



GOVERNMENT OF THE PITCAIRN ISLANDS

GUIDE FOR VISITING VESSELS

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PROVISIONS

1.0. GENERAL INFORMATION – CRUISE SHIPS / TOUR VESSELS & PLEASURE YACHTS

- 1.1. Applications for Cruise Ships / Tour Vessels and Pleasure Yachts to visit the Pitcairn Islands should be made in writing via, email, to the Pitcairn Islands Immigration Officer at immigration@pitcairn.gov.pn - All vessels wishing to land passengers on any of the Pitcairn Islands require permission to do so.
- 1.2. All fees stated within this document are compulsory.
- 1.3. All fees within this document are quoted in NZ Dollars.
- 1.4. The Mayor, who is also the Pitcairn Island Harbourmaster, will ensure all vessels are guided to the best anchorage on the day of arrival.

2.0. MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS – CRUISE SHIPS / TOUR VESSELS

- 2.1. 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 are required to consult their ship's doctor before arriving at Pitcairn.
- 2.2. All Captains and/or ship Doctors are required to declare the health of passengers and crew before landing them at Pitcairn Island. Captains and/or ship Doctors are required to email a copy of the ship's Maritime Declaration of Health to the Pitcairn Island Medical Officer prior to arrival and must confirm that the vessel has no cases of contagious disease onboard.
- 2.3. 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 vary according to information from WHO and the Pacific Public Health Surveillance Network. Pitcairn Islands Medical Officer: doctor@pitcairn.gov.pn
- 2.4. 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. Captains/ship 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 (ships should check with their doctors).
- 2.5. **NOTE: Only the Pitcairn Medical Officer is permitted to request medical supplies etc. from visiting vessels.**

3.0. MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS – PLEASURE YACHTS

- 3.1. There are no diseases endemic to the Pitcairn Islands, however, the small Pitcairn community is vulnerable to diseases that may be carried by visitors. Captains of all pleasure yachts are required to liaise with the Pitcairn Islands Medical Officer prior to landing passengers. 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 vary according to information from WHO and the Pacific Public Health Surveillance Network.

4.0. THE PITCAIRN ISLANDS MARINE PROTECTED AREA (MPA)

- 4.1.** 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 Areas, spanning 841,910 square kilometres.
- 4.2.** As a condition under the MPA the Government of Pitcairn Islands prohibits all visiting vessels from conducting fishing activities within the Pitcairn Islands Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). This applies to All Cruise and tour vessels, pleasure yachts and Government of Pitcairn Islands charters.
- 4.3.** Whilst cruising within the Pitcairn Islands EEZ, visiting vessels that detect unusual activity are asked to report the vessel name, date, time and GPS location to the Pitcairn Police and Pitcairn's Division Manager of Environmental, Conservation and Natural Resources, email: police@pitcairn.gov.pn and dmnature@pitcairn.gov.pn

5.0. THE PITCAIRN ISLANDS INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY SANCTUARY

- 5.1.** The night skies of all 4 islands in the Pitcairn Islands Group comprise The Pitcairn Islands International Dark Sky Sanctuary, Mata ki te Rangi - Eyes to the Sky, established in March 2019.
- 5.2.** To ensure that the pristine night skies of the Pitcairn Islands remain free of light pollution. The Government of Pitcairn Islands (GPI) approved and enacted its Outdoor Lighting Management Regulation, in December 2018 (enacted as Part XII of the Local Government Regulations).
- 5.3.** In line with this regulation all Cruise and Tour ships intending to anchor overnight in Pitcairn waters are required to apply for permission to use outdoor lighting beyond that approved under Part XII of the Local Government Regulations (outdoor lighting). Applications should be made in writing via, email, to the Pitcairn Islands Council. Email: isec@pitcairn.gov.pn
- 5.4.** All visiting vessels, anchoring overnight in the Pitcairn Islands are asked to keep all on-board outdoor lighting within minimum safety requirements.

