

*Let your spirit set sail*



# *A Magic Caribbean Cruise*

**around the British Virgin Islands**

**Fri 14 February 2020 ⇨ Fri 21 February 2020**



Come aboard the two-mast ship Eye of the Wind and experience an unforgettable discovery cruise through the enchanting islands of the Lesser Antilles!

This cruise through the Caribbean Sea takes us from the British Virgin Islands' main island of Tortola to some of the most beautiful beaches and bays of the archipelago. Breathtaking landscapes, adventures at sea in a mild ocean climate, and the lively culture of the colourful British Virgin Islands make this trip a unique holiday experience.



**This is where you will embark: Road Town, Tortola / British Virgin Islands**

Our crew will welcome you on board in the port of Road Town on the Virgin Island Tortola at 19:00 hours. Afterwards, there will be dinner together in the comfortable lounge, where you will quickly feel at home on the Eye of the Wind's deck and soon get to know your fellow sailors.

With its combination of mild climate, beautiful landscape and Caribbean serenity, the port city exudes a very special holiday feeling. Before setting sail, why not make the most of your time by taking a walk through the botanical garden in the center of Road Town? And on the Main Street of the British Virgin Islands' capital, numerous colonial-style houses will tempt you to stroll through the shops and enjoy a drink or two in the bars and pubs. You will notice that a certain British etiquette is blended with the tranquility and cheerfulness of the "Caribbean way of life". Instead of high-rise buildings and casinos, visitors to the Virgin Islands will find nature parks and untouched, white sandy beaches that stretch for miles. Here and there, the shores are lined with prickly cactuses under which iguanas bask in the midday heat, and Mangrove trees with their knotted roots protruding from the water. Emerald hummingbirds suck nectar from colourful calyx flowers, and we can imagine the coral reef with its armada of tropical fish beneath the surface of the sea. The constant sound of the Atlantic Ocean will immediately dispel any thoughts of a "cold and wet February at home".



On board our modern tall ship that is equipped to the high standards, you will first get to know the crew and your fellow sailors. After a tropical welcome drink, you will soon feel comfortable on deck and in your air-conditioned cabin.

From many international airports, you can reach the Terrance B. Lettsome Airport on Tortola with an intermediate stop on Saint-Martin. We will be happy to assist you with the individual planning of your arrival and departure. If you have any questions, please contact us in good time.





## Setting sail for the Virgin Islands – Snorkeling and swimming in the Caribbean

After a thorough safety briefing and sailing instructions from our experienced and friendly crew, you will soon be familiar with the ship and be able to take part in the sailing yourself. Hands-on assistance on deck is always voluntary, so if you want, you can just relax and enjoy watching the daily sailing manoeuvres and the traditional seamanship in action, too.

The decision on which port or mooring spot to call on in the evening is usually made by the captain on the same day, and depends on the wind and weather conditions – whenever possible, your wishes will be taken into account. This ensures that your cruise is a pleasant mix of adventure, relaxation, active participation and pure enjoyment.

Along the coastline, a pleasant wind pushes us through the azure water. The smooth and steady swaying of the ship on the waves, the vast ocean, the fresh air in the mild sea climate, and the soft creaking of the rigging are all you need for a relaxing holiday experience. A few nautical miles later, the next of the roughly 60 British Virgin Islands will appear on the horizon.

We will drop anchor off Virgin Gorda, the third-largest island of the archipelago. Here, the randomly arranged granite boulders of "The Baths" form small caves and pools, and invite you to go exploring and do some snorkeling. In this natural lagoon, you can enjoy the sea and a first-class swim in the sun.

After a trip to the beach and a swim in the sea, you can round off the day with a glass of quality wine from the onboard bar while watching the sun go down.



## A relaxing cruise under full sail

After a night at anchor, we will cruise through the waters of the British Virgin Islands past islands with adventurous names such as Pelican, Dead Chest, Mosquito Island and Carrot Rock. Our excellent galley, which consistently receives the top grade of 1.0 in customer satisfaction surveys, offers food and refreshments around the clock, including regional delicacies. In the extensive onboard library, you will surely find a good book for a comfortable read under the sun sail on deck. After a day of sailing, you can round off the day by relaxing with a cocktail under the tropical night sky.



## This is where you will disembark: Road Town, Tortola / British Virgin Islands

By the time you get back to the port of Road Town, the Eye of the Wind will already have become the ship of your dreams! Here you will bid farewell to the crew and leave the ship with a sailor's bag full of travel memories.

Do you still have some time before your return flight? – For cultural variety, visit the 1780 Lower Estate Sugar Works Museum, Fort Burt, Mount Healthy Windmill or Callwood's Rum Distillery.



## Seven good reasons to go

- Island hopping to some of the most stunning beaches, coves and harbors of the BVI
- Across the Caribbean Sea aboard a Tall Ship with a young and friendly crew
- Convenient arrival and departure: start and destination ports are identical
- Active sailing and manoeuvring on a 100-year-old windjammer ... feel free to participate!
- Excellent onboard cuisine, delicious meals from morning to evening
- Well-balanced ratio between time at sea and time for shore leave or swimming / snorkelling at anchorage
- A relaxing holiday in a mild sea climate and with a lot of "Caribbean way of life"



## Journey time

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## Services included

- 7 nights' accommodation aboard the Tall Ship Eye of the Wind.
- Accommodation in a comfortable double cabin with hot and cold running water, shower, toilet, and air conditioning (single cabin surcharge).
- Full board (including all meals, soft drinks, coffee & tea).
- Lounge with TV/DVD and extensive on-board library.
- The tour price includes VAT.

## Not included

Arrival and departure, shore excursions and alcoholic beverages.

We gladly assist you in the individual planning of your arrival and departure. Please contact us if necessary in a timely manner.

## Please consider the following notes on the itinerary

The indicated ports are optional. The ship's management reserves the right to change the itinerary at short notice depending on wind and weather conditions.

## Basic travel information (non-binding information, subject to change)

**British Virgin Islands**                      Official website: ▷ [www.bvitourism.com](http://www.bvitourism.com)  
Language: English                      Currency: US-Dollar                      Traffic: left-hand driving  
Climate / Avg. Temp.: 29 °C / Water 27 °C

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