



## 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 hats or a sailing cap. During the cooler months, you may want a long sleeve 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 blue tooth. We strongly suggest if you bring a hair dryer, bring a low wattage dryer (ie. 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!

### Now that you're all packed, you'll want to make sure you know exactly where you are going.

If you chose to take the connecting flight from San Juan or Barbados and arrive in Beef Island (EIS) Tortola, you are a short cab ride away from our base location at **Hodge's Creek Marina**. If you chose to arrive via St. Thomas (STT), you will need to take a taxi ride to the ferry dock where you will then take a water ferry to Tortola. The downtown Charlotte Amalie ferry runs regularly throughout the day and is about a 50-minute ride to your destination at the Road Town, Tortola docks. Upon arrival, please be prepared to pay \$10 per person environmental fee (cash only) to the BVI Customs. Additionally, when departing the British Virgin Islands, there is a departure tax of \$20 per person by air, and \$20 per person by sea (we recommend having cash on hand in the event card is not available).

**Important Link for arriving/departing St. Thomas:** The ferry schedule in the Virgin Islands is available at <http://www.vinow.com/>

**Taxi Services:** We recommend Sebastian's Transport for your taxi needs. When looking for your taxi, the drivers usually can be identified by wearing bright orange shirts - ask for Sebastian Transport. It is approximately a 10-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 wish to venture around Tortola, a staff member can arrange 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.

#### **Diving on your Charter**

Diving is available at an additional cost and will be conducted through an outside dive company and require 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 the yachts.

**If you encounter any delays when arriving to the catamaran**, please contact our base at **284-344-3722** or 284-541-0287 and they can notify your crew. Also, please use this as an emergency contact while on your vacation.

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\*\*

*\*suggested gratuities range from \$600 (good service) to \$1,000 (superior service)*

*\*\*diving is included for Cruise Club members only*

**We look forward to your visit. For additional information, please visit <http://www.festivasailingvacations.com> or contact us at 1-866-575-3951.**