



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

ARRIVING VIA ST. THOMAS

Guests traveling through St. Thomas are no longer required to complete the USVI Travel Screening portal. Specific information on traveling through St. Thomas can be found at <https://usviupdate.com/>.

We strongly recommend purchasing your ferry ticket in advance. The most recent ferry schedule can be located [here](#). Ferry tickets can be purchased direct with one of the following ferry service operators:

- Smith's Ferry: <https://smithsferry.com/>
- Road Town Fast Ferry: <https://www.roadtownfastferry.com/>
- Native Son: <https://www.nativesonferry.com>

Private Water Taxi Options:

- [Island Time Water Taxi](#)
- [Dolphin Water Taxi](#)

ARRIVING VIA BEEF ISLAND AIRPORT

If your pre-arrival test is taken within 48 hours (2 days) prior to arriving in BVI, you do not need to register with Puerto Rico or BVI. However, if your pre-arrival test is taken more than 48 hours prior to arrival in BVI, you will need to test again on arrival.

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

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UPON ARRIVAL

- Fully vaccinated travelers who tested more than 48 hours prior to arrival will receive a rapid test upon entry for an additional fee of \$50 per person, paid via cash or card. Test results are provided before leaving the airport or ferry port.
- Pay the \$10 per person BVI Environmental Fee (cash only).

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/online-booking> 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.

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.

Departure

Testing is no longer required for re-entry to the US. Tortola charges a \$20 per person departure tax.

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
WiFi – available for purchase on arrival

**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.