



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 do not have to submit a negative COVID test when traveling from the mainland US, but every person traveling must submit an application to enter the USVI at <https://www.usvitraportal.com/>. 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>

If your pre-arrival COVID test is taken more than 48 hours prior to arriving in BVI, then you must register for a rapid antigen test via the Hummingbird Portal depending on your point of entry.

- [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)

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, then you must register for a rapid antigen test via the Hummingbird Portal.

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

CSA Travel Protection

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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

You are now considered an International traveler and must follow United States re-entry requirements depending on your return method of travel

International Travelers (including travel from the BVI): All International travelers must submit a negative antigen (antigen) or NAAT (e.g., RT-PCR) COVID-19 test result. Test requirements depend on vaccination, mode of travel, and age.

Travel by Air - Guests returning through Puerto Rico will need to test within 1 day of travel of returning to the US. Be prepared to show your negative test results, from your test taken during your trip, to the airlines prior to boarding. Tortola charges a \$20 per person departure tax. U.S. citizens traveling from an international port: Tests must be taken within 24 hours of travel and all travelers must be fully vaccinated and provide proof of vaccination status. <http://www.bvi.gov.vg/media-centre/covid-19-rapid-test-centre-located-terrace-b-lettsome-international-airport-beef>. Be prepared to show your negative test results, from your test taken during your trip, to the airlines prior to boarding. Tortola charges a \$20 per person departure tax.

Travel by Ferry - Guests returning through St. Thomas will need to submit the USVI Travel Portal within 5 days of their arrival to St. Thomas. U.S. citizens traveling from an international port: Tests must be taken within 5 days of travel and all travelers must be fully vaccinated and provide proof of vaccination status. Tortola charges a \$20 per person departure tax.

Travelers aged 2-17 are exempt from the vaccine requirement.

COVID testing must be completed prior to re-entry to the United States. Below are testing sites and cost information for testing on the islands. The average cost is between \$70 and \$225 per person, depending on the type of test required.

- **MD Link concierge testing (the medical nurse that comes to your boat)** | Phone: 284-440-3070 | Cost: \$225 PCR | Rapid Antigen is \$125
- **BVI's: Penn Medical in Road Town** | Phone: 264-495-3299 | Cost: \$80 Rapid Antigen | \$100+ PCR
- **Wellness Center Clinic, Tortola Pier Park** Schedule: M-F 9-8pm weekends by appt. | Phone: 284-496-0838 | Email: info@twcbh.com - Cost: \$75 Rapid Antigen | \$100+ PCR
- **Dr Dougan Private MD**, available across Tortola, the doctor does not have access to a boat to be able to service the islands. Phone: +1 (284) 440-3070

You are not required to use a BVI testing service, you are welcome and encouraged to bring your own test for your re-entry into the United States. Please note that BinaxNOW test must be proctored online with a WiFi

and camera enabled laptop or mobile phone. ****Very Important that you purchase the test kits that contain "DO NOT OPEN until instructed to do so"**



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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.