

Kuma Too is spacious 47-foot sailing catamaran and a comfortable self-sustaining floating home.

### **Power**

We make our own power from wind and solar, so power hungry electronics, such as blow dryers or curling irons, are discouraged. Each cabin is has two 110v outlets (with international converters available) for charging electronics. For items that draw more power, such as CPAP machines, Kuma Too's 9.5kw generator is always available to accommodate. We do offer air conditioning throughout the night, but you may find you don't want it once you feel the cool tradewinds of the Caribbean.

### **Water**

We also make our own drinking water on board Kuma Too. Seawater is run through a desalination system that is processed through a 5-stage filter before coming out the galley (kitchen) tap. Each guest is provided an insulated reusable water bottle for the duration of the cruise to eliminate single use plastic water bottles. Speaking of water, we encourage minimum water usage, which means please do not leave the water running when you are brushing your teeth or lathering soap in the shower.

### **Mealtime**

Part of the anticipation of a vacation is the [special cuisine!](#) We want you to be completely satisfied with all meals during your sailing adventure, so we study preference sheets to create a unique dining experience. Please take extra time completing your preference sheet. We will review your group's food preferences prior to the trip and prepare one dish for the entire group at each meal. Exceptions will be made for special dietary restrictions, but the galley does not afford the space for individual orders. Once we depart, there are very few areas to restock, so please be very specific in your likes and dislikes on the preference sheet. We do our best to accommodate special tastes, but in the islands we sometimes have limited options.

### **The dinghy, AKA the family car**

Being able-bodied to climb in and out of the dinghy is a must since that is our primary means of transportation. Dinghy rides are short, but sometimes a little wet, and can either be a beach landing or at a dock. You may roll out of the dinghy for some snorkeling excursions as well. Don't worry, we're here to help you board and disembark!

### **Seasickness**

Although catamarans provide a very stable platform for a sailing vacation, you will feel movements on board, and when at anchor we will always float to face the wind creating a lovely breeze. If you are prone to motion sickness, please bring medications, [pressure bands](#), [Bonine](#), or [all-natural MQ Patches](#). Diet can also help mitigate seasickness by limiting greasy food and alcohol intake. Avoid dehydrating drinks such as coffee and always stay hydrated with the prevalent sun and salt air.

### **Marine Bathrooms**

The marine toilets on board Kuma Too are very similar to your land-based toilets with fresh water and a single button to flush. Marine toilets are very sensitive, and it is important that only the toilet paper we provide and what you digest goes into the toilet. Do NOT put any 'flushable' wipes, Kleenex, feminine products, dental floss, or any other foreign objects in the bowl. A trash bin is provided in each private bathroom.

### **Connectivity**

Kuma Too offers a limited hotspot internet connection for basic email or in the case of emergency. There is cell signal throughout the islands, so if your provider offers an international plan, you will have basic service in the BVI. All major cell phone providers have service within the USVI; although signal can be intermittent in the more secluded bays. On board we have a local BVI cell phone, a US based cell phone,

and VHF radio that is available for emergency communications at any time. Most restaurants and shops offer WiFi.

### Recommended Packing List

Whatever you have packed, halve it... then halve it again. SERIOUSLY! We recommend you bring:

