

# NECKER ISLAND

SIR RICHARD BRANSON'S PRIVATE ISLAND

## ENTERTAINMENT IDEAS

Our team on Necker are experienced at adapting speedily to the needs of your family and friends and working out the best options for everyone. If you want to spend evenings cosied up in front of the TV with the latest DVD and your days lying in a hammock then that's fine, however we have so much on offer that you may need a holiday after visiting the island to recover!!

Here is a rundown on some of the ways we can entertain by day or by night...

**Breakfast** - Breakfast is a casual affair served on the Main House terrace, starting from 8am unless otherwise requested.

**Moskito Island Breakfast** - This is a new addition to Necker's morning activities! This event starts at the Watersports centre where everyone sails, paddleboards (some have even swam!) downwind to Moskito Island which is also owned by Richard Branson. Awaiting you is a beautiful beach with a chill out cushion area and a sumptuous buffet and hot breakfast on the grill! Usually after breakfast guests either relax on the beach or can do the beautiful island walk giving you lovely views of Necker and the surrounding areas.

## Lunch

**The Crocodile Pavilion** - This is the most popular place for lunch accommodating all of your guests around a beautiful table carved in the shape of a crocodile. Overlooking the ocean and main beach, and surrounded by the beach pool, we will hit the gong three times when your lunch is ready! We also have a new pizza oven located by the tennis courts which enables the chefs to create some yummy pizza's, you can even help and create your own flavours!

**Floating Sushi Bar** - We fill canoes with ice, decorate them with leaves and flowers, and then top them off with mouth-watering sushi, oriental snacks such as spring rolls and Peking duck rolls and of course chilled shots of sake. The canoe is then floated in the beach pool with the chefs serving your guests.

**Turtle Beach** - This is a beautiful spot for a change of lunch location. We usually organise a sailing race round the island, ending here for a drink and then a picnic style or BBQ lunch. We now have a zip line from Bali Cliff to Turtle beach so this can also be a fun activity before or after lunch.

**Sporting Events** - Our highly skilled Watersports team will come and see you and your guests at breakfast and lunch to organise the next events... Sailing races around the island or learning to kite surf, windsurf, water ski... Laugh at your friends falling off the banana boat or screaming with joy from our ringoes. You can also take part in the funny events in Beach Olympics.

Snorkel off the beach or we can organise a trip in our Speed Boats to one of the beautiful spots around the BVIs. Don't forget to leave time for a tennis tournament organised by our tennis pro or simply spectate from the Tennis Pavilion whilst sipping a Pimm's...

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## Sunsets and Cocktails

**Floating Shooter Bar** - Best around 5 or 6 in the afternoon - we serve you shots from a canoe in the heated pool at the main house. Lots of fun and a good way to end the day before dressing for dinner.

**A Sunset Cruise** - Take our speed boats out on the ocean and stop to drink champagne and watch the sun sink in to the sea. This can be organised once you are on island.

**Sunset cocktails on the roof** - This is a beautiful spot and a lovely way to end the day sipping your favourite cocktails or a glass of champagne.

**On the roof, by the pool, the master deck, Bali Hi terrace...** - Pre dinner cocktails can be organised around the island; these can be discussed on a daily basis and scheduled around the plans for that evening

**James Bond themed cocktails!** - Shaken not stirred...Martini anyone? The bar will be lined with martini glasses and a wonderful list of classic and new martinis. Try the Pink Flamingo! Bond movies will be playing on a screen at the back of the room and the cool Bond soundtracks will be played on the sound system. **Team this with Casino night for the Casino Royale Evening.**

### DAYTIME EXCURSIONS (charges apply where indicated)

**The Baths** - BVIs famous granite boulders and caves on Virgin Gorda were formed from volcanic action and some are as large as houses. There is plenty of snorkelling or you can walk through the boulders on the shore. We will always try to organise this around the cruise ship schedules so it is not too busy.

**Anagada** - The third biggest barrier reef in the world, located 12 miles northwest of Necker, Anagada is 17 miles of beaches no higher than 8 feet above sea level. It is one of the most beautiful most unspoilt places you will ever experience; we will take you in our speedboats to enjoy a fresh lobster lunch on one of the long beaches. If the seas are rough we do not recommend this trip, so it is best organised once you're on island when we can assess the seas and weather forecast.

**A BVI cruise** - This can be a leisurely and relaxing affair or a fun Booze Cruise as we take you around the islands and fun bars within the BVIs, including the famous Soggy Dollar Bar on Jost Van Dyke and The William Thornton (Willy T's) anchored off Norman Island. This really is a fun day out and can be organised on arrival as it is best to look at the weather forecast nearer to the time.

**Scuba diving (charges apply)** - We can arrange pretty much anything that is available in the British Virgin Islands using outside companies. Some ideas include Scuba Diving for those who have a PADI and Scuba Diving Resort Courses for those who don't. We can arrange half or full day deep sea fishing trips and excursions to other Islands in the BVIs. Guests with any medical conditions that might affect their fitness for diving should bring a doctor's note allowing them to go ahead. If you're uncertain please contact us beforehand and we can check with the local diving organizations. Please make sure you bring your PADI certification or the diving companies will not allow you to dive!

