

Note from Owners:

These are all of our actual reviews from inception through 4/26/17. They were copied directly from one of our listing sites. They have only been edited for formatting.

Thank you to all our guests for being so gracious in your praise. Believe us when we say, we love Escape Villa, JVD and its wonderful people as much as you do!

Anonymous said...

Feb 28, 2017

Exceptional Villa on the Beach

Date of Stay

Jan 20, 2017

The villa was all we hoped for and more! Booking was a breeze. Frankie & Lydia are the best on-island contacts! Would not hesitate to return.

Recommended for: Families with Young Children, Girls Getaway, Tourists without a Car, Adventure Seekers, Families with Teenagers.

My Response

Glad you loved it!!! Come back again soon!!!

Thomas C.

Jan 24, 2017

Pictures worth a thousand words. What you see is what you get, and it was beautiful!

There was nothing we wanted for. All of the bedrooms were comfortable, private, beautiful views. The deck and pool were the perfect place to relax. The kitchen was modern and fully equipped. The outdoor fridges (deck and chillax) were most convenient. The beach was steps from the outdoor bar. Our hosts Lydia and Frankie could not have been more accommodating. Provisions from Riteway arrived as we did. Easy Eddie was the best taxi driver we could have asked for. It was a perfect week. We will be back if you'll have us!

Date of Stay

Jan 6, 2017

My Response

Glad you enjoyed everything as much as we do!!! Can't wait to have you back!!!

Edit your Response

Susan C.

Oct 15, 2016

Escape villa - appropriately named!

Absolutely amazing! From the location to the incredible home, it just doesn't get any better. The layout of the house is super for a group of large family. Kitchen is well equipped and lots of provisions in the home. The view and sunsets are amazing! Rented a dingy from Frankie and sailed on calypso with captain Colin - you need to do both! If you get the chance to stay here, you will not regret it - wonderful memories and amazing people on the island of jost van dyke. The managers, Frankie and Lydia are just the best! I think Lydia runs the island - I would vote for her! Can't wait to return.

Date of Stay
Oct 7, 2016

My Response

Glad you guys loved it!!! Looking forward to having you stay again.

Dan
Aug 24, 2016

The property and location are perfect.

Having stayed at Escape Villa for the third time, everything was as great as we expected. The house and grounds are well taken care of and the management team is fantastic. Looking forward to staying a fourth time.

Date of Stay
Aug 5, 2016

My Response

Great to have you stay again and let's book the next adventure!!! Thank you.

melanie g.
Jul 21, 2016

Paradise on White Bay

Three families just returned from a fantastic week at The Escape Villa. First visit ever to the BVI and it did not disappoint. The house is terrific and really worked well for all three families. The pool and deck outside the kitchen is amazing - with the views of the bay, boats, and St. Johns and St. Thomas in the distance this became our hangout when not down on the beach or snorkeling. Lydia was great - very helpful, checked on us a couple times during the week, and was extremely friendly and personable. Ivan's is next door (pretty sleepy this time of year) and Soggy Dollar, Hendo's Hideout, Coco Loco are only a five minute walk down the beach. There is a Keurig as well as a regular coffee pot, plenty of ice with a commercial ice maker on the pool patio, several beverage coolers, blender, microwave, etc. - most everything was in great condition and very clean throughout. Will definitely return!

Date of Stay

Jul 8, 2016

My Response

Glad you guys loved it and can't wait to have you back!

Dee P.

Jul 5, 2016

Best Property on Jost Van Dyke

We had a great time at the Escape Villa. Spent the week there with a group of 10. My wife and I, our boys and their wives, two grandchildren and my sister and her husband. The place was perfect for the group. Great Location on the beach between Ivan's and the Soggy Dollar. The property manager's Frankie and Lydia were friendly and helpful and the people on JVD were great. The place was immaculate and well stocked with staples and had all the kitchen needs and the outdoor grill. The views from the Villa were incredible as we spent many hours relaxing by the pool in the early morning and in the late afternoon and the beach was steps away. The Escape Villa is Best Place on the Island. JVD was a treat as it very laid back. We rented a boat from JVD Scuba to use diving and touring the BVI and made our way to the Baths and Norman Island on day trips. Captain David was a great tour guide and dive instructor. He would take us to dive spots that most don't go to because they are too far for dive shops that are not on JVD. Had a great time at Foxy's Taboo, Foxy's and the Soggy Dollar. Had a great Meal at Sydney's in Little Harbor. The Custom's Officer on JVD was also a waiter at Foxy's Taboo and we saw him in town most every day and would ask if we were having a good time on the island. I told him we were doing our part to help the local economy. The locals were welcoming and friendly. We did rent a SUV to help with getting around, it had bench seat in the back and could fit all 10 of us in it. JVD did lose electricity a few times due to storms, or someone on Tortola not refueling the generator, but it's JVD, so enjoy it. Our only real problem was that our week was too short. Should have been a 14 day week instead of a seven day week.

Date of Stay

Jun 17, 2016

My Response

Glad you guys loved it and can't wait to have you back again!!!

Vivian H.

