

CHRISTMAS ISLAND

A NATURAL WONDER

VISITOR GUIDE



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Welcome to Christmas Island

Christmas Island is more than a destination; it's an unparalleled adventure waiting to be explored. Situated in the heart of the Indian Ocean, this haven of natural beauty lies only a short journey from Perth, Western Australia.

Dive into some of the world's premier underwater landscapes, where vibrant coral reefs and abundant marine life creates an underwater haven for divers and snorkellers. On land, the island teems with wildlife, featuring spectacles like the famous red crab migration.

Whether you seek the thrill of underwater exploration, the serenity of secluded beaches, or the excitement of encountering unique wildlife, this island offers an unforgettable experience for everyone.

CHRISTMAS ISLAND VISITOR CENTRE

For information, maps, tour booking services, souvenirs and information on activities, facilities and social events, see the friendly staff at the Christmas Island Visitor Centre.

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- For emergencies, phone 000

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DIVERSITY WITHIN THE INDIAN OCEAN TERRITORY COMMUNITY
AND THE IMPORTANCE OF ACKNOWLEDGING AND
RESPECTING ALL CULTURES.

Four unforgettable days on Christmas Island



THERE ARE COUNTLESS WAYS TO ENJOY THE RUGGED BEAUTY OF CHRISTMAS ISLAND. EXPLORE THE HIGHLIGHTS WITH THIS SUGGESTED FOUR-DAY ITINERARY.

DAY 1 MORNING:

Start your morning at Christmas Island settlement. Stop by the local visitor centre, where the friendly staff can share local tips on must-see spots and help you book tours, restaurants or a hire car.

On weekdays, consider a visit to Tai Jin House, which is now a captivating museum that narrates the rich history of Christmas Island, from its discovery and European settlement in 1898 to its contemporary status. Afterwards, continue exploring the island's diverse past on a self-guided historic walking trail. Starting from Tai Jin House, the trail meanders through the Settlement area passing key historical sites. Information plaques along the way outline the island's discovery, phosphate mining, and strategic military significance during the world wars.

AFTERNOON:

Spend the afternoon exploring the beaches of Christmas Island. There's a treasure trove of ocean gems - some with white sand and others framed by rugged cliffs and lush forest hinterland.

Take time to discover the wonders of Flying Fish Cove by snorkelling through its clear waters or unwind at one of the island's beaches. Lily Beach and Ethel Beach are both easy to access and a short drive from the township. More secluded spots like Dolly Beach and Greta Beach are further away, but you'll be rewarded with peaceful tranquillity amongst nature's best.

DAY 2 MORNING:

An immersive tour is one of the best ways to learn more about Christmas Island. Whether you're interested in nature, birdlife, history, photography, beaches or the red crab migration, knowledgeable local guides will help you uncover the island's attractions. Most tours run for 3-5 hours. Visit christmas.net.au/tours to explore the available options.

AFTERNOON:

For sweeping clifftop views across the coastline, take the short but steep hike to Golf Course Lookout. You'll be rewarded with one of the island's best birdwatching vantage points, with red-footed boobies, frigatebirds

and golden bosuns. Nearby, the Old Chinese Cemetery offers a quiet, historic stop that reflects the island's early Chinese community. If you'd like to take in the scenery from a different angle, consider playing a round of golf. As one of Australia's most remote courses, it even has special rules for when a robber crab steals your ball!

DAY 3 MORNING:

After yesterday's land-based tour, now it's time to get into the clear waters and enjoy the dramatic depths and accessible coral reefs of Christmas Island.

Explore this marine haven by taking a scuba diving or snorkelling tour with one of the island's experienced operators. Visit christmas.net.au/tours to discover the options available.

AFTERNOON:

In the afternoon, swap your snorkel for a pair of hiking boots. There's a network of extensive, well-marked hiking trails that unveil hidden treasures, enabling explorers of all ages to connect with nature.

With 63% of the island designated as national park, trails vary from easily accessible boardwalks to more challenging paths. Detailed maps are available from the Christmas Island Visitor Centre or download the Parks Australia app.

