



GOVERNMENT of PITCAIRN ISLANDS

Guide for Visiting Vessels

GENERAL INFORMATION CRUISE SHIPS / TOUR VESSELS & PLEASURE YACHTS

ALL VESSELS

- Applications for Cruise Ships / Tour Vessels and Pleasure Yachts to visit the Pitcairn Islands should be made in writing via, email, to the Pitcairn Islands Immigration Officer at immigration@pitcairn.gov.pn
- All vessels wishing to land passengers on any of the Pitcairn Islands require permission to do so.
- All fees stated within this document are compulsory.
- All fees within this document are quoted in NZ Dollars.
- The Mayor, who is also the Pitcairn Island Harbourmaster, will ensure all vessels are guided to the best anchorage on the day of arrival.

MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS – CRUISE SHIPS / TOUR VESSELS

There are no diseases endemic to the Pitcairn Islands, however, the small Pitcairn community is vulnerable to diseases that may be carried by visitors. Travellers who are unwell are required to consult their ship's doctor before arriving at Pitcairn.

All Captains and/or ship Doctors are required to declare the health of passengers and crew before landing them at Pitcairn Island. Captains and/or ship Doctors are required to email a copy of the ship's Maritime Declaration of Health to the Pitcairn Island Medical Officer prior to arrival and must confirm that the vessel has no cases of contagious disease onboard.

The Pitcairn Island Medical Officer will communicate with the ship's doctor. When there is doubt about fitness to land on Pitcairn, a brief medical examination may be required, including measurement of body temperature. These precautions may vary according to information from WHO and the Pacific Public Health Surveillance Network. Pitcairn Islands Medical Officer: doc@pitcairn.gov.pn

Although yellow fever is not a disease risk in the Pitcairn Islands, the Government of Pitcairn Islands requires travellers arriving from countries where yellow fever is present to provide proof of Yellow fever vaccinations. Captains/ship Doctors are responsible for ensuring vaccinations are up to date, including seasonal influenza, chickenpox, polio, Hepatitis A, measles/mumps/rubella (MMR) and diphtheria/pertussis/tetanus (DPT). Other vaccinations may be indicated for travellers with special health risks (ships should check with their doctors).

NOTE: Only the Pitcairn Medial Officer is permitted to request medical supplies etc. from visiting vessels.

MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS – PLEASURE YACHTS

There are no diseases endemic to the Pitcairn Islands, however, the small Pitcairn community is vulnerable to diseases that may be carried by visitors. Captains of all pleasure yachts are required to liaise with the Pitcairn Islands Medical Officer prior to landing passengers. When there is doubt about fitness to land on Pitcairn, a brief medical examination may be required, including measurement of body temperature. These precautions may vary according to information from WHO and the Pacific Public Health Surveillance Network.

THE PITCAIRN ISLANDS MARINE PROTECTED AREA (MPA)

In March 2015, the United Kingdom declared the waters of the Pitcairn Islands (Pitcairn, Ducie, Henderson and Oeno) as one of the world's largest Marine Protected Areas, spanning 834,334 square kilometers.

As a condition under the MPA the Government of Pitcairn Islands prohibits all visiting vessels from conducting fishing activities within the Pitcairn Islands Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). This applies to All Cruise and tour vessels, pleasure yachts and Government of Pitcairn Islands charters.

Whilst cruising within the Pitcairn Islands EEZ, visiting vessels that detect unusual activity are asked to report the vessel name, date, time and GPS location to the Pitcairn Police and Pitcairn's Division Manager of Environmental, Conservation and Natural Resources, email: police@pitcairn.gov.pn; dmnature@pitcairn.gov.pn



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THE PITCAIRN ISLANDS INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY SANCTUARY

The night skies of all 4 islands in the Pitcairn Islands Group comprise The Pitcairn Islands International Dark Sky Sanctuary, Mata ki te Rangi - Eyes to the Sky, established in March 2019.

To ensure that the pristine night skies of the Pitcairn Islands remain free of light pollution. The Government of Pitcairn Islands (GPI) approved and enacted its Outdoor Lighting Management Regulation, in December 2018 (enacted as Part XII of the Local Government Regulations).

In line with this regulation all Cruise and Tour ships intending to anchor overnight in Pitcairn waters are required to apply for permission to use outdoor lighting beyond that approved under Part XII of the Local Government Regulations (outdoor lighting). Applications should be made in writing via, email, to the Pitcairn Islands Council. Email: isec@pitcairn.gov.pn

All visiting vessels, anchoring overnight in the Pitcairn Islands are asked to keep all on-board outdoor lighting within minimum safety requirements.

