

- \* Come and enjoy a taste of our Beautiful Island Home
- \* Islands are magical places

### **Island Activities:**

- **Biking** – Last Stop Sports has mountain bikes for rent and all bikes come with helmet, lock water bottle, pump & seal bag.
- **Hiking** – Trails are easily accessible and only require a good soled shoe; and many beaches beckon for a early morning or sunset stroll.
- **Horseback Riding** – Here horses from Shadow’s Stables above Brewer’s Bay Excursions lead you along Sage Mountain, or take sunset beach rides.
- **Motorcycles & ATV’s** – Sea and Land Adventures in White Bay, Jost Van Dyke, offers a 2 hour excursion lead by an experienced guide.
- **Tennis** – Most resorts have tennis courts and will allow non-quest use at a very reasonable price.
- **Running** – There are many quiet back roads offering scenic and safe places to job.
- **Volleyball** – Volley ball nets are generally set up in front of beachside restaurants in Cane Garden Bay or White Bay.
- **Sailing** – Chartering a yacht is simple to do with a variety of boats to choose from in every size and shape. Experienced Sailors can barefoot, with a “captain” resume (required).
- **Island Hopping** – Every Island in the BVI can be reached in a day, most in a few hours. Charta companies offer a day sail with a qualified local captain.
- **Windsurfing** – There are wind surfing lessons available at several water sports centers.
- **Kayaking** – Sea kayaking is a great way to know the shores and hidden coves of the BVI. Kayaks can be rented hourly or by the day or week.
- **Snorkeling** – The best bet for offshore snorkeling are two popular sites on Tortola, Brewer’s Bay and Smuggler’s Cove. Pristine snorkeling sites with the greatest variety of fish are accessed by boat. Well known sites include the Caves at Norman Island, Sandy Cay just east of Jost Van Dyke.
- **Scuba Diving** – There are dive shops on Tortola and Jost Van Dycke. Day and half day excursions are the \_\_\_\_\_. Check out the HMS Rhone, a British steamer that broke apart in a hurricane just off Salt Island in 1867 and is now under the protection of National Parks Trust.
- **Surfing** – Tortola’s north coast beaches at Josiah’s Bay, Apple Bay or Long Bay draw dedicated surfers to the BVI. Cane Garden Bay Company offers all types of surf gear at its shop in Road Town.
- **Fishing** – Large sports fishing boats can be chartered to go to well known fishing waters around BVI. Fish caught in these waters include blue marlin, tuna, wahoo & king fish.
- **Fly Fishing** – Fly-fishing is also excellent, with shallow flats off the coast of Tortola. Expert local guides in flat-bottom boats can direct you to the best fishing areas.

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### **Shopping –**

- Road Town
- Crafts Alive Village
- Columbian Emeralds International
- Caribbean Blue – crafted pieces
- Calypso – pendants & bracelets
- Sea Treasures – flip flops, sand dollars, sea turtles
- Ganzee – island wear, souvenirs
- Passer’s Pub & Clothing
- Samarkand
- The Gallery – prints, landscapes
- Sweet Things – candy shop
- Bamboushay – pottery
- Latitude 18 – island wear
- Allamanda Gallery – landscapes
- Sunny Caribbee – spices, lotions
- Serendipity – book store
- Hucksters – prints, maps

### **Food & Sundries -**

- Harbour Market of Soper’s Hole Marina in West End
- Rite Way Food in Road Town

### **Useful General Information**

**Credit Cards** – many establishments accept credit cards, generally master card and visa; not all take American Express. There are ATM;s on Tortola located in Road Town, Cane Garden Bay, West End, Nanny Cay and the Airport.

**Currency** – the US Dollar is the only legal tender in the BVI. US Travelers \_\_\_\_\_ are also accepted.

**Departure Tax** – Air Travelers must pay a \$20 tax fee. Those leaving by fee pay \$5. Tax fees must be paid in cash.

**Drinking Water** – Tap water on Tortola is desalinated. Bottled water is suggested and can be delivered or picked up at local stores – Harbour Market, Big Ben’s, Rite Way

**Electricity** – The standard electric current is 110 volts in the BVI.

**Internet** – wireless internet service is available throughout the Sunset House.

**Language** – English is the language and communication is fairly easy throughout the BVI.

**Medical** – Peebles Hospital is the general hospital located in Road Town, Tortola. There’s also several dental clinics in the Glacina George Building in Road Town, Tortola. Several pharmacies offer prescription and over the counter services.

**Post Office** – the main post office is located in Road Town with sub post offices at Beef Airport and West End.

**Tipping** – it is customary to include a 15% tip when dining in restaurants. Most restaurants include this on the bill.

**Driving** – vehicles travel on the left side of the road in BVI.

**Car Rental** – there are several agencies offering reasonable rates and unlimited mileage. Credit card and drivers license required.

Hertz – West End 495-4405 – [www.hertzhul.com](http://www.hertzhul.com)

**Ferry Services** – the main ferry services dock in Road Town and West End. Inter-island ferries run several times a day. Carmen can assist you with departure & arrival times.

Tortola # 284-495-4617 or 284-494-5674

St Thomas #340-774-8685 or 340-775-3111

**Taxis** – Taxis are available to and from the docks at West End.

**Emergency Phone Numbers:**

Ambulance 999

Fire 999

Police 999

Hospital 494-3497

Mystique of Voyage Escapes – day charters for trips between the islands for beaches, dining, social drinking 284-494-0740; 284-540-9000

[www.daysoilbvi.com](http://www.daysoilbvi.com)

Water Taxi – Dohm’s Water Taxi from Red Hook, St Thomas to West End Tortola – after 4:00pm 340-775-6501. [www.watertaxi-vi.com](http://www.watertaxi-vi.com)