Christmas Island
A Natural Wonder

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Rising majestically from the tropical depths of the vast Indian Ocean and surrounded by azure waters of Asia’s southern fringe lies a stunning natural wonder.

Its name alone is intriguing and stirs interest. Yet this tiny speck of land in the Indian Ocean is a truly fascinating paradise, inviting you to uncover its remarkable surprises of nature in a one-of-a-kind environment.

Venture to this awe-inspiring island for an unforgettable getaway. Experience a rich biodiversity and a welcoming culture as you take time to escape the everyday, relax and immerse yourself in a breathtaking natural world.

Warm, crystal-clear waters invite you to swim or snorkel at idyllic beaches among playful fish, or scuba dive and discover a colour explosion in the coral reef, and be mesmerised by the gentle, close-up beauty of the huge whale shark.

Grow your sense of wonder as you are captivated by the spectacle of the annual red crab migration – a glorious, visual feast of colour sweeping across the landscape from forest to ocean in a rare, unstoppable natural ritual.
Meander through the dappled light of a lofty rainforest teeming with abundant life in its lush ecosystem, from tall, shady canopies above to delicate native orchids and ferns across the forest floor, and on to freshwater cascades.

Overhead, wonderful birds soar and drift – birds you’ll not see anywhere else in the world. Whether they’re wheeling across tropical skies or in their craggy homes, you can tick off sightings, marvel at their elegance and rarity and treat your ear to new calls.

Every step you take on Christmas Island is a sensory journey. From the inspiring natural world to the discovery of new sounds, sights, tastes and experiences that blend in a unique harmony. It’s a place like no other.

So set your sights on Australia’s jewel of the Indian Ocean. Along with your camera, pack your capacity for endless amazement, your willingness to be inspired and your infinite sense of wonder.
Planning your trip

Christmas Island is a nature-lover’s dream and you’ll be spoilt for choice when it comes to the huge range of nature-based activities available. Perhaps you’ll need more than one trip!

So whether you’re visiting to witness the magic of the red crab migration, discover the rainforest’s huge robber crabs, dive with the whale sharks, relax on deserted beaches, or photograph a Golden Bower in it’s regal flight, knowing what to expect ensures you get the best out of your escape.

Location
Christmas Island lies in the tropical waters of the Indian Ocean. It is 2,600kms northwest of Perth and 500kms south of Jakarta.

Climate
It’s warm year round, with an average daily temperature of 27°C. Pack lightly, with a rain jacket for the wet season (Dec-Apr).

One Community
The 1,500 people making up the vibrant community include people of Chinese, Malay and European heritage. Cultural respect is welcomed.

Language
English is the official language on the island, while Bahasa Malay, Mandarin and other Chinese languages are widely spoken.

Currency
The Australian Dollar is the local currency. Major credit cards are accepted and EFTPOS facilities are available.
Getting There
Scheduled Virgin Australia flights operate from Perth International Airport to Christmas Island several times a week. Some charter services operate from South East Asia. Visit christmas.net.au for the latest flight information.

Accommodation
Choose from boutique hotels, a fully serviced wilderness experience, self-catering units or lodge style properties. Many have ocean views, and service is personalised.

Food
Eat out in a good choice of Australian, Chinese and Malay restaurants, cafes and taverns. The island also has well stocked grocery stores for your everyday needs.

Getting Around
Hiring a vehicle (4WD/AWD recommended) is easy and the best way to see the island. Scooters and mountain bikes can also be hired. Guided tours are available and can be arranged through the Visitor Information Centre.

Connections
Stay in touch if needed via international phone calls, an internet cafe at the Visitor Centre, wifi access in some hotels and in hotspots. A Telstra 2G mobile phone service operates which offers global roaming to all overseas guests.

Visa Requirements
Australian Visa regulations apply. Australian citizens should bring their passports or photo ID as Christmas Island is considered an ‘international destination’ for Australian Customs and Quarantine purposes.

