

# CHRISTMAS ISLAND & COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS



Travel Packages & Tours  
Australia's Indian Ocean Islands



# CHRISTMAS ISLAND

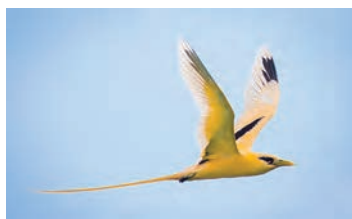


Christmas Island is a rocky outpost located 2600km north east of Perth and 450km south of Jakarta. Resting on the precipice of the Java Trench, the Island is surrounded by jagged cliffs, punctuated by coral beaches, feeding onto tropical reefs teeming with marine life. The multi-levelled terraces around the island host various terrestrial and avian fauna and flora. Christmas Island has over 90 different species of crabs, some obvious and world-renowned like the Christmas Island Red Crab and the enormous Robber Crab, others far more elusive.

The bird life on Christmas Island cannot be missed. Birds are everywhere – all the time! Christmas Island boasts one of the most beautiful birds on the planet – the gold White-tailed Tropicbird, or Golden Bosun. Their mesmerising aerial acrobatics and distinctive call can be heard all around the island. To support this varied and abundant life, the jagged inland terraces and ocean cliffs underpin the Jurassic style rainforest. A uniquely multicultural community adds colour and flavour to this Australian outpost on the edge of South East Asia.

## TOP 10 “MUST DO’S” ON CHRISTMAS ISLAND

- 1 Count red crabs - 60 million to count
- 2 Dive some of the longest drop offs on the planet
- 3 Snorkel over the shallow coral gardens in Flying Fish Cove
- 4 Watch the endemic Golden Bosun soar on the updrafts from Territory Day Park
- 5 Find the Islands' 18 temples, including those hidden deep in the jungle
- 6 Relax in the natural spa at Dolly Beach
- 7 Find the “dragon” and listen to him roar in the Grotto
- 8 Be amazed by the spectacular power of the Blowholes
- 9 Walk through “Middle Earth” on your way to the Dales waterfall
- 10 Play a round of golf on one of Australia’s most unique golf courses



# COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS



The Cocos (Keeling) Islands are the most western part of Australia. This chain of 27 islands form around the ring of an extinct volcano and offer the quintessential tropical holiday destination with gorgeous white sandy, palm tree-lined beaches. West Island is your first port of call. Most accommodation properties are located here, along with many of the tourist services. There are plenty of beaches to explore either on foot, bike, scooter or with a vehicle. Trannies Beach for snorkelling, Pulu Maraya for a lagoon walk and the yacht club to view the colourful kite surfers in the season, all make great places to while away your day.

Home Island is home to the Cocos Malay community and the seat of the Clunies-Ross dynasty, Oceania House and is regularly serviced with a ferry across the lagoon. Take a tour with a local guide, visit the museum, walk around their interesting 'island home' and definitely experience a way of life not offered anywhere else in Australia. Fishing, diving, boat trips, canoeing, kayaking, snorkelling and island hopping are just a few of the things that you can do on Cocos to ensure you maximise your tropical island experience.

## TOP 10 "MUST DO'S" ON COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS

- 1 Experience a motorised canoe safari
- 2 Snorkel / swim "The Rip" on Direction Island
- 3 Take a Turtle Safari with some of the 30,000 turtles in the lagoon
- 4 Dive the azure waters of the lagoon or enjoy a Sea Scooter snorkel tour
- 5 Spend a day on picture postcard Direction Island
- 6 Take a Malay cookery class at a local school
- 7 Cast a line on a fishing boat trip or try some shore fishing at one of the world's best bone fishing locations
- 8 Take a tour of Oceania House on Home Island
- 9 Try kayaking or stand-up paddle boarding amongst the myriads of tropical fish
- 10 Enjoy a traditional Malay dinner on Home Island



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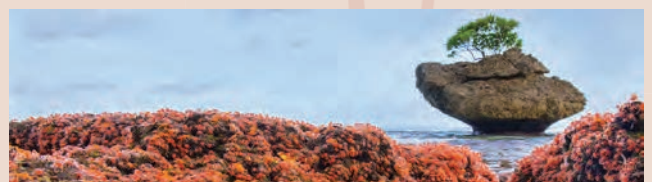
## RED CRABS

### DISCOVER OUR 'ANIMAL PLANET'....

Christmas Island is well known for its abundance of the endemic red crab and their annual migration from the forest to the ocean.

