



Dear Charter Guest,

We hope that you are getting excited about your upcoming charter. Each sailing experience provides you with unique stories and memories that will not soon be forgotten. Once you are on the yacht, you are free to relax and take in the sights, sounds, and experience of sailing the British Virgin Islands. To make sure that you are well-prepared for your charter, we have listed some helpful information below to help you pack and make the arrival process as simplified as possible.

What should I pack?

When packing, keep in mind that storage space is limited. Since your luggage will need to be stored in your cabin along with your personal items, soft-sided luggage is required. We suggest that you bring a pair of sandals or flip flops for the time you spend ashore, but no shoes are to be worn on the yacht. **Bring plenty of sunscreen!!** Sunscreen sprays can make the boat deck slippery; therefore, we ask that you only bring lotion. It's a great idea to pack a dry bag to take your personal belongings onshore and a wide-brimmed hat or a sailing cap. During the cooler months, you may want a long-sleeved T-shirt or cover up for the evenings. There are standard electrical outlets on board for your chargers, laptops, e-readers, and music players. Also, bring your favorite play list as you can connect your music players via Bluetooth. We strongly suggest if you bring a hair dryer, bring a low wattage dryer (i.e., travel size). Curling and flat irons are not allowed onboard. If you are planning on diving, you will also want to make sure that you bring your certification card. **Don't forget those passports!**

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

- Guests traveling through St. Thomas via ferry will need to register on the USVI Travel Portal within 3 days of their arrival to the USVI at <https://www.usvitravelportal.com/>.
- If arriving via ferry from St. Thomas, you must prebook your tickets in advance. Please visit the BVI Ports Authority [here](#) to view the most recent ferry schedule. Ferry tickets can be purchased directly with one of the following ferry service operators:
 - Smith's Ferry: www.smithsferry.com
 - Road Town Fast Ferry: www.roadtownfastferry.com
 - Native Son: www.nativesonferry.com

If arriving via ferry from St. Thomas, you must pre-register for a rapid antigen test via the Hummingbird Portal depending on your point of entry (if your pre-arrival COVID test is more than 48 hours prior to arrival).

- [Road Town Ferry Terminal](#) (Public Ferry service between Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas and Road Town, BVI)
- [West End Ferry Terminal](#) (only Private Water Taxi point of entry)

If arriving via Beef Island Airport on Tortola, you must pre-register for a rapid antigen test via the Hummingbird Portal (if your pre-arrival COVID test is more than 48 hours prior to arrival).

- [Terrance B. Letsome International Airport](#)

All guests regardless of point of entry must have the following documentation for arrival into the British Virgin Islands.

- Proof of a negative PCR test or approved antigen rapid test taken within 48 hours prior to arrival. (Otherwise, you are subject to testing upon entry at an additional fee of \$50 per person, paid via cash or card. Test results are provided before leaving the airport or ferry port.)
- Pay \$10 per person BVI Environmental Fee (cash only)
- Proof of full vaccination (Vaccination must be 2 weeks after the final dose of Moderna or Pfizer or 2 weeks after the single dose of (Johnson & Johnson)
- Proof of travel insurance that covers:
 - COVID-19 medical costs, including hospitalization, doctor's visits, and prescriptions
 - Medical repatriation
 - Quarantine accommodation costs
- Bring a hard copy of the following items with you:
 - Proof of vaccination
 - Proof of negative test results

Taxi Services in BVI: We recommend Sebastian's Taxi Transport for your taxi needs. You can book and pay for your services online at <https://transportbvi.com> and they can be reached at 1-284-496-7952. When looking for your taxi, the drivers usually can be identified by wearing bright orange shirts. It is a 10–15-minute taxi to **Hodge's Creek Marina**. It is important to note that you will not be able to board the yacht until 5pm on the day of arrival and that you will disembark at 9am on the day of departure.

What if I arrive at the dock before 5 pm?

Our office is located directly across from the docks on the second floor where you can check in, store your luggage, have access to WIFI or enjoy the lounge area. If you want to venture around Tortola, a staff member can arrange a taxi service. Shower/restroom facilities and changing rooms are also available on the first floor for our guests. Please note, the shower/restroom facilities are guarded by a code which a staff member will have to provide for you.

If you encounter any delays in your arrival, please contact our base at 1-284-544-6661 and 1-284-344-6833 and they can notify your crew. Also, please use this as an emergency contact while on vacation.

WHILE IN THE BVI'S

- Be prepared to wear masks when ashore.

- Onboard snorkeling equipment will be assigned per person during your charter to prevent contamination.
- Guests returning through St. Thomas will need to submit the USVI Travel Portal within 3 days of their arrival to St. Thomas.
- Take a PCR test within 48 hours of arriving in St. Thomas.

Diving on your Charter

Diving is available at an additional cost and will be conducted through an outside dive company and requires proof of certification to participate. Be certain that you have indicated your interest in diving on the preference form and please let your crew know upon arrival.

Available Wi-Fi

Throughout your charter week, you will have the ability to purchase and access Wi-Fi on yachts.

DEPARTURE

- Be prepared to show your negative test results, from your test taken during your trip, to the airlines prior to boarding.
- Tortola charges a departure tax of \$20 per person

It is important to understand what is and is not included in your charter.

Included in the cost of your charter

Licensed Captain and First Mate/Chef
 All meals except 2 dinners ashore
 Drinks (including spirits, wines, beers, fruit juice, sodas, and water)
 On-board sporting equipment
 Cruising permit fees and taxes
 Fuel for engines, dinghy, and generator
 Water and Linens

NOT Included in the cost of your charter

Fishing Permits and Gear
 Two Dinners ashore
 Crew Gratuities*
 Transfers Services (Taxi and/or Ferry)
 Departure Tax and Environmental Fee
 Optional diving
 Fees for required COVID testing

**Suggested gratuities range from \$800 (good service) to \$1,000 (superior service)*

We look forward to your visit!!

For additional information, please visit <http://www.festivasailingvacations.com> or contact us at info@festivasailingvacations.com or 1-866-575-3951.