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Christopher Columbus discovered this island in 1493, but didn't see many appealing aspects here and sailed on. The Danish later claimed it, and established settlements like St. Thomas, which became a key trade and fueling station for trans-Atlantic travel. With lenient standards, pirates like Blackbeard and Bartholomew set up base here. The original main city was Taphus thanks to all the taverns lining the harbor, until in an effort to clean up its image, the cities name was changed to Charlotte Amalie, for Danish King Christian's wife. Today as a part of the U.S.V.I. (*United States Virgin Islands*), St. Thomas—nicknamed “Rock City”—is a major cruise port with incredible duty-free shopping and some of the world's top rated beaches. Put on the sunscreen and join Eric for a tropical stay in wonderful St. Thomas!

1. Aarrg maty! There be pirate treasure here!
2. Anne Bonny was part of Rackham's deadly female pirate duo with Mary Read. (see #29)
3. Sean is the super positive chef at Ocean 362 who knows how to make your mouth water!
4. Jenny works at Mt. Pellier Hut, home of the Beer Drinking Pigs that are HUGE!
5. John Shinnery loves being an artist at the Black Beard's Castle Gift Shop.
6. Willard John introduced Eric to Moko jumbie, which is a stilts walker or dancer!
7. James made sure Eric cooled off in the coldest bar called Magic Ice!
8. The charming Gladys Café is named after, you guessed it, Gladys!
9. Tulip is a local craft artist near the Royal Dane Mall.
10. Brooke is the expert Blackbeard Castle tour guide!
11. Robert Louis Stevenson, who wrote *Treasure Island*, created much of the swarthy pirate stereotypes we know and love today.
12. Captain William Kidd, unjustly accused privateer or ruthless pirate?
13. The skull and crossed bones was the first most famous pirate flag, but can you find the other 15 less common pirate banners in this painting?
14. Rani is not only owns Ranifly, the famous bikini store, she creates each one of her swimwear!
15. Inigo Montoya—“Prepare to die!”
16. Magda loves working at Cruisin' Rum, a worldwide favorite since the 1650s.
17. Captain Rob knows how to be a real pirate, especially one from the Black Beard Castle.
18. The Dred Pirate Roberts a.k.a. Wesley.
19. Shaun loves giving tours inside the Bluebeard Castle.
20. Ken Wild has loved his job in giving tours of the Annaberg Sugar Mill Ruin, which are actually located in St. John
21. A couple on vacation from Boston, one of Eric's hometowns—he had to put them in.
22. The Marriott Frenchman's Cove has gorgeous views from any room you stay in.
23. Kate was a great Stand Up Paddleboard Yoga instructor for Eric.
24. Hassel Island has been used for naval stations and leprosy colonies.
25. Bartholomew “Black Bart” Roberts is the most successful pirate in capturing vessels during the Golden Age of Piracy (1650s-1720s).
26. The Tip of Water Island—considered the 4th U.S.V.I. by some.
27. The Queen Anne's Revenge was Blackbeard's infamous ship, a common sight in the harbor.
28. John “Calico Jack” Rackham claims the famous skull and crossed bones banner for his flag.
29. Mary Read was part of Rackham's deadly female pirate duo with Anne Bonny. (See #2)
30. Caribbean World Amber Waterfall is made of amber stones from around the world—finished in 2008.
31. Woobie the Manatee taking a break from the Caribbean sun.
32. Festive stilt walkers are common in the USVI. Do you remember what they are called? (See #6)
33. Main Street was originally known as “Dronningens Gade” or The Queen's Street.
34. Statues of J. Antonio Jarvis, Rothschild Francis, and Edith L. Williams are revered educators on the island.
35. Greg Keifer, Cosmic Entertainment, is a producer of the show *Painting the Town* with Eric Dowdle. Make sure to watch the St. Thomas episode!
36. James Dow, one of Eric's guides, was also a police officer and showed Eric how it's done.
37. Replica of the Liberty Bell is located in Emancipation Park on the island.
38. They say that when you pass the Bust of King Christian IX King of Denmark (1863 – 1906), turn your face to him and remember his motto, “With God, there is Honor and Justice.”
39. Riding on a Yacht (*yah-tt*) Haven Marina sounds wonderful!
40. Fort Christian was built in 1671.
41. St. Thomas Historical Trust—built in 1966—preserves the cultural and historical heritage of the island.
42. The Government House was built from 1865-1867.
43. The 99 Steps. Okay there are actually 103. The man who built them was hired to build 99, and lost count.
44. The Three Queens Fountain of the U.S.V.I. commemorates Queens Mary, Queen Agnes, and Queen Matilda. These women demanded the Danish Government improved work and living conditions and better wages, and succeeded.
45. The infamous statue of Edward Teach, better known as Captain Blackbeard.
46. Blackbeard's Castle—built in 1679—was originally called “Skytsborg” meaning protection castle.
47. The Haagen House Museum is considered to have the move beautiful interior of all the homes on the island and the Pirates Museum is right down the stairs.
48. Puerto Rican architect Francisco Valines Cofresi designed the U.S.V.I. Governor's Residence.
49. The U.S. Virgin Islands flag is a simplified version of the coat of arms of the United States and was adopted on May 17, 1921.
50. Drake's Seat—named for Sir Francis Drake—was built in 1933.
51. Bluebeard's Castle was built in the late 1600s, abandoned in 1735, and was eventually bought by the US government in 1933. Now it stands as a beautiful hotel.
52. The Skyride to Paradise Point lands you 700 feet above the islands capital, Charlotte Amalie.