Most people experience epic animal migrations from a safe distance - Christmas Island's red crabs allow you to immerse yourself in their monumental migration.

The red crabs commence their journey at the onset of the wet season and we will assist you with planning your trip to ensure your chances of witnessing one of nature's great migrations is optimised.



## Accommodation



### THE SUNSET

Great location overlooking the ocean. Located in the Settlement area. Pool & BBQ for guests use. The comfortable rooms have tea/coffee making facilities, microwave, toaster & fridge. Wi-Fi included.



### VQ3 LODGE

Located in the Settlement area, rooms have tea/coffee making facilities, fridge, toaster & microwave, communal kitchen. Use of the pool & BBQ facilities at the The Sunset. Wi-Fi included.



### COCOS PADANG LODGE

Heritage property in the heart of Settlement, choose from 1, 2 & 3 bedroom units. Fully self-contained with ocean views. Use of the pool & BBQ facilities at the The Sunset. Wi-Fi included.



### TONG CHEE HOUSE

Beautiful Indonesian themed 2 queen bedroom property in the Settlement area. 2 bathrooms, full kitchen, living/ dining area with an outside table setting on the veranda. Wi-Fi included.



### SWELL LODGE

Enjoy the stunning coastline, gourmet meals and tailored touring during your stay at Christmas Island's first fully inclusive eco-lodge. Queen or twin king singles available. Max 3 guests.



### VILLA PAPAYA

Luxury private cottage, fully self contained. 1 queen bedroom, bathroom, living area, dining, laundry & full kitchen, large secluded outside bathtub for relaxing under the stars. Walk to Settlement area. Wi-Fi included.



### THE LOOKOUT

A quaint cottage located in Settlement with queen bed. Comfortable balcony with ocean views. Fully equipped kitchen, laundry & complimentary Wi-Fi for guests. Maximum 2 adults.



### THE CABIN

Self contained apartment with balcony & ocean views, fully equipped kitchen, laundry facilities & ensuite. Fan-cooled, air con, queen bed & double sofa bed. Walk to Flying Fish Cove. Non Smoking. Max 4 guests.



### MANGO TREE LODGE

Located in the quiet end of Settlement. Privacy amongst lush tropical surrounds. Ocean or garden views, air con, fan-cooled, mini fridge, kettle, alarm clock, phone. Wi-Fi available to buy. Max 2 guests per room.



### ROCKY POINT TOWNHOUSE

A lovely 2 storey 2 bedroom townhouse with ocean views located in Settlement. Fully equipped kitchen, laundry & off-street parking. Wi-Fi included. Air-conditioning throughout. Max 4 guests.



### BREEZE INN

A charming 2 bedroom self contained cottage located in Settlement. Separate rooms have a queen bed & twin singles. Fully equipped kitchen, laundry & air-con. Comfortable deck with garden views.



### THE RETREAT

Self-contained 3 bedroom apartment. Walk to Flying Fish Cove. Balcony, ocean view, kitchen, laundry & shared bathroom. Fan-cooled, air con, 2 queen bedrooms & twin singles. Non-smoking.

# CHRISTMAS ISLAND

## INDIAN OCEAN EXPERIENCES

Indian Ocean Experiences offers a number of tours to ensure you get the best out of your visit to Christmas Island.



### ORIENTATION TOUR

Get your bearings with this guided tour through the township, highlighting the history, culture, shopping and eating options.



### NATURE TOUR

Crabs, rainforest, birds - this tour encapsulates the very best of Christmas Island. Including: Hugh's Dale Waterfall, the Blowholes & Margaret Knoll.



### DOLLY & GRETA BEACH TOUR

A venture to the Eastern side of the island. A 40 minute ramble on foot through the jungle delivers us to a sandy, coconut-lined castaway beach, Dolly Beach. We call back through Greta Beach to look for treasures amongst the flotsam.



