

1831. The tower over the front porch was added in 1834.

PROTESTANT CAY: Out across the harbor and popularly known as “The Cay,” it is the home of the **Hotel on the Cay**, as well as the blue-green St. Croix ground lizard, exterminated by the mongoose and now found only here and on Green Cay. Its name derives from the the late 1600s when non-Catholics, refused burial on the main island, were interred here. A ferry runs every ten min (\$3 RT if you are not a guest of the hotel).

ST. CROIX ARCHEOLOGICAL MUSEUM: If you are fortunate enough to arrive here when it is open, the **St. Croix Archeological Museum** (☎ 692-2365, 773-9595), 6 Company Street in **Apothecary Hall**, is well worth a visit. Artifacts here found on St. Croix date back as far as 2000 BCE. A wide selection of tools (shell and stone tools, flaked tools, and various shell implements) are among the items on display. The free museum is open on Sat., 10 AM–2 PM.

Also here is the recreated **Apothecary Shop** in **Apothecary Hall** which has finishing touches right down to the rocking chair and the fine collection of original bottles and vials on the shelves.

OTHERS: Constructed from limestone blocks, the **St. John’s Anglican Church** on King St. dates from 1849–1858; it was first established in 1772. It’s done in the Gothic Revival style prescribed for Anglican Churches worldwide. A few years younger (1852) and a bit farther down the road stands the **Friedenthal Moravian Church**. Founded by Moravians in the 1750s in order to evangelize and train enslaved Africans, it dates from 1852–1854.

Just **outside the town** are a number of ruins including the Estate Richmond (near

Bassin Triangle), the old Danish Prison, Estate Orange Grove, and Estate Hermon Hill (at Questa Verde and Hermon Hill Road). Jacobsberg Ridge (within walking distance nearby) commands an excellent view.

Villa Rentals

As on St. Thomas and St. John, renting a house is a comfortable way to visit the island.

Bidelspacher Rentals, 3 North Grapetree Bay, Christiansted (☎ 773-9250, 773-9040) represents “The Reef” condos (one and two bedrooms) on Teague Bay and two- and three-bedroom homes on the East End.

<http://www.bidelspacher.com>
requestinfo@bidelspacher.com

CMPI Vacation Rentals (☎ 778-8782, 800-496-7379), under Tutto Bene restaurant, rents private villas.

<http://www.enjoystcroix.com>
cpmi@fordrealestatell.com

Island Villas (☎ 800-626-4512 ☎ 772-2958, 800-626-4512), 340 Strand St. in Frederiksted, offers everything from studios up to five-bedroom residences.

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Vacation St. Croix (☎/☎ 778-0361, ☎ 778-5491, 877-788-0361), 1142 King St., offers rentals from \$2,500 d pw.

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Christiansted Accommodations

Except for Hotel on the Cay (which has a small beach), none of the hotels here have a beach. The advantages to staying in town are a good selection of restaurants, social life, and shopping.

Centrally located at 44A Queen Cross St., the pink with blue trim two-story European-

style **Hotel Caravelle** (☎ 773-0687, ☎ 778-7004, 800-524-0410) has 43 attractive a/c rooms with phone and cable TV with HBO. Other amenities include pool, restaurant, and watersports. It has the highest occupancy rate on the island. Rates run \$140–\$160 d. It has mixed reviews on tripadvisor.com

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Holger Danske (☎ 773-3600, ☎ 773-8828, 877-465-4373) charges \$120 d and up. Set right on the boardwalk, it has attractive but small rooms with a/c, balcony or patio, and phones; some have efficiencies. It has a pool as well as the Angry Nate's Restaurant. Open daily, it serves seafood and international dishes. Entrees start at \$16.

<http://www.holgerhotel.com>
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St. Croix's Hispanic-owned **Dorado Inn (Hotel) Bar & Restaurant** (☎ 692-5188), 17 Company St., specializes in Latin and local food and seafood. Rates range from \$75–\$110 d.

The 35-unit **King's Alley** (☎ 773-0103, ☎ 773-4431), 57 King St., has a set of 12 new suites (furnished with Danish West Indies furniture and custom-designed batiks). A/c and fan-equipped rooms (recently refurbished) have balconies (on upstairs rooms), phones, and cable TV. All rooms have king or twin beds. Refrigerators are available upon request. Rates range from \$110–\$170 d. A restaurant should be open by 2009. Read the reviews at tripadvisor.com before booking.

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Now owned by Danes, the 39-rm. **King Christian Hotel** (☎ 773-6330, ☎ 773-9411, 800-524-2012; Box 24467, St. Croix 00824)

has a pool. It's conveniently located by the waterfront at 59 King's Wharf. The hotel's "superior" rooms feature two double beds, a/c, color cable TV, telephone, refrigerator, room safe, bathroom w/shower, separated dressing area, and balcony. The "minimum" rooms feature private bath, a/c, telephone and one double or two single beds. Ask about their dive packages. Rates run around \$100–\$135 d.

<http://www.kingchristian.com>
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At 18 Queen Cross St., the **Breakfast Club** (☎ 773-7383, ☎ 773-8642) is a bed-and-breakfast which offers seven tastefully-decorated rooms with kitchenettes, mahogany beds, and fans. A full breakfast is included. All-year rates run around \$60 s, \$75 d; rates include government tax. A Sunday Brunch (reservation only) is held from 11 AM–1 PM.

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The Company House Hotel (☎ 773-1377, 2 Company St., was restored in 2007. Its 27 a/c rooms (which include one suite) feature refrigerator, phone, color cable TV with free HBO, and a pool. Rates run around \$70.80 d including taxes and continental breakfast. It has a conference room. It is a sister hotel to King Christian.
<http://www.companyhousehotel.com>

At #1 Strand St., **Club Comanche** is currently under renovation.

At 27 Prince St., **Pink Fancy** (☎ 773-8460, ☎ 773-6448; 800-524-2045) is a white-and-pink colored historic landmark which dates from 1780. It was first lovingly restored a century later. This is a place best suited for those into hanging out and getting to know people. The Pink Fancy has a pool and is within easy walk-