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ISLANDS' SIZE: St. Croix: 84 square miles / St. John: 19 square miles / St. Thomas: 32 square miles / Water Island: .76 square miles.

POPULATION: Total of 110,026. St. Croix (53,898), St. Thomas (51,653), St. John (4,306) and Water Island (169).

LOCATION/GEOGRAPHY:

Comprised of approximately 50 islands and cays and located in the eastern Caribbean, between the Atlantic Ocean and Caribbean Sea, just 1,100 miles

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CAPITOL: Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas.

CULTURE & LANGUAGE: Virgin Islanders represent a variety of races and cultural heritages—including African, Puerto Rican, American mainland, French, Danish, Scots and Portuguese. The official language is English, although you may hear a local dialect called Patois (PA-twah), a fusion of African, English, Portuguese, Spanish and Danish languages.

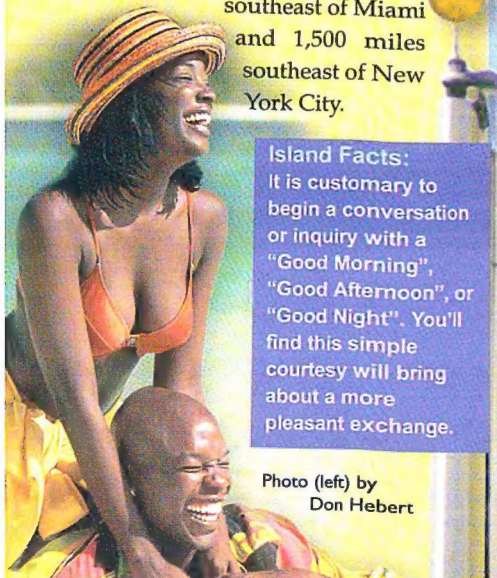
CLIMATE: Average temperature ranges from 77°F in the winter to 83°F in the summer.

RAINFALL: Prolonged periods of rain are rare, but the islands are subject to occasional hurricanes. The territory has a "rainy season" from October until mid-December. Average rainfall is 40-50 inch-

Island Facts:

It is customary to begin a conversation or inquiry with a "Good Morning", "Good Afternoon", or "Good Night". You'll find this simple courtesy will bring about a more pleasant exchange.

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es per year, although the variation from year to year is considerable.

CURRENCY: U.S. Dollar. Traveler's checks and major credit cards are also accepted at most businesses.

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TIME ZONE: Atlantic Standard Time.

GOVERNMENT: An unincorporated territory of the United States that has a democratically elected form of government. Residents are U.S. citizens and are governed by U.S. law, but cannot vote for the President of the United States.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS: No passports or immunizations are necessary for U.S. citizens who travel to the Virgin Islands; however, some form of identification should be carried to evidence citizenship (i.e., passport or original birth certificate with picture ID). Non-U.S. citi-

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VOLTAGE: Electric current is the same as in the United States (120-volt current).

SAFETY TIPS: Just as in any other country, you should be cautious when enjoying our islands. Stick to populated areas and well-lit streets in the evening, lock your car and leave valuables out of sight or leave them in the safe deposit box at your hotel or on board your ship. Never leave valuables unattended at the beach.

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Dear Visitor:

We are delighted to welcome you to St. Thomas, St. John and St. Croix, three charmingly Caribbean, thoroughly American outposts in the U.S. Virgin islands.

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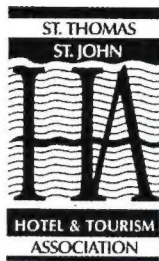
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It is with great delight that we welcome you to our home. We wish you a pleasant stay and look forward to seeing you in the years to come.

Sincerely,

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For several thousand years before the Europeans discovered the Virgin Islands, the region was populated by three main groups of people that became known as Indians: the Ciboney, the Taino or Arawak, and the Caribs. Each of these tribes is thought to have migrated up the Lesser Antilles from the South American coast. Of the three groups the Caribs were the most aggressive and warlike and often raided Taino villages for goods and slaves. But fierce as they were, they could not contend with the Europeans.



The first Europeans came to the islands with Christopher Columbus, who discovered the numerous islands and cays during his second voyage to the New World in 1493. He christened them Las Islas Virgenes - The Virgin Islands, named for St. Ursula and her eleven thousand sea-going virgins of Christian mythology.

Columbus first sighted St. Croix, which he named Santa Cruz (Holy Cross) and claimed for Spain. After landing at Salt River, he encountered the Caribs and had the first reported fight between the Spaniards and the indigenous peoples of the New World. There never was to be a union between the Europeans and the Indians, which proved to be fateful to the Indians of the Virgin Islands. The Spaniards mined for gold, forcing the native Arawaks to work in the mines. The harsh treatment combined with inadequate food and the diseases introduced by the Europeans, caused them to die out in large numbers. By the 1600's virtually all

Indians had vanished from the Virgin Islands.

Eventually the Virgin Islands would become home to many European nations, including Spain, France, England, The Netherlands, Denmark, the Order of the Knights of Malta and finally the United States. The central position within the Caribbean made the Virgin Islands desirable as trading posts for early colonization. These nations continuously debated with each other over the right to possess them.

Before colonial settlements ever took hold, the islands were home to pirates. They were attracted to the West Indies by the wealth of the newly discovered lands. It is believed they used the islands as a rendezvous to repair and water their ships and may have had irregular and non-permanent settlements throughout the islands. One well-known pirate legend centers around the popular visitor's spot, Drake's Seat, on St. Thomas, where Sir Francis Drake, an English navigator

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and pirate, would reportedly watch the Spanish Armada sail by as his ships hid in the refuge of Magen's Bay.

The conditions for piracy were almost ideal: the large number of small islands afforded safe anchorage and refuge, the forests provided suitable woods for repairing, and the proximity of the Virgin Islands to the regular trade routes used by sailing ships entering or leaving the West Indies provided a suitable location. The deep natural harbor of Charlotte Amalie was a favorite among pirates plundering ships laden with gold coins and other valuable items from the European-New World trade routes.

In keeping with the general European trend, the Danes had first been attracted to the West Indies by trading opportunities in the islands. In 1666, the Danes took possession of St. Thomas, and attempted to colonize the island, but met with attacks on the settlement, sickness, and a hurricane. With no support from Denmark, the settlement was abandoned after 19 months. In 1672 a second attempt at colonizing St. Thomas by Denmark was successful. The first permanent set-

tlement was established. The Danish flag was raised and formal possession of the island took place. Although agriculture was the initial interest, it soon became apparent that St. Thomas' future lay in her port and by 1674 development along the waterfront began. The initial taverns that were so popular with the early settlers and seamen gave way to the settlement's name of Taphus ("beer hall") until 1691, when the town was re-named Charlotte Amalie (Ah-MAHL-yah) in honor of the wife of King Christian V.

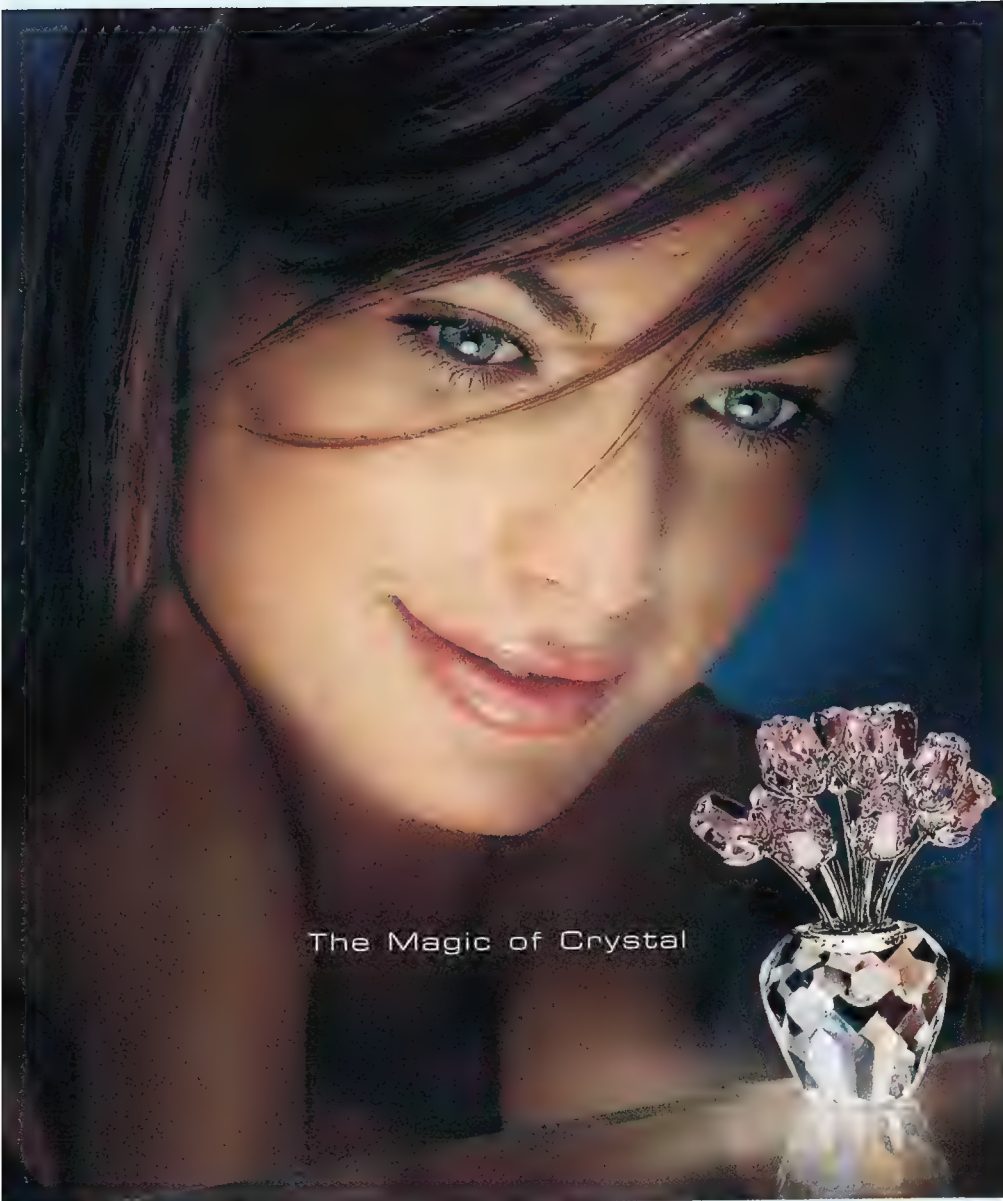
Danish settlement expanded to St. John by 1718. Coral Bay was chosen as the first settlement for its strategic position and suitability for agriculture, especially sugar production. The sugar industry was entirely dependant on slavery, and by 1733 there were more than five times the number of slaves on St. John as owners. In November of that year the slaves on St. John revolted against plantation owners and against slavery. The slaves gained control of the island after slaughtering the entire garrison at Coral Bay's Fort Berg. The Danes recaptured the island in 1734. During the seven-month

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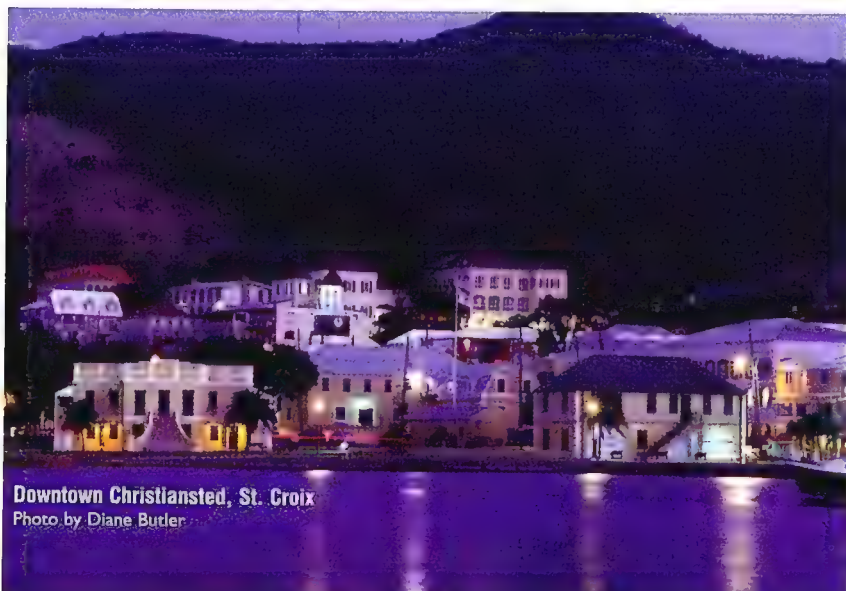
revolt almost a quarter of the island's population was killed.

