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Good Day,

Thank you for allowing us to assist you in planning your holiday to the Caribbean. Here is a little information about the Caribbean that we think you will find useful and interesting.

- **HAVE YOU PURCHASED TRAVEL INSURANCE TO PROTECT YOUR TRAVEL INVESTMENT?**
- ***ALWAYS REVIEW** all documents immediately to make sure they are correct.
- **Visas and Passports:** Entry requirements for St. Thomas are the same as they are for the rest of the United States. That means you don't need a passport from the continental U.S. The same holds true for our Canadian visitors. However, When Traveling Back to the Continental United States: Due to the location of the territory, the United States Virgin Islands has a pre-clearance inspection process for all flights from the territory to destinations in the Continental United States. This process requires all passengers to present proof of citizenship to immigration via passport or certified copy of a birth certificate with government issued photo identification. For other countries please make sure your passport is valid for at least 6 months after your scheduled return date.
- Make sure we have you check all names for correct spelling. Are your legal names as they appear on your birth certificate/drivers' license? **NOTIFY US IMMEDIATELY IF THEY ARE NOT!** We suggest making two photocopies of all passports, tickets, and travel documents. When you travel, keep one copy at home with someone, and keep one with you in a safe and different place than the originals.
- If you will be enjoying certified diving once you reach your destination, make sure you bring your Dive Card and Log Book with you. Do not schedule a dive within the preceding 24 hours of a flight.
- ***DUE TO THE AIRLINES MAKING NUMEROUS SCHEDULE CHANGES,** Always Reconfirm All Flights, Seat Assignments, Frequent Flyer Number, Luggage Allowance And Weight Restrictions, 24-48 Hours Prior To Your Departure. You will find a list of airlines with their reservation numbers in our password protected Client Only website: www.mccoysescares.com/client/. Your user name is "travel" and the password is "info". In this site you can also preview some of the important information we will be sending you. Just follow the links to your destination.
- **Frequent Flyer Numbers:** **Always** make sure you bring your frequent flyer numbers with you and **reconfirm** they are in the record when you check in for your initial flights. We want you to earn those free miles so please pay attention to this.

SOME VIRGIN ISLANDS FACTS:

Clothing Suggestions: The Virgin Islands are quite casual and subtropical, tempered by easterly trade winds, relatively low humidity and little seasonal temperature variation. Wear what you will be comfortable in. The temperature ranges from 75 – 85 degrees. The days are generally always warm (rainy season is during May – November). Expect sunny days with occasional rain depending on what part of the islands you are visiting. The United States Virgin Islands consist of three major islands, St. Thomas, St. Croix, and St. John. Though the British Virgin Islands share a similar name, they are under the jurisdiction of another country and, therefore, are a foreign location.

ENGLISH is the official language. Other languages include Spanish and Creole.

Currency: St. Thomas uses standard United States currency. All major international credit cards, including American Express, MasterCard and Visa, are acceptable at most locations. You'll find cash machines all over the islands, at banks, in hotels and in convenience stores. You may pay a surcharge for withdrawing your money, however.

Tipping works just the same way as everywhere else. A 15-20% gratuity is standard for restaurants. Other folks also appreciate a token of your appreciation including baggage porters, taxi drivers, tour guides and valet parking attendants.

If you're traveling from a foreign country, instead of converting money, which can be expensive, check out to see if your ATM card is honored anywhere near your accommodations. The ATM card has gone a long way to eliminate the use of travelers' checks and money exchanges.

Time Differences

St. Thomas is the same day as the Continental United States.

Vaccinations

None are required for you and your family.

Have A Wonderful Time,
Management and Staff
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