



# AUSTRALIA'S Indian Ocean Islands

## Travelling to Christmas Island & Cocos Keeling Islands

Australia's Indian Ocean Islands have enjoyed a COVID-19 free status to date. Whilst we welcome travellers, we would like to bring a few things to your attention prior to finalising your booking and travelling to our amazing islands.

It is imperative that you **DO NOT** travel to the islands if you are under a quarantine directive or test positive to COVID-19.

### Continuing State of Emergency



It is important to understand that a State of Emergency still applies in the Indian Ocean Territories (IOTs). This legal mechanism enables our authorities to manage our borders and provides the powers to restrict movement, enforce physical distancing and apply travel bans. The authorities must act on medical advice and decisions are made to keep travelers and our island communities safe. Please note that any change in circumstances may result in a travel ban being instigated with little or no notice. We will do all possible to assist to re-book your travel, but will not be held liable for losses incurred as a result of the travel ban. Please note that the IOTs are not part of WA.

### Applying for Approval to Travel

Border arrangements are continually changing. Please refer to the following website for the most up-to-date information: (please click link)  
[Covid-19 IOT Travel Information - Indian Ocean Territories](#)

#### Entry into the Indian Ocean Territories:

A separate form needs to be completed for your visit to each island for each traveller (not applicable if only in transit).

People must apply for approval to travel to the IOT using the following forms:

[IOT traveller request form Christmas Island \(wufoo.com\)](#)

[IOT traveller request form Cocos Keeling Islands \(wufoo.com\)](#)

\*Please note that:

-All travellers 16+ yrs are required to be fully vaccinated including booster. (Double dose for children 5-15yrs).

-A negative Rapid Antigen Test is required within 24 hours prior to departure to IOTs and on the 3rd day after arrival. Please refer to RAT procedure attached to this flyer.

#### Entry into Perth, Western Australia:

Before you travel, you must seek approval from the WA Government. People are encouraged to apply using the 'Good to Go Pass' app which can be completed electronically. Click on the link: <https://www.g2gpass.com.au/>

To determine your eligibility to enter WA please visit [COVID-19 coronavirus: Controlled interstate border \(www.wa.gov.au\)](#).

If travelling from outside Western Australia, you will be required to submit 2 applications for your transits/stops through Western Australia to/from the IOTs. Please note that the G2G system can only accept one application at a time. You will need to apply for your return journey G2G after your first entry into WA.

You may also have to obtain a permit prior to re-entering your home state.

#### IOT to WA - how to complete the G2G application:

- Please select the option relevant to your travel. Tourism is an option.
- Declare truthfully about your travel prior to entering the IOT or WA.
- Provide additional supporting documentation as required.

#### Heavy penalties apply for making a false declaration.

**\*\*Please note that border arrangements can change at short or no notice.**

### Rapid Antigen Tests

A negative RAT is now a requirement for entry to the IOTs and 3 days after arrival. Please follow the procedure carefully to ensure you meet the requirements for a valid travel permit.

- Follow the instructions on the TGA Approved Self-Testing Kits

- Once the process is complete:

- Please refer to the flyer attached to this document.

**The negative test result & accompanying information required needs to be emailed to [travel2iot@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:travel2iot@infrastructure.gov.au) at specified times on the flyer.**

**\*Failure to follow this procedure will result in denial of boarding in Perth.**

A RAT result is currently not required to travel between the islands or prior to arrival to Perth. This may change with short notice. **We recommend you travel with spare RAT kits as supplies in the IOT may be limited.**

### You can help keep our islands COVID-19 free!

#### Wash your hands

Practice good hand hygiene by washing your hands with soap and water or using alcohol based hand sanitizer.

Please wash your hands regularly whilst in airports, on the aircraft and before you visit our local businesses.

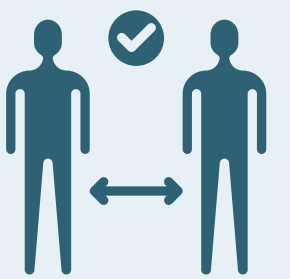


#### Wear a mask (currently mandated for all public & enclosed areas where physical distancing isn't possible)

Wearing a mask through airports and on the aircraft is mandated. This provides you and others with an extra barrier of protection.

#### Practice physical distancing

Please maintain at least 2 meters (6 feet) distance from others where practical. Please observe physical distancing limitations in restaurants and cafes. Please also ensure that you sign the log book of any eateries you visit during your stay. QR code check is not possible in the IOT's.



#### Stay in your Travel Bubble

We know that holidays usually mean spending time with new friends whilst you discover exciting places and experiences. In our new reality, we recommend that you do this with caution. If you mix with other people do so in open spaces where you can observe social distancing and don't undertake activities like sharing trips in vehicles.

