

Christmas Island

A Natural Wonder



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Australia's Indian Ocean Island

- Christmas Island is an Australian Territory, and has been since 1958.
- It was named by Captain William Mynors when sighted on Christmas Day 1643.
- It was annexed by Britain in 1888 after phosphate deposits were found.
- An imported workforce, including Chinese, Malay and Sikhs laid the foundations for today's thriving and culturally rich community.
- Japanese troops invaded Christmas Island during World War II.
- Post WWII, the island was administered as part of the Straits Settlement, before the UK transferred sovereignty to Australia.

A place like no other

Christmas Island is like nowhere else on earth - and rewards the curious traveller with its incredible vistas.

Rising majestically from the tropical depths of the vast Indian Ocean and surrounded by azure waters of Asia's southern fringe lies a stunning natural wonder.

Christmas Island - its name alone is intriguing and stirs interest. Yet this tiny speck of land in the Indian Ocean is a truly fascinating paradise, inviting you to uncover its remarkable surprises of nature in a one-of-a-kind environment.

Venture to this awe-inspiring island for an unforgettable getaway. Experience a rich biodiversity and a welcoming culture as you take time to escape the everyday, relax and immerse yourself in a breathtaking natural world.

Warm, crystal-clear waters invite you to swim or snorkel at idyllic beaches among playful fish, or scuba dive and discover a colour explosion in the coral reef, and be mesmerised by the gentle, close-up beauty of the majestic whale shark.

Your sense of wonder will grow as you are captivated by the world-famous spectacle of the annual red crab migration - a glorious, visual feast of colour sweeping across the landscape from forest to ocean in a rare, unstoppable natural ritual.

Meander through the dappled light of a lofty rainforest teeming with abundant life in its lush ecosystem, from tall, shady canopies above to delicate native orchids and ferns across the forest floor, and on to freshwater cascades.

Overhead, birds soar and drift - birds you'll not see anywhere else in the world. Whether they're wheeling across tropical skies or nesting in their craggy homes, you can tick off sightings, marvel at their elegance and rarity and listen carefully for new calls.

Every step you take on Christmas Island is a sensory journey. From the inspiring natural world to the discovery of new sounds, sights, tastes and experiences that blend in a unique harmony. It's a place like no other.

Set your sights on Australia's jewel of the Indian Ocean. Along with your camera, pack your capacity for endless amazement, your willingness to be inspired and your infinite sense of wonder.



Planning your visit

Christmas Island is a nature lover's dream and you'll be spoilt for choice when it comes to the huge range of nature-based activities available. So whether you're visiting to witness the magic of the red crab migration, discover the rainforest's huge robber crabs, dive with the whale sharks, relax on deserted beaches, or photograph a golden bosun in its regal flight, knowing what to expect ensures you get the best out of your escape.



Location

Christmas Island is an external territory of Australia. The island lies in the tropical waters of the Indian Ocean, 2,600kms northwest of Perth and 500kms south of Jakarta.

Climate

It's warm all year around, with an average temperature of 27 degrees Celsius. The wet season runs from December to April.

One Community

The 1,500 people that make up the vibrant multi-cultural community include people of Chinese, Malay & European decent.

Language

English is the official language and Bahasa Malay, Mandarin and other Chinese dialects are widely spoken.

Currency

The Australian Dollar is the local currency. Major credit cards are accepted, and EFTPOS facilities are available. There is no ATM on the island so bring some cash for smaller purchases.

Getting There

Virgin Australia flies from Perth to Christmas Island several times a week. Visit christmas.net.au for the latest flight information.

Accommodation

Choose from boutique hotels, self-contained apartments and bungalows and an exclusive, all inclusive eco-lodge experience. Many accommodations have ocean views and service is personalised.

Food

Eat out at a range of Chinese, Malay and western restaurants and cafes. Groceries can be purchased at small family-owned and operated grocery stores.