REMOVING ITEMS OF HISTORICAL, BOTANICAL & GEOLOGICAL INTEREST FROM ANY OF THE PITCAIRN ISLANDS IS PROHIBITED.

It is an offence to remove or attempt to remove any protected artefact from the Pitcairn Islands, without written consent from the Governor. Any person who does so may be liable to a fine of up to \$20,000.

Protected artefacts include:

- any relic of the ships “Bounty”, “Cornwallis”, “Arcadia”, or “Bowden”;
- any artefact of the Polynesian people resident on Pitcairn prior to the arrival of the “Bounty”; and
- any coffin on Henderson Island.

It is also an offence to remove marine life or non-living natural material from the seabed within the Pitcairn Islands Marine Protected Area; or to take, kill or harass any wild bird (including their eggs), or any protected species.

Any person seeking to remove any of the above artefacts, any other artefact of historical interest, or any soil, rocks, or botanical, geological, biological or marine samples for research or other purposes should apply to the Governor for a permit, and present such permit for inspection prior to departure.

BIO-SECURITY/QUARANTINE & WASTE MANAGEMENT

THE FOLLOWING RULES APPLY TO ALL VISITING VESSELS TO THE PITCAIRN ISLANDS

- All Honey and all bee products, including bees wax products, are prohibited and may not be landed on any of the Pitcairn Islands
- No foreign flora or fauna may be introduced to any of the Pitcairn Islands.
- No flora and fauna on any of the Pitcairn Islands may be disturbed, damaged, destroyed or removed.
- The disposal of refuse or sewage is prohibited
- All rubbish, including food waste and wrapping is to be removed from the outer islands prior to departure i.e. no evidence of a visit should remain.
- Passengers bringing any fruit or seeds ashore may be inspected by bio-security.
- Most public toilets on Pitcairn Island are biodegradable long-drops.
- All visitors should observe good personal hygiene and remember to wash hands or use hand sanitizer.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE

If visiting Cruise Ships/Tour Vessels wish to arrange a meal on shore for passengers, please contact the On-island Services Co-ordinator for further details. Email: tourismassist@pitcairn.pn

PROVISIONS



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Visiting vessels wishing to purchase or supply provisions should contact the Provisions Officer

Email: provisions@pitcairn.gov.pn

- Pitcairn Islanders are happy to supply, upon request, seasonal fresh fruit and vegetables. Fresh fish and lobster may also be available providing advance notice is given of required quantities.

CRUISE SHIPS/TOUR VESSELS INFORMATION: LANDING FEES FOR PITCAIRN, HENDERSON, OENO & DUCIE ISLANDS

From April 1st 2020 all newly booked cruise ships/tour vessels & pleasure yachts landing passengers on any of the 4 islands in the Pitcairn Islands group are required to pay:

- \$100 NZD landing fee per adult (over the age of 18yrs) / per island.
- Under the age of 18 years to 5 years: \$50 NZD
- 5 years and under: no charge.

The Pitcairn Islands Landing fee covers:

- Immigration Clearance & Passport Stamp
- Entrance to the Pitcairn Islands Museum
- On-island / On-board Service Co-ordination
- Conservation contribution for the Pitcairn Islands Marine Protected Area & the Pitcairn Islands International Dark Sky Sanctuary.

CRUISE SHIPS/TOUR VESSELS INFORMATION: PASSENGER HEAD LEVY

From April 1st 2020, a Passenger Head Levy (PHL) will be applied to all new cruise ship/tour vessel bookings. The PHL applies to all cruise ships and chartered tour vessels entering Pitcairn waters to anchor, land passengers, drift and/or circumnavigate any of the 4 islands within the Pitcairn Islands group.

The PHL fee is \$2.00 NZD per passenger. The PHL will be included in the Disbursement Account form which the ship will receive from the Pitcairn Islands Immigration Officer.