St. Croix became a Danish possession in 1733, after purchasing the island from the French. The occupation and settlement of the island was delayed until 1734, at which time the first settlement was established on the north side of the island in the area now known as Christiansted. The uniting of the three islands under Danish rule transformed them into one of the major sugar producers in the region. While St. Croix and to a lesser extent St. John, became centers of cotton and especially sugar production, St. Thomas, with its excellent harbor, became a great trading center. It was also well known as a slave trading post. It was in Market Square, located on Dronningens Gade (Main Street) in Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, that some of the largest slave auctions in the New World took place.

At about the same time, the governors of St. Thomas allowed the island to become a refuge for pirates. Piracy flourished openly and this became the time

that many pirate tales came into being. While pirates truly existed, there are many stories of pirates in the Virgin Islands after 1713 that are simply fictitious tales. The most popular tales are of "Bluebeard" and "Blackbeard" and their so-called "castles" in St. Thomas. These "castles" are actual buildings that still exist today. They were, in reality, two fortified watchtowers intended to give warning of approaching enemy ships, and to give support to Fort Christian in defending St. Thomas.

The tale of the pirate Bluebeard, who was said to have murdered his wives and buried them on the terrace, is pure fantasy. In fact Bluebeard never existed. But Blackbeard was the pirate Captain Edward Teach, "a swaggering merciless brute." Well known throughout the Caribbean, Teach was feared by many ships until his death in 1718. Legend has it that he sipped rum laced with gunpowder from his stronghold at Blackbeard's Castle. After almost 150 years in the Caribbean, piracy was on the decline. After 1700, pirates were rare or



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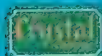
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As piracy diminished, legitimate trade was on the rise. In 1764, Denmark declared St. Thomas and St. John free ports. This declaration bolstered an economy that could no longer be maintained strictly on agriculture. By 1800, Charlotte Amalie was one of the busiest ports and trading centers for the West Indies. It wasn't until 1833 that St. Croix was declared a free port. The trade restrictions continued later on St. Croix due to its continued importance as a producer and exporter of sugar.

The 18th century saw St. Croix prosper with sugar plantations and St. Thomas become a major trading center, until 1848 when Denmark abolished slavery. The combination of higher labor costs, drought, hurricanes and an increase in beet sugar production from the U.S. and Europe brought about the decline of the Danish West Indies as a major agricultural power.

The late 1800's and early 1900's were subdued years throughout the Virgin

Islands. Several natural disasters, including hurricanes, fires and a tidal wave, left Charlotte Amalie devastated and needing a major rebuilding. Many years would pass before the old warehouses would be renovated into the shopping district now located on Main Street and in the many passageways and side streets throughout Charlotte Amalie.

In 1917, during WWI, the United States purchased the Virgin Islands from Denmark for \$25 million. The U.S. feared German acquisition of the islands and also needed naval bases to defend approaches to the Panama Canal. During WWII, St. Thomas was developed as a defense base. Anti-submarine warfare

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and the routing of U.S. convoys through the Caribbean waters gave St. Thomas and St. Croix strategic military importance.

The islands were under the jurisdiction of the department of the Navy until they were transferred to the department of the Interior in 1931. Currently, local government organization is derived from the U.S. Congress under the Revised Organic Act of 1954, which declared the islands to be an unincorporated territory of the U.S. Full U.S. citizenship was not granted to Virgin Islanders until 1927.

Prosperity returned to the Virgin Islands in the 1950's, due to its free port status and as air and sea travel increased. In 1959, when Cuba was closed as a port to Americans travelers, the Virgin Islands moved into importance as a major tourist destination. Tourism and tourist expenditures have been responsible for the dynamic growth of the Virgin Islands since the 1950's.

The official addition of the fourth

Virgin Island, Water Island, located just off the southern coast of St. Thomas, occurred in 1996, when the island was transferred to the Territorial Government. Previously, Water Island belonged to the U.S. Department of the Interior, who received title from the U.S. Army in 1952. Once a strategic military base during WWII, the island is a quiet and quaint addition to the Virgin Islands.

Today, the islands are a top port of call among cruise lines, a shopping mecca and a popular vacation destination.

Check out these books for a more detailed account of Virgin Islands' history:

- ***A History of the Virgin Islands of the United States*** by Isaac Dookhan
- ***America's Virgin Islands: A History of Human Rights and Wrongs*** by William W. Boyer
- ***A Brief History of the Caribbean: From the Arawak and Carib to the Present*** by Jan Rogozinski



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The energy of Charlotte Amalie, one of the most visited ports in the Caribbean, defines St. Thomas for many visitors. The narrow thoroughfares, quaint alleyways and historic buildings bustle with shoppers and explorers alike. Yet St. Thomas has more to offer outside the upbeat rhythm of downtown. Venture from the natural deep-water harbor, up the steep hillsides dotted with traditional red roofs, on to the stunning vistas, tropical terrain, and picturesque sugar-sand beaches. The multi-faceted personality of St. Thomas offers sightseeing for everyone's taste.

A Walk through Historic Charlotte Amalie

Begin your sightseeing in the charming capital of the Virgin Islands, Charlotte Amalie (Ah-MAHL-yah). The story of St. Thomas and its people unfold as you meander through the narrow streets, colorful alleyways, and steep hills. The Danish street names, distinctive architecture, and stone stairways bring you back to colonial times when

the now stylish stores and restaurants were warehouses full of molasses, rum, spices and other trade goods awaiting export. To learn more about the island, stop by the Tourism Department & Visitor's Information Lounge, located on the east end of town across from the Vendor's Plaza. Pick up maps, brochures and helpful information in the refreshing air-conditioned lounge.

You'll find Charlotte Amalie ideal for exploration on foot. To make your journey a pleasant one, be sure to start early, wear comfortable shoes and cool clothing, drink plenty of water and bring sunscreen to fend off the strong rays of the Caribbean sun. Begin your walking tour at:

FORT CHRISTIAN • Located near the waterfront on the east side of Charlotte Amalie, this imposing brick-red landmark is the oldest building in use on St. Thomas and a National Historic Landmark. Named after the Danish King Christian V and built between 1672

Island Facts:

Most streets in town retain the Danish name Gade (pronounced Ga-da), in deference to the island's heritage. Gade translates to Street.



and 1680, this stronghold has been used, over time, as a jail, governor's residence, town hall, courtyard, and church. It currently houses the Fort Christian Museum. Several rooms off the main courtyard display archaeological artifacts, mahogany furniture, household utensils and more from an era past. Be sure to climb to the top for an impressive view of the harbor and the lime-green Legislature Building across the street between Veteran's Drive and the waterfront.

LEGISLATURE BUILDING • The home of the U.S. Virgin Islands' legislature since 1957, this distinctive building served as the Danish



police barracks before housing the U.S. Marines, then becoming a public school in 1930. Note the Danish coat-of-arms crest painted on the exterior. In 1917, the formal ceremony officially transferring ownership of the U.S. Virgin Islands to the United States took place in this building.

EMANCIPATION PARK • Across from Fort Christian, this small park honors the proclamation of the emancipation of the slaves on July 3, 1848. A replica of the United States' Liberty Bell sits in the southwest corner of the park. Emancipation Park is a popular place for locals and visitors to relax on the benches under the shade trees. The white gazebo is the site for many festivities throughout the year.

GRAND GALLERIA • Across from Emancipation Park and occupying an entire block sits an excellent example of 19th century architecture, the Grand Galleria. Built in 1841 as the Grand Hotel, the building was renamed the Grand Galleria in 2000. Now home to shops, restaurants and office space, it was once the favorite haunt for the social elite.

FREDERICK LUTHERAN CHURCH • On Norre Gade (Main Street), behind the Grand Galleria, off the northeast corner, you'll find one of St. Thomas' most beautiful architectural treasures, the Frederick Lutheran Church. Its vast brick stairway leads inside to antique chandeliers, inscribed 19th century plaques, and pews, each with its own door, once rented to families of the congregation. Originally constructed in the 19th century, the structure has been renovated several times.

POST OFFICE • Head west from the Frederick Lutheran Church to the Post Office to view the murals by famed

Saturday Evening Post artist, Stephen Dohanos.

HOTEL 1829. Directly uphill from the Post Office on Kongens Gade (Government Hill), Hotel 1829, constructed in that same year, was built as a town home for a French sea captain named Lavalette. His initials can still be seen in the grillwork on the balcony above the main entrance.

99 STEPS • Continuing east up the hill, you will find yourself at the foot of a steep set of stairs. You have reached the 99 Steps. The stairway, built in the 1700's, is an example of the many stairways that were built into the hillsides due to impractical city planning by engineers in Denmark who had never set foot on the island. The multi-colored bricks used to build the staircase were brought over as ship's ballast. As you head to the top, count the stairs and you will discover there are actually more than 99 steps. The grand views of the town and harbor make the climb worthwhile.

CROWN HOUSE • Head left from the 99 steps and you will soon spot the Crown House on your left. Now privately owned, this 18th century house was once used as the governor's residence.

BLACKBEARD'S CASTLE • Across from the Crown House, up the stairs, lies Blackbeard's Castle. The tower constructed in 1679 by the Danish colonial government, as a defensive fortification to protect St. Thomas, was once known as Fort Skytsborg. It is the best remaining example of 17th century Danish colonial military architecture in the Virgin Islands, and is the only unmodified 17th century fortified tower in the Caribbean. This National Historic Landmark was rumored to be the legendary home of the pirate Edward Teach, known as

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Blackbeard. Legend has it that he sipped rum laced with gunpowder from his stronghold at Blackbeard's Castle.

FREDERICK CHURCH PARSON-

AGE • Head back down the 99 Steps and continue east on Government Hill to find the Frederick Church Parsonage. Built in 1725, it is one of the oldest houses on the island. It is also the only structure on Government Hill to retain its 18th century architecture.

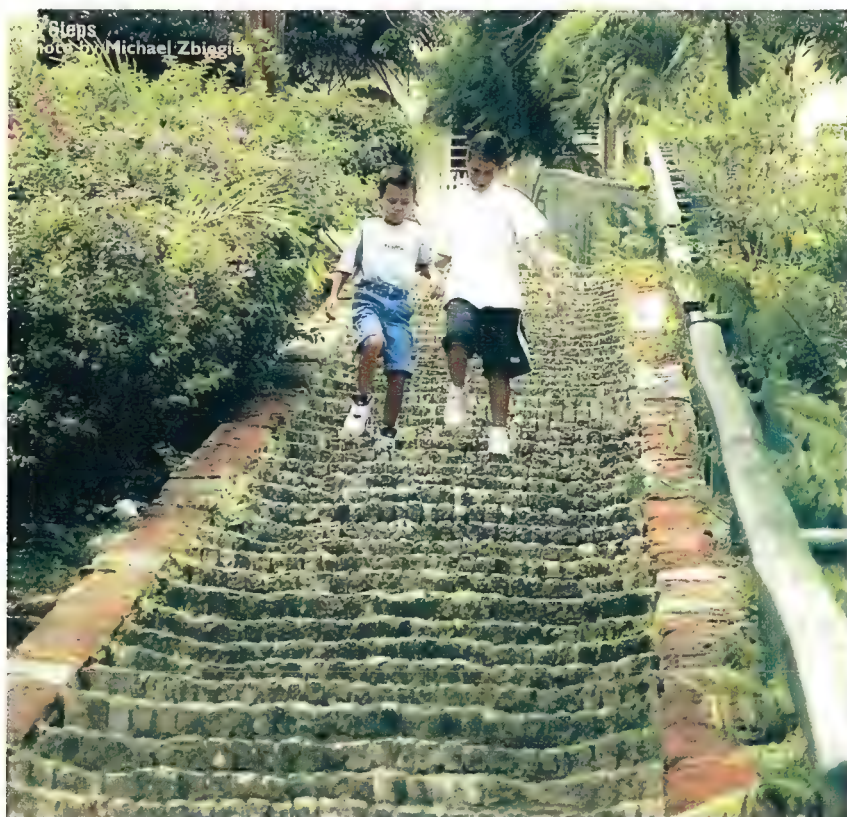
GOVERNMENT HOUSE • Continue east until you reach Government House on your left. Built as an elegant residence in 1867, today Government House serves as the governor's office and administrative headquarters for all the U.S. Virgin Islands. The three-story white structure houses three murals at the back of the

lobby, which were painted by Pepino Mangravatti in the 1930's as part of the U.S. government's Works Projects Administration, and paintings by French Impressionist Camille Pissarro, who was born on St. Thomas. The red guardhouse at the foot of the building reminds us of the days when the Danish ruled.

