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Thirce King's Day

Undoubtedly you've heard the carol "The Twelve Days of Christmas" but did you know that those twelve days begin on Christmas Day? The twelfth day is known as "Three King's Day" (or Epiphany). It marks the journey of the Three Kings on their way to meet the baby Jesus. On St. Croix, Christmas is the most festive season of the year and marks the time when our island celebrates our Caribbean Carnival now known as Christmas Festival. It's the reason that I often refer to St Croix as the 'real' Christmas Island! There are cultural celebrations, parades, music, and parties beginning with the Holiday Jump Up on the day after Thanksgiving. The official Christmas Festival Village opens in Frederiksted after Christmas day and features food vendors, carnival rides, and nightly concerts. The holiday fun lasts through the Friday closest to Three King's Day with the grande finale being the Adult Parade & fireworks display.



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Agrifest

St Croix's Agrifest is the largest "Country Fair" in the Caribbean celebrating agriculture, food, and traditions throughout the Caribbean islands. Each year it takes place over the long President's weekend. Enjoy performances from traditional Quadrille dancers, masqueraders, moko jumbies, bands, and more. Festival goers can expect a vast array of local food vendors including West Indian and Latin favorites. You'll also find plenty of vendors, crafters, local organizations, and carnival rides.

This fun, family-oriented weekend of course includes plenty of farm animals, 4-H competitions, and educational events. The main agricultural building is a fantastic spot to view local school displays centered around science and conservation along with local produce and a wonderful selection of plants for purchase.



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Transfer Day (USVI)

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The Irish Connection

St Croix has a diversity that is a melange of cultures reflected in its food, architecture, and celebrations. Part of this is a result of there having been seven different flags that claimed the colony since the time of Columbus. St Croix has switched hands the most of any of the Virgin Islands throughout its colonial to modern history. These include Spain, England, The Netherlands, France, the Knights of Malta, Denmark (for almost 200 years) and finally on March 31, 1917, the United States (Transfer Day).

While the Irish flag may never have flown over St Croix, you'll find Irish surnames across the island as a legacy to the days of the 150+ sugar plantations where Irish plantation owners and indentured servants worked and settled the island for generations. Many laborers intermarried with those of African descent



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Beaches

In the US Virgin Islands, all beaches are public by law as defined by the Open Shorelines Act. This means that all residents and visitors can freely enjoy all of our gorgeous beaches that surround the island!

Whether you're searching for a secluded beach without facilities or many people, or you want a spot with all the amenities, there's something for everyone here on St Croix. Spend that day at one of the beach bars or grab a chair on the beach at one of the hotels or resorts for a small fee.

One of the most beautiful beaches can be found on the eastern side of Buck Island. Turtle Beach has been called one of the Top 10 most beautiful beaches in the world by National Geographic. As it's part of the US National Park system, you'll need to book a trip with one of the licensed charters. It's well worth the visit!



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	Memorial Day					



St Croix's Rainforest

While most residents and visitors of St Croix lovingly refer to the "Rainforest" on the island's West end, it actually is not at all. Technically speaking it is a Subtropical Dry Forest. To the west of Salt River is a pocket of about 680 acres of Subtropical Moist Forest, but none of the island receives enough rain to support the type of trees and plants that constitute an actual rainforest. Within the forest on the western side of the island, you will find a variety of subtropical trees like kapok/ceiba/silk cotton, saman trees, turpentine, sandbox, lignum vitae, and coconut palm. Over the centuries, the makeup of the island's forests has been affected by colonial land-clearing for sugar plantations and agriculture along with damage from hurricanes.

This inconsistent rainfall is most evident at Creque Dam, located on one of the island's most beautiful drives along Creque Dam Rd.. Built in 1926 by the US Navy, the 45-foot high dam was built to contain 9 million gallons of potable water for the town of Frederiksted. Today, you'll often find it dry due to leakage until there has been a significant rainfall.







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Christiansted Harbor

Spend an afternoon lounging at one of the eateries located along the Christiansted Boardwalk and you'll see boats coming and going throughout the day. Nowadays these are mostly deep-sea fishing boats, snorkel and scuba tour boats, and pleasure craft. However, the historic Danish town of Christiansted was built around colonial commerce and the sugar trade.

Following the construction of Fort Christianvaern in 1749 the settlement grew into a bustling urban town. Ships came and went from the harbor with cargo holds of sugar, rum, trade goods, and until the cessation of the slave trade in the late 1700's trade included human cargo. Christiansted was a vibrant merchant town until the introduction of sugar beets in the 1820's began to affect the production of sugar cane. Learn more about the history of Christiansted and St Croix by visiting the Christiansted National Historic Site, part of the US National Park System.







