



... let your spirit set sail!

## *The British Virgin Islands*

### **Sailing Cruises in the Caribbean**

January 10 – January 17, 2015

January 17 – January 24, 2015

January 24 – January 31, 2015

January 31 – February 07, 2015

February 07 – February 14, 2015

February 14 – February 21, 2015

February 21 – February 28, 2015



### **Discover Tortola with its vibrant "Caribbean way of life"**

The starting point of this trip is the harbor of Road Town / Tortola in the British Virgin Islands. The port of Road Town gives you a very special holiday atmosphere with a combination of mild climate, beautiful scenery and relaxed Caribbean lifestyle. Use your time before check-in for a stroll through the botanical gardens in the center of Road Town. On the Main Street of the BVI, you find many houses built in the colonial style, inviting for a stroll past the shops, bars and pubs. Some British etiquette mixes with the relaxation and happiness of the "Caribbean way of life". On the Virgin Islands, the visitor will find national parks and miles of unspoiled, white sandy beaches instead of skyscrapers and casinos. In places, the waterside is lined with spiny cacti, among which iguanas doze in the midday heat, and mangrove trees with tangled roots extending into the water. Emerald hummingbirds suck nectar from colorful blossoms and below the surface you find a coral reef with an armada of colourful tropical fish.



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In Tortola you will board our modern Tall Ship, which is equipped to high standards, and meet the crew and sailors. After a tropical cocktail you will check into your air-conditioned cabins. It is easy to find your way around above and below deck, and after a safety and sailing briefing you will quickly feel comfortable in the stylish maritime atmosphere. The sails are operated by hand only. During the trip, you will also have the opportunity to lend a hand with setting sails, manning the helm and other daily routines on board on a purely voluntary basis - previous experience is not required. However, even if you do not fancy climbing up the shrouds or "pulling rope" and would rather spend your time relaxing on the deck, the raising and lowering of sails will become a familiar spectacle over the next few days that will never cease to fascinate.

### White Bay: soggy dollars for a „Painkiller“

We leave Road Town and sail around the west end of Tortola. White Bay on the south coast of the island of Jost Van Dyke is our next stop, if wind and waves allow us to go there. On a beach of fine sand, where you immediately want to start digging for buried pirate treasure, the famous “Soggy Dollar Bar” is set against a breathtaking backdrop of palm trees. Since there are no piers to anchor, you end up landing with the dinghy in shallow water or swimming towards shore....which explains why “soggy dollars” are the official recognized currency. Here you will get the best “Painkiller” in all the Caribbean: a cocktail made of rum, coconut milk, pineapple and Orange Juice. *(Photos courtesy of BVI tourist board.)*

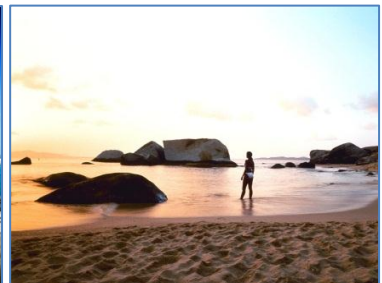


### Relax under the sails

After a night at anchor we cruise through the waters of the BVI, past islands bearing such amazing name like Pelican, Dead Chest, Mosquito Island and Carrot Rock. With seemingly endless expanses surrounding us, a pleasant breeze pushes us through the azure water. The gentle, constant ups and downs of the hull in the waves, the vastness of the sea, which gives the eye no reference point, and the faint creaking of the rigging are the best ingredients for a relaxing holiday experience. Look forward to our excellent galley, which has received the grade 1.0 throughout in our surveys on customer satisfaction. Let yourself be surprised! In our extensive library you will find a good book with which you can make yourself comfortable under the sun sail.

### Snorkeling and swimming in the „bathroom“ of the Caribbean

Soon we will drop the anchor again at Virgin Colada, the third largest island of the archipelago. Here, the randomly arranged granite boulders of “The Baths” form small caves and pools, inviting you to explore and snorkel. A delicious dinner after your snorkeling tour, maybe a glass of wine from the bar and a beautiful view of the sunset – makes a perfect day in paradise. *(Photos courtesy of BVI tourist board.)*



### Farewell in Tortola

Back in Tortola, we will end our Caribbean adventure and you will say goodbye to our crew and your fellow sailors. The trip will have a balanced rate of time under sail, relaxing and shore excursions. Without the hustle and bustle of everyday life you will find to have approached the most beautiful bays and beaches of the British Virgin Islands from the water.



### Six good reasons to go:

- Recreative and safe sailing in Caribbean coastal waters.
- Explore the most beautiful beaches and anchor spots of the British Virgin Islands by ship.
- Moderate ocean climate, mostly good sailing winds.
- Well-balanced ratio between time at sea, time in port and time at anchor.
- Experience traditional seamanship on a 100-year-old square rigger. Active participation in the sailing work only on a voluntary basis.
- Excellent galley with delicious food from morning to night.

### Services included:

- 7 nights' accommodation on the 100 year-old Tall Ship Eye of the Wind'
- Accommodation in exclusive double cabin with hot and cold running water, shower, toilet, and air conditioning
- Full board (including all meals, soft drinks, coffee & tea)
- Lounge with TV/video and extensive on-board library, some limited WiFi access available

### Not included:

Transportation to and from Road Town / BVI, shore excursions, and alcoholic beverages are not included. Our partner agency HolidayTaxis will organize transportation from your hotel or airport to the ship's berth on request. Daytrips and excursions with an English speaking guide may be organized by HolidayTaxis, too, if requested. A rental car is not required for transportation or excursion services. We will be glad to help you make individual plans for your arrival and departure. Please contact us.

### Special note:

The specific ports are optional. The ship management reserves the right to change the route depending on wind and weather conditions on short notice.

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