


Christmas Island *Calendar* 2019



Christmas Island
A Natural Wonder

Event	Description	When	Event	Description	When	
	New Year's Day	Relax and enjoy the many attractions of Christmas Island to kick start the year	1 January	Marine Debris Project	Join locals and volunteers from Tangaroa Blue and Keep Australia Beautiful WA to collect and audit marine debris	21-28 June
	Red Crabs Spawning and Return	A potential double with a late spawning and the baby crabs return	2-3 January	Hungry Ghost Celebrations	Weekly celebrations start at Sheng Wong Temple. A time to make offerings to wandering spirits	1 August - 29 August
	God's Birthday Celebrations	Celebrate Tai Pak Kong God's Birthday at the Old Dryers Temple	21 January	Bird'n'Nature Week	Join citizen scientists researching seabirds and Island endemics while exploring Christmas Island	27 August – 3 September
	Australia Day	The official national day of Australia starts with a Big Breakfast and later a cricket match	26 January	SeaWeek	Celebrate our seas with a week of events to inform, inspire and surprise	6 -13 September
	Chinese New Year*	Celebrate the Year of the Pig as the Chinese community blend traditional and modern culture	5* - 6*February	Christmas Island Marathon – Mooncake Edition	An adventurous marathon with individual and team events ranging from 42 km to 2km combined with Mooncake celebrations	14 - 15 September (Race Day)
	Chap Goh Mei	Join the celebrations that symbolise the end of the Chinese New Year	19 February	Deep Sea Fishing	When the fish are biting, it's exhilarating. Take what you can eat then kiss and release	September - November
	Labour Day	Everyone loves a good street party hosted by the Union of Christmas Island Workers	18* March	Tai Pak Kong Temple	Taoist celebrations at the temple in Settlement	22 September
	Easter	Good Friday Services at the Catholic Church - all welcome	19* April	Red Crab Migration	The great migration commences with the onset of the rains. The wet season could start as early as October with millions of crabs marching to the sea	October - January
	Red-Footed Booby – Nesting	Look for nests in the trees, mostly on the shore terraces	March to September	Territory Day Celebrations	A week or more of celebrations for Christmas Island becoming an Australian Territory on 1 October 1958 culminating with Cove Day	7* October
	ANZAC Day	Attend the Dawn Service at Tai Jin House to recognise the Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War	25* April	Soon Tian Kong Temple	Celebrate Kang Tian Tai Di's God Birthday at South Point Temple with medium readings and a colourful ceremony	21 November
	Temple Celebration	Ma Chor Nui Nui observations for the Goddess of the Sea	27 April	Red Crab Spawning	A celebration of life occurs when millions of red crabs spawn at the water's edge. The date depends on the rains and the phase of the moon	22-24 November (possible)
	Cove2Club Fun Run	A community 6km uphill run from Flying Fish Cove to the Cricket Club – start training	May	Whalesharks	During the wet season the majestic whalesharks visit our waters. A dive or snorkel with the world's biggest fish is an unforgettable experience	November to May
	Christmas Island Acker Golf Open	Join locals and visitors on one of the most remote Australian golf courses and enjoy a series of golfing and social events	18-19 May	Red Crab Spawning	Known locally as 'Spawning Morning' when millions of red crabs release their eggs at the water's edge. The date depends on the rains and the phase of the moon	21-23 December (possible)
	Abbott's Booby - Nesting	These large birds nest only on Christmas Island in tall rainforest trees on the central plateau	May to November	Christmas	Merry Christmas on Christmas Island - enjoy peaceful celebrations. Christmas Island was named on this day in 1643	25* December
	Hari Raya Puasa	Marks the end of the month long fast of Ramadan	5* June	Christmas Island Frigate Bird	The rarest frigate bird in the world nests only on Christmas Island	December to May for male's display.
	Sheng Wong Temple	Taoist Temple God's birthday celebration in Drumsite for Sheng Wong	13 June	New Years Eve	Celebrate the last day of the year Christmas Island Style	31 December

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