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ENTERTAINMENTS

BUADA LAGOON, Buada Lagoon is considered to be one of the lushest spots in the island. The lagoon is in the middle southwest of Nauru in the district of Buada. It is 3 to 4 hectares and is the only source of fresh water in Nauru.

MOQUA CAVE AND MOQUA WAVE, Situated in Yaren, the Moqua Cave is next to the runway of the airport. The cave also houses the Moqua Wave, which is an underground 0.2 hectare lake referred to by the locals as "Well".

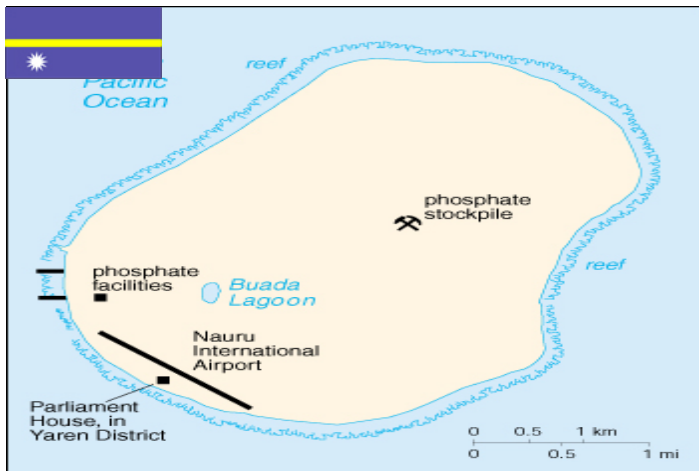
ANIBARE BAY Anibare Bay is situated in the district of Anibare and is the best beach area of the island featuring white coral sand. Anibare Bay is a good place to surf and swim.



AIRLINES/HELICOPTERS/AIRPORTS

NAURU AIR CORPORATION, Region: Australia & Pacific, Address: PO Box 40 Civic Centre Yaren District, Tel: 00674 444 31 41, Fax: 00674 444 37 05, Web site: www.airnauru.com.au, Main Base: Nauru

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Country Dialing Code (Tel/Fax): ++674

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Capital: Yaren Time: GMT + 12

Background: Nauru's phosphate deposits began to be mined early in the 20th century by a German-British consortium; the island was occupied by Australian forces in World War I. Upon achieving independence in 1968, Nauru became the smallest independent republic in the world; it joined the UN in 1999.

Location: Oceania, island in the South Pacific Ocean, south of the Marshall Islands

Map References: Oceania

Area: total: 21 sq km land: 21 sq km water: 0 sq km

Climate: tropical; monsoonal; rainy season (November to February)

Terrain: sandy beach rises to fertile ring around raised coral reefs with phosphate plateau in center

Natural Resources: phosphates

Population: 11,845 (July 2000 est.)

Nationality: noun: Nauruan(s) adjective: Nauruan

Ethnic Groups: Nauruan 58%, other Pacific Islander 26%, Chinese 8%, European 8%

Religions: Christian (two-thirds Protestant, one-third Roman Catholic)

Languages: Nauruan (official, a distinct Pacific Island language), English widely understood, spoken, and used for most government and commercial purposes

Economy: Revenues of this tiny island come from exports of phosphates, but reserves are expected to be exhausted in the year 2000. Phosphates have given Nauruans one of the highest per capita incomes in the Third World, with estimates of GDP varying widely. Few other resources exist, thus most necessities must be imported, including fresh water from Australia. The rehabilitation of mined land and the replacement of income from phosphates are serious long-term problems. Substantial amounts of phosphate income are invested in trust funds to help cushion the transition. The government also has been borrowing heavily from the trusts to finance fiscal deficits. To cut costs the government has called for a freezing of wages, a reduction of over-staffed public service departments, privatization of numerous government agencies, and closure of some overseas consulates. In recent years Nauru has encouraged the registration of offshore banks and corporations. Tens of billions of dollars have been channeled through their accounts.

Industries: phosphate mining, financial services, coconut products

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

Railways: total: 3.9 km; note - used to haul phosphates from the center of the island to processing facilities on the southwest coast

Highways: total: 30 km paved: 24 km unpaved: 6 km (1998 est.)

Ports and Harbors: Nauru

Airports: 1 (1999 est.) Airports - with paved runways: total: 1 1,524 to 2,437 m: 1 (1999 est.)

Visa: required by all

Duty Free: goods permitted: 400 cigarettes or 50 cigars or 450g of tobacco, 3 bottles of alcoholic beverage

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