Travel Insurance
To enjoy complete peace of mind, it’s highly recommended that you obtain travel insurance that covers your Christmas Island escape.

"Christmas Island is a nature-lover’s dream"
CHRISTMAS ISLAND is the peak of an undersea volcano that rose steeply from the Indian Ocean floor about 60 million years ago. Ongoing geological uplifts over time built up layers of coral reef to leave the almost continuous limestone cap. Each uplift over millions of years formed stepped terraces and cliffs to create the terrain of today.

Where else in the world can you ...

- Dive one of the longest drop-offs in the world (up to 5,000m), from the edge of the Java Trench.
- Negotiate a round of golf on a lush 9-hole course, with special rules for when crabs are blocking the hole.
- Chill out in a naturally occurring rock spa on a secluded beach, with turtles and fresh coconut water.
- Dive and surface, James Bond style, in a sea cave with huge air-filled domes, stalagmites, stalactites and tiny flashlight fish blinking bioluminescent lights.
- Look up to see rare, endangered frigatebirds soar overhead, as you tick off your list on the island named by Australian Geographic as one to the top 3 destinations for birdwatchers in Australia.

From geological wonder to natural wonder

A remarkable oceanic Island
The 135km² of land including 80km of shoreline, form an island that displays many signs of its origins. Some underlying volcanic basalt is exposed and can be seen in a few land areas, and the ocean's relentless erosion of limestone cliffs has left a honeycomb of caves at sea level. Christmas Island is surrounded by a narrow coral reef that drops away steeply into the Java Trench, the Indian Ocean’s deepest point.

Creatures from elsewhere
As on many remote oceanic islands, all plants and animals originally came from elsewhere. Over time many have become endemic, being found nowhere else in the world. The ecosystem has evolved over time as the island has become home to extraordinary biodiversity.
Christmas Island is packed with opportunities for all ages and all fitness levels, so you’ll be surprised at the variety you can experience. Due to the network of roads and jungle tracks which criss-cross the island, you don’t have to limit yourself, and you can enjoy a generous ‘taste’ of all that’s on offer.

From birdwatching and rainforest walks, to scuba diving, swimming, fishing, photography or simply relaxing in a warm ocean, there’s plenty to stir your passion as you connect with nature.

Let your adventure begin ...

Small island, big numbers

- Over 200 species of coral thrive in tropical waters.
- There are tens of thousands of red crabs living on the island.
- As many as 213 native plant species grow on the island, with 17 of those being endemic.
- Around 80,000 seabirds nest on the island annually.
- 23 breeding or resident bird species, with 7 endemics, including one of the largest Sula birds in the world, the Abbott’s Booby, live on the island.
- Over 100 vagrant and migratory bird species have been recorded.
- More than 600 species of fish have been identified.
- Over 180 species of land, shore and water crabs have been found.
- Two Ramsar Wetlands of international significance.
Christmas Island is your natural paradise offering fascinating creatures and stunning plant life. With an accessible national park covering two thirds of the island, you’re surrounded by diversity on a grand scale. Find yourself among abundant flora and amazing land crabs. From endemic red and blue crabs, to huge robber crabs, see these extraordinary island inhabitants and witness a migration like no other. It’s nature as nature intended, and it’s waiting for you.

Red crabs
Be prepared for a breathtaking vision in the annual red crab migration. Marching en-masse from rainforest burrows to the ocean to breed, their journey is a wave of colour and a thrill to observe.

You’re bound to encounter the Christmas Island red crab no matter where or when you venture. They provide great photographic opportunities, and are a vital part of the ecosystem.

Visit for the migration and witness this unstoppable and dramatic sight. It’s possible to walk carefully amongst a moving sea of red crabs, providing a priceless moment of nature. You may see female crabs releasing their eggs into the ocean in a unique dance in the early morning hours.

