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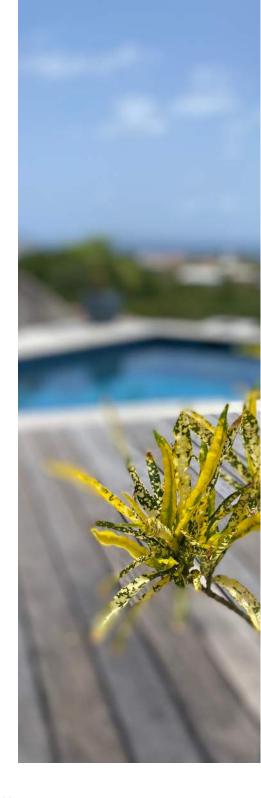


CONGRATULATIONS!

You are among the chosen few who have stumbled upon Nature's Little Secret. 8 square miles of paradise!

Villas Virgin Gorda has been operating on Virgin Gorda for over 15 years. We specialize in the property management of the beautiful homes in our care and vacation rentals of these properties. We are extremely honored that you have chosen us to provide you with a home during your holiday and we are committed to making sure you are comfortable during your stay.

We love everything about Virgin Gorda! We love sailing up to the island and the vista of the mountains rising out of the sea. The beaches, sailing, and snorkeling are amazing and The Baths are a must-visit. We have also enjoyed exploring the old Copper Mine ruins, hiking the peaks, and lingering over a painkiller at Hog Heaven while enjoying the views of the boats in the North Sound. The local population is made up of amazingly generous and happy people, we challenge you not to make a friend for life on VG!



While you are on the island, Villas Virgin Gorda staff will be here to help you settle in and attend to any issues that may arise. During your stay, the staff are only a phone call, text, or email away. We have a dedicated staff whom you may meet as they come to take care of your housekeeping needs or address any concerns with the maintenance of the property. Our goal is to make sure you have everything you need to have a wonderful stay on Virgin Gorda and then to get out of your way and let you have fun and relax!

Sincerely, VVG Management and staff

Towels PLEASE REUSE TOWELS

One person can make a difference. We invite you to help us conserve water and energy usage by using our towels more than once.

To participate in this program, just hang your towels up. Towels left on the floor will be replenished.

Thank you for your help!



Electricity & Water Conservation

*VVG is not liable for refunds due to power or water outages out of our control.

Electricity is a precious (*read expensive*) resource, produced in Tortola by diesel generators and subject at times to interruption. We would appreciate your help in conserving when you can, e.g., please turn off fans, lights, and AC when rooms are not occupied.

If the power does go out, please be patient as it is usually restored within a brief amount of time. Each villa is equipped with flashlights/lanterns/candles.

Water is also a precious resource on the island. All water used comes from the sky and is stored in large cisterns under the villas. Please conserve water when you can for subsequent guests, i.e., short showers are better than long ones. Condense laundry and reuse towels.

While the water is potable, we recommend you use bottled water for drinking & cooking.



GETTING Around the Island

To take full advantage of all the sites Virgin Gorda has to offer, we recommend getting a rental car. Our preferred vendor is Mahogany Car Rentals. Once you have a car, learning to drive on our roads is fairly easy but here are a few tips.



2. No red lights in paradise.

There are no stoplights on Virgin Gorda, just one lonely roundabout and plenty of stop signs & speed bumps in Spanish Town.

3. Buckle that seat belt!

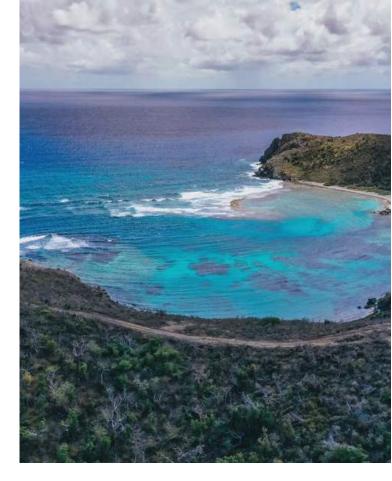
The stovetop works on induction. You must use a specific pan/pot for the induction to work properly.

