



Island Green Launches \$15K St. John Getaway Raffle

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Island Green Living

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Island Green Living has announced an extraordinary St. John getaway raffle, worth \$15,000, available through Sept. 30.

Due to the overwhelming popularity of the Earth Month Raffle in April, Island Green Living's partners have put together another incredible travel package to further support the non-profit. It gives entrants an opportunity to "catch the next tide" of winnings while funding recycling that keeps our beaches and ocean free of toxic plastic, greening education, food security and other sustainability initiatives.

Raffle entries, priced at \$50 a chance, 3 for \$125, 6 for \$250, or 30 "Golden Ticket" chances for \$1,000 (limited to 50), are available at bit.ly/StJohnTrip (case sensitive).

The St. John getaway raffle offers accommodations for up to 10 guests to enjoy the elegant five-bedroom beachfront Beach Villa by Artistic Villas, a tropical retreat that features a private pool, garden and direct beach access, as well as a Jeep rental, both donated by board member Donald Schnell and his wife, Deborah. There is also a \$2,000 airline voucher, compliments of the USVI Department of Tourism, boating, dining and more.

Golden Ticket entrants will also be entered for a bonus chance at a one-week stay at Gallows Point Resort, one of St. John's premier waterfront destinations. Donated by the Dobrowolski Family, it includes accommodations in a one-bedroom Harbourside Villa, valued at \$5,250. With just 50 golden tickets available, it offers excellent odds while supporting Island Green's initiatives in a significant way.

"As a nonprofit that performs vital municipal-level recycling with no government funding, as well as food security, community engagement, advocacy, education and more, we depend on donations," said Dawn Henry, Island Green's interim CEO and board vice president. "This raffle gives people a great way to support us while potentially winning an amazing vacation, and we are grateful for their participation."



The Beach Villa, St. John (Submitted photo)

“Once again we give a special shout out to Deborah and Donald Schnell for donating their beautiful oceanfront Beach Villa, the USVI Department of Tourism, and all our generous partners who created these prize packages,” said Harith Wickrema, board president. “Please remember to visit these local businesses and show your appreciation.”

Wickrema continued “Six months after being awarded a \$20 million EPA grant that would have changed the landscape of preserving the US Virgin Islands, our grant was rescinded. Though promised and legislator approved, our funding in 2024 was only partially delivered and nothing was allocated in 2025. Despite all this, Island Green continues its dedicated work and we thank you for your support while offering a chance to experience the US Virgin Islands.”

The St. John getaway raffle components include:

- 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, thanks to Deborah & Donald Schnell
- Private boat charter experience valued at \$900 (fuel not included), compliments of the unmatched [Seashell Vacations](#)
- Private chef dinner in the villa for up to six guests, prepared by celebrated Chef Vincent Alterio of [St. John Speakeasy](#) (alcohol and gratuity NOT included, but upgrades are available)
- Sailing credit of \$250 to be used toward any available sail on [Kekoa](#), recipient of Trip Advisor's 2020 Travelers Choice Award
- Private wine tasting for up to eight guests in St. Thomas
- \$100 gift certificate at [Salt and Strand](#), located next to the Cruz Bay Landing, offering women's clothing, home decor and local art
- Voluntourism opportunity & private tour at [Island Green Living's](#) ReSource Depot.

To enter, visit Island Green's St. John getaway raffle page: at bit.ly/StJohnTrip (case sensitive), and choose the number of tickets desired: \$50 a chance, 3 for \$125, 6 for \$250, or 30 "Golden Ticket" chances for \$1,000 (limited to 50). Entrants will receive a confirmation email following. The raffle period ends at 11:55 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 30. The winners will be randomly drawn and announced via Facebook in mid-October and the winners will be notified by email.

Island Green is the recipient of nonprofit ratings agency Candid's Platinum ranking. All raffle proceeds go toward Island Green's programming including the island's only ocean-bound plastics and aluminum recycling as well as community education and other sustainability initiatives. So far, Island Green has collected nearly 170,000+ pounds of ocean-bound plastics since its inception in February 2022 and more than 5.2 million aluminum cans. The Resource Depot, St. John's only reuse store, has saved more than 1,000,000 lbs. of pre-owned building materials, furnishings, clothing etc. from the landfill.

The Fine Print:

The "St. John Getaway" package is valid from Sept. – Dec. 13, 2026 and May – Dec. 13, 2027 and subject to space availability and certain blackout periods (weeks of Carnival & Thanksgiving). No Sunday arrivals. A form will be provided for requested

available dates. Once returned, signed & the confirmation email is sent, there are no changes.

All prize components are subject to space availability; winners are responsible for confirming reservations. Some businesses/restaurants may be closed during hurricane season and other periods; it is the winner's responsibility to verify hours of operations for gift certificate redemption. The winner must adhere to the individual property/business rules and restrictions including the provision of a credit card number for holds/damage deposits, etc. In the event that a property/business closes or becomes uninhabitable due to a storm, fire, or Act of God, the winner agrees to forfeit the prize. We strongly encourage the winner purchase travel insurance. None of the prizes are transferable without the business owner's consent and are not redeemable for cash. As required by the IRS, a 1099 will be issued for the value of the prize package.

Kekoa: Sails are subject to availability and credit cannot be used during holiday periods. The dollar amount awarded can only be applied to the cost of the sail and cannot be used toward crew gratuity or Kekoa merchandise. Kekoa is dry-docked for the peak of hurricane season and will not be available August 15 – Oct 31.

Car Rental: Renter must provide proof of insurance and a visa/mc/discover on the rental contract. No CDW/LDW is available. Drivers must be 25 years or older. The winner must comply with all terms and conditions. Tax is not included. No cash back for any unused portion of the rental.

Established in 2004, Island Green Living Association is a registered 501 (c)(3) not for profit organization on St. John dedicated to sustainability throughout the USVI. www.islandgreenliving.org.