# Virgin Islands

## **Travel Facts**





#### **US State Dept Travel Advisory**

https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html

#### Passport/Visa Requirements

For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the U.S. State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html

#### US Embassy/Consulate

N/A

#### **Types of Travelers**

Additional travel considerations can be found on the US Dept of State International Travel page. <u>https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html</u>

#### **Telephone Code**

340

Local Emergency Phone 911 (USA)

Vaccinations See WHO recommendations. http://www.who.int/

#### Climate

Subtropical, tempered by easterly trade winds, relatively low humidity, little seasonal temperature variation; rainy season September to November

Currency (Code) Dollar (USD)

#### Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

110 V / 60 Hz / plug types(s): A, B



#### **Major Languages**

English, Spanish or Spanish Creole, French or French Creole

#### **Major Religions**

Protestant 59% (Baptist 42%, Episcopalian 17%), Roman Catholic 34%, other 7%

#### **Time Difference**

UTC-4 (1 hour ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

### Potable Water

Opt for bottled water

**International Driving Permit** Suggested for non-US citizens.

#### **Road Driving Side**

#### Left

(note: the US Virgin Islands is the only place under US jurisdiction where the rule of the road is to drive on the left)



#### **Tourist Destinations**

Charlotte Amalie; Virgin Islands National Park; Trunk Bay Beach & Underwater Snorkel Trail; Buck Island Reef National Monument; Magens Bay; Cruz Bay; Coral World Ocean Park

#### **Major Sports**

Soccer, cricket, baseball, basketball

#### **Cultural Practices**

Greet everyone you meet with "Good morning, afternoon, or night" before launching into your questions or comments. Failure to do so will be thought rude.

#### **Tipping Guidelines**

Tipping is the same as the US or Europe - 15% of your restaurant check, more if service has been exceptional. An extra dollar or two for your taxi driver is fine, more if he/she handles bags or conducts a good island tour.

#### Souvenirs

Hand-painted or dyed clothing, pottery, conch jewelry, rum, teas, spices, land and seascape art, carved wooden items, straw work items

#### **Traditional Cuisine**

Fish and Fungi — cornmeal and okra cooked into a thick mash served with fried whole fish seasoned Creole-style and topped with a sweet onion gravy



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