

Kanton Island, Phoenix Islands, Kiribati

One of the world's most remote and untouched cruise stops, Kanton is a ghost-town atoll wrapped in UNESCO-protected reefs — no shops, no roads, just raw Pacific wilderness and living history.

 Tender only (no pier)

 Typical call: 6–8 hrs

 Australian Dollar (AUD)

 I-Kiribati / English

 Phoenix Islands Protected Area (PIPA)

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date:	Arrive:	All aboard:
Excursion:	Notes:	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender / Zodiac only — no pier

Walk to center: ~10–20 min along sandy tracks to WWII ruins

Best For: Expedition travellers, history buffs, snorkellers

Don't Miss: Lagoon beach swim with blacktip reef sharks

 Getting around:  Rideshare  not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **WWII & Pan Am Heritage Walk** — Trek along the old WWII airstrip past scattered rusting wartime debris, the foundations of Pan Am's mid-century...
- **Lagoon Snorkel with Sharks & Rays** — Wade into the calm, crystal-clear lagoon to snorkel among near-pristine PIPA reefs.
- **Visit the Local Community** — Kanton's tiny population of fewer than 50 government caretakers and meteorologists sometimes welcomes cruise visitors...
- **Seabird & Wildlife Spotting** — Kanton and the surrounding Phoenix Islands are nesting grounds for enormous seabird colonies including frigatebirds...
- **Lagoon Beach BBQ** — Most cruise lines hosting Kanton calls set up a beach BBQ on the lagoon shore, bringing all food, drink, and equipment...

BEST WALKS

- **Airstrip & WWII Ruins Walk** ~3 km round trip · 1.5 hrs · Flat/easy — From the lagoon landing beach, follow the sandy track toward the island's sole settlement, Tebaronga, and on to the vast WWII runway.
- **Lagoon Shore Stroll** ~1 km · 30 min · Very easy — A gentle walk along the inner lagoon beach past turquoise shallows.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	83°	80°	19d
Jun	83°	81°	14d
Aug	83°	80°	11d
Sep	83°	80°	10d
Oct	83°	80°	9d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:25AM–6:27PM · Jun 6:28AM–6:25PM · Aug 6:30AM–6:31PM · Sep 6:19AM–6:24PM · Oct 6:07AM–6:17PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Wear water shoes. The tender landing often involves stepping into ankle-deep water, and tracks ashore are sandy with scattered coral rubble.
- No shade, no mercy. Kanton sits on the equator. Bring a hat, UV rash guard, and reef-safe sunscreen — the sun is intense and there's almost no tree cover along the main walking