

St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands



Split up into 4 different areas—Christiansted, the North Shore, the East End, and Frederiksted—the island of St. Croix offers a little bit of everything. The varied terrain includes arid rockiness as well as a verdant rainforest, mango, mahogany, and tree ferns that dot the landscape, while beautifully secluded beaches entice water lovers. Enjoy sandy beaches and explore the Salt River where Christopher Columbus once landed in 1493. Sip a cool cocktail at one of the quaint beachside bars, head to the quaint Danish town of Christiansted for some of the best shopping on the island, hop over for a day of beaches and snorkeling at Buck Island, plus make sure to make the drive out to Point Udall, the easternmost tip of the United States.

Package Includes:

- Choice of accommodations
- Hotel taxes and maid gratuities
- Roundtrip transfers between airport and hotel
- Assistance of a local destination representative

Frequently Asked Questions

Who should go?

Active Travelers

Whether you choose to get out on the water and explore the outer rim of St. Croix via kayak, endeavor to catch some speed with windsurfing, or opt to catch the big fish on a sport-fishing trip, you'll find that this lovely island offers many activities to keep everyone going for as long as they'd like.

Divers

Avid or novice divers will absolutely love this island's underwater treasures. Sea creatures are abundant and are sure to please, with over 500 different species and incredible coral reefs to explore.

What's the climate like?

	Winter	Spring	Summer	Autumn
Average High	84° F	86° F	89° F	88° F
Average Low	72° F	74° F	78° F	76° F
Average Precipitation	2.5"	2.5"	3"	5.4"

Water temperature averages around 80°F year round.

How do I get around town?

Transfers

Transfers from airport to your hotel are included with your hotel package. It will take approximately 30-45 minutes to travel between the airport and hotel.

Taxi

Official rates are posted at the airport, and taxis will line up for passengers at the Christiansted and Frederiksted docks. You'll want to verify the rate with your cab driver before you get in the car since taxis in St. Croix are unmetered.

Bus

Buses run 45 minutes apart between Christiansted and Frederiksted daily, for a minimal fee.

What kinds of dining and nightlife are available?

Check out a few of these exciting restaurants:

Bacchus

Christiansted. A unique, prestigious restaurant known for receiving Wine Spectator's Award of Excellence. Enjoy a range of food, from fabulous filet mignon or handcrafted ravioli to cheesy duck nachos and homemade sorbet and rum cake; and that's just the beginning.

Blue Moon

Frederiksted. This casual, waterfront bistro mixes Cajun spices with Caribbean flavor. Start your meal with traditional spinach and artichoke dip. For lunch, enjoy foods such as spicy gumbo and a crab cake or grilled fish sandwich, and come back to try the New Orleans Alfredo for dinner, served mild, medium, or hot, depending on how you like it.

Elizabeth's at H2O

Christiansted. Elizabeth's is located in a spectacular and colorful shack-on-the-beach setting and features a deliciously satisfying selection of cuisine, from tortilla wrapped crab cakes and curried chicken salad to sea bass encrusted in pistachios and rack of lamb.

The Galleon

Green Cay. Located to the east of Christiansted, overlooking the Green Cay Marina. Enjoy live piano music during happy hour in the early evening. This restaurant serves dishes such as duck napoleon, Caesar salad, and local fish like wahoo, mahi mahi, and lobster, depending on the fish caught that day.

Kendrick's

Christiansted. Kendrick's is a favorite among visitors and locals alike. Sit outdoors on the patio or inside in the formal dining room. Popular plates include the pecan-covered pork with ginger mayonnaise and the crab cakes covered in lemon-pepper aioli sauce.

Off the Wall Bar & Grill

Cane Bay. If you're out on the beach at Cane Bay, stop in at this local spot on the beach for a fun and popular place to get your fill. Casual foods such as pizza, salads, sandwiches and chips, and some pretty fantastic cocktails are served here. Enjoy lounging in a hammock and listen to the live music...just make sure to get there early to reserve a spot since this place is highly popular.

Nightlife

St. Croix isn't known for its nightlife. However, St. Croix does offer an assortment of entertainment and fun things to do in the late evening hours. Enjoy late night music during the second half of the week at the Fort Christian Brew Pub, and on Wednesdays and Fridays, check out Blue Moon's live local jazz music. Test your gaming luck at the Divi Carina Bay Casino, the only casino on the island. Other live music, entertainment, and a spattering of local bars and pubs can be found across St. Croix.

Where should I go shopping?

St. Croix features an array of fabulous places to shop, and is a popular duty-free hub. Christiansted is all-a-bustle with many markets and handmade goods, while Frederiksted's Victorian-style shops and restaurants are popular cruise ship passengers.

Crucian Gold

The shop's owner, Brian Bishop, is known for his signature Crucian bracelet, which features the unique "True Lovers' Knot." You can find other jewelry here in hand-tied knot form as well, including earrings, rings, and necklaces. Located in Christiansted.

Folk Art Traders

This shop in Christiansted sells local art and items such as pottery, paintings, hand-made jewelry, batiks from Barbados, iron sculptures from Haiti, and more.

Gone Tropical

A fun place to visit in Christiansted, Gone Tropical features a range of delightful jewelry, antiques, furniture, carvings, and more...most of its products come from Bali, Indonesia.

Royal Poinciana

Step into this seemingly apothecary-esque shop in Christiansted and find local goods such as sauces, seasonings, coffees, teas, and a variety of soap, lotions, and greeting cards.