Getting Around

Hiring a vehicle (4WD/AWD recommended) is a great way to see the island. Guided tours are available and can be arranged through the Visitor Centre.

Connections

A Telstra 2G mobile phone service operates on the island. All short-term accommodation providers offer wireless internet access and there are hotspots around the island.

Visa Requirements

Australian visa regulations apply. Australian citizens should bring their passport or other photo ID as Christmas Island is considered an international destination for Australian Customs and Quarantine purposes.

Travel Insurance

To enjoy complete peace of mind it's highly recommended that you obtain travel insurance that covers your Christmas Island adventure.



Kingdom of the crab

Every year, Christmas Island's red crab population begin their unstoppable march towards the ocean to spawn - but they're not the only creatures which create a stir for visitors.



Christmas Island is a natural paradise offering fascinating creatures and stunning plant life. With an accessible national park covering two thirds of the island, you're surrounded by diversity on a grand scale. Find yourself among abundant flora and amazing land crabs. From endemic red and blue crabs, to huge robber crabs, see these extraordinary island inhabitants and witness a migration like no other. It's nature as nature intended, and it's waiting for you.

The march begins

Be prepared for a breathtaking vision when the annual red crab

migration begins. Marching en-masse from rainforest burrows to the ocean to breed, their journey is a wave of colour and a truly unique thrill to observe.

You're bound to encounter the Christmas Island red crab no matter where or when you venture out on the island. They provide great photographic opportunities, and are a vital part of the ecosystem.

Visit for the migration and witness this unstoppable and dramatic sight. It's possible to walk carefully among a moving sea of red crabs, allowing you to experience this incredible natural phenomenon. If you're really lucky,

you may even see female crabs releasing their eggs into the ocean in a unique dance in the early morning hours.

Marvel at the ingenious methods, including purpose-built crab grids and bridges, that local rangers have installed on the island's roads in order to protect the crabs from cars during the mass migration.

It is important to note some roads may be closed to vehicles during peak migration time

Pincer movement

The island's gentle giants, robber crabs, are the biggest land crustaceans on earth. They can grow larger than a football and



When do red crabs migrate?

Plan your visit around October to December to see the migration which begins with the wet season and is synchronised with lunar tidal phases. Likely spawning dates each year are provided on the Christmas Island Tourism Association and Parks Australia websites.



may live for 50 to 70 years. Have your camera ready, as you're just as likely to find these impressive crabs on the island's boardwalks as anywhere else.

Keep shiny objects out of their way as they earn their name from obsessively picking up and carting off silvery items like pots or cutlery. Christmas Island is a major robber crab sanctuary, so be mindful of them on the roads.

From treetops to forest floor

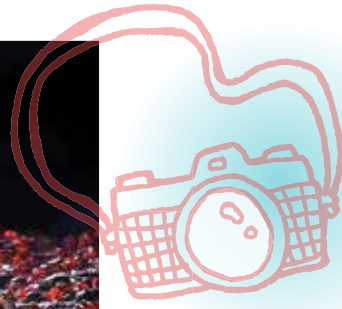
Explore a fantastic ecosystem that evolved over millions of years and in isolation. Christmas Island National Park offers amazing opportunities to see native and

endemic plants and animals in their natural habitat.

Follow marked walking trails that take you deep within the rainforest, and find tall evergreens with a closed uneven canopy around 40 metres high. Some trees emerge above the canopy and it's here the endangered Abbott's Booby chooses to nest.

You'll be enchanted by the trees bursting with ferns and orchids, and the fecund forest floor with stands of young palms, ferns and lilies. Across the island's sloped and terraced terrain, you can see a fascinating mix of growth from deciduous trees to scrambling scrub and vines.

The best way to explore this extraordinary environment is by following the 4WD roads to many well laid out walking trails that criss-cross the island. Most places are easily accessible, and you you'll be able to come face-to-face with nature at its most verdant.



Bring your camera and set your lens to thrill as Christmas Island creates a perfect photo opp at every turn.