Retrace your steps heading west down Government Hill where you will end up on Main Street across from the Post Office. Continue west for one block, past the shops on Main Street, and turn right on Nye Gade, just past the Little Switzerland Main Street store. The Dutch Reformed Church is on the right, on the corner of Nye Gade and Crystal Gade.

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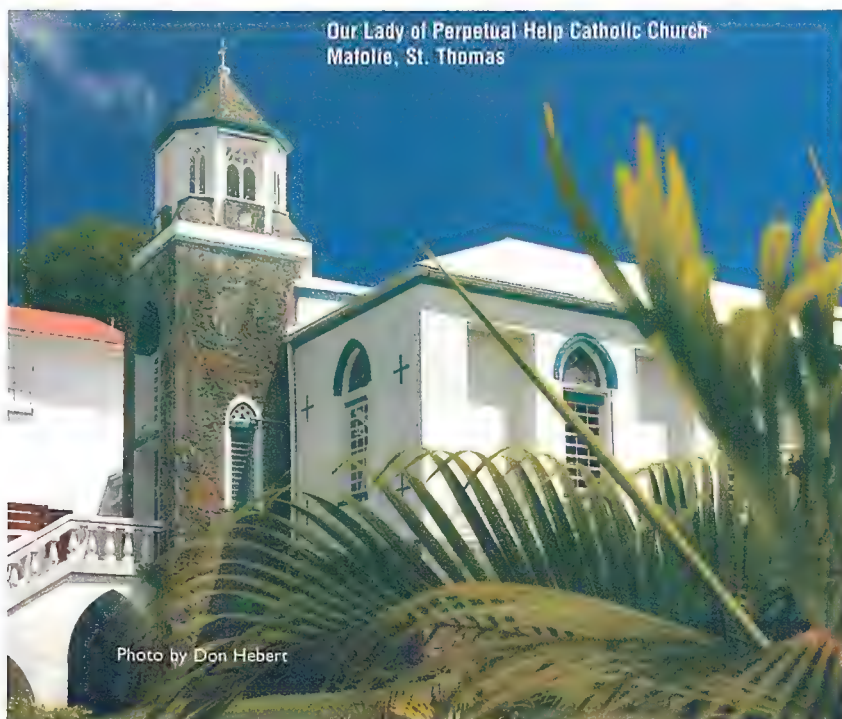
Virgin Islands, services were originally held in Fort Christian. The first church was built in the mid-1670's on the savannah east of the Fort and remained in use until 1731. In the 1740's a new church was built on Snegle Gade, which was later burned in 1804. A new church was immediately erected, but was again destroyed by fire in 1806. The cornerstone of the present church was laid September 18, 1884 and completed and consecrated on February 8, 1846. The Dutch Reformed Church is a striking example of Greek Revival architecture.

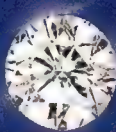
ST. THOMAS SYNAGOGUE • Head west on Crystal Gade for one block to arrive at the Saint Thomas Synagogue. Its Hebrew name, Synagogue of Beracha Veshalom Vegmiluth Hasidim, translates as the Congregation of Blessing, Peace, and Loving Deeds. The synagogue was built to house a congregation founded in 1796 by Sephardic Jews. Rebuilt in 1833,

it is the second-oldest synagogue in the Western Hemisphere. In 1997 the building was designated a National Historic Landmark. The floor of the synagogue is covered in soft, white sand, which symbolizes the desert that was crossed by Moses and the Israelites, commemorating the exodus of the Jews from Egypt.

From the synagogue, head down Raadet's Gade to Main Street and head west. Among the shops and restaurants is the birthplace of French Impressionist painter Camille Pissarro, duly noted at the entrance of the Camille Pissarro Building and further down Main Street is the Enid M. Baa Public Library, an excellent example of colonial architecture.

MARKET SQUARE • Two blocks up from the public library is the site of what was once the largest slave market in the Caribbean, Market Square. The auction blocks now serve as an open-air market where locals sell a variety of

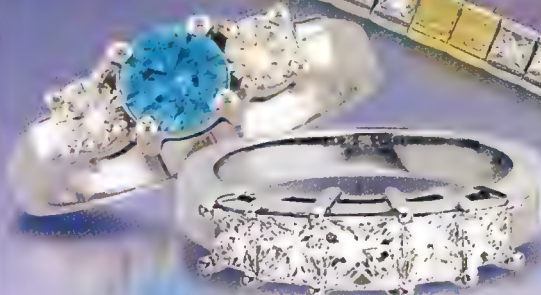




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There's More to St. Thomas

Although Charlotte Amalie is the heart of St. Thomas, there are a number of other exciting points of interest scattered throughout the island. Hire a taxi to take a guided tour or rent a car and enjoy the freedom of sightseeing at your own pace.

BLUEBEARD'S CASTLE • Not to be mistaken with Blackbeard's Castle above Charlotte Amalie, this stone tower is located east of downtown on the grounds of Bluebeard's Castle Hotel. This centuries-old fortress bears the name Bluebeard, after the infamous pirate. Legend has it that Bluebeard built the castle for his true love, Mercedita. When the pirate discovered her to be unfaithful, he killed her and sailed away, never to return. In reality, the Danes built the stone tower as a supplementary watchtower to aid the defenses of Fort Christian. The property offers spectacular views overlooking the harbor and town of Charlotte Amalie.

WEST INDIAN COMPANY DOCK • Just east of Charlotte Amalie and home to the Havensight Shopping Mall, the West Indian Company Dock is the place to go to view the many visiting cruise ships up close and enjoy the view of the harbor.

PARADISE POINT • Up the hill from the West Indian Company Dock, Paradise Point offers a fantastic view of the harbor and beyond. Ride the tramway or drive up the hill to 700 feet above sea level. Browse the boutiques, walk the nature trail or enjoy an end of the day cocktail and catch a fantastic

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sunset as you watch the cruise ships leave the harbor.

TILLET GARDENS • Tillett Gardens is located in Anna's Retreat in the Tutu area. Founded by Jim Tillett, a silkscreen artist, the grounds, once an old Danish farm, feature the workshops and stores of local artisans. Throughout the year Tillett Gardens hosts performances at the Pistarckle Theater, art festivals and music concerts, including its popular Classics in the Garden series.

The North Side is home to many attractions and more lush vegetation than is found on the rest of the island. It also offers some of the best views of the harbor to the south and the British Virgin Islands and St. John to the north and east.

SKYLINE OVERLOOK • Above Charlotte Amalie is Valdimar Hill Sr. Drive, better known as Skyline Drive (Route 40). The bird's eye view of Charlotte Amalie, the harbor and the cruise ship dock makes this overlook a picture perfect stop.

DRAKE'S SEAT • Further west on Route 40, is Drake's Seat, the legendary mountain lookout from which Sir Francis Drake, an English navigator and pirate, would reportedly watch the Spanish Armada sail by as his ships hid in the refuge of Magen's Bay. The panoramic vista is majestic with views of Magen's Bay and Mahogany Run to the North, the British Virgin Islands and



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FAIRCHILD PARK • At Fairchild Park, below MountainTop, is a fine sampling of Virgin Islands tropical foliage. The park was a gift to the people of the U.S. Virgin Islands from philanthropist Arthur Fairchild.

ST. PETER GREATHOUSE ESTATE & GARDENS • Perched high atop the volcanic peaks of St. Thomas, this eleven-acre tropical estate was originally part of the St. Peter Plantation in the 1800's. The lavish grounds have a self-guided nature

trail that leads you through nearly 200 varieties of tropical trees, plants and colorful flowers. Classic native stonework and Caribbean architecture showcase a gallery displaying local art, and the observation deck, 1,000 feet above sea level, astounds you with views of more than 20 other islands and cays.

THE WEST END • Traveling to the West End of the island, past the airport, takes you to the University of the Virgin Islands and the Reichhold Center for the Arts. This open-air amphitheater has a unique natural setting with stone, boulders and beautiful vegetation incorporated into the design. The Center offers international attractions of music, dance and drama.

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Although all beaches in the Virgin Islands are open to the public, some are on hotel properties and may charge a small fee to use their amenities.

BOLONGO BEACH • Best known for the beach volleyball games every Thursday night, you can also find restaurants, a gift shop and water sports rentals. For those looking for a less active beach experience, settle into one of the hammocks strung beachside.

Located on the South Side of the island at Bolongo Bay Beach Club.

BREWER'S BAY • A favorite with the locals, this normally peaceful beach comes alive on the weekends. Sample the local food and drink offered on the weekends.

Located on the West End, near the University of the Virgin Islands campus.

COKI BEACH • Bustling with festive food stands,

beach bars and vendors offering snorkel gear, floats and lounge chairs for rent, this beach is a favorite among locals and visitors alike. Its neighbor, Coral World, an underwater marine park and observatory, attract the vast number of tropical fish to the area making it the hot spot for snorkeling and diving.

Located on the Northeast Side of the island next to Coral World Marine Park.

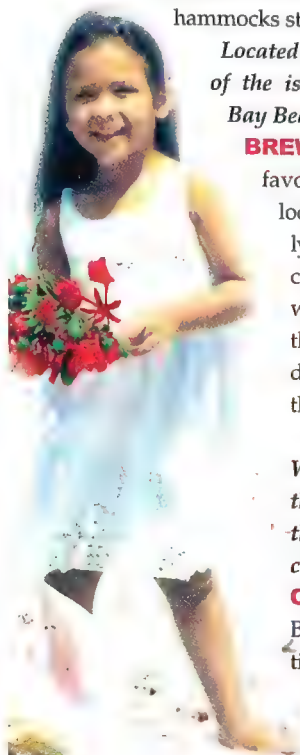
GREAT BAY • Formerly known as Bluebeard's Beach and now home to the Ritz-Carlton Club, this gorgeous stretch of white sand beach is still loved by those seeking a peaceful sunbathing experience. The gently sloping, pure sand bottom makes this a great swimming beach that can be enjoyed amidst the amenities of the Ritz Carlton Club or head further down the beach for more solitude. Enjoy the steady breeze that makes this bay a favorite among windsurfers and kiteboarders.

Located on the East End, at the Ritz Carlton Club.

HULL BAY • A favorite hangout for surfers, especially in the winter when the waves build over the offshore reef at the western tip of the bay. The otherwise tranquil bay also serves as an anchorage to local fisherman. Enjoy the shaded beach, calm waters and colorful fishing boats of this casual beach. You can join the locals for a bite to eat at the nearby bar and restaurant.

Located on the North Side, just west of Magen's Bay.

LINDBERGH BEACH • This long stretch of sand offers calm waters and a dazzling shoreline perfect for a stroll on the beach. The nearby hotels, including



the Island Beachcomber, Emerald Beach Resort and Carib Beach Resort, offer the added convenience of hotel amenities.

Located on Airport Road, on the West End of the island.

MAGEN'S BAY • Often touted as one of the top ten beaches in the world, this horseshoe-shaped bay is framed by mountainous peaks on the east and west, a never-ending horizon of blue waters to the north and a stretch of sugar-fine sand dotted with palm trees. The gently sloping beach and clear calm waters make this a safe swimming beach for families with children or those less experienced swimmers. Head to the western end of the beach for more seclusion and better snorkeling.

