

**PREDICT Site Survey
5 - 6 January 2010
St Croix, US Virgin Islands**



Survey Team:

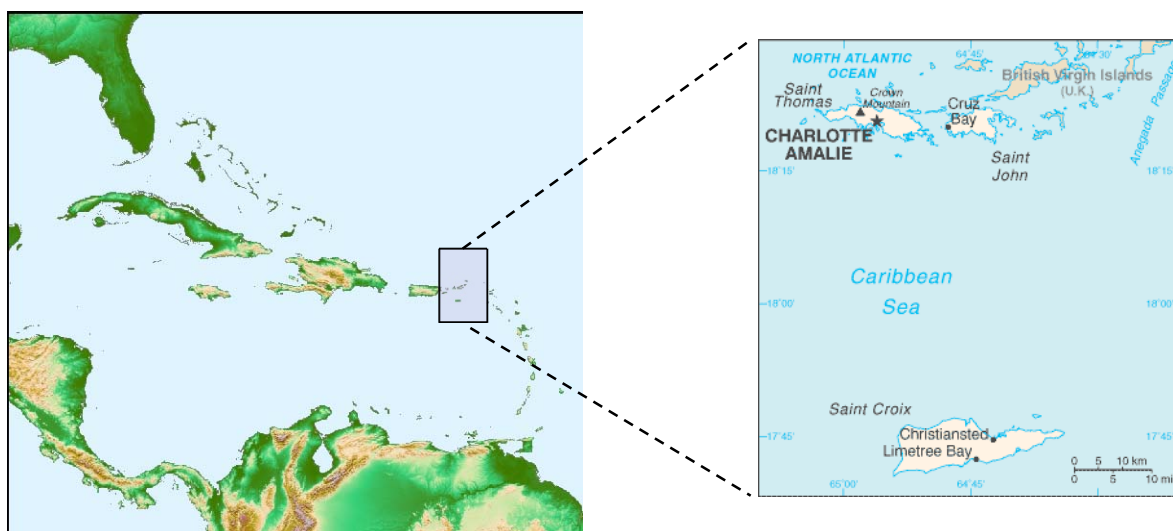
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GENERAL INFORMATION:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_Croix,_U.S._Virgin_Islands

History: <http://www.usvi.net/usvi/stcroix/history/history.php>

Geography:



- Located in the Lesser Antilles of the Caribbean (between the Atlantic Ocean and the Caribbean Sea)
- Comprising approximately 50 islands and cays, the largest of which are St. Croix, St. John, St. Thomas
- St. Croix: 84 square-miles (Point Udall is the easternmost point of the United States)
- St. Thomas: 32 square-miles (Charlotte Amalie is the territory's capital)
- St. John: 19 square-miles (two-thirds U.S. National Park)

Time: Atlantic Standard Time zone, GMT-4, daylight savings time is not observed

Electricity: Electrical current is 110 Volts, 60Hz. U.S. standard.

Language: English.

Currency: U.S. Dollars, major credit cards, (no sales tax)

Telephones: US Area Code (340) Cellular Service: *ATT, Sprint, T-Mobile, Verizon*

TRAVEL: <http://www.viport.com/>

Entry requirements for U.S. citizens: A passport is NOT required for ENTRY to the U.S. Virgin Islands; but upon your return, the USVI are considered a *Point of Entry* into the United States by the Transportation Security Administration, **therefore travelers will need to present proof of citizenship** (passport, birth certificate) when you clear U.S. Customs and Immigration prior to reentering Puerto Rico or the US mainland



Airport Terminal Building



[Henry E. Rohlsen Airport St. Croix \(STX\)](#)

Location: The airport is located on the southwestern coast of St. Croix. The airport terminal is open from 5:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Aircraft, rescue and firefighting services are available during that time. The Air Traffic Control Tower operates from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. The runway is open 24 hours. The airport terminal and runway extension were completed in 2003. The terminal is 181,000 square feet, and the airport runway measures 10,004 feet.

