



Travel Guidelines to the British Virgin Islands (BVI) and The Leeward Islands

The travel days for all of our programs are the beginning and end dates listed on the program schedule. We highly recommend that you use our travel agent, Eileen Rothschild. She has worked with us for over 15 years, and will automatically send you a proposed flight itinerary that will be a very good arrangement. You will then choose to purchase your ticket with Eileen, or you will make your own travel plans. **Important Note: With all of our programs, students are met by our Sail Caribbean staff at their final destination.**

British Virgin Island programs - there are two options for travel to the BVI. Our strong preference is Option 1, directly into St. Thomas, but Option 2 into Tortola, via San Juan Puerto Rico, is acceptable if that works better for you.

Option 1 - fly into St. Thomas (STT), then take a ferry to Tortola.

- Arrivals must be no later than 3:00 PM in order to catch the 4:15 PM ferry to Tortola
- Departures must be no earlier than 11 AM, as customs doesn't open until 8:00AM.
- Sail Caribbean will bill \$75 to cover cost of roundtrip ferry and taxi.

Option 2 - fly into San Juan, Puerto Rico (SJU) and then fly into Beef Island, Tortola (EIS)

- Most arrivals into Tortola are in the mid afternoon, but all arrival times are acceptable.
- On departure day most students leave Tortola before noon and not later than 3PM.

The Leeward Island Programs (Delta Program)

- Students either fly direct to St Maarten (SXM) or connect through San Juan, Puerto Rico (SJU).
- Most arrivals into St. Maarten are in the mid afternoon, but all arrival times are acceptable.
- On departure day most students leave St. Maarten before noon and not later than 3PM.

Unaccompanied Minors

- If your teen is under the age of 15 you must follow airline guidelines for children traveling alone – know as “Unaccompanied Minor” (UM). An additional purchase may be required. Recently some airlines have lowered the required age to 12. Eileen will notify you of your UM status for her ticketing, and you must determine your UM status if you make your own arrangements, then please let us know.

If you make your own travel arrangements

- We require that you email your planned itinerary to our Sail Caribbean travel coordinator, Carol (carol@sailcaribbean.com), for approval prior to purchasing your ticket. Please note that Carol is not our travel agent. Eileen Rothschild is our travel agent and can be reached at Eileen_rothschild@yahoo.com or 863-299-8967.
- After ticketing, you must provide Sail Caribbean with your chosen airline and record locator (confirmation code). This can either be emailed or entered directly into the travel page of your online account.