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A WORLD BEYOND YOUR IMAGINATION, WITH EVERY TYPE OF DIVE IMAGINABLE.

Dive alongside breathtaking corals. Weave through an untouched shipwreck. Choose from a wealth of diving options, each as beautiful as the last. Immerse yourself into a world of leatherback sea turtles, spotted eagle rays, queen triggerfish, silvery horse-eye jacks and creole wrasses. Each sunrise highlights a breathtaking array of life — schools of vibrant blue tang weaving through the corals and green sea turtles ambling along the seafloor. As the sun sets, you'll spot seahorses, moray eels, octopuses blushing turquoise. For this is the underwater world of the U.S. Virgin Islands, and what a rare beauty it is to behold.

More than 500 species of fish. Over 40 types of coral. Waters that stay warm year round. Visibility averaging 80 feet. In the USVI, the options are endless. Dive by boat, from the shore or by pier. Choose a wall dive, a wreck dive or a reef dive. From advanced divers to underwater rookies, our dive sites and shops accommodate all training levels — creating a virtual one-size-fits-all of marine exploration. And since we're part of the U.S., there's no passport required for U.S. citizens, and our dive vessels and captains are U.S. Coast Guard certified, ensuring high boating safety standards. Plus you can expect small groups, individualized service, and all dives to be guided by professional English speaking divemasters or instructors.

ST. CROIX

Magical dive sites. Beautiful corals amid serene nesting rocks. Fascinating wreck sites teeming with underwater sea life. These are but a few of the serene beauties that lie beneath the waters of St. Croix. A few minutes from its shores, you'll find some of the best diving waters in the Caribbean — abundant shore and beach diving, spectacular wall diving and, of course, one of the leading pier dive sites in the Caribbean, the pier at Frederiksted. If you thought sunrise above the surface was beautiful, behold it among an entire school of silversides, yellowtail snapper, or spotted drum. Night dive alongside an abundance of sea life — from spiny lobsters to sleeping parrotfish. Wherever you choose to explore, enjoy. Because in the serene waters of St. Croix, each twist and turn is more beautiful than the last.



ST. JOHN

Twist your way through a kaleidoscope of coral-encrusted arches. Duck under magnificent underwater overhangs. Glide through tunnels shining bright with the flickering scales of a hundred silverside fish. There are over 5,650 acres of underwater national park in St. John, and they are all waiting to be explored. Known for its pristine beaches and protected bays, St. John offers splendid reef diving at nearby uninhabited cays and along its south shore within the waters of the Virgin Islands National Park. The famed Coral Reef National Monument — one of two underwater national monuments — will astonish both beginners and experts. Behold the wonders that lie below the surface of St. John.



ST. THOMAS

Awaken your inner adventurer as you immerse yourself in the hidden treasures found at the bottom of St. Thomas' sprawling seafloors. Choose from over a dozen legendary wreck sites, some as deep as 90 feet, including a sunken 327-foot World War II navy vessel. Exploring many of these underwater gems won't even require special equipment or training. As you wind your way through the magnificent reefs, coral gardens, tunnels, archways and overhangs, keep your eyes peeled for nurse sharks, sea turtles and southern stingrays that can range up to six-and-a-half feet. With every dive, you're guaranteed an underwater adventure you'll never forget.



DIVE DESTINATIONS WAITING FOR YOU TO EXPLORE

Discover more than 60 different dive sites throughout the U.S. Virgin Islands. These sites are just a few examples of the diverse range of dive experiences the U.S. Virgin Islands has to offer:

ST. CROIX DIVES

1. CANE BAY: Some of the best diving in the U.S. Virgin Islands is along the wall that runs parallel to the North shore of St. Croix. The wall at Cane Bay is the most popular site because it is easy to get to from the beach and even easier by boat. Covered in plate corals, elephant ear sponges and black coral, the wall starts at 60 feet and goes down to over 2,000 feet! Schools of horse-eyed jacks are common along the wall and so is a reef shark or two. In the shallows of Cane Bay you can find large gray angelfish, schools of black durgon, stingrays and even the occasional sea horse.

2. FREDERIKSTED PIER: At night, this pier is a must-see. Giant-stride off the pier then start looking for the eye shine of squirrel, trumpet and puffer fish hiding among the rocks. The submerged old pier also protects anemones, sponges, Pederson cleaner shrimp and, if you have a keen eye or know where to look, a sea horse or two.

