

Contents

List of Maps

vi

1	Planning Your Trip to the Virgin Islands	1
1	Choosing the Perfect Island	1
2	Visitor Information & Maps	4
3	Entry Requirements & Customs	5
4	When to Go	7
5	Getting There	9
6	Money & Costs	9
7	Travel Insurance	11
8	Health	13
9	Safety	14
	<i>Frommers.com: The Complete Travel Resource</i>	15
10	Specialized Travel Resources	16
11	Sustainable Tourism/Eco-Tourism	16
12	Special-Interests Trips	18
13	Staying Connected	19
	<i>Online Traveler's Toolbox</i>	21
14	Packages for the Independent Traveler	22
15	Getting Around the Islands	22
16	Tips on Accommodations	25
17	Tips on Dining	26
18	Tips on Shopping	27
	<i>Fast Facts: The Virgin Islands</i>	28
2	St. Thomas	34
1	Orientation	36
2	Getting Around	38
	<i>Fast Facts: St. Thomas</i>	40
3	Where to Stay	42
4	Where to Dine	53
5	Beaches	64

	<i>Taking to the Seas</i>	66
6	Fun in the Surf & Sun	68
7	Seeing the Sights	70
8	Shopping	76
9	St. Thomas After Dark	83

3

St. John 87

1	Orientation	88
2	Getting Around	90
	<i>Fast Facts: St. John</i>	91
3	Where to Stay	92
4	Where to Dine	99
5	Beaches	106
6	Fun in the Surf & Sun	107
7	Exploring St. John	111
8	Shopping	111
9	St. John After Dark	113

4

St. Croix 115

1	Orientation	115
2	Getting Around	119
	<i>Fast Facts: St. Croix</i>	120
3	Where to Stay	121
4	Where to Dine	130
5	Beaches	138
6	Fun in the Surf & Sun	140
	<i>The St. Croix Heritage Trail</i>	146
7	Shopping	150
8	St. Croix After Dark	152
9	A Side Trip to Buck Island	153

5

The British Virgin Islands 155

1	Essentials	156
	<i>Fast Facts: The British Virgin Islands</i>	158
2	Tortola	160

	<i>Fast Facts: Tortola</i>	163
	<i>The Wreck of the Rhone & Other Top Dive Sites</i>	177
	<i>Exploring Deserted "Treasure Island"</i>	179
3	Virgin Gorda	183
	<i>Fast Facts: Virgin Gorda</i>	184
4	Jost Van Dyke	194
5	Peter Island	200

Index	202
--------------	-----

List of Maps

- | | | | |
|--|----|----------------------------|-----|
| The Virgin Islands | 2 | St. Croix | 117 |
| St. Thomas | 35 | Where to Stay on St. Croix | 123 |
| Where to Stay on St. Thomas | 43 | Where to Dine on St. Croix | 131 |
| Where to Stay & Dine in Charlotte Amalie | 45 | The British Virgin Islands | 157 |
| Where to Dine on St. Thomas | 55 | Tortola | 161 |
| What to See in Charlotte Amalie | 71 | Road Town | 162 |
| St. John | 89 | Virgin Gorda | 185 |
| Where to Stay & Dine on St. John | 93 | Jost Van Dyke | 195 |