Jun 6, 2016

Excellent Property - Terrible Service

While the properties are wonderful, the caretakers leave much to be desired. Our first issue was with grocery delivery. They advertise clearly that grocery pick up and delivery are services that should be provided and expected by guests of the properties for an additional fee. I attempted to do this a month in advance, offered to pay the fee, and was first ignored. I contacted her again a couple of weeks later and then was sent a very curt reply that basically said to do it myself. I never received a response to my follow up. As such, after

getting up at 3 a.m. and traveling for 12 hours with a group of 14 people, we were forced to leave half of our group at the ferry dock to wait for the 4:00 p.m. ferry (which arrived 30 min after we did). These people then had to maneuver almost 50 boxes of groceries and beverages onto a taxi, get them to the house, and put them away. This left the other half of us to get all the luggage alone. We were exhausted and this was absolutely a horrible way to begin our vacation. Her "excuse" was that we used Bobby's Marketplace, rather than her recommendation, and she doesn't think they provide adequate service. Personally, we have provisioned with Bobby's four times, and each time the service has been flawless. This time was no exception. I don't think it should be up to the caretaker who provides the groceries for guests. After a horrible experience upon arrival due to the added hassle, we did not see her upon arrival. We arrived unattended, let ourselves in, and began the process of trying to unpack and put things away. Lydia arrived about an hour after we arrived and then rudely demanded we all stop what we were doing (trying to unpack and get cleaned up so that we could finally relax) so that she could give us a 5 minute tour of the house. We never saw her again. Apparently, my speaking to her about the provisioning made her decide to ignore us for the rest of the trip. She also tried to demand additional money for the taxi even though we paid exactly what he asked and what was the published rate. The driver was her father in law. We paid a large sum to rent Escape Villa and the Pink House. While the properties are exceptional, we will not consider them again due to the service provided. At that price, service should be exceptional.

Date of Stay
May 27, 2016

My Response

We are very sorry that our service didn't live up to your expectations. However, we have received nothing but positive feedback regarding our property managers (Franky & Lydia). Due to this, we feel compelled to note a few exceptions to your comments: 1) the personal services they provide our guests are optional (not "should be provided") and should be arranged in advance. In this case, you failed to use the vendor we recommend for groceries and did not communicate well with our managers. 2) our managers are hardworking, honest and always try to exceed our guests expectations. We have numerous guests that stay with us specifically because of this. Your experience is completely contrary to every single other guest we've had. 3) the local taxi drivers are also hard working and honorable people, especially the one who is referenced. We strongly disagree with the insinuation that anything was afoul with his service. We and our other guests have used him hundreds of times without incident.

Timm S.
Jun 1, 2016

Truly an amazing way to experience Jost

As a long time Jost fan, I've had the opportunity to see this house being built from the ground up. This year, we had the pleasure of renting it for the week, and I must say it was everything we hoped it would become. It truly strikes the balance of authenticity and luxury in a place that most Virgin Island travelers will never get to see. The Chillax area transformed in our own private beach bar, and the soaking pool was a favorite for the kids.

The air conditioning in the bedrooms works fantastically, and the views are stunning. Really wonderful addition to one of our favorite places in the world!

Date of Stay
May 20, 2016

My Response

Really glad you guys enjoyed it so much and can't wait to have you back again!

Anonymous
May 16, 2016

Stunning views and beautiful property

Once again we had an exceptional vacation in our favorite home away from home. I can't say enough about Escape Villa. Everything has been thought of from spacious bedrooms to the outdoor shower and bath by the kitchen, to the Chillax pavilion on the beach. We spent more time at the house this trip and have to say we felt right at home and did not want to leave! The kitchen is well equipped with everything!! You can cook in or eat out at the many restaurants around the island. Escape Villa is located on a White Bay just a short walk from Soggy Dollar, One Love, Loco Taco and next door to Ivan's! Snorkel, paddle board, float on a raft, hike to the top of JVD, or enjoy the infinity pool for a late afternoon swim. Whatever you decide, you will NOT be disappointed! And if there is anything you need, property managers Frankie and Lydia are happy to help!

Date of Stay
Apr 29, 2016

Danielle E.
May 10, 2016

A week in paradise!

I can't even think of where to start! Our week at Escape Villa was by far the BEST vacation I've ever been on. Our group included 6 couples total, ranging from mid-20's to 50's - this villa was perfect for us! Several of us had stayed on Jost before and others were first-timers. From the moment we arrived in St. Thomas, Lydia was more than helpful arranging our transportation once we got to Jost. We had a bit of a delay in our flight that day, but she was super helpful making everything else run smoothly. Frankie provided our transportation for the week while traveling to dinner. The house itself is breathtaking - everything you could ask for and more. The infinity pool is a bonus as well! We spent a few evenings lounging by the pool after a long day on the beach and roaming down to the Soggy Dollar and Hendo's (a new favorite of ours!). Chillax was a great place to get some shade and a cold beer after spending time on the beach. The views are spectacular and the beach phenomenal! There were plenty of outdoor games and rafts to float on. We especially loved trying the paddle boards! It was heartbreaking having to leave, but exciting to know that our group had the trip of a lifetime and will be back again! Anne and Lydia, I can't thank you both enough for your hospitality and assistance with planning this trip and making our stay so wonderful!

What better way to turn 30 in my favorite place! We will staying with you again for sure!
Thank you again for sharing your piece of paradise with us!

Date of Stay
Apr 22, 2016

My Response

Thank you! We are so happy that you had a great time! We look forward to having you visit again soon!

Rosemarie D. said...

Mar 5, 2016

There are not enough words!

