

NAURU AT A GLANCE

Coral rocks on a beach at Nauru



Home to over
10,000
PEOPLE

There are **12 indigenous tribes** in Nauru, symbolised by the **12-pointed star** on the Nauru flag.



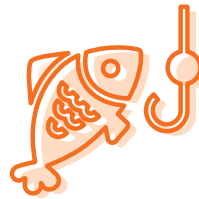
CAPITAL

Nauru does not have a capital

MAJOR INDUSTRIES



Processing
centre



Fishing
licences



Phosphate
mining

Australia's regional processing centre and its supporting services provide Nauru's most significant revenue stream. Phosphate mining was once a major industry but it has declined in recent years. With an exclusive economic zone extending 320 km offshore, the sale of commercial fishing licences is a significant source of revenue.

GEOGRAPHY

Nauru is one of the world's **smallest independent states** with a total land area of **21 km²**. It is located in the **Pacific Ocean**, 42 km south of the equator and 3,350 km northeast of Brisbane.



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LANGUAGES

Nauruan and English

The official language of Nauru is Nauruan. English is also widely spoken and is the language of government and commerce.



CEREMONIES

Few of Nauru's old customs have been preserved due to colonial and contemporary western influences.

However, some forms of traditional music, arts and crafts, and fishing are still practised.

For example, Nauruans still perform traditional rhythmic singing and dance, particularly at gatherings and celebrations.

WORKPLACE CULTURE



The Nauru workplace can be very hierarchical. Respect for a person in a senior position is often shown by addressing them by their position and title rather than by their name.

Swearing and blasphemy are not common and can be interpreted as offensive or aggressive behaviour.

DRESS



Dress is usually European and very little traditional dress has been preserved from the old customs.

The inhabitants of Nauru wear the usual tropical clothes:

Short trousers and light shirts.



PASTIMES

Weightlifting and Australian rules football

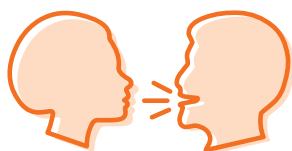
Australian rules football and weightlifting are very popular on Nauru and are considered the country's national sports. Other popular sports include volleyball, netball, fishing and tennis. Nauru participates in the Commonwealth Games and has participated in the Summer Olympic Games in weightlifting and judo.

RELIGION

Christianity



Religion is an important part of life in Nauru. The main religion practiced on Nauru is Christianity.



PHRASES & GREETINGS

Traditional welcomes are very important in Nauru. Employers and visitors should respect any preparations that are made regarding traditional welcomes.

PHRASE — English	Nauru	PHRASE — English	Nauru
Hello	Ekamowir Omo	Goodbye	Tarawong
How are you?	Wo areit ed?	I'm sorry	Ead aeo dura
Please	Magada	Do you speak English?	Gona doerin burbur?
Thank you	Itûba, Tubwa kor		

For more common phrases and translations, refer to: <https://omniglot.com/language/phrases/nauruan.htm>



Phosphate loading station, Nauru