

# Saint Thomas

*Charlotte Amalie, U.S.V.I.*

## The port

The port of St. Thomas is probably the most popular cruising destination in the Caribbean. All major cruise lines call to this island. On busy days, the island can host up to 6 or 7 ships at one time. Excellent infrastructure makes it possible to get to most points on the island in relatively short time. There are many of people offering tours, hundreds of shops, many beaches and abundant sunshine to make this port of call one you will likely not easily forget.

St. Thomas is the only location under US jurisdiction where people drive on the left side of the road.

The average temperature is fairly constant throughout the year with highs around the upper 80's and lows in the mid 70's. Most rainfall occurs in the months Sept through Nov, these are the last months of the hurricane season.



*Three cruise ships (Cel. Equinox, Carnival Victory and Adventure ots) docked in St. Thomas.*

## Things to do

Numerous activities for just about all kinds of people and interests. Diving, snorkeling, fishing, boat rentals, bike rentals, wind surfing, shopping and historical tours just to name a few.

## Port Facts:

### Port: St. Thomas

Country: U.S.V.I

Region: Eastern Caribbean

Area: 81 sq. km.

Population: 52,000

Language: English

Currency: US Dollar

## Beaches

A paradise for beach lovers! St. Thomas offers some amazing beaches all across the island for snorkeling, diving, swimming and other water activities.

Beautiful blue crystal clear water and white sandy beaches gives it a post card, breathtaking sight. The palm trees and the mountains in the distance complete the picture. Most beaches are located on the eastern side of the island, approx 30 minutes drive from the cruise ship pier.

The sun can get quite intens at times and it is thus very advisable to take all necessary precautions. Use sufficient sun block and limit your time in the sun. Many beaches offer beach chairs and umbrellas.

Popular beaches include:

- Megans Bay
- Coki Beach
- Sapphire Beach
- Bolongo Bay
- Turtle Cove
- Secret Harbor
- Lindberg Bay

When you arrange transportation on your own, do make sure you also prepare the return journey. Make sure there are taxi's available to go back to the ship and if not, then make good arrangements with your taxi driver to arrange pick up.

**Shopping**

St. Thomas is paradise for shoppers. Hundreds of duty free shops can be found in and around the capital of Charlotte Amalie. Numerous gift shops, luxury boutiques and jewelry stores are located here.

This port is specially popular for items like jewelry, diamonds, china, perfumes, electronics (small) and alcohol. You will most likely be overwhelmed by the number of shops and bargains so it is advisable to prepare if you intend to go shopping.

The shops can be found in the center. From the main ship pier it will take you about 30 minutes to walk. Due to the heat and busy roads, do consider taking a taxi for a few dollars per person (negotiate the price before getting in a taxi). Ask to be dropped off on Main Street (Dronningens Gade). The two parallel roads, Back Street and the Waterfront as well as smaller alleys will boast a huge variety of shopping for all occasions. Some popular locations include Vendor's Plaza and Havensight.

Most shops on the island are open from 9am to 5pm (Mon - Sat). Sundays the shops are usually open until 1pm but they might stay open longer to accommodate cruise ship passengers when many ships are in port.

Do take into consideration that there are restrictions regarding the import of duty free items.

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