2027 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. We'll do a short hike around the property we're staying on, learning about (and maybe eating) various native fruits growing on the property. In the afternoon, we'll head to our first of many pristine beaches before returning for an early dinner to prep for our bio-bay kayaking tour! Professional guides will bring us out into Salt River Cove to experience the magic of paddling through bioluminescent waters.

Days 3-4: 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, 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 extensive eastern trail system.

Days 5-6: 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 heading into the water to observe the beautiful underwater ecosystem around the coral reef (witnessing schools of tropical fish, and, if we're lucky, dolphins and sea turtles!). Returning to land after our action-packed adventure, we'll spend the next day working with Ruff Start, a St. Croix-based animal shelter. We'll work at their dog adoption event and help maintain their facilities.

Days 7-9: On Day 7, we'll meet up with our final service partner, the Ocean Foundation, 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 and learning from them, we'll cap off our trip with a meal out on the town to celebrate our accomplishments and hard work! On Day 9, 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 each Caribbean Service: Virgin Islands group might experience the activities above in a slightly different order. All itineraries are subject to change.

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