

# Kiribati

## Travel Facts



### US State Department Travel Advisory

The US State Department currently recommends US citizens exercise normal precautions in Kiribati.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

### Passport/Visa Requirements

For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the US State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html>

### US Embassy/Consulate

US does not have an embassy in Kiribati; the US Ambassador to Fiji is accredited to Kiribati; +(679) 331-4466; EMER: +(679) 772-8049; US Embassy Suva, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, Tonga, Tuvalu, 158 Princes Rd, Tamavua, Suva, Fiji Islands

### LGBTQIA+, Women, and Special Needs Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the US State Department's International Travel page.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html>

### Telephone Code

686

### Local Emergency Phone

994

### Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Kiribati: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, typhoid, rabies, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, pneumonia, influenza, COVID-19.

<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/list>

### Climate

Tropical; marine, hot and humid, moderated by trade winds

### Currency (Code)

Australian dollars (AUD)

### Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

240 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): I



Type I

### Major Languages

Gilbertese (also known as Kiribatese or Ikiribati) and English

### Major Religions

Roman Catholic, Kiribati Uniting Church

### Time Difference

UTC+12 (17 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time); note: Kiribati has three time zones: the Gilbert Islands group at UTC+12, the Phoenix Islands at UTC+13, and the Line Islands at UTC+14

### Potable Water

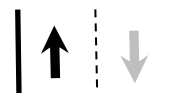
Opt for bottled water

### International Driving Permit

Suggested; if a longer stay is in your plans, you will need to get a Kiribati driving license.

### Road Driving Side

Left



### Tourist Destinations

Christmas Island (Kiritimati); Tarawa Atoll (includes Betio Island)

### Major Sports

Soccer

### Cultural Practices

Community meetings under the maneaba (traditional meeting house) to socialize and feast (a botaki), respect of elderly people, guest hospitality and importance of family remain important facets in the culture of Kiribati.

### Tipping Guidelines

Tipping is not customary, but a visitor's generosity will be much appreciated. A 10% service tax is added to all hotel bills.

### Souvenirs

Hand-smocked tops; beaded, sea shell, or wood jewelry; Pandanus leaf, coconut, or sea shell items; Gilbertese canoe and house models, shark-tooth items

### Traditional Cuisine

Palu sami (a coconut cream-curry powder-taro leave-seaweed concoction) is a Kiribati specialty, though visitors may want to try it with chicken or pork as opposed to plain.

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