DAY 4

With so much to see and do, hiring a car is the best way to discover what makes Christmas Island unique. There are numerous beaches and self-guided trails that can only be accessed by car, including:

• History trail, 1-3 hours, self-drive

A must-do for anyone visiting Christmas Island, this historic trail provides insights into the island's discovery, phosphate mining, and strategic military role during the world wars.



• The Old Railway trail, 3-5 hours, self-drive

Retrace the historic railway that connected Drumsite to South Point, integral to Christmas Island's phosphate mining past. This trail includes off-road sections, so an AWD or 4WD vehicle is recommended.



• The Blowholes

A remarkable natural feature where seawater is forced through holes in the limestone cliffs. You'll need a 4WD to reach the Blowholes and you'll then follow an accessible pathway through to breathtaking views.

• Dolly Beach

Arguably one of the island's prettiest, Dolly Beach is a 30-minute scenic drive from the Settlement and then a further two-kilometre hike through the forest. This spectacular beach has a freshwater stream and teems with wildlife.

• The Grotto

Just a five-minute drive from the Settlement, The Grotto is an incredible swimming spot (remember to check the tides before heading out). A mini cave with a blended sea and freshwater pool provides a refreshing dip during your island adventures.

• The Dales

One of Christmas Island's most iconic sites, The Dales is a pristine area of gorges and freshwater streams. Explore this internationally significant wetland as you hike through the rainforest.



DON'T FORGET YOUR CAMERA!

Dramatic backdrops, remarkable wildlife and ever-changing natural light make Christmas Island an ideal canvas for every photographer.



The background image is a composite. The top half shows a small, isolated rock with a single green tree growing on it, set against a blue sky and ocean. The bottom half shows a large, vibrant red crab on a sandy beach. The crab is facing forward, with its large claws and legs clearly visible. The text is overlaid on this background.

Nature & wildlife

RENOWNED FOR ITS RUGGED RAINFOREST, DRAMATIC COASTLINE AND ABUNDANCE OF RARE SPECIES, CHRISTMAS ISLAND IS ONE OF THE REGION'S MOST BIOLOGICALLY RICH AND ENVIRONMENTALLY SIGNIFICANT LANDSCAPES.

CHRISTMAS ISLAND NATIONAL PARK

Spanning 85 square kilometres, Christmas Island National Park covers nearly two-thirds of this Australian territory. A sanctuary for species found nowhere else on Earth, including several that are threatened, the national park is dedicated to conserving the island's internationally recognised wetlands, tropical rainforests, spectacular wildlife and abundant marine life.

KINGDOM OF THE CRABS

With its remarkable diversity of crabs, Christmas Island has earned titles like "the crabbiest place on earth" and "kingdom of the crabs." There are 20 species of terrestrial and intertidal crabs, including 13 true land crabs, as well as the formidable robber (or coconut) crabs that are known for their ability to crack open coconuts with their powerful claws.

RED CRAB MIGRATION

Christmas Island's mass red crab migration is one of the most incredible natural phenomena on Earth. Every year, over 100 million red crabs emerge from the forest and make their way to the ocean to breed, swarming across roads, streams, rocks and beaches. This spectacular sight was described by the renowned naturalist Sir David Attenborough as one of his greatest TV moments.

The migration begins with the first rainfall of the wet season, usually in October or November, but can sometimes be as late as December or January.

Drawing nature lovers from around the world, the best places to watch the iconic red crabs march from the rainforest to the sea are Drumsite, Flying Fish Cove, Ethel Beach and Greta Beach.

To learn more about the migration and explore tour packages, visit christmas.net.au/red-crab-migration

BIRDLIFE

A crucial habitat for seabirds, eight different species live on Christmas Island. Whereas the Red-footed Booby is the most numerous, the endangered Abbott's Booby is exclusive to the island and depends on these waters for fishing, nesting in tall rainforest trees. The critically endangered Christmas Island Frigatebird nests along the northeastern shores, while Greater Frigatebirds prefer semi-deciduous trees. You might also spot the magnificent Golden Bosun, recognisable by its long, flowing tail streamers.

The island hosts the Common Noddy, along with two species of tropic birds. Of the ten native land and shorebird species, seven are unique to Christmas Island. Additionally, 76 vagrant or migrant bird species have been spotted here. Birdwatching checklists are available from the Christmas Island Tourism Association.