CRUISE SHIPS/TOUR VESSEL INFORMATION WHEN VISITING PITCAIRN ISLAND

- For every passenger going ashore, the Immigration Officer and/or his/her agent will complete necessary immigration procedures.
- The service fee for ships wishing to use the Pitcairn Island Longboat to ferry passengers ship to shore return is \$500.00 NZD.
- The passenger fee for the Pitcairn Island Longboat ship to shore return trip is \$20.00 NZD per person.
- If passengers are unable to land but would still like their passports stamped, the Immigration Officer can arrange this. The fee for this service is \$20.00 NZD per passport.
- Local Lectures can be provided on-board and on-shore as required. The Lecture fee is \$500.00 NZD per lecture. Email: tourismassist@pitcairn.gov.pn

PAYMENT

All service fees for Cruise Ships / Tour Vessels visits must be paid, on invoice, via bank transfer to the Pitcairn Islands Office (Auckland). All services fees will be included in the Disbursement Account form which the ship will receive from the Pitcairn Islands Immigration Officer

CRUISE SHIPS / TOUR VESSELS INFORMATION - HENDERSON, OENO & DUCIE ISLANDS

All Cruise Ships / Tour Vessels that land passengers at Henderson, Oeno & Ducie Islands are required to email the Pitcairn Islands Immigration Officer with the number of passengers landed on each island.

Email: immigration@pitcairn.gov.pn

NOTE: The Henderson, Ducie and Oeno Islands are remote and uninhabited. Getting ashore is only possible with boats such as Zodiacs. Using ship tenders' is not possible as there are no harbours or safe entrances at these locations.



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INFORMATON FOR PLEASURE YACHTS VISITING THE PITCAIRN ISLANDS

All pleasure yacht passengers landing on any of the 4 islands in the Pitcairn Islands group are required to pay a \$100 NZD landing fee per adult (over the age of 18yrs) / per island.

- Under the age of 18 years to 5 years: NZ\$50
- 5 years and under: no charge

The Pitcairn Islands pleasure yacht Landing fee includes:

- Immigration Clearance / Passport Stamp
- Entrance to the Pitcairn Islands Museum
- On-island Services coordination
- Conservation contribution for the Pitcairn Islands Marine Protected Area & the Pitcairn Islands International Dark Sky Sanctuary

Pleasure Yachts – Ship to Shore transfers

The following fees apply for pleasure yachts wishing to use local tenders for ship to shore transfers;

Pick-up / return Bounty Bay: \$70 NZD per trip

Pick-up / return Tedside (Western Harbour): \$100 NZD per trip

Pick-up / return Ginger Valley \$150 NZD per trip

PAYMENT

All service fees for pleasure yachts must be paid at the Pitcairn Islands Government Treasury Office where cash and credit card facilities are available.

OTHER

All service fees for other vessels must be paid, on invoice, via bank transfer to the Pitcairn Islands Office OR at the Pitcairn Islands Government Treasury Office where cash and credit card facilities are available.

HENDERSON ISLAND - A World Heritage Site

- Landing on Henderson Island is restricted to North Beach only
- Landing and excursions on East Beach are prohibited
- Landing and excursions on North-West Beach are prohibited

NOTE: Special provision is granted for visitors to land on North-West Beach **ONLY** if it is not possible to land on North Beach due to sea and weather conditions or emergency.

NOTE: Henderson Island provides a protected Marine habitat for sharks. Caution is advised when swimming/diving.

EXCHANGING GIFTS

From time to time gifts are exchanged between the Mayor of Pitcairn Islands, on behalf of the people of Pitcairn and ship Captains. Visiting vessels, Captains and crew are asked not to exchange gifts for the community with anyone other than Mayor of Pitcairn Islands in these instances.

All gifts received by the Mayor of Pitcairn Islands, on behalf of the people of Pitcairn, are registered and displayed/or shared with the entire community. Gift items for the Community should be labelled and addressed to the Pitcairn Island Community c/- Mayor / Deputy Mayor.

FILMING ON PITCAIRN ISLAND

Using Drones on Pitcairn Island within 100 meters of residential areas is not permitted

Visiting the Pitcairn Islands to undertake media related research, film, take photographs, make audio recordings or undertake interviews for commercial purposes or public viewing is not permitted without prior approval from the Pitcairn Islands Council. Email: isec@pitcairn.gov.pn



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ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION IN THE PITCAIRN ISLANDS

As stated in the GPI Sale and Use of Liquor Ordinance, the consumption of alcohol is not permitted in many public areas on Pitcairn Island unless otherwise specified by the Pitcairn Islands Council. Those drinking alcohol in these public areas, without the aforementioned dispensation from Council, shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine. To make application to the Pitcairn Islands Council for passengers to consume alcohol in public areas on Pitcairn Island contact the Mayor: Email: mayor@pitcairn.gov.pn

No Alcohol is permitted on Henderson, Ducie and Oeno Islands. Those who drink alcohol on Henderson, Ducie or Oeno Island, shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine.