This full service beach offers picnic tables, changing rooms with salt-water showers, a boutique, and rentals of snorkeling gear, lounge chairs, floats and small sailboats. The full service bar makes refreshing frozen drinks and the snack bar is known for their great pizza. There is an entrance fee that helps maintain this public park.

Located on St. Thomas' North Side, at the end of Route 35.

MORNING STAR BEACH • With a multitude of amenities at your fingertips, Morning Star Beach offers comfort and one of the most engaging beaches St. Thomas has to offer. The active beach-goer can rent snorkel gear and explore the reefs at either end of the beach, or learn to windsurf or sail from certified instructors. Those looking for a peaceful day at the beach can enjoy a cool drink from one of the two full-service bars while relaxing on a lounge chair under an umbrella. Nestle in with a good book and watch the sailboats and cruise ships stream in and out of the

nearby St. Thomas harbor.

Located on the South Side of the island at the Marriott Frenchman's Reef Resort.

SAPPHIRE BEACH • With stunning views of St. John, the British Virgin Islands and many other islets and cays, this magnificent beach is not to be missed. The shoreline is scattered with sea grape trees offering shelter from the sun's rays. The soothing sapphire blue waters are great for a refreshing dip or a fantastic snorkel on any of the three reefs just offshore. A favorite for windsurfers and beach volleyball players. The property includes a marina, restaurants and a beachside dive shop, offering rentals on chairs, floats, sunfish and more. Don't miss "Sapphire Sundays" when the beach comes alive with music from local bands.

Located at Sapphire Beach Resort & Marina, on the East End of the island.

SECRET HARBOUR • A lovely spot for a lazy day at the beach. Bejeweled with palm trees, this small cove features a terraced restaurant and bar, water sports rentals and a floating swim platform to soak up the Caribbean sun.

Located on the East End of the island at Secret Harbour Resort.

VESSUP BEACH • This beautifully tropical white sand beach is adorned with a variety of flora, including sea grape trees, cacti, and century plants. The shore, strewn with clusters of rock, makes for an excellent walk. Water sports equipment can be rented from a concession at the end of the beach.

Located on the East End, off Route 322, which branches off Route 30 near Red Hook.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 2003

- 4, 5, 12 A Christmas Carol: Pistarckle Theater, St. Thomas (340-775-7877)
- 13, 18-20 Crucian Christmas Festival Village Opening: St. Croix (340-719-3379)
- 26 Crucian Christmas Festival Village Opening: St. Croix (340-719-3379)
- 29 Arthur Woodley on the bass: Tillett Gardens, St. Thomas (340-775-1929)

JANUARY 2004

- 2 Crucian Christmas Festival Childrens Parade: St. Croix (340-719-3379)
- 3 Crucian Christmas Festival Adults Parade: St. Croix (340-719-3379)
- 8-10, 16 Sisters: Pistarckle Theater, St. Thomas (340-775-7877)
- 17, 22-24 Music at Whim Candlelight Concert: St. Croix Landmark Society (340-772-0598)
- 18 Ruins Ramble: St. Croix Landmark Society (340-772-0598)

FEBRUARY 2004

- 1 Antiques, Art and Collectibles Auction: Hebrew Congregation of St. Thomas (340-774-4312)
- 14-15 St. Croix Gospel Fest: Island Center for the Arts, St. Croix (340-712-2250)
- 14-16 Virgin Islands Agricultural and Food Fair: St. Croix (340-778-0991)
- 14-16 St. Croix International Regatta: St. Croix Yacht Club (340-773-9531)
- 18 Meadowmount Trio: Tillett Gardens, St. Thomas (340-775-1929)
- 19-21 The Nerd: Pistarckle Theater, St. Thomas (340-775-7877)
- 27-28 Music at Whim Candlelight Concert: St. Croix Landmark Society (340-772-0598)
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MARCH 2004

- 4-6 The Nerd: Pistarckle Theater, St. Thomas (340-775-7877)
- 7 Annual Antique Auction: Whim Museum, St. Croix Landmark Society (340-772-0598)
- 10 Kevin Sharpe on the piano: Tillett Gardens, St. Thomas (340-775-1929)
- 12-13 Music at Whim Candlelight Concert: St. Croix Landmark Society (340-772-0598)
- 26-28 International Rolex Regatta: St. Thomas Yacht Club (340-775-6320)
- 28 Starving Artists Day & Farmers Market: St. Croix Landmark Society (340-772-0598)

APRIL 2004

- 2-3 Music at Whim Candlelight Concert: St. Croix Landmark Society (340-772-0598)
- 18 Ruins Ramble: St. Croix Landmark Society (340-772-0598)
- 26 Carnival 2004 Opening of Carnival Village: St. Thomas (340-776-3112)
- 28 Carnival 2004 Food, Arts & Crafts Fair: St. Thomas (340-776-3112)
- 30 Carnival 2004 Children's Parade: St. Thomas (340-776-3112)

MAY 2004

- 1 Carnival 2004 Adult's Parade: St. Thomas (340-776-3112)

- 2 Half Ironman Triathlon: St. Croix (340-773-4470)
- 16 Golf Tournament to benefit St. Thomas Swimming Association: Mahogany Run Golf Course, St. Thomas (340-777-6006)
- 16 Ruins Ramble: St. Croix Landmark Society (340-772-0598)
- 20-25 Sunset Groove Festival 2004: Lionel Roberts Stadium, St. Thomas
- 20 Beer-B-Q Bonanza: Whim Museum, St. Croix Landmark Society (340-772-0598)

JUNE 2004

- 5-6 Mahogany Run Club Championship, St. Thomas
- 20 The Red, White & Blue Golf Tournament to benefit The Humane Society of St. Thomas: Mahogany Run Golf Course, St. Thomas (340-777-6006)

JULY 2004

- 3 Taste of St. Croix: Budhoe Park
- 4 St. John Festival Parade: St. John (340-776-6450)
- 4 July Open Kids Tournament: Virgin Islands Game Fishing Club, St. Thomas (340-775-9144)
- 8-11 Pistarckle Theater Summer Camp Production: Pistarckle Theater, St. Thomas (340-775-7877)
- 18 The Governor's Cup Golf Tournament to benefit the Boy Scouts of the Virgin Islands: Mahogany Run Golf Course, St. Thomas (340-777-6006)
- 29-Aug 1 July Open Fishing Tournament: Virgin Islands Game Fishing Club, St. Thomas (340-775-9144)

AUGUST 2004

- 1 Celebrity Golf Tournament to benefit The Beacon Schools of the Virgin Islands: Mahogany Run Golf Course, St. Thomas (340-777-6006)
- 25-30 USVI Open: Boy Scouts' Atlantic Blue Marlin Tournament, St. Thomas (888-234-7484)
- 27-29 The St. Thomas Open: Mahogany Run Golf Course, St. Thomas (340-777-6006)
- 29 Starving Artists Day & Farmers Market: St. Croix Landmark Society (340-772-0598)

SEPTEMBER 2004

- TBA Tommy Labor Day Route Rally & Beach Jamz (340-774-6835)

OCTOBER 2004

- 31 The Pumpkin Cup: Mahogany Run Golf Course, St. Thomas (340-777-6006)

NOVEMBER 2004

- 13 Tommy Awards and Gala (340-774-6835)
- 14 The V.I. Bar Association's Almeric Christian Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament: Mahogany Run Golf Course, St. Thomas (340-777-6006)
- 19 Bella Hristova on the violin: Tillett Gardens, St. Thomas (340-775-1929)

DECEMBER 2004

- 4-5 Arts & Craft Fair (10 to 5 daily): Tillett Gardens, St. Thomas (340-775-1929)
- 5 The St. Thomas-St. John Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament: Mahogany Run Golf Course, St. Thomas (340-777-6006)
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Shopping in St. Thomas

The multitudes of diverse stores that populate St. Thomas pay homage to the island's reputation as a shopping mecca. Since 1764, when St. Thomas was declared a free port, it has emerged as one of the most popular shopping destinations in the Caribbean, offering everything from jewelry, electronics, cameras, perfume, designer accessories and clothing to island crafts, local music, artwork, collectibles, books and fine spirits.

Many of the shops and boutiques in Charlotte Amalie are along Main Street, the Waterfront and in the numerous charming alleys, malls and passageways that connect the two main thoroughfares. Take time to browse through the various smaller shops and boutiques where you are sure to find unique treasures.

Other fabulous finds can be found at Havensight Mall, next to the cruise ship dock. This unique and relaxing mall is a one-stop destination with over 180 stores and businesses, many of which are branches of downtown stores. In one convenient area you will find the same duty-free shopping and low prices as Charlotte Amalie. Other shopping can be found at Port of Sale Mall, also near the cruise ship dock, and American Yacht Harbor in Red Hook. Many tourist attractions and hotels also have gift shops.

Wherever you choose to shop in the U.S. Virgin Islands, duty-free savings await you. In addition to no sales tax, visitors are allowed a duty-free quota of \$1,200. Stores are usually open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. During high season, if a cruise ship calls on a Sunday, some of the stores will open for at least half of the day.

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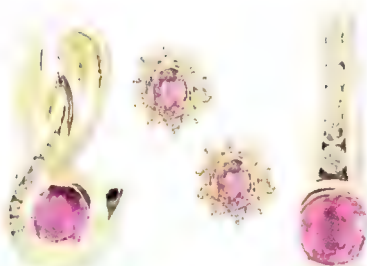
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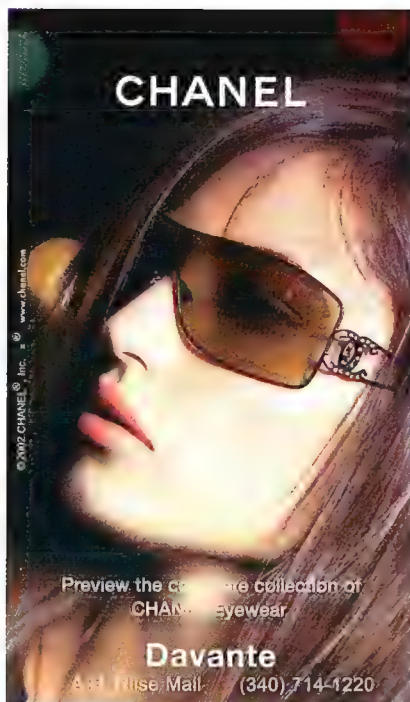
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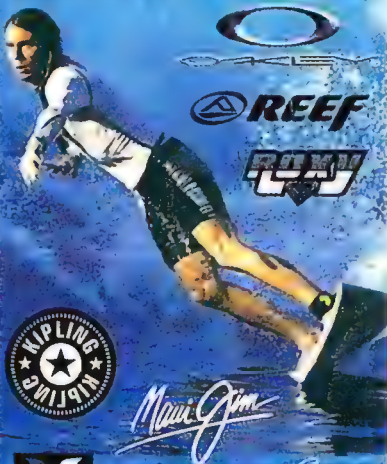
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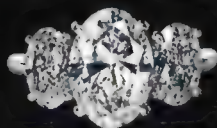
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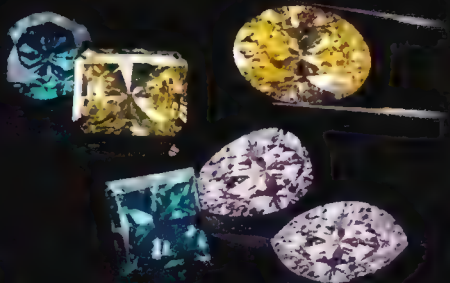
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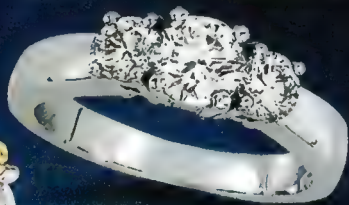
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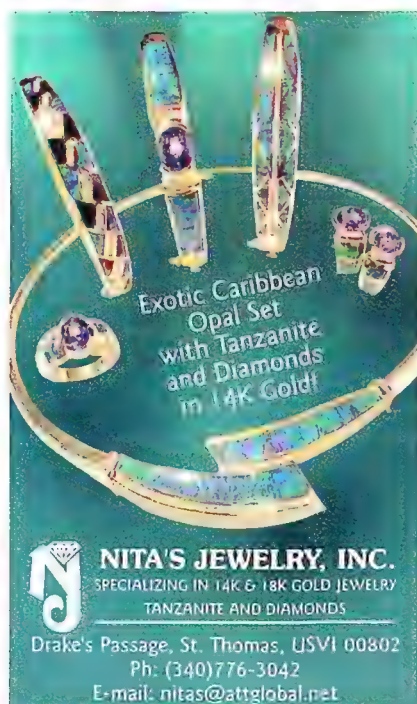