3. BUTLER BAY: On the West shore of St. Croix, you'll find Butler Bay, where between 1984 and 1999 several shipwrecks were intentionally sunk for the pleasure of divers. The Rosa Maria, a 177-foot steel-hulled freighter, rests at 60-100 feet and is covered with brilliant pink and bold red sponges, where you'll find schooling fish like grunts, snappers and some reef fish. The Suffolk Maid, a 140-foot trawler, and the Northwind, a 75-foot tugboat, both located in shallower waters, house a variety of intriguing underwater creatures.

4. BUCK ISLAND: Two miles off the Northeast side of St. Croix is Buck Island, an unspoiled natural habitat and marine National Monument known for its underwater snorkeling trail and excellent diving. There are plenty of small coral caves to explore in this shallow dive, which ranges from 15-40 feet. Buck Island is also a nesting ground for hawksbills, leatherbacks and green sea turtles, as well as brown pelicans and other seabirds.

5. SALT RIVER CANYON: Within this National Historic Park & Ecological Preserve, divers can explore a submarine canyon with two different walls. The East wall starts in 45 feet and plunges down to 1,000 feet, where you will find a large assortment of reef fish and barracuda, as well as both the green and pink colored black coral. The West wall starts in 20 feet and has many swim-throughs, eventually plummeting to a dramatic drop off.



ST. JOHN DIVES

1. CARVAL ROCK: Carval Rock is best known for its dramatic and beautiful rock formations loaded with a rainbow-like assortment of corals, sponges and gorgonians. At the base of the rocks, you'll notice a passageway that will take you through to the other side of the rock, where you might catch a glimpse of a dozen or so shiny tarpon feeding on schools of silversides.

2. EAGLE SHOAL: Located off the Southeast tip of St. John, Eagle Shoal is a popular dive site where you can expect to be accompanied by schooling durgons, grouper, parrotfish, porkfish, snapper, barracuda and tarpon. Overhangs, tunnels, arches and an almost overwhelming number of fish, are the hallmarks of this site.

3. HURRICANE HOLE: Protected as a part of the U.S. National Parks of St. John, the mangrove diving in this area is some of the best in the world. The water clarity, calmness and diversity of the marine life are amazing.

4. CONGO CAY: Off this tiny island just North of St. John, there is a steep drop to sand where you'll find an abundance of colorful reef fish, overhangs with spiny lobsters and conchs at the sandy bottom around 45 feet.

5. FLANAGAN ISLAND: Calm waters and shallow settings make this spot perfect for diving and snorkeling alike. The site has swim-throughs, mini-canyons and dozens of fish species.

ST. THOMAS DIVES

1. WRECK OF THE WIT SHOAL II: Located in 90 feet of water off the Southwest coast of St. Thomas, the 328-foot WIT Shoal was once an armed military cargo ship (LST 467) designed to transport and land up to 20 tanks during World War II. There are five different levels to explore with a wide variety of entries and exits, including the coral encrusted smoke stacks.

2. COW & CALF: Traveling off the Southeast end of St. Thomas, you'll come across two rocks piercing the surface. According to legend, sailors often mistook these rocks as migrating humpback whales, a cow and her calf. Today, divers can explore a colorful labyrinth of swim-through tunnels, archways and caves that are connected by the two rocks.

3. FLAT CAY: With a depth of only 35 feet, divers can maximize bottom time and enjoy a relaxing beautiful dive, exploring both a reef and the remains of a mega-yacht shipwreck known as the 'Easterly' or 'Chrysler' wreck. The reef itself is a buffet of pillar and brain corals, sponges and a smorgasbord of sea creatures.

4. CORAL BOWL: With a bowl-shaped slope starting in 30 feet and descending to 80 feet at its bottom, you'll find sloping tiers of hard and soft corals, full of nooks and overhangs to explore. Schooling fish swim along the different levels as lobsters, eels and nurse sharks watch from their protected homes. As soon as the Caribbean sun sinks below the horizon, the ledges and overhangs of Coral Bowl come alive with sea creatures large and small. The finale of your day will be blocking your light for just a moment and watching the reef light up with bioluminescence, rivaling the nighttime lights of Charlotte Amalie harbor for splendor and beauty.

5. NAVY BARGES: Located off the southern coast of St. Thomas are the remains of several Navy barges sunk after World War II. This shallow site, ranging from 25-40 feet, is a popular birthing area for nurse sharks during the summer months.