

Fanning Island, Line Islands, Kiribati

A coral atoll at the edge of the world, where islanders greet your tender with song and the lagoon glows a shade of blue you won't find anywhere else.

Tender only (no pier)

Typical call: 5–7 hrs

AUD / USD cash only

Gilbertese & English

Remote & undeveloped

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Arrive: All aboard:

Excursion: Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender — ships anchor outside the reef; 15–20 min tender ride through the lagoon entrance

Best For: Authentic Pacific culture, lagoon swimming, snorkeling, total digital detox

Walk to center: Immediate — tender lands inside the lagoon at English Harbour, next to the village

Don't Miss: The Kiribati singing welcome at the jetty and the trans-Pacific cable station ruins from 1902

Getting around: Rideshare not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Kiribati Cultural Welcome & Village Walk** — As your tender docks, the village gathers at the maneaba (community meeting house) to perform traditional Kiribati songs and dance.
- WWI Cable Station Ruins** — A short walk from the landing brings you to the ruins of a British trans-Pacific telegraph cable station built in 1902 — part of the 'All Red Line'...
- Lagoon Snorkeling** — The lagoon inside the reef is calm, crystal-clear, and packed with giant clams, tropical fish, and the occasional baby reef shark.
- Outrigger Canoe Ride** — Local fishermen offer rides in traditional outrigger canoes around the calm lagoon.
- Lagoon Beach Day** — The beach right next to the tender pier has warm, shallow, crystal-clear water safe for swimming and wading.

BEST WALKS

- English Harbour to Cable Station Ruins** ~1 km one-way | 20 min | Flat sand paths — From the tender jetty, head along the lagoon-side path through the village past the school and maneaba, continuing to the old British cable station ruins near the lagoon...
- Lagoon Beach to Ocean Side** ~400 m across | 10 min | Sandy track — The atoll is narrow enough to walk from the calm lagoon side to the open ocean side in about 10 minutes.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		83°	80°	22d
Jun		83°	80°	20d
Aug		83°	80°	14d
Sep		84°	81°	14d
Oct		83°	81°	12d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:31AM–6:43PM · Jun 6:27AM–6:48PM · Aug 6:34AM–6:49PM · Sep 6:28AM–6:36PM · Oct 6:22AM–6:24PM

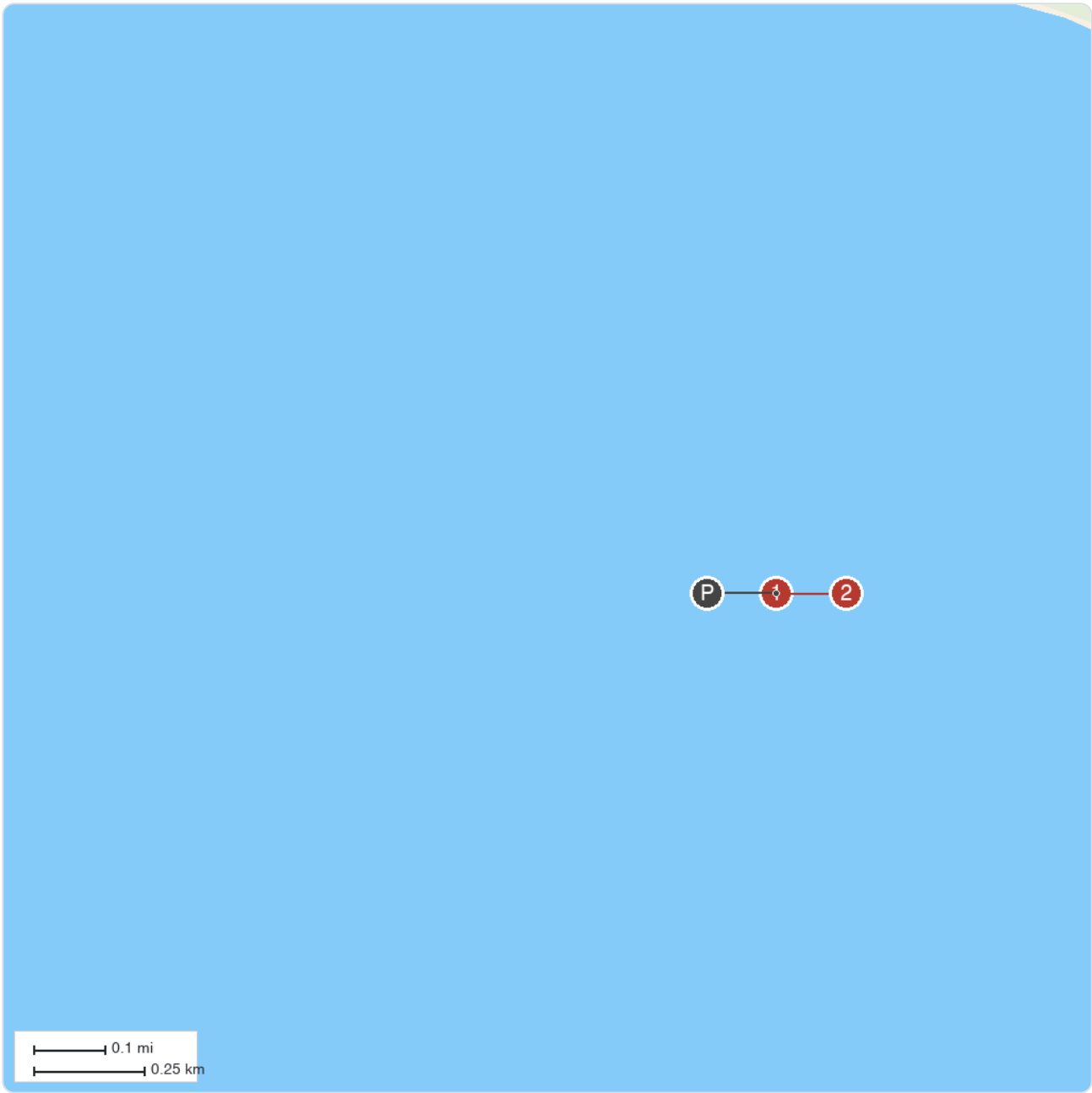
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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Cash only, small bills. Bring USD or AUD in \$1, \$5, and \$10 denominations. There is no ATM, no card reader, and locals cannot make change for large bills.
- Cover up in the village. Kiribati is a conservative Christian community. Wear a sarong or shorts and a T-shirt over swimwear when walking through the village or visiting the school.
- Bring snorkel gear from the ship. The lagoon snorkeling is world-class and free — but there is zero rental infrastructure on the island.
- Eat on board before you go. There are no restaurants, cafes, or food stalls beyond fresh coconuts and a few snack vendors. Fresh coconuts (\$1–2) are a must-try.
- Take your trash back. The island has no waste management system. Carry out every wrapper, bottle, and piece of packaging with you.
- Gifts land better with the right person. School supplies and toiletries are deeply valued — but hand them to the village elder, schoolmaster, or church leader rather than handing them to children directly.

Fanning Island, Line Islands, Kiribati — Port Map

Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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English Harbour Lagoon

Sheltered turquoise lagoon where tender boats land, ringed by coconut palms.
- 2

Tabuaeran Village

Small Kiribati fishing settlement offering a glimpse of traditional Line Islands life.
- P

Cruise port / terminal