

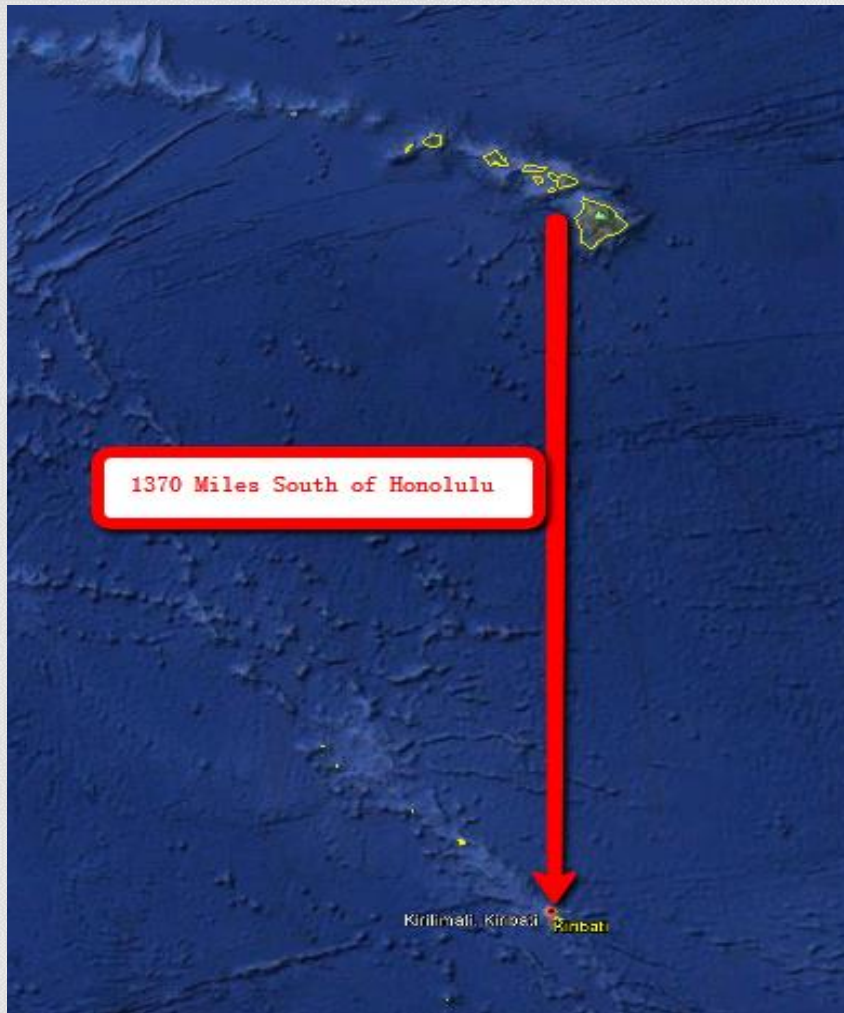
Trip to Kiritimati aka Christmas Island

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Agenda

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- Getting there
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- Types of Fishing
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Where is Kiritmati



- Kiritmati is 1370 miles south of Honolulu
- It is part of the country of Kiribati
- Population is around 5000
- Known for its fishing, bird watching and surfing

What to bring

- Near to bring you own fishing gear
 - Flyrods – 8wt for bonefishing and 10wt for Giant Trevally
 - Surf rod – I bought a 4 piece St. Croix travel surf rod 9ft
 - Bonefish flies and big flies for GT
 - 50-80lb braid
 - Rangers, Ballistics, big poppers, and darters worked best
 - Butterfly jigs for vertical jigging
- SPF fishing shirts, nylon pants, and buff (it is near equator and sun is really hot)
- Bring any medication especially antibiotics to handle any stomach issues.
- Any liquor...lodge provides only beer

Getting There



- Flew from Boston to Honolulu thru San Francisco on Monday (11 hours)
- Stayed in “cheap” hotel on Monday night near Wikiki beach
- Flew via Fiji airlines to Christmas Island (3 hour flight) on Tuesday

Where I stayed



- There are 6 different lodges
- Stayed at the Ikari House www.ikarihouse.com
- Food was great ... lots of sushi, fresh fish, chicken, and whole pig last day
- Modest rooms with air conditioning and hot water
- Laundry service is great
- Boats, captains, and guide were awesome

Types of Fishing

- Fly fishing in the lagoon for bonefish and giant trevally
- Bluewater trolling for yellowfin, wahoo, and dorado
- Surf casting from shore into big water for giant and blue trevally and other species
- Surf casting from boat for giant trevally, blue trevally, sea bass, and big barracuda
- Vertical jigging for lots of stuff

85lb Giant Trevally on a 12wt



40lb Giant Trevally on a Ballistic



Surfcasting into 20ft breakers



60+lb wahoo trolling



Blue Trevally



45lb Yellowfin...my first yellowfin



Campsite



Nightfishing



Fishing the flats



The lagoon



The lagoon again



Slick with Tyrone



Sunset



Bonefish on....



1000 feet deep right here....



On the hunt for bones....



Looks fishy to me



Another GT



I love boobies.....



Day of trolling



Steve with a nice GT on ranger



Panoramic Shot



Group Photo



Another Beautiful Sunset



How much?

- Trip was sponsored by Justin Crump and Kate Taylor of Frigate Adventure Travel
www.frigatetravel.com
- Ikari House provided transport from airport, food, lodging, guides, and boats for \$2650.
- Cost of airlines Boston to/from Christmas Island \$2300
- Tips were about \$400 (\$50 a day for guides, and \$100 for housekeeping)
- Hotel in Hawaii was \$99