

## Media Kit: Jewels of BVI

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS – Known as “the land that time forgot,” the British Virgin Islands remains an undeveloped haven for natural treasures; unlike the glitz and glam of its Caribbean neighbours, what the destination lacks is its greatest asset – no high-rise hotels, no casinos and no crowds. With more than 60 islands, most in a distinct formation flanked around the Sir Frances Drake Channel – including the main island of Tortola creating the backbone of the Channel, Virgin Gorda stretching to form the eastern border, Jost Van Dyke lingering in the west, Anegada dangling remotely north in the Atlantic and a series of smaller islands speckled in the south – the BVI reveals nature’s little secrets in every cove.

Woven throughout the emerald green coastline, like hidden gems awaiting discovery, are a series of simple, intimate inns, villas and cottages lovingly referred to as the Jewels of the BVI. Locally owned by BVI Islanders, these jewels allow guests to enjoy the islands on the most genuine level. Accommodations dotting the islands range from modest seaside inns, with simply a bed, bathroom and breathtaking views of the Caribbean Sea to deluxe villas equipped with every luxury one could want. Some Jewels even offer vehicles allowing guests to cruise the coast during their stay.

Curvy Tortola offers guests wishing to surf the Atlantic swells in the northern Apple and Josiah’s Bay and embark on sailing adventures in the South from Nanny Cay and Road Harbour to find a variety of accommodations to choose from among the Jewels. Treasure Isle Hotel, nestled on a hillside located conveniently near the Moorings Charter Company has lovely rooms decorated in bright Caribbean colours and features two double beds or a king-sized bed with accent furniture in rattan. Spacious rooms overlook the dazzling Road Town harbour and have balconies to sit and sip champagne.

The hotel also features the famous Spyglass Bar, a favourite bar for local yachties. Allamanda Estate, a grand villa once the official home of the governor of the British Virgin Islands, now accommodates guests with four generously sized bedrooms, bathrooms and a fully equipped gourmet kitchen all nestled within a secluded area surrounded by lush foliage.

Myett’s Garden Inn showcases charming guest rooms tucked within tropical gardens, along spectacular white sand beaches and crystal clear water.

With all the comforts of home, Sugar Apple Villa, along Carrot Bay, welcomes guests with a variety of amenities including a personal chef to introduce guests to all the tastes the BVI has to offer. This fully furnished two-bedroom condo also includes an enclosed outdoor shower, complete kitchen, breakfast nook, living room, laundry facilities and large patio.

A sampling of the Jewels nestled along the shores of Virgin Gorda allow guests to discover the natural masterpieces of the island, including the nearly uninhabited beaches of Savannah Bay, Long Bay, Mountain Point and the Baths. Picturesque Leverick Bay Resort and Marina offers spacious hillside rooms, a restaurant, spa and tennis court as well as access to a variety of water sport activities including sailing and scuba diving. Guavaberry Spring Bay encompasses a number of one- and two-bedroom vacation homes as well as 18 deluxe villas with one- to five-bedroom units. Each of the vacation homes features private baths, a living room, a kitchen/dining area and covered decks with easy access to nearby sun-drenched sands. Rustic Fischer’s Cove offers romantic, triangular-shaped, studio-style cottages, or studio hotel rooms. The cottages, studios and ocean view studios are surrounded by gardens, set amidst tropical palms and flora and just steps to the water’s edge.

For an island where the main road is the beach and the unofficial creed is “no shirt, no shoes, no problem,” tiny Jost Van Dyke is a popular day trip destination for visitors to the BVI seeking the famous concoction known as the “Painkiller.”

As one of the few Jewels on the island, rustic Sea Crest Inn offers beachfront apartments and fully equipped kitchens, not to mention the short sandy stroll to the bars and restaurants that have made the area famous. For an island that received electricity for the first time in 1991, the inn is surprisingly modern with fully equipped kitchens, cable TV and air-conditioning.

Known as the “drowned island,” Anegada beckons visitors to the isolated north with captivating sunsets, succulent lobster feasts and 37 kilometers of untouched, uninterrupted beaches. The intimate 20-room Anegada Reef Hotel features festive island flair décor and rates that include three delicious meals a day. To add to the charm of the hotel, the onsite beach bar operates on the honour system, so when guests are ready to leave the island they simply find the tab that they started at the beginning of their stay and settle up.

Situated along the shores of Loblolly Bay, the Lavenda Breeze beach house boasts breathtaking 360-degree views of Anegada and the surrounding islands as well as cheerful furnishings and spacious rooms. Guests of the Lavenda Breeze can gaze at the starry night skies through a private telescope provided by the cottage. Also set along the quiet shores of Loblolly Bay are the Loblolly Beach Cottages. These rustic one and two bedroom cottages provide guests desiring an “island worshipping” vacation, kayak, canoe and bicycle rentals.

The BVI, consistently recognized as one of the most breathtaking destinations in the world and the undisputed Sailing Capital of the World, presents 60 islands for exploring its secrets. The BVI is rich with the storied islands of Norman, Dead man’s Chest and Anegada, while the islands of Peter, Necker, and Guana anchor luxury resorts and sun worshippers find a haven on Jost van Dyke, Cooper Island and Virgin Gorda. Whether it is discovering the natural phenomena of The Baths or diving the Indians, Sandy Spit or fabled Wreck of the Rhone, the BVI is bountiful with Nature’s Little Secrets.

To discover these secrets and create new ones, call the BVI Tourist Board toll free: 800.835.8530 or visit [www.bvitourism.com](http://www.bvitourism.com).

Below is a complete listing of the Jewels of BVI:

## Tortola

- A & J Guest Apartments
- Hotel Castle Maria
- A & L Inn
- Hummingbird House
- Agape Cottages
- Icis Villas
- Allamanda Estate
- Johnny Hill Villas
- Belmont House

- Josiah's Bay Cottages
- Coconut Point
- Lighthouse Villas
- Columbus Sunset Villas
- Mongoose Apartments
- D & E Vacation Homes
- Ronneville Cottages
- Dolphin Villa
- Sea View Hotel
- Elm's Beach Suites
- Serendipity House Villa
- Emerald Crest Villa
- Sugar Apple Villa
- Fort Burt
- Treasure Isle Hotel
- Grapetree Vacation Rentals
- Turtle Dove Lodge
- Green Bank Villas
- Coral Reef Villa
- Heritage Inn
- Villa Majesty
- Hodges Creek Marina

### **Virgin Gorda**

- Bayview Apartments
- Fischer's Cove
- Agape Cottages
- Guavaberry Spring Bay
- Leverick Bay
- Seven Jewels Manor
- The Wheel House

### **Jost Van Dyke**

- Sea Crest Inn

### **Anegada**

- Anegada Reef Hotel
- Bonfish Villa
- Lavenda Breeze
- Loblolly Beach Cottages
- Neptune's Treasure

