



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 in each cabin for charging your electrical items. 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!**

ARRIVING VIA ST. THOMAS

We recommend purchasing your ferry ticket in advance. The most recent ferry schedule can be located [here](#). Ferry tickets can be purchased directly 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

Once you land at Beef Island, you will be directed by airport personnel to the terminal for BVI Customs and Immigration. The BVI government will collect an Environmental Fee of \$10 per person.

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

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**. As a reminder, you will not be able to board the yacht until 5pm on the day of arrival and that you will disembark by 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 available on the first floor for our guests.

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, you may use this as an emergency contact while on vacation.

CSA Travel Protection

Festiva Sailing Vacations offers superior trip insurance through a partnership with CSA Travel Protection. CSA offers travel insurance, 24-hour emergency assistance services and concierge services as well as exceptional customer service. To get your free quote now, click [here](#).

How do I get back to the ferry dock or airport?

As your charter ends, Sebastian’s Taxi Transport will be at the dock readily available for your taxi needs to the ferry dock, airport or local accommodations. Upon leaving, 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, 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 **Suggested gratuities range from \$800 to \$1,000. Cash or credit card (4% processing fee)*
Transfers Services (Taxi and/or Ferry)
Departure Tax and Environmental Fee
Optional diving
Wi-Fi – available for purchase on arrival

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.