



Escape Villa is located on beautiful White Bay Beach on Jost Van Dyke in the British Virgin Islands. It is, first and foremost, a retreat for its owners. On a limited basis, it is also available for rent for periods of one week or greater. We are happy that you will be able to experience this wonderful place and enjoy it as much as we do. The original Escape was destroyed by Hurricane Irma on September 6, 2017, but was completely rebuilt better than ever and re-commissioned in December 2018.

## British Virgin Islands

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The British Virgin Islands, also called *Nature's Little Secrets*, lie approximately 75 miles east of Puerto Rico, north of the Leeward Islands, and adjacent to the U.S. Virgin Islands. Bounded by the Atlantic Ocean on the north and the Caribbean Sea on the south, The British Virgin Islands are known for their crystal blue beautiful water. Grouped around the Sir Francis Drake Channel (named after the daring British adventurer who launched an attack against the Spanish from the islands in 1595), over 60 islands and cays make up the BVI.



## Jost Van Dyke

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Jost Van Dyke is located five miles north of St Thomas and St John (USVI) and four miles west of Tortola, BVI. The island is four miles long and two miles wide and has a highest point of 1,054 feet. The island is home to rugged and beautiful scenery, great beaches and a tropical climate. It has been home to Arawak Indians, Caribs, Dutch, Africans and English. JVD did not receive power to the entire island until 1997. Jost Van Dyke is friendly, small, secluded, and has less than 300 year round inhabitants.

## White Bay – home of Escape Villa

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White Bay has been called one of the most beautiful beaches in the world. It has crystal-clear water, soft white sand and wonderful reefs for snorkeling. It is located on the south side of the island.



The west side of White Bay is home to many local hotspots, including restaurants, beach bars and shops. From Escape Villa, walk out of the Chillax area onto the beach and turn right to Black Rock. There is a path over Black Rock (wear shoes or flip flops). This will take you to the “busy” side of White Bay. About halfway down is the famous Soggy Dollar Bar, a must visit location for people watching, food and their famous Painkiller cocktail. The west side of White Bay is also home to Gertrude’s, One Love, Coco Loco and Hendo’s Hideout. Escape Villa is located on the east side of White Bay or the “quiet” side.



For a beautiful view of the beach at Soggy Dollar please click the link below:

<http://www.soggydollar.com/webcam.aspx>

Walking from one end of White Bay to the other (including going over Black Rock) takes about 15 minutes. Don't forget something for your feet!



## Escape Villa Amenities

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Escape Villa has three levels of luxury living. The top level has 2 king master bedrooms with en-suite bathrooms and a beautiful deck overlooking white bay.

The middle level has a third king bedroom and a bedroom with built in single over double bunk beds that can sleep up to 6 comfortably (this fourth bedroom is ideal for children but can also sleep four adults in the two full beds). Both bedrooms have en-suite bathrooms.

The main room is a large open floor plan with a combined kitchen, living room and bar that opens up to an outside dining area, an outdoor shower, bathroom, a gazebo with grill and infinity edge pool.

The bottom level is our favorite 'chillax' gazebo which is directly on the beach on white bay. Chillax has raised Trex flooring, a large commercial fan, custom stone and granite bar, beachside and covered seating, love-seat chair swings, and a bar with TV, refrigerator and sink. It doesn't get any better than this!!

Beautiful Views:



Open floor plan living room and kitchen:



Two master bedrooms with beautiful views in top building:



One master bedroom and one bunk room in main building:



And, let's not forget Chillax!!!!



Highlights:

- 4 bedrooms (3 kings, 1 built in bunk room sleeping up to 6) with luxury linens
- 5 bathrooms including a full outdoor bathroom with bath amenities and towels (bath and beach)
- Raised Chillax area on the beach with bar, seating and outdoor shower
- Infinity edge pool
- Gourmet fully stocked kitchen
- A/C and fans in all of the rooms
- Wi-Fi internet access, large “smart” flat screen TV in the living area, DISH satellite TV, large flat screen TV beachside at Chillax with DISH satellite
- Wireless Bluetooth speakers for your enjoyment by the pool or beach
- iPhone charging stations in each room
- Propane Gas Grill
- Water gear including stand up paddle boards, rafts and other items

**\*\*\* Please see our website and Facebook page for additional updated pictures of Escape \*\*\***



## Property Managers

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Frankie and Lydia Chinnery are our property managers on the island. They are locals and can answer questions you might have. They provide essential services for Escape Villa. You can also request personalized services and these can be discussed (cost and details) and arranged directly with them. They are extremely trustworthy and happy to help.