The annual *Christmas Island Bird & Nature Week* is a great opportunity to explore the unique birdlife on the Island, with activities and presentations from experienced guides. See christmas.net.au/tours for more information.

MARINE LIFE

The Christmas Island Marine Park covers an impressive 277,016 square kilometres and support habitats for sea turtles, seabirds, coral reef species, manta rays, oceanic fish, several 'hybrid' fishes as well as marine species not found anywhere else.



The marine environment is also crucial for various island species, including spinner and common dolphins, green turtles, and whale sharks. Whale sharks, attracted by crab larvae, often visit during the wet season.

A convergence point for Indian and Pacific Ocean fish, Christmas Island has around 680 fish species including surgeonfish, unicornfish, toadfish, puffers, damselfish, cods, basslets, goatfish, angelfish, moorish idols, moray eels, wrasses, butterflyfish, triggerfish, leatherjackets and parrotfish.

The open ocean around the island is also home to tunas, wahoo, barracuda, rainbow runners, mackerel scad, sailfish, marlin, swordfish, and trevallies.

More than 100 species of corals thrive here, as well as invertebrates that include molluscs, algae, sponges, sea urchins, sea cucumbers, crustaceans and anemones.

Home to exotic birds,
iconic red crabs and
unique marine life,
Christmas Island is a
wildlife wonderland.



TURTLE WATCHING

Christmas Island is a sanctuary for endangered green and hawksbill turtles, with year-round nesting on Dolly and Greta beaches. To ensure their protection, a specific code of conduct for observing nesting turtles and hatchlings has been established.

To learn more about Christmas Island marine life, visit christmas.net.au/marine-life



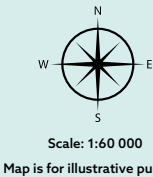
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ACCOMMODATION Swell Lodge ✓	AMENITIES Public Toilets	NATURAL ATTRACTIONS Beach Crab Migration/Spawning Lizards Lookout Park Strangler Fig Tree Turtles Waterfall	PLACES OF WORSHIP & MEMORIAL Cemetery Church Mosque Temple RETAIL/SHOPPING Shopping ✓ CITA Member Sealed or formed unsealed road 4WD Track Walking Track National Park
ACTIVITIES/ATTRACTIONS Boat Ramp Diving Fishing Golf Course Mountain Biking Picnic Area Ruin Snorkelling Swimming/Dipping Walking/Hiking	COMMUNITY & SERVICES School Sports/Recreation Centre Visitor Information Centre EAT & DRINK Dining		

Red Crab Migration Sites (Walking distance)	
Town Centre: Flying Fish Cove, residential areas	Ethel Beach: Shoreline and forest edge
The Blowholes: 3km from top gate. 1km from bottom gate.	The Dales: 1.5km from top gate to start of boardwalk.
Martin Point: 2km from top gate or 1km from The Dales.	Greta Beach: 0.1km from 2WD carpark.
Dolly Beach: 1.8km from 2WD carpark to start of boardwalk. 2km along boardwalk to beach.	





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Adventure awaits

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BECKONS ADVENTURERS WITH ITS BOUNTY OF IMMERSIVE
OUTDOOR EXPERIENCES.

FOR WATER LOVERS

SCUBA DIVING

Take the plunge into an enchanting underwater world. With over 60 world-class dive sites, discover hybrid and exotic fish, colourful coral and enjoy the company of friendly dolphins in warm, clear waters all year round. Between November and April, you may even encounter the largest fish of them all - a whale shark.

Visit christmas.net.au/scuba-diving for bookings.

SNORKELLING

With an abundance of fish and coral just a stone's throw from the shore, snorkelling is one of the most accessible ways to discover Christmas Island's marine life.

Bring your own snorkelling gear or hire a set once you're on the island. You can also join a boat charter or sea scooter tour to discover some of the island's most spectacular locations. Visit christmas.net.au/snorkelling for more information.

FOR LAND LOVERS

WALKS, HIKES, GUIDED TOURS AND 4WD

Whether you prefer a gentle stroll, a more challenging hike or a 4WD adventure, the island's paths, boardwalks and tracks provide a wonderful way to connect with nature.

