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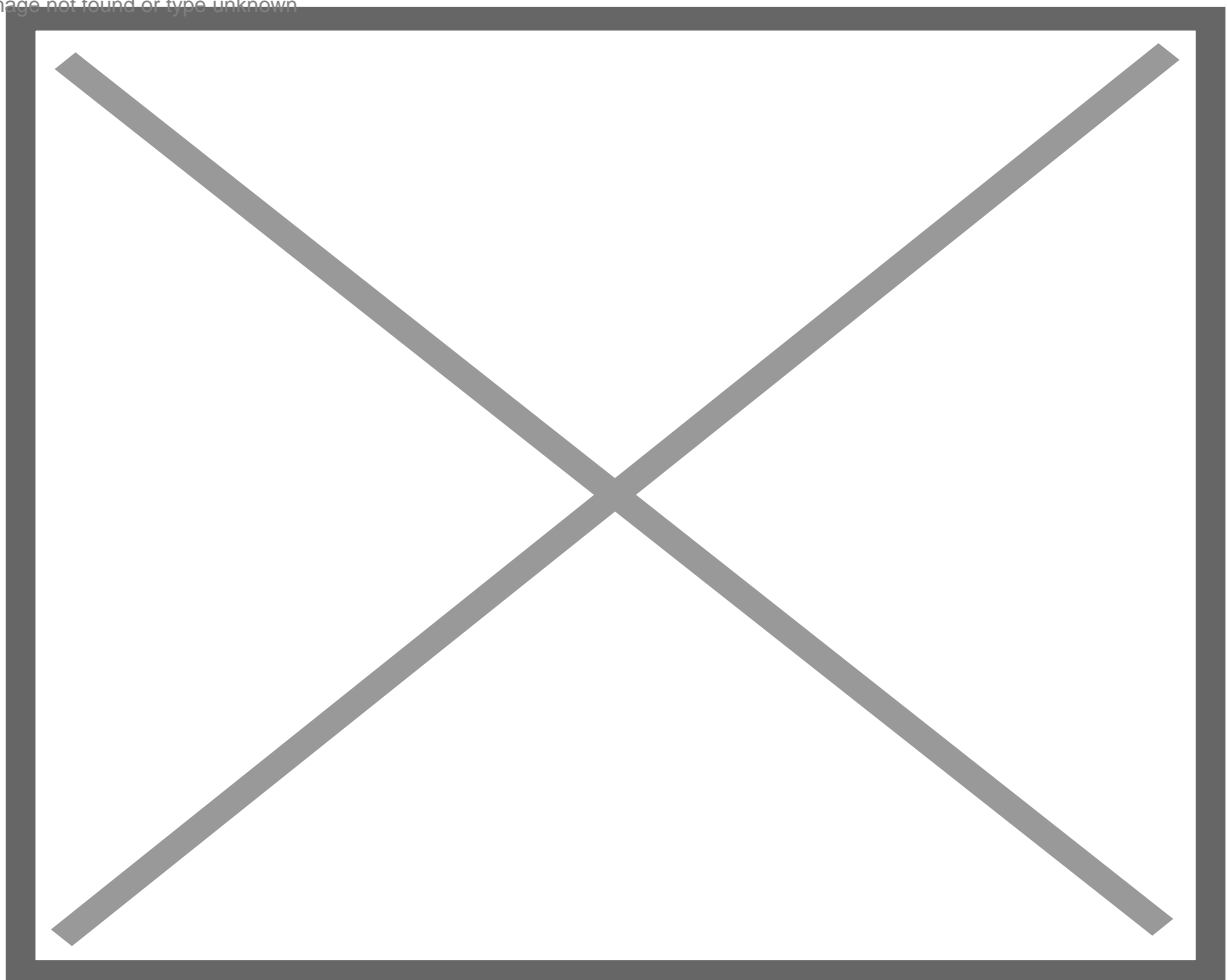
Crucian Christmas Festival Kicks Off with Pageants

The Crucian Christmas Festival begins with the Prince & Princess Show on Thursday, followed by the Calypso Monarch event on Friday, Band Clash on Saturday, and the official opening of Maestro's Musical Haven Village on Sunday

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Festival Village 2023-2024. By. V.I. CONSORTIUM, SHOT BY SIN, DIVISION OF FESTIVALS

With Christmas Day now in the rearview mirror, the Crucian Christmas Festival takes center stage, kicking off a vibrant lineup of activities starting tonight. The festival's events will be streamed live on V.I. Consortium and the USVI Festivals Facebook pages.

The festival begins with the Prince & Princess Show, set to take place at the Festival Village on Thursday starting at 4:00 p.m. While there will be no queen show this year, Markeymah Cargile, the sole individual to participate in the competition, will be coronated on Thursday evening.

Friday's highlight is the Calypso Monarch event, also at the Festival Village, followed by the exciting Band Clash on Saturday.

On Sunday, the Festival Village, aptly named Maestro's Musical Haven [in honor of Kevré Hendricks](#), officially opens. The opening ceremony will feature remarks from local dignitaries, setting the stage for a night of entertainment featuring local and international performers. Vendors will also open their booths, offering a wide array of food, drinks, and cultural merchandise.

Upcoming Festival Schedule

Sunday, December 29, 2024 – Cultural Night

Performers: DJ Poppy Pops & Willy Chin, RVP, Stanley TSK, What It Is Band, KES

Monday, December 30, 2024 – International Night

Performers: Unlimited Sound, Triple Kay, Xpress Band, Kruziano, Los Maestros, Manny Manuel Orchestra

Tuesday, December 31, 2024 – DJ Night

Wednesday, January 1, 2025 – Soca Monarch

Thursday, January 2, 2025 – Flag-O-Rama Night

Performers: DJ Avalanche, Lips International, Exodus HD, Blind Earz, Bugz, Sisa, Problem Child, Karnage Temisha, Th3rd, Black Empire

Friday, January 3, 2025 – Reggae Night

Performers: Big Kat, Freeze Int'l, VI Collab (Jahman & Reemah), Luciano, Sizzla Kalonji, Aidonia

Saturday, January 4, 2025 – Madras Mas Night

Performers: DJ Karl, International Steven, Rudy Live & QC Deh Band, Trilla G, VIO Int'l, Pumpa, Machel Montano

According to the V.I. Dept. of Tourism, Division of Festivals, the Crucian Christmas Festival promises an unforgettable experience, blending culture, music, and community spirit across its packed schedule. Festival-goers can expect performances from some of the region's most celebrated artists, alongside opportunities to enjoy the traditions of the Virgin Islands.