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## Passports

*Passports for U.S. Citizens are not required for the U.S. Virgin Islands, but you must be prepared to show evidence of citizenship upon leaving (such as a birth certificate and photo ID). Passports are required for trips to the British Virgin Islands should you choose to visit while in the Caribbean.*

[Our 14th summer tropical seminar](#)



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July 6 - 9, 2009

*FAQ's-  
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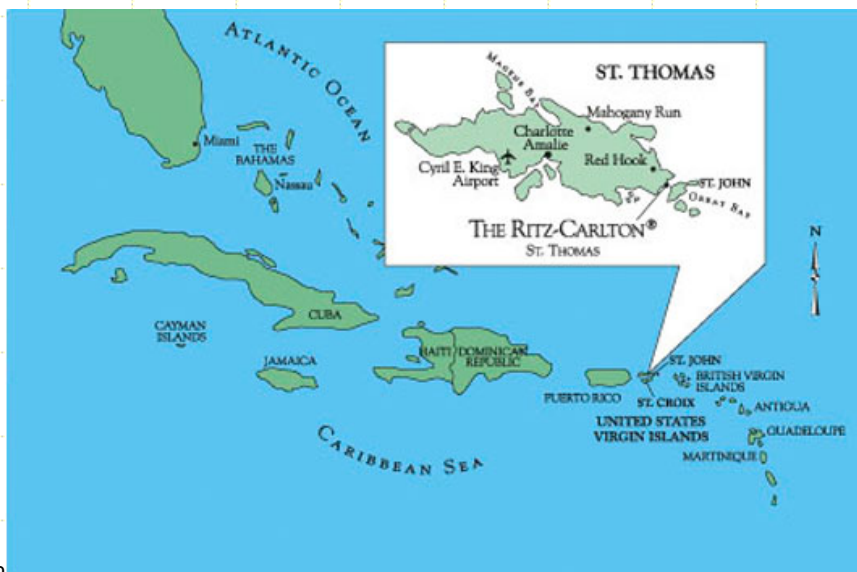
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Sandy beaches. Gentle breezes. Inviting pools. And plenty of soothing sunshine. Best of all, you'll find it all just a short flight away. The only thing you might lose track of is the hectic pace back home. You're invited to take a trip to paradise.



St. Thomas, the most populous of the four major U.S. Virgin Islands, is located 50 miles east of Puerto Rico. Though “discovered” by famed explorer Christopher Columbus on his second journey to the New World in 1493, and a popular port for pirates in the two centuries that followed, the earliest inhabitants of St. Thomas were indigenous tribes such as the Ciboney, Arawaks and Caribs.

Today, the picturesque white beaches, idyllic climate, rich history and natural beauty of St. Thomas attract visitors from the world over. From ample fine dining and duty-free shopping, to the plethora of active outdoor adventures such as kayaking, scuba diving, sailing, sport-fishing and more, the tropical playground St. Thomas offers tourists the finest life has to offer.



Overlooking the turquoise waters of Great Bay, The Ritz-Carlton, St. Thomas is a secluded hideaway set amid dazzling white-sand beaches and lush tropical gardens. The resort has recently completed a \$40 million renovation and enhancement project. These renovations bring a new level of service and luxury to this award-winning Caribbean destination.



The Ritz-Carlton Club; three dining venues: Bleuwater, Great Bay Lounge, and Coconut Cove; the Spa; and recreational facilities, including Lady Lynsey, will continue to offer the legendary service expected from The Ritz-Carlton.

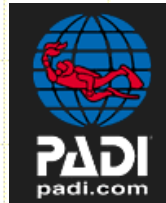
At The Ritz-Carlton, St. Thomas guests can explore the underwater world, enjoy gourmet dining and exceptional levels of personalized service.



Welcome to Patagon Dive Center at The Ritz-Carlton, Saint Thomas, Virgin Islands

Experience the beauty and wonders of our surrounding sea, the "Patagon Style"!!

With more than 40 years of combined local marine knowledge, our Patagon Team consistently delivers the



most fun, exciting, safe, and personalized diving services in St. Thomas.



Our credentials are validated by serving customers known for demanding quality and high standards. Our staff is praised for their attentive service, high safety standards, and professional skills. Frequently, those compliments come from well traveled divers who can compare our "Patagon Style" with many of other dive destinations all over the World.



