British Virgin Islands

Travel Facts

US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens exercise normal precautions in the British Virgin Islands. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws, and special circumstances in this country.

https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html

Passport/Visa Requirements

For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the U.S. State
Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.
https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html

US Embassy/Consulate

None (overseas territory of the UK); US citizens may call US Dept of State (202)-501-4444 for emergencies; alternate contact is the US Embassy in Barbados [1] (246) 227-4000; US Embassy in Bridgetown, Wildey Business Park, St. Michael BB 14006, Barbados, WI

Types of Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the US Dept of State International Travel page. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html

Telephone Code

284

Local Emergency Phone

999 (British)

Vaccinations

See WHO recommendations.

http://www.who.int/

Climate

Subtropical, tempered by easterly trade winds, relatively low humidity, little seasonal temperature variation; rainy season September to November

Currency (Code)

Dollar (USD)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

110 V / 60 Hz / plug types(s): A, B



Major Languages

English

Major Religions

Protestant 70.2%, Roman Catholic 8.9%, Jehovah's Witness 2.5%, Hindu 1.9%

Time Difference

UTC-4 (1 hour ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

Potable Water

Opt for bottled water

International Driving Permit

Suggested

Road Driving Side

Left



Tourist Destinations

The Baths; Dolphin Discovery; Cane Garden Bay; Jost Van Dyke; Rhone National Marine Park

Major Sports

Soccer, cricket, sailing

Cultural Practices

Politeness is always very important, saying "good morning", "good afternoon" and "good evening" are always important upon meeting anyone before saying anything else.

Tipping Guidelines

Tipping 15-20% is customary in bars and restaurants. Tip the bellhop \$1-2 per bag and housekeeping \$2 per day.

Souvenirs

Carved wooden and straw woven items, batik fabric, luxury items, rum, pottery, spices, handmade jewelry

Traditional Cuisine

Fish and Fungi — cornmeal and okra cooked into a thick mash served with fried whole fish seasoned Creole-style and topped with a sweet onion gravy



