



DIVING ON CHRISTMAS ISLAND

Christmas Island is part of Australia and offers a unique diving experience not to be missed! Explore the surrounding water and marvel at the myriad of tropical fish that swim by in only meters of water, while a short distance away, divers can cruise the drop-off, which plunges dramatically into the abyss. With only two small dive operators on the island, you can experience all this without the hoards you find in most great dive destinations.

THE FACTS

Location:	2650km North West of Perth and 985km north east of Cocos Islands - it's closest neighbour.
Water Temperature:	25 to 30C degrees year round
Land Temperature:	Consistently year round day temperatures of 27-30°C, with slightly cooler conditions during July-August
Dive Level:	Multi level diving, suitable to any level of expertise
No of Dive Sites:	40 plus
Maximum Depth:	30 metres
Requirements:	Open water certificate (recommend Advanced Open Water) or equivalent, Qualification Card and Log Book
Diving Inclusions:	Two multi level boat dives, air fill, cylinders and weights, knowledgeable dive guide, refreshments and generous lunch (advance notice for special dietary needs catered required). Transfers are available on request
Equipment Hire:	Quality Mares BCD's, Regulators and Dive Computers
Bring Your Own:	Thermal protection suits, masks, snorkel and fins
Dive Courses:	PADI dive courses are available up to Dive Master Level. However, visitors need to book well in advance if they wish to do a course during their holiday. They also need to have a valid dive medical before arrival. Able to accommodate 4-6 students.

THE VESSELS:

Wet n Dry use an Aluminium pontoon style ex rescue boat with centre console and half shad cover measuring 7m long.

CI Divers use a Gemini 850 Wave rider which measures 8.5m long.

POPULAR DIVE SITES:

- Perpendicular Wall** Floating along the swift current, over this fathomless vertical wall, makes you feel like a superhero. A spectacular dive, with columns of butterfly fish, enormous and colourful fan corals and sharks and rays cruising by in the blue
- Thunder Cliff Cave** The dive outside is a gorgeous coral garden, guarded by flocks of friendly batfish that really couldn't get any closer. When the tide is right, follow the tunnel in to the large cathedral cave within; surface and leave your gear behind to explore the wonders within.
- The Morgue** A field of bombies on a bed of sand cover the gentle slope down to the more dramatic drop-off at around 25m. Cruise slowly exploring the nooks and crannies and you will be rewarded with the delicate Blue Ribbon Eels and their offspring, among countless other eels, nudibranches and fish.
- Eidsvold Wreck** Sunk by a Japanese submarine in WWII, the Norwegian phosphate ship, Eidsvold, was scuttled in the cove and later dragged around Smith Point to its final resting place. Half of the structure is accessible at 5-18m depth, the rest went over the edge and lies somewhere in the deep below. Now home to a healthy coral colony and millions of colourful tropical fish, the remains of this old hulk is a very interesting site to explore.
- Ryan's Ravine** One of the few vertical walls on the Eastern side of the island, Ryan's Ravine is short and sweet, with beautiful whips, fans and soft corals a favourite haunt of the sea turtles who live and feed around the island.

