

# Palmerston Island, Cook Islands

One Englishman. Three wives. A dynasty of 23 children. Today their descendants — about 40 people — welcome cruise passengers to one of the most remote inhabited atolls on Earth, where there are no shops, no roads, and no pretense.

-  Tender only (wet landing)
-  Typical call: 6-8 hrs
-  NZD / USD / AUD cash only
-  English (with a Cook Islands lilt)
-  Remote atoll — no infrastructure

## 👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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|------------|---------|-------------|
| Ship/Date: | Arrive: | All aboard: |
| Excursion: | Notes:  |             |

## GETTING ASHORE

**Docking:** Tender only — ships anchor in the pass; passengers land by Zodiac or ship's tender (wet landing)

**Best For:** Off-the-beaten-path culture, snorkeling, lagoon, and one-of-a-kind hospitality

**Walk to village:** ~5 min from landing beach to the village center on sandy paths

**Don't Miss:** Being hosted by a Marsters family and hearing the island's extraordinary founding story

 Getting around:  Rideshare  not available

## TOP THINGS TO DO

- Marsters Family Home Visit** — Your island host — always a Marsters descendant — will walk you through their home, share the family history, and often...
- Lagoon Snorkeling** — The atoll lagoon is crystal-clear with healthy coral and abundant reef fish.
- Reef Walk at Low Tide** — At low tide the exposed reef reveals neon giant clams, sea cucumbers, brittle stars, and small sharks in tide pools.
- Village & Church Tour** — The whitewashed Cook Islands Christian Church is the island's spiritual and social heart.
- Birdlife & Tropic Birds** — Palmerston hosts nesting Red-tailed Tropicbirds (Bosun Birds) and other seabirds.

## BEST WALKS

- Village Loop** ~1 km · 20 min · flat sandy paths — Walk from the landing beach along the main sandy track through the village, past the church, school, and family compounds, looping...
- Reef Edge Walk** ~1.5 km · 30-40 min · reef surface (wear shoes) — At low tide, follow the reef edge from the village beach north toward the far motu (islet).

## WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

|  CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS) |      |     |      |  DAYLIGHT &  MONEY |  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-----|------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Mon                                                                                                               | High | Low | Rain | Apr 7:02AM–6:43PM · Jun 7:21AM–6:24PM · Aug 7:12AM–6:42PM · Sep 6:48AM–6:47PM · Oct 6:23AM–6:53PM                                                                                          |  |
| Apr                                                                                                               | 82°  | 79° | 19d  |  NZD / USD / AUD cash only                                                                              |  |
| Jun                                                                                                               | 79°  | 77° | 12d  |                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |
| Aug                                                                                                               | 78°  | 75° | 11d  |                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |
| Sep                                                                                                               | 78°  | 76° | 13d  |                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |
| Oct                                                                                                               | 79°  | 76° | 14d  |                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |

## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Cash only, small bills. There are no ATMs, no card readers, no shops. Bring NZD, USD, or AUD in small denominations. A \$20–50 tip to your host family is the norm and genuinely...