Date of Stay

Feb 12, 2016

I'm almost afraid to give a review in fear that this outstanding villa will become too popular. The house is clean & beautiful. Plenty of room to spread out & so private. The amenities are too many to list, the awesome ice maker, the laundry room & lets not forget the pool. Lydia & Frankie were very accommodating & sweet. The whole island lost electric for about 24hrs & it was no problem. Lydia came with flashlights. We had our music, board games & liquor. What else do you need. Many of the bars & restaurants had generators so we were able to get food for dinner. We put the little bit of breakfast & snack items we had in the freezer on ice packs to preserve them. The ice maker had so much ice it got us through the 24 hours just fine. We provisioned with Rite Way in Tortola & supplemented from Rudys market. On our last night we wanted to spend time at the house so we ordered pizzas from Corsairs delivered by taxi. The only thing I would recommend is to bring back up chargers for phones & such because electric does go out occasionally. The view is incredible & you couldn't ask for anymore for a memorable vacation.

Recommended for: Families with Young Children, Girls Getaway, Tourists without a Car, Age 55+, Romantic Getaway, Families with Teenagers.

My Response

Glad you guys enjoyed it and can't wait for you to come back again!

Theresa said...

Jan 12, 2016

Paradise!

Date of Stay

Dec 31, 2015

The Escape Villa is a beautiful home with incredible views. This property has every amenity you could ask for and more! The property and its location make it 5 star all the way.

Rock K. said...

Jan 13, 2016

Escape Villa is not a location, it is an experience

Date of Stay

Dec 24, 2015

Thank you for the opportunity to experience your awesome villa on Jost Van Dyke. You've done an excellent job of balancing the "exceptional vacation home" versus the "vacation rental" concept. Fresh water, hot water, laundry, kitchen, bedrooms, showers, beach equipment, pool, outdoor facilities, televisions (rarely used) and "the choice of beach location" on Jost are excellent examples of well thought out choices. We were happy to pay your price for the rental. Likewise, I cannot say enough good things about your onsite managers, Lydia and Franky. We established a "tab" at Gertrude's early in the week and visited that end of the beach every other day. "Pizza Dave" from Corsairs took care of us with delivery (by taxi) after our late arrival. We ate another lunch and dinner at Corsairs, during the week. Our final night together included lobster at Sydney's. Ivan's was our go to place for the occasional breakfast and lunch eaten out of the villa. We could not rent a car, due to our late booking versus the large NYE crowd. A car rental is completely unnecessary on the island, when you know how to navigate the various beach locations and taxi services. Late on the second day we noticed the pool was not cycling (over). We called Franky and he backwashed the filter, plus added water, while we were out for dinner. The pool was fine the balance of the week. For those who can afford your villa, I would (and will) highly recommend it to everyone. As for our choice (opportunity) to visit Jost during the NYE (Old Year's Eve) celebration, we are glad to mark that off our bucket list. The visit was very enjoyable and exciting. Even after listening to plenty of stories about Foxy's Old Years Eve celebration, we were shocked at the masses of boats and people. Weather cooperated, with a few morning showers early in the week. Now that my wife and I are in our mid-fifties, the craziness of Foxy's on NYE is more fun to watch, than to partake in. My wife I and I have travelled to Jost on three other occasions, arriving twice by vessel for day trips and staying one week once in another villa. We are visiting again later this spring via catamaran day trip and will certainly brag to the other couples on that vessel about your accommodations. I know of nothing close to the quality of your villa in White Bay. Thank you so much for creating the Escape Villa, as not just as a vacation location, but as a vacation experience. We will be back.

Mary G. said...

Jan 11, 2016

great place to stay

Date of Stay

Dec 18, 2015

We spent Christmas on Jost at Escape Villa and it was terrific. The house is in a fantastic location and well equipped. Definitely recommend having Frankie pick you up in his water taxi..so easy and fast. We rented a car which was great for going to town and to Taboo...Lydia was so sweet and we loved being able to walk to the Soggy Dollar and Ivans...can't wait to return...its a quiet island at night, but it was great to go to bed early and get up and climb to the top of the island in the morning for exercise...

Recommended for: Girls Getaway, Romantic Getaway, Families with Teenagers.

My Response

We are so happy you had a great time. We look forward to having you visit again soon!

Tracy C. said...

Nov 3, 2015

ESCAPE VILLA: Beautiful Home, Beautiful Island, Beautiful Beach & Beautiful People.

Date of Stay

Oct 16, 2015

Not only is this home in a wonderful location on one of the most beautiful stretches of white sand on Jost Van Dyke, it has every amenity you could want. Washer & Dryer was super nice to have (pack light!) You will literally live in your swim suit all week. Satellite TV, we were even able to watch our Colts and Buccaneers play on Sunday in the party bar downstairs. Internet, top notch appliances, etc. One of the BEST surprises was the commercial ice maker boy, did that come in handy! Also, another cool touch was the pool. One of the only, if not the only rental with a pool directly on the beach with a KILLER view of St. John & St. Thomas. The house managers, Frankie and Lydia are so sweet and helpful, they do their best and it shows. Lydia even raced to the house to give us all hugs and to say goodbye when our time was over and we had to relinquish the house back....(one of saddest days of my life). Thank you so much for the surprise Escape Villa Beach bag with goodies that Lydia presented me with for my 50th!! It was certainly the best week ever to spend with best friends celebrating my 50th birthday in style. This house is superb and if you are lucky enough to find time to get away and able to get a reservation for a week here....You are lucky enough!

Recommended for: People with Disabilities, Families with Young Children, Girls Getaway, Tourists without a Car, Adventure Seekers, Age 55+, Romantic Getaway, Families with Teenagers.

Kris L said...

Aug 1, 2015

The perfect location for a beach lovers vacation!