Frankie        284-441-2431 or 284-346-2431

Lydia         284-541-6457 or 787-509-6296

[nikitachinnery@hotmail.com](mailto:nikitachinnery@hotmail.com)

We recommend that all Escape Villa guests arrange their transportation to/from JVD through Frankie. He will either provide the transportation himself or he will use other reliable vendors if he has a conflict. Cost for private transportation from STT is approximately \$500 (depending on number of passengers) each way. Most of this cost is made up of fuel costs, docking, entry/exit fees for Franky, etc. which are all very expensive in the BVI and can change frequently. There are also additional taxes, entry fees, etc. that guests must pay (typically in cash) when entering and departing BVI. Please expect approximately \$100 pp in fees when visiting JVD.

Please confirm price when booking your trip. Bring cash for these expenses and pay Frankie directly (or whomever else you elect to use).

**Please always confirm your arrangements prior to your trip.**

## Escape Villa Details

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### Check-In and Check-Out times:

- Check-In time is 3:00pm. If you arrive earlier, you may leave your luggage on the porch of the house. (The house may be available for early check-in, contact the Property Managers for information.)
- Check-Out time is 10:00am, the morning of your departure. If your flight is later in the day, feel free to pack up your bags and leave them on the porch by 10:00am and enjoy a little more time on JVD. Your luggage will be safe. This will allow our cleaning staff time to prepare for our next guest.

### Guest Responsibilities -- PLEASE READ

- In order to make our home perfect for our incoming guests, the management staff requests that all guests leave the house in a fair and tidy condition with dishes washed and trash placed in the outside trashcans with lids. This will assist our staff in a much smoother and more efficient turnover process. If the house is left in an unusually dirty condition, it may result in a security deposit reduction.
- Guests are requested to notify the Property Manager of any damages and to pay for the repair or replacement of the damaged item.
- Guests are requested to notify the Property Manager the day before departure to verify departure time and transportation information. We don't want anyone to miss their flight!

### Phone Services / Cell Services / Electric / Internet / Wi-Fi / Generator / Water

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- Escape Villa does not have a home phone for use. Please expect to use your cellular phone to make local calls (you can use Escape Wi-Fi for calling if you have Wi-Fi calling enabled). Many businesses on the island also have Wi-Fi. Worst case scenario, you may have to use the "coconut telegraph" to communicate – there are worse things in life!!
- Cell phone company reception on the island is spotty with some coverage for Sprint, AT&T, Verizon and others depending on your location on the island, but the cost for this service if you are roaming is very expensive. **Please consult your cellular service provider before arriving and/or turn your cell phone roaming feature off before coming to JVD.**
- Electrical outlets on JVD are the same style and power as those in the US. Those traveling from the US will not need adapters but those traveling from other countries may need them.

- Internet service via Wi-Fi is also provided at Escape Villa. This service is provided as an amenity and is **limited in capacity**. We ask that our guests limit internet usage to low bandwidth requirements **and avoid large bandwidth items such as movies, music, etc.** Our service has data usage limits and if they are exceeded the internet service will not function.
- Our TVs have DISH satellite service, but again, this is an island so it doesn't always work.
- We have a 40kw back-up generator that powers the entire property. Should power go off, the generator will supply back-up power. In the rare instance the power is out and the generator is out, let our managers know (they probably already know) and they will take care of it.
- Most of our water supply comes from rain water via our cisterns. Please conserve water usage as much as possible. This water is fine for washing/showering/drinking/cooking/ice although we prefer to purchase bottled water for drinking due to the taste. We do have "town" water service to the house but it is only used as a back-up for when the cisterns are low. There are rare instances when our cisterns are low and the "town" water is off. Our property managers will assist you in this instance. Remember it's a small island in the middle of the Caribbean.
- **Periodic outages are normal for power, water, TV and internet due to our remote location. We make no guarantees for any of the above as they are conveniences for our guests but are not always available.**

## Traveling to Escape Villa

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### **PASSPORTS are required to travel to Jost Van Dyke, BVI.**

The primary way to visit JVD is by private boat or ferry (or helicopter, sea plane or ancient three-masted schooner, but we'll skip those options). The closest airports are St Thomas, USVI (STT) or Beef Island, Tortola, BVI (EIS).