• Hughs Dale Waterfall

1.5 km – 30 mins each way

The Dales Walking Trails are iconic, featuring permanent flowing water and stunning wet areas that provide habitats for blue crabs and Tahitian chestnut trees.

• Margaret Knoll

100 metres – 1 min each way

A short drive through plateau forest and a brief 50-metre walk leads to a lookout with panoramic views of the land and sea along the east coast.

• Dolly Beach

1.8 km – 40 mins each way

Accessible by 4WD and then a walk from the car park, this mostly boardwalk path

leads through to Dolly Beach, an isolated and picturesque sandy beach featuring a coral reef and freshwater stream.

- **West White Beach**
1.5 km – 1 hour each way

This challenging 1.5-kilometre hike descends through tall plateau and terrace rainforest. A steep climb down a cliff is required to reach the beach, with its stunning coral reef and views of the north coast.

- **Martin Point**
400 metres – 5 mins each way

A 400-metre walk from the car park leads to a sea cliff viewing platform. This peaceful spot offers excellent views along the western coast.

- **Territory Day Park Nature Trail**
1 km – 30 minute loop

Explore Christmas Island's unique rainforests on this family-friendly loop trail which leads to a lookout with beautiful views over Flying Fish Cove.

From swimming in warm waters with incredible visibility, through to hiking on trails through emerald rainforests, experience the beauty of Christmas Island.



- **The Blowholes**
1.6 km – 20 mins each way

Accessible by a 4WD track, this trail passes through lush forest where red crabs can often be seen. An elevated walkway offers a front-row seat to the dramatic blowholes.

SCENIC GOLFING

One of the most remote and scenic courses in Australia, Christmas Island Golf Course extends a warm invitation to all who wish to partake. Clubs are available for hire at the Christmas Island Visitor Centre.



CHRISTMAS ISLAND CINEMA

A quintessential Christmas Island Saturday night experience, join the locals at the open-air cinema. Get caught up in this magical meeting of nature and the big screen as you relax under twinkling tropical stars and a sweeping night sky.



DISCOVER CHRISTMAS ISLAND'S HERITAGE

Behind Christmas Island's laid-back, multicultural atmosphere lies a history that is both fascinating and, at times, turbulent.



HISTORY

The discovery of phosphate in 1888 set the course for Christmas Island's development over the following century. George Clunies-Ross and John Murray sought to extract the mineral using an imported workforce of Chinese, Malays, and Sikhs, who had to endure appalling conditions.

Signs of the island's WWII history are still visible, including a restored gun emplacement. Remnants of the Japanese invasion and occupation also remain, a period during which islanders and allied submarines successfully sabotaged mining efforts, leading to the deportation of hundreds of islanders to Japanese POW camps in Indonesia.

Britain initially claimed the island in the name of Queen Victoria, but in 1946, it was placed under the jurisdiction of the Crown Colony of Singapore. In 1958, Britain transferred sovereignty to Australia, making Christmas Island an Australian territory.

KEY DATES

- **25 December 1643:** Captain William Mynors sailing on the East Indian Company vessel, the Royal Mary, sights and names the island on Christmas Day.
- **6 June 1888:** Great Britain annexes Christmas Island at the urging of John Murray.
- **1949:** Australia and New Zealand buy the Christmas Island Phosphate company and the island is administered by the Colony of Singapore.
- **1 October 1958:** Sovereignty is transferred by the United Kingdom to Australia. Christmas Island becomes an Australian Territory.

CULTURE

With its rich fusion of Malay, Chinese and Western influences, Christmas Island boasts a unique blended cultural experience with its mixed celebrations for Chinese New Year, Hari Raya, Ramadan and of course, Christmas!

A dynamic merging of traditional and contemporary art forms against the backdrop of Christmas Island's stunning natural beauty, makes its cultural scene as intriguing and diverse as the island's own ecosystem.

Discover the cultural attractions that contribute to the unique atmosphere of Christmas Island. Buddhist, Christian, Bahá'í, Taoist and Muslim traditions are authentically practised, with places of worship welcome to all.

- **Chinese temples:** Nestled amidst lush landscapes, Taoist and Buddhist temples are not only places of worship, but also importantly reflect the cultural heritage on the island.
- **Kampong Mosque:** Kampong, with its enduring village ambiance, remains at the heart of the Malay community. The mosque and madrasa (Islamic school), constructed in the 1960s, is a pillar of cultural and religious education. Enjoy the call to prayer echoing across Flying Fish Cove.

