



KUMA TOO

Welcome to Kuma Too

So you're considering a BVI sailing adventure but don't know what to expect.

Join us as we share our love of sailing, cuisine, fun, local culture, and Kuma Too!

Our goal is to provide an unforgettable sailing adventure to you and your group. Having explored the Virgin Islands for over a decade, we are intimately familiar with the waters around us. Traveling on your own private yacht is the best way to explore the British Virgin Islands!

This guide will give you general information about our sailing catamaran, the Virgin Islands, and a sailing vacation.

We hope you choose to join us on Kuma Too!

Captain Joe and Chef Mandy

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Onboard

Kuma Too is a spacious 47-foot sailing catamaran and a comfortable self-sustaining floating home.

We make our own power from wind and solar, so power hungry electronics, such as blow dryers and curling irons, are discouraged. Each cabin has two 110v outlets for charging electronics. Please plan to charge your devices in your cabin. For items that use heat and draw more power, Kuma Too's large generator is always available to accommodate. We offer air conditioning throughout the night, but you may find you don't want it once you feel the cool trade-winds of the Caribbean.

We also make our own drinking water on board Kuma Too. Seawater is run through a desalination system that is processed through a 5-stage filter system before coming out the galley (kitchen) tap. Each guest is provided an insulated reusable water bottle for the duration of the cruise to eliminate single use plastic water bottles. Speaking of water, we encourage minimum usage, which means please do not leave the water running when you are washing your hands, brushing your teeth, or lathering soap in the shower.

The marine toilets on board Kuma Too are very similar to your land-based toilets with fresh water and a single button to flush. Marine toilets are very sensitive, and it is important the only the toilet paper we provide and what you digest goes into the toilet. Do NOT put any 'flushable' wipes, Kleenex, feminine products, dental floss, seaweed, or any other foreign objects in the bowl. A trash bin is provided in each private bathroom.



Comfort

Cabins: Hypoallergenic bedding and pillows, memory foam mattresses, 2 outlets, 3-speed fans, white and cool-blue reading lights, air conditioning, hanging and folding storage, library, throw blanket and pillows, bed tray, battery-powered candles, basic toiletries, padded seat, portholes, skylights, wood flooring



Exterior: Custom bean bags, hammock, bow seats, trampolines with sunbathing area, covered cockpit with 4" custom cushions and throw pillows, ice-water cooler, deck shower, grill, built-in underwater lights, JBL speakers, quick-dry beach towels, swim ladder and platform



Physical Demands & Mobility

The safety of our guests is our number one priority. A sailing vacation requires some extent of mobility and agility. The crew will always be on-hand to assist in boarding/diseimbarking the vessel and its dinghy.

Boarding requires stepping from the dock or dinghy onto Kuma Too. There is no boarding platform for wheelchair devices. Being a sailing vessel, Kuma Too has multiple uneven surfaces with steps throughout the interior and exterior of the vessel to include the cabins which have 3 steps to get in and out of the bed. Handrails are provided throughout for assistance in moving around the vessel.

Kuma Too is equipped with a 3-rung swim ladder to aid in entering and exiting the water.



The dinghy, AKA the family car: Being able-bodied to climb in and out of the dinghy is a must since that is our primary means of transportation. Dinghy rides are short, but sometimes a little wet and can either be a beach landing or at a dock. You may roll out of the dinghy for some snorkeling excursions as well. Don't worry, we're here to help you board and disembark!



Connectivity

Kuma Too offers a WiFi via Starlink, and most restaurants and shops have WiFi as well. There is cell signal throughout the BVI with an international plan; although signal can be intermittent in the more secluded bays. On board our VHF radio is always available for emergency communications.

Entertainment

Games: Chess, Cards Against Humanity, Ransom Notes, Codenames, Mexican Train, Dominoes, Cribbage, Uno, Dos, Pictionary card game, Utterly Outrageous Drinking Games Compendium, Sunkin Sailor, MadGab, Pop Trivia, LCR, Eye Know, Rummikub, Pic Flip, playing cards, coloring postcards with colored pencils, kids flashcards, mini football, frisbee

We have JBL Bluetooth speakers and Spotify to queue up your favorite tunes.