4. Fill up where you can.

Gas stations are located at both ends of Spanish Town on Tower Rd. and Little Rd. There are no gas stations in the North Sound so be sure you have sufficient fuel levels before making the trip "over the hill."

5. Watch the locals.

Often, the car ahead of you may stop to speak with someone walking along the road or to pick them up or drop them off. Sometimes they pull off, and sometimes they just stop. When it is safe, you can pass. If someone wishes to pass you, most of the time they will give you a double honk.





TAXI OPTIONS

Sweet Ice Willie

284-544-8073

Sweet Rice

284-543-5331

Toots Taxi

284-544-2620





CAR RENTALS

Mahogany Car Rentals

284-545-0058 <u>mahoganycarrentalsbvi.com</u>

L&S Car Rentals

284-495-5297 <u>landsjeeprentalstaxiandtours.com</u>

Speedy's Car Rentals

284-495-5235 speedyscarrentals.com

Mini Moke Rentals

284-346-0781

Virgin Gorda Car Rental

284-540-2222 virgingordacar.com

IMPORTANT Resources



For a medical emergency, dial 999 or 911

US Embassy, Consular Section

(246) 431-0225 (Barbados) (268) 463-6531 (Antigua)

Medicure Ltd.

near the police station in Spanish Town (284) 495-5479

Island Drug Centre

across the street from the Yacht Harbor (284) 495-5449.

Iris O'Neil Virgin Gorda Clinic

The Valley, Hours: 7 am – 10 pm (284) 852-7700 or (284) 541-1662/3

Hospital

The closest hospital is Peebles Hospital in Road Town, Tortola

For travelers from other jurisdictions, please consult your country's online consulate website for information.



BANKING

We recommend dealing in cash whenever possible to avoid International Banking fees and the potential of identity theft. Many smaller vendors also only take cash. If you did not notify your bank or place a travel alert on your account before arriving, please consider doing so as soon as you arrive to avoid any interruptions in your service. There is one ATM located near the VG Yacht Harbor at the Banco Popular. The ATM will charge withdrawal fees, but they are small and will not add up as much as repeated fees from your bank while using your cards. There is also an ATM on the backside of **Buck's Grocery**.

The local currency is the US dollar.

ISLAND Restaurants



SPANISH TOWN

Cocomaya

Asian Fusion 284-495-6344

Bath & Turtle/ Chez Bamboo

Gardens & Island Favorites 284-545-1861

Mermaids and Pirates

Delicious Burgers & Wraps 284-345-1728

Hog Heaven

The Best Ribs & a Great View 284-343-0197

Rock Cafe

Italian-Inspired 284-495-7566

Jerk Pit

Local Flavors & American Classics 284-342-7679

Island Pot

Local & International Flavors 284-540-0412

Winnie's Steakhouse

Elegant Steak Experience 284-495-6865

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to visit the Local
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website for more info!

THE BATHS

Top of the Baths

Asian/Island Fusion with a Pool 284-495-5497

Mad Dog

Sandwiches & Wraps by The Baths entrance 284-495-5830

NAIL BAY

Sugarcane

Upscale Island Dining 284-545-0344

Hog Heaven

The Best Ribs & a Great View 284-343-0197

GRAB A BOAT

Saba Rock

Little Oasis, Big Flavors 284-393-9220

The Bouy Room at BEYC

Caribbean Inspired 800-872-2392

Nova at Oil Nut Bay

Over the Water, Delictable Dishes 284-393-1000



WATER SPORTS

Sailing is one of the most popular activities in Virgin Gorda. There is no shortage of boats for hire to take you out for an exciting day on the water and a chance to visit some of the other islands like Cooper Island, Norman Island, Peter Island, and Anegada. Whether you are interested in fishing, snorkeling, diving, or just sailing/island hopping, many companies offer charter services.