### I'm showing symptoms of COVID-19...

If you have arrived in the IOTs and start to show symptoms you should do the following:

- Immediately isolate yourself in your accommodation
- Contact the medical service to report your symptoms and they will provide directions for assistance and testing
- Do not go shopping, visit eateries or participate in tours
- Follow all instructions from the Territory Controller and medical staff

### Make Contact Before Visiting our Hospitals

If you need to seek medical attention whether for viral symptoms or other medical care reasons, contact the doctor or hospital ahead of time so they can prepare and take precautions for your arrival.

You can contact the health services, our social worker or police on the following numbers:

#### Christmas Island

Christmas Island Health Services 9164-8333

Christmas Island Community Policing Team 9164-8444

#### Cocos (Keeling) Islands

Home Island Clinic 9162-7609

West Island Clinic 9162-6655

Cocos Community Policing Team 9162-6600



### Travel Insurance & Risk

We always advocate that travellers ensure they have a travel insurance policy in place that covers them for the IOTs. Weather, break downs, medical & health issues may all impact on your journey so you should have coverage. Please note that some operators have amended their COVID-19 policies and may have less flexible policies in place. It is likely that whilst a border will not restrict or prevent travel, there are now other factors in play that could affect your ability to claim a credit or refund from an operator due to a COVID-related journey disruption. Please read through their policies and understand your risk.

Some travel insurance companies are offering COVID-disruption insurance. Please read through their PDS as there are strict conditions where coverage applies and it is generally capped. This capped amount may not cover your full losses.



Check for travel updates at [Covid-19 IOT Travel Information - Indian Ocean Territories](#)



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Source: Australian Federal Police - Territory Controllers for Christmas Island and Cocos (Keeling) Islands



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# Rapid Antigen Testing



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## Indian Ocean Territories

A Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) is a quick way to detect COVID-19. RATs are required to be undertaken by all travellers before travel and 72hrs (day three) post-arrival to the Indian Ocean Territories.

### When to complete a Rapid Antigen Test

Time specific to send your RAT results:

#### Tuesday VARA flight VA1909:

1

**24hrs prior departure**  
Submit RAT by **8:00 am** WST that day (**Tuesday morning**)

2

**After arrival to the IOT**  
**Friday (Day 3):** submit RAT **before 11:00 am** Christmas Island Time

#### Friday VARA flight VA1913:

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**24hrs prior departure**  
Submit RAT by **4:00 pm** WST the day before flying (**Thursday afternoon**)

2

**After arrival to the IOT**  
**Monday (Day 3):** submit RAT **before 11:00 am** Christmas Island Time

### Completing your Rapid Antigen Test

The RAT is a quick test to check for COVID-19 and provides a result within 15 to 30 minutes. Please follow the manufacturer's instructions to help you take your test and interpret the results correctly. All kits have a QR code which links to a video that demonstrates how to take a test.

#### Age group

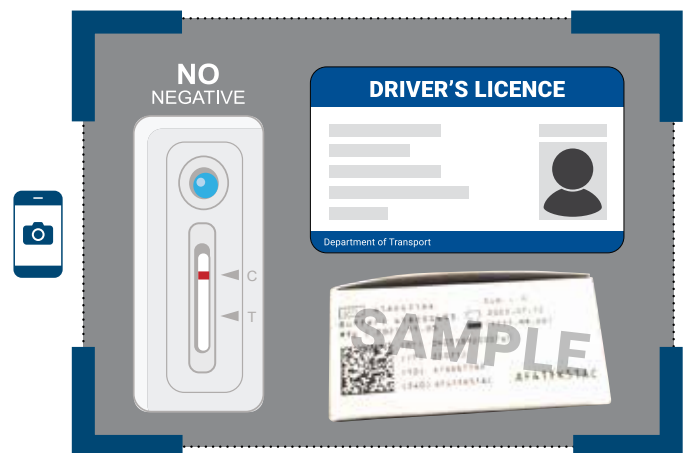
- All travellers ages 5+: required to complete a test
- Children aged 2-5yrs: recommended
- Infants under 2yrs: not required

In line with national health advice, RATs are safe to use with children older than two years. Parents or guardians should perform tests on children under 12 years. Children aged 12 to 17 years can perform the test with parent or guardian supervision.

### If your result is NEGATIVE (one line):

Negative results should be provided with the following supporting evidence:

- A photo of your **RAT test results** alongside your **ID** (drivers licence or passport) and the **RAT test's unique serial number** located on the side of the box.
- Email photo to [travel2iot@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:travel2iot@infrastructure.gov.au)



### If your result is POSITIVE (two lines):

- **Immediately self-isolate**
- **Pre departure** – you must register your result [online](#) with WA Health or call 13 COVID (13 26843)
- **After arrival (Day 3)** – contact the Health Service via phone. **DO NOT ATTEND THE CLINIC.**

If you develop any symptoms of COVID-19 while in the Indian Ocean Territories, you must self-quarantine and contact the Health Service via phone to arrange testing. **DO NOT ATTEND THE CLINIC.**

**Christmas Island Health Service**  
Phone: 9164 8333

**Cocos (Keeling) Islands**  
West Island Clinic – 9162 6655  
Home Island Clinic – 91627609  
VHF – Channel 24