SECURITY

There is a permanent police presence on Pitcairn.

COMMUNICATIONS

- All communications concerning visits by Cruise Ships/Tour Vessels should be made in the first instance to the Pitcairn Islands Immigration Officer immigration@pitcairn.gov.pn and to the Mayor mayor@pitcairn.gov.pn

The following email contacts are the officially recognized contacts for Cruise ship / Tour vessel & pleasure yacht enquires:

- Pitcairn Island Office: admin@pitcairn.gov.pn (New Zealand)
- Mayor / Harbour Master: mayor@pitcairn.gov.pn
- Immigration Officer: immigration@pitcairn.gov.pn
- Pitcairn Islands Medical Officer: doc@pitcairn.gov.pn
- Division Manager Environment, Conservation & Natural Resources: dmnature@pitcairn.gov.pn
- On-Island Services Coordinator: tourismassist@pitcairn.pn
- Provisions Officer: provisions@pitcairn.gov.pn
- British Government Administrator: administrator@pitcairn.gov.pn
- Pitcairn Islands Office Administration - Auckland, New Zealand:
Email: admin@pitcairn.gov.pn Ph: +64 9 366 0186, Fax: +64 9 366 0187, Mobile +64 21 1808744

VHF operates 24/7 on Pitcairn. All Vessels should use Channel 16 for local communication, in the first instance, once in range of Pitcairn Island.

NOTE: Fees and regulations published in this document are subject to change

ISPS Code

Pitcairn Islands is not a signatory to SOLAS and is not subject to the requirements and procedures prescribed by the ISPS Code implemented through chapter XI-2 of SOLAS.

There is limited infrastructure and resource to support vessels calling at Pitcairn Islands.

Vessels must maintain their own security when calling at Pitcairn Islands, as prescribed in their Ship Security Plan (SSP).

In order to maintain a continuous register of port calls and to avoid any unnecessary compliance issues with Port State Control at subsequent ports of call, vessels should follow the guidance provided by the IMO Maritime Safety Committee (**Committee**) for procedures to be applied during vessel / port interface, when either the vessel or the port do not comply with the requirements of chapter XI-2 of the ISPS Code: see https://www.register-iri.com/wp-content/uploads/MSC_Circ_1111.pdf



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In particular, as per paragraph B/9.51 of the ISPS Code, the SSP should provide for the procedures and security measures the vessel should apply when:

- It is at a port of a State which is not a Contracting Government; or
- It is interfacing with a port or port facility which is not required to comply with chapter X1-2 and part A of the ISPS Code.

If the vessel's SSP does not include such provisions, the vessel should attempt to conclude, if possible, a Declaration of Safety, or take actions including:

1. Record the actions taken by the Company Security Officer (CSO) and/or Ship Security Officer (SSO) to establish contact with the Port Facility Security Officer (PFSO), and/or any other persons responsible for the security of the port being interfaced;
2. Record the security measures and procedures put in place by the ship, bearing in mind the security level set by the Administration and any other available security-related information; this can include the vessel completing its own Declaration of Security; and
3. Implement and maintain the security measures and procedures set out in the Declaration of Security throughout the duration of the interface.

EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY

Pitcairn Island Landing and Residence Ordinance, Section 9.

- (1) Where any person who is landing or has landed in the Islands, whether pursuant to any licence or permit issued under this Ordinance or not, sustains any damage to loss of property or suffers personal injury or death by accident, there shall be no liability in law for compensation or damages arising directly or indirectly out of such damage, loss, injury or death notwithstanding any rule of law or any enactment to the contrary, on the part of the Crown, the Governor, the Island Council or any member or members thereof, or any person by virtue of any statutory function or duty, or any other person acting in any function or capacity as servant, employee, agent or delegate of the Crown, the Governor or the Island Council.
- (2) For the purpose of subsection (1), the period of landing in the islands shall be deemed
- (a) to commence (i) If landing by means of a Pitcairn Boat, at the moment of boarding it from another vessel; or (ii) If landing by other means, at the moment of stepping ashore and (b) to end (i) If departing by means of a Pitcairn boat, at the moment of leaving it to board another vessel; or (ii) If departing by other means, at the moment of leaving the shore.

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