Date of Stay

Jul 17, 2015

Our stay at Escape Villa was perfect! You are very lucky to have such a beautiful home on such a beautiful island! Over the years we have stayed in all of the White Bay Villa rentals and the Pink House rentals as well, but the Escape Villa was by far our favorite!! The kids loved having the pool....the adults loved having the ice maker!! :) Your property managers, Frankie and Lydia, are WONDERFUL!! They are both so nice, very helpful and just a lot of fun to hang out with and talk to. We will definitely choose Escape Villa for all our future Jost Van Dyke vacations!

Recommended for: Families with Young Children, Girls Getaway, Tourists without a Car, Romantic Getaway, Families with Teenagers.

My Response

We agree with you! We are very lucky to have Escape Villa. Thank you for the great review and we hope to have you back as our guests soon!

Anonymous said...

Jul 29, 2015
Best Beach Villa
Date of Stay
Jul 10, 2015

Group of four couples that stayed in July 2015. The location of the villa is impossible to beat. The villa is situated right on the beach on the eastern end of beautiful White Bay. It is hard to find a villa in the Virgin Islands that is right on the beach. The villa has everything you need, including a washer and dryer. One thing I did not see listed on the website is that the villa has its own ice maker like you see at a hotel. Our group usually goes through 2 or 3 bags of ice a day when down in the islands and the ice maker never came close to running out. That ice maker is a great amenity! The Chillax bar area is right on the beach so if you wanted a few minutes out of the sun, step into Chillax and if so inclined, you can turn on the outside TV to catch up on sports. There is a mini fridge as well at Chillax that kept the beverages very cold. There is not many people around this end of White Bay but a 5 minute walk over Black Rock will take you to Soggy Dollar, Gertrudes, Seddy;s One Love, Coco Locos and more. This allows you to alternate between the laid back beach at the villa and the party scene down on the other end of White Bay. There is only a small grocery store on Jost (Rudy's) so we provisioned from RiteWay on Tortola. Go to their website and order what you need. They put it on the 1pm ferry to Jost and Lydia had it all unpacked for us when we arrived. The kitchen has everything you need and we made full use of it. We ate out at Foxy's and Sydney's for BBQ (both were great) but the rest of the night we cooked and stayed at the villa. We arranged a water taxi with Frankie to get us from St Thomas to Jost. The villa has standup paddle boards and various floats. There are a couple of huge rectangular floats that you place in the water and have room for 4 or 5 people to hang out on. My favorite memory of the trip was sitting with my wife in the infinity pool that looks out over White Bay. The day was coming to an end when a 25 foot or so center console comes cruising lazily around the boats docked in White Bay in front of the villa playing Kenny Chesney's "It's That Time of Day". As the song is coming to a close you could hear Kenny singing "Adios to Jost" fade away as the boat slips into the deep water heading to St Thomas. That was a perfect moment and unfortunately, we had to say Adios to Jost ourselves when the vacation ended. Escape is a great villa and would recommend it to anyone.

Recommended for: Families with Young Children, Sightseeing, Girls Getaway, Tourists without a Car, Romantic Getaway, Families with Teenagers.

My Response

Glad you loved it and can't wait to have you back again!

Island Mike said...
Jun 30, 2015
Best Beach House on Jost van Dyke
Date of Stay
Jun 12, 2015

This was our 6th trip to JVD and our first time staying at the new Escape Villa! It was obvious that every detail was well thought out in the design of this property! We had a group of 6 adults and two teenagers for 2 weeks and the design gave the adults the needed privacy one would hope for! It is a

property that has everything it says it has and this year's trip was our best yet! Look no more!!! Book it now, before I rebook and take your date! LOL!! In my view there is no better place in the world to get away from the fast paced world to CHILAX and recharge your batteries!

Recommended for: Families with Young Children, Sightseeing, Girls Getaway, Adventure Seekers, Age 55+, Romantic Getaway, Families with Teenagers.

My Response

Glad you guys loved it and can't wait to have you back!!!

Renee' said...

May 26, 2015

4 couples vacation

Date of Stay

May 15, 2015

We enjoyed your home. I really liked how you can enter each bedroom with out going into the main house. Lydia has answered every question we had. Loved the pool it was great to refresh in this area after a long day at the beach, or visiting other islands or a long day of fishing. We loved that we could set up a meal out on the patio for all 8 of us. The water toys were a plus. We made a platform for us all to lay on out on the water and relax to get some sun. The cab ride to town and back was 5.00 a person each time so that does add up. Would be nice to have a golf cart or a electric ride to town but now sure if that would work because the hills are so steep. We walked to town a couple of times. Ivans next door was nice for a change of pace. Walking to soggy dollars and one love was a breeze.. Great views from each room. I must say this is one of the top places I have stayed and clean.. I work for American Airlines and have traveled the world and I will recommend this place to everyone. Thanks for sharing your wonderful villa. PS if you want lobster to cook go up by soggy dollar and just ask around we got it for 7.00 a pound and cooked it at the house Yummmmy. Have fun relax and enjoy. Missing it already. Ferry's can change or be late so be prepared . Book late flight out of St Thomas.

Recommended for: Families with Young Children, Sightseeing, Girls Getaway, Adventure Seekers, Age 55+, Romantic Getaway, Families with Teenagers.

My Response

Glad you guys loved it and can't wait to have you back!

Nancy T said...

May 4, 2015

Best Vacation Ever!!