Snap happy



It's hard to imagine a more visually tantalising place to photograph than Christmas Island. All around you are sights, colours, textures and landscapes you'll want to capture, bringing nature to life through your lens.

From soft, pastel sunrises to glorious sunsets, Christmas Island is bathed in an ever-changing tropical light. Vivid colour is everywhere, from the island's world-famous crabs' rich reds to the rainforest's deep greens, to turquoise waters.

Catch pilfering robber crabs on film, zoom in on gentle colourful orchids and twisting vines, and train your lens skywards to capture the elegance and freedom of rare birds in flight.

Underwater photographers have a whole different kaleidoscope of colours and shapes to shoot, while on land you'll find inspiring and detailed architecture to provide inspiration.

Enjoy an organised photo tour or safari and let one of our experienced

operators show you the ideal locations to capture that perfect shot or unforgettable video shoot.

WHERE ARE THE BEST SPOTS FOR THE BEST SHOTS?

- **Martin Point** – for staggeringly beautiful sunsets and seabirds.
- **Blowholes** – capture the energy of the ocean on a rugged coastline.
- **Dolly Beach** – impressively large robber crabs plus turtle tracks.
- **Hugh's Dale Waterfall** – an iconic

island place for your unique shot.

- **Margaret Knoll** – walk along a boardwalk to a spectacular lookout.
- **Territory Day Park Lookout** – a spectacular high point overlooking Flying Fish Cove and Tai Jin House.
- **Island temples** – rich colours fused with wisps of incense smoke.
- **Golf Course Lookout** – clifftop views and the chance to spot seabirds.





Birds in paradise

The enormous variety - and visibility - of Christmas Island's exotic bird population make this the perfect place to visit if you're a nature lover.



Christmas Island is a haven for birdwatchers. It's not only the variety and numbers, but their remarkable visibility. Birds can be seen everywhere on the island, at just about any time of the day. Many sightings are possible close to your accommodation and without ever leaving the settled areas. So you can arrive confident you'll easily tick off a full list over a busy week or more relaxed fortnight.

More than 100 vagrant and migratory bird species have been recorded on the island. You can see the red-footed booby which nests in trees on many parts of the coastal shore terraces, including the island's spectacular cliff-ringed

golf course.

Keep your binoculars handy for sightings like the endangered Christmas Island frigatebird (with the male's extraordinary inflating red throat sac during mating season) which breeds nowhere else in the world. You're also likely to see the golden bosun in its graceful and elegant flight, often above the limestone cliffs.

Head to the rainforest and if you're lucky, you'll hear the Abbott's booby, an endangered bird with a distinctive, guttural call. Look out for the Christmas Island hawk-owl, goshawk, emerald dove and others here too. As night falls, listen out for the Christmas Island thrush's beautiful song.

Bird 'n' Nature Week

Join a team of dedicated researchers and natural history experts each September for a week-long immersion in Christmas Island's wildlife. Attend nightly seminars, seabird identification

workshops and participate in hands on activities like:

- Attaching transmitters to nesting Abbott's boobies.
- Monitoring brown boobies on the island's rocky coast.
- Banding the Christmas Island goshawk.
- Catching a glimpse of the rare Christmas Island blue tailed skink at the Pink House Research Centre.
- Try spotting the difference between the island's many species of land crabs.

Visit christmas.net.au for further information. If you're unable to visit in September, a local birding tour can be arranged whilst you are on the island and a number of other dedicated bird tours operate at various times throughout the year.





An ocean lover's playground

Diving like nowhere else

- Some of the clearest waters in the world.
- Warm (27°C) safe and uncrowded.
- Only a small number of divers at any one time on over 60km of reef.
- Dive close to huge, majestic whale sharks.
- Over 60 dive sites around the island's coastline.
- Explore the catacomb of coastal sea caves.
- Dive a WWII shipwreck.
- Hundreds of tropical fish and pelagics.
- Over 200 species of vibrant coral.
- Dives to suit all levels of experience.