### PANORAMIC BIRD TOUR

Birds, birds and more birds! A venture to Golf Course Lookout, Lily & Ethel Beaches and a visit to the plateau, looking for the rare Abbott's Booby.



## EXTRA DIVERS

Extra divers provides year round boat diving (weather dependant) both in the morning and afternoon from Sunday to Friday – Saturdays are no boat days. Maximum 16 divers. Early morning dives and night dives are on request. Each dive is maximum 1 hour with an hours surface interval, a great time to drive around slowly to look for dolphins or whale sharks when in season. Extra Divers also have dive accommodation, close to the dive shop. Subject to availability at time of booking.



## FAULKNER PHOTOGRAPHY

Personalise your own photography tour of Christmas Island to get exactly what you want from the experience. Whether it be photographing exquisite bird life, rare land crabs, our majestic night skies, or simply capturing the beauty of our rugged coastline at sunrise or sunset, local Kirsty Faulkner can design a tour to suit your needs.



## WET N DRY ADVENTURES

### Dive Tour

With a maximum of just 6 divers this operator is ideal for small groups & individuals. Year round boat diving with night dives on request. Explore sea caves & caverns, or drift slowly along the wall dives, some of which have the longest drop offs in the world & are found just 20 metres from the shoreline. If you encounter dolphins during your surface interval enjoy the opportunity to snorkel amongst them.

### Snorkelling Tour

A minimum of 4 people is required for this tour. Includes, mask, snorkel, fins, boots, drinks & snacks. Look out for dolphins, tropical fish & corals & possibly a whale shark when in season from November to April. The water is warm & clear year round.

## BESPOKE TOURS

Contact us to arrange your ultimate touring experience to Christmas Island - we can design a touring program to suit your interests, and abilities.

Indian Ocean Experiences specialises in all-inclusive small group touring to Christmas & Cocos (Keeling) Islands. Let us, with our on-island staff, cater to your groups' requirements and abilities to ensure your visit gets the very best out of these amazing destinations.



## GUIDED TOURS SPECIALITY OFFERINGS



### BIRD AND NATURE WEEK

Experience the best Christmas Island has to offer with our experienced guides for a fabulous week getting up close and personal to our endemic wildlife. Fully inclusive of accommodation, meals and touring.



### SEA WEEK

Join locals whilst they celebrate the amazing marine life of Christmas Island. Events, beach clean ups, a sustainable seafood long table dinner and education offers something for everyone.



### BIRDING TOURS AUSTRALIA

Join experienced bird enthusiast Richard Baxter for his annual twitching trips to Christmas & the Cocos (Keeling) Islands - Richard is always in search of those rarities that will help you grow your bird list.



### CHRIS BRAY PHOTOGRAPHY

Digitally capture the best of Christmas Island during this jam-packed photography week. Improve your skills whilst immersing yourself in nature with Chris & Jess Bray, your experienced tour leaders.



### CITIZEN SCIENCE

Volunteer for one of Christmas Islands' newest offerings. Help our National Park staff with their bi-annual census of our endangered captive reptiles. Contribute to conservation.



### GOLF OPEN

Experience the annual Christmas Island Golf Open and play on one of the most unique golf courses in the world! Your game will include dodging crabs, coconuts and enjoying the stunning ocean views.



### MARATHON

42 kilometres of jungle, crabs, birds and tracks that take you through some of the prettiest parts of Christmas Island. Held each September, enjoy a run in paradise.

# COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS



## COCOS LAGOON

### DISCOVER OUR MARINE LIFE

The Cocos lagoon is home to around 15,000 Green turtles and 15,000 Hawksbill turtles. Hawksbill turtles are critically endangered world-wide.

The lagoon is also home to pods of dolphins, reef sharks, manta rays and an array of tropical fish. Try out our new exciting sea scooter snorkel tour, or snorkel "The Rip" on Direction Island to experience these amazing creatures up close and personal.



