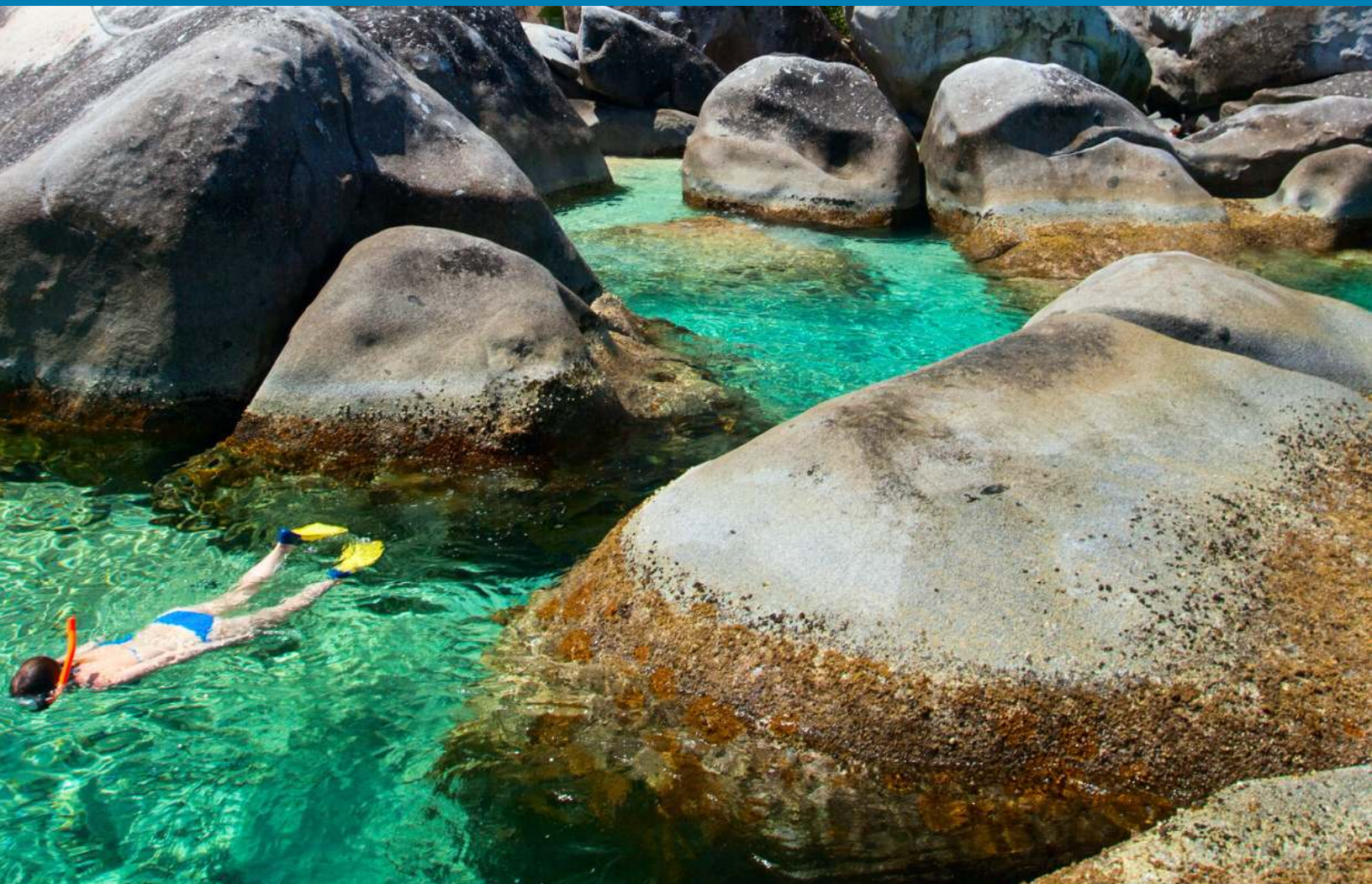




BVI Sample Itinerary



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Day 1

FIRST STOP - The Caves, Norman Island
1.5 hours | 8 miles

- Short distance
- Snorkeling
- Unique scenery

After just a short sail, you can stop at the entrance of The Bight to snorkel the Caves. Here it is exciting to snorkeling into some of the caves, which are quite shallow.