Christmas Island is a marine paradise. Some of the world's best diving takes you to crystal clear water, and a vibrant coral reef that plunges into the abyss of the Java Trench. Snorkel the reef close to the shoreline, or simply enjoy leisurely swimming in a beautiful, uncrowded environment.

Experience the thrill of freediving and if you'd rather experience the beauty of the ocean without getting wet, take a sunset cruise or hire a deep sea fishing tour to pit your wits about some big game fishes.

Life at sea

There are not many places in the world where you're able to get up close and personal to the gentle whale shark. Between November

and April, these majestic visitors on occasion give snorkellers and divers a thrill when they visit the island. Chances are, at most times of the year you can marvel at elegant manta rays that swim effortlessly by, as you share azure waters with over 600 species of fish. You may even be lucky enough to see friendly dolphins at Flying Fish Cove.

Scuba diving

There are few places with a diving experience to match Christmas Island. From cave and wall dives, to chance encounters with turtles, nothing beats this island's diving.

You'll enjoy an average water temperature of 27°C year round, with near perfect visibility, often in excess of 40 metres. With pristine coral reefs, cave diving the island's cliff

edges, and heart-stopping vertical wall dives where the Java Trench drops off, your adventure awaits.

Snorkelling

When you simply want to snorkel, the waters closer to the shore are safe and clear. Some of the island's colourful coral species can also be found just metres from the shoreline. It's as easy as heading off from one of many beaches, and your ocean world comes alive. The underwater Garden of Eden at Flying Fish Cove is a favourite for snorkelling. Your swimming companions will be legion of bright reef fish crowd the clear, shallow waters in a picture-postcard display.

Freediving

Whether you're a snorkeller, spear fisher, scuba diver or underwater



photographer, taking a freediving course is the best way to improve your skills and increase your underwater time safely and confidently. Warm, clear water, an abundance of spectacular marine life and protected dive sites makes Christmas Island one of the world's best freediving locations.

Sunset cruising

Cruise along the island's dramatic coastline, taking in the abundance of bird and marine life while the sun sets over the Indian Ocean. Get a group together or enjoy a romantic evening for two. Our experienced operators offer bespoke tours, departing from and returning to tranquil Flying Fish Cove. Contact the Visitor Centre to arrange your sunset adventure.

Gone fishing

Breathtakingly steep drop-offs enable anglers to target big blue water fish within ridiculously short distances from the shore. Whether it be trolling for pelagic species such as tuna, wahoo or sailfish, casting poppers for the mighty giant trevally, or jigging for the iconic dogtooth tuna, it can mean just a two-minute cruise from the boat ramp before it's time to cast off.

Experienced operators offer tailored fishing experiences - just ask the Visitor Centre team for recommendations.

If it's not the big fish you are after, you can drop a line from the jetty at Flying Fish Cove or one of the many spots along the cliff tops. Chances are, you'll haul in your own fresh fish for dinner. Fishing gear is available for purchase locally.

Christmas Island

MAP LEGEND

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| | Accommodation | | Picnic area |
| | Bar/tavern | | Barbecue |
| | Café | | Boat ramp |
| | Food | | Cinema |
| | Grocery shop | | Halal |
| | General shop | | Public toilets |
| | Hairdresser | | Public shower |
| | Beach | | Walking/hiking |
| | Community centre | | Water fountain |
| | Crab spawning | | Mountain biking |
| | Information | | Sports |
| | Lizards | | Church |
| | Lookout | | Mosque |
| | Museum | | Temple |
| | Park | | Police |
| | Ruin | | Airport |
| | Street Art | | Bank |
| | Waterfall | | Hospital |
| | Turtles | | Library |
| | Diving | | Post Office |
| | Fishing | | Petrol station |
| | Snorkelling | | Radio station |
| | Swimming/dipping | | School |
| | Strangler Fig Tree | | Shire |

