



# Fishing

Kiritimati



Located in the Line Group of islands, Kiritimati (Christmas Island) lies at the eastern extreme of Kiribati, an island nation that stretches 3000km from east to west along the equator. A destination that has long been hindered by its remote location and difficult access, Kiritimati is one of the largest coral atolls in the world, with an immense intricate tidal lagoon landscape with shallow waters, and endless ocean flats surrounding the atoll. The rest of the atoll is lined with deserted beaches, covered in coconut palms and low level bushes. Kiritimati is sparsely populated with most people living in small villages in the north of the island. The rest of the island is given over to nature and remains relatively undisturbed.



fishing the waters

Kiritimati (Christmas Island) is world renowned as a destination for bonefishing for both beginners and more advanced fishermen. With consistently good weather the climate is ideal; the clear shallow waters teem with fish, especially bonefish and giant trevally; and the sheer scale of Kiritimati offers vast endless white flats and an abundance of sites to cast from. It is possible to find an isolated location for the day and see no other fishing group. Fishing sites are accessed by truck or boat.

Tourism in Kiritimati is in the early stages of development and as such, facilities and services are limited. In terms of international standards, accommodation is basic, catering for the simplest of needs. In smaller guesthouses and motels, air conditioning, private bathroom facilities, hot showers and constant electricity and running water should not be taken for granted. The selection of food, particularly of fresh vegetables and fruit, is very limited, due to the isolation and remoteness of the location, although the quality and choice of seafood is excellent.



Fishing in Kiritimati is facilitated by the Tourism Office, Wildlife & Fisheries Commissions, The Ministry of Environment, Lands & Agriculture & hotels in co-ordination with individual fishing guides. It is essential that we work together & act on their recommendations for fishing Kiritimati,

unguided fishing

No fisherman, no matter what level of experience, should be unguided whilst fishing in Kiritimati. The facilitators of fishing in Kiritimati are responsible for ensuring that **restricted areas** remain undisturbed & that anglers, accidentally or otherwise, do not access these sites. The most efficient means of enforcement is to ensure visitors use knowledgeable guides.

Additionally, as hosts, I-Kiribati *feel* they are responsible for the safety of all visitors to their country & have major concerns over angler's **safety**.



**All elements of itineraries should be pre-arranged.** Everything for a fishing trip to Kiritimati **must** be booked in advance. Limited communications mean it can take several days to contact relevant people to make arrangements. There is often no alternative other than to search for the contact in person. While not impossible, it is difficult to organise activities, such as transport hire, at short notice. It is I-Kiribati nature to try & oblige any request, but arrangements at short notice cause additional costs & issues for fishing operators. The operators in Kiritimati wish to strongly discourage short notice arrangements where possible.

pre-arranged itinerary

Tobaraoi view

In **co-operation** with the authorities, and in respect of local feeling, Tobaraoi Travel is unwilling to knowingly send fishermen to Kiritimati without at least one guide between 4 anglers. It is also our responsibility to support **sustainable tourism** by encouraging fishermen to use guides, thus providing local employment. We also encourage all visitors to pre-book all activity prior to arrival in Kiritimati.



issues to consider

Most accommodation providers offer their own bonefishing package including 7 nights accommodation & all meals (flights not included). Most offer 6 days fishing, but the transport used, the guide to client ratio and the number of fishermen that the cost is based on, may vary from one to another.



\$ 2600 per person

The Villages

'The Villages' located on the lagoon front, enables fishermen to easily access the water. Approx. 45 min. from the airport and 10 min. from the wharf, it is an ideal location. Serving excellent food, the Villages is a popular choice of accommodation in modern bungalows with private bathrooms.

6 ½ fishing days  
Guide per 2 people  
transport - varied  
Priced on group of 2-3



\$ 2590 per person

Captain Cook

The government run Captain Cook, located close to the airport is the largest hotel on the island. Accommodation is either in 24 simple but comfortable rooms or one of the 20 bungalows. All have private bathrooms and many are situated on the beachfront. A bar and restaurant is also available.

6 fishing days  
Guide per 2 people  
transport - skiff & truck  
Priced on group of 4



\$ 2590 per person

Crystal Beach

Located in Terawanibakoa, between Ronton and the airport, Crystal Beach offers simple bungalow accommodation with private bathrooms, in a secluded ocean side setting. There is always a friendly welcome, entertainment and various tours and activities can be arranged on request. Max 12 guests.

6 fishing days  
Guide per 2 people  
transport - varied  
Priced on group of 2



\$ 2390 per person

Adventure Dive & Fishing

Located in the centre of Ronton, the Adventure Dive and Fishing Lodge, is a small property offering simple but clean shared rooms with private bathrooms. A family run friendly establishment, guests receive all the attention that they require. Max 8 guests.

6 fishing days  
Guide per 2 people  
transport - varied  
Priced on group of 2

Most accommodation is located between Ronton & the airport (45 minute drive). The wharf, the launch point for skiffs is in Ronton, whereas truck accessible fishing sites are beyond the airport. Location & journey times should be a factor taken into consideration when choosing your fishing package.

Prices in AUD and subject to change - correct at time of publication. Subject to terms & conditions

fishing packages

Although many accommodation providers offer packages for fishing trips to Kiritimati, these packages might not suit everybody's requirements. With this in mind we try to customise a fishing trip specifically for you. You determine where you stay, the transport you use, how many days fishing, even which guide you use. (restrictions & practical constraints do apply).

Alternatively you can combine bonefishing with other activities in Kiritimati. Spend a day fishing, another offshore fishing, a day birdwatching, another diving and why not kayak the lagoon on another day. There is plenty to fill your time. It is your itinerary—it is up to you what you do.

Custom made

## Private Guides



Experienced local fishing guides offer their wealth of expertise to visiting fishermen through private guiding services. So, rather than sharing a guide with others, you benefit from the undivided attention of your own personal guide.

Private guides can usually be arranged as an addition to a package.

\$ various  
per day

Full day private  
guiding service

## Offshore fishing

Off shore fishing is available as an alternative to fishing the flats. If you want a change, why not choose this option for a day or two?

Spend the day fishing for yellow fin tuna, giant trevally, wahoo or sail fish and return to your accommodation, fish in hand to cook your fresh catch in the evening. What could be better?



\$ tbc per person

includes all gear  
hire & transport  
for a full day

Price based on ?  
fishermen  
(max number per boat)



# Other fishing options