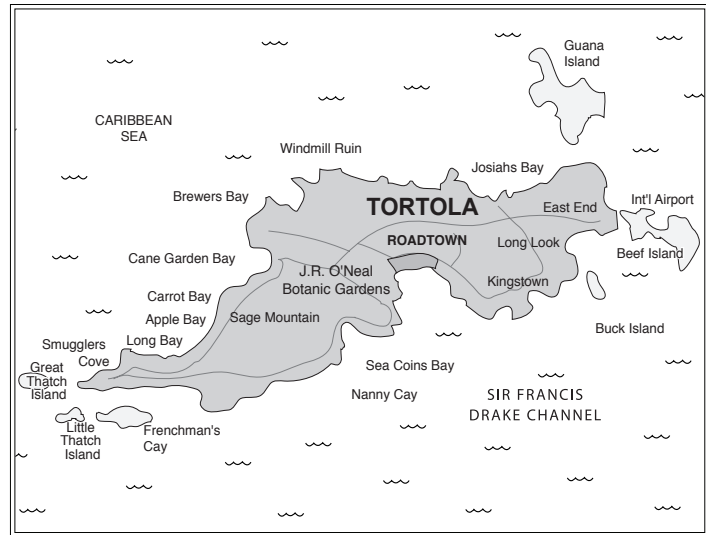


Spotlight on Tortola



HISTORY

Columbus met the warlike Caribs on his second journey in 1443 when he tried to land on what is now known as the British Virgin Islands. He claimed the islands for Spain and named them Las Once Mil Virgines in honor of St. Ursula's 11,000 martyred virgins.

In 1648 a settlement was built by Dutch buccaneers on Tortola. In 1666, English planters seized Tortola and annexed the islands in 1672. For almost 150 years after the British took over, Tortola was the den of many infamous pirates. In the 1700's, experienced planters and hard working Quakers displaced them and made the islands prosper with sugar, cotton, indigo and rum. In 1773, the islands were allowed to elect a House of Assembly. The economy started to decline during the American Revolution in the 1770's. Though the Napoleonic Wars brought warships to Road Harbor, the decline accelerated because of a drought and a disastrous hurricane. With the freeing of the islands' slaves in 1834, along with a cholera epidemic in 1853, plantations were abandoned and the islands reverted to bush. The island grew and established banks, schools and hospitals from 1871 to 1956.

The British Virgin Islands including Tortola became a separate colony in 1956, and then in 1967, a new constitution gave the islands a ministerial system of government. They are now largely self-governing, with tourism and offshore banking emerging as major industries.

DOCKING/TENDERING

The ships dock at the new cruise ship pier located within walking distance from downtown Road Town.

SHORE EXCURSIONS

Please check your tour ticket for the correct meeting time and location of your tour. Your cruise line representative will direct you to your transportation.

TRANSPORTATION

Taxis are unmetered. Be sure to arrange fares before departing. Fares are based on the number of passengers in the vehicle and are for 1 to 3 passengers unless otherwise stated. Smugglers Cove: \$40
Long Bay: \$24
Carrot Bay: \$24
Apple Bay: \$24
Airport: \$24
Additional passengers are \$5

HOW TO GET TO TOWN

Town is located only three blocks from the ship.

SHOPPING

You will find the recommended shops located in Road Town, along the main road.

STORE HOURS

Stores are open from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Saturday. Guaranteed stores are open on Sundays when a cruise ship is in port.

BANK HOURS

Banks are open from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

POST OFFICE INFORMATION

The post office is located on Main Street.

PHONE LOCATIONS

Phone booths are located at the end of the pier.

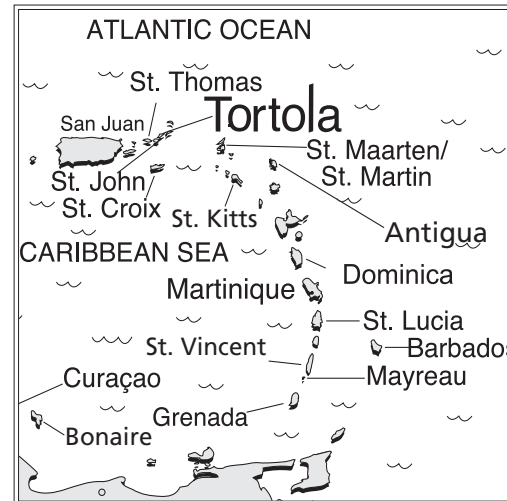
EMERGENCY

In case of emergency, the police can be reached at 999.



TORTOLA

PORT & SHOPPING MAP



CAPITAL

Road Town, located in Tortola, is the capital of the British Virgin Islands.

LOCATION

Tortola or "land of turtle doves" is located 60 miles east of Puerto Rico and 22 miles east of St. Thomas.

SIZE

Tortola is the largest of the British Virgin Islands (BVI), covering 28 square miles. The island is approximately 10 miles long and 3 miles wide.

POPULATION

Approximately 25,000 people live in the BVI's, 17,500 of whom live in Tortola.

LANGUAGE

The official language of the BVI's is English.

CURRENCY

The United States dollar is the official currency. Travelers checks and major credit cards are widely accepted.

TIME ZONE

The islands are on United States Atlantic Standard Time from fall to spring, which is one hour ahead of Eastern Standard Time. During the summer, it is the same as United States Eastern Standard Time. The ship may not always follow local time. Please adhere to the ship's time while in port.

TOURIST INFORMATION

Tourist information centers are located at the Cruise Pier and on Waterfront Street in Road Town, Tortola.

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Please send a letter and include the name of the ship, cruise date, store name and merchandise problem. Also enclose a copy of the sales receipt and any relevant documents relating to the sale. Onboard Media will contact the recommended store on your behalf for repair or replacement, and you will be notified accordingly.

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