SECOND STOP - The Bight, Norman Island
15 minutes | 1 mile

- Mooring balls
- Beach bar and restaurant
- Great sunsets

The Bight is a wide anchorage with first come, first serve mooring balls. Ashore is the Pirates Pub bar & grill where you'll usually hear fun, live music. Beware of the barreled pirate rum! Also, the William Thornton, locally known as Willy T is a floating pirate ship/restaurant you can't miss. The atmosphere is fun and the food is fast.

"Loved it. Especially Sandy Cay and Valley Trunk. We thoroughly enjoyed our time visiting the various islands of the BVIs even with the complications of quarantining due to COVID-19. We'll be back!"

— Roger Wester

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Day 2

FIRST STOP - The Indians
20-30 minutes | 1 mile

- Snorkeling and diving
- Swim from your yacht
- Teeming with sea life

The Indians is a snorkel and dive spot just north of Norman Island. The rocks are dark colored as they protrude above the waterline, but under the waterline is a completely different view! The reef is like a wall of colorful coral, sea fans and tropical fish. Most of the water is 30-40 feet, but the sea life extends all the way to the surface.

SECOND STOP - Cooper Island
1.5 hours | 8 miles

- Colorful coral reefs
- Snorkeling and diving
- White sand beach fringed with coconut palms

If you are looking for the idyllic tropical island, you will find it just 5 miles southeast of Tortola, across the Sir Frances Drake Channel. The mostly uninhabited tiny Cooper Island is an unspoiled paradise and is the perfect escape from the stress of everyday life. For some excellent snorkeling, take your dinghy to the south of Manchioneel Bay to Cistern Point. Cistern Point is noted for its photogenic ledges covered with brilliant corals, flowing gorgonians (sea rods and sea fans) and abundant tropical fish.

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Day 3

FIRST STOP - Salt Island
30-45 minutes | 2 miles

- Wreck of the Rhone
- Salt ponds
- Sea glass and shells

Pick up a mooring buoy. Salt Island is the well-known location of the Wreck of the RMS Rhone. This is a great location for the divers in your group to take their first dive. The snorkelers in your group can snorkel over and even touch the very beginning of the wreck. Salt Island is also great for exploring. Ashore are three salt ponds which belong to the British Crown, but are operated by the local people. You can purchase harvested salt, explore the shore to find several shells, sea glass and various types of rocks.

SECOND STOP - Trellis Bay, Tortola
1.5 hours | 8 miles

- Full moon party
- Local art and cuisine
- Small provisions store

Pick up a mooring buoy for your overnight stay. Trellis Bay is famous for full moon parties, which bring a great party with live music, mocho jumbie stilt dancers, fire jugglers, a delicious BBQ and amazing fireballs! Apart from the monthly full moon parties, Trellis Bay is also a very vibrant bay decorated with tons of local art created by Aragorn who owns the art studio in Trellis Bay. The fresh baked bread loaves are delicious!

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Day 4

FIRST STOP - The Baths, Virgin Gorda
1 hour | 6 miles

- Scenic grottoes and natural tidal pools
- Shallow water snorkeling
- Lunch with breath-taking views

Leave early so you can secure a prime mooring buoy at the Baths! The Baths are incredible with huge boulders (house sized) literally piled on top of each other. There are several paths through the boulders that lead from one great beach to the next. There is a restaurant at the top at the Baths for an enjoyable lunch with an awesome view, and a pool.

SECOND STOP - North Sound, Virgin Gorda
1.5-2 hours | 9 miles

- Restaurant with seasonal entertainment
- Souvenirs and provisions
- Marina facilities

You should depart from the Baths by early afternoon to pick up an overnight mooring ball in North Sound. Leverick Bay has the best facilities with a restaurant and bar, souvenir shops, reprovisioning store and a spa. As an alternative stop, consider Bitter End Yacht Club, a highly sought-after destination for sailing, windsurfing, kiteboarding, scuba diving, snorkeling, and beach combing or Saba Rock, another popular stop in the middle of the BVI with a uniquely relaxed island atmosphere that attracts sailors, adventurers, and vacationers alike for excellent diving, snorkeling, kitesurfing and great food and drink.