- Valid Passport current for at least 6 months beyond travel dates.
- Bring any special medications with a valid prescription.
- Soft-side luggage
  - Duffle bag style is highly recommended since your luggage will be stored in your cabin. Any hard-sided luggage that will not collapse will take up limited floor and/or bed space and wheels damage the fiberglass.
- Non-aerosol bug spray
  - No-seeums can be a nuisance! On shore, tiny mosquitoes called no-seeums, can bite; however when anchored the breeze keeps them away. You will want bug spray for land exploration. We discourage all aerosol cans because it is so bad for our environment.
- Reef-safe sunscreen lotion
  - The US Virgin Islands has banned sunscreens that are toxic to our beautiful coral reefs. Mineral sunscreen is best, but oxybenzone- and octinoxate- FREE sunscreens are better chemical-based sunscreens. Do not bring tinted or colored sunscreen. **Please bring lotion sunscreen**, as spray sunscreen permanently stains and is a safety hazard by making the deck slippery.
- Quick-dry clothing
  - A few pairs of shorts and lightweight shirts
  - Wearing sun protective clothing, such as rash guards and hats, also helps protect you from the strong UV-rays in the Caribbean.
  - Heavy clothing, such as denim/jeans, can weigh down your suitcase and be uncomfortable when moving around a boat. It will also never dry on a boat.
- Beach attire
  - A few bathing suits; beach cover up or sundress
  - All restaurants are casual around the Virgin Islands. If you plan on dining ashore in the evening, a sundress and light fabric pants or shorts with a polo or button shirt is more than appropriate. All restaurants will accept swimming attire if cover-ups are worn during lunchtime.
- Flip flops, comfortable walking shoes, and/or water shoes
  - On island, you may be walking on sand and dirt roads, and on board there are many uneven surfaces. We go barefoot on board, but flip flops, comfortable walking shoes, and water shoes are best to bring. No heels or wedges please.
- Dry Bag
  - Although not required, if you have a dry bag for personal items and/or phone, it is useful for dinghy rides.
- Cash money
  - Many establishments take Visa and Mastercard. AMEX and Discover is not widely accepted. It is always good to have some cash, and after departing St. Thomas, there will not be available ATMs. The local currency in USVI and BVI is the US Dollar.
- Do not bring any illegal drugs
  - That includes no Marijuana in any form with or without a prescription. That means no oils, gummies, etc.
- We provide all towels, bedding, and snorkel equipment. We also provide Eco-friendly toiletries.

### St. Thomas transportation

Mr. James, or one of his associates (340) 228-4840

If you sail with us, we will book your transportation and Mr. James will be waiting at the airport with a sign to escort you to his clean, private, van. He is available to you for taxi services throughout your stay on St. Thomas if you are arriving early or staying longer after the charter on Kuma Too. Airport pick up is \$90 and pricing around the island ranges from \$10 to \$20 per person depending on the distance traveled. He takes cash and gratuity is welcomed.

### **Weather in the Virgin Islands**

The Virgin Islands is a prime sailing destination because of consistent winds and warm temperatures year round. Air temperatures average in the 70s and 80s Fahrenheit (20s Celsius) with mostly sunny days and a little liquid sunshine (short rain showers), and sea temperatures range from 79 to 83 degrees Fahrenheit (26-28 Celsius). Clouds form in the mountains, and intermittent light rain is likely at least once a day; it's refreshing after baking in the sun for a few hours.

### **Will I get bored on the boat?**

Even in a secluded anchorage, there is no shortage of activities afloat! Kuma Too has countless water toys; whether you want to be pulled on the subwing or prefer to lounge in one of our many floats there is something for everyone. This is your vacation, so kick up your feet on the beanbags positioned on the trampolines, soak in the sun, and enjoy your tropical surroundings. Kuma Too is also stocked with movies, books, and games for all ages. Snacking and dance parties will also fill your daily agenda!

### **Will you teach me how to sail?**

Captain Joe loves educating others on sailing and how Kuma Too operates. He will happily put you on the helm to feel the wind in Kuma Too's sails that take us to our next destination. With 10 years of racing sailboats under his belt, Captain Joe enjoys taking full advantage of the wind. If you're not interested in participating, your only job is to relax!

### **Is there an age limit for children?**

7 years is the minimum age limit for children on board Kuma Too. The safety equipment provided is for children 32 pounds and above. Being a family friendly vessel, we do require children are water-safe and able to swim without assistance.

### **Can we SCUBA dive from vessel?**

We offer rendezvous diving only, so we are happy arrange a SCUBA diving excursion with a local vendor. The cost of the excursion is paid directly to the dive center. Although you cannot dive off Kuma Too, there is snorkeling in almost every bay we visit!

### **Can we fish?**

Kuma Too does not offer fishing, as our vessel is not licensed to fish in Park or BVI waters. We are happy to arrange a fishing excursion during your vacation. The cost of a fishing excursion will be paid directly to the operator.

### **Can I smoke on board?**

Yes, smoking cigarettes and cigars is permitted on the back of the boat only. We will provide an ashtray; never throw anything overboard.

*We look forward to hosting you in our floating home for a fabulous tropical vacation! -Joe & Mandy*