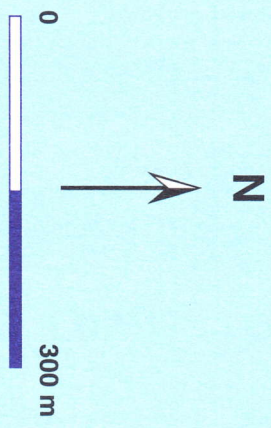




# Road Town





## Road Town, Tortola

### Port information

Currency	The official currency is the U.S Dollar.	Language	The official language is English.
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### Getting around

Distance to town centre	To walk into the town it will take around 10 -15 minutes from the port area.	Main Highlights	<p>The territory of the British Virgin Islands (GBVI or BVI), an archipelago comprising 36 islands, lies east of Puerto Rico and immediately northwest of the U.S. Virgin Islands (USVI), its culturally dominant neighbor. Under British rule from the seventeenth century onward, the BVI has been a crown colony with a ministerial government since 1960. The islands belong to a group known as the Leeward Islands which are part of the Lesser Antilles island chain. Other islands in the group include Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Guadeloupe, Montserrat and St Kitts and Nevis. The archipelago of the Virgin Islands is divided into two territories, the British Virgin Islands, and the United States Virgin Islands. Tortola is the largest of the islands in the British Virgin Islands. The highest point in the BVI is Mount Sage (521 m) on the island of Tortola. Most of the Virgin Islands are of volcanic origin. The island of Anegada, one of the largest in the BVI group, is a coral and limestone island. Amerindian people were early settlers in the Virgin Islands. Christopher Columbus, in the service of Spain, visited the islands in 1493. Columbus named the islands "Las Virgines" after the story of St Ursula and her virgin companions. The British Virgin Islands were colonized by the Dutch in 1666. (The United States Virgin Islands were a colony of Denmark until 1917). African slaves were brought to the islands to work on the sugarcane plantations. The [British] Virgin Islands were annexed by the British in 1672.</p> <p><b>For any more going ashore information pass by the Destination Services Centre located on Deck 5. We're always happy to help make the most of your time ashore.</b></p>
Getting About	Waik past the market stalls on the left, then across Waterfront Drive and the Plaza, and then turn right into the main town centre. <b>Due to the recent hurricanes, some shopping areas, restaurants and bars will not be open.</b>		
Taxis	Taxis are available from the end of the quayside. Always confirm a price before setting off.		
Important info	<p><b>Due to the recent hurricanes which effected Tortola quite badly, some roads throughout the island are not in a pristine condition and will not be accessible. Additionally, the Governments House, Pusser's Landing, Botanical Gardens and Dolphinarium are currently not accessible due to damage caused by the hurricanes. Please take extra care when going ashore independently.</b></p> <p>Smoking in public places has been banned in the BVI as a result of a law passed by the Legislative Council.</p>		

### Essential information

Tourist information	The tourist information office is situated at the end of the Cruise Pier at the blue hut and on Waterfront Street in Road Town.	Shopping	Most of the shops are in a central area and are within walking distance of the pier. Road Town has worked diligently to be ready for the ships to return; however you may still find some facilities closed.
internet access	Due to the recent hurricanes internet connectivity on the island is poor and it is unlikely WiFi will be available in any of the bars and restaurants that will be open.	<b>PLEASE NOTE: As with all tourist destinations, please keep a close eye on valuables.</b>	Across Waterfront Drive is the <b>Old Main Street of Road Town</b> now known as Pickenin Road. It's a very narrow, winding street that is crammed with small tourist gift boutiques, restaurants, a coffee shop, bakery, bookshop, island jewellery stores, interiors shops and more. It's well worth a wander down this road. <b>Some of these shops will be closed due the recent hurricanes.</b>
Nearest beaches	Due to damage caused by the recent hurricanes the popular Cane Garden Beach is not recommended to visit as currently the beach is not in a good condition. The nearest beach is <b>Long Bay Beef island</b> . Just so you know... There are currently no facilities available at the beach.		

Your Destination Services team would like to wish you an enjoyable day in Tortola

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