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We will be visiting St. Croix at the end of March and have yet to reserve a car rental. Any recommendations on who to rent from? looking for good price and convenient location @ airport.

How much in advance should we book?

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Centerline is good. Budget and Hertz are fine as well. Book in advance to get lower rates, doesn't hurt. Budget does not even require a CC for reservation.

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We've always used Budget to rent a Jeep. You can reserve from your puter and pick it up at the airport on STX. I seem to recall it helps to know your incoming flight number. Make sure you call your C/C and let them know you will be on island and plan to use the card for a rental. Once we land it usually takes around an hour



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to get our luggage and Jeep rental. It's a small airport. Arriving STX is far different from departing. It's alive and fun. Taxis waiting. Cruzan serving rum at the baggage carousel. Budget will tag your C/C account for \$500 on a Jeep rental. And you must designate a driver or additional drivers. When you return the Jeep they balance out it's usually less than \$400 unless you purchase the refuel. I did get a FB post from Centerline rental and they have a recent as in after Maria ... fleet of Jeeps.

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We used Centerline for a minivan out of STX. We went all over the island, from the Whim Plantation where our friends were curators to our Coakley Bay condo, and points east! Our travels included the same "Safari" tour routes enjoying wild mangoes and off-beat trails... We waived at them and laughed! We have no idea why you'd want to pay a lot of extra \$\$\$ for a "Jeep", considering the roads on St. Croix, but that's just the opinion of this country boy. They say a "Jeep" is a MUST-HAVE for islands like St. John, but again, like our friends who were born and raised in the USVI tell us, "that's just a scam for tourists". You can see our Toyota Corolla in TripAdvisor photos in St. Thomas and St. John, it's the car between all those \$70/day+ Jeep rentals at the beach parking areas.

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tplife, your repetition of poor advice knows no bounds. As usual, the opinion of one friend who was born and raised in the USVI and a couple of brief visits crowns you as the self-designated expert non pareil on everything everywhere USVI. Not.

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We will be traveling with two tweens and will probably play it safe and not venture anywhere with risk of getting stuck, so it's questionable whether we really need a jeep. Are ~main~ roads without pot holes?

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Centerline is our preferred car rental place and is a local company. It is a favorite of many on the forum. You do not need a jeep on STX but do ask for a car with a trunk.

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Well, I guess I will add my two cents here as I have before on this subject. We have made about eight trips to Stx in the last four years and we stay 2-3 weeks each time.- Except for one bad experience with Judi of St Croix we have always used Centerline! We get a cheap Yaris or similar and we've even gone up to Ridge to Reef Farm and that, my friends, is the road from heck! When we land Randy goes to the window and gets the keys and I wait for our one checked bag- in May of this year it took only 30 minutes- now here's my take on a jeep rental- local friends are telling us the pot holes are worse than ever - like the road to Butler Bay and of course Mahogany Rd- but that said, if you go slow and check things out you will be fine. I think younger folks and some older ones like Dionne enjoy that open air feeling of the jeep- but unless you have a hardtop there is no trunk to lock things up. The first time we came to Stx we rented one for a day and had a bumpy ride all day and took it back. The locals we know have the "new" potholes committed to memory so they can drive around at night- we stay out late in Christiansted so we will be checking all our routes in daylight on our up coming three week stay in January- our property owner also said we did not need a jeep this time and

she has lived there all her life - she is not the only local that told us this! The money we have saved by not renting a jeep has paid for some mighty fine dinners at Savant, Galangal and Balter! You can book online with Centerline and you give them your CC and drivers license # and yes they will put a hold on your CC for \$500 as security- so all you do is go to the window get the keys and drive up and they check everything and we take pictures of it all around in case of problems- in May the car was new and had only 4000 miles and not a scratch on it. Our ins with USAA covers rentals in the USVI so we don't pay for additional ins from them- to sum this up I think everyone is there to have a good time and enjoy what the beautiful island of STX has to offer and so my advice is to rent a vehicle that suits your needs and personality makes you feel safe! Remember drive on the left! Lol 😊🌴
