Virgin Islands

Travel Facts







US State Department 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 US 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

LGBTQIA+, Women, and Special Needs Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the US State Department's International Travel page. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html

Telephone Code

340

Local Emergency Phone

911 (USA)

Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for the U.S. Virgin Islands: typhoid, hepatitis A, polio, yellow fever, chikungunya, rabies, hepatitis B, influenza, COVID-19, pneumonia, meningitis, chickenpox, shingles, Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) and measles, mumps and rubella (MMR). 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





Type A

Type B

Major Languages

English, Spanish or Spanish Creole, French or French Creole

Major Religions

Protestant (Baptist, Episcopalian), Roman Catholic, other

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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