



# British Virgin Islands

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## Why Go?

The British Virgin Islands (BVI) are territories of Her Majesty's land, but aside from scattered offerings of fish and chips, there's little that's overtly British. Most travelers come to hoist a jib and dawdle among the 50-plus isles. With steady trade winds, calm currents, protected bays and pirate-ship bars, this is one of the world's sailing hot spots.

Main island Tortola is known for its full-moon parties and sailing prowess. Billionaires and yachties swoon over Virgin Gorda and its magical rocks. Anegada floats in a remote reef and has a hammock waiting for those serious about unplugging. And who can resist little Jost Van Dyke, the 'barefoot island' where Main St is a calypso-wafting beach?

The islands have a quirky edge, and despite all the fancy boats and celebrity visitors, they remain relatively undeveloped.

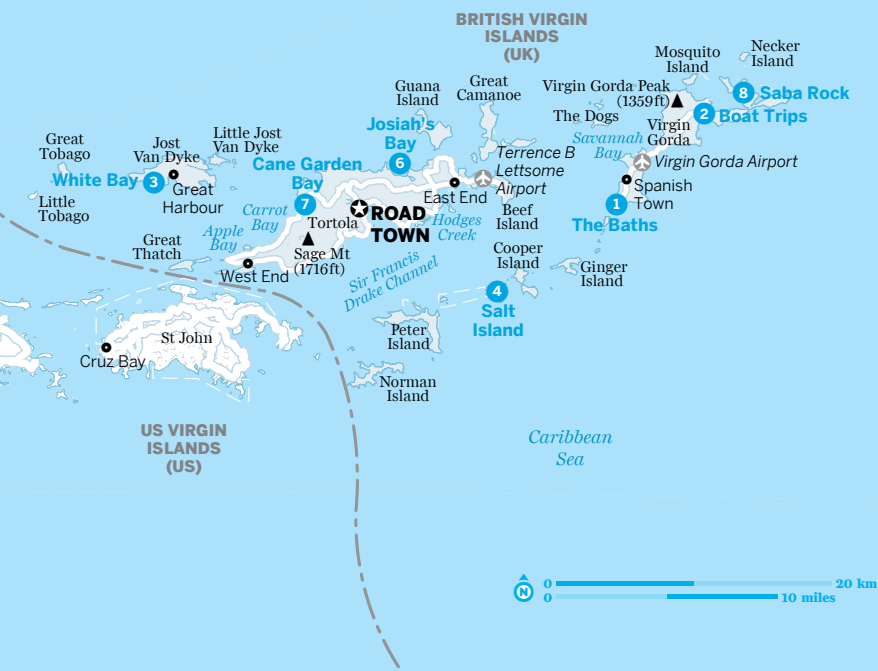
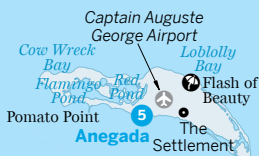
## When to Go

**Mid-Dec–Apr** Peak season when the weather is at its best, everything is open, and the sailing scene is in full swing.

**May & Jun** Good for those who like the ambience dialed down a notch. Everything is still open, but crowds are less, lodging rates decrease, and winds are more mild for sailors.

**Nov–Jul** Lobster season when the famed crustaceans are at their juiciest and widely available.

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## British Virgin Islands Highlights

### 1 The Baths (p241)

Wading around megaboulders and sloshing through grottoes.

### 2 Boat trips (p244)

Sailing around the islands in a DIY charter boat or a glass-bottomed day-tour boat.

### 3 White Bay (p246)

Drinking a rum-soaked Painkiller on the dazzling sand.

### 4 Wreck of the Rhone

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Leaving the world behind on the far-flung island.

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Kicking back on the dramatic

strand of sand after a day of perfecting your surfing skills.

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