## ***Ritz Carlton St. Thomas***

**There is a 4 night minimum stay required**

### **Group room rate**

**Resort view: \$229.00 double/night- limited availability**

**Ocean view: \$289.00 dbl/night**

**Club rooms and Exec suites available on request.**

**Not included in the room charge:**

- **The above rates are subject to an 8% state and local taxes.**

***The maximum number of people per guest room is three (3) adults or two (2) adults and two (2) children. A maximum of two (2) children per room, under the age of twelve are complimentary. There will be an additional charge of \$30.00 per***

*day for each additional person over age 12 and/or over two (2) adults in a guestroom. Charges for roll-aways and cribs may apply.*

*Club Level guest rooms carry an additional charge of \$100.00 per day for each additional person over the age of 12 and/or over two (2) adults in a guestroom.*

**In addition to the room rate, there is a twenty-five dollar (\$35.00) resort fee charged per room/per day. The resort fee covers the following wide variety of additional services and activities provided for your enjoyment:**

**(Because of our long term relationship- the Ritz- Carlton has agreed to discount the \$55.00 resort fee to \$35.00)**

**The Resort fee now includes:**

**Baggage Handling: Normally \$20.00 total, in and out**

**Room Attendant: Normally \$5.00 per day, per room**

**Complimentary valet parking**

**Complimentary use of the Tennis Courts**

**Complimentary local phone calls**

**Complimentary Wireless, high speed Internet access**

**Complimentary use of the following non-motorized water sports equipment (weather permitting and based on availability):**

- o **Hobie Cats**
- o **Kayaks**
- o **Snorkeling Equipment**
- o **Windsurfing**

**Complimentary participation in the following activities (weather permitting and based on availability):**

- o **Beach Power Walk & Run**

**One motion Studio class per day**



## RESORT OVERVIEW

### PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

- Situated on a 30-acre secluded estate along Great Bay on the eastern tip of St. Thomas
- Caribbean hotel featuring 180 guestrooms and suites, each with a private balcony or terrace
- [Spa, salon and fitness center](#)
- Infinity-edge pool, traditional pool and Jacuzzi
- Great Bay and Coconut Cove beaches
- Aquatic Center featuring non-motorized water activities on property
- The Lady Lynsey, a 53-foot luxury catamaran, available for day sails, sunset cruises and private charters
- Four dining venues featuring Caribbean-inspired cuisine and spectacular island views
- More than 10,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor meeting and function space perfect for business meetings, retreats, weddings or receptions

### LOCALE

- 20 minutes from Charlotte Amalie
- 30 minutes from Cyril E. King International Airport
- 15 minutes by ferry to St. John
- 15 minutes from the Mahogany Run 18-hole championship golf course

### ADDRESS/PHONE

The Ritz-Carlton, St. Thomas  
6900 Great Bay  
St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands 00802  
U.S.A.  
Phone: (340) 775-3333  
Fax: (340) 775-4444



## DINING

For dining reservations call (340) 775-3333.

Sails-  
Oceanfront Grill Sails is a casual oceanfront dining experience.

Bleuwater- A  
Seafood  
Restaurant Island casual, yet decidedly sophisticated. Bleuwater captures the tranquil beauty of ocean waters and inspires the palate with the freshest local seafood.

Great Bay  
Lounge-  
Spirits, Wines  
and Small  
Plates Great Bay Lounge is a relaxed, evening retreat featuring light fare.

Coconut Cove  
Beach Bar and  
Grill Tropical breezes await you at this casual beachfront restaurant serving traditional island favorites.

## SUGGESTED TRANSPORTATION

If you require transportation assistance, or if you have other personal requests, please call Guest Services at (340) 775-3333.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

The Ritz-Carlton, St. Thomas offers 180 luxurious guestrooms, including ocean view and deluxe rooms and suites. Featuring décor inspired by the Caribbean sand and sea, the newly remodeled accommodations are tucked into Mediterranean-style villas overlooking Great Bay.



### In-Room Features

- Private balcony or terrace with all guestrooms
- 24-hour room service

- Twice-daily housekeeping
- In-room safe
- 32-inch high-definition, LCD flat-panel television
- Wireless, high-speed Internet access
- Nintendo 64 systems
- Evening turndown
- Fully stocked refreshment cabinet
- Coffee maker with complimentary coffee
- Laundry service
- Bath butler and bath menu services

**Call 1-800-487-5650 for rooms at the group rate**

***Book early as this hotel  
will sell out!***

## **T r a n s p o r t a t i o n**

***Major air carriers, including American, Delta, Continental, United Airlines and US Airways offer daily nonstop to St. Thomas' Cyril E. King International Airport.***

***Upon arrival- check in with the Ritz Carlton reception desk in baggage claim.***

## **The seminars**

***FAQ's- answers to common medical & surgical problems***

**Gary Oswald D.V.M., dip. ACVIM**

**Tampa Bay Veterinary Specialists**

**Howard Seim D.V.M., dip. ACVS**

**Professor, Small Animal Surgery**

Colorado State University

**Dr. Oswald received his Veterinary degree from The Ohio State University and completed his medical residency at Colorado State University. Gary has been the chief Internist with Tampa Bay Veterinary Specialists since 1993.**

**Howard Seim received his Veterinary degree from Washington State University and completed his surgical residency at The Animal Medical Center in New York City. He is currently Professor and Head of Small Animal Surgery at Colorado State University.**

