

mi. from the beach. The comfortable and attractive a/c rooms have refrigerators, fans, and phone. There are also two three-bedroom villas. Internet hookup is available, and TV/VCR is available in some of the rooms. Rates range from \$130–\$200 d. Weekly rates are available, and diving, sailing, windsurfing, and adventure packages are available.

The Tamarind Club (☎ 495-2477, reservations suggested), its congenial restaurant, is set by a pool. While sandwiches and Mexican dishes are served for lunch, dinner features *cordón bleu* cuisine. Lunch entrées run \$10 and up, dinner entrées start at \$18, and there's a Sunday Brunch (which includes a complimentary Mimosa or Bloody Caesar).

<http://www.tamarindclub.com>
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Josiah's Bay Plantation (☎ 494-6168, ☎ 494-2000), near the beach, is a home on a former sugar plantation which has been converted to art gallery, souvenir shop, and "frozen bar." Its **The Secret Garden** is a great restaurant.

<http://www.bviwelcome.com/ads/josiahbay/index.html>

Josiah's Bay Inn (☎ 495-782-4086; 407-782-4086) a variety of sizes of apartments for around \$599–\$1500 pw. They own the Grape Tree Bar and Grille located on the beach.

<http://www.bviwelcome.com/josiahbay/josiahbayinn@hotmail.com>



Up until 1966, when the road from Roadtown to West End was completed, it might take all day to travel from there to Roadtown.

LAMBERT BEACH: The **Elizabeth Beach Villas** (☎/☎ 495-2538; Box 478, East End) have a/c three-bedrooms with phone, TV/VCR, stereo, kitchen, and washer/dryer. Rates are \$1,500 pw summer and \$2,200 pw winter. The owners also have the **Mermaid Villa** on Beef Island.

<http://dmchislop.home.comcast.net/~dmchislopmermaid@surfbi.com>

EAST END: **Emile's Mexican Cantina** (☎ 495-1775), across the from Harbor View Marina, offers good Mexican food and pizza at reasonable prices. It hosts a lively weekend bar scene.

In Fat Hog's Bay, **Bing's Drop in Bar and Restaurant** (☎ 495-2627) provides the local fare which made it popular originally. It's open from 7 PM–2 AM Wed. and Thurs. and from 7 AM–4 PM on Fri. and Sat. There's a DJ every evening and art by Bing adorns the walls. Reservations are advised.

Also at Fat Hog's Bay, **De' Cal's Restaurant and Catering** (☎ 495-1429) serves three meals daily featuring pizza, and local food such as *rotis*.

Fat Hog Bob's (☎ 495-2126; dinner reservations suggested), Hodge's Creek, is open for three meals daily and features a late-night menu which is served "until the last man falls." Fresh fish, pasta, and lobster are among the offerings. There's a large-screen satellite TV. It also provides internet access and hosts a happy hour.

Hodges Creek Marina Hotel (☎ 494-5000, ☎ 494-7676; Box 633, Road Town) is associated with the yacht charter operation. It has a pool and 24 a/c rooms with satellite TV, two double beds, and phones. Winter rates run around \$200 d.

<http://www.hodgescreek.com>
info@hodgescreek.com

Set in East End's Fat Hog's Bay at Penn's Landing Marina, romantic **Eclipse**

(☎ 495 1646) offers vegetarian dishes, lobster ravioli, tempura, swordfish, and appetizers such as tuna carpaccio. Bouillabaisse and paella can be had if you give them 24 hrs. notice. It's open Mon. to Sat. 5–10 PM and offers a Sun. brunch. It's really hopping on many an evening.

<http://www.eclipse-restaurant.com>

EAST END SIGHTS: Local farmers raise livestock and cultivate crops on plots leased from the Dept. of Agriculture at the **Paraquita Bay Agricultural Station** (☎ 495-2447). Farmers are present early morning and late afternoon. Follow the paths.

The Center For Applied Marine Studies at Paraquita Bay, a division of H. Lavity Stout Community College, has a sculpture portraying a traditional sloop and some displays (on the second floor). The visitors center at its **Mangrove Wetlands Preservation Project** was dedicated by Princess Anne in 2005. The project is still under development.

Beef Island

This small island, virtually an extension of Tortola, has become increasingly popular as a destination in itself. Beef Island's name stems from the period when it provided beef for buccaneers, so-named because they would smoke the beef (*boucan*). Other imaginative explanations for the name have been proposed in the past. Some claimed it came from the cows a solitary old lady used to bring to pasture here. Another explanation maintained that Quakers raised indigo and cattle here during the 18th C. A final



For the sunset, ascend to Soldier's Hill above Cane Garden Bay. A good bar to hit is the one at Bananaquit at Heritage Villas.

story maintains that it was used as a transshipment point for cattle from Anegada.

The island remained virtually uninhabited up until 1939 when a Polish sailor arrived in Trellis Bay. Returning after the war, he erected the Trellis Bay Club, a set of stone buildings. Local legend insists that the island hosts a coterie of *duppies* (spirits).

A 300-ft. channel, which separates the island from Tortola, is spanned by the **Queen Elizabeth Bridge**, the original of which her Imperial Majesty herself dedicated in 1966. A new two-lane version opened in 2001. Crossing the bridge, the road to the L leads to the remains of a cattle estate house. This must be one of the smallest islands ever to boast an international airport. The new T. B. Lettsome International Airport opened in 2002.

Long Beach, near the 3,600-ft. runway, is is suitable for a dip before departure or after arrival. Unless you are a birdwatcher, leave nesting terns in peace by entering the beach from behind rather than through the salt pond.

A multi-million dollar resort is planned for the island. It will cover 690 acres (e.g. most of the island). It will include a marina, a 50-acre resort and hotel around Trellis Bay, a golf course, and a residential area. Quorum International, a Hong Kong-based version of Amway, has purchased the land and is funding the project. They've sold a 51% share to IYG (International Yachting Group) who own many of Tortola's marinas. The VIEC (Virgin Islands Environmental Council) is taking the government and developer to court over the Hans Creek area of the proposed development, as it is a marine protected area.

TRELLIS BAY: A well protected anchorage (which once served as a pirate's haven) and one of the best windsurfing spots (see