Marvel at the ingenious methods, including purpose-built crab grids and bridges, that local rangers have installed on the island’s roads in order to protect the crabs from cars during the mass migration.
Robber crabs
The island’s gentle giants, robber crabs, are the biggest land crustaceans on earth. They can grow larger than a football and may live for 50 to 70 years. Have cameras ready, as you’re just as likely to find these impressive crabs on the island’s boardwalks as anywhere else.

Keep shiny objects out of their way as they earn their name from obsessively picking up and carting off silvery items like pots or cutlery. Christmas Island is a major robber crab sanctuary, so be mindful of them on the roads.

When do red crabs migrate?
Plan your visit around October to December to see the migration that begins with the wet season and is synchronised with lunar tidal phases. Likely spawning dates each year are provided on the Christmas Island Tourism Association and Parks Australia websites.

From treetops to forest floor
Explore a fantastic ecosystem that evolved over millions of years and in isolation. Christmas Island National Park offers amazing opportunities to see native and endemic plants and animals in their natural habitat.

Follow marked walking trails that take you deep within the rainforest, and find tall evergreens with a closed uneven canopy around 40 metres high. Some trees emerge above the canopy and it’s here the endangered Abbott’s Booby nests.

You’ll be enchanted by the trees bursting with ferns and orchids, and the forest floor with stands of young palms, ferns and lilies. Across the island’s sloped and terraced terrain, you can see a fascinating mix of growth from deciduous trees to scrambling scrub and vines.

The best way to explore is by following the 4WD roads to many well laid out walking trails that criss-cross the island. Most places are easily accessible, and you can come face-to-face with nature at its best.

One of the most amazing animal migrations on the planet
- Sir David Attenborough
Christmas Island is a haven for birdwatchers. It’s not only the variety and numbers, but their remarkable visibility. Birds can be seen everywhere on the island, at just about any time of the day. Many sightings are possible close to your accommodation and without ever leaving the settled areas. So you can arrive confident you’ll easily tick off a full list over a busy week or more relaxed fortnight.

The birds of Christmas Island are striking, beautiful and keep birdwatchers coming back again and again.

Your list will be long, as more than 100 vagrant and migratory bird species have been recorded on the island. You can see the Red-footed Booby which nests in trees on many parts of the coastal shore terraces, including the island’s spectacular cliff-ringed golf course.

Keep your binoculars handy for sightings like the endangered Christmas Island Frigatebird that breeds nowhere else in the world. And you’re likely to see the Golden Bosun in its graceful and elegant flight, often above the limestone cliffs.
Frigate bird sees red
During the breeding season (late December through June) for this endangered bird, the male inflates his bright red throat sac as part of his mating ritual. Capture this spectacle on camera, but it’s best not to wear red hat or t-shirt as you may be considered a competing mate!

Head to the rainforest to discover the world’s last remaining nesting habitat for the endangered Abbott’s Booby, and listen for its distinctive, guttural call.

In the forest you’ll also find the Christmas Island Hawk-Owl, Goshawk, Emerald Dove and others. Listen too for the melodious evening song of the Christmas Island Thrush.

Where to see the birds
You’ll see birds wherever you are on the island, and you can drive to many areas to enjoy remarkable sightings. Watch from cliff tops as frigatebirds chase boobies, making them disgorge their latest fish catch.

See birds in the rainforest, and follow trails that take you out to coastal cliffs, where you can peer into the ocean and catch the inspirational sight of rare seabirds floating on the updrafts.

Bird ‘n’ Nature Week
Join a team of dedicated researchers and natural history experts each September for a week-long immersion in Christmas Island’s wildlife. Attend nightly seminars, seabird identification workshops and participate in hands on activities like:

- Attaching transmitters to nesting Abbott’s Boobies.
- Monitoring Brown Boobies on the island’s rocky coast.
- Banding the Christmas Island Goshawk.
- Catching a glimpse of the rare Christmas Island Blue Tailed Skink at the Pink House Research Centre.
- Try spotting the difference between the island’s many species of land crabs.

