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Island Green Opens Annual Earth Month Raffle to Win a 'Love City Escape for Two' on St. John

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Island Green Living Association – St. John USVI

Once again, the theme of this year's Earth Day is "Invest in Our Planet" – and entrants in nonprofit Island Green Living's "Love City Escape for Two" raffle will be doing just that while taking a shot at an amazing seven-night holiday on St. John. For the third year, a group of generous partners has joined forces to create an idyllic vacation raffle to support the vital work carried out by Island Green Living.

The seven-night "Love City Escape for Two," valued at up to \$11,000, includes accommodations for two, air travel, jeep rental, meals at some of the island's most popular restaurants, fabulous activities and more – for just \$50 a chance, 6 chances for \$250 or 25 chances for \$1,000*! All proceeds will benefit Island Green Living. [Open for all of April, supporters can enter at Island Green's Earth Month Fundraiser page by April 30.](#)

Island Green Living operates the island's only aluminum and ocean-bound plastic recycling programs and the Resource Depot, St. John's only thrift shop, as well as other sustainable endeavors. The aluminum recycling program has collected and recycled nearly 2.5 million cans since inception – 1.5 million in the last year alone.

A sunrise at V.I. National Park on St. John (file photo)

“Thanks to our partnership with PADNOS, we have captured nearly 35,000 lbs. of certified ocean-bound No. 1, 2 and 5 plastics since February 2022, saving it from polluting the sea and wasting away in the landfill,” said Harith Wickrema, president of Island Green Living. “Please donate generously as we are volunteering to preserve our islands.”

The Resource Depot has saved 861,000+ pounds of material from the overburdened landfill while providing an economical way to shop for everything from clothing and beach gear to houseware, furniture and building materials. Green advocacy efforts include leading the charge on education and bans of toxic sunscreen, disposable plastic bags, plastic straws and the burning of vegetative debris, helping craft the territorial Agricultural Plan to support sustainable food security and much more. The nonprofit needs financial support in order to continue its important work.

Now is a great time to support these initiatives. The highly anticipated “Love City Escape for Two” vacation raffle offers just one grand prize:

Love City Escape for Two” Raffle

- Seven-night stay at Gallows Point Resort for two in a spacious one-bedroom ocean view villa with access to resort amenities including pool, jacuzzi, etc.
- Airfare vouchers up to \$1,000, sponsored by the U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Tourism
- One Week Jeep Rental compliments of Seashell Vacations
- Experiences and Retail:

A view of Caneel Bay, St. John (file photo)

Beach Hideaway for two at Lovango Resort + Beach Club, a private island escape. Valued at \$490, the winners will enjoy a day at the Beach Club including access to the beach, pool, island hiking trails, snorkeling, a dedicated server... the entire Beach Club experience! The package also includes roundtrip transportation, a welcome cocktail and a bottle of prosecco. All other food and beverage, including gratuity, are at the guests’ discretion.

Two-hour private TACO Run with Salty Daze Charters USVI on Salt Deck to the legendary Lime Out floating restaurant for up to 12 guests. Valued at \$350, it can be used to upgrade to a half or full-day boat trip as well

\$250 to be used toward any available sail on Kekoa, recipient of Trip Advisor's 2020 Travelers Choice Award

Private two-hour sunset sail for up to six people on Sailing Asante, including drinks and snacks, valued at \$400. Gratuity is additional

A gift certificate valued at \$100, compliments of Caravan Jewelry, a lovely shop selling jewelry and treasures in Mongoose Junction

- Food and Beverage:

\$250 at La Tapa Plage, serving contemporary Mediterranean cuisine with its own personal interpretation, located beachside in Wharfside Village, Cruz Bay

\$200 at Lime Out, a celebrated, one-of-a-kind floating taco restaurant accessible by boat only (to be combined with the Salt Deck boat trip listed above)

\$125 at Sam & Jack's, offering fresh, gourmet, affordable dining. Located in The Marketplace, Cruz Bay

\$100 at Sun Dog Café, a quaint, courtyard eatery serving casual fare and libations in Mongoose Junction, Cruz Bay

\$100 at Windmill Bar, serving tasty food and a wide variety of beverages. Nestled at Neptune's Lookout, offering some of the best views on-island

The Cruz Bay ferry dock is the gateway to St. John. (Photo by Amy H. Roberts)

Courtesy of Salty Daze Charters USVI owners, a \$50 gift card to the new Dazey Drive-In, serving handcrafted Caribbean Shave Ice, smoothies, Irie Pops and superfood drinks in Coral Bay. Closed from August to October

- Extras:

Supply of Caribbean Sol, a coral-safe mineral sunscreen that is compliant with the USVI's ban on sunscreen containing the "Toxic 3 Os" of oxybenzone, octinoxate and octocrylene

Voluntourism opportunity and private tour at Island Green Living's ReSource Depot

The raffle is open through April 30, 2023. There is no limit on entries because the goal is to raise as much money as possible for Island Green Living. The entry link is

<https://islandgreenliving.org/donate/earth-month-fundraiser>

Island Green Living extends a huge thank you to the U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Tourism and local partners that contributed components and helped put this package together. Please visit and support these organizations.

*Easter Sunday – Historic St. John's Anglican Church
by Leo Carty (Photo Credit: Courtesy of Leo Carty
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All entries will be treated as donations to Island Green Living Association. Entrants must choose the number of tickets and will be taken to a secure PayPal page where they can check out. Entrants must be certain their correct email is used as Island Green will notify the winner by email. All entrants will receive a confirmation email from PayPal after purchasing ticket/s provided they are registered PayPal users. This email from PayPal will serve as confirmation of entry into the drawing.

How the drawing works: The raffle period will end at midnight on Sunday, April 30. The raffle committee will generate a raffle ticket with the entrant's name: one for each \$50 donated (6 for \$250 or 25 for \$1,000*) on the linked page. From these tickets, a winner will be drawn. The drawing will take place live via Facebook at 2 pm. on Wednesday, May 5 (AST/EDT), and the winner will be announced.

*Those who donate \$1,000 via the "Multiple Donations" button will receive 25 tickets