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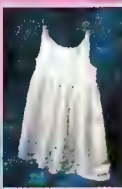
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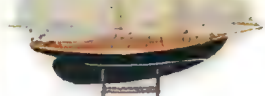
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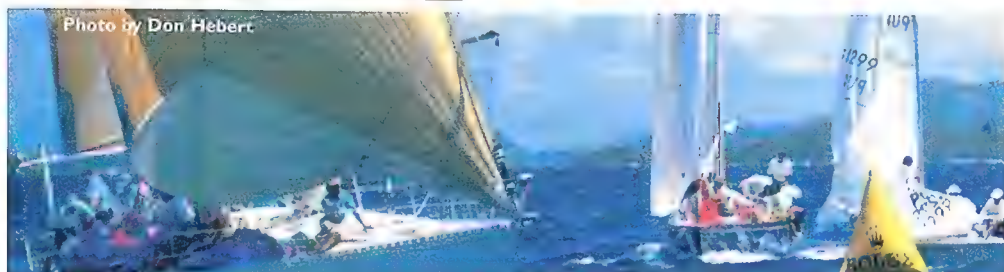
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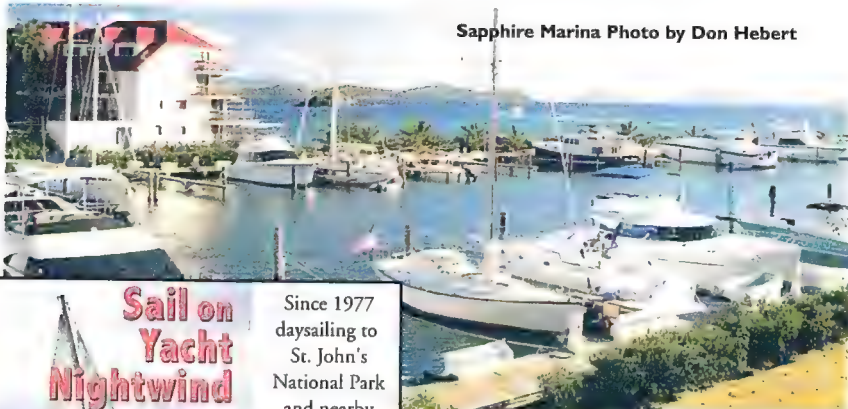
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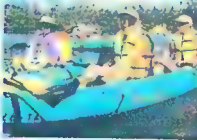
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The more popular flowering varieties are the Bougainvillea, Frangipani, Oleander, Hibiscus, Flamboyant and the official flower of the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Yellow Cedar or Ginger Thomas.

Look for the Prickly Pear, Turks Cap, Night-Blooming and Pipe Organ cacti in the arid areas. Also abundant throughout the islands are the medicinal Aloe and the Century Plant.

The Mahogany and Sea Grape are popular shade trees, while the shady, but poisonous Manchineel should be avoided.

Stop by a local fruit stand to sample the abundance of treats born by the native fruit trees: bananas, genips, mangos, papaya, and tamarind.

Our tropical fauna encompasses a variety of mammals, birds, reptiles and

Background photo of Ginger Thomas is the official flower of the Virgin Islands. Photo by Don Hebert

marine life. Although some of the now feral animals were once domesticated and are easily recognizable, many of these unique creatures are a new sight to our visitors. Some of our favorites are:

The Iguana, an eye-catching lizard resembling a miniature dinosaur, the mongoose, brought to the islands during plantation days to control the rat population; the scarcely seen deer, wild or domesticated donkeys; goats; and bats, said to be the only native animal to the Virgin Islands.

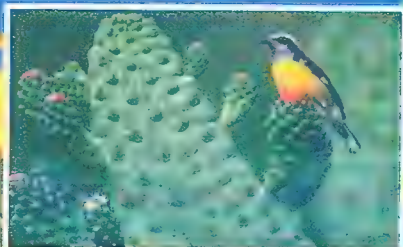
Of the 171 varieties of birds that call the Virgin Islands home, you will most likely spot the Banana Quit, a small bird with a bright yellow chest known for liking sugar and our official territorial bird; a medley of brightly colored hummingbirds; the scavenging seagull; and diving pelicans. Look for one of the many birds that fly to the tropics to spend winter, such as herons, terns, boobies and frigate birds.

An entirely different world teeming with life lies underneath the sea. Varying assortments of coral and reef fish bring a kaleidoscope of color to the underwater world. Other notable marine life include the hawksbill, leatherback and green turtles and the humpback whale, often seen in the winter and spring in their migration from North American waters.

The Iguana is a photogenic sight in the Virgin Islands. Photo by Michael Zbiegien



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Inland Adventures

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Golf

Golfers won't be able to resist the many prestigious and challenging golf courses throughout the Virgin Islands. St. Thomas claims the Virgin Islands' premier golf course, Mahogany Run. Perched along the north coast of St. Thomas, this 6,022-yard, par-70, Fazio-designed course is home to the famed Devil's Triangle, a trio of holes suspended along the cliffs above the surf of

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St. Croix has a multitude of hiking trails through historic ruins on the West End, the tropical forest at Caledonia and at Salt River National Park. Whether you want to trek out on your own or join the St. Croix Environmental Association for a group hike, St. Croix's varied terrain offers up flora and fauna

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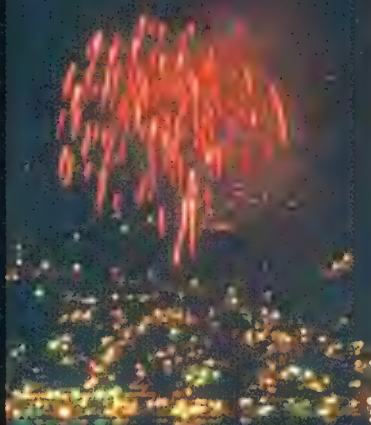
Carnival: A Cultural Celebration

Photo by Don Hebert

Imagine a month of revelry and jubilation where all inhibitions are abandoned and the celebration of life is at the core of all the action. There's no need to imagine – that's Carnival time in St. Thomas! Every April, locals and visitors alike celebrate Carnival, the most anticipated cultural event of the year. Pulsating rhythms, a kaleidoscope of color and the aroma of local fare transform the town of Charlotte Amalie into a stage for a high-energy fete unlike no other in the Virgin Islands.

Caribbean culture permeates the events and shows of the month-long festival. Crowds are enchanted by the controversial rhymes at the Calypso Review, the savory local delicacies of the Food Fair, the sparkle of tiaras at the Prince and Princess, and King and Queen coronations, the mesmerizing beat of the steel pan competition and the sultry rhythms of Latin Night. At the heart of it all is Carnival Village, a cornucopia of brightly painted booths offering traditional food and drink, a stage for nightly performances, and carnival rides and games for the children and all the kids at heart.

The numerous and varied performances throughout the month all lead to the culmination of the celebration – the last three days of Carnival. J'ouvert begins in the pre-dawn hours of Thursday morning. Masses of revelers dance through the streets following the islands' most popular bands as they are pulled on flatbed trucks with their music exploding through a mass of speakers. Friday brings the Children's Parade, a delightful procession of young majorettes, troupes, bands and Mocko Jumbies all in sparkling, multicolored costumes. The climax of the celebration is on Saturday when thousands of onlookers line Main Street to view the dazzling grandeur of the Adult Parade. Carnival royalty wave to the crowds,





troupes dance by with extravagant costumes designed with vibrant glitter and colorful feathers, steel bands perform the most popular Carnival songs and floats carry an array of merry makers.

The treasured tradition of Carnival began in 1911, after island resident Adolph "Ding" Sixto brought the concept of Carnival to St. Thomas from his inspiring trip to Carnival in Rio de Janeiro. On February 14, 1912, he re-created his experience in the first St. Thomas Carnival. The celebration included donkey races and greased-pig catching, and featured a torchlight procession and masquerade throughout Charlotte Amalie. Clowns which are still present in today's celebrations, were originally used as crowd control using their whips to keep people off the parade route.

The ground-breaking event was successful and repeated in 1914. With the onset of World War I the celebration came to a close until almost 40 years later. In 1952, the Carnival tradition that is still celebrated today was revitalized and continues to be an annual festival bringing the people of the Virgin Islands cheerfully together.



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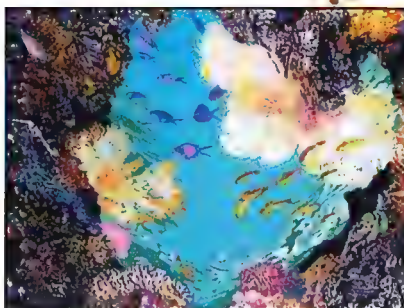
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The steel pan claims to have been born in its birthplace. Evolving from the African tradition of drumming, the Latin American roots are in the Trinidadian rhythm bands. The players initially used tin cans, until outlawed by the colonialists for their "drum" rhythm, and about 1930 started shaping a metal tin. The players moved on to tin can tops, and the 1940's saw the 55-gallon metal oil drum, known as the "steel", being cut into pieces, painted, and then shaped into a pan. According to legend, Winston "Spree" Spree died of beating on his "drum" and learned it to his friend who, in his excitement, beat the drum out of shape. In trying to beat it back to its original shape, Spree discovered the pounding created different pitches, and by accident produced a four-note drum, transforming the steady rhythmic instrument to a melodic one. In the later part of the 1940's, Elliot "Lilo" Manette is credited with transforming a recycled 55-gallon oil drum to a melodic instrument with two valves of a diatonic scale. This design is the basis for the modern-day steel pan.

The steel pan made its debut in the Virgin Islands in 1948. Since then it has become an important part of the local culture and community. After school steel pan activities, church and social functions, wedding, funeral, and other special occasions, the steel pan is a vital part of the Virgin Islands' cultural heritage.



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CRUZ BAY • Cruz Bay, fondly referred to as "Love City", rests in colorful Cruz Bay harbor on the West End of St. John. This delightful town is home to a diverse

assortment of unique shops, galleries and restaurants scattered among the quaint streets and walkways. The shady public square, straight ahead from the ferry dock, is a popular place where many rest under the shade trees. It is also where numerous arts & crafts shows and events are centered.