St. Croix LEAP

This open-air shop near Frederiksted features unique wood carvings turned into wall hangings, tables, clocks, and more, and is a part of the St. Croix Life and Environmental Arts Project.

When are the local events?

Mardi Croix

February. St. Croix's version of Mardi Gras transforms the town of Cane Bay on the island's north shore into one huge celebration. Partygoers will find much food and drink, plus you'll see many local vendors setting up shop to sell their crafts.

Jump Up

Four times throughout the year in Christiansted. The streets close in the early evening to make way for local vendors selling food, drink, jewelry, knick-knacks, and more. You'll see steel drum bands and local musicians on every street corner, plus many restaurants and stores stay open late and offer exclusive discounts.

St. Croix Blue Bay Jazz Fest

November. Enjoy the tunes of jazz from many local musicians beachside every year on Frederiksted Beach.

Golden Hook Wahoo Tournament

November. Watch or join anglers as they compete for the biggest and heaviest wahoo in this annual St. Croix contest.

Crucian Christmas Festival

December - January. The people of St. Croix flock to this festival for nonstop fun, food, and entertainment from the beginning of December through the first days of the New Year. Discover live music from local bands, food fairs, beauty pageants and the crowning of Miss St. Croix, dancing, cook-offs, and much more.

What are my sports and recreation options?

Be a Beach Bum

Beaches are one of St. Croix's most popular attractions. Head to the white-sands of Buck Island off St. Croix's shores, or stay on the island and relax at Cane Bay or Davis Bay along its north shore. Sandy Bay is located south of Frederiksted and is known to be the largest stretch of beachfront in all the U.S. Virgin Islands. Its waters are perfectly calm and shallow, just right for kids. However, it's only open on the weekends, but it's definitely worth a stop—plus, you'll probably see some sunbathing sea turtles, so make sure to follow their example.

Hiking & Kayaking

The island features incredible landscapes and rainforest, making it ideal for avid hikers and featuring many nature trails and footpaths. Kayaking is often found to be the best way to see the many sights of the island. Cruise around and along the rivers to view its stunning panoramas, explore lush mangroves and see many ecological wonders, all from your kayak.

Golf

This island boasts 2 incredible golf courses and even attracts avid golfers from the neighboring islands of St. Thomas and St. John.

Carambola Golf & Country Club

Labeled by Robert Trent Jones, Sr. as "the loveliest course [he] ever designed," this golf course is one of the best in the Caribbean and allows golfers to play as many holes as they want.

The Buccaneer, Gallows Bay

This challenging, 18-hole course is perfect for any level of golfer, features incredible views of the ocean, and is known as one of the most scenic greens in the Caribbean.

Diving and Snorkeling

Some of the best diving and snorkeling hotspots lie just off the shores of some of St. Croix's most fabulous beaches. Discover treasure troves just beneath the surface at Butler Bay on St. Croix's west side, and also make sure to check out Frederiksted Pier and Cane Bay. From Davis Bay's Northstar Reef, a trench 12,000 feet deep perfect for wall dives, to Butler Bay's shipwrecks and abandoned cars, Frederiksted Pier's plethora of sealife, Buck Island's underwater snorkeling trail, and Cane Bay's coral canyons, you'll be simply amazed at all you'll discover under the surface of St. Croix's waters.

Travel tidbits

Don't Get Lost

If you look at the buildings in both Christiansted and Frederiksted, you'll find the numbers are consecutive on both sides of the street "1,2,3,4..." No even numbers "2,4,6..." on one side and odd numbers "1,3,5..." on the other like in the U.S.A. Numbers on one side of the street begin on one side of town and stretch all the way to the other side, then "hop the street" and start all over again going the opposite way.

Kayak Under the Stars

Take a kayaking tour as nighttime falls. Paddle through the Salt River National Historic Park & Ecological Preserve, one of St. Croix's best ecological wonders. Hear about the ecological history of the area, pass through The Rookery, home to many pure-white egrets, and simply enjoy time out on the water underneath the moon and stars.

Local Foods

Here are 3 of the best local Crucian foods you'll find on your visit. Make sure to try them! 1. Pate (pronounced pa-tay): consists of any kind of meat, such as conch, lobster, fish, chicken, and beef, wrapped in dough and fried. Very tasty! 2. Johnny Cake: fried, flaky, melt-in-your-mouth dough dipped in honey or whatever sauce you like. 3. Pot Fish: just like it sounds, this delicious fish dish (usually the catch-of-the-day) is...wait for it...fried in a pot!

Good to Know:

Airport Name:	Henry E. Rohlsen Airport
3-letter Code:	STX
Best Weather:	December - February
Best Values:	June - August
Currency:	U.S. Dollar (USD\$) is widely accepted.
Language:	English
Time Zone:	Atlantic Time Zone. 1 hour ahead of Eastern Standard Time. St. Croix does not follow Daylight Savings.
Proof of Citizenship:	Government legislation requires all people traveling via air to and from the United States and Canada to have a valid passport. For details on passports, visas, and health requirements, see Entry Requirements .
Tipping:	Tipping is discretionary at 10-15% if gratuity hasn't already been added to the bill. Tipping taxi drivers is not common.
Dress:	Dress in St. Croix is casual and very modest. Swimwear is appropriate only on the beach. Short shorts and unbuttoned shirts are also frowned upon, so make sure you bring your cover-ups and dress modestly while in town.