Step back in time as you explore historic sites, experience diverse cultural heritage and immerse yourself in a community where nature, history and multicultural life coexist harmoniously.



- **Tai Jin House:** The grand colonial Tai Jin House, once the residence of the British Administrator, offers breathtaking views of Flying Fish Cove and the Indian Ocean. Now a museum, a permanent exhibition details the island's dramatic past as well as its unique wildlife.



FESTIVALS

Annual festivals such as Harmony Day and Lunar New Year offer vivid glimpses into the island's rich cultural fabric, and draws participation from every corner of the community.

Deep dive into the local customs and festivities when visiting Christmas Island for these immersive celebrations.

- **Chinese New Year:** In January or February, the island lights up with vibrant lanterns and lively lion dances during this 15-day celebration.

- **Hari Raya Puasa:** Marking the end of Ramadan, this celebration unites the Muslim community in faith and renewal.

- **Hungry Ghost Festival:** In August or September, Buddhists and Taoists offer tributes to returning spirits, welcoming their presence among the living during this month long observation.

- **Mid-Autumn Moon Cake Festival:** Celebrated in September or October with lanterns and mooncakes, this Chinese festival highlights the cultural significance of the moon and its legends with a night street parade in the Poon Saan district.

- **Temple Gods' Birthdays:** Each Chinese temple celebrates its patron deity's birthday with special ceremonies. Check with the Visitor Centre for dates.

- **Territory Week:** The world's only ten day week, this celebration marks Christmas Island's status as an Australian Territory in 1958. Across ten days (and sometimes more!), there are community festivals, exhibitions, market days, sports events and plenty of food. It culminates in the Cove Day Raft Race, the greatest race in the Indian Ocean.

- **Christmas:** Given its namesake holiday on 25 December 1643, Christmas is celebrated with particular fervour here. The season is marked by community light displays and festivities, with the local Catholic Church offering mass.



DID YOU KNOW?

- Around 1,100 residents live permanently on Christmas Island, hailing from across Asia and the West.
- Christmas Islanders have a range of faiths from Chinese folk religions and Buddhism to Islam, Ba'hai, Christianity and Catholicism.
- It is the only place in Australia where the Lunar New Year, Hari Raya, Easter and Christmas are all public holidays.
- One can find mosques, madrasahs, Taoist temples and Catholic churches within the township, as well as around a dozen Taoist shrines and temples in the forests of the National Park.

USEFUL INFORMATION FOR YOUR TIME ON CHRISTMAS ISLAND

LUGGAGE

Please pack your bags appropriately, ensuring any 'must haves' such as medication, prescriptions, masks etc are with you in your hand luggage.

PHONE/INTERNET

Telstra have a 4G mobile network on the island. CiFi provides flexible 4G data and short-term home WiFi options for visitors, with broad coverage across the island including remote and national park areas. Short-term WiFi dongle rental is available and most accommodation operators also have WiFi available for guests.

MONEY

Australian currency is the legal tender. There is a branch of the Westpac Bank branch on the island, but no ATM, so it is recommended that you bring some cash with you. There is also no foreign exchange available.

TOP TIP: Pick up a restaurant guide from the Christmas Island Visitor Centre when you arrive, which provides current information on restaurant opening and closing times for the week.



GETTING AROUND

A network of roads and tracks provide access to many places on the island, whereas other places can only be reached by marked walking trails (see map on pages 8-9). Many roads are 4WD only and sections are often steep and narrow and become slippery when wet.

Note that some roads are closed during the annual red crab migration. The migration starts with the first rainfall of the wet season, usually in October or November, but it can be as late as December or January. For your own safety and to protect crabs - particularly robber and red crabs - please drive slowly.



EATING OUT

Be sure to pick up a restaurant guide from the Christmas Island Visitor Centre when you arrive, which provides current information on restaurant opening and closing times for the week. Local restaurants offer a variety of cuisines, showcasing the Island's cultural mix.