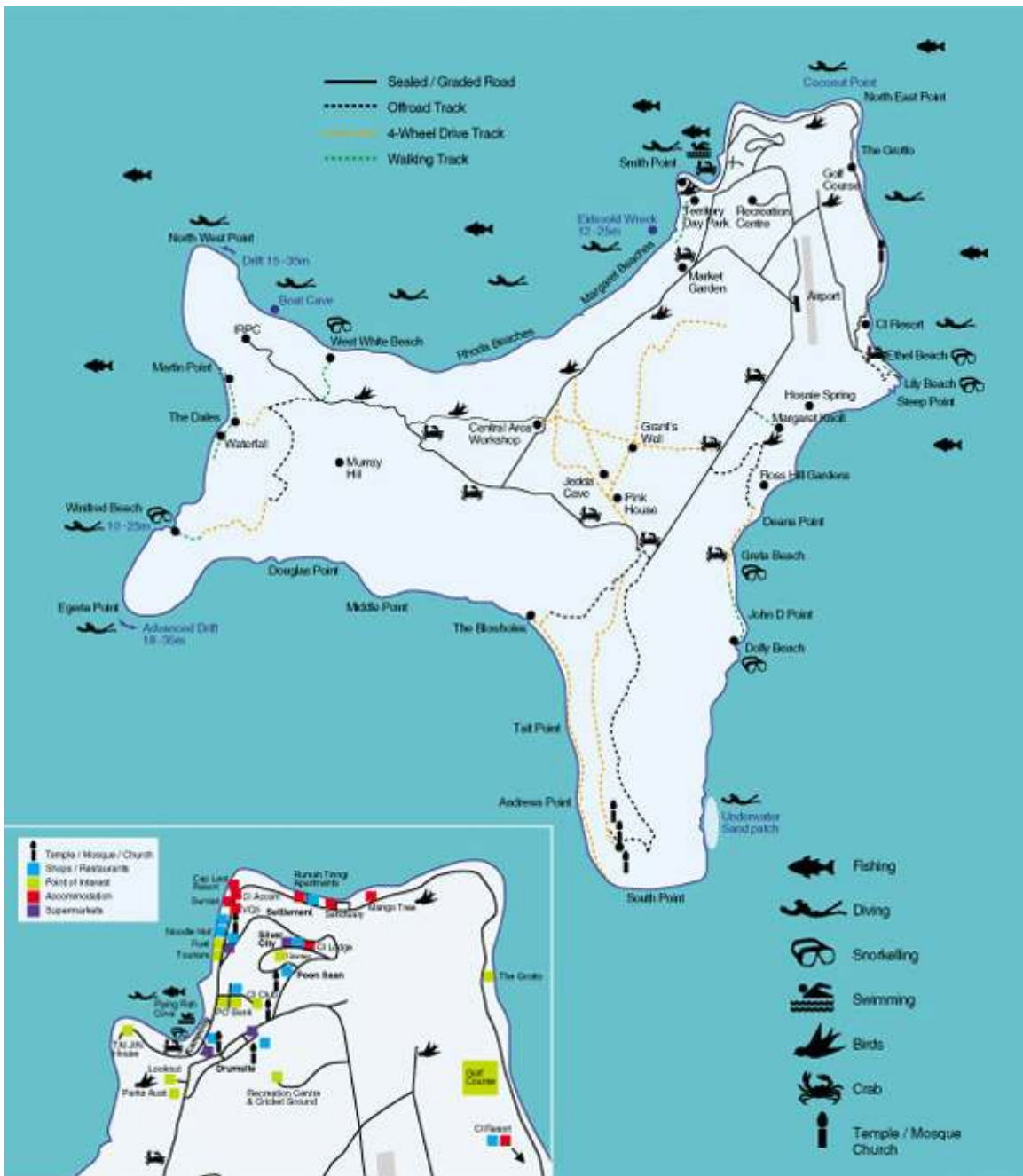
TRAVEL SUGGESTIONS

- Bookings** It is essential to pre book your Christmas Island Dive Holiday! To avoid being booked out on arrival, all diving trips, accommodation, car hire, tours and flights require pre-booking well in advance. The cheaper seats on flights can book out more than 6 months in advance.
- Luggage** Weight restrictions do apply. Generally 5kg and hand carry and 20kg luggage is the normal. Excess baggage is charged at \$10.00 per kilo.
- Food** If travelling from Perth, it is possible to bring food if purchased through a local Australian supermarket (receipts required). Christmas Island has a small variety of Chinese and European style restaurants and supermarkets to choose from.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Currency	Australian Dollars (AUD)
Language	English is the official language, although Chinese and Malay is spoken. One of the Dive Instructors is Japanese
Time Difference	GMT + 7 hours
Power Supply	Standard Australian 3 pin plug is used in all outlets. Current is 240v 50Hz available 24 hours per day
Drinking Water	Water is safe to drink from tap, although we recommend to boil first to remove some of the high calcium levels.
Diving Emergency	There is no decompression chamber located on Christmas Island, the closest chamber is either Perth or Singapore.
Health Services	There are no poisonous plants, insects or animals however reef shoes are highly recommend as stone fish are common in some swimming areas. The use of an Australian Medicare card is accepted and full emergency services and equipped hospital is available if required. Christmas Island is free from disease.
Road Rules	Standard Western Australian road rules apply. Seat belts must be worn at all times and helmets are required for all push bikes, scooters and motorbikes. The speed limit through the settlement area is 40km and 60km throughout the island.
Mobile Phones	The only mobile phone coverage available is with Telstra, no other mobile phone services will work on the island.
Internet Services	Wireless Internet is currently not available. Some accommodation properties have internet points. The Christmas Island Tourism office located in settlement provides a public internet service.
Banking Facilities	It is advisable to carry a small amount of cash as there is no ATM on the Island. Cash can be obtained from visiting the Westpac Bank which is open limited hours. Most businesses do accept EFTPOS, Visa and Master cards. Diners and American Express are not accepted.
Passport / Visa's	For travel from Perth, Australian citizens require photographic identification. All other visitors will require a valid passport and visa (if required) to enter Australia that is valid for a minimum of 6 months.

CHRISTMAS ISLAND MAP:



FOR BOOKINGS:

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