinner under the stars.

Day 2 The Baths, Virgin Gorda

Enjoy the hush of dawn or sleep in – the time schedule is totally up to you. After breakfast and maybe a swim, we set sail for "The Baths" on Virgin Gorda which are probably the most photographed natural site in the Virgins, and for good reason. They are a stunning scene...house-sized boulders on an isolated point of beach with cathedral openings to the sky and grottos for wading and swimming. It's like a life-sized game of chutes and ladders. Hikers will enjoy a 10-minute walk to the mountaintop where there is a restaurant, pool, bar, and shops. Shoppers can also take a short dinghy ride to Spanishtown for shopping in boutiques.

Sailing North from The Baths is beach after beautiful sun-drenched beach until we reach our anchorage for the evening, Mountain Point.

Day 3 North Sound, Virgin Gorda

The Bitter End is the farthestmost point of the Virgins. It's called The Bitter End because for centuries, this was the "turn-back" point for those who sailed the Caribbean, the last point of land before the vast open waters of the Atlantic Ocean. Today, sailors from throughout the world stop here - to rest, to trade some sea tales, and to linger in the beauty of the farthestmost reach of the Virgins. We'll stop here for the same reasons. This is an ideal spot for watersports, hiking, and dinghy exploring. Lots of bars and restaurants ashore including the famed "Happy Aargh" at Leverick Bay with local pirate Cap'n Beans. For those seeking solitude, we will anchor out on Eustacia Reef, teeming with fish and coral. For the adrenaline seekers, try your hand at kite boarding or laser racing at the Bitter End Yacht Club. And of course, everyone enjoys a dinghy ride past Necker Island, home of Sir Richard Branson... perhaps spotting a few of his pink flamingos.

Day 4 Anegada

The jewel of the Virgins. It's the only coral atoll island in the entire Caribbean and is surrounded by a horseshoe coral reef. It hugs the water so closely, you cannot even see it until you are almost there. It's sleepy, magically beautiful, and a naturalist's dream - giant iguanas, flamingos, wonderful trails, and endless beaches with nary a footprint in the sand. A taxi tour to the north side of the island and Loblolly Bay is highly recommended. Fishing enthusiasts may enjoy an excursion with a local bonefishing guide. No trip to Anegada is complete without enjoying a grilled lobster feast at a shoreside restaurant... as fresh as it gets. After the sun sets and the sky is flooded with stars, you'll swear the world has evaporated around you.

Day 5 Marina Cay

After a relaxing morning in Anegada, maybe "noodling" off the back of the boat with a mimosa in hand, we will cast off for Marina Cay, a remote tropical paradise just off the shores of the east end of Tortola. One of those Caribbean island hideaways that you read about... gingerbread pastel houses hugging the beach, hillsides papered with frangipani and bougainvillea, and a peacock blue sea lapping its shores. Several beach bars are a dinghy ride away as well some excellent snorkeling sites.

Day 6 Sandy Spit/Jost Van Dyke

Sandy Spit is an that postcards are made of! Specks of land fringed by velvet white beaches and azure seas. A place to sit and let the water lap your toes as you ponder the possibility of never going home again... an idyllic spot for lunch. Then we cruise to Jost

Van Dyke - you can only get here by boat... in fact, electricity and telephone service arrived only a decade ago. About 200 people live here in a quaint seaside village nestled in the palms or in cottages that dot the tropical hillsides... last count, there were twenty cars. Laze away the afternoon at the pristine White Bay - one of the most beautiful beaches in the entire Caribbean. Swim over to The Soggy Dollar Bar which is about 25 breast strokes from your yacht (your greenbacks may get soggy en route). Relax in the shade of their palms and sample one of their infamous "painkillers". Watch out - they can be lethal.

Or take a heartpumping ATV tour - climb aboard right at the beach and take off into the "mountains" of Jost van Dyke, exploring the inner beauty of the island on trails that offer breathtaking views of the Virgins.

Jost Van Dyke may be in the middle of nowhere, but the beach at Great Harbor is fringed by a half dozen island style beach bars. Foxy's is the most popular, and tonight they'll be "jumping up." You see, you "get down" in Chicago, "boogie" in Boston, and "jive" in Atlanta, but in the Caribbean, you "jump up." Wear your Foxy's t-shirt anywhere in the world, and people will stop you with a smile on their faces. Conde Naste named Foxy's as one of the Top Ten places to be for the Millennium; it was also just selected as one of the Top Ten Yachting Bars in the world. But do not expect grandeur – part of its charm is its "barefoot in the sand" ambiance with picnic tables, flags and license plates hanging from the rafters, and hammocks in the palms.

Day 7 Norman Island

Any one in need of a shopping fix? We can drop anchor in Soper's Hole on the west end of Tortola... where pirates used to tuck away their ships and be on the lookout for an unsuspecting merchant ship. Today, booty can be found in a cluster of West Indian pastel painted shops that line the boardwalk. You can enjoy lunch and a quick "shore explore".

Norman Island, a totally deserted island thought to be the inspiration for Robert Louis Stevenson's "Treasure Island." Legends of Norman Island simmer with tales of still unfound pirate's treasure. We'll anchor in "The Bight", a huge bay that is perfect for watersports. You'll also find some of the best snorkeling in the Caribbean here in the water-level caves. Even deserted islands have their watering holes - an old pirates' ship called the William Thornton and the shoreside Pirates' Pub. And for those that prefer brawn to bars, take a challenging hike up to the top of Spyglass Hill. Want a bit of peace and solitude – Benure's Bay is just round the point and offers a postcard setting for your last night in paradise.

The choices are endless on your BVI yacht charter trip, and your captain has many secret spots that we cannot divulge online.

Day 8 Road Town, Tortola

Raise a toast to an unforgettable week, take a last-minute swim, kiss a fish good-bye, and squeeze into your shoes at noon in Road Town.
