## Vacations Of A Lifetime

## Touring The British Virgin Islands For Less



"Early-bird" specials let vacationers take luxurious trips without the high prices.

(NAPSA)—Travelers to the Caribbean have found a way to keep high vacation costs from cracking into their nest eggs: early-bird specials. The deals can help people leave everyday pressures—and big travel bills—in the dust.

Early-bird specials are generally offered to people who are willing to travel before a specific vacation season. Even sought-after destinations—including the breathtakingly beautiful British Virgin Islands—offer affordable vacation packages.

The tropical British Virgin Islands (BVI) consist of 40 separate islands with seas so aqua they draw water sports enthusiasts from around the globe. With the area's pristine, white, sandy beaches, rich history and warm, friendly people all contributing to a sense of tranquility, it's no wonder travelers are compelled to "discover nature's little secrets."

Those who visit before the winter travel season (December 14) can get breaks on over 70 hotels, yachting and diving packages.

More than 40 of the packages feature lodging options at BVI's world-renown private island stays, luxury boutique resorts, quaint island inns, hilltop estate villas and intimate small hotels. Most of these properties have panoramic views of the magnificent British Virgin Islands archipelago that includes Anegada, Jost Van Dyke, Tortola and Virgin Gorda.

Packages vary from property to property, but some feature added amenities such as romantic picnic lunches for two on a "castaway" beach, free rental cars, continental breakfasts, fresh flowers or a "welcome" bottle of champagne in your room or even complimentary use of snorkel equipment.

In addition, there are almost 30 companies that offer specially priced BVI water sports packages. Some charter yacht companies have "learn to sail" packages and others sell sail-dive combination getaways. They provide complimentary snorkeling, kayaking, water skiing and knee boarding. Several BVI dive operators also sell packages with dive certification courses.

For more information on earlybird specials, visit the Web site www.bvitouristboard.com or call 1-800-835-8530.