



GOVERNMENT of PITCAIRN ISLANDS

Guide for Visiting VESSELS

ALL VESSELS

- Wishing to land passengers on any of the Pitcairn Islands require permission to land.
- All fees stated within this document are compulsory.
- All fees are quoted in US Dollars.
- The Mayor, who is also Harbourmaster, will ensure that the vessel is guided to the best anchorage on the day. email: 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/ships Doctor will routinely declare the health of passengers and crew before landing on Pitcairn. The Pitcairn Island Medical Officer will require confirmation that the vessel has no cases of contagious disease onboard. The Captain/ships Doctor will email a copy of the ships Maritime Declaration of Health to the Medical Officer.

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 be varied according to information from WHO and the Pacific Public Health Surveillance Network.

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. Captain/ships 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 (check with your doctor).

Any requests for medications are restricted to the Pitcairn Island Doctor only.

MARINE PROTECTED AREA

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 Area 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 Pitcairn Islands EEZ. This includes all Government of Pitcairn Islands chartered vessels.

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

BIO-SECURITY/QUARANTINE

- No foreign flora or fauna to be introduced to any of the Pitcairn Islands.
- **The following are prohibited:**
- Honey or honey products, honey and all bee products are not to be brought ashore including bees wax products.



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Waste Management

- Waste management is basic and visitors should observe good personal sanitation.
- Toilets located around the island are long drops.
- Pitcairn has no facility for the disposal of refuse or sewerage.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE

If you would like to arrange a meal for your passengers ashore. Please contact the On-Island Services Co-ordinator for further details.

Email: tourismassist@pitcairn.pn

PROVISIONS

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 made available, providing that advance notice is given of the quantities required.
- to the Provisions officer.

PITCAIRN ISLAND

- For every passenger going ashore, the Immigration Officer or his/her agent will complete necessary immigration procedures.
- To land on Pitcairn the current fee of \$50.00USD per person is charged.
- To land on Pitcairn, via the Pitcairn Island Longboat, the current fee is \$60.00USD per person. This includes landing and ferry fees.
- If passengers are unable to land but would still like their passports stamped, the Immigration Officer can arrange this. The current fee is \$10.00USD per person.
- Current Lecture fees are \$300.00USD.
- All Cruise ship fees must be paid, on invoice, via bank transfer to the Pitcairn Islands Office (Auckland).
- Relevant fees for other vessels including yachts can be paid at the Government Treasury Office where cash and credit card facilities are available.

The following applies to the Pitcairn's outer Islands:

- **No Honey or honey products.**
- All rubbish, including food waste and wrapping is to be removed from the **outer islands**.
- No relics or artefacts or samples are to be removed.
- After departure no evidence of the visit must remain.
- 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.

HENDERSON ISLAND - World Heritage Site

- The current fee of \$30.00USD per person is payable to the Immigration Officer at Pitcairn Island should a landing be made.
 - Landing is to be on the North Beach only;
 - East Beach is off limits to visitors.
 - North-West Beach is off limits to visitor.
- A special provision is granted allowing visitors to land on North-West Beach **ONLY** if you are unable to land on North Beach.

Please be aware: Henderson Island has an abundance of protected sharks. Caution is advised when swimming/diving.

OENO & DUCIE ISLANDS

- The current fee of \$20.00USD per person is payable to the Immigration Officer at Pitcairn Island should a landing be made.
- The number of passengers visiting these Islands should be emailed to the Immigration Officer. immigration@pitcairn.gov.pn



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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 entrances.

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 by cruise ships 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.
- Cruise ships are advised that the following email contacts are the officially recognized contacts for cruise ships:
 - Pitcairn Island Office: admin@pitcairn.gov.pn (New Zealand)
 - Mayor: mayor@pitcairn.gov.pn
 - Immigration Officer: immigration@pitcairn.gov.pn
 - Doctor: doc@pitcairn.gov.pn
 - On-Island Services Coordinator: tourismassist@pitcairn.pn
 - Provisions Officer: provisions@pitcairn.gov.pn
- VHF operates 24 hours per day on Pitcairn. All homes are on channel 16 for local communication once in range of Pitcairn Island.
- Pitcairn Islands Office administration in Auckland, New Zealand: admin@pitcairn.gov.pn
- Ph: +64 9 366 0186, Fax: +64 9 366 0187, Mobile +64 21 1808744.

The Giving of 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 vessel Captain and crew are asked not to exchange gifts 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.

Gifts to the Community

Items for the Community are to be addressed to the Pitcairn Island Community care of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Filming

- The Island Council has no objection to individuals making private video film for their own use. They also allow for an official ship's cameraperson to take still and video film for showing exclusively aboard the vessel. Requests for ship's to film official footage ashore must be sent to Tourism Department for approval prior to arrival. Copies of any footage taken would be appreciated for use by the Government of Pitcairn Islands.
- The making of video, movie film or photographs for commercial gain or public viewing other than described above is not permitted without prior negotiation with the Island Council.



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Security

- The UK Government has a permanent police presence on Pitcairn.

Note:

Fees stated in this document are subject to change.

ISPS Code

STATEMENT ON THE SECURITY MEASURES AND PROCEDURES TO BE APPLIED DURING A SHIP/PORT (PITCAIRN) INTERFACE GIVEN THAT PITCAIRN IS NOT A SIGNATORY TO SOLAS AND THEREBY DOES NOT COMPLY WITH THE SOLAS CHAPTER X1-2 AND THE ISPS CODE.

Statement

As Pitcairn is not a signatory to the SOLAS it is not subject to the requirements and Procedures prescribed by the ISPS Code. Therefore, in order for a ship to properly maintain its security, as prescribed in its Ship Security Plan (SSP), and in order for the ship to maintain a continuous register of port calls. To avoid incurring any unnecessary problems with Port State Control at subsequent ports of Call, it will be entirely incumbent on the ship to provide for its own security.

Background Guidance

The International Maritime Organisation (IMO) considered the security measures and Procedures to be applied during ship/port interface when either the ship or port facility do not comply with the requirements of chapter X1-2 and of the ISPS Code. The Committee determined that in such cases it is incumbent upon the ship to have already established, within the ship security plan (SSP), the details of the procedures and security measures the ship should apply when:

- It is at a port of a State which is not a Contracting Government;
- 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; in this respect, is only required for those ships which have not already included appropriate provisions to this end in the approved SSP.

The Committee recognised that a ship should be able to address most of the ships security activities required by section A/7 of the ISPS Code. Given the limited infrastructure and capabilities at Pitcairn it will be entirely down to the ship to provide for its own security, as set out in its plan. The Committee decided to recommend that in these unique cases, if the ship's approved SSP does not already include provisions as recommended in paragraph B/9.51 of the ISPS Code, the ship should attempt to take the following action, where possibly, bearing in mind the limited capabilities of Pitcairn:

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, ship or platform 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 ship performing a Declaration of Security with itself.
3. Implement and maintain implement and maintain the security measures and procedures set out in the Ship's Security Plan and document these in the ship's register.

Approved by the Island Council

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