\*Flight and ferry schedules have changed since the 2017 hurricanes. They will continue to change as more flights are added back to the schedules. Please check for the most recent schedules.

### FLYING to and from the Virgin Islands

You can fly into St Thomas (STT) or to Tortola (EIS). Either way, we recommend a flight that lands by around 3p allowing you time to reach JVD by ferry or private water taxi before customs closes. Flights later than that in the day will most likely require an overnight stay and morning trip to JVD. Return flights should be scheduled for 1p or later in the day to allow time for customs and to travel back to the airports. Customs lines can be very long – allow two hours extra time for check in. We usually leave JVD four hours before our flights out of STT to allow time to go through customs in Cruz Bay, St. John, then get to Red Hook then get to STT.

### **Flying into St Thomas, USVI (STT)**

**Private Water Taxis and Boats from St Thomas** - In addition to the ferries, many of our guests find it helpful to take private water taxis – it can save time and be helpful if you are coming in at odd times. There are several services and private boats available to get you to and from JVD. Water transportation is available out of Red Hook (usually at the “Flag Pole” at American Yacht Harbor) on St Thomas and the trip takes about 30 minutes depending on seas. Pricing will vary depending on the number of people in your party. PLEASE confirm and reconfirm your reservation 1 week prior to your arrival. Captains may need passport information for customs. Please also confirm cost and location of where to meet the boat. Our property manager, **Frankie**, can arrange all of this and we recommend using him. The cost is approximately \$500 each way just for the boat (for up to five guests and additional for up to 12 guests) not including additional entry and departure taxes (about \$100 now per person roundtrip) plus tip. Your private boat will likely be small (around 30 feet) and, as such, can be a little bumpy and wet depending on the seas. If Frankie cannot accommodate your group we can also

recommend [www.jostvandykescuba.com](http://www.jostvandykescuba.com), or [www.dolphinshuttle.com](http://www.dolphinshuttle.com). Please check their websites for information, availability and pricing. Also mention that you are staying at Escape Villa as most of these services give our guests a small discount. Be mindful of how much luggage you bring as it has to get from airport to the taxi to the boat to the taxi to the house. PRO TIP: There is a grocery store in Red Hook across the street from American Yacht Harbor where you can get last minute groceries right before you load onto your private water taxi.

**Red Hook Ferry Dock**– the Red Hook ferry dock is approximately 45 minutes depending on traffic from STT airport. You can hire a private land taxi or ride with others for less money. A private land taxi to Red Hook from STT usually costs around \$100 plus tip and extra for more than two passengers. The ferry schedule changes during the year and continues to change since 2017. Please go to [www.bviturism.com/inter-island-ferries](http://www.bviturism.com/inter-island-ferries) for the latest information. The ferry ride is less than an hour and comfortable even in rough seas when it is available.

**Charlotte Amalie Ferry Dock**- the Charlotte Amalie ferry dock is 15 minutes from the STT airport and taxis are always going to the dock. You can hire a private taxi or ride with others for less money. From Charlotte Amalie, you can take a ferry to West End Tortola (a 50 minute ride). Please check the ferry schedule for the last ferry of the day which varies from season to season. Once in Tortola you will go through customs and then you have to take a land taxi for about 45 minutes to the West End of Tortola to catch the JVD ferry. The ferry from West End Tortola to JVD is only about 20 minutes and runs on-time and regularly. Please check the schedule for updated times and fares. This entire trip from STT to Tortola to JVD is a long haul so currently we do not advise this route.



## Flying into Tortola, BVI (EIS)

**West End Ferry Dock** - When you arrive in Tortola at EIS, you will go through BVI customs and then catch a land taxi from the airport to the West End Ferry dock (about a 45 minute ride). There will be land taxis available at the airport or you can arrange a private land taxi ahead of time. Once you are at West End, you can take the Ferry to Jost Van Dyke which is only about 20 minutes and runs on-time and regularly.

**\*\*\*PLEASE always check ferry schedules for departure times – many schedules continue to change post Hurricane Irma \*\*\***

**Private Water Taxis and Boats from EIS or Tortola** - Call ahead to arrange water transportation to JVD. Best to use water taxi services that are located in the BVI's if flying into the BVI.



## From Great Harbor Customs or JVD Ferry Dock to Escape Villa

Escape Villa is a very short distance over one large hill from the ferry dock or customs once on JVD. From either location in Great Harbor you will need to travel to White Bay via land taxi or catch a ride with Frankie if he brought you to the island.