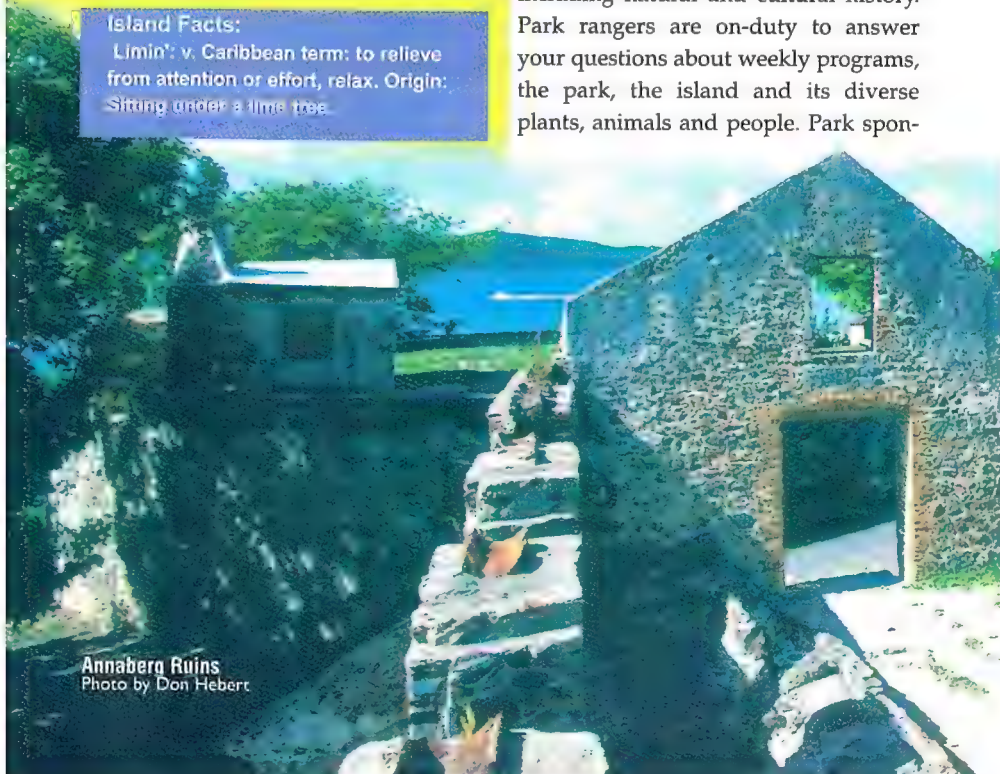
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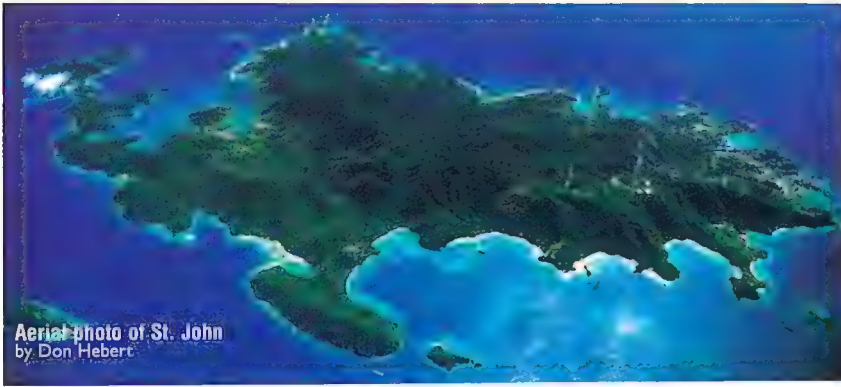
• Be sure to stop at the National Park Visitors Center just north of the ferry dock in Cruz Bay. With two-thirds of the island being National Park you can't help but take part in one of their activities or explore some aspect of parkland. The featured exhibits highlight the interpretive themes of the park including natural and cultural history. Park rangers are on-duty to answer your questions about weekly programs, the park, the island and its diverse plants, animals and people. Park spon-

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by Don Hebert

sored activities include guided hikes, snorkeling tours, history programs and nature talks.

ELAINE IONE SPRAUVE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM • Just a short drive uphill from Cruz Bay is the Elaine Ione Sprauve Library and Museum. Formerly an Estate dating back to the 1700's, the site is now home to a library and a museum housing an assortment of documents, historic artifacts and a large collection of archaeological photographs relating to various topics on St. John. The site was admitted to the National Register of Historic Places on

July 1, 1976.

REEF BAY TRAIL AND PETROGLYPHS •

This popular 2.2 mile trail descends 937 feet from Centerline Road to the Reef Bay Valley, ending at the Reef Bay sugar factory near Genti Bay beach. Your hike will take you through tropical forest to cactus woodland then on to the shore of a beautiful sandy beach nestled in a protected bay. Throughout the trail are signposts identifying plant life, sugar mill ruins and points of interest. A side trail leads to the mysterious petroglyphs: pictures and symbols carved in the rock beside a freshwater pool. The



National Park offers a ranger-guided hike several days each week including boat transportation from the beach to Cruz Bay. Advance reservations are required for this hike.

ANNABERG SUGAR MILL • Established in 1718, Annaberg Sugar Mill is one of St. John's best-preserved examples of the island's cultural past during the colonial and post-emancipation era. Self-guided and ranger-guided tours take visitors through the sugar factory ruins and provide spectacular views of the British Virgin Islands. A small park entrance fee is collected.

CORAL BAY • In 1718, a fort was constructed in Coral Bay, one of the safest harbors in the Caribbean, and the first permanent settlement in St. John was established at Estate Carolina in Coral Bay. Since then not much growth has taken place and the locals like it that way. This funky little village on the East End of the island truly epitomizes St. John's laid-back attitude. Several bars and restaurants serve up lunch and dinner and there are also a few small shops in the area. It is a great place to stop for a rum cocktail and a "Cheeseburger in Paradise".

BORDEAUX MOUNTAIN • Bordeaux Mountain is the highest peak on St. John rising to 1,277 feet. Stop at the overlook off Centerline Road for breathtaking views down into the harbor of Coral Bay, out to the eastern British Virgin Islands and the surrounding sea.

WORLD-CLASS BEACHES

The stunning beaches on St. John's shores are some of the best in the world.

Whether you choose an intimate, secluded bay or one of the more popular beaches you will never forget the feel of the soft sand between your toes or the gentle waves washing over you.

CINNAMON BAY • Cinnamon Bay beach is the National Park's longest beach at one mile long and home to the Cinnamon Bay campground. Many services are available to beach goers, including an activity desk, toilets, changing areas, showers, telephones, restaurant, general store, and beach shop. An Old Danish Warehouse sets beachside and currently serves as a laboratory for a National Park Service archaeological excavation. Across the road from the campground are Danish plantation ruins and a self-guiding trail that travels past old graves and signposts identifying plant life.

Located off Northshore Road in the National Park.

FRANCIS BAY • The calm waters of Francis Bay make this a fantastic swimming beach and a great snorkel spot. As it is one of the longest beaches on St. John it's easy to find a secluded spot to call your own. The trail behind the beach winds around a salt pond and is a natural habitat for many species of birds.

Located in the National Park. Take Northshore Road, head towards Annaberg Sugar Mill. Take left at dead end.

GREAT CRUZ BAY • Located at the Westin Resort, the palm-lined beach at Great Cruz Bay offers comfort and a multitude of amenities at your fingertips. Visit the pool bar for a refreshing drink and settle in on a lounge chair under an umbrella or partake in one of the many water sports activities avail-

able. Although all beaches in the Virgin Islands are open to the public, those on hotel properties may charge a small fee to use their amenities.

Located on the Southwest side of the island at the Westin Resort.

HAWKSNEST • Hugging the shore of this beautiful white sand beach are a lush stand of sea grape and palm trees providing a shady canopy for relief from the Caribbean sun. This smaller and quieter beach has a nearby reef abundant with marine life making it a superb spot for snorkeling. Facilities include a large parking lot, two picnic pavilions, picnic tables, charcoal grills, toilets and changing areas.

Located off Northshore Road in the National Park.

HONEYMOON BEACH & SOLOMAN BAY • Two heavenly beaches with sparkling white sand and crystal clear waters separated by a rocky outcropping. The abundance of fish makes snorkeling around the rocks delightful. These beaches are only accessible by water or a short hiking trail beginning besides the National Park Visitors Center in Cruz Bay.

Located on the Northwest side of the island. Accessible only by water or hiking trail.

LEINSTER BAY • This Bay is situated below Annaberg Sugar Mill. This pebbly beach is great for exploring. Hunt for shells and coral washed up on the beach or search the mangrove covered shoreline for feral donkeys peeking out through the branches. A walk to the end of the beach will reward you with a small sandy area. Spectacular snorkeling is found off Waterlemon Cay, the small cay at the far end of the beach. During breeding sea-

son, starfish cover the sandy bottom near the cay.

Located in the National Park. Take Northshore Road to the Annaberg Sugar Mill.

MAHO BAY • Nestle in to your own little spot along this long stretch of white sand. The tranquil, shallow waters make it a perfect swimming beach and home to turtles and rays, which are often spotted in this sheltered bay. The beach is easily accessible from roadside parking. Although roadside parking is limited, the easy access makes it a perfect spot for a quick swim.

Located off Northshore Road in the National Park.

SALT POND BAY • A secluded and "off-the-beaten path" natural beach with amazingly clear waters that offer superb snorkeling. To reach this beautiful beach you take a short hike down hill from the parking lot. You can continue hiking around a nearby salt pond toward the ocean.

Located off Route 107 on the Southeast end of the island.

TRUNK BAY • The long stretch of dazzling white sand and gorgeous waters make Trunk Bay one of the most photographed and most visited beaches in the Virgin Islands. If you are adverse to crowds, visit early or late in the day to enjoy the famed underwater snorkel trail. The self-guiding underwater plaques identify fish and coral. Lifeguards are on duty daily. Facilities include a gift shop, snorkel rental, snack bar, showers, toilets, changing areas, telephones and a picnic pavilion. A small park entrance fee is collected.

Located off Northshore Road in the National Park.

The Wonders of Nature at the Virgin Islands National Park

Photo by
Don Hebert

Renowned for its breathtaking beauty, the Virgin Islands National Park covers approximately two thirds of St. John. In 1956, Laurance Rockefeller purchased land and transferred it to the Federal Government to be designated a national park. In 1962, boundaries were enlarged to include 5,650 acres of submerged lands.

Within the park's borders lie picturesque beaches, sheltered coves, coral reefs abundant with colorful fish, and diverse forests from the moist sub-tropical woods of the interior mountains to the semi-arid cactus scrublands on the south-facing slopes and rocky, wind-swept peninsulas. This protected environment is the habitat for over 800 species of trees, shrubs, flowers and other plants and the breeding ground for more than 30 species of tropical birds. During the winter months especially, excellent bird watching is found at the Francis Bay Trail and Salt Pond.

In addition to the park's natural resources, a rich cultural history is preserved in relics from the Pre-Columbian Amerindian civilization, remains of the Danish Colonial sugar plantations and reminders of African slavery. To fully appreciate all the park has to offer, make the National Park Visitors Center in Cruz Bay one of your first stops. The featured exhibits highlight the interpretive themes of the park including natural and cultural history. Park rangers are on-duty to answer your questions about weekly programs, the park, the island and its diverse plants, animals and people.

For hikers and explorers, there are over 20 miles of park trails ranging from easy walks to difficult climbs. Some of the 20 different trails are





well-maintained while others may be brushy and overgrown. Consult the National Park Visitors Center in Cruz Bay for a trail map and the condition of each trail. The National Park offers a ranger-guided hike of the Reef Bay Trail several days each week. Throughout this popular 2.2 mile trail are signposts identifying plant life and sugar mill ruins and a side trail leading to the mysterious petroglyphs. Or stroll through history at the plantation ruins at Annaberg Sugar Mill, Catherinberg and Cinnamon Bay.

Other park sponsored programs include the Annaberg Cultural Demonstrations, exhibiting subsistence gardening, cooking, baking you get to sample and craft weavers using traditional techniques and materials to create baskets, brooms, and other unique items; a Guided Snorkeling Trip, the Water's Edge Walk, and the Ranger's Choice Evening Program.

For a quick overview of the island's natural and historic sites, take a 2-hour safari bus tour with a local guide. For those with more time, spend a couple days exploring the wonders of the park. You may even want to camp within the park at Cinnamon Bay campground. Camping within the park is permitted only at Cinnamon Bay. No backcountry or beach camping is permitted within Virgin Islands National Park. Accommodations at Cinnamon Bay campground include bare sites, sites prepared with tent-covered platforms, and cottages.

For more detailed and up-to-the-minute information visit the National Park website at www.nps.gov/viis or the website maintained by the Friends of the Virgin Islands National Park at www.friendsvinip.org.

Park entrance is free. A same-day use fee is collected at Annaberg and Trunk Bay. The Virgin Islands National Park Visitor Center is open daily, 8:00am to 4:30pm. Park areas are open 24 hours a day year-round.

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SHOPPING ON ST. JOHN

Creativity abounds in St. John and it is reflected in the unique selection of shops, boutiques and galleries that await you. Its tranquil environment attracts artistic souls and inspires the exquisite artworks prevalent throughout St. John. Whichever little shop you choose to wander in to you'll be delighted by the eclectic choice of creative gifts, jewelry, fragrances, artwork, home décor, keepsakes, clothing and accessories.