6.0. REMOVAL OF HISTORIC, BOTANICAL AND GEOLOGICAL ITEMS

- 6.1.** It is an offence to remove or attempt to remove any protected artefact from the Pitcairn Islands, without written consent from the Governor. Any person who does so may be liable to a fine of up to \$20,000. Protected artefacts include:
 - 6.1.1.** any relic of the ships "Bounty", "Cornwallis", "Arcadia", or "Bowden";
 - 6.1.2.** any artefact of the Polynesian people resident on Pitcairn prior to the arrival of the "Bounty"; and
 - 6.1.3.** any coffin on Henderson Island.
- 6.2.** It is also an offence to remove marine life or non-living natural material from the seabed within the Pitcairn Islands Marine Protected Area; or to take, kill or harass any wild bird (including their eggs), or any protected species.
- 6.3.** Any visitor or researcher seeking to remove any of the above artefacts, any other artefact of historical interest, or any soil, rocks, or botanical, geological, biological or marine samples for

research or other purposes should apply to the Governor for a permit, and present such permit for inspection prior to departure.

7.0. BIO-SECURITY

7.1. BIO-SECURITY/QUARANTINE & WASTE MANAGEMENT THE FOLLOWING RULES APPLY TO ALL VISITING VESSELS TO THE PITCAIRN ISLANDS

- All Honey and all bee products, including bees wax products, are prohibited and may not be landed on any of the Pitcairn Islands
- No foreign flora or fauna may be introduced to any of the Pitcairn Islands.
- No flora and fauna on any of the Pitcairn Islands may be disturbed, damaged, destroyed or removed.
- The disposal of refuse or sewage is prohibited
- All rubbish, including food waste and wrapping is to be removed from the outer islands prior to departure i.e. no evidence of a visit should remain.
- Passengers bringing any fruit or seeds ashore may be inspected by bio-security.
- Most public toilets on Pitcairn Island are biodegradable long-drops.
- All visitors should observe good personal hygiene and remember to wash hands or use hand sanitizer.

8.0. FOOD AND BEVERAGE

- 8.1.** If visiting Cruise Ships/Tour Vessels wish to arrange a meal on shore for passengers, please contact the On-island Services Co-ordinator for further details. Email: tourismassist@pitcairn.pn

9.0. PROVISIONS

- 9.1.** Visiting vessels wishing to purchase or supply provisions should contact the Provisions Officer - Email: provisions@pitcairn.gov.pn
- 9.2.** Pitcairn Islanders are happy to supply, upon request, seasonal fresh fruit and vegetables. Fresh fish and lobster may also be available providing advance notice is given of required quantities.

10.0. CRUISE SHIPS / TOUR VESSELS INFORMATION

11.0. LANDING FEES

- 11.1.** From April 1st 2020 all newly booked cruise ships/tour vessels & pleasure yachts landing passengers on any of the 4 islands in the Pitcairn Islands group are required to pay:

11.1.1. \$100 NZD landing fee per adult (over the age of 18yrs) / per island

11.1.2. Under the age of 18 years to 5 years: \$50 NZD

11.2.3. 5 years and under: no charge.

- 11.2.** The Pitcairn Islands Landing fee covers:

11.2.1. Immigration Clearance & Passport Stamp

11.2.2. Entrance to the Pitcairn Islands Museum

11.2.3. On-island / On-board Service Co-ordination

11.2.4. Conservation contribution for the Pitcairn Islands Marine Protected Area & the Pitcairn Islands International Dark Sky Sanctuary.

12.0. PASSENGER HEAD LEVY

- 12.1. From April 1st 2020, a Passenger Head Levy (PHL) will be applied to all new cruise ship/tour vessel bookings. The PHL applies to all cruise ships and chartered tour vessels entering Pitcairn waters to anchor, land passengers, drift and/or circumnavigate any of the 4 islands within the Pitcairn Islands group.
- 12.2. The PHL fee is \$2.00 NZD per passenger. The PHL will be included in the Disbursement Account form which the ship will receive from the Pitcairn Islands Immigration Officer.

