

# APOGEE ADVENTURES

## 2024 Caribbean Service: Virgin Islands

### Summarized Itinerary

**Trip Begins:** St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands

**Trip Ends:** St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands

**Day 1-2:** Our group will meet at St. Croix's Henry E. Rohlsen Airport this afternoon. Once everyone arrives, we'll make the short trip over to our accommodations nestled in the foothills of the island's mountainous region. After getting acquainted on our first evening together, we will dedicate our first full day to familiarizing ourselves with the island. To start, we will hike to the island's highest point, explore our first beach, and take a dip in the island's crystal-clear water.

**Days 3-5:** On the morning of Day 3, we will meet with our first service partner: The Nature Conservancy. We will spend our next few mornings working with the Conservancy, gathering turtle-nesting data, planting native species, and helping maintain their vast network of trails. Our afternoons will be spent exploring St. Croix's tranquil beach coves and hiking on the island's eastern trail system. During this time, we will also hop into kayaks with professional guides for an evening under the stars, paddling out to witness the mesmerizing bioluminescence of Salt River Cove.

**Days 6-9:** Midway through the trip, we'll head out on a boat tour to Buck Island, a protected National Monument about 30 minutes off the coast of St. Croix. Dropping anchor, we will learn snorkeling techniques from professional guides before our snorkel tour of the reef around Buck Island. Returning to land after our action-packed morning adventure, we will spend time exploring Christiansted, and, perhaps, get in a load of laundry, too. We'll continue our service work over the next few days and will even take a morning to wake up early and head to the easternmost point on St. Croix to watch the sun rise over the Atlantic Ocean and enjoy a picnic breakfast.

**Days 10-12:** On Day 10, we'll meet up with our final service partner, who we'll assist with their efforts to conserve and protect the nesting environments of leatherback sea turtles on the island. After spending a day and a half working with them, we'll cap off our trip with a meal out on the town to celebrate our accomplishments and hard work! On Day 12, we'll head to the airport and say goodbye to our "Apogee family," promising to stay in touch with all our new friends!

*Please note that all itineraries are subject to change.*

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