



# News of St. John

An Online Blog About the Daily Happenings of St. John, USVI



The Best St. John Villas... Without the fees.

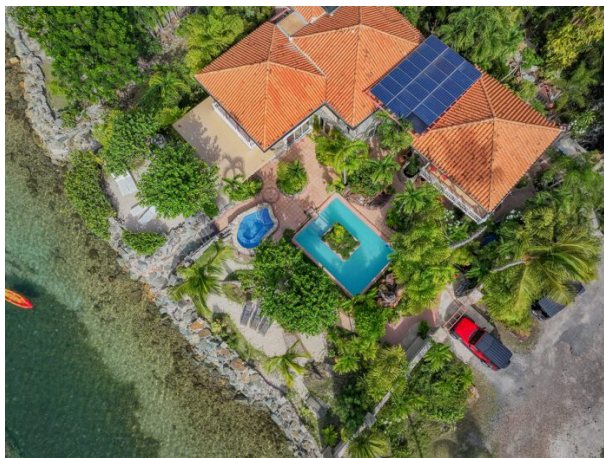
Click to book St. John Villas direct.

[Home](#) [Visit St. John](#) [About Us](#) [Advertise](#) [Villa Rentals](#) [Shop St. John](#) [Boat Charters & Tours](#)  
[Music and Event Calendar](#) [Local Musicians Catalog](#) [Sign Up](#) [Job Board](#) [Search](#)

## Sapphire Sunrise



50 Mile Views of  
BVI & Beyond  
Perfect location to  
enjoy all of STJ



Celebrate Our  
Earth – Enter to  
Win & Support St.

## Alta Vista



Stunning, 50 Mile  
Views  
3 Bedrooms w/  
Hot Tub & Pool  
Located Atop  
Bordeaux  
Mountain  
[Click to Learn More](#)

Four Bedrooms,  
great reviews &  
pool

[Click here to  
learn more](#)

# John's Only Recycling Program

April 22, 2025 by Hillary Bonner

## Wharfside Village Hotel



-Stay & Play in Cruz  
Bay-  
Waterfront  
Boutique Hotel  
Luxurious  
Accommodations  
Full Service  
Concierge On-Site  
[Click To Learn  
More](#)

## Sunshine Daydream



Private, Custom  
Full Day USVI and  
BVI Charters for up

Good Morning, Good Morning. And a very happy Earth Day to you all! We certainly have cause to celebrate nature's beauty on this lovely little island in the gorgeous Caribbean Sea. Whether you live on island, or just love to visit, we can all agree that the natural eminence of St. John and our sister islands is cause to raise a glass. But today we have even more reason to celebrate than just the natural beauty that surrounds us. Because we have organizations on island that are committed to creating more sustainable living solutions on St. John in order to preserve the health of our gorgeous surroundings so that we can continue to soak them in for generations to come...



## Villa Ixora



Completely  
Renovated in 2019  
Amazing Views;  
Dramatic Pool  
Very Private;  
Sleeps 2-10  
[Click Here to  
Learn More](#)

## Eco Serendib Villa and Spa



Ultra-Luxury 7-8  
Bedrooms  
Full Service, Butler-  
Style / Chef Service  
Available  
Call for Specials:  
215-620-8809  
[Book Now](#)

## Cinnamon Ridge Villa

to 12 Passengers  
(Per Boat)  
Three Beautiful  
32ft Luxury World  
Cat Powerboats  
Snorkel, Bar Hop,  
Island Hop. Five-  
Star Rated  
**Book Now**

## The Other World



Unique, Peaceful &  
Private, 3 Bdrm  
Guest House Set  
Amid Lush,  
Tropical Gardens.  
Great Views &  
Pool.

**Click Here to Visit  
Our Website**

## St. John Condos



We specialize in  
renting Westin  
St. John villas on  
behalf of the  
timeshare owners.  
Stay at this

There are many organizations based on St. John that deserve a little round of applause for their ongoing efforts to preserve the natural beauty of this place and/or protect the natural resources and the flora and fauna that we all adore.