BVI SNUBA

Great for Couples, Kids & Seniors 284-341-0660 bvisnuba.com

Dive BVI

Day Trips & Private Charters 284-541-9818 divebvi.com

Sunchaser Scuba

Spectacular Scuba Diving Charters 284-344-2766 <u>sunchaserscuba.com</u>

Sea It Clear Tours

Glass Bottom Boat Tours 284-343-9537 seaitcleartours.com

Bradley Powerboats

Private Charters & Excursions 284-345-3941 virgingordapowerboatrentals.com

Blue Rush Water Sports

Flyboard, Jet Ski Tours, & More 284-541-9818 divebvi.com

Sealingo Water Sports

Deep Sea Fishing & Water Sports 284-541-8434 <u>sealingowatersports.com</u>

Up'N'Under Water Sports

Kitesurfing and Freediving Lessons 284-340-7340 <u>upnunderwatersports.com</u>



Oil Nut Bay

Paddle Sports, Wind Sports & More 284-393-1000 oilnutbay.com

Nail Bay Sports Club

Tennis & Squash Courts & Gym 284-541-6677 nailbaysportsclub.com

Bowline Yachts

Half/Full Day & Sunset Charters 284-547-7244 labohemecharters.com

Anne Bonnie Charters

1972 Hudson 50' Sailing Ketch 284-345-9988 <u>annebonnycharters.com</u>

Great Escape Excursions

Half/Full Day & Sunset Charters 284-547-5089

RELAXATION

Le Petit Parasol

Luxurious Beach Setup on Savannah Bay and Spring Bay Beaches <u>lepetitparasolbvi@gmail.com</u>

A Touch of the Caribbean Day Spa

Spa Services 284-340-3114 <u>atouchofthecaribbean.com</u>

HIKING

Gorda Peak

The tallest peak on Virgin Gorda is Gorda Peak with an elevation of 1,370 ft. Gorda Peak is in the Gorda Peak National Park and is accessed from N. Sound Rd. The land for the park was donated by Laurance Rockefeller in 1974 and is one of the last remaining examples of Caribbean dry forests in the region. As you follow the trail, you will see examples of endangered plant species such as the Calptranthese Thomasina and Zanthonylum Thomasina. You may also see the world's smallest lizard if you pay close attention, the Virgin Gorda gecko. The hike is moderate and shaded.

99 Steps

This isn't for the faint of heart. To get to the trailhead, you first have to hike along Long Bay Beach from the parking lot. Once you have reached the end of the beach, you will see a sign saying "Trail". Some steps and trails lead the way to some of the most beautiful views of Long Bay Beach, Nail Bay Beach, and even access to the often unused Saddle Bay Beach. Large boulders, flowering frangipanis, air plants, and cactus can all be discovered along the way!

Pack your sunscreen and bug spray for ALL hiking endeavors.



BOULDERING

Another sport getting a lot of attention on Virgin Gorda is bouldering. Bouldering is similar to rock climbing except for athletes who boulder climb do not use ropes or a harness. The basic equipment is climbing shoes, chalk for your hands, and a bouldering mat or crash pad. Villas Virgin Gorda has several crash pads for rent. Please contact your VVG villa representative to inquire about renting them.

Virgin Gorda is covered in large boulders just begging to be climbed, especially around The Baths. Please be aware of the environment as you make your way to boulders that are off the beaten path and try not to trample the vegetation also be aware not to trespass in the pursuit of that perfect climb.



Virgin Gorda is an island in the archipelago of the Virgin Islands which includes the British Virgin Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands (St. Thomas, St. John, and St. Croix), and the Spanish Virgin Islands (Puerto Rico, Culebra, and Vieques). The BVI consists of over 50 islands and cays, of which about 15 are inhabited. Virgin Gorda is the third largest of the British Virgin Islands (behind Tortola and Anegada) and the second most populous with around 4,000 residents.

The Virgin Islands were originally settled by the Arawak from South America sometime around 100 BC. Later came the Caribs from the Lesser Antilles and then the Europeans. Christopher Columbus was the first European to visit the islands in 1493 and popular lore says he named the island "The Fat Virgin" because the island's profile on the horizon looks like a fat woman lying on her side.

The Spanish initially claimed the islands, followed by Dutch settlement, and eventually, they were captured by the British. In the colonial days, the islands were also a favorite haunt of pirates who used the island's close proximity to one another and numerous bays to hide out. Pay close attention to the names of the smaller cays and many bays and you may make connections to those scoundrels of the past!