Sealed or formed
unsealed road

4WD track

Walking track

National Park



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North East Point

Tai Jin House
Gun Emplacement
Smith Point
Territory Day Park
Christmas Island District High School

Christmas Island Visitors Centre

The Grotto
Phosphate Hill Cemetery

Recreation Centre

Phosphate Hill
Golf Course Lookout
Golf Course

Christmas Island Airport

Christmas Island Resort

Ethel Beach

Ethel Beach Boat Ramp

Lily Beach

Ryan Hill

Steep Point

Margaret Knoll

Greta Beach

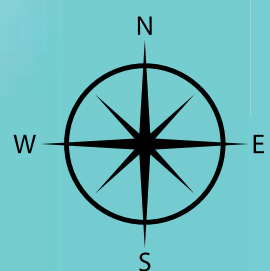
John D Point

Dolly Beach

South Point Railway Ruins

SOUTH POINT TEMPLE

South Point





For such a small geographical footprint, Christmas Island has an amazingly vibrant and warm community. Its cultural mix colours island life with many traditions, celebrations and festivals - and the good news is, you'll be welcomed to join in with open arms.

From its early days of phosphate discovery in 1881, when settlers and workers arrived bringing cultural and religious traditions, the island community grew to become a fascinating melting pot of cultures.

Today, visitors are welcomed and encouraged to join in, learn more and experience the thriving, contemporary Christmas Island 'feel' in the many amazing foods, festivals and places.

Islanders are proud of their home and its harmony, with its blend of Buddhist, Christian, Taoist and Muslim cultures that are celebrated openly. Places of worship are open to all.

Festivals, holy days and celebrations

- Join the colour and celebration of Chinese New Year, with the Lion Dancing.
- Revel in the fun of Territory Week, especially the raft race.

- Marvel at the Chinese Hungry Ghost Festival and the Mooncake Festival.
- Mark the Muslim festival Hari Raya Puasa at the end of month-long Ramadan.
- Celebrate Vesak Day, the Buddhists' annual holy day.

Cultural experiences

- Visit Tai Jin House, historic home of the island's Administrator, and enjoy its expansive gardens, historical exhibition and views over Flying Fish Cove.
- Explore the armaments at Smith Point near to where 800

Japanese troops stormed ashore during World War II.

- Take in the call to prayer as it drifts from the minaret over the Kampong five times every day.
- Follow the alluring scent of incense that wafts from many of the island's temples.
- Explore the European, Chinese and Malay cemeteries.
- Discover stories of the island's Chinese people at the Chinese Cultural Museum.





BEACHCOMBERS *welcome*

There are idyllic deserted beaches around the coast of Christmas Island, and you're sure to find one which is just for you. No two beaches are the same - some are perfect for simply relaxing and enjoying a refreshing swim and snorkel, while others are the perfect launch pad for discovering amazing marine and land creatures. Most beaches can be reached by driving, and some have walks of various lengths.

Flying Fish Cove

Easily accessible, pebbly sand beach for swimming, snorkelling and diving, plus picnic facilities, barbecues and public toilets.

Dolly Beach

A picturesque, palm-fringed sandy beach (via boardwalk) with coral reef, freshwater streams, a natural rock spa, robber crabs and nesting turtles.

West White Beach

A stunning coral reef offshore on a great beach for walkers up to

handling a moderately difficult trail and cliff descent using a ladder.

Lily Beach

Surrounded on both sides by rising cliffs, you are protected from strong breezes. A perfect spot for a picnic. At low tide, take advantage of the geology and explore the rock pools. On a calm day, Lily Beach is a beautiful shallow swimming spot.

Greta Beach

Spectacular outlooks from a beach where turtles nest and red crabs spawn. Reached by a short walk from a car park and steep staircase.

Legend has it . . .

Local legend tells that the Grotto, an enchanted sea cave, is home to an ancient sea dragon that swam from China tried to come ashore upon hearing its language, but was trapped, exhausted, in the cave. You can hear its thunderous roar today as the waves crash. When the tide is right, you can access the cave's refreshing waters from an entry hidden just beyond the shoreline amongst thick jungle, either on hot days or with romantic candles at night.



