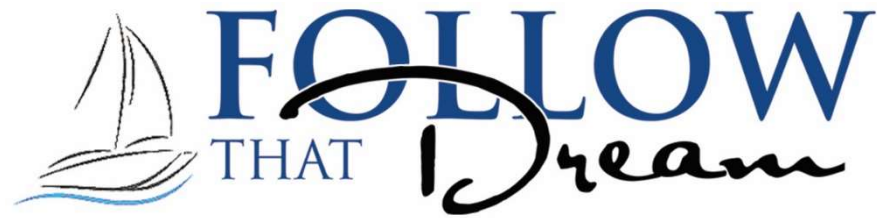


International Sailing Guide



British Virgin Islands - BVI 02-09 September 2023



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YACHT LOCATION

Your sailing adventure begins aboard the yacht located at:

Hodge's Creek Marina
Maya Cove, British Virgin Islands

This location has electricity, water, toilets, and showers

Embarkation time is 5:00 pm Saturday, September 02, 2023

*time may change based on marina crew availability; please be ready by 3:00 pm

Cast off time is 10:00 am Sunday, September 03, 2023

*time may change based on marina crew availability

Docking Time is 5:00 pm Friday, September 08, 2023

Disembarkation is 9:00 am Saturday, September 09, 2023

*this will leave your crew one hour to clean the yacht prior to turn in inspection

Baggage

Please only bring soft bags and not hard suitcases as they are hard to stow.

YOUR CREW

Your crew will consist of 2 individuals; both are USCG licensed captains but one will serve as the charter captain and one as First Mate and Chef. If space is available, a 3rd Crew Member may be added to split the Chef and First Mate duties.

Charter Captain: Richard "Bud" Brasier

Captain Bud is our Chief Captain. He is a US Coast Guard licensed 100-ton captain with certifications from the American Sailing Association (ASA) in ASA101 - Basic Keelboat Sailing, ASA-103 Basic Coastal Cruising, ASA-104 Bareboat Cruising, ASA-105 Coastal Navigation, and ASA-114 Cruising Catamaran. Bud was the chief dive boat captain and Master Instructor for the scuba diving company that he and his wife owned in Hawaii where he often drove 2 to 3 dive charters each day. Bud is a PADI Master SCUBA Instructor (if you want to learn how to dive or refresh your skills; ask him!), he holds a 5th degree black belt in Combat Hapkido, and is a proud Vietnam era US Air Force Veteran.



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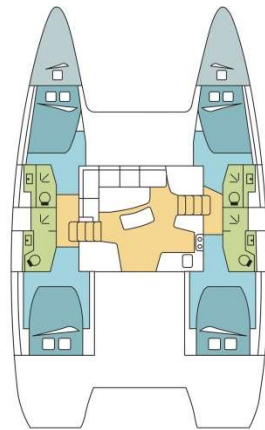
First Mate/Chef: Miriam “Mir” Zoole

Captain Mir is a US Coast Guard licensed 25-ton Captain with five ASA certifications. She is also a PADI Master Scuba Diving Instructor, and 5th degree black belt. Mir has worked for the Federal government on and off since 1984 and is currently counting down the final months until her retirement. Passionate about the ocean and the creatures that thrive on it, Mir enjoys being First Mate more than Captain as this gives her time to interact with the guests and discuss local history and the impact we have on our water environment. Her goal is to ensure you walk away with positive memories of your charter.



YOUR YACHT

We will set sail on a luxury catamaran, a Lagoon 42, with 4 cabins and 4 heads. This yacht has a full galley (kitchen) and spacious room to relax and enjoy the sights of the BVI.



HOW TO GET THERE

Plane

Terrance B. Lettsome International Airport (EIS): Fly into Terrance B. Lettsome International Airport (EIS), Beef Island, Tortola. There are international flights via San Juan, St. Martin, Antigua and other local connections with Liat, Winair, InterCaribbean, Seaborne and Cape Air.

