



## **The Countdown Is On! The Buccaneer in St. Croix Is Host Hotel for Annual “Beauty & The Beast” Triathlon on December 8**

Christiansted, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands (July 16, 2019) – [The Buccaneer](#), the oldest family-run resort in the Caribbean, is proud to announce details for the 31<sup>st</sup> annual triathlon to be held on St. Croix on Sunday, December 8, 2019. As one of the longest-running triathlons on record and a key supporter of local charities, the triathlon is hosted by VI TRI, a nonprofit organization comprised of local leaders who hold important roles in their respective businesses and serve on boards in the local community. The organization has founded and administered several successful events, including the St. Croix Coral Reef Swim (five miles open water), Rock ‘n’ Roll Marathon Series®, and Junior Tri Virgin Islands Kids Triathlon Series. Titled “Beauty & The Beast” for the second year in a row – thanks to its world-famous 15 percent average grade climb affectionally known as “The Beast” – this race challenges participants to a scenic yet rigorous journey for runners, cyclers and swimmers alike.

Three races will be offered this year including a Long-Distance Course, Sprint and Sprint Aquathlon. Relays will also be offered in the Long-Distance Course, which is designated as the Caribbean Long-Distance Triathlon, and Sprint Triathlon races. Participants can enjoy St. Croix’s beautiful and lush landscapes from start to finish, including swimming in picturesque Christiansted Harbor and taking in the sweeping views along the South Shore.

Committed to its community, the “Beauty & The Beast” Triathlon and VI TRI donated more than \$30,000 to local nonprofits in 2018, including the St. Croix Animal Welfare Center, My Brother’s Table and the Community Centers for the Boys & Girls of the Virgin Islands. Race proceeds will also be donated to three new local nonprofits this year, including the Virgin Islands Special Olympics.

Participants can register for the triathlon [now](#) and save up to 25 percent off registration when booking before July 31 (use promo code “epic 19”). In addition, American Airlines, one of the main United States carriers to St. Croix, recently announced they have eliminated oversize luggage fees for bicycles, thus ensuring allowing extra cost savings for triathlon participants this year.

U.S. residents don't need a passport to visit beautiful St. Croix, which is a tropical retreat and part of the U.S. Virgin Islands. Visitors and participants can take advantage of a special [Triathlon Package](#) offered at The Buccaneer, which includes elegant accommodations; full American breakfast each day; beach gear including snorkeling equipment, kayaks, beach chairs, paddleboards and floating mats; introduction to SCUBA lesson; complimentary WiFi; welcome rum or fruit punch and an invitation to the owner's welcome cocktail party on Tuesdays.

Ocean View Rooms start at just \$255 per person, per night, while Deluxe Oceanfront Rooms start at \$335 per person, per night. A three-night minimum stay is required, and taxes are not included in these rates. Please note that you must be registered for the Triathlon to book this special package, though of course the resort is open to non-racers as well. A third adult, age 19 and over, is \$85 per day when sharing with double occupancy. Children 2-18 are complimentary when sharing with double occupancy. Book at [reservations@thebuccaneer.com](mailto:reservations@thebuccaneer.com) or call 800-255-3881.

For more information about The Buccaneer, please visit [www.TheBuccaneer.com](http://www.TheBuccaneer.com).

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