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## Biras Creek Resort

A HIDDEN OASIS IN THE STUNNING BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

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> The British Virgin Islands are comprised of approximately 50 lush islands situated east of Puerto Rico in the Caribbean Sea. Known for their world-class sailing, friendly people, a high standard of living, political stability, natural beauty and the absence of taxes.

The pristine waters and cool breezes of the surrounding North Atlantic Ocean and the Caribbean Sea create the ideal setting for some of the world's best sailing. The British Virgin Islands (BVI) has often been called "The Yachting Capital of the World," providing protected cruising where boaters are always in sight of land and sheltered anchorages are around every bend. The crystal-clear turquoise waters also offer some of the world's best diving and snorkeling. Additionally, the island's powder-white sand beaches tempt sunbathers, and its lush green mountains offer ample hiking trails.

The third largest of the British Virgin Islands, Virgin Gorda is 10 miles long and two miles wide. It lies 12 miles east of Road Town, Tortola (capital of the British Virgin Islands) and approximately 30 miles northeast of St. Thomas, in the U.S. Virgin Islands. The lush landscape of Virgin Gorda is blanketed with Sea Grape and Tamarind along the beaches, and stretches of Mangrove around the marina and Deep Bay. Tucked in a private bay on Virgin Gorda, lies Biras Creek Resort, a hidden oasis set upon a 140 acre nature reserve amidst white sand beaches and the sparkling waters of the North Sound, Atlantic Ocean and the Caribbean Sea. A member of the prestigious Relais & Chateaux hotel group, Biras Creek is a luxury boutique resort known for its island charm, exceptional hospitality, myriad of outdoors activities, and the finest dining in the BVI.

Wild nutmeg, Frangipani, wild orchids and Diddle Doe Cactus dot the property, and can be enjoyed from the many walking paths and hiking trails that have been cleared





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through the extensive grounds. Friendly iguanas make Biras Creek their home, as do hermit crabs, and the resort is a paradise for bird watchers. Throughout the year, one may view Crested Antillean Hummingbirds, Bananaquits, Zenaida Doves, Sora, Clapper Rails, Herons, Egrets, and numerous other colorful species. The water is crystal clear, making it easy to observe the geometric coral formations and colorful fish.

Accessible only by boat or helicopter, Biras Creek is comprised of 31 recently remodeled, luxurious suites set along the Atlantic Ocean, most with stunning ocean views. Twenty-two Ocean Suites are positioned along the water's edge and six Garden Suites are tucked back in the naturally landscaped gardens. Two larger Grand Suites and a two bedroom, two bathroom Premier Suite, all featuring private plunge pools, also sit along the water's edge. All suites feature a sitting room and separate bedrooms with king-size beds, outdoor showers, 300 thread count cotton linens, plush pillow-top mattresses, feathered down pillows, tropical waffle-weave robes, iPod docking sound systems, furnished verandas, personal Caloi bicycles on which to explore the sprawling resort, and more. The Grand and Premier suites feature Sony LCD TVs, DVD players and Bose iPod Sound Docks. Most of the suites now feature WiFi as well.

The open air Biras Creek Hilltop Restaurant is heralded as having some of the finest dining in all of the Caribbean, and features an extensive wine list and a daily changing menu of the freshest cuisine inspired by local flavors, open to both resort guests and those just passing by on boat. The restaurant is also home to an outdoor bar serving island specialties like “Mango Maniacs,” “Painkillers,” and “Kiwi Coladas,” includes a private dining room and unforgettable views of the North Sound. If guests would

like to enjoy the local cuisine off-site, the nearby and locally owned Fat Virgin Café is within walking distance, and is known for serving the best conch fritters in the BVI.

All the amenities of a luxury resort, as well as exciting outdoor activities are available to guests of Biras Creek Resort, including the use of Boston Whaler Dinghies, Hobie Cats, windsurfers, sea kayaks, and 26' Folk sailing boats with instruction. Guests can also enjoy snorkeling equipment, instruction and guided snorkeling trips, kayaking, introductory scuba instruction, guided nature walks, hiking, bicycling, beach volleyball, tennis, and swimming in the resort's freshwater swimming pool or the ocean. For an extra charge, the resort is happy to arrange scuba diving at one of two adjacent dive centers, deep sea fishing, motorboat charters, day or sunset sails aboard the resort's 62 foot sailing yacht, sightseeing tours, helicopter daytrips to neighboring islands and much more. Guests can shop in the resort's gift shop, and Biras' Spa by the Sea offers signature services and indulgences in the latest health and beauty treatments, available at the spa, in-room, or from the serenity of the beach. A state-of-the-art fitness area with Life Fitness elliptical and treadmill machines beckons Biras Creeks' more motivated guests. The open-air Arawak Room, richly outfitted with Donghia and Janus et Cie furniture, features a large flat screen television and DVD player, WiFi and a book and DVD library, and is an inviting venue in which to relax and enjoy the afternoon sunset.

Standard daily rates include double occupancy accommodations, afternoon tea and three gourmet meals per day, and endless on-site activities, and range from \$700 to \$2,500 per night, depending on the season. Additional guests and children ages 8 and older can be added for \$190 per night.

Guests also have the option to take advantage of room and activity-only rates. These rates are based on double occupancy, and range from \$495 to \$895 per night, depending on the season. A daily meal plan can also be purchased at a cost of \$140 per night, per individual. Seasonal and themed packages are available throughout the year, including the Family Fun Package, Ultimate Romance Package, British Virgin Islands Sailaway Package, Summer Escape Package, Getaway for Two Package, Tropical Wedding Package and Group Incentive Package.

Virgin Gorda is easily accessible via boat, private air charter or helicopter from Tortola, which is easily reached via commercial air, private air or helicopter from North America via San Juan, Puerto Rico or St. Thomas. Guests from Europe can access Tortola via Antigua, St. Maarten or San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Private helicopter transfers direct to Biras Creek from San Juan, St. Thomas, St. Croix, St. Maarten, and Antigua are also available from Air Center Helicopters.

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