Meander through the few blocks of narrow streets and walkways in Cruz Bay to discover many specialty shops tucked away in colorful buildings. Don't miss the new shops at the Raintree Court and on Bay Street. On opposite edges of Cruz Bay are two shopping centers, Mongoose Junction and Wharfside Village.

Mongoose Junction's sprawling stone buildings are enveloped by tropical foliage and filled with fine shopping, restaurants and cafes. You can spend a good part of your day visiting stores specializing in art, clothing, gifts and jewelry, while sipping on a tropical concoction from one of the cafes.

Near the ferry dock you will find Wharfside Village, a center with attractive shops that showcase fashions, original jewelry, home décor and gifts with a tropical flair. Shoppers can relax with a cool drink at one of the bars or restaurants.

Outside of Cruz Bay, delightful shopping can be found at The Marketplace at Enighed, Bordeaux Mountain and Coral Bay. Wherever you choose to shop remember that your duty-free savings extend to St.

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was devised by plantation owners as a way to pacify the slaves, hoping the celebration would make the slaves happier and work harder. As part of the festival, the slaves would mimic their masters through costumes, song and dance.

Today's festivities include Festival Village, where you will enjoy the best of local music and island food, Cultural Day, J'Ouvert, a pre-dawn dance through the streets, the Festival Parade and fireworks. The 30-day festival begins in early June and closes with a July 4th celebration of fireworks and final reveling in the Festival Village. St. Johnians encourage you to join in on the fun of Festival!



Gypsy Troupe (left)

Mural of Mocko Jumbie Photo by Michael Zbiegien

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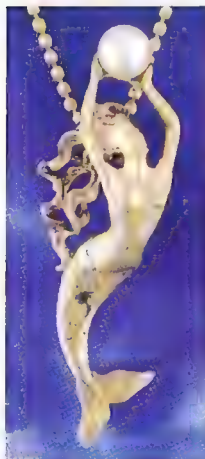
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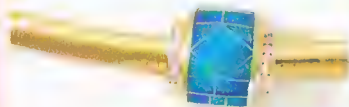
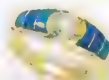
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St. Croix: All is Irie

By David H. Burton

Sugar mill ruins and remnants of old plantation walls lie scattered throughout St. Croix reminding visitors of the time when sugar cane production ruled the island. These historic reminders rest throughout the dynamic, sprawling landscape of St. Croix, from its verdant tropical forests on the west end to the grassy plains to the north to the dry and rocky east end. St. Croix's varied landscape offers intrigue and ensures sightings of historic ruins, stunning views, secluded beaches and friendly locals ready to make your visit to the "Big

Island" an adventure.

Christiansted

Begin your exploration of St. Croix, the largest of the U.S. Virgin Islands, in the harbor town of Christiansted on the north shore. Stroll along the waterfront boardwalk to the narrow streets and alleyways leading to charming courtyards filled with shops and restaurants. Stop by the Visitors' Bureau, at the corner of Queen Cross and Company streets, for maps and information guiding you to the treasures of St. Croix, including two key historic sights in Christiansted: Fort Christiansvaern, an imposing 18th-century military structure that offers a self-guided walking tour and the Old Danish Customs House, now home to the National Park Service. Ask about the many other historic buildings and churches throughout the town.

Frederiksted

The other major town on St.



Croix is Frederiksted, located on the west coast of the island. Walk out on the pier for a fine view of the town's historic waterfront buildings. Fort Frederik, at the north end of town, is an excellent example of Danish military architecture and houses a local history museum.

Island Wide Sights

Outside of the town areas there is much to be discovered. Scenic roads take you through the tropical rain forest of the west end on to the striking views of the north shore. Off the main and oldest thoroughfare, Queen Mary Highway, also known as Centerline Road, you will find The Estate Whim Plantation Museum, a National Historic Site, offering insight into the workings of an 18th-century sugarcane plantation, and the St. George Village Botanical Garden. The Botanical Gardens' self-guided walking tour takes you through more than 1,000 species of tropical flora. Other sites of interest include the Cruzan Rum Distillery, the Carl and Marie Lawaetz Museum, Buck Island Reef National Monument, and Point Udall, the easternmost point in the U.S.

Miles of Unspoiled Beaches

The miles of shoreline on St. Croix promise an excess of unspoiled beaches offering snorkeling, swimming, diving, picnicking, exploration and relaxation.

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BUCK ISLAND • This national monument boasts spectacular snorkeling with an underwater trail and white sand beaches.

Located off St. Croix's Northeastern shore.

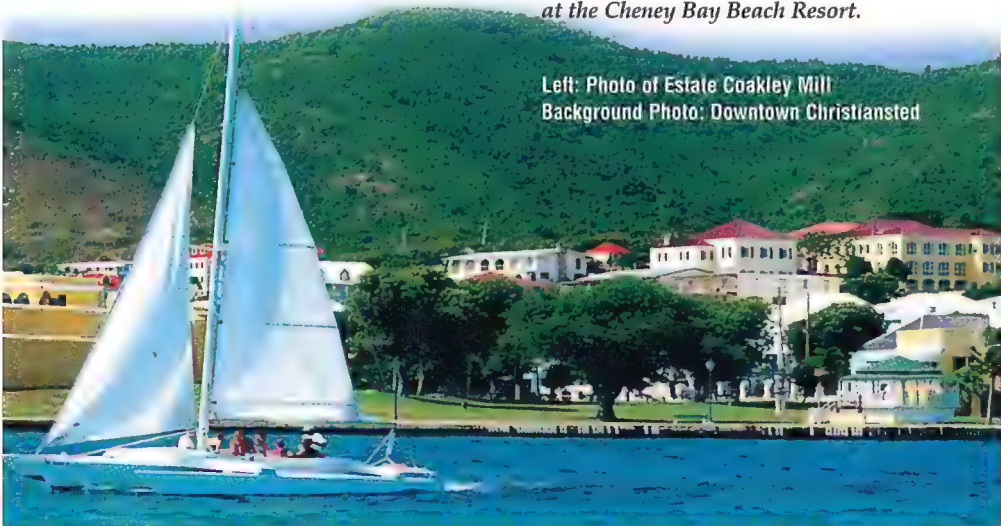
CANE BAY BEACH • This sandy stretch of beach has a spectacular reef near shore, making this a popular snorkeling and diving spot. Watch the waves roll in from the bar and restaurant across the road.

Located on North Shore Road (Route 80).

CHENEY BAY BEACH • Relax on the white sands and in the calm waters of this resort beach.

Located 3 miles East of Christiansted at the Cheney Bay Beach Resort.

Left: Photo of Estate Coakley Mill
Background Photo: Downtown Christiansted



COLUMBUS LANDING BEACH/ SALT RIVER BAY •

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SPRAT HALL • A one mile sandy stretch of beach with a bar and grill serving refreshing drinks and good food.

Located on the Western shore, North of Frederiksted, right past Rainbow Beach.

Background Photo: Christiansted Cay by Don Hebert.

Shopping on St. Croix

The 18th and 19th century West Indian townhouses and historic buildings that house many of the shops on St. Croix make for an unforgettable Caribbean shopping experience. From fine jewelry, fashions, fragrances, home décor and one-of-a kind islands wares, the numerous fine shops carry a diverse array of items sure to appeal to every shopper.

Many shops line King, Company and Strand streets, the main thoroughfares of downtown Christiansted, considered the center of shopping on St. Croix. Stroll through the quaint courtyards and shaded arcades that branch off the main streets to discover distinctive boutiques where you are bound to find a unique keepsake of your island stay. More shopping awaits you just east of Christiansted at Gallows Bay Marketplace, where you'll find gift shops, a bookstore and other appealing shops.

On the west side of the island, Frederiksted offers an unhurried shopping experience, while shopping centers throughout the island offer stores akin to mainland shopping. Many tourist

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The Crucian Festival

Photos by Diane Butler

Similar to the Carnivals of the Caribbean, St. Croix's Crucian Festival is a time of celebration and merriment. The grand, vibrant costumes, mouth-watering local delicacies and pulsing island rhythms are irresistible to locals and visitors alike.

The festival began in December of 1952 when the Women's League of Frederiksted and Christiansted planned for the return of the "Old Fashioned Christmas." A week long fête was planned and given the name "Old-Fashioned Christmas Festival". Celebrations included two parades, one in Christiansted and one in Frederiksted. Since that time many events and shows have been added to the festival including Festival Village, Food Fair, Festival Queen, Prince and Princess, Calypso, Reggae and Steel Pan shows, horse races, King and Queen of the Bands, tramps, Cultural Night, Latin Night, J'Ouvert, fireworks and much more.

The party begins the week before Christmas and continues through Three Kings Day, with entertainment and events daily. Join the local Crucians in the fun and revelry of the Crucian Festival!

A Taste of the Virgin Islands

A tradition in St. Croix for more than three decades, the USVI Agricultural and Food Fair festivities have continued to prosper each year since its inception. This family oriented, multicultural event involves the community in supporting the local agricultural industry. The fair provides a venue for locals to exhibit their crafts, plants, vegetables, fruits, livestock and talents.

As a co-sponsor of the fair since its beginnings, the University of the Virgin Islands' Cooperative Extension Service showcases its many offerings including displays from the Research and Public Service component, like crops and animals from the Agricultural Experiment Station, literature on the Small Business Development Center and books from the Research Publications Unit.

Of the many activities surrounding the annual Agricultural and Food Fair, don't miss the presentation of Farmer of the Year, considered the top award, and the Fair Race for Children, a 1000-meter race through the exhibits. Virgin Islanders encourage visitors to partake in the festivities and enjoy the local offerings and flavors of the USVI Agricultural and Food Fair.

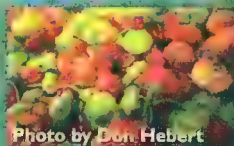
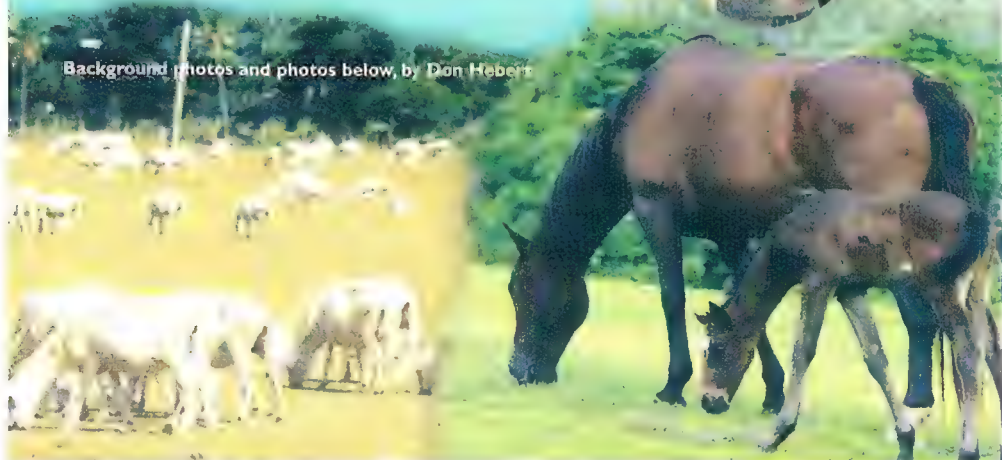


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Island Voyage

A Side Trip to the British Virgin Islands

Uncrowded, pristine and unspoiled, the British Virgin Islands, with over 40 islands and cays, are surrounded by crystal clear waters, and dotted with historic ruins, protected park lands and natural wonders.

With only a small passage of water separating the U.S. and British Virgin Islands, it is easy to make a day trip to the BVI. Either fly to Tortola's brand-new Beef Island airport or take the ferry or rent a powerboat for the day to explore the islands by sea. A flight or ferry ride will place you in Tortola, the largest and most populated of the British Virgin Islands. West Indian charm permeates Tortola's main towns of Road Town and West End with colorfully painted buildings adorned with gingerbread trim.