### Land Taxis

When you arrive on JVD there are usually taxis waiting at the ferry dock or at the main dock in Great Harbor if you come by private water taxi. You can also call any taxi which is listed in the helpful numbers section. You can also arrange private transportation through the property managers.

### Car Rentals

Although not necessary, there are cars available to rent on JVD. Paradise Jeep Rentals provides new cars, 4 door older vehicles or 2 door older vehicles. You can rent a car by the day. All vehicles have 4 wheel drive. JVD is a very hilly, rocky and partially paved island. They also drive on the left side of the road (British style).

### Provisioning for Escape Villa

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Rudy's on JVD is a small market that carries many items. They are well stocked and re-opened since 2017. There is also North Latitude Marina near the ferry dock to purchase a few items. Both are a great place to purchase items you may run out of during the week.

It is recommended to provision the home through Rite Way Food markets on Tortola. Escape Villa has water which comes from a cistern which doesn't appeal to some guests so we encourage others to order bottled water for your stay. Please also remember there are some relaxing and enjoyable restaurants on the island so plan your groceries with that in mind. For families, we find it convenient to provision for breakfast and maybe one or two lunches/dinners and then eat out the rest of the time depending on your preferences and budget.

### Rite Way Food markets

Our guests have had success ordering their groceries and provisions from Rite Way Food markets on Tortola. The process is simple; go to their website, choose your items from an extensive shopping list, email your order in. You will have to let them know where you are staying and what ferry to put your items on (first ferry on dd/mm to JVD, for John Smith at Escape Villa care of Lydia Chinnery). A per box delivery fee of ~\$4 will be charged by the ferry company which can be arranged with the property managers. The property managers also charge about \$20 to have your groceries picked up at the ferry dock and delivered to Escape Villa and waiting for you upon arrival. You will need to email the Property Managers with the information and confirm it with them. Rite Way website is <http://www.rtwbvi.com/>, 284-347-1188.

### Courtesy Bar – Take Some, Leave Some

We try to keep a stocked bar at Escape Villa for our guests to enjoy. Please feel free to try what is there and leave what you don't finish for the next guest to enjoy.

PRO TIP: Rite Way is a grocery store in the middle of the Caribbean – expect some issues. They usually run out of some of your items. Check your delivery list with your purchase list. Most of the time, they do not charge you for the items that don't arrive. Rarely, they miss something and do charge in which case you can call them and have it re-delivered or credited.

## Activities at Escape Villa

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Escape Villa provides you with the opportunity to relax and do nothing or to be as active as you would like. There are several relaxing beach bars and restaurants on White Bay and many others on the island. Reservations are always good – especially for dinner (both because it is sometimes busy but also to make sure they have the food you would like). The island is an amazing place to hike or run – it is very safe, just bring water and sunscreen when you set out to explore. The views from the top of the hills are spectacular! The snorkeling is also awesome right outside Escape Villa! Bring your own snorkel gear and discover the underwater world of White Bay. We find it best on the east side of White Bay in front of the Pink Houses from the shoreline all the way out and around the corner. Stay near the shore over the reef but also watch out for boats which should not get anywhere near the reef but sometimes do.

Escape Villa has paddle boards, floats, rafts, and other beach/water gear for our guests to use. In addition, there is corn hole, giant Jenga and bocce ball. However, things come and go on the islands, so if you really want that special float or game we suggest bringing it with you.

### Ocean Spa

This unique floating spa was built mostly from lumber salvaged around the BVI following hurricane Irma. It is located in white bay in front of Ivan's. Enjoy massages while floating on the ocean. Their goal is to give the world a unique spa experience while working in harmony with the environment. [www.oceanspabvi.com](http://www.oceanspabvi.com) or call 284-341-3782. Mention Escape Villa for a discount for our guests.





When you encounter locals on any of your trips please engage with them and ask them about their beautiful island. The locals are a big part of what makes JVD so special. We often take trips with them, eat and drink with them and try to learn as much as possible about their life experiences.



## Scuba, Snorkeling, Fishing, Sailing or Private Boat Excursions

### JVD SCUBA

There is a newly rebuilt full scuba diving shop located in Great Harbor, on Jost Van Dyke. They specialize in scuba trips, island tours, sunset cruises, fishing and all of your boating needs (from small fishing boats to a large catamaran for day sails). Captain Colin is a great person to work with and has a wonderful crew. You can reach Captain Collin by checking out his website at [www.jostvandykescuba.com](http://www.jostvandykescuba.com) or [reaching him at \(757\)-287-2731](tel:(757)287-2731) or [\(284\)-443-2222](tel:(284)443-2222). They also have a new fully stocked gift shop in Great Harbor.



