

What's the best way to get to Tortola to board my private yacht charter.

There are several options in terms of getting to your yacht.

1 - You may fly directly into Tortola. The airport code is EIS.

This is the easiest way to meet up with your yacht. Once you land, there will be various options to meet your yacht, which you should discuss with your crew when you have your introductory call with them.

Pros

Super easy pickup from Trellis Bay if your yacht will do the pickup there, or a short taxi ride to where your yacht will meet you.

Cons

There might be less flight availability and it may be more expensive than flying into STT
Weather might be slightly more likely to impact your flight (but you could be impacted by weather no matter where you are flying, I did feel it was worth a mention though)

2 - You may fly into St Thomas (airport code STT). Sometimes flights are less expensive and more frequent into STT.

Once on St Thomas, in order to get to the BVI, you will need to take a land taxi to the sea port so that you may board a vessel bound for the British Virgin Islands.

Here are the primary options:

2A - Take a shared van (or you can arrange a private taxi) to the public ferry for the trip to Tortola.

Different ferry companies run on different days of the week, this is a link to the different ferry schedules as well as an immigration form to complete prior to your travel. <https://www.bvitourism.com/ferry-schedules>

Pros

- Less expensive (about \$100 round trip per person plus about \$10 extra for each bag)
- Definitely more of a "local experience" :-)

Cons

- You need to get yourself to the ferry terminal (via land taxi from the airport)
- You may have to wait to catch a boat depending on the ferry schedule and when your flight arrives/you get bags/your taxi gets you to the ferry terminal
- You will have to stand on the line to go through Customs and Immigration once you get to the BVI (versus having the Captain handle it for you as in the private water taxi)

2B - Hire a private water taxi which offers concierge service including a private taxi to meet you at the airport and deliver you to the port where the water taxi will disembark. This enables you to be more in control of the timing with which you leave island. This option is about \$2K for 8 adults each way, not including gratuity to your land taxi and private charter Captain. A summary breakdown follows.

(this particular quote was provided by Island Time Water Taxi and is for estimation purposes only, rates are subject to change before booking)

Pros

- Concierge private land taxi to whisk you to the port where your water taxi will pick you up
 - Less time waiting around at the ferry terminal to board the ferry and going through Customs when you get to the BVI (hence spend more time enjoying your vacation!)
- Your Captain will check you into and out of Customs once you arrive in the BVI and you just lounge on the boat while he or she takes care of it

Cons

- More expensive

The rates are for estimation purposes only and are just to give an idea of what each option looks like.