**CARDIAC**

**Pimobendan – when should I use this new drug ?**

**ACE inhibitor controversy – which ACE inhibitor should I use and when should I start it ?**

**Sildenafil (Viagra) – why should I give this drug to a dog ?**

**What is the best congestive heart failure treatment in cats ?**

**Can I prevent thromboembolism in cats ?**

**Thoracic cavity**

**How can I successfully treat puppy pneumonia ?**

**Can I really stop the cough in that old dog ?**

**What is the best treatment for feline asthma ?**

**Are there medical therapies for feline chylothorax ?**

**Any secrets on placing chest drains in dogs and cats?**

**Oronasal fistula; any tips to improve success?**

**What are you doing with those feline nasopharyngeal polyps?**

**Laryngeal paralysis; tips on diagnosis? Is surgery safe?**

**Diaphragmatic hernia; should I be doing them in my practice?**

**ABDOMINAL CAVITY**

**HEPATIC**

**When should I be concerned about elevated liver enzymes ?**

**What are the new medical treatments for chronic-active hepatitis ?**

**Are all yellow (icteric) cats dead cats ?**

What can I do to save the “fatty liver” cat ?

Hepatic lipidosis? Just feed ‘em, I’ll show you how?

Liver biopsy; no more ‘non-diagnostic’ samples!

Gall bladder mucoceles; what’s up with these?

### GASTROINTESTINAL

Why run more GI panels ? What does serum cobalamin & folate really tell me ?

Endoscopic GI biopsies – should I buy an endoscope for my practice ?

What are the best treatments for IBD in dogs and cats ?

What are the best treatments for PLE/lymphangectasia ?

Is probiotic therapy really useful in managing GI patients ?

Intestinal biopsy; I’ll guarantee you get ‘full thickness’ biopsies.

Intestinal surgery; make it leak proof every time.

Let’s do some GI surgery cases: foreign bodies, tumors,  
foreign bodies, intussusception, subtotal colectomy, and more.

linear

Tips on the surgical management of abdominal trauma; don’t  
miss a thing!

miss

### PANCREATIC

How do I quickly and accurately diagnose pancreatitis ?

How important is the PLI test ?

Why pancreatic enzyme supplements do not always work in EPI ?

### URINARY

Is there anything new in chronic renal failure (CRF) treatment ?

What’s with all the new urinary diets ? Will they really prevent urinary stones ?

What’s the secret to managing feline cystitis/LUTD ?

What’s the secret to managing urinary incontinence ?

Cystic and urethral calculi; never leave a stone unturned!

Any tips on exploring uroabdomen cases?

Can surgery help incontinent dogs? Maybe so!

**ENDOCRINE**

**ADRENAL**

What is the best way to diagnose Cushings disease ?

What does atypical Cushings disease really mean ? - the adrenal panel dilemma.

Which drug is better – Lysodren vs Trilostane vs Anipryl ?

**DIABETES**

What is so special about Vetsulin ?

Glargine vs PZI – which is best in cats ?

Do we still use hypoglycemic agents in cats ?

What is the best way to monitor diabetic patients ?

**THYROID**

Feline hyperthyroidism; what if you don't have access to radioactive iodine therapy?

**Seminar schedule:**

**Monday July 6:**

**Registration:** 1.30pm - 2.00pm

*Lectures:* 2.00pm - 6.30pm

*Welcome reception* 6.30pm- 7.30pm

**Tuesday July 7:**

*Continental breakfast:* 7.15am - 8.00am

*Lectures:* 8.00am - 1.00pm

**Wednesday July 8:**

*Lectures:* 2.00pm - 6.30pm

**Thursday July 9:**

*Continental breakfast:* 7.15am - 8.00am

Lectures: 8.00am - Noon



*Registration fee:  
(American Association  
of Veterinary State  
Boards RACE approved for 18  
CE hrs.)*

• <b>Earlybird by May 8</b>	<b>US\$645.00</b>
• <b>Advanced by June 8</b>	<b>US\$665.00</b>
• <b>Regular after</b>	<b>US\$685.00</b>

- Complete seminar notes
- Welcome reception for all.
- Continental breakfast Tuesday & Thursday
- Certificate of completion

Cancellation: 90% refund to 30 days. Seminar transfer only, inside 30 days

## **CE credits**

IVS is an AAVSB RACE approved provider of Continuing Education.

*This program meets the requirements for 18 hours of continuing education credit in jurisdictions which recognize AAVSB's RACE approval: however participants should be aware that some boards have limitations on the number of hours accepted in certain categories and/or restrictions on certain methods of delivery of continuing education. Call IVS at 800-487-5650 for further information.*

**IVS complies with the following guidelines:**

- **Speakers are recognized specialists**
- **Mandatory recorded attendance**
- **Certificate of attendance**
- **Complete seminar notes**

## **INTERNATIONAL VETERINARY SEMINARS**

*by MAIL: 210 Carbonera Drive*

*Santa Cruz CA 95060*

*by FAX:*

*408-972-1038*

*by PHONE: 1-800-IVS-5650*

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