There is a TV in the salon, and we can set up the 'big screen' with a projector in the cockpit for movie night(s) and/or sporting events.

We have hundreds of movie titles offline and can access most requests via our steaming service.

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Sailing Companions

On Kuma Too, we only take private bookings, so you will never sail with strangers. Choose your friends and family wisely!

A few months before boarding Kuma Too, you will receive a Preference Sheet to complete with your sailing party.

Your preference sheets, dining requests, activity level and phone calls help us to curate a personalized trip for you and your group. Please be honest and realistic with your requests, as we do everything we can to source specifics and plan your perfect vacation.

There are always plenty of actives to keep each guest entertained, and there will be opportunities where guests can do their own separate actives, such as snorkeling, lounging, swimming, hiking, etc.

When it comes to mealtime, the entire group will have the same meal together on board or choose to all go ashore together. We cannot accommodate split mealtimes or specific orders.





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Mealtime

Part of the anticipation of a vacation is the special cuisine! We want you to be completely satisfied with all meals during your sailing adventure, so we study preference sheets to create a unique dining experience. It is crucial that guests take extra time completing their preference sheet and be sure to let us know any food allergies. We will review your group's food preferences prior to the trip and prepare one dish for the entire group at each meal. Exceptions will be made for special dietary restrictions, but the galley does not afford the space for individual orders. Once we depart, there are very few areas to restock, so please be very specific in your likes and dislikes on the preference sheet. We do our best to accommodate special tastes, but in the islands we sometimes have limited options.





Water Activities

We are passionate about the ocean. If you are not comfortable in the water, that's ok, we're here to help. Captain Joe can help you feel more comfortable in the ocean if you'd like more one-on-one guidance.

Water Toys: 2 single-person kayaks, 2 stand-up paddle boards, 2-person towable tube, 6-person floating mat, subwing, 2 water hammocks, and other floats.

Snorkeling: masks, snorkels, snorkel vests, and various size fins. The snorkel equipment onboard fits most adults and teens.

For small children, we recommend bringing their own gear to guarantee the best fit.

Floatation devices for youths under 70 lbs are weight/height specific and must be fitted for safe use. If you feel your child requires this type of floatation device, it must be brought on board by the parents.



We will provide best practice instructions and safety briefings for all water sport activities on board Kuma Too. It is important to note that all water-based activities are at your own risk.

We are trained to deal with emergencies, but there can be times that you may be unsupervised in the water.



Seasickness

Although catamarans provide a very stable platform for a sailing vacation, you will feel movements on board, and when at anchor we will always float to face the wind creating a lovely breeze. If you are prone to motion sickness, please bring medications, pressure bands, Bonine, or all-natural MQ patches. Diet can also help mitigate seasickness by limiting greasy food and alcohol intake. Avoid dehydrating drinks such as coffee and always stay hydrated with the prevalent sun and salt air.





Points of Interest

On your preference sheet and during our call, please share your expectations and wishlist for your time in the British Virgin Islands.

Some staple destinations guests like to hit along our sailing route are the awe-inspiring Baths on Virgin Gorda, the must-see Indians snorkel site, the Legendary Willy T, a day in Anegada with the option to drink and dine ashore, and the picture-perfect White Bay, Jost Van Dyke with the world famous Soggy Dollar Bar.



For live music and more great restaurants, Cane Garden Bay and North Gorda Sound offer excellent options. Scrub Island Resort or Oil Nut Bay offer luxury marina complexes where you can soak in the oceanfront freshwater swimming pools, relax in hammocks, and grab a cocktail from the swim-up bar.

Maybe a quiet secluded bay is more your style. With over a decade of exploration throughout the BVI, we know how to avoid the crowds.

Check out our Sample Itinerary and Charter Experience Enhancements for more add-ons.