Captain Colin will arrange everything you need while on JVD, however, he is busy so we recommend you make arrangements prior to your arrival to avoid any missed opportunities.

### SAIL BVI

Guests at Escape Villa also have the opportunity to rent a catamaran for a day sail or as long as you would like. Arrangements can be made through Captain Colin and JVD Scuba and at [www.sail-bvi.com](http://www.sail-bvi.com).



## Helpful Contact Information for Escape Villa

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### **Property Managers**

Frankie Chinnery (284) 441-2431 or (284)-346-2431

Lydia Chinnery (284)-541-6457 or (787) 5096296

Owner Representative – Anne Spillane (757) 434-4350 (US east coast time zone)

AnneSpillane@cox.net

### **JVD Taxis**

(Please call ahead with ample time – numbers and availability subject to change)

Frankie: (284) 441-2441

Mark: (284) 344-5587

Greg: (284) 540-8373

Eddie: (284) 541-8772

Steve: (284) 545-8859

Claude: (284) 542-0853

**Ferries**

**Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas Ferries:**

Native Son: (340) 774-8685 [www.nativesonferry.com](http://www.nativesonferry.com)  
InterIsland Ferry Services: (340) 776-6597

**Red Hook, St. Thomas Ferries:**

Native Son: (340) 775-3111  
Direct Ferry: (340) 776-6597

**West End Tortola Ferries:**

Native Son: (284) 495-4617  
Smith's Ferry: (284) 494-4454 [www.bviferryservices.com](http://www.bviferryservices.com)

**Jost Van Dyke Ferry:**

New Horizons Ferry – Paradise Express: (284) 495-9278  
[www.newhorizenferry@yahoo.com](mailto:www.newhorizenferry@yahoo.com)

Ferry Schedules are subject to change. PLEASE confirm your schedules.

**Jost Van Dyke Contact Information:****Restaurants/Bars:**

<u>Abe's By the Sea (Little Harbor)</u>	<u>(284) 543-7722</u>
<u>Ali Baba's (Great Harbor)</u>	<u>(284) 544-5602</u>
<u>Christine's Bakery (Great Harbor)</u>	<u>(284) 442-3080</u>
<u>Coco Loco Beach Bar (White Bay)</u>	<u>(284) 496-6854</u>
<u>Corsairs (Great Harbor)</u>	<u>(303) 570-1535</u>
<u>Foxy's (Great Harbor)</u>	<u>(284) 442-3074</u>
<u>Foxy's Taboo (East End)</u>	<u>(284) 340-9258</u>
<u>Gertrude's Beach Bar (White Bay)</u>	<u>(284) 543-1626</u>
<u>Harris' Place (Little Harbor)</u>	<u>(284) 344-8816</u>
<u>Hendo's Hideout (White Bay)</u>	<u>(284) 340-0074</u>
<u>Ivan's Stress Free Bar (White Bay)</u>	<u>(340) 513-1095</u>
<u>Soggy Dollar Bar (White Bay)</u>	<u>(284) 495-9888</u>
<u>Sidney's Peace and Love (Little Harbor)</u>	<u>(284) 346-7838</u>

**Water Taxi/Boat Rentals:**

<u>Capt. Colin/JVD Scuba</u>	<u>(284) 443-2222</u>
<u>Dohm's Water Taxi (to St. Thomas)</u>	<u>(340) 775-6501</u>
<u>Dolphin Water Taxi (to St. Thomas)</u>	<u>(340) 774-2628</u>

**Miscellaneous helpful numbers:**

<u>Rite Way Food Market (Tortola)</u>	<u>(284) 494-2263</u>
<u>Customs and Immigration- BVI</u>	<u>(284) 494-3471</u>
<u>After Hours Customs</u>	<u>(284) 468-6800</u>
<u>North Latitude Marina (Great Harbor)</u>	<u>(284) 440-4322</u>
<u>Health Clinic</u>	<u>(284) 852-7795 or (284) 541-1667</u>
<u>JVD Grocery</u>	<u>(284) 343-6443</u>
<u>Jeep Rental - Paradise</u>	<u>(284) 495-9477</u>

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