

NECKER ISLAND

SIR RICHARD BRANSON'S PRIVATE ISLAND

ISLAND ACTIVITIES

With steady trade winds, warm turquoise waters, beautiful trails and two tennis courts Necker Island is a perfect play ground for any number of sports. Each morning at breakfast and again at lunch time one of the members of our team of water sports instructors and a tennis pro, will arrange the activities for the day to cater for your requests. Here are some ideas...

Island Walk - Necker is 74 acres in size with a 3 mile perimeter. There are a number of trails on the north end of the island which will take you around the coast or over the ridge of Necker. Staff can take you on a guided tour full of the interesting facts of Necker, or simply point you in the right direction to brave it alone! Sneakers are recommended as there are a number of cacti around the trails.

Sailing - We have a fleet of Hobie Cats located down on the main beach and offer beginner to advanced sailing instruction. Alternatively, if you want to lie back and simply enjoy the exhilaration of being on the water, we can take you for a cruise around the islands. Also popular is a sailing regatta around the islands with a number of our boats, helmed by either guests or staff.

Windsurfing - We have a range of beginner, intermediate and advanced windsurfing kit, and offer instruction for all standards. Our Watersports instructors will prepare equipment so it's ready for use when required.

Kite surfing - Kite surfing is a new high adrenaline extreme sport. If you fancy giving it a go then we can teach you in a controlled, safe environment on Necker Island. The first stage is simply mastering to fly a kite and then we move into the water for some serious fun. We can also offer advanced tuition for anyone already riding.

Waterskiing/Wakeboarding - The best ski area is on the back side of Prickly Pear Island, less than a 5 minute boat ride from Necker. We have beginner and advanced water-skis, wakeboards, kneeboards and offer high quality instruction for all these activities.

Tennis - We have two floodlit AstroTurf tennis courts located down by the beach pool. Both courts have beginner and advanced rackets along with ball baskets in the huts by the courts. We have a resident tennis pro who can organize individual or group lessons, tournaments or if you fancy a challenge someone to hit with.

Surfing - During the winter months the BVIs get many great days for surfing and Josiah's Bay, on Tortola, is a friendly beach where there are excellent waves for competent surfers and beginners. These trips can be a full or half day and are always extremely good fun as well as a great way to see some of the BVIs.

Snorkelling - You will find snorkels and masks in your wardrobes and there are fins located on both Turtle beach and Main Beach. Both beaches offer excellent snorkeling depending upon weather conditions, so please check with a member of staff which is most suitable. For people wanting to venture further a field we will prepare our boats with fins, towels and a cooler to explore other underwater locations.

Kayaking - A number of kayaks and paddles are situated on main beach, available for guest use.

Paddlingboard - Otherwise known as 'stand up paddleboarding', this sport has taken the world by storm from the big waves of Hawaii to inland waterways of England. Necker has 8 paddleboards (10ft - 12ft long), and people of all shapes and sizes can have a go at this easy but fun watersport. It's also a great workout for the core and great for balance!

It is often possible to arrange Scuba Diving, Bone Fishing and Deep Sea Fishing at an additional cost.