Date of Stay

Apr 24, 2015

I am hesitant to write a review, because I don't want anyone else to know about this amazing place!!! I went with my husband and two other couples for a week, and I have to say, that this was the best vacation we have ever had hands down!! We were fortunate enough to visit the house last year during spring break, and after my tour of the place I immediately booked it for the last week in April this year! The villa is absolutely perfect! It feels like home and the owners have thought about EVERYTHING!! Really, all you have to do is show up, because Frankie and Lydia are fantastic hosts! They and their children are wonderful! I cannot wait until we go back again. I can see why they chose that place to build a home. Every bedroom has its own bathroom and the kitchen is fully equipped with everything you need while you're there. The pool is so inviting and refreshing. The Chillax pavilion by the beach offers a large area to entertain while offering privacy from passing people. We went snorkeling, boating, used the SUPs and visited neighboring islands. Eddie Chinnery was an excellent chauffeur and always on time when we called him to pick us up if we were going around the island! My husband said that this was the best vacation he has ever had, and he has traveled every where! So, thank you so much for having us and for the feeling of being "at home" while away from home. I hope everyone will take care of this villa and treat it like their own, because the owners have gone out of their way to make it special and luxurious!

Recommended for: Sightseeing, Girls Getaway, Tourists without a Car, Adventure Seekers, Age 55+, Romantic Getaway, Families with Teenagers.

My Response

Glad you guys loved it...can't wait to have you back again!

Dan said...

Mar 24, 2015

Escape Villa BVI The Best.

Date of Stay

Mar 13, 2015

Having stayed on Jost Van Dyke three previous time, our week at Escape Villas was by far the best experience that we have had. The overall layout of the three structures are perfect. The owners thought of everything when they built this new villa. The staff went above and beyond for us. They made sure that we had everything that we needed and were very friendly and accommodating. The location of the villa also made it a hit. Close to Ivan's and a short walk to Soggy Dollar and One Love. We will definitely be back.

Recommended for: Families with Young Children, Girls Getaway, Tourists without a Car, Age 55+, Romantic Getaway, Families with Teenagers.

nick p. said...

Mar 25, 2015

Perfect vacation

Date of Stay

Mar 6, 2015

JVD & Escape Villa is the perfect family vacation spot. Escape Villa is has it all - spacious bedrooms & living/tv area, infinity pool, grilling area and "chillax" pavilion by the beach. The beach is pristine and nearly private. JVD offers plenty of great bars/restaurants, snorkeling trips, fishing, etc. and the ability for an extremely relaxing vacation. This was our second spring break at Escape Villa and we have already booked for next year.

samantha h. said...

Mar 25, 2015

Escape Villa....a great place to stay!

Date of Stay

Feb 22, 2015

We were fortunate enough to stay 2 weeks at Escape Villa. The 1st week we had our teenage kids with us and they had a blast! The set up of the 2 houses was a perfect layout for the 9 of us. The house was fully equipped with everything we could possibly want or need. The owners thought of absolutely everything a person may need while staying at the villa... Snorkel gear, SUPs, the infinity pool, the Chillax, the beautiful beach, each bedroom with a full bathroom. Lydia and Frankie were outstanding hosts. They were a phone call away if we had any questions. The location of the Escape villa cannot be beat. It's on the quiet end of White Bay, so you have as much privacy as you desire and it's just a short dinghy ride or walk down to some great places to eat. We look forward to going back to the Escape Villa very soon!

Recommended for: Families with Young Children, Sightseeing, Girls Getaway, Tourists without a Car, Adventure Seekers, Romantic Getaway, Families with Teenagers.

Diane said...

Jan 3, 2015

A SLICE OF HEAVEN!

Date of Stay

Nov 19, 2014

We were fortunate enough to stay here in November - and I say fortunate because by the time we left we felt we had been given a gift. It was a treat to have a unique small caribbean island experience and the stay was beyond our expectations in every way (we have rented many villas in the Caribbean over the years). We started with a wonderful welcome from Franky and his making our trip over to the island seamless and then his wife Lydia meeting our every need during our stay - this couple makes the whole trip everything you want it to be and we adored them. We were more than thrilled that the pictures of the Villa actually matched the villa in person (so many times this is not the case). If anything, the villa is even more beautiful. And to walk a few steps out the door to one of the most beautiful beaches in the caribbean was priceless- felt like our own private beach. The villa is built into the land beautifully, with every room having a stunning view of the blue blue waters. The gourmet kitchen may be the best equipped we have experienced, with the making of any meal, large or small stress free and enjoyable. Each bedroom is very spacious with furniture and bedding I would expect in a private home, not a rental. (the mattress was amazing) We loved all of the outdoor spaces and have never been so relaxed. We also loved hanging at the patio table by the plunge pool every morning for coffee and in the evenings having pre and after dinner drinks at "Chillax" (part of the villa) as it is right on the beach with an outdoor bar-flat screen tv-and plenty of seating (including a

hammock)- We could have stayed here the whole time and never left the Villa. We also loved being able to walk across the rocks to Soggy Dollar and all the other great bars/restaurants on White Bay (while quite lively during the day - they transform to white cloth covered tables (still casual) delicious restaurants at night with good wine lists and food- that was a great surprise as we had only visited White Bay during the day previous to this trip.) All places were child friendly and we loved that we could either chill out and relax quietly at the villa/beach or take a short walk and enjoy a more lively atmosphere - truly the best of both worlds only steps apart. While the island is small, the restaurants are terrific. Only regret is that we are not back there right now! This is definitely a slice of Heaven.

Recommended for: Families with Young Children, Sightseeing, Girls Getaway, Tourists without a Car, Adventure Seekers, Age 55+, Romantic Getaway, Families with Teenagers.

