

# Destination 2005

U.S. Virgin Islands

## the allure of Main Street

the world's best  
duty-free shopping

## dining delights

a world of great food  
from gourmet to casual

## endless possibilities

from watersports to hiking,  
there's fun for everyone

## history & culture

get to know the Virgin Islands

Your Complimentary Island Guide



*Villa Botanica's courtyard is the epitome of open air luxury.*

# A Villa of One's Own



Are you a homebody? One of those cozy souls who doesn't enjoy dodging squads of hotel personnel? Someone who relishes making their own pot of coffee in the morning and sipping it in glorious serenity, surrounded by family and friends? You may be a candidate for one of the Virgin Islands' best forms of relaxation therapy - villa rental!

There are several hundred vacation homes and condominiums in our islands that will provide all the amenities of home and then some. St. John has the most; with about 400 villas and condominiums, but St. Croix, St. Thomas and even Water Island have dozens to choose from.

Rental villas run the gamut from luxury or ultra luxury with pools, hot tubs and gorgeous views to less expensive properties with more modest ambience that provide the perfect place to hang your hat while you're at the beach or exploring. To keep their properties and condominiums in top-notch shape, villa owners and their agents employ legions of cleaning people, gardeners and handymen who conveniently disappear when you are in residence. One advantage of renting from a local agent is that their competent staff will be available to smooth out any difficulties during your stay.

Villas always include a kitchen, and the

more expensive villas and condominiums are outfitted with the latest culinary gadgets and top-of-the-line appliances. The rental company or their agent can usually do your shopping so the shelves and fridge are stocked for your arrival and you can arrange for a cook or other domestic help for your group.

Villas sleep anywhere from a cozy twosome to huge extended families that need six or more bedrooms. Do the math...large villas, while expensive, can be cost-effective for family vacations.

First choose an island. St. Thomas offers nightlife and duty-free shopping along with good beaches. Laid back St. John has the Virgin Islands National Park beaches, hiking trails and casually elegant dining and fun. History buffs will love St. Croix. And Water Island attracts people who want to get away from it all, but still be close to St. Thomas' action.

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Century 21, (888) 295-3433, Cruz Bay Realty, (340) 693-8808, Holiday Homes, (800) 905-6824, John Foster Real Estate, (340) 776-5000, and Remax, (800) 756-8498, also offer a selection of villas. Talk your requirements through with an agent. They'll match you up with choices in your price range or send you to another rental agent who can help.

On your next trip to the Virgin Islands bring the crowd, or just that special someone for a vacation that will be running on your own island time.

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*Clairmont Villa's spacious dining area and authentic sugar mill kitchen*

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