SHOPPING AND SUPPLIES

Whilst on Christmas Island, you can pick up souvenirs, local craft, clothing, fishing gear, snorkelling equipment and general merchandise, usually at near duty-free prices. Stores are located at Kampong, Poon Saan, Drumsite, and at Temple Court and The Barracks on Gaze Road in Settlement. Trading hours vary, so check at the Visitor Information Centre for up-to-date information.

There are also several picnic and barbecue venues around the island where you may cook for yourself or take a hamper. Supplies can be purchased at local stores or supermarkets.

ACCOMMODATION

From self-contained holiday homes with stunning ocean views and cosy apartments perfect for relaxing after a day of adventure, through to luxurious, all-inclusive eco-lodges seamlessly integrated into the natural surroundings — your perfect stay on Christmas Island awaits. To discover the island's range of inviting accommodation options, visit christmas.net.au/accommodation

To truly immerse yourself in the stunning environment, you can also camp within the Christmas Island National Park. Equipment is not available for hire on the island, so you will need to bring it with you. For further information and permits, email the Christmas Island National Park Office at ChristmasIslandNP@environment.gov.au.

PLANNING YOUR VISIT

Although an Australian territory, Christmas Island lies 2,600 kilometres northwest of Perth, with its closest neighbour, Java, only 360 kilometres away.

With less than 1,500 residents, Christmas Island is a culturally rich and diverse community. Most locals have Chinese, Malay or Australian heritage. Whereas English is the official language, many residents also speak Bahasa Malay or one or more Chinese dialects.

CLIMATE

Christmas Island has a tropical equatorial climate with distinct wet and dry seasons. While the temperature remains 23-29°C all year, humidity is lowest from May to September (dry season). You may experience showers from October to April (wet season) where the landscape is adorned in vibrant green. The ocean temperature remains warm throughout the year, ranging from 26 to 29°C.

FLIGHTS TO CHRISTMAS ISLAND

Qantas Link flies from Perth to Christmas Island twice per week, and once per month on a Saturday. There are connections to most Australian capital cities.

SAFETY FIRST

As you plan your adventures on Christmas Island, consider these precautions:

- **Stay on track:** Stick to marked walking tracks, roads, and visitor areas in the rainforest.
- **Buddy system:** Walk with a companion and inform someone of your whereabouts and expected return time.
- **Emergency preparedness:** Borrow a free personal locator beacon (PLB) from the Christmas Island Police Station for peace of mind.
- **Stay hydrated:** Carry ample drinking water; local tap water is safe to consume.
- **Follow ranger instructions:** Adhere to park rangers' directions for your safety and that of the local wildlife.
- **Know your limits:** Be aware of your personal fitness level when exploring.
- **Supervise children:** Keep a close watch on children at all times.
- **Dress appropriately:** Wear sturdy shoes, a hat, sunscreen, and breathable clothing for bushwalking.
- **Cliff safety:** Avoid cliff edges and rock platforms near the shoreline.
- **Ocean caution:** Be aware of large waves, rips, and undertows at all beaches. Be aware of the locations of life buoys with GPS EPIRBs.
- **Look after the marine ecosystem:** Do not stand on or touch the delicate reef.
- **Protective footwear:** is recommended when swimming or snorkelling.
- **Heed warnings:** Follow all safety directives, notices, and warning signs.
- **Drive carefully:** Some roads require 4WD and can be slippery when wet. Drive slowly, especially during wet periods and during the red crab migration.
- **Health precautions:** Ensure you have travel insurance and bring sufficient medication.
- **Medical:** Ensure any medicines are packed in your carry-on luggage.
- **Keep it clean:** Take your rubbish with you and avoid feeding wildlife.

PRESERVING PARADISE

The remoteness and fragile ecosystems of Christmas Island accentuate the need for sustainable travel practices. Minimise waste, avoid single-use plastics and respect designated paths to protect delicate habitats. Please also follow the guidelines provided by National Park rangers to ensure the preservation of natural habitats. Eco-friendly practices, such as using refillable water bottles and conserving resources, are encouraged to reduce the carbon footprint.

Christmas Island Visitor Centre

The Visitor Information Centre (opposite the supermarket on Gaze Road in Settlement) offers a gift shop, tour booking services and friendly staff with information on activities, facilities and social events.

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