

Reserve Now

If you are interested in this bareboat cruise, please contact Tom at the earliest opportunity. We can have a tentative cruise list available before your initial deposit.

Payment Schedule:

Now: \$280 Deposit

25 April: \$280 Payment

15 May: \$280/\$380 Due

~15 June: Provision Share



Tortola off the port bow of the Lagoon 440 *Ciao Italia* in the British Virgin Islands - February 2008



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Bareboat Cruise

*Sunday, 29 June
to
Wednesday, 09 July*

Ciao Italia

2006 Lagoon 440 Catamaran

You are invited to join a Bareboat Cruise in the British Virgin Islands beginning on Sunday 29 June 2008 with an excellent boat chartered for nine days. The boat is a Lagoon 440 Catamaran sailboat commissioned in 2006. This cruise will accommodate eight members and the cost and features of the trip are exceptional. The voyage starts off with a Sunday arrival at Nanny Cay, Tortola, which claims to be the “charter-boat capital of the Caribbean.” On arrival, we will board for a pier-side overnight on the air-conditioned boat ([Caio Italia](#)) and then depart Monday on a cruise among the coves, cays, and quays of the BVI. The local average daily highs are 82 degrees in July, usually with a steady 10 knot easterly trade wind.



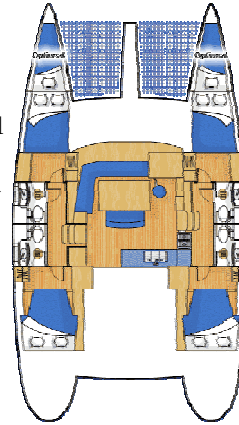
The cruise plan is to visit six or seven different harbors on the trip, probably on a counter-clockwise coastal tour including:

- The Bight on Norman Island,
- Great Harbor on Peter Island,
- Morning at the Baths on Virgin Gorda,
- Marina Cay or Trellis Bay at Reef Island,
- A run to Great Harbor at Jost Van Dyke,
- Fourth-of-July on Friday night at Foxy's,
- Cane Garden Bay back on Tortola, and
- Soper's Hole on the West End of Tortola.

This last stop will allow ferry access to St. Thomas, USVI, for anyone wishing to fly home on Sunday. The boat will continue for three more nights of exploration for those who are on Island Time and able to wait until Wednesday to go home.



This trip will be pretty inexpensive as these things go. We obtained an excellent rate on this boat which includes full cabin air-conditioning, all insurance/fuel/fees, three extra sailing days, and a great-roomy-safe catamaran. The boat is fitted with four beautiful cabins with queen-size berths, each cabin having a private head and shower. The aft cabins are slightly larger than the two forward suites and they will have a slight surcharge.



The rates for the cruise will be \$840 per person forward and \$940 for the aft cabins. Sharing a forward cabin will amount to a per person cost of \$83 a night for a front-row berth in some of the most beautiful spots on earth, but without maid service. There are two additional single-berth cabins forward that could be used for bag storage, supporting crew if we should desire, or time-outs for misbehaving cabin-mates.

Additional costs will be your share of the group provisioning and your personal transportation. We will coordinate provisioning during the two weeks before we depart, but it will include hauling some frozen meat/fish and some select wines via our baggage and a Monday morning shopping trip to Road Town on Tortola. Costs for food and beverages are estimated to be about \$120. Current air cost from the East Coast to St. Thomas, USVI is about \$315 and round-trip ferries and cabs to our harbor totals about \$60. You will need your valid current passport for entry into the BVI, and to return to St. Thomas. Tee shirts, local rum “Painkillers,” sunscreen, and conch fritters ashore will, of course, be extra. Cruisers wishing their own forward cabin would pay \$1660 plus a single provision share.

I know a number of you are accomplished sailors while some of you have not been underway. This trip will fit any adult and you can participate in the navigation and boat handling as you wish. I will skipper the boat and we will all share in the host/chef duties during the cruise (i.e. we will not be hiring either a captain or an onboard cook). Current plans are for an adult cruise of contemporaries and evolving friends and no minors are currently expected: While we will have some nice sailing times, the boat should be within sight of land for the whole trip.



We will build a proposed crew list before anyone is locked into the adventure. I would like to hear from you soon if you think you might be interested in this trip. I have a number of “interested” responses, with some deposits already received, but there is at least one cabin left as of 01 April. If you cannot make this trip, I am currently planning another BVI cruise on a similar hull in November.

I have recently returned from ten days in the waters of the BVI and would be delighted to share my stories and lessons learned.

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Additional information, island charts, images, ports-of-call descriptions, and trip updates are currently available on www.watsueast.com