# **Cook Islands**

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# **Travel Facts**

# **US State Department Travel Advisory**

The US State Department currently recommends US citizens consult its website daily via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws, and special circumstances about visiting United Kingdom and Cook Islands. <a href="https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/tra

# **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**

None (self-governing in free association with New Zealand); US citizens may call US Dept of State (202)-501-4444 for emergencies; alternate contact is the Embassy in New Zealand [64] (4) 462-6000; United States Embassy Wellington, 29 Fitzherbert Terrace, Thorndon, Wellington 6011, New Zealand

# 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**

682

# **Local Emergency Phone**

Ambulance: 998; Fire: 996; Police: 999

#### **Vaccinations**

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for the Cook Islands: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, typhoid, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, pneumonia and influenza. http://www.who.int/

# Climate

Tropical oceanic; moderated by trade winds; a dry season (April to November) and a more humid season (December to March)

# Currency (Code)

New Zealand dollars (NZD)

# Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

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



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# **Major Languages**

English, Cook Islands Maori (Rarotongan)

# **Major Religions**

Protestant (Cook Islands Christian Church, Seventh Day Adventist, Assemblies of God), Roman Catholic, Church of Jesus Christ, Jehovah's Witness, Apostolic Church, other

# **Time Difference**

UTC-10 (5 hours behind Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

#### **Potable Water**

Opt for bottled water

# **International Driving Permit**

A local license is required.

# **Road Driving Side**

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# **Tourist Destinations**

Tapuaetai (One Foot Island); Muri Beach; Titikaveka Beach; Te Vara Nui Village; cross-island hike to Te Rua Manga (The Needle); Aroa Marine Reserve

# **Major Sports**

Netball, rugby, soccer

# **Cultural Practices**

Swimwear should be confined to the beach and resort pool areas.

# **Tipping Guidelines**

Don't feel that you need to leave a tip, unless you believe that you have received outstanding service.

# **Souvenirs**

Pareu cloth and quilted items, woven hats and baskets, carved wooden instruments and decorative items, pearl and shell items, collectible coins and stamps

# **Traditional Cuisine**

Ika Mata — freshly caught fish cooked in lemon juice and then combined with fresh coconut cream, onion, and chilis; typically served with a side salad

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