The airport is 6km from the marina.

Transfers From the Airport to the Marina

There are taxis in front of the airport.

Access By Ferry From USVI

You can book one of the many ferries from the US Virgin Islands to Road Town, Tortola. We recommend you book a taxi to take you from Road Town to Hodge's Creek Marina, it's a 15-minute drive. Taxis are available in front of the ferry dock.

EXPENSES

The cost for the cruise is \$1,975.00 per person based on double occupancy. If you would like your own cabin, that can be arranged; please note there is a premium for a private room.

What is included with the cruise

- The cost to charter the boat including insurance
- Your crew – Captain is licensed to operate in the Americas and the European Union
- Marina Fee on First and Last nights
- Shared accommodations aboard the boat 5:00 pm, Saturday, September 02 – 9:00 am, Saturday, September 09, 2023
 - 2 persons per bed unless otherwise arranged
 - Unless otherwise noted, each cabin will have its own bathroom
 - No more than 7 people total including the crew
- Common Living Areas (cockpit, saloon, galley and deck space)

Expenses that will be shared equally by all members on board; including the crew

- Docking Fees
- Water/Electric fees if not included in docking fees
- Fueling fees (both for the catamaran and the dinghy)
- Internet fees for the Catamaran
- Provisioning fees for shared meals on board

Expenses not included with the cruise

- Transportation to/from BVI
- Ground Transportation (taxis, buses)
- Hotel prior to or after the cruise
 - we recommend planning on arriving in BVI a minimum of 24 hours prior to the start of the cruise – your crew will be there approximately 2 days ahead of time
- Sightseeing tours, activities, or rentals
- Rentals from the Marina of items to be used on the boat such as kayak, paddleboards, snorkeling gear
- Gratuities for your crew, dock hands, and other service individuals
- Scuba gear/tanks, lessons
- Trip insurance
- Medical expenses
- Items purchased for your own use/comfort (souvenirs, toiletries, etc.)
- Restaurant/Bar charges
- Blackwater tank obstruction fee and charges

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PROVISIONING

Provisioning consists of food, beverages and shared supplies on board the boat; such as paper towels, toilet paper, saran wrap, trash bags, etc.

Your First Mate/Chef will provision the boat for you based on your input of what food you like, dislike, have allergies to, enjoy, and the availability. The chef will normally prepare the welcome dinner on board as well as all breakfasts. Typically, people enjoy eating out during their excursions but the chef will ensure there is food for lunches and dinners based on your input. The chef typically also will have meals planned for locations on the sail plan where dining out is not an option.

Your chef will contact you to make sure your preferences are on file but please note that not all items are available in foreign countries and substitutions will be made. Chef will also have plenty of snacks and drinks on board; alcoholic and non, and this will also come with your input.

Galley (kitchen) space is very limited on a boat; most boats do not come with a freezer or ice maker so be aware of some of these limitations. Meals will be shared by everyone on board; passengers and crew, and these costs will be shared equally by everyone.

Toiletries should be brought by each individual; soap, shampoo, toothpaste, brush, hair products, etc. Please make sure you bring only plastic containers and small enough to fit into limited space. If you have a special snack you want; it might be best to bring that as well – but please check to make sure you can bring it with you into the country.

Provisioning fees will be charged ahead of time based on previous experience and the Chef will keep a running total of expenses not only for provisioning but for other charges, such as docking and fueling. You may ask at any time for an accounting.

AREA GUIDE

LOCAL AREA INTRODUCTION

The British Virgin Islands (BVI); known officially as the “Virgin Islands”, is made up of more than 60 stunning islands and islets at the northern end of the Lesser Antilles in the Caribbean. With beautiful islands, a lively party atmosphere and genuine Caribbean welcome from locals, these islands are popular for good reason.