Blowholes

Land of opportunity

Christmas island may be a divers' paradise, but there's plenty to do on land as well. Just ask the visitor centre team to help you make the most of every minute.

A round of golf

Visitors are welcome at the nine-hole Christmas Island course. Lush fairways are watched over by towering cliffs where frigate birds circle, and the clubhouse setting is perfect. You can hire clubs at the Visitor Centre, and remember this club has special rules applying if crabs are blocking the hole!

Outdoor movies

Relax at a quintessential Christmas Island Saturday night experience when you join the locals at the open-air cinema. Under twinkling tropical stars and a sweeping night sky with moonlit ocean below, get caught up in this magical meeting of nature and the big screen.

Island running

If you like to keep up with your running, pack your trainers and pound the roads and trails in a whole new experience. Christmas Island's very active Hash House

Harriers welcome visitors to join them every Thursday (details at the Visitor Centre) and run freely across the island, exploring different scenery and working up a sweat. For serious runners, or even if you're just up for a challenge, participate in the annual island marathon – check christmas.net.au for details.

Beach barbecues

On Friday and Sunday evenings, islanders often flock to Flying Fish Cove for a refreshing swim or snorkel. There you'll find grassy areas with picnic and barbecue facilities. Relax as the sun sinks away over the Indian Ocean, and barbecue – perhaps your freshly caught fish?





Take a tour

Experienced and passionate local guides will show you the island's hidden gems, sharing unpublished stories and giving you a deeper understanding of this natural wonder, on tours designed for differing levels of interest fitness.

Bird feeding sessions at the Parks Australia bird rehabilitation facility offer the opportunity to get up close and personal with some of the rarest birds on the planet. Visit the Lizard Lodge at the Christmas Island National Park's Pink House Research Station to learn more about the blue-tailed skink and Lister's gecko captive breeding program. Bookings for Parks Australia tours are essential and can be made at the Visitor Centre.



Step back in time

Tai Jin House is a grand colonial building, once home to the British Administrator of Christmas Island. It's now home to a fascinating museum telling the story of Christmas Island's past – and as an added bonus, it also offers breathtaking views over Flying Fish Cove from its sea cliff position.



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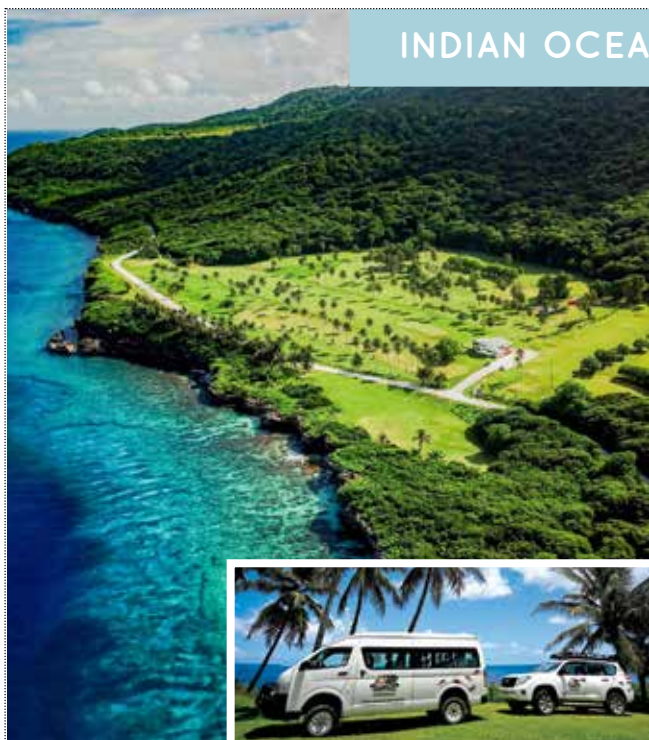
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We offer many ways to experience the ocean: whether you are diving, snorkelling, or simply want to see the island from a new perspective; exploring the waters surrounding Christmas Island is an experience not to be missed.