Although ferries are available from Tortola to some of the other British Virgin Islands, for the day-tripper it is quicker to

see more of the islands by powerboat. Some popular stops include the Baths at Virgin Gorda, a rare rock formation of huge granite boulders and secreted sea pools; Norman Island, said to be the setting for Robert Louis Stevenson's *Treasure Island* and location of two superb snorkeling sites, the Caves and the Indians; and Jost Van Dyke, home to the famous Foxy's bar in Great Bay and the Soggy Dollar Bar on the pristine white beach of White Bay.

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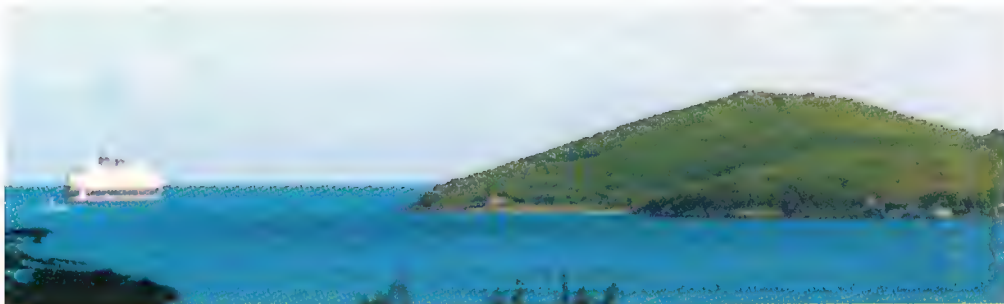
burger in paradise. For those tempted by island flavors, you will find many establishments use the ingredients of the islands to add a Caribbean flair to traditional dishes.

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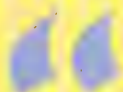


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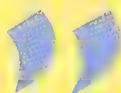
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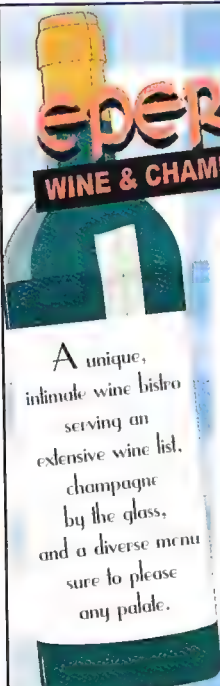
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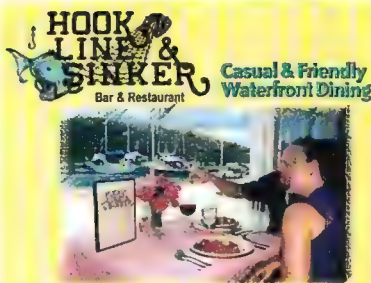
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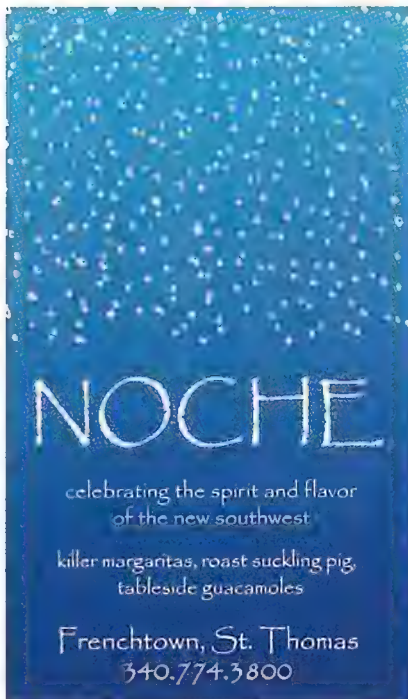
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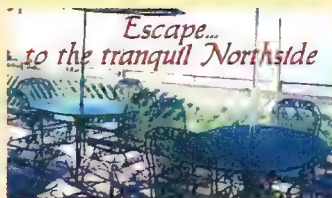
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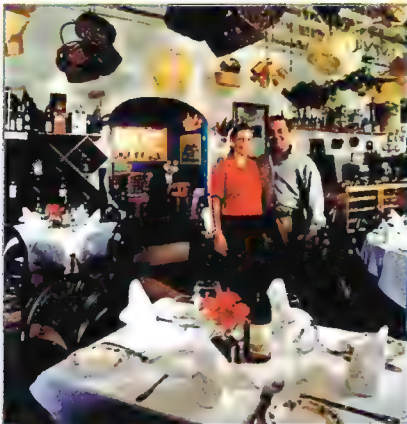
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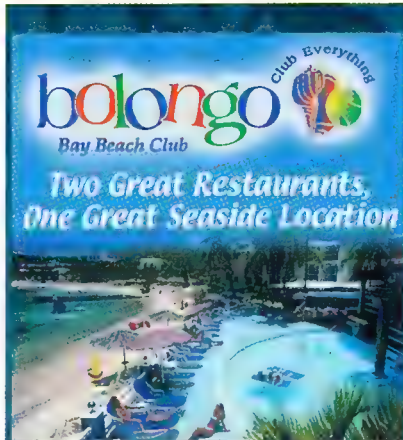
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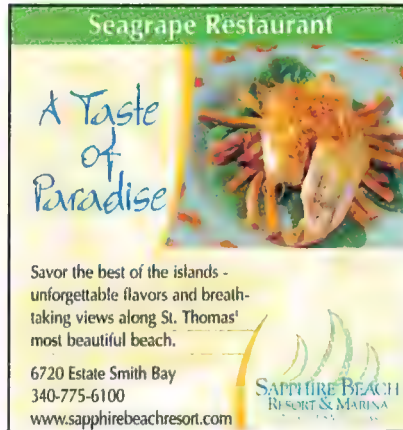
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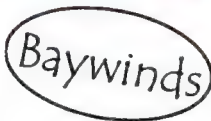
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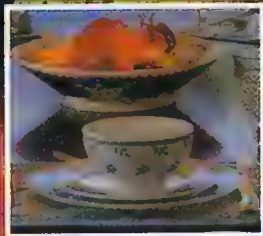
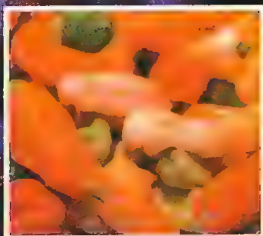
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A Culinary Calypso

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Food and drink play a central role in the 'Virgin Islands' culture. From the food fairs at carnival and festivals to parties, weddings, graduations and births, special occasions are celebrated with time-honored cultural dishes and libations.

Traditional local West Indian dishes come from a colorful culinary past mixing diverse ingredients and cooking techniques from the many cultures that occupied our islands, from early Amerindians roots to European influences to African inspirations. Many recipes were created out of need to get by on what was available locally since most could not afford supplies from passing ships.

Today you will find a medley of local foods including *kallaloo*, a dark green soup with a ham hock or

seafood base, salt fish, Caribbean lobster, curried chicken, pates, fried pastry usually filled with spicy ground beef, chicken or salt fish, stewed mutton, curried goat, roti, flat bread filled with curried meat or vegetables, boiled fish, *whelk*, a large marine snail, *barbeque*, *conch*, a mollusk used in chowder, fritters or stewed, and *johnny cakes*, a deep fried bread.

West Indian meals are typically served with many side dishes. Several you may choose from include *fungi*, a cornmeal and okra dish, rice 'n' peas, the local version of red beans and rice, *plantains*, similar to a banana and usually fried or baked, or *bread fruit*, a large green fruit served as a starchy vegetable.

Stop by a local fruit stand to sample the many colors, textures and tastes of the local tropical fruits. The most familiar to visitors are banana, pineapple, mango, papaya, coconut, lime, guava and passion fruit. Others unique to the Caribbean are tamarind, genips, guayaberry, and acornop.

To enjoy the flavors of the Virgin Islands, seek out one of the various restaurants or food carts catering to the palates of the island residents.

PLACES TO STAY

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A full array of accommodations, from affordable to extravagant, are sprinkled throughout the Virgin Islands, making them an attractive vacation destination to one and all. Do you prefer the solitude of an intimate villa or quaint inn or the buzz of a hotel with unlimited amenities? Does nature beckon you to a seaside campground or is it luxury you seek from one

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For more detailed information see the Places To Stay chart in this guide or contact the **St. Thomas-St. John Hotel & Tourism Association** at 340-774-6835 or at www.sttstjhta.com.

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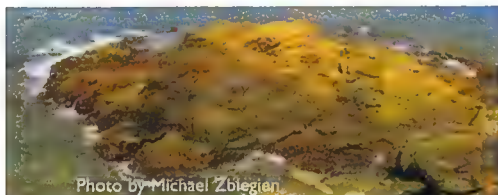


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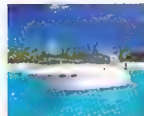
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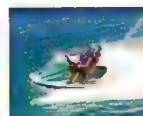

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Azure Breeze Villas Email: info@azurebreeze.com Website: www.azurebreeze.com	866-442-9873	2	\$220-395	K, B, P (3), W, T
Blazing Villas Email: blaze@islands.vi Website: www.blazingvillas.com	340-776-0760 800-382-2002	20	\$100-875	K, B, P, W, T, R
Cabrita Point Resort Email: cabrita@viaccess.net Website: www.cabritapointresort.com	340-775-7202	12	\$110-390	K, B, P, T, R
Calypso Realty, P.C. Email: calypso2@viaccess.net Website: www.CalypsoRealty.com	340-774-1620 800-747-4858	9	\$105- \$1,500	K (All other amenities, some)
Century 21 Email: century21usvi@realtor.com Website: www.century21.vi.com	340-777-5700 888-295-3453	10	\$2,350- \$2,850/wk.	K, B (some), P, T (some)
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Villa Blanca Email: info@villablancahotel.com Website: www.villablancahotel.com	340-776-0749 800-231-0034	14	\$75-145	K, P

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Coconut Coast Villas Email: info@coconutcoast.com Website: www.coconutcoast.com	340-693-9100 800-858-7989	9	\$125-495	K, B, P
Destination St. John Email: info@destinationstjohn.com Website: www.destinationstjohn.com	340-779-4647 800-562-1901	19	\$1,000- \$8,000/wk.	K, P (some)
Estate Zootenvaal Email: zootenvaal@yahoo.com Website: www.usviguide.com/zootenvaal	340-776-6321	3	\$1,750- \$2,310/wk.	K, B, W
Gallows Point Resort Email: gallows@islands.vi Website: www.gallowspointresort.com	340-776-6434 800-323-7229	49	\$200-465	K, B, P, R
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Suite St. John at Cinnamon Bay Estate Email: gallowspt@aol.com Website: www.cinnamonbayestate.com	800-348-8444	1	\$3,675- \$6,650/wk	K, P
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Maho Bay Camps Email: mahobay@maho.org Website: www.maho.org	340-776-6226 800-392-9004	114	\$75-115	K, B, W, R

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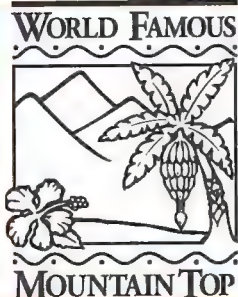
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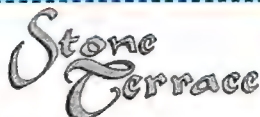


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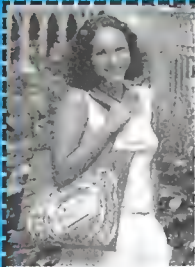
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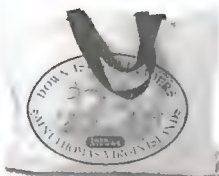


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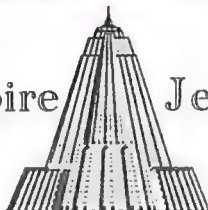
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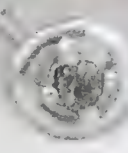
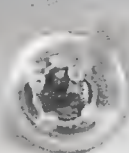
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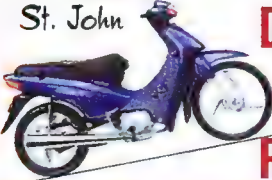
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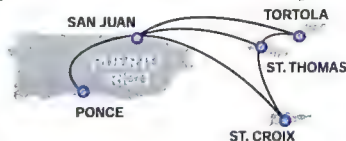
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