Visit www.christmas.net.au for further information. If you’re unable to visit in September, a local birding tour can be arranged whilst you are on the island and a number of other dedicated bird tours operate at various times throughout the year.

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Dive into a warm, welcoming ocean, and enjoy the thrill as magnificent creatures glide gracefully by, like the whale shark or manta ray. See kaleidoscopic coloured fish play among the coral reef in an underwater wonderland.

Christmas Island is a marine paradise. Some of the world’s best diving takes you to crystal clear water, and a vibrant coral reef that plunges into the abyss of the Java Trench. Snorkel the reef close to the shoreline, or simply enjoy leisurely swimming in a beautiful, uncrowded environment.

After a lifetime of aquatic exploration and discovery across the world, to be able to come to a place like Christmas Island and still be amazed is just brilliant.”

~ Neville Coleman, Aquatic Naturalist

Ocean of wonder
Life at sea
There are not many places in the world to get up close and personal to the gentle whale shark. These majestic visitors give snorkellers and divers a thrill when they visit the island between November and April. Of course, like all natural performances, there are no guarantees.

Chances are you can marvel at elegant manta rays that swim effortlessly by, as you share azure waters with over 600 species of fish. You may even be lucky enough to see friendly dolphins at Flying Fish Cove.

Scuba diving
There are few places with a diving experience to match Christmas Island. From cave and wall dives, to chance encounters with turtles, nothing beats this island’s diving. You’ll enjoy an average water temperature of 27°C year round, with near perfect visibility, often in excess of 40 metres. With pristine coral reefs, cave diving the island’s cliff edges, and heart-stopping vertical wall dives where the Java Trench drops off, your adventure awaits.

Snorkelling
When you simply want to snorkel, the waters closer to the shore are safe and clear. Some of the island’s colourful coral species can also be found just metres from the shoreline.

Simply head off from one of many beaches, and your ocean world comes alive. The underwater Garden of Eden at Flying Fish Cove is a favourite for snorkelling. The bright reef fish crowd the clear, shallow waters in a picture-postcard display.

Diving like nowhere else

• Some of the clearest waters in the world.
• Warm (27°C) safe and uncrowded.
• Only a small number of divers at any one time on over 60km of reef.
• Dive close to huge, majestic whale sharks.
• Over 60 dive sites around the island’s coastline.
• Explore the catacomb of coastal sea caves.
• Dive a WWII shipwreck.
• Hundreds of tropical fish and pelagics.
• Over 200 species of vibrant coral.
• Dives to suit all levels of experience.
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- Shop/restaurant
- Supermarket
- Accommodation
- Point of interest
- Temple/mosque/church
- Ruins
- Museum
- Hospital
- Fishing
- Diving
- Snorkeling
- Crab viewing
- Beach
- Mountain biking
- Bird viewing

Sealed road
Formed unsealed road
Unsealed 4WD track
Walking track

Christmas Island National Park
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Island beach life

The Grotto: Dragon hide-out

Local legend tells that the Grotto, an enchanted sea cave, is home to an ancient sea dragon that swam from China tried to come ashore upon hearing its language, but was trapped, exhausted, in the cave. You can hear its thunderous roar today as the waves crash. When the tide is right, you can access the cave’s refreshing waters from an entry hidden just beyond the shoreline amongst thick jungle, either on hot days or with romantic candles at night.
Make time to explore the many deserted beaches around the coast. No two beaches are the same as some are perfect for simply relaxing and enjoying a refreshing swim and snorkel while others may offer the chance to get up close to amazing marine and land creatures. Most beaches can be reached by driving, and some have walks of various lengths.

**Flying Fish Cove**
Easily accessible, pebbly sand beach for swimming, snorkelling and diving, plus picnic facilities, barbecues and public toilets.

**Dolly Beach**
A picturesque, palm-fringed sandy beach (via boardwalk) with coral reef, freshwater streams, a natural rock spa, robber crabs and nesting turtles.

