

# NAURU

## Hidden gem Island with rock phosphate

Nauru is an island nation with a circumference of only 19 km, situated approximately midway between Tokyo and Auckland (New Zealand). Its land area is comparable to that of Tokyo's Shinagawa Ward. Historically, Nauru was renowned for its phosphate ore, a vital resource for fertilisers and industrial materials. The island's central region was once dominated by expansive phosphate plateaus, but today, much of these areas are former mining sites.

Although Nauru does not seem closely tied to Japan, it was occupied by Japanese forces during the Pacific War. Tragically, 1200 Nauruans were forcibly relocated to Truk Island (now Chuuk, Federated States of Micronesia) to serve as labourers under Japanese military control. Today, remnants of this era, including cannons and bunkers, still dot the landscape and serve as poignant reminders of this tumultuous era.

Nauru's coastal waters plunge to depths of 2000 m, creating an environment that teaches marine life. Yellowfin tuna and marlin are some of the large fish species that thrive in this area, making Nauru a paradise for game-fishing. With its pristine waters and abundant fishing opportunities, Nauru allows visitors to experience the enchanting allure of the Pacific Ocean like never before!

While only a few Japanese visitors venture to Nauru each year, the experience of visiting this unique island is truly one-of-a-kind. If you're considering island hopping in the Pacific, why not add Nauru to your itinerary?

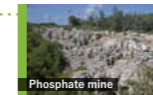


Example of flight routes  
Narita → Brisbane (Australia) → Yaren (Nauru)

### Beginners' course

### Enjoyment plan Spend a relaxing time on the cosy island of Nauru!

- 1st day**
- AM Arrive in Nauru from Brisbane, Australia. Let's take a rest at a hotel first. Enjoy lunch with Nauru's cuisine featuring coconut milk and seafood. Don't forget a coconut drink.
  - PM Head to Anibare Bay, the most beautiful beach in Nauru. Enjoy swimming and relaxing on the white beach.
- 2nd day**
- AM Tour around the island with a local guide! Explore the main sites in Nauru!
    - Experience the natural beauty of Anibare Bay and Buada Lagoon!
    - Visit the World War II Memorial Monument and artillery sites of the time.
    - Visit the Parliament Building to learn more about Nauru today.
  - PM After lunch, go shopping at the Civic Centre. Find unique souvenirs made from phosphate ore and coconuts in Nauru.
- 3rd day**
- AM Go on a tour of Nauru's early phosphate mines! Learn about the history of the major industries of Nauru. After lunch at a restaurant near the airport, visit the airport souvenir shop.
  - PM Evening flight to Brisbane.



### Advanced course

### Deluxe plan Enjoy the whole of Nauru! Experience adventure with game fishing!

- 1st day**
- AM Arrive in Nauru early in the morning from Nadi, Fiji. Let's take a rest at a hotel first.
  - PM Head to Anibare Bay, the most beautiful beach in Nauru.
- 2nd day**
- All day Tour around the island with a local guide! Let's go around the main sites!
- 3rd~4th days**
- All day Enjoy game fishing with an experienced professional crew! Maybe you can catch a big fish? You can enjoy fishing all year round in Nauru, where you can catch big fish such as marlin and yellowfin tuna.
- 5th day**
- All day Go on a tour to visit the former phosphate mining site in Nauru! Feel the history of Nauru.
- 6th day**
- All day Hike on a cave tour feeling nature! You can also visit former Japanese bunkers and more, overseeing the sea.
- 7th day**
- AM Before leaving Nauru, enjoy the luxury of 'doing nothing' while admiring the beautiful scenery at Anibare Bay.
  - PM After lunch at a restaurant near the airport, find souvenirs lastly at the airport. Depart from Nauru for Nadi on the evening flight.



### Let's enjoy online content

Visit the Nauru Tourism Corporation website for more information! You can find information on local activities, hotels, and how to obtain a VISA.



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### Step 1

### How to go to Nauru? Book your flight!

To reach Nauru, you'll need to use the national airline, Nauru Airlines. While there used to be regular flights to Kagoshima and Naha Airports in Japan, there are currently no direct flights between Nauru and Japan. Nauru Airlines currently operates flights to Brisbane (Australia); Nadi (Fiji); Koror (Palau); Tarawa (Kiribati); Pohnpei (Federated States of Micronesia); Majuro (Marshall Islands); and more. You can visit other islands using such island-hopping flights! Check the Nauru Airlines website for the latest flight schedules.

### Step 2

### Where to stay in Nauru? Book a hotel!

With a land area of about 20 km<sup>2</sup>, roughly the size of Tokyo's Shinagawa Ward, Nauru is one of the smallest countries in the world, and there aren't many hotels yet. The Nauru Tourism Corporation's website introduces four hotels, including a state-run hotel, with photos and facilities' information. Take a look and find the hotel that suits your interests!



### Step 3

### Don't forget to get a VISA before you go to Nauru!

If you're travelling to Nauru from Japan, you will need to obtain a visa in advance, except for diplomatic and official passports. Tourists travelling with general passports must complete the necessary procedures beforehand. For more information, check the Nauru Tourism Corporation website for the latest updates.  
<https://naurutourism.com.nr/>

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**Q** Nauru, with a land area of approximately 20 km<sup>2</sup>, is the smallest of Pacific Island Countries mentioned in this brochure, but which is the second smallest in the Pacific?

The answer is on **p.40!**

### Column 1 The Rise and Fall of Nauru's Phosphate Industry, Once the World's Richest Country

Nauru's primary industry is the phosphate industry, which extracts valuable ores used in fertiliser production. Over millions of years, the accumulation of seabird droppings on coral reefs has transformed them into phosphate ore. Discovery of this phosphate ore in Nauru occurred in the late 1890s, and mining operations commenced earnestly in the 1900s. Following its independence after World War II, the country experienced significant revenue from phosphate mining, and by the 1980s, its per capita Gross National Product (GNP) surpassed that of Japan and the United States. Consequently, public services such as medical care and schools were provided free of charge, and much of the population was relieved from the need to work. However, the depletion of phosphate ores has severely affected the country's finances, prompting a search for new industries.

### Column 2 A Deep History with Japan actually

Although Nauru does not seem to have a strong relationship with Japan, it has a historical connection. In December 1941, immediately following the outbreak of the Pacific War, the Japanese Army commenced bombing Nauru, which eventually occupied the island in August 1942. As a result, the artillery and bunkers of the Japanese Army from that time remained in various places in Nauru. During the war, 1200 Nauruans were forcibly transferred to Truk Island (now Chuuk, the Federated States of Micronesia) as a labour force by the Japanese army. This historical background should be considered when visiting Nauru.

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(p.12 The answer to Cook Islands' page is 'James Cook' well-known as 'Captain Cook')