## ACCOMMODATION



### COCOS SEAVIEW

Located on West Island 50m to Ocean & 700m to central settlement. 3 apartments available. All have cooking facilities, ensuite, TV, DVD, air con, fans, communal laundry, BBQ, Wi-Fi. Airport transfers included.



### COCOS VILLAGE BUNGALOWS

Located in the heart of the tourism precinct on West Island. 10 self-contained bungalows in private tropical gardens. Air-conditioning and fan-cooled. Laundry facilities available for guests. Max 2 guests.



### BIRD'S NEST

Nestled in the residential area, this comfortable self-contained unit has ocean views, air conditioning and a queen bed. Suitable for 2 guests. Wi-Fi included.



### THE CASTLE

A large comfortable 3 bedroom house with 2 queen rooms & a room with double bed & bunk singles. Spacious inside & outside living areas allow you to make the most of tropical living. Fully equipped kitchen, laundry and BBQ. Great for families!



### BEACHCOMBERS

Stunning 4 bedroom home with ocean views, fresh decor & spacious living areas. Bikes, kayaks & snorkelling gear included in your stay. Alfresco kitchen/BBQ for outdoor living with fans & air-conditioning throughout. Max 8 guests.



### COCOS BEACH MOTEL

Motel style basic accommodation with attached restaurant in the settlement area. Limited facilities for self catering. Ideal for group bookings.



### COCOS CASTAWAY

Quality self-contained accommodation, some units have ocean views. Ideal for singles, couples and families. Located in the heart of the settlement area.



### COCOS COTTAGES

2 bedrooomed self contained cottages with open air living area. Overlooking the golf course with distant views to the lagoon. Centrally located. Great for couples or families.



### MY ISLAND HOME

Hexagonal self contained house. 2 bedrooms and large outdoor balcony overlooking a children's play area. A short stroll to the settlement area.



### COCOS HOMESTEAD

Large luxury country style home with 4 bedrooms. Ideal for families, sharing couples or small groups up to 6 people. Spacious covered outdoor BBQ area with seating. Easy walk to the settlement.





### MOTORISED CANOE SAFARI

Visit the shallow Southern end of the lagoon & explore some of the uninhabited islands. Look out for young reef sharks & baby turtles in the shallows. You will have plenty of opportunity to snorkel in the clear waters of the lagoon.



### TURTLE TOUR

Want more time on the motorised canoes? Try our turtle tour. The tour is approximately 2 hours & we go off in search of some of the 30,000 turtles that call the lagoon their home. Cocos is home to about 15,000 Green Turtles & 15,000 Hawksbill turtles. The Hawksbill turtles are critically endangered world wide. All ages are welcome.



### COCOS DIVE

Diving the clear warm waters of The Cocos (Keeling) Islands is a year round activity. Visibility on most dives averages 20-30 metres. Warm water temperatures vary between 26-29 degrees. Over 30 dive sites are regularly visited. Sightings of reef sharks, manta rays, turtles & dolphins on nearly every dive, as well as an abundance of tropical fish. Delicate gorgonian fans & soft & hard corals are in pristine condition. With only 1 dive operator on the Islands with a maximum of 10 divers the waters are never crowded.



### COCOS UNDERWATER SNORKEL TOUR

Join our new exciting Sea Scooter Tours for snorkellers. Enjoy the wonders of the reef while you glide along over coral bombies with a Yamaha Sea Scooter. The tour is approximately 4 ½ hours & will operate with a minimum of 2 people. Explore the clear warm waters of the lagoon with its abundance of tropical fish and corals.



### CHASING ISLAND TAILS – FISHING TOUR

Experience fishing tours with the knowledgeable Cocos Malay fishermen of Home Island. Gear is included along with snacks and water. ½ day tours and full days tours run every day except Sundays. Enjoy the options of boat fishing in the lagoon maximum 2 guests per boat or try shore based fishing. Choose from bait, lure or fly fishing with the Cocos experts.



### COCOS ISLAND ADVENTURE TOURS

A suite of vehicles are available for your Cocos Island adventures. 4 door utes get you to the places of interest on West Island.



### COCOS AUTOS

A well-maintained vehicle fleet ensures you get to the best spots on West Island - beach picnics, sunset drinks or your favourite fishing and swimming spots.