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Both hotels are only a short walk from taverns, cafes, supermarket, restaurants and the island's main shopping area in Settlement. Unwind with a soothing swim in The Sunset's private pool.

All rooms have an ensuite, air-conditioning, ceiling fan, complimentary WiFi, tea and coffee making facilities, microwave, TV, toaster and bar fridge.

VQ3 Lodge has a communal kitchen and laundry facilities for the use of all guests from both properties. Guests of VQ3 Lodge are welcome to use the swimming pool and BBQ facilities at The Sunset.

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Our units cater for up to 6 guests.

FREEDIVE CHRISTMAS ISLAND



What is freediving?

Freediving is the simple act of breath-holding while diving under the water without using any breathing apparatus such as SCUBA. The other names for freediving are skin diving, apnea diving or breath-hold diving. Freediving is a safe, beautiful and pleasant activity available for everyone.

Learn to freedive on Christmas Island.

Whether you are a snorkeler, spearfisher, scuba diver or underwater photographer wanting to learn how to be more comfortable in the water or dive deeper taking a freediving course is the best way to learn to improve your skills to freedive safely and confidently. Your experienced instructor will teach you everything you need to know step by step on one of our certified courses.

What makes Christmas Island one of the best freediving locations in the world?

- Perfect water temperature, 26-30 degrees all year round
- Very little or no current in most dive locations, courses take place in Flying Fish Cove which is protected from currents. "The Cove" is surrounded by high cliffs that protect it from the winds and swell that prevail from the south east most of the year.
- Great visibility, usually 20+ metres
- Accessible dive locations, with most being a short swim from the beach at Flying Fish Cove
- Spectacular marine life, free dive with an abundance of pelagic, reef and tropical fish, spectacular coral and even whale sharks (November to April)



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MAKE the Visitor Centre your first stop on your Christmas Island adventure

The Visitor Centre is centrally located in Settlement. Our friendly and knowledgeable team will help you to make the most of your time on Christmas Island. Find out where to eat and shop, what is happening during your visit and the best places to explore.

The Visitor Centre has a tour, accommodation and car hire booking service and a range of Christmas Island souvenirs and books.

Contact us before you arrive, and we will help you plan your visit to our Natural Wonder.

We look forward to welcoming you to Christmas Island!

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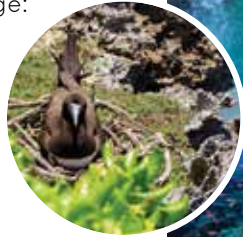
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Contact us to plan your Christmas Island holiday.

WITH over twenty years of experience in creating great value packages, we can help you make the most of your holiday. Whatever style of getaway you require, we can plan tours or advise on how best to explore the island by yourself. We also specialise in group travel and dive packages.

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THE COCOS PADANG LODGE



Christmas Island's Newest Accommodation offering brings new life to old

The Cocos Padang Lodge is located opposite the waterfront in the heart of the Settlement district, offering views of the ocean, to help make your stay on Christmas Island memorable, comfortable and enjoyable.

Our History

The Cocos Padang Lodge is a newly refurbished Heritage apartment hotel located in the heart of Settlement. The original building is typical of Post WWII Accommodation provided by the Christmas Island Phosphate Mine for its "native" workers and housed Cocos Malay workers until the 1960s.

Today

Immerse yourself in the Island's history in the tastefully refurbished heritage-inspired rooms. The Lodge contains four self-contained units, which can be configured as 1, 2 or 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom units, air-conditioned with a fully functional, tastefully equipped kitchen and laundry. Overlooking the Indian Ocean, the Lodge is a short walk to the local shops, taverns, cafes and supermarket. WiFi access is available. Cocos Padang Lodge is perfectly positioned for your Christmas Island escape.



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