



Kiribati ISLAND AND Pitcairn ISLANDS



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Overseas



DeFiNition

The British overseas territories are fourteen territories that are belonging of the United Kingdom, but they are not part of it.

They are colonies that has not become independent or which voted to remain British territories. Ten of these territories are in the list of the special committee of decolonisation of the United Nations.

Acrotiri and Dhekelia



Anguilla



Bermuda



South Georgia and south sandwich islands



The Cayman islands



Turks and Caicos islands



Falkland islands



Pitcairn islands



British Virgin Islands



Gibraltar



Montserrat



Saint Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha



British Indian Ocean territory



British Antarctic Territory





Kiribati ISLAND

History

Prior in 1994, the eastern and western islands groups were on either side of the International Dateline with a 23-hour time difference between them. The President of Kiribati at that time decided to move the dateline for convenience which attributed a 2 hour difference between Islands in the Gilbert Islands Group and the Islands Group.

Kiribati ISLAND

Kiribati is an independent republic within the Commonwealth of Nations, located in the central Pacific Ocean, about 4,000 km southwest of Hawaii. It is part of the division of the Pacific islands that is known as Micronesia. Kiribati consists of 33 coral islands divided among three island groups: the Gilbert Islands, the Phoenix Islands, and the Line Islands.

Characteristics

Kiribati has a total land area of 811 sq km. The islands extend about 3,900 km from east to west. From north to south they extend about 2,100 km, straddling the equator.

The majority of the atolls is barely more than six metres above sea level and surrounded by barrier reefs creating picturesque lagoons for fishing, snorkeling, scuba diving, swimming and other water sports.

Pitcairn ISLANDS



History

The earliest known settlers of the Pitcairn Island were Polynesians. This island was discovered by Pitcairn and Henderson, they arrived on the 26 January 1606. The island was named "Midshipman". They were the first members to sight the island.

CLIMATE AND DESCRIPTION

Pitcairn Island is in the southern Pacific Ocean. It has dry winters. The rainy season is from November through March. Summer is from October to April, with temperatures over 25 to 35 degrees. Humidity can exceed the 95%.

Geography

Pitcairn Island is located in the Pacific Ocean belonging to the British Overseas Territory. Its capital is Adamstown. This is an extension of the geological archipelago of the Tuamotus of French Polynesia.



Education

Education is free, it's between the ages five and sixteen.

The school at Pitcairn provides pre-school and primary education based on the New Zealand syllabus. The teacher is chosen by the government.