H.E.R.A. is an international airport served by several major airlines and commuter flights:

FBO: The only Fixed Base Operator at this airport is Bohlke International (<http://www.bohlke.com/>). They can provide taxi in – taxi out ramp space and flight services for filing flight plans. After hours support for ramp access and fueling can be provided with adequate notice. They routinely work with the NOAA P-3 aircraft and are familiar with 24/7 research operations. Ground support equipment is extremely limited so RAF will need to bring the basics: ground power unit, air conditioner cart, ladders; etc. Space near the ramp is available for the placement of several seatainers to store key ground support components.



Hangar: Only one hangar is likely to be sufficiently large for the G-V. It is currently in legal limbo

Parking for additional research aircraft is plentiful

Fueling: The airport has a large fuel depot and can contract payment through World Fuel.

Operations: Access to the ramp is through the FBO office, either with airport badge or escort.

Space: There is a passenger waiting room at the FBO building, high-speed wireless is also available

Security: Airport security office (Donna George (340) 778-1012) will do background checks, fingerprint and issue access badges to key personnel (\$35); others will need to be escorted on the ramp.



Airport Operations Supervisor

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ACCOMMODATIONS:

HOTELS

August and September is a quiet time in St. Croix. There are several hotels/condos scattered around the island. The survey team stayed at the Buccaneer Hotel, located approximately 30 minutes drivetime from the airport on the north coast, east of Christiansted town center. We visited a couple of other hotels (*Chenay Bay*, *Tamarind Reef*) but decided the extra travel time was not worth it. We have received a bid from the [Buccaneer Hotel](#) for Aug-Sept for the per diem lodging allowance (+ 18.26% taxes), includes free high-speed wireless in the rooms, discount on breakfast buffet, and conference space for an Operations Center. Every guest room is equipped with desk, flat-screen (satellite) TV, a DVD player and a small refrigerator.



RENTAL CARS

Driving in St Croix is on the LEFT side of the road; yet all cars are American-equipped, left-hand steering vehicles. All major rental car companies are available in St Croix and some independents. UCAR has a corporate agreement with *Hertz*, but we will be seeking a group rate from the local franchisee office (Manager: Barry Edwards). Cars of all sizes are available.

SHIPPING:

US Postal Service, United Parcel Service and Federal Express operate on St Croix. There are offices at the airport cargo area and enroute (FedEx) to Christiansted, as well as at the town center.

MEDICAL SERVICES: St Croix has a major, modern [medical center](#), as well as several specialists (http://www.gotostcroix.com/medical_care.php)

SHOPPING:

There is at least one large shopping center (Sunny Isles) on Route 70 between Christiansted and the airport with a *K-Mart*, *OfficeMax*, *RadioShack*, food court, and home building center. There are several other smaller shopping districts around the island.

There are several grocery stores, a couple near the hotel.

LAUNDRY:

The Hotel Buccaneer has laundry service and also a small coin-operated laundromat on premises for guests. There are several drop-off laundromats along the route to the airport, one within a half mile of the hotel.

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION:

There are point-to-point shuttles from the hotel to downtown Christiansted for a fixed fee. Taxis are available to anywhere. The drive from the Buccaneer hotel to the airport is about 25-30 minutes at off-peak times, but could be 40-45 minutes if Christiansted traffic is congested.

CONTACTS

Travel:

<http://www.viport.com/>

<http://www.viport.com/airports.html>

Airport:

Coordinates 17°42'06"N
064°48'06"W

Elevation 74 ft / 23 m

Runway 10/28 , 10,004 ft (asphalt)

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Lodging:

http://www.usvitourism.vi/stcroix/where_to_stay

<http://www.gotostcroix.com/resorts.php>

The Buccaneer Hotel

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Rental Cars: http://www.gotostcroix.com/car_rentals.php

Hertz: <http://www.rentacarstcroix.com/>

Industrial Gases:

Carib Supply of St Croix

(340) 778-6427

caribsupply@viaccess.net

Online Telephone Directory: <http://www.viphonebook.com/>

Medical:

<http://www.jflusvi.org/>

http://www.gotostcroix.com/medical_care.php

TOURISM:

<http://www.stcroixtourism.com/>

<http://www.gotostcroix.com/>