

The Virgin Islands Consortium

TripAdvisor Rates St. John As Top Honeymoon Destination

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The highly influential TripAdvisor travel review site listed has listed St. John as one of the "15 Best Honeymoon Destinations in the United States", according to the territory's Department of Tourism.

The 15 destinations were chosen by an algorithm that analyzed all of the property reviews on TripAdvisor Rentals to select the honeymoon destinations that have the highest-rated rental accommodations, according to D.O.T. St. John, in particular, was praised for its "world-class beaches, unspoiled forest and blissful solitude".

TripAdvisor Rentals is the vacation rentals branch of TripAdvisor. Rental properties include beach houses, ski cabins, private islands, treehouses and downtown apartments.

Known as "Love City", St. John's isolation is an attraction for honeymooners. According to TripAdvisor, "this secluded destination has no airport or cruise ship dock ... to reach this side of paradise, fly into neighboring St. Thomas and hop on the public ferry (or splurge on a private water taxi)."

Two-thirds of the island is part of the Virgin Islands National Park, which in addition to the hiking trails, hills, valleys and beaches on land, also encompasses thousands of acres underwater. St. John's pristine waters offer honeymooners the option to snorkel, scuba dive or participate in water sports activities.

"You'll be lounging on Honeymoon Beach, hiking the Reef Bay Trail, or snorkeling at Trunk Bay in no time. Later, you might find yourself shopping in Coral Bay or enjoying the nightlife in Cruz Bay before returning to your tropical retreat or cliff-top villa rental," TripAdvisor relayed.

D.O.T. Commissioner Beverly Nicholson-Doty said, "It's great to see the U.S. Virgin Islands positioned among the top honeymoon destinations across the nation. We would like to thank all our visitors who wrote and continue to write reviews online and share their experiences with this online community of global travelers."

An added incentive for U.S. citizens is the fact they do not need a passport to visit the USVI. Also, with \$1,600 in duty-free allowances for U.S. residents, visitors and honeymooners can enjoy some extra shopping.

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