- Island Green Living
- Friends of Virgin Islands National Park
- Get Trashed St. John
- St. John Wildlife & Donkey Rescue
- Carolina Corral
- St. John Land Conservancy

And I'm sure I'm missing a few here! Additionally, the list of individuals who dedicate themselves to sustainability and conservation efforts on this tiny little island is far too lengthy to even begin. But I want you all to know, we see you. And we appreciate you. Thank you!

But today, on Earth Day, I draw my focus to Island Green Living. For starters, because they are currently in the midst of their [Annual Earth Day Fundraising Raffle](#) that could land you and up to five of your favorite travel buddies on St. John for a week! Secondly, and most importantly, because they educate about, promote and operate programs on St. John that YOU can use in order to be a more responsible traveler and help US keep Love City beautiful!



Celebrate Earth Day – Enter to Win Today!

It really isn't that difficult to make a small impact on sustainability while you are visiting us. However, it is much easier to

2020 HGTV's #1  
Caribbean House  
5 BD/5.5BA, Pool,  
Jacuzzi  
North Shore Rd &  
National Park  
Views of Cinnamon  
and BVI  
[More Info and  
Booking Here](#)

## American Paradise Real Estate



Serving St. John  
Since 1987  
Call us at 340-693-  
8352, email at  
[info@americanparadise.com](mailto:info@americanparadise.com) or visit  
our visit our  
website to view  
listings at



world-class resort  
for less.

## Kaleidoscope Villa



WATERFRONT!  
4 Kind Bed suites –  
cathedral ceilings-  
balconies.  
5-minute drive  
from Cruz Bay  
[Book your stay  
today](#)

## Cimarron Yacht Charters

Cimarron & Grace  
Classic Wooden  
Yachts

make a negative impact, and we rely on the kindness and compassion of each of our visitors to dedicate a bit of their vacation planning time to help keep this place clean. We hope that you will practice the same efforts that many of our environmentally conscious community members also do. Many of which are in place or readily accessible because of Island Green Living!



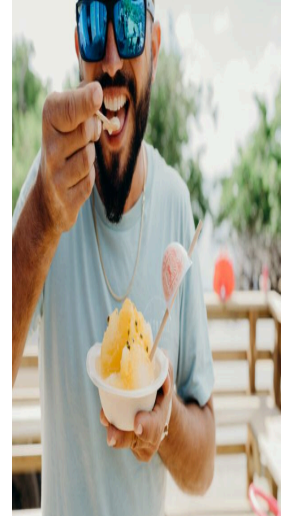
Let's start simple...With a packing list!  
There are a few items you can bring along with you that will help create a teeny tiny footprint instead of a Sasquatch sized one



- **Reusable insulated cups and water bottles**– If you like your drinks to remain cold in this Caribbean heat, this one has a double bonus! If you aren't able to bring one along with you, pop by the Little Things across from the ferry dock to pick up a very unique souvenir cup or bottle...Or both!
- **Shopping Bags**- YES, plastic shopping bags are actually illegal in the territory, much part in thanks to Island Green and their partners' efforts! Always bring a few grocery bags along on your travels in order to avoid a disorganized end to your

[www.AmericanPa  
radise.com](http://www.AmericanPa<br/>radise.com)

## Dazey Drive In



Caribbean Shave  
Ice + Smoothies  
Bowls, Fresh Juice  
+ Merch!  
Located In Coral  
Bay  
[@dazeydrivein](#)  
[More Info](#)

## Blue Line Yacht Charters



Explore the Virgin  
Islands  
Customized boat  
charters  
Up to 10 people  
[Book Today: \(508\)  
259-2503](#)

Day Sails, Sunset  
Sails, Overnight  
Charters & Term  
Charters

## Sapphire Peak



Private Mamey  
Peak Location  
Minutes To  
Beaches  
More Info and  
Booking Here

## Lameshur Cottages



Quiet, Adorable &  
Affordable  
Two Bedroom &  
Studio Cottages  
No Hurricane  
Damage;  
Generator

provisioning run. I very much enjoy  
the insulated cooler bags which can  
double as a beach cooler AND a  
carry on!

