



## Where is Christmas Island?

Christmas Island is a territory of Australia and is in Indian Ocean. Christmas Island is located 2600km north-west of Perth, Western Australia and 975km north-east of Cocos (Keeling) Islands. It is accessible via regular flights from Perth.



## About the Community?

For centuries Christmas Island isolation provided natural barriers to settlement.

The British and Dutch first included the island on their charts in the early seventeenth century and Captain William Mynors named the Island when he arrived on Christmas Day 25<sup>th</sup> December 1643.



Christmas Island is unique for its variety of land crabs including the famous migrating red crabs. Although most common in the moist environment of the rainforest, Red Crabs live in a variety of habitats including coastal shore terraces, and even domestic gardens. It is estimated that 120 million of these bright red land crabs live in their preferred shady sites all over the island and effectively disappear for up to two to three months of the year.

There are various nature walks and intriguing rock pools providing opportunities for half day tours. The spectacular beauty of this land can be enjoyed by visiting the Grotto, Hugh's waterfall and the Blowholes, each displaying an array of waterholes, flora and fauna and panoramic views.

63% of Christmas Island is a National Park.

Christmas Island enjoys a host of amenities and recreational facilities including a swimming pool, gym, library, snorkelling, scuba diving, fishing and bird watching. There is a golf course and nature walking through the rainforest.

## What services are available in Christmas Island?

Residents of Christmas Island have access to government and private services, including:

- Shopping Centre
- Police station
- Health services
- Post office and news agency
- Bank
- Hotels and accommodation
- Aquatic and recreation centre
- Airport
- Taxi service
- Primary and secondary schools
- Early childhood centre
- Bus service
- Car Rentals
- Restaurants and food outlets
- Legal Service
- Child Care Centre

For further information on Christmas Island and on health and education services in Christmas Island, visit:

Department of Education:  
[www.det.wa.edu.au/schoolsonline/overview.do?schoolID=4152&pageID=SO01](http://www.det.wa.edu.au/schoolsonline/overview.do?schoolID=4152&pageID=SO01)

Department of Health:  
[www.crana.org.au/membership/corporate-members/indian-ocean-territories-health-service/](http://www.crana.org.au/membership/corporate-members/indian-ocean-territories-health-service/)

Tourist Centre: [www.christmas.net.au](http://www.christmas.net.au)

Shire: <https://shire.cc/en/>