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Day 5

FIRST STOP - The Dogs

1 hour | 6 miles

- Multiple anchorages
- Snorkeling and diving
- Deep water sea life

Pick up a mooring buoy on the SE side of George Dog. This is primarily a snorkel and dive stop. The reef is huge, extremely colorful and lively. This would be a great location for a dive. Or as an alternative, consider a sail to Anegada with its striking coral reefs that surround it, secluded sandy beaches and clear springs bubbling from coral beds. Snorkelers and scuba divers will delight in the reef's mazes, tunnels and drops, which are rich in marine life, while those with sea legs will enjoy water sports, sport fishing and bone fishing.

SECOND STOP - Great Harbour, Jost Van Dyke

2-2.5 hours | 13 miles

- Foxy's famous BBQ
- Gift shop
- Long stretch of beach

Pick up a mooring buoy. Great Harbor is home of the notorious Foxy's. Very lively parties can be found several times a year. When the big party isn't happening, Foxy often plays his guitar live adlibbing songs as he goes – usually funny songs about anyone in his presence. The BBQ dinner is very good and the drinks are cold!

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Day 6

FIRST STOP - Sandy Cay or Green Turtle Cay
15-30 minutes | 1 mile

- Secluded beaches
- Island exploring
- Beach picnic lunch

Drop anchor at Sandy Cay or pick up a mooring buoy at Green Turtle Cay. Both offer white sandy, deserted islands with snorkeling, swimming and exploring. This would be a great time for a picnic lunch ashore! When conditions are right (north swell) try the “Bubbly Pool”. Featured in photo journals and magazine articles around the world, the “Bubbly Pool” is still a somewhat closely guarded secret of Jost Van Dyke. Nature’s jacuzzi, this naturally formed tidal pool is located behind jagged cliffs facing the open ocean from the north.

SECOND STOP - Cane Garden Bay, Tortola
1-1.5 hours | 6 miles

- Great dinner and happy hour
- Rum distillery
- Amazing sunsets

Cane Garden Bay is completely beach ashore with restaurants and water sports. Quito, a well-known local singer is great for night-time fun and the best food is found in the middle of the bay at [Myett's Garden Inn & Grill](#). Callwoods rum distillery is also located at Cane Garden if you would like to do some exploring. Cane Garden Bay faces west, so the sunsets are amazing. For an artistic bar and excellent tapas – head all the way down the beach to [Indigo Beach Bar](#).

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Day 7

FIRST STOP - Great Harbour, Peter Island

2.5 hours | 13 miles

- Mooring balls
- Pirate ship bar
- Hiking trails

Pick up a mooring ball at Great Harbour, Peter Islands or Soper's Hole, Tortola. Reminisce about the last week with your group and enjoy one more night of total relaxation... on island time!

"This was our 7th BVI charter using VI sailing and can't imagine booking one without them. They handle all the upfront paperwork, payments, any changes, questions and more. This year (July 2021) we had a few extra things to worry about like last minute changes to the CV19 testing protocols to return to the US and got a call to make sure we were all set while on the water, which thankfully we were. That's extra service you don't get elsewhere. We are already talking about charter #8 next year!"

— Ron Martin

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Day 8

FIRST STOP - Charter Company Marina

1-1.5 hours | 5-10 miles

One last short adventure to return your yacht. Soak in the Caribbean sun all the way!

"I have been charting bare boats for many years. This was my 20th trip! We have sailed with a number of charter companies all over the Caribbean. We just spent 10 days sailing with BVI Yacht Charters. They are running the best operation in the business. The booking process, and the entire experience was incredible. The boat was clean and mechanically perfect. The staff at the base are the kindest and most attentive I have ever seen. Many thanks to all of you. You will see me again!"

— Dave Hamilton

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