

Tortola, British Virgin Islands

The largest of the British Virgin Islands, Tortola pairs a lively pier-side scene with easy escapes to powder-sand beaches, lush national park trails, and the boulder-strewn Baths of Virgin Gorda just a short ferry away.

Docked (most ships) — tender if 3+ ships in port

Typical call: 7–9 hrs

Currency: US Dollar

Language: English

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Arrive: All aboard:

Excursion: Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Cyril B. Romney Pier Park, Road Town — 2 berths, up to 180,000 GT; overflow ships anchor & tender

Best For: Beach days, island hopping to Virgin Gorda & Jost Van Dyke, snorkeling

Walk to Center: 5 min to Road Town Main Street from the pier

Don't Miss: The Baths on Virgin Gorda — book the ferry excursion early

Getting around: **Taxi** \$8–\$12 per person · **Rideshare** not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- The Baths, Virgin Gorda** — Massive granite boulders tumbled along the shore form sea-lit grottoes, tidal pools, and a hidden beach at Devil's Bay.
- Cane Garden Bay Beach** — Tortola's most popular beach — calm turquoise water, soft sand, beach bars, and watersports rentals.
- Jost Van Dyke Day Trip** — Hop a boat to this tiny island for White Bay beach and the famous Bubbly Pool — a natural jacuzzi formed by waves crashing over rocks at the north...
- Sage Mountain National Park Hike** — A short trail through mahogany forest leads to the highest point in the Virgin Islands (1,716 ft) with sweeping views over both the British and US...
- Snorkeling & Catamaran Sail** — Catamaran tours circle Tortola stopping at Smuggler's Cove and other clear-water reef sites.

BEST WALKS

- Road Town Waterfront & Main Street** ~1 hr | Flat | Easy — Exit the pier into Pier Park, then walk north along the waterfront toward the Ferry Terminal and into Road Town's Main Street.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		79°	76°	9d
Jun		82°	79°	11d
Aug		83°	80°	17d
Sep		83°	80°	16d
Oct		83°	80°	18d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:01AM–6:35PM · Jun 5:42AM–6:55PM · Aug 6:00AM–6:44PM · Sep 6:06AM–6:20PM · Oct 6:12AM–5:55PM

Currency: US Dollar

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book Virgin Gorda early. The Baths is the most popular excursion in the BVI — shore excursion slots and ferry seats fill fast. Book before your cruise, not at the pier.
- US Dollars everywhere. The BVI uses USD; no currency exchange needed for American travelers. Credit cards are widely accepted at shops and restaurants.
- Fixed taxi fares. Government-set rates apply. Ask the fare upfront and confirm it's per person, not per vehicle — shared taxis are common and significantly cheaper.
- Brief tropical showers are normal. They pass quickly. Cane Garden Bay is on the north side of the island — the ridge often shields it from storms that hit Road Town.
- If you tender, budget extra time. Tender queues can build up, especially when multiple ships are in port. Be back at the pier at least 60–90 minutes before departure.
- Local rum is the souvenir. Pick up Arundel Rum from the Callwood Distillery or Pusser's Rum at the Pier Park — both are genuine BVI products unavailable in most stores back home.

Tortola, British Virgin Islands — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Old Government House Museum | Historic former government house now a museum. | 2 Queen Elizabeth II National Park | Lush rainforest park for hiking and nature. |
| 3 Cyril B. Romney Tortola Pier Park | Cruise port shopping, dining, and entertainment hub. | 4 J.R. O'Neal Botanical Gardens | Tranquil botanical gardens showcasing tropical plants. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |