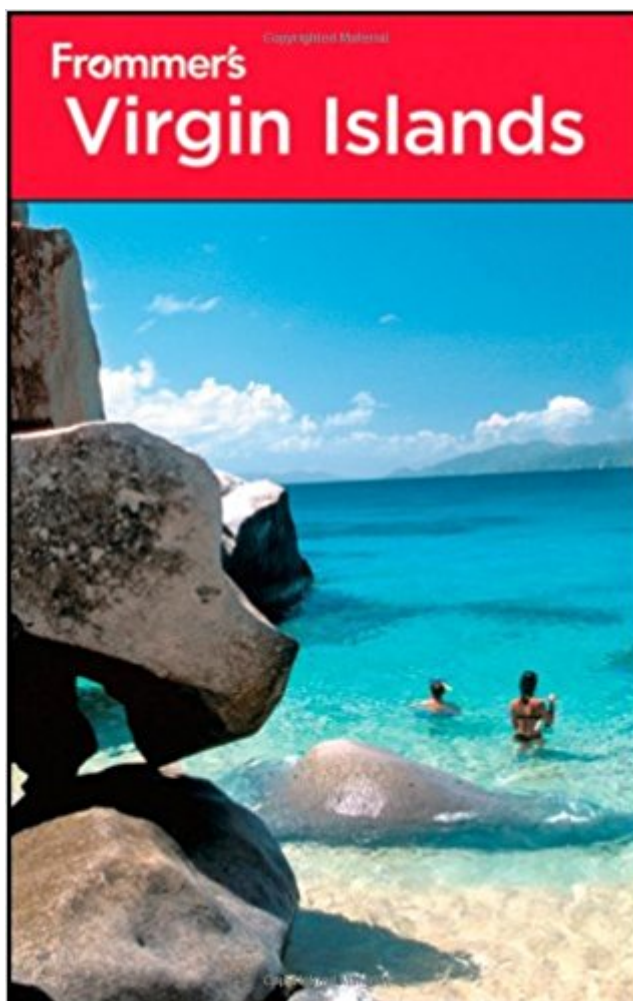


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Insider advice on avoiding the crowds as you explore some of the Virgin Islands' best beaches, from Caneel Bay in St. John to Cane Garden Bay in Tortola. Plus tips for finding the best snorkeling spots, from St. Thomas's Coki Point Beach to St. Croix's Cane Bay, and dive sites, including the Wreck of the H.M.S. Rhone off of Salt Island. Where to find the absolute best conch chowder in St. Thomas, the freshest lobster in St. Croix, and the most satisfying conch fritters in Virgin Gorda. Plus, advice on where to find the best shopping buys, from local arts and crafts stores to high-end jewelry shops. Recommendations to help you choose the perfect Virgin Island--from the U.S. Virgin Islands of St. John, St. Thomas, and St. Croix, to the British Virgin Islands of Tortola, Virgin Gorda, Jost Van Dyke, Anegada, and Guana Island. Opinionated reviews. No bland descriptions and lukewarm recommendations. Our expert writers are passionate about their destinations--they tell it like it is in an engaging and helpful way. Exact prices listed for every establishment and activity--no other guides offer such detailed, candid reviews of hotels and restaurants. We include the very best, but also emphasize moderately priced choices for real people. User-friendly features including star ratings and special icons to point readers to great finds, excellent values, insider tips, best bets for kids, special moments, and overrated experiences.

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Customer Reviews

One hundred or so islands make up the Virgin Islands group. Some are governed by the U.S., some by the British, and all offer green hills, the best temperatures in the West Indies, and some of the lowest humidity levels in the Caribbean. So if the answer to your Caribbean vacation question is the

Virgin Islands, the next questions are where in the Virgins, and what to do once you get there. Toward that end, Frommer's Virgin Islands guide delineates the differences, in character and topography and overall ambiance, between the various islands, helping you select the destinations that suit you (and your budget) best. First, there's the choice between British and American, then there are criteria such as deluxe versus rustic, hopping nightlife versus quiet isolation, pristine beaches or vibrant snorkeling. The "Best Of" section further aids selection, with lists of exceptional beaches, snorkeling, dive sites, golf courses, restaurants, nature walks, honeymoon resorts, and places to get away from it all. Once you've chosen your island, you have but to browse the specific chapter to see hotels, dining, and sights, outdoor recreations, shopping, and nightlife. There's a brief history of each island, a look at the flora and fauna, and an essential Fast Facts page listing details such as area code, currency exchange, doctors, newspapers, and liquor laws. Why lug along a huge Caribbean tome? The slender Frommer's Virgin Islands volume offers more detailed information for less. --Stephanie Gold --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Explore the charming buildings of Tortola's Road Town, in the British Virgin Islands. See chapter 6. Detailed maps throughout Exact prices, directions, opening hours, and other practical information Candid reviews of hotels and restaurants, plus sights, shopping, and nightlife Itineraries, walking tours, and trip-planning ideas Insider tips from local expert authors

I love reading travel guides and this one was a tough read. I have purchased Frommer's guides in the past, which I usually appreciate for their thoroughness. It felt that this was more bogged down with historical facts rather than the best place to find roadside tacos. Mind you, I am a historian and not opposed to learning about history. In travel guides, I am looking for something to make it easy to navigate and lay out my itinerary for the week. They divided it by islands, but didn't really explain the best way to divide up your time. I imagine most people who travel to the Virgin Islands expect to island hop. The approach was a little schizophrenic, rather than linear (which I personally prefer when I travel). This particular trip is for my honeymoon and I will probably order a different guide.

The travel guide book is a very simple and easy book to find information about the U.S. and British Virgin Islands. I made all my reservations for the resorts, restaurants and excursions before I arrived to St. John to make my vacation less stressful. The book listed all the restaurants so I knew what type of food they served besides the price from expensive to moderate. I have always bought Fodor's

books which are great but Frommer's will be added to my collection too, My daughter and I took both books and enjoyed reading about each island which are all different than the others. It's another great book to have before you travel.

I would not recommend this guide. I bought this book to help plan a vacation to St. John, since I could only find one book specifically about St. John. This book was far too general to be helpful. It provides an overview of all of the U.S. Virgin Islands and gives a few hotel, activity and restaurant recommendations on each island. If you know which island you are going to, this information will be far too broad to help you really plan activities. I found better advice on Trip Advisor to be honest. However, for those familiar with Frommer's guides, it is in the typical Frommer's format, which I find easy to search and navigate compared to other travel guide formats. For an excellent reference on St. John, I recommend *St. John Off The Beaten Track*.

Stinks. Better info on the Internet.

Love Frommer's, there is not much else to say! Will probably revisit after the trip, after putting it to good use.

My wife and I just got back from our 3 1/2 week honeymoon in the Virgin Islands. We island hopped, starting in St. Croix, then moved on to St. Thomas, and wrapped things up in St. John where we spent a lot of time exploring Virgin Gorda, Jost Van Dyke and the other British Virgin Islands. We took several books on the islands, and this was HANDS-DOWN the best. Look no further, this is the best book available on the Virgin Islands.

Great deal, great reading on the plane on the way to St. Thomas VI, found a lot of ideas and places to go.

This was a super deal for us. We always purchase books prior to traveling. This was fast and easy through this site. Thanks

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