



## Country Profile: British Virgin Islands

The British Virgin Islands (BVI) are a British overseas territory, and part of the British West Indies, which are about 60 miles east of Puerto Rico. There are about 50 islands in the BVI, many of them uninhabited. Tortola is the main island; other islands include Virgin Gorda, Jost Van Dyke, and Anegada. Tourist facilities are widely available. Read the Department of State [Background Notes on the United Kingdom](#) for additional information.

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### COUNTRY OVERVIEW



<b>Country Name:</b>	British Virgin Islands
<b>Continent:</b>	Caribbean
<b>Capital City:</b>	Road Town
<b>Boundary Countries:</b>	
<b>Recommended Hospitals in Capital:</b>	B & F Medical Complex, Bougainvillea Clinic, Eureka Medical Clinic, Peebles Hospital (all in Road Town)
<b>Main Cities:</b>	Road Town
<b>Country Size:</b>	153 sq km
<b>Population:</b>	23,552

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### COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

<b>Language:</b>	English (official)
<b>Currency:</b>	US Dollar (USD)
<b>Predominant Religions:</b>	Protestant 86% (Methodist 33%, Anglican 17%, Church of God 9%, Seventh-Day Adventist 6%, Baptist 4%, Jehovah's Witnesses 2%, other 15%), Roman Catholic 10%, other 2%, none 2%
<b>National Holidays:</b>	Territory Day, 1 July (1956)
<b>Economic Status:</b>	The economy, one of the most stable and prosperous in the Caribbean, is highly dependent on tourism, generating an estimated 45% of the national income.
<b>Security:</b>	None, defense is the responsibility of the UK.
<b>US Presence:</b>	The US Embassy covering the BVI is located in Bridgetown, Barbados in the Wilkey Business Park in St. Michael, Barbados. The Consular Section can be reached by telephone at 1-246-227-4193, by fax at 1-246-431-0179, or <a href="#">contacted by e-mail</a> . After hours, the Embassy duty officer can be reached by calling 1-246-227-4000. <a href="#">Visit the U.S. Embassy in Barbados online</a> for more information. Hours of operation are 8:30A to 4:00P, except Barbados and US holidays.
<b>Major Airports:</b>	Airports: 3, Airports with paved runways: 2 Beef Island - Terrance B Lettsome International Airport (TUPJ) Tortola, Virgin Islands (UK), Po Box 4416, Road Town, Tortola, BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS Tortola, Virgin Islands (UK), Beef Island, Tortola, BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS Tel: +1 284 852 9000, (Operations) +1 284 852 9033 Fax: +1 284 852 9048 Website: <a href="http://www.bviaa.com">www.bviaa.com</a>

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