When it comes to things to do in the BVI, there’s just so much to see, snorkel, dive and swim. The geological wonder known as The Baths is a spectacular sight, with towering granite boulders strewn across the beach to form a labyrinth path leading to hidden pools and grottos. This is an idyllic backdrop for your vacation photographs.

TOP THINGS TO DO IN THE BVI:

1. Explore the Baths National Park: If you're a strong swimmer, visit this natural wonder by boat and swim to shore to explore the maze of natural rock formations on Virgin Gorda during your BVI sailing vacation. Enjoy a meal at the Top of the Baths restaurant.
2. Taste the lobster on Anegada: Sail to the low-lying coral island of Anegada to see flamingos, salt ponds and white sandy beaches. Try the native lobster and rum smoothies at the Reef Hotel, or conch at Big Bamboo, Loblolly Bay.
3. Dive at Rhone Marine Park: One of our top things to do in the BVI is to explore the Caves on Norman Island before sailing to Rhone Marine Park to snorkel over the steamer wreck, RMS Rhone that sank in 1867. This is also a renowned diving spot and one of the most popular in the BVI.
4. Fireball Full Moon Party at Trellis Bay: If you're lucky enough to be vacationing during a full moon, don't miss this lively yet family-friendly beach party, complete with music, food, drinks and flaming fireball sculptures.
5. Embrace Jost Van Dyke's beach bars: Carry on to Jost Van Dyke while you're sailing the British Virgin Islands, moor at White Bay and swim up to the beach to try one of the famous Painkiller cocktails from the Soggy Dollar Bar. At Great Harbour, Foxy's and Corsairs beach bar and restaurant have a lively atmosphere.

BASICS ABOUT BVI

Currency: US Dollar (USD)

Voltage: 110V

Dialing Code: +1 284

CUSTOMS CLEARANCE

When you leave or return to the British Virgin Islands by private or charter boat, customs and immigration, clearance at your entry port is mandatory. There are customs offices for clearing in and out at Road Town and West End on Tortola, Spanish Town, Virgin Gorda, and Jost Van Dyke. Because of this requirement, your itinerary will not include leaving BVI waters.

INTERNET

Your Captain has requested a yacht with Wi-Fi capabilities – this will be a shared expense of all aboard – but we cannot guarantee this availability. Many cafes and restaurants in the BVI have Wi-Fi hotspots.

REGULATIONS

Night sailing is not allowed. The yacht should be safely moored by 5:30pm. A cruising permit and National Marine Park permit are mandatory and we will need to pay for them at check-in; this is a shared expense. Mooring buoys from the National Park are for daily use only.

A fishing permit is required to fish in the BVI; visit the government website for details. Please notify your crew approximately 2 weeks prior to your cruise if you would like to fish so they can reserve the equipment for you.

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Scuba diving is available during the cruise but there are limited places to fill tanks along the way – you may need to rent enough tanks for the dives you'd like to do and the tanks will need to be stored securely. Both your Captain and First Mate are certified scuba instructors. If you wish to scuba dive, please make arrangements with the crew a minimum of 2 weeks prior to your cruise. Your crew can find dive shops for refills along the way and calculate how many tanks you might need to rent. If you are NOT a certified diver but would like to get your certification; please contact your crew 2 – 3 months ahead of your charter to ensure you have time to take the online instruction, do the pool instruction then go on your open water checkout dives prior to your cruise.

WEATHER

The best time to visit the British Virgin Islands is between October and May when trade winds are the most steady and temperatures are comfortable, although the BVI has pleasant weather for most of the year.

Temperatures in the BVI are around 77°F to 82°F all year round. August is the hottest and sunniest month, October is the wettest month, and sea temperatures are warmest in September, ideal for BVI charters. The water temperature in September is about 84-86 degrees.

WIND SYSTEMS

British Virgin Islands wind systems include the trade winds season between November and June and the famous Christmas winds in December/January, which can keep you going for several days. Winds are mainly from east or northeast, depending on the time of year, and the sailing area is less crowded when the winds are lighter.