My Response

Thank you for the great review and we can't wait to have you back again in 2015!

Steve R. said...

Sep 6, 2014

Fabulous villa on pristine beach!

Date of Stay

Aug 15, 2014

This was our second trip to JVD and Escape Villa is truly the best of the best! The villa has everything you need starting from the gourmet kitchen that is fully stocked, air conditioning throughout, wifi, satellite TV, washer/dryer, and much more. The villa has large, spacious bedrooms and is beautifully decorated. We never felt like we were staying in a vacation home but more like a luxury retreat! The villa has it all, luxury linens, toiletries, water sports equipment for the kids. The owners thought of everything when building this fabulous home. The infinity pool was a great way to relax after a full day of boating and snorkeling. There are so many water activities to choose from. We snorkeled and paddle boarded right behind the villa in White Bay and saw tarpon and turtles. We rented a whaler from JVD Scuba and toured the island including Sandy Spit and Sandy Cay, where there are secluded beaches and fabulous snorkeling. Additionally, we did a day excursion with Tanya from JVD Scuba and explored the wreck of the Rhone and saw turtles, barracuda, rays, and so many colorful fish. Then we headed to Cooper Island where we had a fabulous lunch at the Cooper Island Beach Club. We were able to cook many meals during the stay at the Villa but we also enjoyed dining at The Soggy Dollar, Gertrudes, Ali Baba's and Foxy's Taboo. The service and food was terrific at all of these restaurants. The three teenagers with us learned to scuba dive with Tanya at JVD Scuba as well. She was a great host for our family and had a ton of experience and knowledge. If you truly want to get away from it all, then Escape Villa is the perfect retreat. We would love to do it again but stay longer next time!

Recommended for: Families with Young Children, Girls Getaway, Tourists without a Car, Adventure Seekers, Age 55+, Romantic Getaway, Families with Teenagers.

My Response

Glad you all enjoyed it so much!

Anonymous said...

Aug 19, 2014

Couldn't have asked for anything more!

Date of Stay

Jul 2, 2014

We traveled to Jost Van Dyke for a week in early July and stayed at Escape Villa. Everything about the vacation and Escape Villa was heavenly! From the beginning, it was a pleasure working with Anne to secure the rental, who was nothing but accommodating throughout the process and always responded promptly to any questions we sent. They sent a wonderful visitor's package that included all of the information we would need for our stay: options for getting to JVD, where to order groceries, etc. The house itself was superb and even exceeded my expectations. The pictures, while great, don't do it justice. We were a full house - there were twelve of us staying there - and found that the house was well equipped with everything we would need. The bedrooms are spacious and comfortable. The living room opens up to the patio with the infinity pool, which was wonderful to relax in at the end of the night or prior to getting ready to go out to dinner. The chillax area was a very convenient addition as well and the grounds are beautifully maintained. Lydia, who was the house manager during our stay, was great as well - she always made sure we had everything we needed. We spent most of our days on the pristine beach outside of the house, which is conveniently located next door to Ivan's Stress Free Bar, where we would wander to pick up drinks or snacks. My sister said she found it to be the best vacation she had been on and already wants to secure the Escape Villa for next year! Personally, I would recommend the Escape Villa to anyone thinking of visiting JVD.

Recommended for: Families with Young Children, Girls Getaway, Tourists without a Car, Age 55+, Romantic Getaway, Families with Teenagers.

My Response

Glad you guys enjoyed it so much and looking forward to having you back next year!

Linda P. said...

Apr 7, 2014

An amazing villa retreat on an idyllic island.

Date of Stay

Mar 21, 2014

Escape Villa is an amazing retreat. It was perfect for us (family of 3, w/ 8 yr old boy) and we lacked for nothing. The villa is beautiful and well appointed. It seems as if no small detail were overlooked. You can tell that this retreat was put together with care by a family that will be using it themselves, as well as renting out to others. The kitchen is fully stocked with high end cookware for anyone wanting to cook in or just heat up a little breakfast. The bedrooms are comfortable with luxury linens and plenty of storage space. The "kids" bedroom is large and could be a lot of fun with a big group of kids. The living area is comfortable and perfect. TV worked great, for the little that we used it. We very much enjoyed sitting outside for breakfast and afternoon cocktails, enjoying the beautiful view

and sunset. The infinity pool was used quite a bit, especially during the down time before heading out to eat. It is a perfect setting. The owner and their onsite help, Lydia & Frankie Chinnery, were very personable and easy to work with. Lydia & Frankie arranged our transportation from and to St. Thomas, going through customs on JVD and St. John, picked up and delivered groceries arriving on ferry from Tortolla, and had them all put away in the villa before we arrived. Lydia checked in often to see if we had any needs, without at all being invasive to our privacy. There is so much to do without leaving this one, beautiful location. We snorkeled from the beach, road stand up paddle boards, collected shells and stones, enjoyed the view and pool, walked to lunch spots and enjoyed more than a few cocktails. We did rent a car for the week and one day a dinghy to get a full experience of the island. Also booked a full day private boat through JVD Scuba and travelled over to Virgin Gorda, hitting great snorkeling spots along the way. This was a perfect retreat for our family of three, but next time we plan on going back with a larger group to share with them the fantastic Escape Villa and all the wonders of Jost Van Dyke.

Recommended for: Families with Young Children, Sightseeing, Girls Getaway, Tourists without a Car, Adventure Seekers, Age 55+, Romantic Getaway, Families with Teenagers.

