

# Sailing, Watersports & Cultural Exchange

## Tango

LIVE ABOARD  
CATAMARAN SAILBOATS

### Details

Age: Completing grades 6-8  
 Location: British Virgin Islands  
 Arrive/Depart: St. Thomas (STT) or  
 alternatively Beef Island Airport, Tortola (EIS)

Program	Start	End	# days	Tuition
Tango	Jul 13	Aug 2	21	\$4,695

**A new day. A new adventure!** During your 21-day voyage you'll discover just how wonderful and varied the marine environment can be. Your floating home is a catamaran, a style of boat that can get up close to the most spectacular sites in the BVI. You and your crew will sail from location to stunning location, studying the marine life, getting to know the local culture, and having fun along the way.

After 32 years of working in the BVI, we're proud of our strong links with the local community. On Tango Environmental Service, Sailing & Watersports, you'll join other 12 to 14-year olds from Tortola's Youth Empowerment Project (YEP) and learn, work and play together. These students share the same passion for science and the environment, and like having fun just as much as you do! You're sure to form lifelong friendships, plus you'll leave the BVI knowing you've played a positive role in preserving this natural wonder.

Since we're focusing on environmental marine science projects and cultural exploration, your destinations will have built-in opportunities to meet those goals. Together with the YEP students, you'll visit endangered reefs and beaches to do fish counts, identify and tag sea turtles, and measure beach erosion. After your projects, there will be ample time for sailing, beach and watersports fun!

The Tango program is your opportunity to have hands-on interaction with the "rainforest of the sea" and make a difference by helping to preserve the life of the ocean. You will learn proper snorkeling techniques and use your new skills during environmental service projects. You'll learn to monitor beach erosion and identify the amazing variety of fish, sea turtles, sponges and coral. You'll also make new friends and become a sailor too, sharing responsibilities aboard your boat and rotating positions to take charge as Skipper of the Day, Mate, Cook and Navigator. And no matter where you go, you're sure to do a clean sweep and Leave No Trace behind.

You'll earn 10-15 community service hours by teaming up with your counterparts from YEP on exciting and hands-on environmental service projects. YEP is a non-profit after-school and summer program that provides activities for neighborhood youth. You'll work closely with these Tortolan students on projects that will have a lasting impact on the local environment. You'll also spend time enjoying Tortola's incredible beaches and island culture with your Sail Caribbean crewmates, and often together with your new YEP friends.

It's not all work though. You'll take time to waterski, wakeboard, and sail small boats! Some nights will find you in a peaceful anchorage, reflecting

on the day's discoveries with your crewmates, and other nights will find you dancing to the beats of DJ Heavy B. Your friends from YEP will give you an insider's view of the BVI – you'll learn to play cricket, enjoy local foods and more!



*"I am more comfortable and I have more friends from different places, not to mention all the cool Tortolan kids I met."*

*Taylor Novick-Finder, age 13  
Rhinebeck, NY*



### Scuba Diving Options

### Optional Courses

Discover Scuba	Recreational Diving	Open Water (OW)	Advanced Open Water	Dive Specialties	EFR	Rescue Diver	DM/OWSI	ASA Basic Keelboat	Academic Credit
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### Optional Courses

Many students are happy with Tango's regular environmental service and cultural exchange activities. For those students seeking that extra challenge, Tango offers four optional courses in scuba diving. If you're already certified, you can explore the underwater world further with 4-6 dives. If you'd like to try scuba for the first time, take our Discover Scuba course. If you want to become certified choose OW Certification and go further for Advanced OW and Specialties.

Optional courses may have limited enrollment and are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Additional fee apply. Please call for details.