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Emancipation

72 years after the Revolutionary War and 14 years before chattel slavery was abolished in the United States, the enslaved people on St Croix banded together and coordinated an uprising to demand their freedom.

St Croix was the second island in the Caribbean after Haiti with a successful uprising that set the precedent for emancipation throughout the Caribbean. Often it is said that Danish Governor Peter von Scholten abolished slavery. And while technically true, it was the uprising on July 3, 1948 that forced him to do it 10 years earlier than he had planned.

John Gottlieb (General Buddhoe) a skilled, freed slave along with Admiral Martin King led the charge of organized enslaved plantation workers across the island who gathered in Frederiksted at the blowing of the conch shell.



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Explore St Croix

From relaxing on white sand beaches with a piña colada to hiking and exploring historic sugar mill ruins to deep sea fishing, scuba diving, and snorkel trips to Buck Island, to high octane jeep tours that take you four-wheeling to the Annaly Bay tide pools or ziplining through the rainforest there is so much to do on St Croix that you can't possible fit it all into one vacation. Though many may try.

Whether you are a foodie, a history buff, a beach bum, a nature lover, or an ocean enthusiast there's something to make everyone fall in love with our beautiful island. And when you're ready to just relax, there is a beach umbrella or hammock waiting just around the corner.

Visit <u>MyStCroix.vi</u> to find out all the great things to do on the island to plan your next adventure!



The Road from Point Udall



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Point Udall

Located on the East End of St Croix, Point Udall is famous for being the Easternmost point in the United States. In celebration of this, the Millennium Monument was dedicated at the turn of the century on January 1, 2000. This beautiful location has sweeping views of the Caribbean Sea, Buck Island, and East End Bay. It is a stellar location for picture taking and is a popular spot for tourists and residents alike to welcome the sun as it rises each day. You'll find it especially festive as the sun rises on New Year's Day each year.

Point Udall is also the location of the trail head to the Nature Conservancy's well maintained hiking trail through Jack & Isaac's Bay Preserve made up of over 301 acres of rolling hills and pristine white sand beaches. Hike down for some of the best snorkeling



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Grandparents Day						
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Caribbean Sunsets

One of the most beautiful aspects of living on or visiting a Caribbean island are the spectacular sunsets. You won't be disappointed when visiting St Croix.

Sunsets tend to be more vibrant and colorful than sunrises and the best place to view them is typically St Croix's West End where you can watch the sun dipping into the sea. However, you'll be thrilled when the sky lights in fiery reds, oranges, and purples, no matter where you are.

Because we are located closer to the equator, sunsets happen more quickly than in other areas of the hemispheres. It's also the reason that our sunsets only vary by a couple of hours from summer to winter.

When its clear on the horizon, be sure to watch carefully and you may be lucky enough to catch the elusive and fast but brilliant Green Flash!



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Nightlife

While St Croix has much less of the hustle and bustle that you may encounter on St Thomas, we do have a festive culture that includes a more laid back nightlife.

You'll find talented musicians and entertainers performing throughout the year at local restaurants. bars, and small venues. During the busier tourist season from approximately November through May visitors and residents enjoy free concerts, movie nights, and festivals. There's truly always something to do! Look for parades and festivals to include performances by traditional Moko Jumbies stilt walkers who chase the bad spirits away and delight the crowds.

When planning your vacation, be sure to visit our online calendar of live music and events at STXCalendar.com



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Jack & Isaac Bay Preserve

Maintained and cared for by the Nature Conservancy, Jack & Isaac Bay Preserve is 301 acres of protected rolling hills and beaches along St Croix's East End with miles of hiking trails.

You'll find trail heads that lead to the beaches starting from either side located at Point Udall and within the Grapetree Bay neighborhood. The moderate hiking trails are well maintained and marked. The beaches are pristine and include no facilities. Be sure to carry in plenty of water and snacks. And most importantly, carry out what you carry in.

The beaches are active green sea turtle nesting areas in the late summer and fall. They also offer amazing snorkeling opportunities, so haul in your mask, snorkel, and fins. Keep in mind, however, that there are no lifeguards on duty.

The trail from Grapetree Bay also connects up to the south side of the Goat Hill hiking trail. This sporty hike is worth the incredible 360 degree views of St Croix.



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			Christmas	Day (USVI)		
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		New Year's Eve				



Notes

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Event dates listed on the Calendar are accurate at the time of publication. Please note dates are subject to change by the respective organizer. We always advise double checking with the event organizer before making firm plans. Visit <u>stxcalendar.com</u> for more information on calendar event dates and organizers.





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