13.0. INFORMATION WHEN VISITING PITCAIRN ISLAND

- 13.1. For every passenger going ashore, the Immigration Officer and/or his/her agent will complete necessary immigration procedures.
- 13.2. Only under exceptional circumstances will permission be granted to vessels asking to use the Pitcairn Island Longboats to ferry passengers ship to shore.
- 13.3. Application to use the Pitcairn Island Long boats to ferry passengers ship to shore must be submitted to the mayor via email at mayor@pitcairn.gov.pn
- 13.4. Should a formal request be approved the service fee for ships wishing to use the Pitcairn Island Longboat to ferry passengers ship to shore return is \$900.00 NZD.
- 13.5. If passengers are unable to land but would still like their passports stamped, the Immigration Officer can arrange this. The fee for this service is \$20.00 NZD per passport.
- 13.6. Local Lectures can be provided on-board and on-shore as required. The Lecture fee is \$500.00 NZD per lecture. Email: tourismassist@pitcairn.gov.pn
- 13.7. **PAYMENT** - All service fees for Cruise Ships / Tour Vessels visits must be paid, on invoice, via bank transfer to the Pitcairn Islands Office (Auckland). All services fees will be included in the Disbursement Account form which the ship will receive from the Pitcairn Islands Immigration Officer

14.0. INFORMATION WHEN VISITING HENDERSON, OENO AND DUCIE ISLANDS

- 14.1. All Cruise Ships / Tour Vessels that land passengers at Henderson, Oeno & Ducie Islands are required to email the Pitcairn Islands Immigration Officer with the number of passengers landed on each island. Email: immigration@pitcairn.gov.pn
- 14.2. **NOTE:** The Henderson, Ducie and Oeno Islands are remote and uninhabited. Getting ashore is only possible with boats such as Zodiacs. Using ship tenders' is not possible as there are no harbours or safe entrances at these locations.

15.0. INFORMATION FOR PLEASURE YACHTS VISITING THE PITCAIRN ISLANDS

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15.2.4. Conservation contribution for the Pitcairn Islands Marine Protected Area & the Pitcairn Islands International Dark Sky Sanctuary.

16.0. PLEASURE YACHTS – SHIP TO SHORE TRANSFERS

16.1. The following fees shall apply for yachts wishing to use local tenders for ship to shore transfers:

16.1.1. Pick-up / return Bounty Bay: NZD \$70 per trip

16.1.2. Pick-up / return Tedside (Western Harbour): NZD \$100 per trip

16.1.3. Pick-up / return Ginser Valley: NZD \$150 per trip

16.2. **PAYMENT** – All service fees for pleasure yachts must be paid at the Pitcairn Islands Government Treasury where cash and credit card facilities are available.

16.3. **OTHER** - All service fees for other vessels must be paid, on invoice, via bank transfer to the Pitcairn Islands Office OR at the Pitcairn Islands Government Treasury Office where cash and credit card facilities are available.

17.0. HENDERSON ISLAND – A WORLD HERITAGE SITE

17.1. Landing on Henderson Island is restricted to North Beach Only.

17.2. Landing and excursions on East Beach are prohibited.

17.3. Landing and excursions on North-Wets Beach are prohibited.

17.4. **Note:** Special provision is granted for visitors to land on North-West beach ONLY if it is not possible to land on North Beach due to sea and weather conditions or emergencies.

17.5. **Note:** Henderson Island provides a protected Marine habitat for sharks. Caution is advised when swimming/diving.

