

KIRIBATI

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Capital: South Tarawa **Time:** GMT + 12

Background: The Gilbert Islands were granted self-rule by the UK in 1971 and complete independence in 1979 under the new name of Kiribati. The US relinquished all claims to the sparsely inhabited Phoenix and Line Island groups in a 1979 treaty of friendship with Kiribati.

Location: Oceania, group of islands in the Pacific Ocean, straddling the equator, about one-half of the way from Hawaii to Australia; note - on 1 January 1995, Kiribati unilaterally moved the International Date Line from the middle of the country to include its easternmost islands and make it the same day throughout the country

Map References: Oceania

Area: total: 717 sq km land: 717 sq km water: 0 sq km

Climate: tropical; marine, hot and humid, moderated by trade winds

Terrain: mostly low-lying coral atolls surrounded by extensive reefs

Natural Resources: phosphate (production discontinued in 1979)

Population: 91,985 (July 2000 est.)

Nationality: noun: I-Kiribati (singular and plural) adjective: I-Kiribati

Ethnic Groups: Micronesian

Religions: Roman Catholic 53%, Protestant (Congregational) 41%, Seventh-Day Adventist, Baha'i, Church of God, Mormon 6% (1985 est.)

Languages: English (official), Gilbertese

Economy: A remote country of 33 scattered coral atolls, Kiribati has few national resources. Commercially viable phosphate deposits were exhausted at the time of independence from the UK in 1979. Copra and fish now represent the bulk of production and exports. The economy has fluctuated widely in recent years. Economic development is constrained by a shortage of skilled workers, weak infrastructure, and remoteness from international markets. Tourism provides more than one-fifth of GDP. The financial sector is at an early stage of development as is the expansion of private sector initiatives. Foreign financial aid, largely from the UK and Japan, is a critical supplement to GDP, equal to 25%-50% of GDP in recent years. Remittances from workers abroad account for more than \$5 million each year.

Industries: fishing, handicrafts

Currency: 1 Australian dollar (\$) = 100 cents

Railways: 0 km

Highways: total: 670 km (1996 est.) paved: NA km unpaved: NA km

Waterways: small network of canals, totaling 5 km, in Line Islands

Ports and Harbors: Banaba, Betio, English Harbor, Kanton

Airports: 21 (1999 est.) Airports - with paved runways: total: 4 1,524 to 2,437 m: 4 (1999 est.) Airports - with unpaved runways: total: 17 914 to 1,523 m: 12 under 914 m: 5 (1999 est.)

Visa: required by all except nationals of UK, Spain, Denmark, and Sweden

Duty Free: goods permitted: 200 cigarettes or 225g tobacco or cigars, 1 litre of spirits and 1 litre of wine, a reasonable amount of perfume and personal use. 1 pair of binoculars, 1 camera and 6 rolls of film, 1 cine camera and 200m of film, 1 radio, 1 broadcast receiver, 1 tape recorder, 1 typewriter, sport equipment for personal use.

Health: a yellow fever vaccination certificate is required from travelers over one year of age coming from infected areas.

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