**West White Beach**
A stunning coral reef offshore on a great beach for walkers up to handling a moderately difficult trail and cliff descent using a ladder.

**Lily Beach**
Surrounded on both sides by rising cliffs, you are protected from strong breezes. A perfect spot for a picnic. At low tide, take advantage of the geology and explore the rock pools. On a calm day, Lily Beach is a beautiful shallow swimming spot.

**Greta Beach**
Spectacular outlooks from a beach where turtles nest and red crabs spawn. Reached by a short walk from a car park and steep staircase.
It’s hard to imagine a more visually tantalising place to photograph than Christmas Island. All around you are sights, colours, textures and landscapes you’ll want to capture, so bring nature to life through your lens.

From soft, pastel sunrises to glorious sunsets, Christmas Island is bathed in ever-changing tropical light. Vivid colour is everywhere, from the crabs’ rich reds to the rainforest’s deep greens, to turquoise waters.

Catch the imposing robber crabs on film, zoom in on gentle orchids and twisting vines, and train your lens skywards to capture the elegance and freedom of rare birds in flight.

Underwater photographers have a kaleidoscope of colours and shapes to shoot. On land the imposing, inspiring and detailed architecture of temples and other built form keeps shutters clicking.

Video cameras capture the sights and sounds of millions of scurrying red crabs, or the hauntingly musical call of the island’s thrush, and the stirring call to prayer from the mosque.

Enjoy an organised photo tour or safari and let one of our experienced operators show you the ideal locations to capture that perfect shot.

**Best spots for best shots**

- Martin Point – for staggeringly beautiful sunsets and seabirds.
- Blowholes – capture the energy of the water on a rugged coastline.
- Dolly Beach – impressively large robber crabs plus turtle tracks.
- Hugh’s Dale Waterfall – an iconic island place for your unique shot.
- Blowholes Road – get creative with a special tree along the road.
- Territory Day Park Lookout – a spectacular high point overlooking Flying Fish Cove and Tai Jin House.
- Island temples – rich colours fused with wisps of incense smoke.
- Tai Jin House – capture the detail of this building and its gardens.
Cultural experiences

- Visit Tai Jin House, historic home of the island’s Administrator, and enjoy its expansive gardens, historical exhibition and views over Flying Fish Cove.
- Explore the armaments at Smith Point near to where 800 Japanese troops stormed ashore during World War II.
- Take in the call to prayer as it drifts from the minaret over the Kampong five times every day.
- Follow the alluring scent of incense that wafts from many of the island’s temples.
- Explore the European, Chinese and Malay cemeteries.
- Discover stories of the island’s Chinese people at the Chinese Cultural Museum.

Festivals, holy days and celebrations

- Join the colour and celebration of Chinese New Year, with the Lion Dancing.
- Revel in the fun of Territory Week, especially the raft race.
- Marvel at the Chinese Hungry Ghost Festival and the Mooncake Festival.
- Mark the Muslim festival Hari Raya Puasa at the end of month-long Ramadan.
- Celebrate Vesak Day, the Buddhists’ annual holy day.

Christmas Island is a vibrant and warm community with a cultural mix that colours island life with many traditions, celebrations and festivals.

From its early days of phosphate discovery in 1881, when settlers and workers arrived bringing cultural and religious traditions, the island community grew to become a fascinating melting pot of cultures.

Today, visitors are welcomed and encouraged to join in, learn more and experience the thriving, contemporary Christmas Island ‘feel’ in the many amazing foods, festivals and places.

Islanders are proud of their home and its harmony, with its blend of Buddhist, Christian, Taoist and Muslim cultures that are celebrated openly. Places of worship are open to all.

A culturally diverse people
The friendly locals welcome visitors and invite you to join in their daily activities and island traditions. Even if you simply want to take it easy, you’ll find many laid-back places and opportunities to rejuvenate mind and body in relaxing tropical air.

