

# Deep Blue Adventures

## HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR TRAVEL TO VIRGIN ISLANDS

### BANKS:

Banking Hours are typically Mon-Thurs 8:30AM-3:30PM, Fri 8:30AM-5:30PM. There are ATMs located on the islands, although they can be slightly difficult to locate on your own.

### CURRENCY:

The currency of both the U.S. and the British Virgin Islands is the U.S. dollar. Traveler's checks and major credit cards are accepted in many- but not all establishments.

### CLIMATE:

The Virgin Islands have a stable climate year round thanks to the trade-winds. Temperatures vary only slightly from winter to summer, and winds keep the islands pleasant year round. June, July and August tend to be the hottest months with temperatures in the mid 80s and December through February cooler months with high 70 degree temperatures. The Virgin Islands does not have a rainy season, however there are month to month differences. The rainiest months in the Virgin Islands are November, October, September, August and May.

### DEPARTURE TAX:

U.S.V.I. - All visitors leaving the U.S. Virgin Islands will pay a flat-rate departure tax of \$10 U.S. Visitors leaving the B.V.I. will be charged a departure tax of \$15 U.S. per person leaving by air, \$5.00 leaving by sea and \$7.00 for cruise ship passengers. These charges are often included in the price of the plane or cruise ship ticket; otherwise, it must be paid in cash at the airport or exit marina.

### DRINKING WATER:

The water in the more developed islands such as New Providence and Grand Bahamas is distilled from seawater and is perfectly safe to drink, however they are only able to desalinate 95% of it, so it does have a strong taste. When on the outer islands, it is recommended you drink only bottled water.

### WATER TEMPERATURES AND WETSUITS:

Water temperatures generally range between 78 – 82°F. Most people find wearing a 1mm – 3mm wetsuit keeps them comfortable.

### DRIVING LICENSE:

U.S.V.I. - A valid US Driver's License is valid for 90 days in the US Virgin Islands. If you have a license from another country, you will need a 30-day driving permit which can be obtained at your car rental company upon arrival. Driving is on the left-hand side of the road. B.V.I. – A valid British Virgin Islands Driving License is required by all those seeking to drive in The British Virgin Islands. For a fee of \$10.00, a temporary British Virgin Islands Driving License can be obtained from the Traffic Licensing Office or Car Rental Agencies with a valid Driver License from another country. Driving is on the left-hand side of the road in The British Virgin Islands. Minimum age for Car Rentals is 25.

### ELECTRICITY:

Standard North American 120-volt/60-cycle AC electrical current, you will be able to operate American or Canadian appliances without adapters in both the U.S. and the British Virgin Islands. European appliances will need both converters and adapters.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

U.S.V.I. - Passports for U.S. Citizens are not required for the U.S. Virgin Islands, but you must be prepared to show evidence of citizenship upon leaving (such as a birth certificate and photo ID). Citizens of countries other than the U.S. should follow U.S. travel regulations. B.V.I. - Travel to any island outside the U.S. Virgin Islands requires a valid passport. Bonafide visitors may be granted entry for up to one month at the ports of entry, provided that they possess return (or ongoing) tickets, evidence of adequate means of support and pre-arranged accommodations during their stay.

### TOURISM SEASONS:

The Virgin Islands have a stable climate year round thanks to the trade-winds. Temperatures vary only slightly from winter to summer, and winds keep the islands pleasant year round. However, December to April are considered “high” tourist season as the islands see a larger number of visitors seeking to escape the cold winter months at home.

### VACCINATIONS:

No vaccinations or preventative medications are required for travel to the Virgin Islands. However, we always suggest that you speak to your family physician for a personal recommendation.

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