

# An island all my own

Man singt die britische Nationalhymne, bezahlt aber mit US-Dollar. Es gibt sanften Tourismus, und man hat stets das Gefühl, ein gern gesehener Gast zu sein. FRANCIS ROGG (Text) und GÉRARD PLEYNET (Fotos) haben für sie die Britischen Jungferninseln besucht. [medium](#) [www](#)

A Caribbean dream:  
South Sound on the  
island of Virgin Gorda

Palms bend gently in the wind, and a light breeze carries the scent of exotic flowers and wet earth in through the window. Silver puddles shine in the courtyard, a reminder of the shower of rain that fell sometime in the night. As the early morning sun breaks through the clouds, it all seems too beautiful to be true.

Yet it is true. Myett's Garden Inn sits directly on Cane Garden Bay beach on the north-west coast of Tortola, the main island in the group known as the British Virgin Islands (BVI). The fine white sands are still empty at this early hour, and a yacht glides silently out from the shelter of the bay: it's off season in what's known as the Lesser Antilles.

The clouds soon disappear, and the sun climbs over the mountains, bathing the villas on the rounded green hills in warm light. Beach bars and little family-run hotels peek out from beneath the palms on the beach. Fortunately, there are no big buildings or flashy hotels to ruin the view.

This small island state in the Caribbean, about 100 kilometres to the east of Puerto Rico, is untouched by mass

<b>breeze</b> [brɪːz]	Brise
<b>courtyard</b> ['kɔːt.jɑːd]	(Innen)Hof
<b>flashy</b> ['flæʃi]	protzig
<b>lesser</b> ['lesə]	klein
<b>off season</b> ['ɒf ,siːzən]	Nebensaison
<b>peek out:</b> ~ from beneath sth. [ˌpiːk 'aʊt]	unter etw. hervorlugen
<b>puddle</b> ['pʌdʌl]	Pfütze
<b>scent</b> [sent]	Duft
<b>shelter</b> ['ʃeltə]	Schutz
<b>virgin</b> ['vɜːdʒɪn]	Jungfrau, Jungfer