**Sunset spectacular**
Head over to Martin Point where the west coast viewing platform on the edge of the cliff couldn’t be more perfect for witnessing a breathtaking sunset. It’s utterly peaceful here and cameras are a must. While seabirds float lazily overhead and a magnificent sunset takes over, gaze westwards where the nearest land is continental Africa over 5,000kms away.

**A round of golf**
Visitors are welcome at the 9-hole Christmas Island course. Lush fairways are watched over by towering cliffs where frigatebirds circle, and the clubhouse setting is perfect. You can hire clubs at the Visitor Centre, and remember this club has special rules applying if crabs are blocking the hole!

**Outdoor movies**
Relax at a quintessential Christmas Island Saturday night experience when you join the locals at the open air cinema. Under twinkling tropical stars and a sweeping night sky with moonlit ocean below, get caught up in this magical meeting of nature and the big screen.
Island running
If you like to keep up with your running, pack your trainers and pound the roads and trails in a whole new experience. Christmas Island’s very active Hash House Harriers welcome visitors to join them every Thursday (details at the Visitor Centre) and run freely across the island, exploring different scenery and working up a sweat. For serious runners, or even if you’re just up for a challenge, participate in the annual island marathon held every October - please check with the Visitor Centre.

Gone fishing
You can go out to sea with experienced operators and feel the thrill of landing Christmas Island’s famous catches like sailfish, tuna and prized wahoo. Or you can join the islanders in a local tradition and throw a line into the water off the jetty. Chances are you’ll haul in your very own fresh fish for dinner. Purchase fishing gear locally and make a start at Flying Fish Cove.

Beach barbecues
On Friday and Sunday evenings, islanders often flock to Flying Fish Cove for a refreshing swim or snorkel. Above the beach you’ll find grassy areas with picnic and barbecue facilities. Relax as the sun slowly sinks away over the Indian Ocean, and barbecue – perhaps your freshly caught fish?
**A week in paradise**

A visit to Christmas Island is a trip of a lifetime and the Christmas Island Tourism Association would love to help you plan your island escape. If we had a week’s holiday on the island, this is what we’d do. What will you do?

**DAY 1** Get your bearings, take a drive, watch the sunset

**MORNING:** Call into the Visitor Centre for island information and maps – enjoy a walking tour of Settlement.

**AFTERNOON:** Drive to the Blowholes via the North South Baseline, then the East West Baseline. Finish at Martin Point for a spectacular sunset.

**DAY 2** Nature walk, temple visit, snorkel and barbecue

**MORNING:** Drive to Territory Day Park and complete the Territory Day Park Nature Trail, possibly extending your walk to include the Smith Point Nature Trail.

**AFTERNOON:** Immerse yourself in the cool waters of the Grotto and visit Mar Chor Nui Nui Temple, then finish the afternoon with a snorkel and barbecue at Flying Fish Cove.

**DAY 3** Beaches, swim, rainforest, birdwatching

**FULL DAY:** Pack your picnic lunch, then drive to Greta and Dolly Beaches, enjoying the trek through the rainforest to Dolly Beach. Return via stunning Margaret Knoll for birdwatching. Remember binoculars and cameras.

**DAY 4** Boardwalk, beach, history and a glorious sunset

**MORNING:** Drive to Lily Beach, and stroll along the boardwalk to Ethel Beach. Take your swimmers and enjoy a paddle in the shallows.

**AFTERNOON:** Drive to South Point, taking in the historic railway station, temple and stay to catch the sunset. Return to town to grab a romantic dinner at one of the cliffside restaurants.

**DAY 5** Birdwatching, rainforest walks and a sundown snorkel

**MORNING:** Enjoy some birdwatching from the Golf Course Lookout, adding to your already growing list of sightings.

**AFTERNOON:** Drive to the Dales and walk to Anderson’s Dale, via beautiful Hugh’s Dale. On a Saturday, finish the day with a movie under the stars.

