#### THINGS TO SEE

- Blackbeard's Castle Seventeenth-century castle said to have been used by the famous pirate as a lookout.
- 2 Paradise Point Offers a beautiful aerial view of Charlotte Amalie and can be reached by a sky tram.
- ③ St. Thomas Synagogue The oldest synagogue in continuous use under the U.S. flag. ❖
- Mongens Quarter Once the center of Danish colonialism, with many buildings dating back to the 18th century.
- 5 99 Steps Built in the mid-18th century by Danish settlers. ♦
- 6 Caribbean World Amber Museum Features amber antiques and a rain forest with a waterfall crafted out of amber. ❖

- Pedersen Estate This estate consists of several gardens and historical buildings.
- 8 Fort Christian The oldest standing structure in the Virgin Islands

### EAT

- Tickles Dockside Pub Eat lunch among the anchored yachts.
- The Fat Turtle Bar and Grill Open-air restaurant serves bar food next to the dock.
- Restaurant at Paradise Point Tramway
  Take in the amazing mountaintop view
  while dining.
- Big Kahuna Rum Shack Serves drinks, tacos and other lunch options.
- The Cup and Cork Coffee shop and deli serves sandwiches to go.

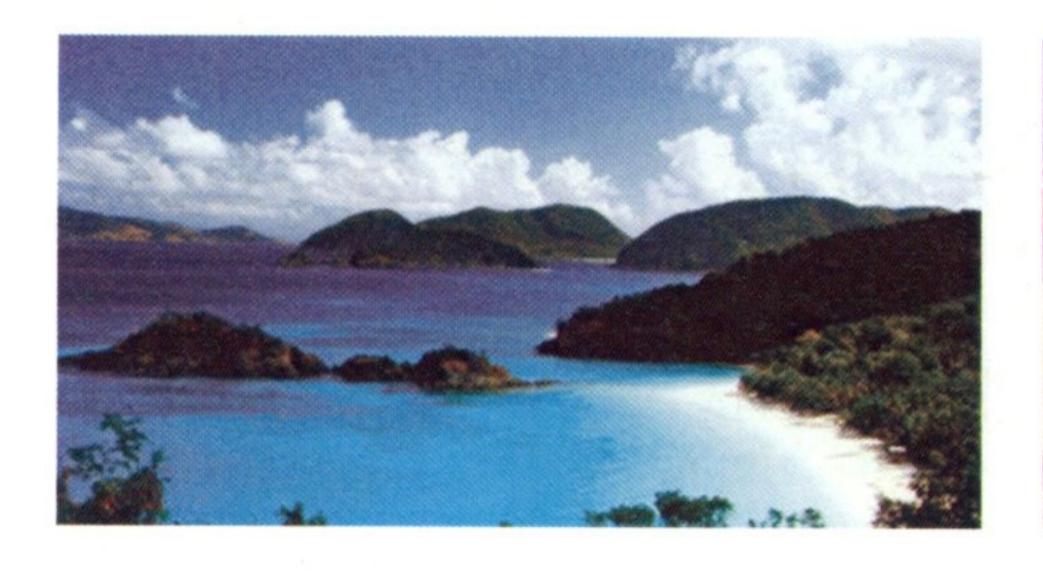
- Chez le Caribe At the top of the 99 steps, this restaurant serves French food with a Caribbean twist.
- Room with a View Fine-dining restaurant located in Blackbeard's Castle.

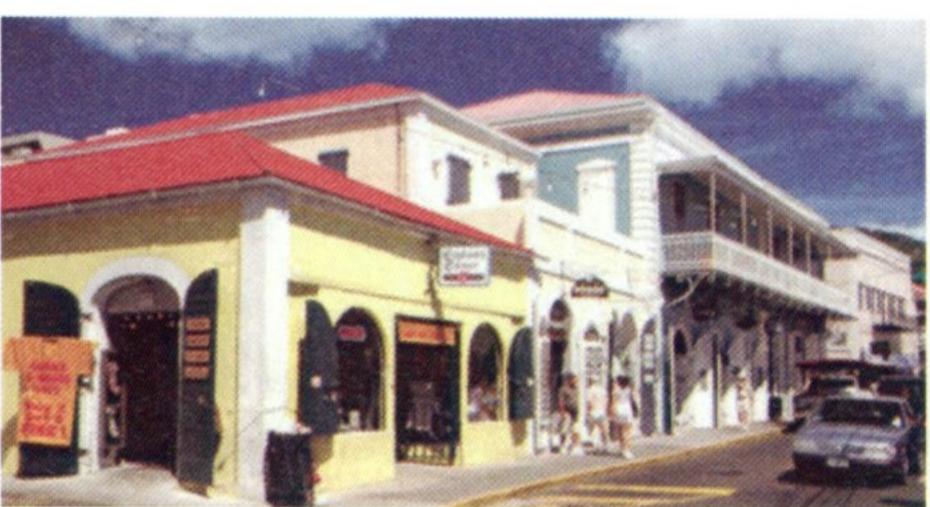
## SHOP

- ② Diamonds International (four locations) #1 recommendation for diamonds.
- Tanzanite International #1 recommendation for tanzanite.
- Oll Watch & Design Fine timepieces and designer jewelry.
- **©** Effy Jewelry (one location) Colored diamond and gemstone specialists.
- Milano Diamond Gallery (two locations)

  Manufacturer of fine diamond and gemstone jewelry.







**G** Del Sol (one location) World's largest retailer of color-changing clothing.

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# From Your Location Team

St. Thomas has something for just about everyone and is included on most cruise ship itineraries for just this reason. Originally established as a Dutch colony in the 17th century, the island's sugar plantations lost profitability after the abolishment of slavery causing labor prices to skyrocket. With sugar plantations no longer able to maintain its workforce, the island's economy sank into a sharp decline. Seeing this as an opportunity, the U.S. purchased St. Thomas and two other islands in 1917 for a total of \$25 million as part of a defensive strategy during the First World War. While the island never saw battle, the innovations of war gave the island just what it needed to turn the economy around, large ships and airplanes capable of transporting lots of leisureseeking people. Today St. Thomas is one of the busiest ports in the Caribbean as the island is capable of, and often does, support influxes of up to 20 thousand visitors a day. This may have something to do with the port being a renowned shopping mecca with some of the best jewelry and fine goods available at a steep discount. If the shopping bug has not bit you yet, the island has much more to offer than deals. Try a tram ride to the top of the island's highest peak or visit an underwater coral reef observatory. Numerous marine protected areas are accessible from St. Thomas. The U.S.V.I. are a haven for excellent swimming, snorkeling and diving. These feature a wide variety of tropical ecosystems where you can observe many kinds of coral, fish and migratory birds.

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