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Residents have until Wednesday to participate (Submitted photo)

Residents have until April 30 to enter Island Green Living’s Earth Month raffle for a chance to win a seven-night beachfront vacation on St. John — while also supporting critical recycling and sustainability efforts across the territory.

Now in its fifth year, the nonprofit’s annual fundraiser offers a grand prize valued at more than \$13,000, including a stay at The Beach Villa, a five-bedroom private retreat with a pool, garden, and direct beach access. The package also includes a Jeep rental, airfare vouchers, dining credits, excursions, and shopping sprees, all donated by Island Green’s supporters.

Tickets are \$50 each, with multi-entry discounts available, and can be purchased at bit.ly/42mqguL.

“We are so grateful for the generosity of Donald and Deborah Schnell, the USVI Department of Tourism, and all of our incredible partners,” said Harith Wickrema, president of Island Green’s board. “Their support allows us to continue expanding programs like ocean-bound plastics recycling and other key sustainability initiatives.”



This year's Earth Day theme, "Our Power, Our Planet," focuses on the role individuals play in promoting clean energy and environmental stewardship. Island Green's raffle reflects that mission, offering a prize that highlights the natural beauty of St. John and the importance of supporting local businesses.

In addition to accommodations and airfare, the "Love City Grand Prize Vacation" includes a private boat trip to the floating taco restaurant Lime Out, a sailing credit aboard the celebrated Kekoa, and dining vouchers for popular Cruz Bay restaurants. Winners will also have the opportunity to take a private "voluntourism" tour of Island Green's ReSource Depot, St. John's only reuse store.

Proceeds will benefit Island Green's recycling programs, which have already diverted more than 120,000 pounds of ocean-bound plastics and over 4.2 million aluminum cans from the landfill since 2022. The ReSource Depot alone has saved an additional one million pounds of reusable materials from waste.

The raffle closes at midnight on April 30, and the winner will be announced in early May. The vacation package must be used between May and December of 2025 or 2026, with certain blackout dates.

Founded in 2004, Island Green Living is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to advancing sustainable practices throughout the Virgin Islands. For more information, visit www.islandgreenliving.org.