## PACKAGES



### 14 NIGHT DOUBLE ISLAND

AUD\$3,025.00 per person

**includes:**

round-trip airfares ex PER  
7 nights accommodation on each island  
7 days car hire on each island  
1 tour on each island



### 7 NIGHT – CHRISTMAS ISLAND

AUD\$1,990.00 per person

**includes:**

return airfares ex PER  
7 nights accommodation  
7 days car hire  
2 tours



### 7 NIGHT – COCOS ISLANDS

AUD\$2,180.00 per person

**includes:**

return airfares ex PER  
7 nights accommodation  
7 days car hire  
2 tours



### DIVE – COCOS ISLANDS

AUD\$2,660.00 per person

**includes:**

return airfares ex PER  
7 nights accommodation  
4 days double boat diving with inclusions

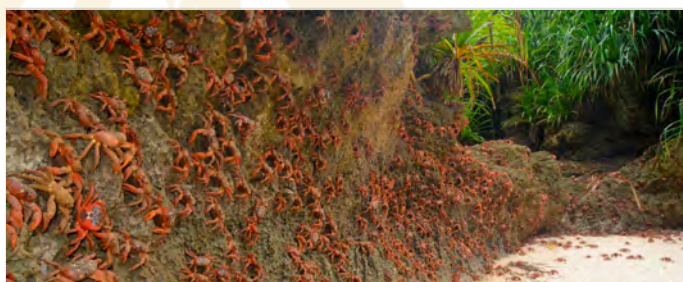


### DIVE – CHRISTMAS ISLAND

AUD\$2,375.00 per person

**includes:**

return airfares ex PER  
7 nights accommodation  
4 day double boat diving with inclusions



