



Luxury \$16K+ Vacation Prize in St. John, Early Bird Drawing and Coral-Safe Sunscreen Tips for a WINNING Experience!

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Good Morning, St. John! Have you bought your tickets yet for nonprofit Island Green Living's AMAZING "EARTH MONTH Love City Grand Prize Raffle," valued at more than \$16,000? Did you know if you purchase tickets by midnight on Monday, April 20, you will be entered into a bonus Early Bird Drawing, for a chance to win a Private Wine Tasting Experience in Bovoni, St. Thomas, for up to eight, valued at \$500? Dive in – don't delay! It is truly a WINNING proposition as all funds raised go to support Island Green's vital sustainability efforts in the territory, including more than 5.2 million aluminum cans and 167K+ pounds of ocean-bound plastics recycled, food security efforts, environmental education, advocacy, the ReSource Depot reuse store and so much more. Island Green can't continue to preserve the islands without the generosity of donors, and the EARTH MONTH Raffle is the biggest fundraiser of the year.

EARTH MONTH Raffle entries, priced at \$50 a chance, 3 for \$125, 6 for \$250, or 30 "Golden Ticket" chances for \$1,000, are available at bit.ly/3O8Lckj through May 11, 2026.

The winner can bring NINE of their nearest and dearest for a 7-night stay at the five-bedroom beachfront Beach Villa by Artistic Villas, a stunningly designed St. John oasis featuring a private pool, garden and direct beach access. Additionally, there is an airfare credit of up to \$2,000, Jeep Wrangler rental and private boat charter, select dining and activities including a voluntourism opportunity & private tour at Island Green Living's ReSource Depot. The package is valued at more than \$16,000! This year there is also a Second Prize Island Adventure and Shopping Experience, valued at \$1,335.

Help Preserve Our Islands and Underwater Splendor by Choosing Only Safe, Mineral Sunscreen – It's the Law!



Whether you are fortunate enough to win one of these three great EARTH MONTH prizes, live in the territory, or otherwise choose the US Virgin Islands as your travel destination, you won't want to miss the surrounding idyllic blue waters and the natural treasures that lie beneath. The coral reefs and seagrass beds around St. John are home to an amazingly diverse underwater ecosystem. Over time though, it's been impacted by things like human activity, hurricanes, and rising ocean temperatures. Research shows that the ingredients in chemical sunscreen contribute to coral

bleaching and impair the algae that corals depend on for food, harming marine life while also contributing to human health issues such as hormones disruptions, cell damage and severe allergic reactions. The good news? A small change can make a big difference. By choosing coral- safe non-nano mineral sunscreen that contains zinc oxide or titanium dioxide as the active ingredient, we can help protect and preserve this beautiful underwater world. Avoid the “Toxic 3 O’s” of oxybenzone, octinoxate and octocrylene – it is the law in the territory, thanks in no small part to Island Green Living! The possession, importation, sale and distribution of any sunscreen containing the “Toxic 3 O’s” is banned in the US Virgin Islands.

Starting a decade ago, Island Green Living, with support from other organizations, scientists, experts and community members, spearheaded advocacy and education on the dangers of toxic sunscreen. Senators took note. In 2020, the ban became law. It was the first ban in the country to include all of the “Toxic 3 O’s.”

Mineral sunscreens – those containing zinc oxide and titanium dioxide – protect by physically blocking UV rays from the skin. Chemical sunscreens work by absorbing the sun’s UV rays and then through a chemical reaction, dissipating them. Only zinc oxide and titanium dioxide are “generally recognized as safe and effective” (GRASE) by the FDA.

For a list of brands that offer non-toxic sunscreen options, visit Island Green’s Safe Sunscreen List [here](#). The best way to ensure a sunscreen is compliant with the law is to check the ACTIVE INGREDIENTS. Don’t simply rely on a promise of “Reef Safe” on the label! If anything other than titanium dioxide or zinc oxide is listed as an active ingredient, it’s not safe for the reefs or for you. In addition to using non-nano mineral sunscreen, consider wearing hats and rashguards, staying out of the sun during peak hours, and avoiding sprays.

Now back to that awesome EARTH MONTH Grand Prize! Enjoy these components while protected by coral-safe non-nano mineral sunscreen:

- Seven-night stay in St. John for up to 10 guests at [The Beach Villa from Artistic Villas](#), compliments of proprietors Deborah & Donald Schnell. This artfully designed beachfront masterpiece offers five bedrooms, a quaint pool in a garden setting, and a generous patio area for everyone to easily gather.
- Airfare voucher up to \$2,000, sponsored by the [US Virgin Islands Department of Tourism](#)

- 4-Door Jeep Wrangler rental for one week, compliments of [Seashell Vacations](#), a local family-owned company known for sharing the very best of St. John.
- Private boat charter experience valued at \$900 (fuel not included), also compliments of the unmatched [Seashell Vacations](#)
- Rejuvenating 60-minute Swedish massage at [Crandall Massage](#), located within Mongoose Junction

Dining

- Private Chef Dinner in the Villa for up to 6 guests, prepared by celebrated Chef Vincent Alterio of [St. John Speakeasy](#) (alcohol and gratuity NOT included, but upgrades are available)
- \$150 at [Ocean 362](#), offering locally sourced, exceptional “island to table” cuisine and stunning sunset views, located in the heart of Cruz Bay
- \$100 at [The Longboard](#), serving Caribbean-inspired cuisine including local seafood and vegetarian dishes in the heart of Cruz Bay
- \$100 at [Morgan’s Mango](#), exceptional Caribbean Seafood restaurant offering a relaxed, seaside setting in Cruz Bay

Additional Activities

- Shopping at [Bamboula](#), located in Mongoose Junction, with a \$100 certificate good toward their eclectic inventory of ethnic art, music, instruments, home decor, clothing and accessories
- Voluntourism opportunity & private tour at [Island Green Living’s ReSource Depot](#)

The EARTH MONTH Second Prize Adventure & Shopping Experience, valued at \$1,335, includes:

- Zipline for 4, compliments of [Tree Limin’ Extreme!](#) Perched high above Magens Bay on St. Thomas, the zipline tour takes guests on a one-of-a-kind journey through the rainforest of St. Peter Mountain
- Sailing credit of \$250 to be used toward any available sail on [Kekoa](#), recipient of Trip Advisor’s 2020 Travelers Choice Award
- \$200 at [La Tapa Plage](#), serving contemporary Mediterranean cuisine with its own personal interpretation, located beachside in Wharfside Village, Cruz Bay
- \$100 gift certificate at [Salt and Strand](#), located next to the Cruz Bay Landing, offering women’s clothing, home decor and local art

- [St. John Sailsack Co.](#) handcrafted bag, valued at \$229

Remember – April 20 is the deadline to qualify for the bonus Early Bird Wine Tasting experience. To enter, visit Island Green’s Earth Month Raffle page: bit.ly/3O8LckJ, and choose the number of tickets desired. Full restrictions are noted on that page. Entrants will receive a confirmation email following. The raffle period ends at 11:55 pm on Monday, May 11. The winner will be randomly drawn and announced via Facebook in mid-May and the winner will be notified by email.

How is that for WINNING? Good luck!

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