

Recreational Fishing





THE BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS



Fishing

The British Virgin Islands provides the premier fishing grounds for the avid fisherman with a variety of gamefish and a range of fishing grounds covering flats, inshore fishing and deep-sea fishing.

Home to the famous North Drop with huge gamefish like the blue marlin and other billfish set among an archipelago renowned for yachting with a complement of full-service marinas, exclusive resorts and villas and expert fishing guides; the BVI is fast becoming the top choice of sports fishermen from around the world.

Our pristine waters are close to 300 different marine fish species which makes Recreational Fishing a joy.



DEEP SEA FISHING IN THE BVI
WHERE TO GO: North Drop, South Drop, Barracuda Banks and Northeast of Anegada

FISH YOU WILL FIND: White and Blue Marlin, Wahoo, Tuna, Dolphin Fish (Mahi Mahi) and Sailfish known for their sport, strength, and acrobatics.



INSHORE FISHING IN THE BVI
WHERE TO GO: Kingfish Banks, Off the Camanoes, Off Little and Great Thatch

FISH YOU WILL FIND: Bonito, Kingfish, Snapper, Jacks and Barracudas

FLY FISHING IN THE BVI
WHERE TO GO: Anegada Flats, Hodge's Creek, Beef Island (by the bridge) and North Sound

FISH YOU WILL FIND: Bonefish, Tarpon, Permit, Snook and Snapper





The British Virgin Islands has closed seasons for fishing of the following species as mandated by law. Persons are not permitted to catch, sell, offer for sale or buy any of these species during this time.

There are moratoriums (NO TAKE) on Leatherback Turtles, Jew Fish and Loggerhead Turtles

Species	Closed Dates
Margate	January 1 - March 31
Red Hind	January 1- March 31
Nassau Grouper	January 1 - March 31
Hawksbill Turtle	April 1 - November 30
Green Turtle	April 1 - November 30
Lobster	July 31 - October 31
Conch	August 15 - October 31
Whelk	August 15 - October 31





Fisheries Protected Areas (or Marine Protected Areas) are reserves which serve to protect and preserve the breeding grounds and habitats (and allow for the regeneration) of aquatic life. ALL human activity (save snorkeling) is prohibited in these areas. This includes (but is not limited to) the mooring of boats, diving, building construction and fishing.

- Horseshoe Reef, Anegada
- Beef Island Channel
- Hans Creek, Beef Island
- The Sound, Ginger Island
- Big Reef, Peter Island
- Green Cay
- North Bay, Guana Island
- Frenchman's Cay
- Taylor Bay, Virgin Gorda
- South Sound, Virgin Gorda
- The Sound, Salt Island
- Money Bay, Norman Island
- Santa Monica Rock
- Dead Chest





Fisheries Priority Areas are designated locations set aside for registered and licensed vessels and persons to engage in fishing. Snorkeling, diving and other recreational activities are prohibited. Anchorage is also prohibited except during times of storms and hurricanes. During such instances the Chief Conservation and Fisheries Officer should be immediately notified.

- Great Harbour, Peter Island
- The Bight, Norman Island
- Frenchman's Cay
- Benures Bay, Norman Island
- West Guana Island
- Great Camanoe

The BVI exercises conservation in managing and regulating the sport and commercial fishing industry.

- Fishing is not permitted in National Parks.
- For recreational fishing, Local and Foreign vessels are required to have a Certificate of Registration and Fishery License to be used in the BVI.
- A temporary pleasure fishing license, which is valid for one month, may be obtained for a fee of (approx.) US\$45.
- Fishing Licenses are processed by the Conservation and Fisheries Department in Road Town, Tortola. Details can be found at bvi.gov.vg/list-of-fisheries-services



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