

US VIRGIN ISLANDS

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**Country Dialling Code (Tel/Fax): ++340**

US Virgin Islands Department of Tourism: PO Box 6400, St. Thomas, USVI 00804 Tel: 774 8784 Fax: 774 4390 Website: www.usvi.org/tourism

Capital: Charlotte Amalie **Time:** GMT - 4

Background: During the 17th century, the archipelago was divided into two territorial units, one English and the other Danish. Sugarcane, produced by slave labor, drove the islands' economy during the 18th and early 19th centuries. In 1917, the US purchased the Danish portion, which had been in economic decline since the abolition of slavery in 1848.

Location: Caribbean, islands between the Caribbean Sea and the North Atlantic Ocean, east of Puerto Rico

Map References: Central America and the Caribbean

Area: total: 352 sq km, land: 349 sq km, water: 3 sq km

Climate: subtropical, tempered by easterly trade winds, relatively low humidity, little seasonal temperature variation; rainy season May to November

Terrain: mostly hilly to rugged and mountainous with little level land

Natural Resources: sun, sand, sea, surf

Population: 120,917 (July 2000 est.)

Nationality: noun: Virgin Islander(s), adjective: Virgin Islander

Ethnic Groups: black 80%, white 15%, other 5%, note: West Indian (45% born in the Virgin Islands and 29% born elsewhere in the West Indies) 74%, US mainland 13%, Puerto Rican 5%, other 8%

Religions: Baptist 42%, Roman Catholic 34%, Episcopalian 17%, other 7%

Languages: English (official), Spanish, Creole

Economy: Tourism is the primary economic activity, accounting for more than 70% of GDP and 70% of employment. The islands normally host 2 million visitors a year. The manufacturing sector consists of petroleum refining, textile, electronics, pharmaceutical, and watch assembly plants. The agricultural sector is small, with most food being imported. International business and financial services are a small but growing component of the economy. One of the world's largest petroleum refineries is at Saint Croix. The islands are subject to substantial damage from storms.

Industries: tourism, petroleum refining, watch assembly, rum distilling, construction, pharmaceuticals, textiles, electronics

Currency: 1 United States dollar (US\$) = 100 cents

Railways: 0 km

Highways: total: 856 km, paved: NA km, unpaved: NA km

Ports and Harbors: Charlotte Amalie, Christiansted, Cruz Bay, Port Alucroix

Airports: 2, note: international airports on Saint Thomas and Saint Croix (1999 est.) Airports - with paved runways: total: 2, 1,524 to 2,437 m: 2 (1999 est.)

Visa: immigration requirements for the US Virgin Islands are the same as for the USA. See the USA section.

Duty Free: see Duty Free in the USA section.

Health: water precautions are advised outside the main centres. Tap water is considered safe to drink.

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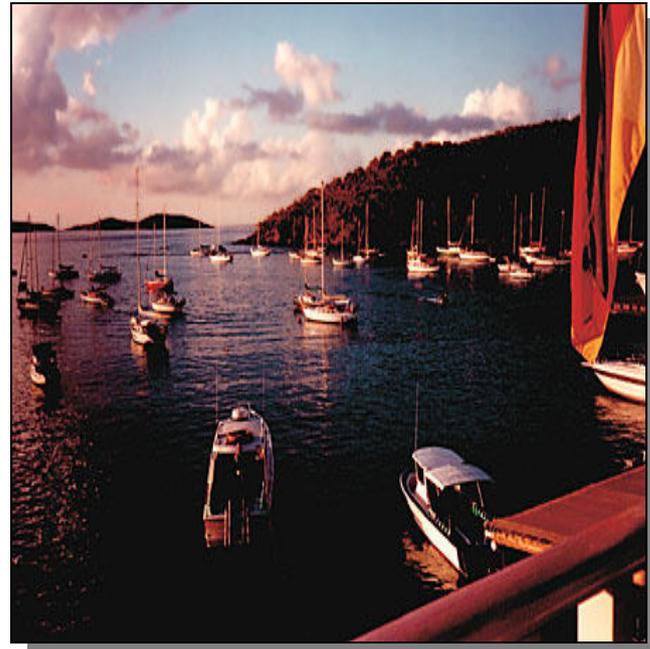
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