

Autopista College Fair
September 12-16,2010
From Mariska Nurse, Guidance Director

Ed LaVigne is the main contact person for this venue. All arrangements to attend this Fair should be made through him/ Autopista. Ed's email address is autopista@verizon.net.

Arrive on Tortola Sunday, September 12, 2010

Tortola's Itinerary:

Contact person: Linda Phillips, College Prep Counselor, Cedar International School
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- **Monday, September 13, 2010**

9:00 a.m – 2 PM College Fair at H. Lavity Stoutt Community College with all
BVI secondary schools invited to attend
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. College Fair at H. Lavity Stoutt Community College specifically
for their students.

- ❖ **Leave Tortola to St. Thomas Tuesday Morning**

St. Thomas' Itinerary

Contact Person: Chris Teare, Director of Counseling Services, Antilles School St. Thomas, Giff School,
St. John 340-776-1600 ext 235, cell phone 340-626-8999, fax 340-776-1019, email:
cteare@antilles.vi

- **Tuesday, September 14, 2010:**

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m Charlotte Amalie High School—Ms. Janelle Thomas, Senior Counselor
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. St. Peter's and Paul High School—**Gloria Etienne, Director of
Counseling**
1:45 p.m.- 2:45 p.m All Saints School—**Ms. Dee-Dae Evelyn, Director of Counseling**
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Parents' Meeting/ High School College Night Visit— **Organizers:
Chris Teare, and Monique Mathias**

- **Wednesday, September 15, 2010:**

8:30a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Ivanna Eudora Kean High School—**Monique Mathias, Senior
Counselor**
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 am Antilles High School—**Mr. Chris Teare, Director of Counseling**

❖ **Leave St. Thomas to St. Croix Wednesday Afternoon**

St. Croix's Itinerary

Contact Person: Mariska Nurse, Dean of Guidance and Student Affairs, St. Croix Country Day School
340-778-1974 ext. 2104, cell 340-514-9400, fax 340-779-3331, email: mnurse@stxcountryday.com

• **Wednesday, September 15, 2010:**

2:00p.m.-3:00 p.m. St. Croix Central High School—**Lorraine Benjamin-Matthews, Head Counselor**
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Parents' Meeting/ High School College Night Visit— **Organizers: Mariska Nurse, Patricia Swan, Lorraine Matthews, Berlina Wallace and Clint Ferris**

• **Thursday September 16, 2010**

8:30 a.m.- 9:30 a.m. The Good Hope School with an invitation to home school students/ Iqra Academy—**Ms. Patricia Swan, Director of Counseling**
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 am St. Joseph's High School—**Mr. Clint Ferris, Director of Counseling**
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. The Educational Complex with an invitation to the coordinator of Upward Bound—**Ms. Predencia Miller, Counselor**
2:00 p.m.– 3:00 p.m. St. Croix Country Day School with an invitation to Kingshill School, Seventh Day Adventist, Manor School, Free Will School and AZ Academy—**Ms. Mariska Nurse, Dean of Guidance**
3:00 p.m. **Conclusion of Tour**

❖ **Finish Tour—Return back to St. Thomas or stay on St. Croix for Flights home. Email us for more information about this if needed.**

General Information about the Tour

We suggest that you use the Seaborne Airlines (seaplane) or Cape Air to travel between St. Croix and St. Thomas and the ferry to travel from St. Thomas to Tortola. The ferry trip between St. Thomas and Tortola takes about 45 minutes. A ferry from Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas to Road Town, Tortola will drop off travelers within a short walk to Maria's By the Sea. Ferries that drop off in West End, Tortola will require that college representatives take a twenty-minute taxi ride into town. Reservations for the ferry are not necessary but college representatives are reminded that to travel between St. Thomas and Tortola, a passport is required. If there are scheduled events in the BVI before 10AM, visitors must arrive in Tortola the day before as the first ferry to Road Town from Charlotte Amalie does not arrive until 9:30 and all visitors must pass through BVI Immigration and Customs which will take another 10 - 15 minutes.

Seaborne Airlines: www.seaborneairlines.com

Cape Air: www.flycapeair.com

American Eagle: www.aa.com

Ferry to Tortola: www.tortolafastferry.com

- **Hotel Information:**

We highly recommend that you stay at the main hotels; all pick-ups and drop offs will take place at these hotels. If you choose another hotel you are responsible for getting to the central hotel for pick up times and must arrange to get to your hotel after drop-off times. On St. Croix and Tortola both the luncheon and interview events will take place at the main hotel.

Central Hotels:

St. Croix: **Hibiscus Beach Resort—www.hibiscusbeachresort.com**
 The Palm's Resort—www.palmspelicancove.com/
St. Thomas: **Bolongo Bay Beach Resort—www.bolongobay.com**
Tortola: **Maria's by the Sea—www.mariasbythesea.com**

Special Information about International travel to Tortola:

You should arrive at the ferry docks about 15-20 minutes before departure. The ferries are seldom full or sold out, but this will allow time to purchase your ticket and become settled on-board. Fares generally run about \$25- 30 for one way between the U.S. and British Virgins and there is a \$5 departure tax when leaving the BVI by ferry. Purchase the tickets from the small ferry stands at the dock, NOT your taxi driver who often adds \$2 or \$3 to the cost of the ticket.

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As a visitor, it is ILLEGAL for you to work in the BVI without special permission but, if requested through the proper channels before your visit, it will be granted. Linda Phillips will take care of this detail if you provide her the following information at least one week before entry: date and time of arrival, arrival port, residence while in the BVI, and date of departure.

Maria's By the Sea is a short walk from the ferry dock in Road Town.

Taxis are abundant at the ferry docks, so don't worry about being "stranded" once you step off the boat.

Other tips:

Currency in both the U.S. and British Virgins is U.S. dollars. Most hotels and restaurants take major credit cards, but it is handy to have some small U.S. bills (\$1, \$5, \$10, and \$20s) for ferries, taxis, and out of the way places to eat or drink.

Although the USVI and the BVI are geographically very close they are different countries and a passport is REQUIRED for travel between the two.