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Lime Out in Coral Bay Ranked Number 4 Boat-Only Dining Destination in the World

BoatBooker ranked Lime Out fourth worldwide for its swim-up dining concept, sustainability practices, and water-only access, placing the Coral Bay attraction among the top boat-only restaurants as travelers plan 2026 maritime trips.

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Lime Out's floating taco restaurant in St. John, an internationally recognized destination blending marine tourism with eco-friendly dining in the Virgin Islands.

Lime Out in Coral Bay has been named the #4 boat-only dining destination in the world, according to a new global ranking released by BoatBooker, placing the St. John attraction among a select group of restaurants accessible exclusively by water.

With travelers starting to plan maritime trips for 2026, BoatBooker published its curated list of the 10 Unique Boat-Only Dining Destinations Worldwide, highlighting restaurants that offer distinctive experiences unavailable by road or runway. Lime Out earned its position for its “swim-up” concept and for reflecting what BoatBooker described as the laid-back, eco-conscious spirit of the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Floating in the clear waters of Coral Bay on St. John, Lime Out was described as a “nautical taco oasis” that can only be reached by boat. BoatBooker noted several factors that contributed to its ranking, including the restaurant’s signature “Lily Pad” experience. Reviewers frequently point to what is described as a “boating picnic” atmosphere, where guests relax on floating mats while tacos and cocktails are delivered directly to them by boat.

Sustainability also played a role in Lime Out’s placement. According to BoatBooker, guests are often impressed by the floating platform’s environmental practices, which include the use of solar power and a zero-single-use-plastics approach designed to protect the surrounding reef.

Its location and access restrictions were also highlighted. Because Lime Out is tucked away in Coral Bay and prohibits swimming from shore to protect the seafloor, BoatBooker said it has become a benchmark for a “privateer” afternoon experience. The restaurant can be reached only by charter boat, kayak, or paddleboard.

“At BoatBooker, we recognize that boating and dining go hand-in-hand,” the company stated, adding that in destinations such as St. John, where much of the coastline consists of protected national park waters, the journey by boat serves as an integral part of the overall dining experience, heightening anticipation before guests arrive.

BoatBooker said each restaurant included in the ranking met specific criteria. To qualify, venues had to be accessible only by boat, with no direct road or runway access, maintain a high rating on Google Maps, and have at least 100 verified reviews. The platform said it focused on authentic settings and dining experiences that could not be replicated elsewhere.

Lime Out ranked fourth on the global list, which included:

1. Ithaa Undersea Restaurant in the Maldives
2. Cloud 9 in Fiji
3. The Chill Penida in Nusa Penida, Indonesia
4. Lime Out in the U.S. Virgin Islands
5. The Rock Restaurant in Zanzibar, Tanzania
6. Floyd’s Pelican Bar in Jamaica
7. Trattoria Il Focolare in Ischia, Italy
8. Téchn? Restaurant & Social in Hydra, Greece
9. Fogo Island Inn in Fogo Island, Canada
10. Stocks Hotel in Sark, Guernsey

BoatBooker is described as a leading platform that connects boat captains with individuals seeking to book boat tours, offering more than 9,800 trips across 800 destinations worldwide.

According to BoatBooker, Lime Out’s inclusion at the #4 spot highlights the U.S. Virgin Islands’ scenic appeal and the range of boating and water-based dining experiences available to travelers from around the world.