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## **EVENING ACTIVITIES** (charges apply where indicated)

Every night can turn into a disco with our sound system in the main house and at the beach you can even plug in your iPod if you have a favourite playlist lined up. Here are few other suggestions to consider...

**Gala Dinner** - Celebrate your birthday with this one... This is a formal affair. Our beautiful long table is dressed in white and gold and your guests are served with a five or six course dinner. If speeches are being done we can pause between each course. End the evening with a champagne toast on the roof and a 10 minute firework display - it really is spectacular (we will keep it a surprise if you can!). ***The cost for a 10 minute firework display starts from \$13,500 plus an obligatory \$450 charge for the presence of a BVI health and safety official and a further \$350 for his/her return boat transfer. As we require at least one month's notice to organise the displays and must get a new quotation in each instance, the rates above are intended to serve as guidelines only. Please contact our Reservations team for full details.***

**UV Night** - Make the dress code white - it looks fabulous under the black lights. Team this with the gala dinner and the table will be dressed in white too!

**Band Night (included in your stay)** - Our notorious local Caribbean band Front Line have returned from the US and are now known as Elvis White. Playing an array of modern tunes and old favourites, the band can cater for any taste. They start the evening with a lighter style while guests dine in the Main House, after that or perhaps during dessert they turn the beats up! They not only play covers but have plenty of original material too, with special routines to get even the most timid dancer up and boogying with the rest of us.

**Casino Night** - Las Vegas comes to Necker for those that would like to try their luck in the casino, and there is no safer place to do this than Las Necker in the Main House. Guests play with Necker Island chips at no expense, and try their hand on our roulette and blackjack tables, with Necker staff acting at croupiers. The 'casino' runs for about 1 hour after dinner and the guest with the most chips at the end of the night wins a highly coveted Necker Island casino prize – but telling you what that is would give the game away! We usually team Casino with an Italian menu; you could also make the dress code black and red!

**Pirates of the Caribbean** - We have a number of pirate costumes for your guests to choose from or we will choose for you and place them in each bedroom along with an invitation to dinner. It is great fun! Everyone meets for cocktails dressed as pirates and we drive you to the beach for a Caribbean feast.

**Bali Hi Beach Dinner** - This is one of the most beautiful dinner settings you will ever experience. You and your guests will be driven down to the beach which is glowing with tiki torches and lanterns to enjoy a candle lit dinner. Afterwards relax by the fire on day beds and cushions (as seen on the DVD). Make this evening an even more magical event with a steel band from Tortola. For more entertainment include the famous stilt walkers know as "The Jumbies" - they are teamed with the steel band. ***The total cost is \$1595 for the steel band (\$770 hire cost + \$825 for their transportation) and \$350 for the stilt walkers.***

**Turtle Beach** – This is a beautiful location with twinkle lights and bamboo flares all around the beach. We also have a fire and a chill out area where you can lie down and gaze at the stars. Our BBQ dinner is served on a long wooden table on the beach at the water's edge.

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**Moroccan Night** - Our sister property Kasbah Tamadot has inspired us to test the delicious dishes of Morocco. This is a relaxed evening on the main beach with cushions, chairs and a lit fire. Enjoy the continuous flow of dishes being passed round, drink the wonderful wines chosen to compliment the food, and then lay back and enjoy the stars.

**Fancy Dress** - Famous people to superheroes! Ask your guests to bring an outfit of your choice or theirs -this has proven to make a really fun night! Incorporate 'Fancy Dress' with our gala dinner for a really glamorous affair

**Disco Fever** - We have some wacky disco hats and crazy glasses that are so much fun, so when everyone arrives for cocktails, the hats go on and the groovy tunes play. Listen for when the bar man shouts "shots at the bar!"

**Party on Main Beach** – Definitely a party to remember (or not?!) You'll find large speakers on the beach, a fire with cushions and blankets, disco lights, twinkle lights and flares everywhere and of course a fully stocked bar! This can also be linked with a band night where we set up the stage on the edge of the beach.

**More...** - Our chefs will prepare your favourite meals or you can leave it to them to come up with a wonderful schedule of different meals from steak and chips to Japanese, Indian or Thai. Opt for Italian casual style with pasta and pizza, or a more formal three course based around the traditional dish Osso Buco. From lobster BBQs to burger BBQs, you certainly won't go hungry!

## Looking for more live entertainment?

We have a fantastic option from Tortola (the band has to charter a large covered boat for their journey to and from Necker).

### The Last Resort Band

They usually play at their restaurant in Trellis Bay and anyone who has seen them will know just how much fun listening to them can be. Available Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. **The cost is \$1925 (The Band charges \$1100 + \$825 for travel).**

*The options are endless – feel free to give us your ideas but always keep in mind that all activities and excursions are subject to weather and/or sea conditions, and decisions on travel are at the final discretion of the General Manager.*