

Christmas Island

Red Crabs



Experience the amazing spectacle of the annual migration of Christmas Island's endemic Red crabs.
Indian Ocean Experiences can help you tick this experience off your bucket list and make it a reality.
Spawning tours and packages available.

**Please read through the attached information to help you decide on your ultimate experience.

7 night packages from AUD \$2020 per person



- Return airfares ex-Perth
- 7 days car hire
- 7 nights accommodation at VQ3 Lodge
- Christmas Island Red Crab Spawning Tour

**Upgrade to an Ocean view room for AUD\$100 per person

Spawning tour only available on certain dates

*Prices & Itinerary Subject to Change. Prices are based on per person twin/double share unless advised, subject to availability. All prices quoted are in AUD and include applicable airline taxes. Prices ex-Perth and other accommodation options are available.. We highly recommend all guests take travel insurance for this journey. Valid until 31 December 2022



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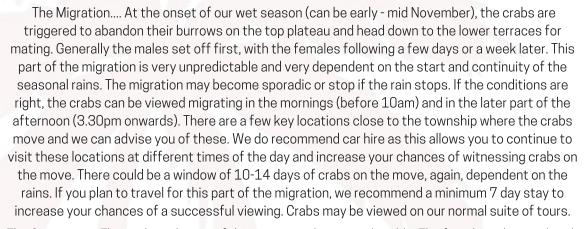
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The Spawning.... This is the only part of the migration that is predictable. The female crabs need to drop their eggs into the sea using very specific tides, which can be predicted. There are generally 2 consecutive mornings in November and/or December. The dates change each year and where these tides fall in the month determines the greater likelihood of there being either a November or December spawning, or possibly both months. They start dropping their eggs at about 4am, and stop as the sun rises. Once they have delivered their spawn to the sea, they then head back up to the forest. Spawning tours can only be operated on the mornings of those specific dates. A shorter stay on the island is possible, depending on the flight options.

Spawning Dates for 2022 - 18/19 November and/or 18/19 December *Predictions are that a December spawning event will be most likely







The Red Crab Migration Sequence

- Males start migrating to the lower terraces and dig burrows (approx. 4 weeks prior to predicted spawning dates). First wave.
 Females migrate to the lower terraces and mating takes place (approx. 2 weeks prior to spawning dates). Second wave.
- Males then leave the females in the burrows to gestate the egg mass and migrate back to the upper terraces. Third wave.
 - Females deposit eggs into the ocean on the spawning dates and migrate back to the upper terraces. Forth wave.
 - Approx. 21 days after spawning event, baby red crabs may return en masse. Fifth wave.

Christmas Island Red Crab Spawning Tour includes: Drinks & nibbles on eve of spawning event (5.30 - 6.30pm) with briefing about the morning. 3.30am wake-up to be in place to view red crabs spawning followed by a cooked bbq breakfast at the beach. Tour finishes at 7.00am. *Vegetarian and Gluten Free can be catered for. Transport provided if required.

*Exact date of tour operation to be determined immediately prior to the spawning event. It will depend on the best conditions to ensure guests can view the maximum number of crabs. Guests will be contacted upon arrival if any changes are required to the date of operation of the tour.