**DAY 6** Beaches and coastal nature trail

**FULL DAY:** Pack a hearty picnic lunch, then drive to Winifred Beach (tide dependent) or West White Beach, and take time to walk the nature trail to the coast. Depending on sea conditions, enjoy a leisurely snorkel at either Winifred or West White Beach.

Add a few more days - Add some sports, play golf, go scuba diving, deep sea fishing, snorkelling
Indian Ocean Experiences

Experience all Christmas Island has to offer with Indian Ocean Experiences.

As the only island-based package agent, we can assist with all aspects of your travel – flights, accommodation, tours and car hire. Let our local knowledge guide you to a bespoke itinerary which ensures you get the best out of your island experience.

Unlock the island’s secrets with our local experienced guides and explore in safety and comfort with our well-maintained vehicles. Our suite of tours offers a variety of experiences to cater to your interests and abilities.

Visit the website, email or call us to plan and book:

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- Tours – including the spectacular red crab migration
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NESTLED in the jungle in the National Park, surrounded by wildlife and overlooking the ever-changing ocean, Swell Lodge is a glass-fronted, solar-powered, luxury eco-chalet offering guided activities, daily servicing and even a private chef. An all-inclusive stay at Swell Lodge on Christmas Island is like nothing else on Earth.

Packages at Swell Lodge:
From the moment you step off the plane and meet one of our guides at the airport, all your island needs will be taken care of so you can relax and enjoy your ‘once-in-a-lifetime’ stay at Swell Lodge on Christmas Island. Our guide will drive you through the beautiful rainforest, around the red crabs, to your private oceanfront eco-chalet and present you with your personalised itinerary. All stays are all-inclusive, and you will enjoy our airport pick-up and drop-offs, unique daily-guided activities as well as all meals and drinks - even some dinners cooked just for you on your secluded oceanfront balcony by our private chef, as seabirds soar past and the swell rolls in.

CHRISTMAS Island Wet n Dry Adventures is a small eco-friendly business, operating since 1994.
We love to spoil our divers, which is why we take a maximum of only 6 divers. This means we can keep our service personal and reduce our impact on the environment.

Diving - Snorkelling - Bird Watching - Courses
We offer many ways to experience the ocean: whether you are diving, snorkelling, or simply want to see the island from a new perspective; exploring the waters surrounding Christmas Island is an experience not to be missed.

Amazing visibility and an abundance of fish.
From the tiniest shrimp to the biggest fish in the sea, Christmas Island hosts a vast array of tropical fish species, nudibranchs, pelagics, turtles and sharks. Our experienced guides can always find something to fascinate.

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Our forte is the countries in our own backyard – the fascinating, wonderful world of Asia. Within this world, the diversity of picturesque landscapes and cultures provides any traveller with a multitude of places to visit. There are soaring, snow-capped mountains, densely forested hills and valleys, verdant rainforests, blue glaciated lakes and romantic emerald green bays dotted with limestone islets.

And then there is Christmas Island - one of our favourite destinations!

Come with us and discover the remarkable surprises of this island full of natural wonders: the unique annual red crab migration, the rare and unusual birds and the glorious deserted beaches.

Discover, too, the curious tapestry of cultures, history and industry, emerging in a place where all these elements create a truly unusual travel experience!

Contact us for our airfare-inclusive dive and free & easy packages today!
THE Christmas Island Golf Club is Australia’s northernmost golf course. Situated 2600 kilometres north west of Perth, Western Australia, Christmas Island is one of Australia’s jewels in the Indian Ocean. The course is set atop a volcanic sea mount pushed up many millions of years ago. Enjoying a tropical climate, golf is an ideal pastime on this small Australian outpost. Originally established in 1955, the Christmas Island Golf Club has a history that defies its relative obscurity. Where else is there a local rule regarding land crabs taking your golf ball?