From Virgin Gorda, looking east, the passage you see between Virgin Gorda and Tortola is called the Sir Francis Drake Channel. Sir Francis Drake, Britain's best-known "sea dog", spent a large part of his life in the Caribbean plaguing the Spanish with numerous raids, resulting in the Spanish king placing a huge bounty on his head and the Spanish nickname "El Draque" or the dragon. His final voyage to the Caribbean in 1595 found him in the Virgin Islands where he anchored his fleet before sailing on to Puerto Rico and his doomed attack on the Puerto Rican fort of El Morro.

ABOUT VIRGIN GORDA, CONTINUED

In 1837, the British built a Copper Mine on the SW point of the island. The mine was abandoned and closed in 1862 and never operated again. Today, the Copper Mine is a national park and we highly recommend taking a few hours to explore the area. There is a new visitor's center opened in early 2017 along with fascinating remains of the old mine itself including the original stack, the engine house, and the main building. It also offers impressive views of Handsome Bay and Taylors Bay and the airport along with a view of most of the south side of the island and the Atlantic. Since it is a national park, you cannot remove anything from the site, but geology fans will be excited to see various rock specimens including carbonate of copper, malachite, quartz, and molybdenite. Be sure to wear sunscreen and take water.

Today, Virgin Gorda is our perfect little paradise with many different activities to pursue.



OUR Beaches





THE BATHS

The most popular attraction on Virgin Gorda are The Bath's. They are bordered by Devil's bay, Spring Bay, and Little Trunk Bay which have excellent beaches. Devil's Bay is consistently ranked among the top beaches in the world! If you enter The Baths from the park entrance, there is a \$3.00 charge per person. From the welcome booth, you'll walk past a few shops, a coffee shop, and a restaurant, Top of the Baths. The path is fairly easy to traverse but can be slippery after the rain and is marked well to help you along the way. Be sure to pause and take a dip at the Cathedral, the most photographed spot at The Baths.

SAVANNAH BAY

The most perfect beach on the island! To get to Savannah Bay, take the N. Sound Rd. out of Spanish Town. You'll travel up and over one peak. After driving down from the peak, you will see a sandy road turning left. Drive down the access road to the parking area. You are now at Savannah Bay which has the longest stretch of uninterrupted beach on the island. The sand is powdery and white. The water is typically calm and brilliant blue. Perfect for snorkeling when the water is calm. There are multiple reef patches right offshore so expect to see reef fish such as Parrot Fish, Blue Tang, Yellowtail Snapper, Stingrays, and many more.

Pictured at the top right.

These are just a few of the stunning beaches Virgin Gorda has to offer.

Here are a few more...

- Spring Bay
- Little Trunk Bay
- Mountain Trunk Bay
- Nail Bay Beach
- Long Bay

Go out and explore!

Let us know what your favorite beach is before you leave our little slice of paradise.



THE North Sound

The North Sound is one of the great harbors of the world! It is bordered by Virgin Gorda, Mosquito Island, Prickly Pear Island, and Eustatia Island with Necker Island just behind Eustatia to the North. It is the home of **Bitter End Yacht Club**, **Oil Nut Bay**, and **Saba Rock**. This is also where Sir Francis Drake anchored his fleet in 1595 and used the hill behind Bitter End to practice his attack on El Morro. Since he died on the voyage off the coast of Panama after his failed attempt at El Morro, it may be the last place he stepped foot on land. With the protection of the islands ringing the sound, this is a world-renowned spot for water sports such as sailing, paddle boarding, and windsurfing. With over 130 moorings, the North Sound is a perfect spot for boat watching and has hosted nearly all the 200+ mega yachts from around the world.

To reach the North Sound, follow the N. Sound Rd. north from Spanish Town until you reach a "Y" in the road, where you must either turn right or left. Turn right and it will dead-end at the **Gun Creek ferry dock**. Parking is limited and often this is a very crowded lot, you may have to park in the dirt lot further from the ferry dock or along the road. If you take a left at the "Y", you will end up at **Leverick Bay**.





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