- **Reef Safe Sunscreen-** You know what's also illegal in the USVI that Island Green also helped to create the legislation for? Sunscreen containing ANY of the Toxic Three O's (oxybenzone, octinoxate, and octocrylene). If any of these are in your sunscreen, they aren't good for you and they certainly are not good for our under the sea friends. A good rule of thumb when selecting your sunscreen is to check the active ingredients. If there is anything other than Zinc or Titanium Dioxide, DON'T bring it along! ([Here is a good buying guide for USVI safe sunscreens!](#))



Island Green Living also offers a fantastic Reef Safe Sunscreen Guide on their site!

Up next, how you can help contribute to a sustainable St. John while you are visiting:

- **RECYCLE-** Yes, we have a recycling program on St. John. Also yes, it is run entirely by Island Green Living and their partners and is fully funded

## Easy Breezes



Luxury Custom  
Built Home  
Overlooking Coral  
Bay and BVI  
2BR/2BA Sleeps 5  
with Pool & Spa  
100% Solar  
Powered with a  
Back Up Battery  
Making It Totally  
"Off The Grid"  
**Book Today!**

340 Real Estate  
Co.



Rock solid & island  
wise since 1978  
Come live the  
dream with us  
Residential,  
Condos, Land,  
Commercial

by non-profit dollars. So, simply by entering the raffle, you are helping push this along. But while you are visiting, you can help reduce the amount of plastic and aluminum trash in our landfills (and oceans!). Plastic numbers 1, 2 and 5 and all aluminum cans are accepted by Island Green's Recycling Program and you can drop them at the separate bins at the dumpsters located across from EC Gas Station and Love City Mini-Mart or on Giffit Hill. You can also drop them on site at the ReSource Depot located behind the VITEMA building. Which leads me to my next mention....

## Valhalla St. John



Welcome To  
Valhalla St. John  
The Most Unique  
and Beautiful Villa  
On Island  
5 Ensuite King  
Bedrooms, And  
Luxury Bunk Room  
That Sleep 6  
Stunning Views or  
Cinnamon Bay and  
BVIs Beyond  
[Book Today](#)



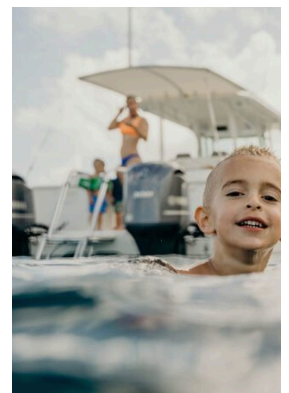
Look for the bins located next to the dumpsters listed above!

- **Utilize the ReSource Depot-** As visitors, there are a few ways you can support sustainability on St. John with a quick visit to our island's only secondhand store.
  - **Drop your gear at the end of your trip-** Any floats, coolers, snorkel gear, beach chairs, etc., that are still in good shape can find a new home that isn't in our landfills if you drop it by the ReSource Depot!
  - **Shop at the beginning of your trip-** You never know what unique treasures you might find to memorialize your trip at our lil thrift store. Unique, St. John

## Maho Crossroads



Across from Maho Beach  
Tiki Bar, Rentals,  
Lunch, and Live  
Music  
[Click Here to Learn More](#)



US & BVI Day  
Charters  
Private &  
Customizable  
High Quality Guest  
Experiences

## Grande Bay One Bedroom



One Bedroom  
Condo at Grande  
Bay Resort  
Walk to  
Restaurants  
In the Heart of  
Cruz Bay  
[Click to Book](#)

centric shirts, sun shirts (UV protection), rain jackets, umbrellas, beach chairs, locally made jewelry are all things that I have personally seen on hand at the ReSource Depot. Make this your first shopping excursion of the trip and you never know what you might find! I KNOW how much money you'll save though 😊

(340) 643-5000  
[Click to Book  
Online or Learn  
More](#)

On a Clear Day  
...

