

**GPI: Conditions for Visits to the Pitcairn Islands – Charter Vessels and Yachts**

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## Conditions for visits to the Pitcairn Islands

### CHARTER VESSELS AND YACHTS

All visitors wishing to land on any of the Pitcairn Islands require permits to land.

All fees quoted are in US Dollars.

The Mayor, who is also Harbourmaster, will ensure that the vessel is guided to the best anchorage on the day. Contact [mayor@pitcairn.gov.pn](mailto:mayor@pitcairn.gov.pn)

#### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

It is not permitted for anyone to remove any items from Pitcairn or other Islands in the group including soil, rocks, botanical samples, Bounty artefacts, geological samples etc, without the specific permission of the Government of Pitcairn Islands and any such items **MUST** be presented for inspection prior to departure if such permission has been forthcoming.

#### **MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS**

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 on arrival should attend their ship's doctor before arriving at Pitcairn.

It is expected that Captains will routinely declare the health of passengers and crew before landing on Pitcairn and the Medical Officer will require confirmation that the vessel has no cases of contagious disease aboard.

With respect to Influenza; A/ H1N1, Pitcairn has introduced quarantine regulations requiring a declaration of health of passengers and crew and notification of places visited during the 10 days prior to arrival at Pitcairn.

The Pitcairn Island doctor 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 be varied according to information from WHO and the Pacific Public Health Surveillance Network.

The Pitcairn doctor can be contacted on [mo@pitcairn.gov.pn](mailto:mo@pitcairn.gov.pn) or [doc@pitcairn.pn](mailto:doc@pitcairn.pn)

Although yellow fever is not a disease risk in Pitcairn Islands (U.K.), the government requires travellers arriving from countries where yellow fever is present to present proof of

yellow fever vaccination. Be sure routine 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 (check with your doctor).

Rainwater is collected into storage tanks on Pitcairn and is safe for drinking. Waste management is basic and visitors should observe good personal sanitation.

The following website is useful

<http://www.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/pitcairn-islands.aspx#top>

### **Bio-Security/Quarantine**

- No foreign flora or fauna to be introduced to any of the Pitcairn Islands.
- Passengers bringing food ashore must adhere to strict regulations.
- Passengers bringing food ashore may not bring any fruit or seeds. The following are prohibited: honey or honey products, egg and egg products.
- Honey and all bee products are not to be brought ashore including bees wax products.

### **Food and Alcohol**

If you would like to have lunch ashore there are several possibilities available. Please contact the Island for further details. Alcohol can be purchased if required.

## **Travelling with Children**

Visitors wishing to travel to Pitcairn with children under 16 years for a day visit will be given a safety briefing on, or before, landing on the island.

Visitors wishing to travel to Pitcairn with children under 16 years for a longer stay must contact Pitcairn Island Office before making any plans to travel. An entry clearance application will need to be completed for any child wishing to visit the island.

The Pitcairn Island Office can provide more details.

### **PITCAIRN ISLAND**

For every passenger going ashore, the Immigration Officer or his/her agent will complete necessary immigration procedures.

To land on Pitcairn a fee is charged, depending upon the following options available:

- \$30 per person and is inclusive of \$25 landing fee and \$5 passport stamping fee (landing with your own boat).
- \$30 per person plus \$50 hire fee for Stabicraft. (Stabicraft fee is good for one round trip and max of three persons per round trip).
- \$30 per person plus \$150 hire fee for Longboat. (Longboat fee is good for one round trip).

All fees must be paid either in advance via the Pitcairn Island Office (PIO) before arrival at Pitcairn or in cash on the day to the Immigration Officer.

### **CHARTER VESSEL APPLICATION FEE**

All charter vessels must apply to PIO prior to entering Pitcairn waters. The charter application fee is \$300 and is payable to PIO at the time of application.

### **HENDERSON ISLAND**

The fee of \$10 per person is payable to the PIO in advance of arrival at Henderson Island whether landing, snorkelling or diving.

- Landing is to be on the North Beach only; the East and Nor-West Beaches are not to be disturbed.

