



Offshore Cruising Club Adventures



Cruise the British Virgin Islands December 5-12, 2015

This dream winter getaway starts at The Moorings base in Road Town, Tortola, sailing through the verdant islands in tropical paradise. Often referred to as “the sailing capital of the world,” The British Virgin Islands provide wonderful sailing on deep blue seas in steady trade winds. While your friends bundle up to head to work each day, you are cruising from one magical island to another in shorts and swimwear where sailors go to play.

The Boats

Our British Virgin Islands flotilla includes five Moorings 43.3 monohulls. Each yacht has three cabins, spacious main salons, large cockpits, comfortable cabins, deck showers, and all the amenities you expect on a sailboat charter cruise.



A Moorings 434 – our fleet has five three cabin 433s

The Itinerary

Many of the Offshore team, including Steve and Doris Colgate, have cruised the British Virgin Islands multiple times. Here is a suggested itinerary from Steve Colgate, subject to change of course.

Saturday December 5 Road Town, Tortola

Board boats late afternoon at The Moorings base on Wickham's Cay, get acquainted with crew mates at one of the local eateries, store provisions if they have arrived (sometimes they come the next morning), spend that night aboard at the marina.



Sailing in Sir Frances Drake Channel

Sunday December 6

Road Town to Cooper Island, 6 nm

Breakfast aboard or ashore, then boat check-outs, navigation briefing. Fleet sets sail by 1 p.m. for a short hop across Sir Francis Drake Channel, stopping for some swimming and snorkeling at Salt Island if there's time, before picking up a mooring for the night in Manchioneel Bay. Cooper Island has a great beach and fun bar and restaurant.

Monday December 7

Cooper Island to Virgin Gorda Sound, 14 nm

Sail 5 nm northeast to the west end of Virgin Gorda and explore The Baths, a fascinating jumble of boulders with interesting caves to explore. If sea conditions are not favorable, we'll head to The Dogs, for spectacular snorkeling off Virgin Gorda's north shore. Then on to North Sound where we'll it's fun to spend one night off The Bitter End resort and dinghy to special snorkeling areas, then go ashore at The Bitter End or Trellis Bay for drinks and rousing sailor stories.



The Baths

Tuesday December 8 – Virgin Gorda Sound to Anegada Island, 14 nm

Today we head off on a nice reach to an entirely different looking destination, low and flat with long sandy beaches. Though sparsely populated, this is a favorite destination for superior snorkeling, scuba diving, miles of pristine beaches and delicious locally caught lobster. We recommend dinner ashore here.

Wednesday December 9 – Anegada Island to Marina Cay or Scrub Island, about 18 nm

Anegada to Marina Cay starts the westward leg of your journey. Marina Cay has a Pusser's Rum store, with great snorkeling near the mooring field. If the flotilla wants to see a truly fabulous resort (and one of Offshore Sailing School's bases), you can dinghy over to Scrub Island Resort and swim in their three-tiered swim-up bar pool, hike up its steep hills for some aerobic exercise, even get a massage. Docking here is an extra charge, not included if you choose to do so.



Sandy Cay

Thursday December 10 – Marina Cay or Scrub Island to Cane Garden Bay, 18 nm

Sail north around Scrub Island and Great Camanoe Island into open waters along the northern shore of Tortola. You might stop in White Bay to visit the Soggy Dollar Bar, or anchor off tiny Sandy Cay and walk from its beautiful sandy beach on wooded paths to black shores. Then head to Cane Garden Bay where you'll find a crescent shaped beach lined with swaying palms and many fun night spots and restaurants. If the anchorage here is too rolly, another option is Great Harbour on Jost Van Dyke, home to the famous Caribbean restaurant Foxy's.

Friday, December 11

Cane Garden Bay or Great Harbour to Norman Island, about 10 nm

Today you complete a circumnavigation of Tortola. Head south to The Bight in Norman Island and the infamous Willie T, a replica of a 93' lumber schooner with a riotous bar. Deep in the harbor is a lovely beach front restaurant. Two must explorations here include a swim into the caves at Treasure Point, and snorkeling The Indians.



The Caves at Treasure Point off Norman Island

Saturday, December 12

Norman Island to The Moorings Base

Check in is at noon, so after a nice breakfast aboard, quick clean of the boats and packing personal gear, the flotilla heads back to Road Town. Upon arrival, skipper and navigator complete check-out process with Moorings staff. If you don't have an early afternoon flight, relax ashore or head into town to shop the local craft market.

Costs and More Information

Package rates are \$1995 per person double occupancy (two sailors signing up together to share a cabin), \$2495 single in a private cabin, plus refundable \$150 security deposit (see payment details below).



Moorings 433 at The Indians

Your British Virgin Islands Cruise package includes

- Private or shared cabin on a Moorings 43.3
- All breakfasts, lunches, snacks, and three dinners aboard
- Group welcome party arrival night
- Damage waiver, cruising permits and tax
- Fuel and water placed aboard before we leave
- Offshore Cruising Club cap and polo shirt

Not Included

- Transportation and transfers to and from The Moorings base
- Mooring ball fees (around \$45 per night, each boat sets up a kitty)
- Any meals and beverages ashore, including dinners ashore during the cruise
- Beverages to be ordered and paid by each individual on beverage form sent in advance of cruise
- Any food or commodities bought during the cruise
- Travel, hotel room if desired before or after cruise
- Other costs incurred by you



A stop at a Pusser's Rum store

Payment and other Terms

- Deposit required with signed Terms & Conditions: \$600 per person double occupancy (two people signing up together to share a cabin), \$750 for single private cabin
- Final payment and \$150 refundable security deposit due August 28, 2015: \$1545 per person double occupancy (two people signing up together to share a cabin), \$1895 for single private cabin
- If you cancel prior to August 28, 2015: Deposit less a \$200 cancellation fee, will be refunded
- No refunds are allowed after August 28

Please protect yourself with travel insurance for any unforeseen changes in your plans and make sure you have a valid passport, good up to six months prior to expiration. The \$150 per person security deposit due with final payment is refunded after the cruise if no damage or loss occurs to any of the boats in our flotilla; if damage occurs, the cost assessed by The Moorings is paid by everyone on cruise, with balance refunded, if any.



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