

Virgin Islands Cocktail

Cabin Cruise in the Caribbean
on board of a comfortable catamaran

8 days / 7 nights

Full board

Day of departure: Saturday

Tortola – Peter Island – Norman Island – Tortola – Jost van Dyke – Green Cay or Sandy Cay – Tortola – Virgin Gorda – Tortola

Description

Your Boat:

You will sail on board of a gorgeous catamaran, whose length (40 – 50 foot) provides you comfort and stability. (The pictures shown here are only examples since we provide several catamarans for the cruises.)

Everything is prepared to greet a maximum of eight guests on board (+ Crew, which is made up of two persons). There is no hostess on board. The cook will take care of preparing and clearing the table before and after meals, he is the deckhand and, apart from that, is your contact person for any questions about the life on board.

Provisions:

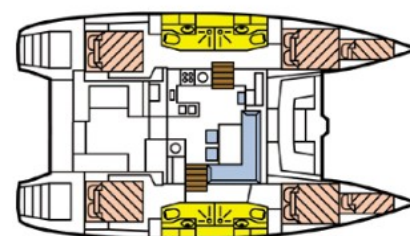
The meals will be held together, prominently in the cockpit. Drinks on board (included in charge): Soft drinks, sparkling water, still water, ¼ liter table wine for lunch and dinner. The menu can vary depending on the choice of the local markets as well as the results of the fishing. You may at any time victual yourself further to your liking. We also do not mind, if you bring additional wine, beer or other alcoholic drinks on board. Life on board is interactive. Everybody helps in the kitchen, hoisting the sails and maneuver the yacht.

Your yacht and crew:

There is no classification for sailing catamarans, as you know it from hotel bookings. However, there are means of categorizing which are comparable to the “hotel-stars”. The sailing turns will be held on yachts with four “dolphins”. Those “dolphins” have been established by us. The categories reach from 1 (=lowest category) up to 5 (=highest category). The catamarans possess the accurate safety equipment, according to the laws of the particular countries (Tracking system, life raft, life vests, etc).

Each guest cabin possesses an “en suite” bathroom (shower/lavatory). You have booked full board together with the extra: „active kitchen“. You will find a cook on board who may have a couple of tasks to do at the same time. It is therefore greatly appreciated, if you take active part in the every day life on the sailing yacht by helping the skipper to maneuver or helping the cook creating tasty meals, while in the meantime learning something about the Caribbean-Creole kitchen. However none of that is a must.

Your catamaran has a saloon (“living room”) with the kitchen integrated, as well as a cockpit which is protected from wind and strong sun. Most of the interactive life on board will take place here.



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The skipper is very experienced, and knows the local area and the boat extremely well. He will point out places of interest, bring you closer to the country and its inhabitants, and will show you the most beautiful bathing and snorkel areas in the whole of the Caribbean. You will swim and snorkel in turquoise blue water, or relax on white beaches while the cook may be already preparing some steaks.

The cabin:

Each yacht has four guest cabins and four lavatory/showers with a basin. Please note that water on board is not unending, therefore it has to be handled with care. However the store is large enough to ensure two showers per day for every guest.



The luggage:

The yachts are comfortable, yet the space in the cabins is limited. Therefore we would like to advise you to leave your hard suitcase at home and to use a carpetbag instead, for they are way easier to stash. If you would like to use a hard suitcase anyway, we will allot you a place where it can be kept.

Children:

Children over the age of eight years may take part in sailing cruises. For children up to twelve years of age, the price adds up to 80% of the normal price. One child will share a cabin with one adult.

Hints and references:

As the flight arrivals usually happen to be in afternoons or evenings, sailing will take place only in the following morning. The first evening is dedicated to getting to know other guests and to settle in. Keep in mind, that the guests arrive on different flights and therefore attain the boat at various times. However we cannot be held responsible if the passenger arrives late due to delayed/canceled flights.

Worth knowing about the sailing trip:

It is necessary to get a valid passport to clear inward in the different islands. (People with non-EU citizenship please contact us).

You will have to pay the "on board cash" prior to embarkation, also the Cruising Tax. Following costs are balanced with the "on board cash": gratuities for dock staff, port and customs charges, water, etc. For the amount of the "on board cash" and the Cruising Tax, please refer to the current price list.

Even if your skin is used to the sun: note that on a boat the sun rays are more intense than on land. You will always have a nice breeze on when you are on the boat therefore the strong sun is often felt too late. Thus, it is even more important to be prepared, for it is very easy to get sun burnt or even get a sunstroke, if you do not shield yourself from the sun. A sun hat which does not fall with the first gust of wind is very important. Do not forget your sunglasses either, which are best to be fixed with a string around your throat. A sweatshirt too is advisable, or a shirt with



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long sleeves combined with long trousers. For the first few days, sun cream with a high sun protection factor should be used.

If you take in medicine: remember to take enough of it, with you from home. On the islands it would be rather difficult to find pharmaceutical which is comparable.

There are no laws that enforce you to take any vaccines for the islands you are going to visit.