## Villa Cin Cin



2024 Winner Vrbo  
Rental of the Year  
Luxury stay on  
Ditleff Point  
5 King Suites &  
Family Suites &  
Game Room  
1 minute walk to  
Sandy Beach  
[Book Here](#)



Now, how can you support sustainability on St. John today? [Buy your raffle tickets of course!](#) As the winner of this AMAZING prize package, you'll be sitting in the lap of luxury at this incredible beach front villa with up to five of your bestest travel buddies for an entire week!

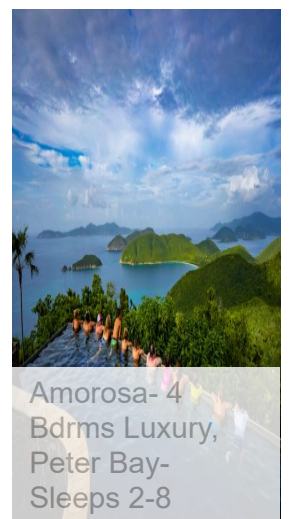
[Artistic Villas' Beach Villa](#), generously donated by Donald and Deborah Schnell, is a spacious, five-bedroom oceanfront sanctuary with a private masonry pool and hot tub...Right on the beach in Great Cruz Bay! Here, you'll experience absolute serenity amidst the orchids, tropical greenery and sculpture garden with a tropical fish pond.



Tranquility Within  
the Park  
Overlooking  
Francis Bay  
4BR, 5 Star Island  
Green Villa  
[Click to Learn  
More](#)

Paradise Carest  
- 1W - Lavender  
Hill

## Villa Vacations



Amorosa- 4  
Bdrms Luxury,  
Peter Bay-  
Sleeps 2-8



Three Of The Best  
Vacation  
Villa Rentals On St.  
John.  
[More Information](#)

Beautiful One  
Bedroom Space  
Convenient to  
Town, Shopping,  
and Restaurants

Inside this incredible villa that YOU could call home for a week, you'll find Donald Schnell's artful touches, from lighting to ceramic detailing, thoughtfully placed throughout the property. The great room is open on three sides, welcoming in sea breezes and the sound of the waves on the nearby beach. Each of the guest suites have their own private entrance and private balcony to take in the colors of the sunset and the boats moving in and out of Great Cruz Bay Harbor.



## Caribbean Villas of St. John



Premier Vacation  
Rental Company  
Over 35 Years of  
Experience on St.  
John  
More than 80 Villas  
& Condos  
[www.caribbeanvillas.com](http://www.caribbeanvillas.com)

## St. John Vacation Villas



[www.stjohn-vacationvillas.com](http://www.stjohn-vacationvillas.com)

## Serenity at Francis Bay

On the first morning, you'll wake up to the smell of a delicious breakfast wafting through the main living area as [Chef Vincent Alterio \(STJ Speakeasy\)](#) and his team create an incredible welcome meal for you and your group of up to six guests.

## Sailing Asante



Explore the USVI  
With Us!  
Private Full Day &  
Sunset Sails





Afterwards, they'll clean the kitchen while you hop into your four-door rental Jeep, courtesy of [Bougainvillea Leasing](#), to take a quick 10-15 minute drive to your favorite St. John beach.



Oh, and how did you get to this tropical paradise? With \$2K in flight vouchers courtesy of the [USVI Department of Tourism](#)! Another huge upgrade to this year's Island Green Living Earth Day Raffle that includes up to SIX guests instead of the trip for two from previous years.



Photo: VisitUSVI.com

In addition to a seven-night luxury stay, a Jeep rental, \$2K in flight vouchers and a gourmet welcome breakfast in your villa,

Knowledgeable Captain & Crew Drinks, Snacks, Gear & Fuel Included!