My Response

Thank you for all your wonderful comments. We can't wait to have you back with a bigger group next time...that way, you will enjoy it even more!!!

SummerPeople said...

Mar 11, 2014

Escape Villa - White Bay, BVI is Paradise

Date of Stay

Jan 24, 2014

It doesnt get any better than this. The villa is pristine and beautiful and has everything you need for the perfect family and friends vacation or romantic get away. The property allows for both a very private or a very social enviroment. Love the variety of beach sports incl bocce ball, paddle board or just lounging in the sun and sand. The views are amazing and so are the occassional double rainbows AND the pool.....we will definitely return to Escape Villas

Recommended for: Families with Young Children, Girls Getaway, Tourists without a Car, Adventure Seekers, Age 55+, Romantic Getaway.

My Response

We're glad you enjoyed our home away from home in paradise and look forward to having you book again!

Shannon M. said...

Feb 14, 2014

Best place on earth!

Date of Stay

Jan 14, 2014

We stayed at Escape villa last month with six adults, two four year olds, and an infant. Previous reviews are spot on. This place has it all and then some. We have traveled extensively and even lived in the Caribbean for several years and this is by far the most well equipped place we've come across and in the most desirable locale. Being brand spanking new is a definite perk. Really I would love to keep this place a secret! Some highlights of our time there: morning walks up into the surrounding steep hills for spectacular views and great exercise; leaving our paddle boards, baby tents, and other toys right on the beach all week, no fear of theft; cooking in the fantastic kitchen every morning and having a lobster cook out prepared on site by Frankie one night; having a playoff watching party down in Chillax with some friends from the boats anchored out front; walking over or swimming around the rocks to get to Soggy Dollar bar; leaving a tab running all week at Seddy's One Love, no need to carry cash to get that Bushwacker after the morning hike!; privacy of the bedrooms, spaciousness of the common areas; we really enjoyed every moment. We really did "nothing" all week and it was positively awesome! Thanks to Anne for building the perfect villa in the perfect spot!!

Recommended for: Families with Young Children, Sightseeing, Girls Getaway, Tourists without a Car, Adventure Seekers, Age 55+, Romantic Getaway, Families with Teenagers.

My Response

Glad you guys enjoyed Escape Villa so much! Looking forward to having you stay there again as soon as you can get there!

Sonja said...

Mar 7, 2014

Fabulous Family Vacation at Escape Villa

Date of Stay

Dec 27, 2013

It is truly difficult to sum up in words the absolutely wonderful and relaxing beach vacation we had at Escape Villa in Jost Van Dyke. To begin with, the owners of the home were wonderful to work with from the very beginning. The property manager, Lydia, was in immediate contact with us to assist in transportation to the Island and answer any questions we had about provisioning the home. We arrived on a beautiful day; bright blue sky and crystal clear turquoise waters in Great Harbour to be greeted by Lydia with arranged transportation to the house. We headed over to Ivan's Stress Free Bar to enjoy lunch and the kids were in the surf with their traveling clothes on in seconds. The home is beautiful constructed with great amenities as noted in the reviews below and the beach front has a nice wide area of sand where all 12 of us could relax and play together. The sand is fine and smooth. We were able to enjoy some great snorkeling right in front of the house in White Bay. My kids were the younger ones and I felt comfortable letting them run back and forth to the house. The house already had several games (Quirkle!), videos and books for us to enjoy. The owners were very thoughtful on how they prepared their home. There was plenty of seating by the pool, chillax and at the beach. The kitchen was well stocked with everything easy to find and operate. I was amazed by how private the beach felt. Every morning there would be new yachts out in the bay with dinghys tied up on the beach by the Soggy Dollar. We did not have trouble with anyone trying to sell things

to us, and we met terrific people from all over the globe. The Painkillers at the Soggy Dollar are delicious and they seat a very elegant, scrumptious dinner in the evening (reservations!). We also were able to rent a boat with crew to go snorkeling off Norman's Island and the Indians. Beautiful! The island and the locals were all very laid back. It was a 10 min walk to Great Harbour where there were locally owned restaurants and shops. The island is essentially commercial free which is such a wonderful escape of its own. The entire family took a walk everyday over Black Rock to enjoy a casual lunch at the Soggy Dollar. My 6yr old worked hard to master Soggy's hook/ring game and made fast friends with Ruby at the store. In all, returning to Escape Villa is not a matter of if but rather when. It will be a regular trip for our family. You should hold no hesitation in booking Escape Villa for your next vacation

Recommended for: Families with Young Children, Girls Getaway, Tourists without a Car, Age 55+, Romantic Getaway, Families with Teenagers.

My Response

We are so glad to hear you enjoyed it and can't wait to have you back!!!

Peggy said...