Seasickness: catamarans sail in a very stable way and are generally straight. Your skipper too will try his best to only pass through calm waters. However it is in the nature of sailing, that waves do occur. If you are likely to get seasick, you can discuss with your pharmacist which medicines are the best to take with you in this case.

Water on board is not infinite. The water however, is enough for every member to take two quick showers per day. In any case your skipper will remind you to be diligent with the freshwater on board.



Sailing maneuvers and life on board:

To attend one of our sailing cruises, no knowledge about sailing and the handling of a boat are expected. People which are not sportive too can take part and get to know the beautiful islands in this way. The skipper who as a matter of course is a skilled steersman is capable of handling the yacht completely on his own. However you have the chance to learn something about sailing, even though it is not a trip organized for this cause.

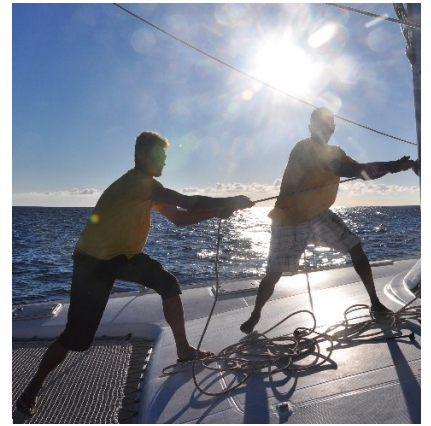
The skipper will love to share his passion for traveling on the seas with you. He will thus enjoy helping you to gain first hand knowledge about sailing. If you like, you will very soon handle the steering-wheel, execute maneuvers or help with the anchoring yourself. Depending on the

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meteorological rates during your cruise, you will drive a section under engines. That means that the anchoring place will be reached by the engines and that the sails cannot be hoisted.

Mobile on board: Normally you do have reception on your mobile during the trip. However this is not inevitably the case. You should ensure with your provider that your mobile will be active for the region you are passing over, prior departure.

The cabins possess 220-volt connection. You can charge your mobile, photo camera, etc. in the receptacle in the saloon (Navigation).



Safety regulation:

It is strictly forbidden to carry weapons or drugs on board.

Please note that the yacht crosses various borders and that therefore the coastguard searches yachts in the fight against drugs, every now and again. The skipper has the right at any time, to dismiss people from the boat who do not respect the instructions of visiting countries, carry weapons or drugs, disturb the life on board in any way, or put the crew, the guests or the yacht under any kind of danger. The skipper in such a case is obliged to inform the appropriate public authorities. In such a case, or if the guest wishes to leave the boat, nothing of the traveling expenses will be refunded.

Depending on the weather, it may happen that part of the distance has to be covered by the engine. If a hurricane appears during your journey, all preventive measures will be taken instantly. In case it is needed that due to the hurricane your accommodation has to be continued in a hotel, rather than on the boat. The costs for your room and the provisions will be covered by us. However, the same comfort and standard cannot be guaranteed.

Climate sailing holiday Caribbean:

A tropical climate dominates in the Caribbean; furthermore they lie in the trade wind. The average temperature throughout the whole year is around 26 degree Celsius. The average water temperature is 27 degree Celsius, but can go up to 30 degrees Celsius in August or September. In the Caribbean the day starts quite early (Sunrise between 05am-06am local time). Dawn takes place already between 05:30 pm and 06:30 pm.

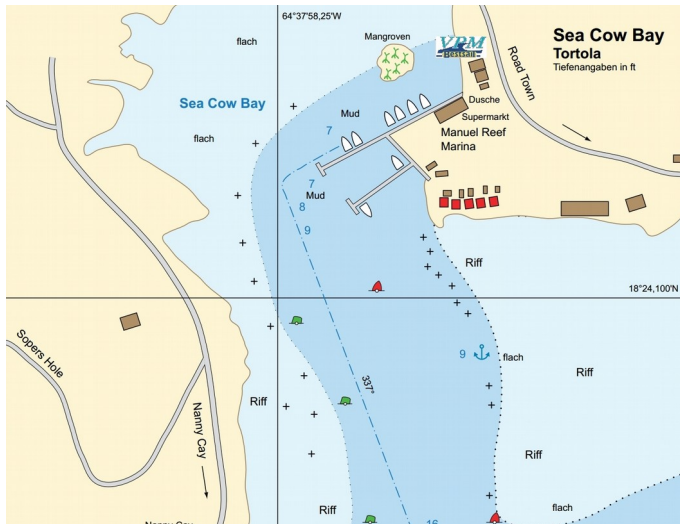
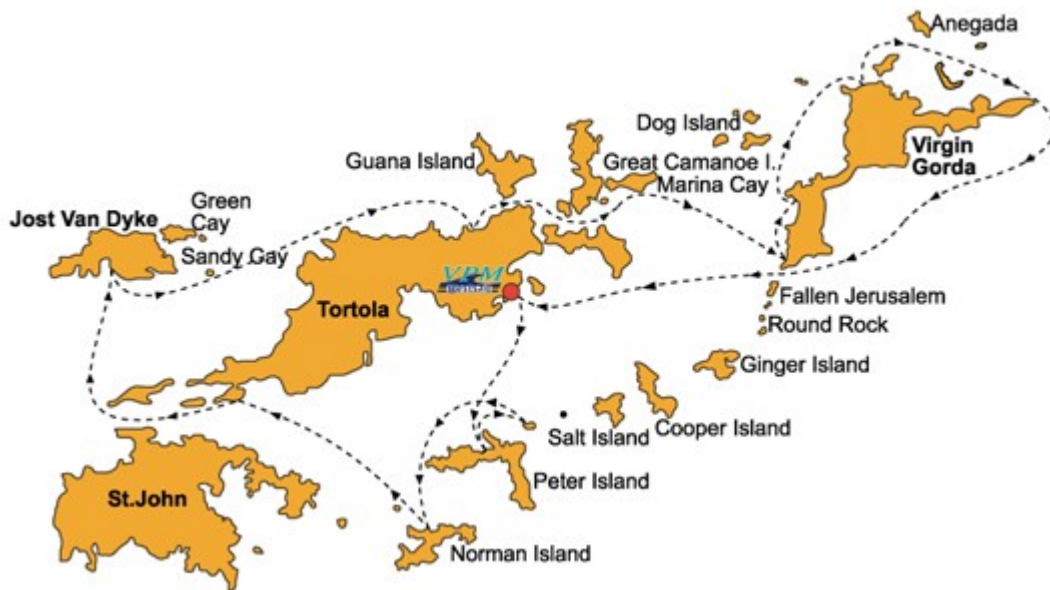
Private cruise / group bookings / incentive sailing cruises:

You may use the same offer for a private journey, including friends and family only, for an additional charge. In this case, no other guests will be attending. For more information please contact your tour operator.

We would also like you to know, that pictures in the catalog or on the homepage, do not necessarily show the boat which you have booked your sailing cruise on. Most of the pictures serve as an examples. We prepare various catamarans for the cruises.

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Itinerary



Day 1: Sea Cow Bay, Tortola

Transfer from the airport to Sea Cow Bay Manuel Reef Marina. Check-in at 6 pm. Reception and Dinner on board. Your Sailing–Cruise starts at the heart of the fantastic world of these islands.

Day 2: Deadman's bay, Peter Island

"Cast off" to Peter Island. You will anchor in the Deadman's bay: the beach, surrounded by palm trees, is said to be one of the ten most romantic beaches in the world. Be on the lookout for turtles, take a walk along the beach, or discover the world under the

turquoise colored surface by snorkel and flippers. In the afternoon you will sail towards Salt Island. The wreck of the HMS Rhone lies here, a mail boat that sank in a hurricane in 1867.

Day 3: The Bight, Norman Island

Breakfast on board. Sail to Norman Island. After spending some time sailing through the shiniest of waters, you will reach the Bay "The Bight", which has previously been a popular hideout for pirates. Here you have the chance to walk through Norman Island, a real Treasure Island. An old legend indicates that a pirate called Morgan hid a treasure in the caves but never returned to get it. Who knows? Maybe it is a good advice, to take the novel "Treasure Island" by Robert Louis Stevenson with you as a reading. Dinner takes place on board. After that, you should not miss a cocktail on "Willi-T's", a former Baltic merchantman's bar. Parties here are not a rare occasion.

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Day 4: Soper's Hole, Tortola – White Bay, Jost van Dyke

Drive to Tortola, Soper's Hole, West End. Ramble through the small shops in this colorful Caribbean village, before you continue your journey to Jost van Dyke. You will anchor in the wonderful White Bay today. Enjoy the "whitest beach" of the Caribbean, and the locally discovered "painkiller". However, your every day worries will vanish even without this popular drink in this picture book scenery.

Day 5: Green Cay or Sandy Cay – Cane Garden Bay, Tortola

Today's destination is the "Cane Garden Bay", Tortola. On the way you will visit Green Cay or Sandy Cay, which are rather little islands. Their crystal clear water invites swimmers and snorkelers. Relax! Seeing the Cane Garden Bay from the water's view, it serves as the perfect beach scenery. However, hiding behind it, there is a rather active little village with loads of small restaurants and BVI-typical beach bars. Enjoy!



Day 6: Virgin Gorda

Transit to "The Baths" in Virgin Gorda, which no other than Christopher Columbus has named personally. The Baths in the south will surely fascinate you, for you will find white sandy beaches between exceptional rock formations. Those rock formations at the same time, form highly interesting seawater pools and grottoes. After that, you will continue sailing to the North Sound of Virgin Gorda. Anchoring in Bitter End.

Day 7: Bitter End, Virgin Gorda – Sea Cow Bay, Tortola

Before lunch, you may take some time for shopping in the appealing area of the Bitter End Yacht club. Along the east coast of Virgin Gorda, you will sail to the starting point of your trip on Tortola. Grant yourself another "Painkiller" in one of the legendary bars in Tortola as a worthy conclusion of your holiday through a fascinating world of islands.

Day 8: Manuel Reef Marina, Tortola

After the breakfast, check-out at 10 am and transfer to the airport or your hotel.

(change of route due to weather conditions, governmental restrictions etc. under reserve)

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