

British Virgin Islands Necker Belle Sample Itinerary:



8-Day British Virgin Islands Charter

We hope you like the sound of the itinerary below, but it is your holiday after all so it's certainly not a fixed schedule and can be changed as and when you wish! While you are onboard the emphasis is on you and your guests having the time of your lives, so if you like a place and want to spend an extra day we will do our utmost to make this happen for you!

Day 1 > Tortola (Beef Island)

A crew member will greet you at the International Airport on Beef Island. Guests will then be escorted by tender back to board the yacht. Alternatively, guests can enjoy the cabana bars lining the beach of Trellis Bay while admiring the yacht anchored a short distance away! Tortola boasts a very laid back feel... the first set of traffic lights were only introduced in 2001 and all visitors are made to feel welcome in unique BVI style. The island itself is around 24 square miles with more than 30 sheltered bays and impressive mountainous peaks in the centre. Powdery white-sand beaches, lush green mountains, and a sheltered yacht-filled harbour characterize the island of Tortola, where the past of the West Indies meets the present of the BVI. There are countless protected anchorages and bays for both boating, swimming, snorkelling, horseback riding and fishing. The Bomba Shack is a must do in Apple Bay where some of the best Full Moon parties are thrown!

Day 2 > Norman Island

Norman Island is famous as being the inspiration for Robert Louis Stevenson's Treasure Island in 1883. This island is perfect especially around Treasure Point where bays, reefs, and caves provide a memorable experience for snorkelers. There are 3 water level caves at the base of the cliffs which push deeply enough into the cliffs that make the experience like a night dive – so remember your torch! At just 2 1/2 miles long, Norman Island has no permanent inhabitants (other than wild goats), but there is a restaurant and bar named "Pirates" located in the bight. No problem knowing when it's happy hour as the daily cannon ritual will let you know. Enjoy sunset drinks and/or dinner at the William Thornton (or "Willie T" to locals), a great floating bar and restaurant that will definitely get you in the BVI mood.

Day 3 > Peter Island

The largest private island in the British Virgin Islands, Peter Island is surrounded by the sparkling waters of the Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean Sea, and Sir Francis Drake Channel. Just 5.2 miles south west of Tortola, Peter Island is a popular spot for a day's swimming and snorkelling and a fantastic spa at the Peter Island Resort. Accessible only by boat or helicopter, Peter Island's idyllic location makes it a perfect destination for guests seeking an exclusive hideaway. Enjoy some water sports and a great dive can be arranged on the wreck of the RMS Rhone, a small steamship driven ashore and wrecked by a hurricane in 1867.

Day 4 > The 'Baths' Virgin Gorda

Arrive early morning in Virgin Gorda, the third largest island of the BVI. The dramatically shaped island reminded Christopher Columbus of a reclining woman, so he named it Virgin Gorda, the "Fat Virgin". Just less than nine square miles (23 sq km) in area, its coastline is fractured with hundreds of bays and inlets and is a haven for 'yachties' and holidaymakers, providing private, safe anchorages and secluded pristine beaches. After breakfast at anchor, enjoy water sports in Virgin Gorda Yacht harbour. Before lunch, move to the 'Baths', the star attraction of the island. On its southern shores, the Baths is a jumble of gigantic granite stones lying half submerged. The boulders have formed fascinating grottoes, tunnels, arches and pools: a playground for exploring and snorkelling. End up at Spanish Town for the night.

Day 5 > Virgin Gorda

Arrive early morning in North Sound Virgin Gorda. Breakfast at anchor before heading in to the shops and galleries at Leverick Bay. Or just relax aboard and watch the others take advantage of this pristine bay, perfect for kayaking, water skiing, etc.! There are several creeks leading to secluded white sand beaches and quaint Caribbean villages. This is the perfect area for hiking and exploring ashore, having a bite at the various local restaurants, and simply basking in the sun in privacy. One could easily spend a few days here. There are various dive sites available for both the novice and advanced diver.

Day 6 > Anegada

The only coral island in the volcanic BVI chain, Anegada is a world apart. Named by the Spanish, the "Drowned Land", it measures just 11 miles by 3 and its highest point is just 7 metres (28 feet) above sea level. The island is surrounded by Horseshoe Reef, the third largest continuous reef in the Eastern Caribbean, containing both patch reef and barrier reef – both the cause of many shipwrecks in former times. Kayaks gently glide over the shallowest spots though, allowing for complete mobility inside the reef. You can paddle to distant white sand beaches and pristine snorkelling spots, the sites of shipwrecks and plundered treasure fleets. The extensive mangrove flats here offer the fly-fisherman a chance to cast to bonefish, permit or tarpon. Anegada also has some of the most diverse bird life in the Eastern Caribbean.

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Day 7 > Jost Van Dyke

After breakfast steam over to Little Jost Van Dyke at the Western end of the BVIs. There are some stunning beaches here so you can spend the day relaxing, enjoying the water sports, swimming and snorkelling before moving to an anchorage off Jost Van Dyke. There is another famous bar here ashore called Foxy's with a great atmosphere.

Day 8 > Tortola (Beef Island)

Slowly cruise back to Tortola whilst enjoying your last breakfast aboard. Spend the morning visiting one or two of the beautiful secluded bays before taking the tender back to Beef Island for your flight home. Staying in Tortola a few more days? We recommend dining at the Sugar Mill restaurant back in Apple Bay!



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