

Kiritimati (Christmas Island), Line Islands, Kiribati

Named by Captain Cook on Christmas Eve 1777, Kiritimati is the world's largest coral atoll — a sun-scorched, breathtakingly remote stop where bonefishing is world-class, seabirds nest by the million, and your ship anchors far offshore.

-  Tender port (no cruise pier)
-  Typical call: 6–8 hrs
-  Australian Dollar (AUD) — cash only, no ATMs
-  Gilbertese & English
-  Equatorial — hot and sunny year-round

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender to London jetty — no cruise berth exists

Walk to center: On the jetty — London village is immediate

Best For: Bonefishing, birdwatching, off-the-beaten-path Pacific

Don't Miss: Cook Island Bird Sanctuary boat tour & the London Post Office stamps

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  Negotiate on arrival (approx. AUD 5–15) ·  **Rideshare**  not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Cook Island Bird Sanctuary Boat Tour** — Cook Island sits inside the lagoon and protects nesting colonies of red-tailed tropicbirds, masked boobies...
- **Bonefishing on the Flats** — Kiritimati is legendary in fly-fishing circles — its shallow, crystal-clear lagoon flats hold some of the densest...
- **WWII & Nuclear Testing Relics Walk** — The UK and US conducted atmospheric nuclear tests here in the 1950s–60s.
- **Salt Flats & Lagoon Interior** — The vast salt evaporation pans in the island's interior create a surreal white-and-pink landscape.
- **London Beach & Lagoon Swimming** — A curve of white sand right near the tender pier.

BEST WALKS

- **London Village Stroll** 30–45 min · Flat · Free — From the jetty, walk through London's dusty streets past the cooperative stores, the local school, and the church.
- **London Beach Walk** 20–30 min · Easy · Free — Head from the tender jetty along the lagoon-side beach.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:25AM–6:34PM · Jun 6:23AM–6:37PM · Aug 6:29AM–6:39PM · Sep 6:21AM–6:28PM · Oct 6:13AM–6:17PM	
Apr	81°	79°	21d		
Jun	82°	80°	14d		
Aug	81°	79°	8d		
Sep	81°	79°	6d		
Oct	81°	79°	4d		

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Cash in AUD only. There are no ATMs accepting international cards and no credit card terminals anywhere on the island. Bring Australian dollars in small denominations from your...
- Tendering can be cancelled. Kiritimati's anchorage is exposed. If swells are high, tenders may not run — have a Plan B and keep your excursion expectations flexible.