Weather

The Virgin Islands is a prime sailing destination because of the consistent winds and warm temperature year round. Air temperatures average in the 70s and 80s degrees Fahrenheit (20s Celsius) with mostly sunny days and a little liquid sunshine (short rain showers), and sea temperatures range from 79 to 83 degrees Fahrenheit (26-28 Celsius). Clouds form in the 'mountains', and intermittent light rain is likely at least once a day; its refreshing after baking in the sun for a few hours.



Captain Joe monitors weather all throughout the day. Weather will dictate our itinerary, and we may make changes to our route throughout the week.



Currency

The local currency in the USVI and BVI is the US dollar.

Visa and Mastercard are taken at most establishments. AMEX, Discover, and Apple Pay are not widely accepted. Power outages are frequent, so it is always good to have extra cash. ATMs are not readily available, so travel with all the cash you may need.

Remember to call your bank and let them know you will be traveling internationally.

Gratuities

Caribbean industry standard for crew gratuity is 20% (\$3,000 - \$3,660) of your total charter rate to be scaled up or down. It is not included in your charter rate and can be given at your discretion.

We accept cash, personal checks from US Banks, and Venmo.

Checks: Mandy Rosello

Venmo: @Kuma_Too

Onshore, it is customary to tip service/bar staff and drivers 15-25%

We work very hard to exceed your expectations. If at any time a concern arises, please address it directly with us, so we can make it right for you.



Are You Ready?

You've got this far and are still interested in sailing with us on Kuma Too! Outstanding!

Let's take a look at packing and travel logistics, as you prepare for your BVI sailing adventure.





Packing

We provide eco-friendly Stream2Sea toiletries and a limited amount of reef-safe SPF30 Sunscreen and bug spray. We also provide all bath and swim towels, linens, and extra blankets. We also provide water bottles and cups, please leave your's at home since space is limited. Snorkel equipment is provided in various sizes.

Do not bring any illegal drugs

This includes marijuana in any form with or without a prescription. No gummies, vapes, oils, etc. It is illegal on board any vessel.

Smoking cigarettes and cigars is permitted on the back of the boat only. Absolutely no smoking or vaping, is allowed anywhere else on board. We provide an ashtray; never throw anything overboard.



Whatever you have packed, halve it....then halve it again. SERIOUSLY!
Here is our recommended packing list is as follows:

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Packing

- Valid Passport
- Any special medications with a valid prescription
- Underwater camera/GoPro and chargers for all electronics
- Soft-sided luggage
 - Duffle bag style is highly recommended since your luggage will be stored in your cabin. Any hard-sided luggage that will not collapse will take up limited floor and/or bed space and wheels will damage our flooring and shelves.
- Reef-safe sunscreen lotion
 - Do not bring tinted or colored sunscreen.
 - **Please bring lotion sunscreen**, as spray sunscreen is a safety hazard by making the deck slippery and will permanently stain surfaces.
- Non-aerosol bug spray
 - No-see-ums can be a nuisance! On shore, tiny mosquitos called no-see-ums, can bite; however, when anchored the breeze keeps them away. You will want bug spray for land exploration. We discourage all aerosol cans because it is so bad for our environment.
- Quick-dry clothing
 - A few pairs of shorts and lightweight shirts
 - Sun-protective clothing, such as rash guards, hats, and sunglasses
 - Avoid heavy clothing such as denim/jeans. They will weigh down your suitcase and be uncomfortable when moving around a boat and will not dry when they get wet.
- Beach Attire
 - A few bathing suits; beach cover ups or sundresses
 - All restaurants are casual around the Virgin Islands. If you plan on dining ashore in the evening, a sundress and light fabric pants or short with a polo or button down is more than appropriate. All restaurants will accept swimming attire if cover-ups are worn during lunchtime.
- Flip flops, comfortable walking shoes, and/or water shoes
 - On island you may be walking on sand and dirt roads, and on board there are many uneven surfaces. We prefer you go barefoot on board.
 - No heels or wedges
- Dry Bag
 - Although not required, if you have a dry bag for personal items and/or phones, it is useful for dinghy rides.
- Flags. We can fly any flags you want to bring (Sports, State, Alum, etc)
- Cash money



Travel Logistics

We are happy to arrange private ground transportation to meet you at the airport and/or ferry terminal if you'd like. Our driver will meet you with a sign to escort you to a private vehicle.