**[Book Now!](#)**

## Lovango Rum Bar



Downtown Cruz Bay

Sunset Ocean Views

Neapolitan Pizza, Craft Cocktails, and Live Music

[Click to Learn More](#)

Located in the National Park Walk to Francis Bay beach

Newly built, one-of-a-kind home Caribbean-style, yet modern

[Click Here to Learn More](#)

## Best of Both Worlds



3 Bedroom, 2 Bath  
Luxury Condo  
Ocean View,  
Downtown Cruz Bay

Walk to  
Restaurants  
Pool, Spa & Gym

## Rum Hut



Fresh Food & Creative Cocktails

20% Booking  
discount Aug - Oct  
[Click Here to Visit  
Our Website](#)

## Rotunda



Stay At One Of The  
Most Sought After  
Villas On St. John  
Overlooking Trunk  
Bay  
6 Bedrooms/6.5  
Baths  
Perfect for Larger  
Groups – Sleeps 17  
[Book Now](#)

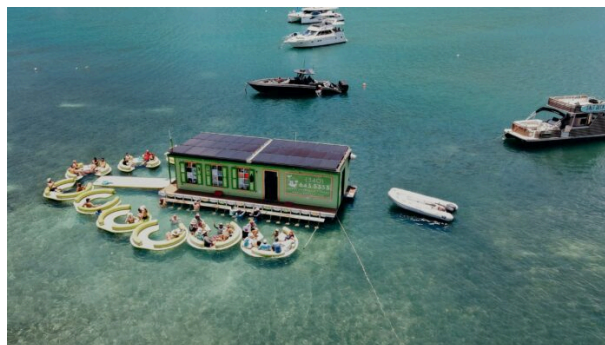
## Silver Coral Villa



Totally Renovated-  
Cruz Bay  
6 Bedroom and 4  
Bath  
Amazing Views  
Click [here](#) to Learn  
More

the winner of this prize package will also  
enjoy **on-island dining** via gift certificates  
to some truly amazing and unique  
restaurants!

- \$150 at **La Tapa Plage** – Renowned Mediterranean cuisine on the Cruz Bay Waterfront in Wharfside Village.
- \$150 at **Ocean 362** – “Island to Table” dining with sunset views at Gallows Point Resort.
- \$100 at **Sam & Jack’s** – Gourmet deli for grab and go (or dine-in) breakfast and lunch and take & bake dinners at the Marketplace.
- \$100 at **Paulie’s Luncheonette** – Casual lunch with amazing sandwiches and water views in the Cruz Bay Lumberyard.
- \$100 at **Cruz Bay Landing** – First stop, last stop! Drinks, breakfast, lunch and dinner across from the ferry dock in Cruz Bay.
- \$200 at **Lime Out** – The iconic floating taco boat in Coral Bay.



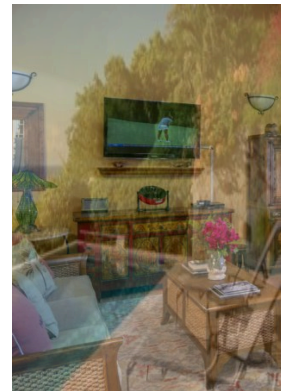
default

Oh, and how will you get to Lime Out you ask? Well, the lucky winner will also get a few **fun activity packages**...Including a two-hour Lime Out Taco Run:

- Two-hour private TACO Run for up to 12 guests aboard **Salt Deck with Salty Daze Charters USVI**.
- \$250 to be used toward any available sail on **Kekoa**, recipient of Trip

On the Cruz Bay  
Waterfront  
Lunch-Dinner-  
Happy Hour Daily  
[Learn More](#)

## Miles Away



Elegant, Two-  
Bedroom Pool Villa  
Private; Water  
Views; Close to  
Town  
Tesla Backup  
Battery System  
[www.milesaways.com](http://www.milesaways.com)  
[tjohn.com](http://tjohn.com)

## Seagrape Vista



Affordable Mini  
Resort In Cruz Bay  
1&2 Bedroom  
Condos Facing St.  
Thomas



Advisor's 2020 Travelers Choice Award.