18.0. EXCHANGING GIFTS

- 18.1.** From time-to-time gifts are exchanged between the Mayor of Pitcairn Islands, on behalf of the people of Pitcairn and ship Captains. Visiting vessels, Captains and crew are asked not to exchange gifts for the community with anyone other than Mayor of Pitcairn Islands in these instances.
- 18.2.** **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. Gift items for the Community should be labelled and addressed to the Pitcairn Island Community c/- Mayor / Deputy Mayor.**

19.0. FILMING ON PITCAIRN ISLAND

- 19.1.** Using Drones on Pitcairn Island within 100 meters of residential areas is not permitted
- 19.2.** Visiting the Pitcairn Islands to undertake media related research, film, take photographs, make audio recordings or undertake interviews for commercial purposes or public viewing is not permitted without prior approval from the Pitcairn Islands Council. Email: isec@pitcairn.gov.pn

20.0. ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION IN THE PITCAIRN ISLANDS

- 20.1.** As stated in the GPI Sale and Use of Liquor Ordinance, the consumption of alcohol is not permitted in many public areas on Pitcairn Island unless otherwise specified by the Pitcairn Islands Council. Those drinking alcohol in these public areas, without the aforementioned dispensation from Council, shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine. To make application to the Pitcairn Islands Council for passengers to consume alcohol in public areas on Pitcairn Island contact the Mayor: Email: mayor@pitcairn.gov.pn
- 20.2.** No Alcohol is permitted on Henderson, Ducie and Oeno Islands. Those who drink alcohol on Henderson, Ducie or Oeno Island, shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine.

21.0. SECURITY

- 21.1.** There is a permanent police presence on Pitcairn.

22.0. COMMUNICATIONS

- 22.1.** All communications concerning visits by Cruise Ships/Tour Vessels 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
- 22.2.** The following email contacts are the officially recognized contacts for Cruise ship / Tour vessel & pleasure yacht enquires:
- Pitcairn Island Office: admin@pitcairn.gov.pn (New Zealand)
 - Mayor / Harbour Master: mayor@pitcairn.gov.pn
 - Immigration Officer: immigration@pitcairn.gov.pn
 - Island Secretary (for Island Council): isec@pitcairn.gov.pn
 - Pitcairn Islands Medical Officer: doctor@pitcairn.gov.pn
 - Bio Security: quarantine@pitcairn.gov.pn
 - On-Island Services Coordinator: tourismassist@pitcairn.pn
 - Provisions Officer: provisions@pitcairn.gov.pn

- British Government Administrator: administrator@pitcairn.gov.pn • Pitcairn Islands Office Administration - Auckland, New Zealand: Email: admin@pitcairn.gov.pn Ph: +64 9 366 0186, Fax: +64 9 366 0187, Mobile +64 21 1808744

22.3. VHF operates 24/7 on Pitcairn. All Vessels should use Channel 16 for local communication, in the first instance, once in range of Pitcairn Island.

23.0. ISPS CODE

23.1. Pitcairn Islands is not a signatory to SOLAS and is not subject to the requirements and procedures prescribed by the ISPS Code implemented through chapter XI-2 of SOLAS.

23.2. There is limited infrastructure and resource to support vessels calling at Pitcairn Islands.

23.3. Vessels must maintain their own security when calling at Pitcairn Islands, as prescribed in their Ship Security Plan (SSP).

23.4. In order to maintain a continuous register of port calls and to avoid any unnecessary compliance issues with Port State Control at subsequent ports of call, vessels should follow the guidance provided by the IMO Maritime Safety Committee (Committee) for procedures to be applied during vessel / port interface, when either the vessel or the port do not comply with the requirements of chapter XI-2 of the ISPS Code: see https://www.registeriri.com/wp-content/uploads/MSC_Circ_1111.pdf

23.5. In particular, as per paragraph B/9.51 of the ISPS Code, the SSP should provide for the procedures and security measures the vessel should apply when:

23.5.1. It is at a port of a State which is not a Contracting Government; or

23.5.2. 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.

23.6. If the vessel's SSP does not include such provisions, the vessel should attempt to conclude, if possible, a Declaration of Safety, or take actions including:

23.6.1. 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 being interfaced;

23.6.2. 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 vessel completing its own Declaration of Security; and

23.6.3. Implement and maintain the security measures and procedures set out in the Declaration of Security throughout the duration of the interface.

24.0. 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.