### RED CRAB – CHRISTMAS ISLAND

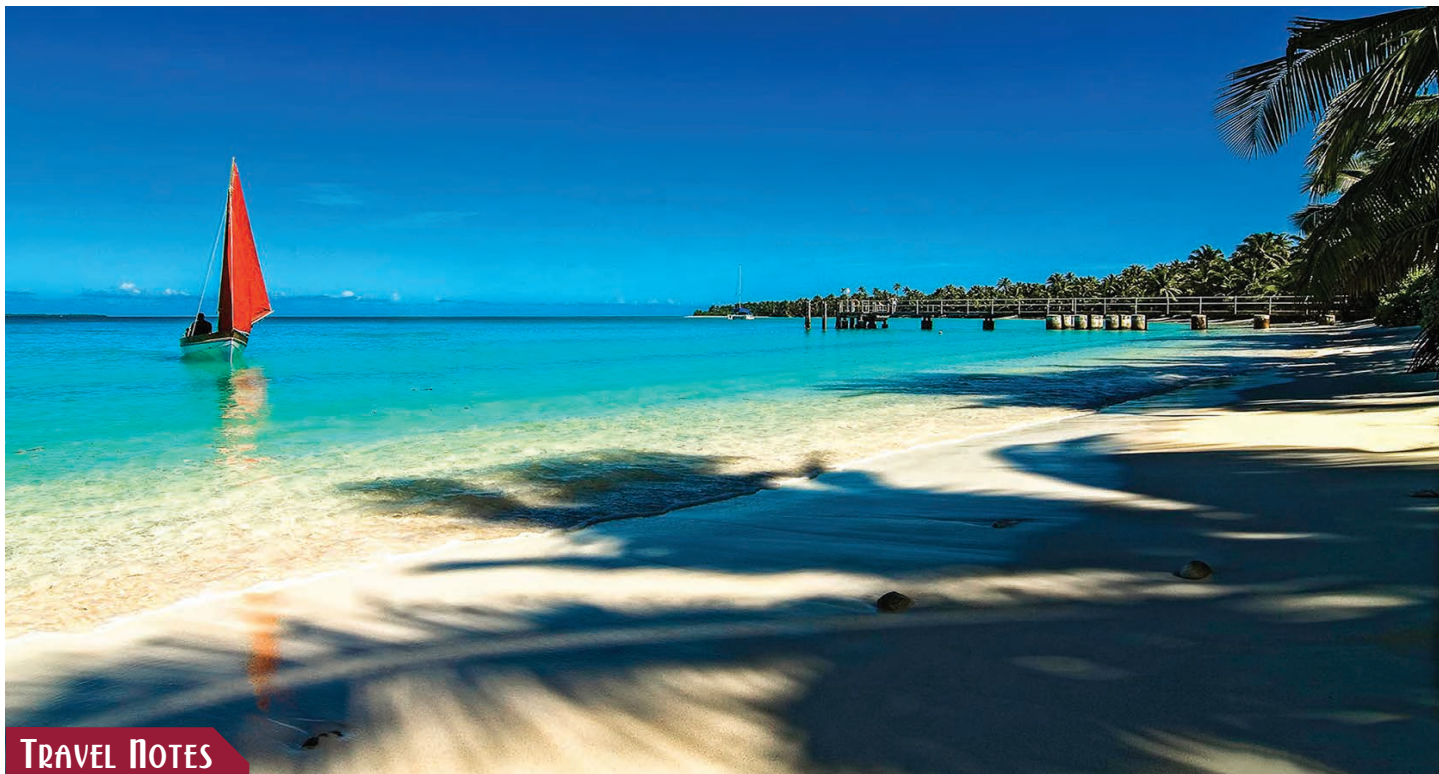
AUD\$1,980.00 per person

**includes:**

return airfares ex PER  
7 nights accommodation  
Red Crab spawning tour \* dates are limited

Packages also available from other Australian airports - please enquire.

\*Conditions – all prices are in \$AUD. Prices are subject to change without notice. All prices are based on 2 people sharing a room. Fuel costs are excluded for the hire cars. Extra tours may be added. Packages are subject to availability. Packages can be tailored to suit your interests and requirements - just ask us.



## TRAVEL NOTES

- A hire car is essential on Christmas Island as there is no public transport available.
- Only Telstra mobiles will work on Christmas Island. On Cocos mainland mobiles will not operate as it is a private network.
- Call into the Visitors Centre to find out about any special events during your stay and gain some local knowledge on the Islands.
- Car and scooter (Cocos only) hire are a good way to explore the Islands it is best to pre book to avoid disappointment.
- Please note that during the Red Crab migration on Christmas Island that the advertised tour itineraries may be disrupted due to road closures.
- Personal EPIRB's are available from the Christmas Island Police Station if visitors want an extra level of safety whilst visiting our remote locations.
- If bringing food from the mainland it must be packed according to regulations and a purchase receipt for the food must be carried with you.
- Non Australian citizens must travel to the Islands using a passport.
- Australian residents are covered under the Medicare system.
- Travel insurance is highly recommended.

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### BOOKING TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**VALIDITY:** This brochure is valid until the 31st March 2021.

Please note services promoted may be subject to change.

**PRICES:** All prices are quoted in \$AUD & are based on 2 people sharing a room. Family configurations are as specified. Prices are subject to change without notice.

**BOOKINGS:** Travellers are to provide names as per photo identification. Travel to the islands requires a form of photo identification. International guests will require a current passport document for travel.

**DEPOSITS:** A non-refundable deposit will be required within 5 days of the booking confirmation and in most cases, this will cover issuing tickets for your package. Please note that we use non-refundable airfares in the packages and we highly recommend travel insurance to cover you for your journey to Christmas and Cocos (Keeling) Islands. Prices are still subject to change until the final balance is paid.

**AMENDMENTS & CANCELLATIONS:** A \$50 fee is applicable per person plus any supplier fees to amend bookings once confirmed. Cancellation charges will apply & please note that some operators have very strict cancellations policies.

We will clarify these with you at the time of booking.

**PAYMENTS:** Final balance is due 45 days prior to departure date unless advised otherwise. Credit cards are accepted, with merchant fees applicable. Our consultants will confirm these charges prior to payment.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** We HIGHLY recommend comprehensive travel insurance to cover you for this journey. Flight and weather delays may affect your travel plans and it is important that you have insurance in place to cover you.

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A Natural Wonder

Cocos Keeling Islands  
Visitor Centre

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