## Mare Blu Villa



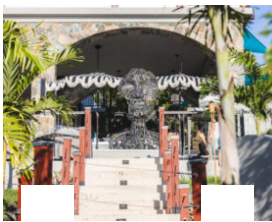
Luxurious  
Expansive Pool/  
Outdoor Living  
Breathtaking Views  
From Every Room  
Sleeps 6-12  
**Check Out Our  
Live Webcam**



And for those in your party who would rather shop til they drop than sail or float the day away...

- \$100 gift card to **Jolly Dog** at Isola Shops in Coral Bay
- \$100 gift card to **Bamboula** at Mongoose Junction in Cruz Bay
- \$200 gift card to **Caravan Gallery** at Mongoose Junction in Cruz Bay

## The Saint



Stay Steps Away  
From Cruz Bay  
Pool, Spa, Dayclub  
& More  
Spacious Rooms,  
Walk to Town  
**Book Your Escape  
at The Saint**



And last, but certainly not least, you and your travel friends will get a voluntourism opportunity and private tour of Island Green Living's ReSource Depot. And this is certainly what this raffle is all about. YES, you could win a vacation package filled with priceless memories and valued at over \$13K. But the valuable dollars spent on each and every one of the tickets during this annual fundraiser keeps the essential

Walk to  
Restaurants and  
Town  
**Book Direct and  
Save Today**

## On the Sea Charters



Private, Fully  
Customizable  
Power Boar  
Charters  
Tours of The BVIs  
and USVI!  
Experience the  
Beauty of The  
Virgin Islands  
**Book Today**



Beautiful Vacation  
Rentals  
On-Island Service;  
Not Island Time



## Westin St. John Rentals



Rent Westin Villas  
from Owners  
Studio, 1BR, 2BR  
and 3BR

Photos \*Requests\*  
Swaps  
Follow  
[@westinstjrental](#)  
for hot deals

## The Sugar Hill Villa

New to the Rental  
Market  
Views of Trunk  
Bay, Johnson's Reef  
and Jost Van Dyke  
4 Bedrooms and  
3.5 bathrooms

sustainability programs going on St. John.  
Keeping Love City cleaner, greener and a  
generally better place to live...and vacation!



Get a personal behind the scenes tour of Island Green  
Living's Resource Depot

So, head on over to [Island Green Living's website](#) to purchase your tickets today.  
Tickets are one for \$50, six for \$250 and 25  
for \$1000. But if that seems steep to you, I  
want to remind each and every one of you  
that all but one of the past winners won  
this vacation package with the purchase of  
ONE \$50 ticket. The drawing will take place  
via live stream from the ReSource Depot on  
Island Green Living's Facebook page in  
early May.

Go ahead, buy your tickets! Good luck to  
you all and THANK YOU for supporting this  
incredible organization.

Excellence and  
Professionalism  
(340) 473-8562

## Beach Oasis Villa

2 Years new  
Sandy beachfront  
very rare for St.  
John!  
5 min to Cruz Bay  
Kayaks, SUP, &  
Snorkel gear  
6 Bed, 6.5 Bath  
Sleeps 12  
[Book Today](#)

## Lime In De Coconut Villa

### Local News

- < Business Spotlight: The Easter Bunny Comes to Maho Crossroads!
- > Business Spotlight: The Saint Brings a New Boutique Resort, Spa, and Dining Experience to

Sleeps 16

[Previous](#) [Next](#)

Waterfront, 6 En  
Suites, Secluded,  
Private  
Beautiful Versatile  
Property, Easy  
Access  
2 Kitchens, 2 Pools,  
Hot Tub  
Outdoor Living,  
Lush Landscaping  
Salt Pond Bay &  
Ram Head Trail – 1  
Mile  
[Book Today](#)

## Recent Comments

Lois Work on  
[Caneel Bay Beach  
Opens as VINP  
Continues Phased  
Redevelopment](#)

Susan on Elena  
[Serene releases  
Green; an album  
well beyond her  
years.](#)

The Saint on  
[Business Spotlight:  
The Saint Brings a  
New Boutique  
Resort, Spa, and](#)