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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 15th summer tropical seminar*



# St. Thomas USVI

July 12 - 15, 2010

*Techniques  
in surgery  
and cardiology*

*with*

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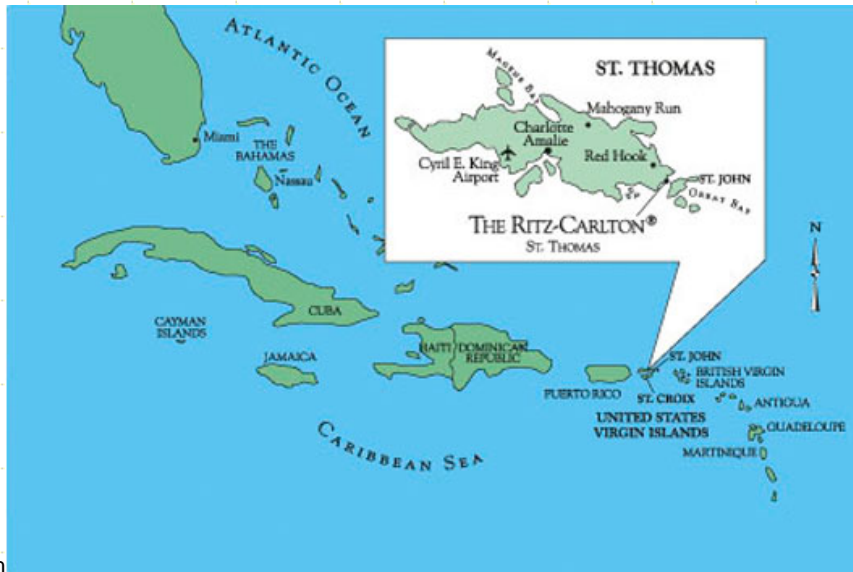
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Sandy beaches. Gentle breezes. Inviting pools. And plenty of soothing sunshine. Best of all, you'll find it all just a short flight away. The only thing you might lose track of is the hectic pace back home. You're invited to take a trip to paradise.



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.

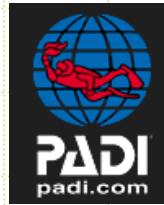


[Welcome to Patagon Dive Center at The Ritz-Carlton, Saint Thomas, Virgin Islands](#)

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: \$239.00 double/night- limited availability**

**Ocean view: \$299.00 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):**

- **Hobie Cats**
- **Kayaks**
- **Snorkeling Equipment**
- **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**

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Theresa Fossum D.V.M., DACVS is a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons. Dr. Fossum is Professor of Surgery and holds the Tom and Joan Read Chair in Veterinary Surgery at Texas A&M and Associate Director for Cardiothoracic Surgery and Biomedical Devices in the Michael E. DeBakey Institute at Texas A&M. She is also the primary author of the new text

*Small Animal Surgery.*

Dr. Fossum is an internationally recognized speaker on surgical topics and is ready to share some of her surgical tips with you.

Dr. Matt Miller D.V.M., DACVIM is a cardiologist known for his practical presentations on topics of interest to the practitioner. Matt has lectured around the world and is internationally recognized in cardiac ultrasonography and therapy.

This case-based course has been designed to provide a discussion on common medical & surgical problems encountered in general practice. Most of the discussion will provide information on what the speakers are thinking about when they plan to do a particular procedure along with techniques in practical management of each problem. Learn current surgical techniques and treatment strategies that will decrease postoperative complications, morbidity and mortality.

- Managing acute and chronic diaphragmatic hernias
- Managing the ruptured bladder
- Managing chylothorax
- Managing pyothorax
- Managing gdv
- Intestinal blockage- cats with string and dogs with everything else

- Masses in the spleen and liver
- Laryngeal paralysis
- Those noisy little dogs
- Placement and management of chest tubes
- Placement and management of feeding tubes
- Management of pericardial effusion
- Diagnosis of canine and feline heartworm disease
- Diagnosis and Management of hypertension
- Diagnosis and management of thromboembolism
- Diagnosis and management of cardiomyopathy
- Management of the common arrhythmia's
- Chronic management of the cardiac patient
- Utilizing the latest drugs
- learn an organized, logical approach to the diagnosis and management of both the occult and overt forms of acquired heart disease in the dog and cat.
- Review the diagnostic tests routinely employed in the evaluation of patients with cardiovascular disease.

***Videos will be utilized to present***

***practical interactive cases!***

**Seminar schedule:**

**Monday July 12:**

**Registration:** 1.30pm - 2.00pm

**Lectures:** 2.00pm - 6.30pm

*Welcome reception 6.30pm- 7.30pm*

**Tuesday July 13:**

*Continental breakfast: 7.15am - 8.00am*

*Lectures: 8.00am - 1.00pm*

**Wednesday July 14:**

*Lectures: 2.00pm - 6.30pm*

**Thursday July 15:**

*Continental breakfast: 7.15am - 8.00am*

*Lectures: 8.00am - Noon*



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



**Earlybird by May 8**

**US\$655.00**