Jan 17, 2014

Family Vacation at Escape Villa

Date of Stay

Dec 27, 2013

Escape Villa is amazing and if you are even thinking about booking, we would recommend that you do so now! We arrived after Christmas for a 1 week stay with 2 families; 4 adults and 7 kids ages 3-20. We were met promptly at the ferry pier by the most-pleasant Lydia who is the property manager (along with Frankie). It is barely a 5 minute drive to the home and the beautiful vistas on the way are worth stopping to take a picture. Once at the home, we were impressed by the upscale construction, design and attention to detail. It is obvious that a lot of time and thought were put into the construction of Escape Villa. The main house has a gorgeous, extraordinarily well-equipped kitchen that either families or a chef would enjoy cooking in. You can look straight out to the beautiful Caribbean while you cook. The living room is very comfortable and is part of the kitchen area so everyone can be together. The island has bar stools for casual eating or keeping the kids out of your hair in the kitchen. The kids enjoyed the TV and had no trouble with its operation. The washer and dryer are located right off the kitchen and right inside the front door. They did an amazing job with big loads of sandy towels and dried everything promptly. The patio off the living room is very spacious for outdoor eating and relaxing. The infinity pool is gorgeous and was a big hit. Views from the patio were stunning and we chose to take family pictures there. The bedrooms are all separate and have outdoor entrances, not connecting to the living room or kitchen without walking outside. This was not a drawback but just be aware in case you have little kids. The 2 bedrooms upstairs as well as the 2 on the main level are joined by a common balcony so this makes communication easy, if needed. Furniture and construction was mahogany with lots of white trim and doors, typical of beautiful Caribbean design. Linens were plentiful and luxury. Beach towels large and 1 for each of 12 guests. House had many things stocked that you wouldn't expect (and we have rented many houses) such as already having toiletries, dishwashing soap, spices, etc. The Chillax area was great. We left all of our gear there all week and despite it being the busiest week of the year on JVD,

nothing disappeared, not even the beer! You will feel extraordinarily safe here and there is NO one trying to sell you anything on the beach. No cruise ship travelers on your beach either. Enough of a reason to book in my eyes!

Recommended for: Families with Young Children, Sightseeing, Girls Getaway, Tourists without a Car, Adventure Seekers, Age 55+, Romantic Getaway, Families with Teenagers.

My Response

We are glad you guys enjoyed it and can't wait to have you back again!

Kelly said...

Dec 8, 2013

Paradise on Jost Van Dyke

Date of Stay

Nov 14, 2013

My husband and I had the trip of a lifetime to the beautiful Island of Jost Van Dyke. Our accommodations at Escape were amazing. The rooms were beautiful with views of White Bay, St. John and St. Thomas. You can relax in the infinity edged pool enjoying a chardonnay while overlooking one of the most beautiful beaches in the world. This is the perfect get away for couples or families looking to spend quality time with the ones they love. Escape has every amenity imaginable with beach access so it is perfect for a couples vacation or a family reunion. There is a nice beach side cabana with many chairs where you can kick back with everyone and enjoy the island breeze or even watch a game on their large screen TV. The island is beautiful and undeveloped, which adds to it's charm. There are many restaurants owned by locals and the food was excellent. You can't beat lunch at The Soggy Dollar -it's a must!! And they have the best painkillers I have ever tasted. The locals there are laid back and very friendly. The caretakers of the property, Frankie and Lydia, were excellent and made everything extremely easy accessing/departing the island. They treat you as if you're part of their family. There is nothing like being in paradise in a beautiful villa with everything you could need or want. We loved it and we are definitely going back as soon as we can!!

Recommended for: Families with Young Children, Sightseeing, Girls Getaway, Tourists without a Car, Adventure Seekers, Age 55+, Romantic Getaway, Families with Teenagers.

My Response

We are glad you guys enjoyed your trip so much. We look forward to having you stay again in the near future!

jesnh47 said...

Dec 3, 2013

All around..A retreat to a finely crafted experience

Date of Stay

Nov 14, 2013

The fundamental aspects of all things pleasing to your traveling soul explosively intersect at the Escape Villa. Escape Villa is nestled between two popular spots, Ivan's and Soggy Dollar on the seemingly uninhabited island of Jost Van Dyke. The hillside has been carefully carved out for this house to lie. If you know of this "island" time in which I speak: welcome to your expedited travel back to pure bliss. If not: sit back and "chillax". Upon our arrival at St. Thomas, a spirited local named Frankie, met our acquaintance with a comfortable van. Frankie had arranged all customs-related issues and after a 45 minute drive from the airport, we transferred to a speed boat that brought us up unto the shores of Jost at Great Harbor. Great Harbor is quaintly lined with restaurants, bars, some shops, and hammocks...including another popular spot, Foxy's. This small town centre lacks every bit of the commercialism that could compromise the island's beauty. It is sweet and cozy. The island is small; locals and visitors, alike, are friendly and a most enjoyable aspect of the trip. We met Frankie's father, Bunn, who we learned would take us to Escape Villa. Bunn provided most of our transportation while on the island. A notable daytrip was to Tabu and the Bubbly Pool. The brightly colored house emerges from the seemingly untouched landscape of rolling green hills and familiar Caribbean sands, as an oasis. The house is comfortable with a Caribbean elegance: the bedding prepares you for your everyday adventures, and the temperature controlled cooling system is perfect to regulate your tropical experience. It is absolutely the place to take your hiking and explorative self; the views will inspire. You'll want to share the infinity pool; the view over the water's edge is a memorable treasure, and a highlight of Escape Villa. As well, as the "chillax" located at the foot of the house and steps from the beach. The chillax is an entertainment center in its own right, with a television, fridge and plenty of seating to host a small outdoor gathering. Meals should be accounted for well in advance. Food is fresh and delicious. All you will need to bring are your flip flops, bathing suit, suntan lotion, bug spray, and the everyday urge to escape. Count on Frankie to arrange anything you may forget. And when your stay has come to an end, trust that Frankie will arrange things to ensure you are back in the United States in timely fashion...This memory will last.

Recommended for: Families with Young Children, Girls Getaway, Tourists without a Car, Adventure Seekers, Age 55+, Romantic Getaway, Families with Teenagers.

My Response

Thank you for such a well-crafted review. We are so glad you guys enjoyed the stay! Hopefully, you will be able to book again soon.