The course is an 18 tee / 9 green par 64 with fully grassed fairways and greens. The course is situated on an eastern facing gently sloping plateau, bordered by the Indian Ocean to the east and tropical jungle terraces to the west.

Official Competition days

- **Wednesdays** - Ladies golf from 2.00pm
- **Fridays** - Mens scroungers from 2.00pm
- **Saturdays** - Club Competition from 12.00 noon

Christmas Island Golf Open – annually every May

The Christmas Island Golf Club welcomes visitors to our unique club.

CHRISTMAS ISLAND VISITOR CENTRE

**MAKE** the Visitor Centre your first stop on your Christmas Island Adventure.

We look forward to welcoming you to Christmas Island to help you get the most from your visit.

The Visitor Centre is centrally located in Settlement and open 7 days per week. Our friendly and knowledgeable team can help you to find out what to do, where to eat and shop, what is happening and where to explore.

The Visitor Centre has a tour, accommodation and car hire booking service and a range of Christmas Island souvenirs and books.

If you need to catch up on your world we also offer wifi and a range of business services.

Contact us before you arrive and we can help arrange your visit to this natural wonder.
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**Christmas Island’s Newest Accommodation offering brings new life to old**

The Cocos Padang Lodge, Christmas Island’s superb new accommodation, is located opposite the waterfront in the heart of the Settlement district, offering views of the ocean, to help make your stay on Christmas Island memorable, comfortable and enjoyable.

**Our History**

The Cocos Padang Lodge is a newly refurbished Heritage apartment hotel located in the heart of Settlement. The original building is typical of Post WWII Accommodation provided by the Christmas Island Phosphate Mine for its “native” workers and housed Cocos Malay workers until the 1960s.

**Today**

Immerse yourself in the Island’s history in the tastefully refurbished heritage-inspired rooms. The Lodge contains four self-contained units, which can be configured as 1, 2 or 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom units, air-conditioned with a fully functional, tastefully equipped kitchen and laundry. Overlooking the Indian Ocean, the Lodge is a short walk to the local shops, taverns, cafes and supermarket. WiFi access is available. Cocos Padang Lodge is perfectly positioned for your Christmas Island escape.
Our Business
The Island Pharmacy & News is the only pharmacy and newsagency on Christmas Island and provides a complete range of services to the local community, the IDC (Immigration Detention Centre) and Cocos (Keeling) Islands. We are part of the Health Focus Pharmacies Group of Regional Community pharmacies.

Our Pharmacy
We provide a great range of pharmaceutical services by our full-time Pharmacist on staff. Our large selection of goods includes vitamins and supplements, health food options, baby products, first aid items, Australis make-up, perfumes, a range of skin and hair care items and our own range of Only Papaya and Optiderma products.

Our Newsagency
We provide Australian Lotto services with TattsLotto in Victoria, a selection of magazines and newspapers, stationery, art items, party goods, costumes, toys, gifts, cards and wrap.

Visit us on Facebook at Christmas Island Pharmacy & News
We are conveniently located on Gaze Road in Settlement and are open Monday to Friday from 9am - 5pm and Saturday 9am - 12pm.

Role of the Shire
The Shire of Christmas Island has been operating since 1 July 1992. It was created as a result of the law reform process whereby the Commonwealth decided to apply the laws of Western Australia as Territory laws. The Christmas Island Services Corporation, a Commonwealth organisation, became the local government on this date. The Shire provides standard local government type services.

Councillors
The Shire is governed by a Council comprising nine members. Councillors hold office for four years. Half term elections are held every two years. Council elects its own President and Deputy President. Councillors are volunteers representing the community and functions on behalf of the Shire.

Departments
A Chief Executive Officer is employed by the Council to manage the operations of the Shire. The departments that make up the Shire are Administration, Finance & IT, Works & Services, Planning, Building & Health and Community Services. Other services include parks & garden maintenance, vehicle inspection, road maintenance, waste management, community funding, public library, school holiday programs, and the local newsletter.
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