



## CARIBBEAN (BVI) FACT SHEET

### Travel and Accommodations

There are two options to get to Tortola, BVI's:

1. **Fly directly to Tortola, BVI's.** American Airlines handles most of the flights to the Beef Island Airport (on Tortola) via San Juan, Puerto Rico. Flights into Tortola tend to be more expensive than flights to St. Thomas. A taxi from the Tortola airport to the Nanny Cay marina is approximately \$30.

After arriving in Tortola, our recommendation is to stay at the Nanny Cay Hotel the night(s) before you board your boat. <https://nannycay.com/hotel/hotel-rates/>. Taxis from the Tortola ferry docks to Nanny Cay is about \$20 with tip. If the Nanny Cay Hotel doesn't have vacancy, there are a few hotels and bed and breakfast accommodation options on Tortola. Cane Garden Bay on the west side <https://www.virginislandsholiday.com/>. Another option is one of the two Best Western hotels near the airport on St. Thomas and then take the 8:00am Fast Ferry to Tortola the next morning.

2. **Fly to St. Thomas, USVI's, with connecting foot ferry to Tortola.** A short taxi ride (\$10/person, includes tip) will take you from the St. Thomas airport to the ferry dock. The ferry ride is about an hour long (\$60 round trip). Here is the link with the ferry schedule: <https://www.usvi.net/information/transportation/ferry-schedules/st-thomas-to-british-virgin-islands-ferry-schedule/>. The taxi from the Tortola ferry dock to the will be about \$20 with tip.

If your flight arrives in St. Thomas after 3:00 pm, it may be hard to make the last ferry and you will need to stay the night. We recommend the Best Western Carib Beach Resort Hotel, which is located walking distance (about 300 yards) from the airport. <https://www.agoda.com/best-western-carib-beach-resort/hotel/charlotte-amalie-west-vi.html?cid=-218>. We suggest you catch the early ferry the next morning (around 8:00am).

3. **Preboarding the night before your departure.** The cost to pre-board is \$75/person. Your boat will be ready after 5pm. If you would like to preboard on night prior to your course, please contact us at least 2-3 weeks in advance.

### Travel Guides

The best travel guide for the BVI's is Cruising Guide to the British Virgin Islands by Nancy and Simon Scott (about \$25 on amazon.com). The same authors have a pictorial guide called Virgin Anchorages (about \$40 on amazon.com with several used ones for \$15-20).

### Provisions

All your provisioning will be provided besides alcoholic beverages, and the exception of one night, when you'll eat ashore. There is a small grocery store nearby which stocks beer, wine and liquor. We do not provide alcoholic beverages, but you are welcome to bring your own, when at anchor or dock.