
Before You Get Here:

Tips for the Islands and from your Professional Photographer

If you are traveling from the US, no passport is required for US citizens, however if you are on a cruise ship, you will be required to have at least a passport card in order to return back to the US.

Weddings can be coordinated at anytime of the day starting as early as 7:00 AM, however, the best time of the day to have a wedding / vow renewal and have great photos is between the hours of 9: 00 AM- 11:00 AM. The hottest time of the day is between 12:00 Noon to 2:00 PM.

For Sunset weddings for the summer months, the sun sets between 6:30 PM-7:00 PM while the sunsets earlier in the winter months between 4:30 PM- 5:30 PM.

Because the islands can be a little warm, it is highly recommended that both the bride and groom wear comfortable light flowing clothing to include tuxedo, jackets and gowns. Veils, hair wearing down or hanging around the face are not recommended for the beach venue due to windy conditions. It tends to be unmanageable.

Are you wondering if your marriage here will be recognized as legal on the US mainland? Well yes it will be, we are a territory of the United States. Please check with your country to determine whether you will be needing an apostille or not. If an apostille is needed, we will be more than happy to assist with getting you one.

Driving here in the St. Thomas is very complicated, drivers are reminded to drive on the left side of the road, slow down and drive carefully. Seat belts are required, it's the Law! The use of cell phone to text, or talk is illegal while driving; please utilize an earpiece or the speaker phone.

There is no "open-container" laws here in the Virgin Islands, but be careful, always have a designated driver at hand.

English is the official language of Virgin Islands, however, you may hear other languages around the town.

The Virgin Islands is located in the Atlantic Standard Time Zone. In the spring and summer months we are on the same time zone as the US East Coast. In the autumn and winter months when the clock falls back, the time in the Virgin Islands remains an hour ahead. Times in the Virgin Islands never change.

The Virgin Islands is located in the heart of the Caribbean and enjoys hot to warm sunny days all year round. The average summer temperature is 82 F and the winter months is 74 F. Please don't forget to wear sunscreen!

Even though we experience nice weather all year round, we are still susceptible to inclement weather. Beginning June 1st until November 30th of each year is Hurricane Season, with the peak of the season been in Mid-September. For that extra protection, we are offering wedding insurance.

The Virgin Islands are known to be the #1 Duty-Free port in the Caribbean. If you are returning from the Virgin Islands, you are allowed a \$1,600 US duty-free exemption. You may include 1,000 cigarettes as part of this exemption, but at least 800 of them must have been acquired here in the Virgin Islands. Only 200 cigarettes may have been acquired elsewhere. For example, if you were touring the Caribbean and you stopped in Barbados, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and other ports of call, you could bring back five cartons of cigarettes, but four of them would have to have been bought in U.S. Virgin Islands.

Similarly, you may include five liters of alcoholic beverages in your duty-free exemption, but one of them must be a product of the Virgin Islands. Four may be products of other countries. Duty free allowance on alcoholic beverages applies if you are 21 years old, it is for your own use or as a gift and it does not violate the laws of the state in which you arrive.

Say `Good _____ (Morning, Day, Afternoon)` to a salespeople before starting a conversation. Locals are very greeting conscious and this small gesture goes a long way.