Our driver provides St. Thomas airport pick up for a discounted flat fee of \$100, and Tortola airport pick up is \$15 per person (\$45 minimum charge). Taxi fares around the island range from \$5 to \$20 per person depending on distance traveled. There are also many group taxi options at the airport and ferry terminals that are priced per person plus baggage fees.

Drivers take cash and gratuity is welcome.

Our Partners:

St. Thomas, Mr. James (340) 228-4840 Tortola, Yorell Ferrol (284) 496-0314





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If flying into St. Thomas, you have two options to get to Tortola:

1. Public Ferry Service:

St. Thomas (Charlotte Amalie) to Tortola (Road Town)

Native Son Ferry

Smith's Ferry

Road Town Fast Ferry

*Drive time from Road Town Ferry Terminal to Village Cay Marina is approx. 5 minutes (estimated \$6 per person using our recommended driver)

St. Thomas (Red Hook) to Tortola (West End)

Aquatic Rentals

*Drive time from West End Ferry Terminal to Village Cay Marina is approx. 30 minutes (estimated \$15 per person using our recommended driver).

2. Private water taxi:

A private water taxi will deliver you directly to and/or from Kuma Too and clear you through BVI Customs eliminating the potential 2+ hours in line at the ferry terminal Customs. The Captain handles the BVI Customs Clearance and assists with bags while you relax on board with refreshments.

*We highly recommend this option with Chill Out Charters



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We highly recommend Travel Insurance for the unexpected occurrences such as lost luggage, cancelled flights, medical emergencies, etc.

You are welcome to join the boat any time after 12pm noon of your charter start date. If you arrive early to the islands, please feel free to shop, explore, and dine. If you would like suggestions of things to do before your boarding, please let us know before arrival. Charter drop time is also 12pm noon. If you have a later flight, we can help you plan the rest of your day on island.

All guests must show a valid passport upon checking into BVI Customs; a passport card will not be accepted. Please check the expiration dates before coming on this trip. It must be current for at least 6 months beyond travel dates.



Kuma Too is a drug-free vessel.
We reserve the right to terminate your charter if this is violated.
Please see your Charter Yacht Contract for more information.



Other FAQs

Will I get bored on the boat?

Even in a secluded anchorage, there is no shortage of activities afloat! Kuma Too has countless water toys; whether you want to be pulled on the subwing, hike a nature trail, or lounge in one of our many floats, there is something for everyone. Kick up your feet on the custom beanbags positioned on the trampolines, soak in the sun, and enjoy your tropical surroundings. Kuma Too is also stocked with movies, books, and games for all ages. Snacking and dance parties will also fill your daily agenda!

Will you teach me how to sail?

Captain Joe loves educating others on sailing and how Kuma Too operates. He will happily put you on the helm to feel the wind in Kuma Too's sails that take us to our next destination. With 10 years of racing sailboats under his belt, Captain Joe enjoys taking full advantage of the wind. He is not a certified instructor. If you're not interested in participating, your only job is to relax!

Is there an age limit for children?

The safety equipment provided is for children 32 pounds and above. Being a family friendly vessel, we do require children are water-safe and able to swim without assistance.

Can we SCUBA dive from vessel?

We offer rendezvous SCUBA diving only, so we are happy to arrange a SCUBA diving excursion with a local vendor. The cost of the excursion is paid directly to the dive center. Although you cannot dive off Kuma Too, there is snorkeling in almost every bay we visit!

Can we fish?

Kuma Too is not a licensed fishing vessel in BVI. We are happy to arrange a fishing excursion during your vacation. The cost of a fishing excursion will be paid directly to the operator.