- The visit must be confined to the beach and back beach environs; no one should enter the island interior.
- Flora and Fauna are not to be disturbed, damaged, destroyed or removed.
- No foreign flora or fauna to be introduced.
- Passengers bringing food ashore may not bring any fruit or seeds. The following are prohibited: honey or honey products, egg and egg products.
- All rubbish, including food waste and wrapping is to be removed from the island.
- No relics or artefacts or samples are to be removed.
- After departure no evidence of the visit must remain.

#### **OENO & DUCIE ISLANDS**

- The fee of \$10 per person is payable to the PIO whether landing, snorkelling or diving.
- The number of passengers visiting these Islands should be emailed to PIO at [admin@pitcairn.gov.pn](mailto:admin@pitcairn.gov.pn).
- Flora and fauna not to be disturbed, damaged, destroyed or removed.
- No foreign flora or fauna to be introduced.
- Passengers bringing food ashore may not bring any fruit or seeds. The following are prohibited: honey or honey products, egg and egg products.
- All rubbish, including food waste and wrapping is to be removed from the island (not buried).

- No relics or artefacts to be removed.
- No evidence of the visit to remain after departure.
- **N.B.** Henderson, Ducie and Oeno Islands are uninhabited and going ashore is only achievable with boats such as Zodiacs. The use of ships tenders is not possible as there is no harbour or safe entrance.

### 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.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Communications

All communications concerning visits should be made to the Pitcairn Islands Office [admin@pitcairn.gov.pn](mailto:admin@pitcairn.gov.pn) and to the Mayor [mayor@pitcairn.gov.pn](mailto:mayor@pitcairn.gov.pn)

VHF operates 24 hours per day on Pitcairn and all homes are on channel 16 for local communication once in range of Pitcairn Island. HF contact can be arranged if requested.

Pitcairn Islands Office administration in Auckland, New Zealand: [admin@pitcairn.gov.pn](mailto:admin@pitcairn.gov.pn)

Ph: +64 9 366 0186, Fax: +64 9 366 0187, Mobile +64 21 180 8744

Pitcairn Island Offices on Pitcairn:

Ph: +64 9 9840136 and +64 9 9840137

Further information is available at the Tourism Board Website [www.visitpitcairn.pn](http://www.visitpitcairn.pn)

### Supplies

Depending upon the time of year, Pitcairners are happy to provide whatever fresh fruit and vegetables that are available to supplement the ship's stores. The Pitcairners willingly sell fresh fish and lobster, providing that advance notice is given of the quantities required. Prices can be given well ahead of arrival time. Prior to the ship's arrival details of what is available can be confirmed.

The following may be available depending upon the season.

Squash, marrow, zucchini, cucumber, eggplant, cabbages, lettuce, carrots, pumpkins, taro, sweet potato, breadfruit, spring onions, tomatoes, avocado, watermelon, cantaloupe, green and ripe banana, papaya, passion fruit and pineapple.

Fish varieties include:

Tuna, coral trout, snapper, groper and lobster.

Pitcairn Pure Honey is also available in attractive 250gm packs or in 20 litre bulk pails.

Pitcairn has no facility for the disposal of refuse or sewerage, neither is it possible to obtain bulk supplies of fresh water.

### **Postal Services**

The Post Office is open for a limited time. The opening times will be posted on the door of the Post Office and at the welcome desk at the landing.

Passengers can also purchase stamps and postcards from the Pitcairners and arrange to have mail posted from the island at all times.

### **Museum**

The hours of opening will be advertised.

### **The school**

**If visiting the Island on a school day, we welcome visits to the school. However, the children's education is a priority and disruption must be kept to a minimum. Prior notification before you visit the school is needed and a mutually agreed time must be arranged with the school teacher.**

### **Filming**

The Island Council has no objection to individuals making private video film for their own use. The making of video, movie film or photographs for commercial gain or public viewing other than that described above, is not permitted without prior negotiation with the Island Council. A substantial fee may apply.

### **Crime**

The British Government has a permanent police presence on Pitcairn. There is also a local Island Police Officer.

Approved by the Government of Pitcairn Islands

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