



Some useful information...

Aretai Beach Villas

Situated in Amuri, Aitutaki, Cook Islands

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If no one on site then the following people can be contacted for any queries:

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Ph 31888

Airport

Ph 31447

Airport Transfers

Nane Ph 31248 Mobile (+682) 72818

Police

Ph 31590

Hospital

Ph 31002

Aitutaki Tourism Office

Situated near the Wharf in town- Ph 31649

Rental Vehicles

Rinos- Cars & Motorbike/Scooter Ph 31197

Popoara (Boat Shed) Scooters Ph 31739

Check in Time	2pm unless arranged otherwise. We are happy for you to arrive earlier and leave bags but we cannot guarantee an earlier check in if the villa is being cleaned from previous guests.
Checkout Time	10am unless otherwise arranged. Bags can be stored during the day until your flight. You may arrange to have the use of the bathroom next to the laundry.
Telephone	Use the telephone in the guest laundry. Please do not make any toll calls. Local calls only. There is a Telecom office in town for international calls. Kia Orana Phone cards can be purchased for Toll calls, from several outlets including Telecom and Spider Internet Café. Telecom SIM card also available for mobile phones.
Internet	Telecom in town- use their computers. Seems to be the fastest. Koru Café- can use your own ipad or laptop Spiders Internet Café approx 2km towards town on the left (4 computers) Can also print documents with a USB but no laptop use. Also Tamanu Village (1.5km on right) has wireless for either your own laptop or their computer .
Provisions	There are small local stores all over the island for food supplies. Approx 2km in the direction of the town is a well stocked store (Rirei's- Heineken Store). Freshly baked bread, beer, wine and other imported goods. Aquila's Store, that has the petrol pumps outside, sometimes has a good range of local fruit and vegetables. A larger store- Maina Super Store, in town near the wharf also has a large variety of grocery items. Just around the corner from Maina in the lane there is another store that has local produce also. There is a daily market near the wharf for local foods. Be early (7am) for the best selection. Please note most shops are closed on Sunday except Neiba Store on the other side of the island.

Baxters- Fresh, frozen and pre-packed fish ready to cook.
Ph 31325

Guest Laundry

There is a washing machine for guest use in the laundry at the end of the shed. There is a \$5 charge per wash. Please pay the manager and please do not overload the machine.

Water

Is a precious resource. The main supply is from rain water collected in tanks and if this runs out then we usually have access to the island's bore water. We recommend boiling drinking water and cooling before refrigerating.

Please use water wisely.

Power

Is another precious resource- please conserve where possible. Please turn fans off if you are going out. Note that power fluctuates at times and some appliances will not work to full capacity.

Rubbish

We are trying to keep this island beautiful and rubbish free. Please recycle bottles and cans. We have bins near the road for this purpose. We would appreciate food scraps being saved separately to feed pigs and compost- either give these to Mama or our housekeeper who is here daily. Place other rubbish in your bin and this will be burnt in the rubbish heap near drive.

Housekeeping

We appreciate that most people who choose Aretai Beach Villas do so for the special nature of a small property. They are usually independent travellers who like the option of self-catering and require minimal interruptions to their holiday.

With this in mind, we will try and service your villa every third day, excluding weekends, however if you require anything else then please let our housekeeper or Mama know.

Fresh towels are always available but due to water conservation we would appreciate that where possible you hang your towels to dry and reuse them.

We expect that you will do your dishes – in cases of extreme mess or damage we reserve the right to charge your credit card an extra cleaning fee.

Kayaks

There are kayaks available for shared use. When finished please pull them up off the beach, near the villas (to prevent the tide coming in and washing them away). If you take them out to the reef please ensure you tie them up securely, as we have had guests lose kayaks and unfortunately we will have to charge for a replacement.

BBQ

We have a BBQ for shared use. We would appreciate that it is given a quick clean after use, ready for the next guest.

Mosquitoes

At various times of the year mossies can be a problem. A simple solution is mosquito coils that can be purchased at local shops. These are effective in keeping mosquitoes away outside. Please light in the container that is provided on your deck. The shops also have a good supply of insect spray and repellants.

Bathroom

Due to high humidity we would appreciate that the door and window of the bathroom are left open where possible. Water is heated by solar heating and we apologize if the water is not hot enough if the weather has prevented optimal heating.

We would really appreciate letting us know if anything is broken and not functioning properly so we can fix the problem.

Things to do

In our guest books there are many recommendations from other travelers but here is a summary.

Lagoon Cruises

Aitutaki has one of the most beautiful lagoons in the world and you should not leave without spending at least one day on a cruise. There are different options ranging from a large boat with lots of shelter to a smaller boat with less people. Most provide lunch and all the gear you require. **Please do not take our towels.**

Kia Orana Ph 31418

Aitutaki Adventures – Captain Puna Ph 31171 or mob 54909

Bishops Ph 31009

Black Pearl- Private Lagoon Cruise Ph 56851 or 31125

Teking- Water taxi and private boat charters also Ph 31582

Wet n Wild Ph 31657

Captain Pan's Luxury Charter- Easybeat ph 31109

Most operate Monday- Saturday. Kia Orana operates Sunday but not Saturday.

Snorkelling

You can snorkel out to the reef in front of the villas. This can be very good, especially at high tide. If you take the kayaks, please take some rope to tie the kayak to a rock. To the right, at the end of the airport, is a marine reserve (Rau'i) with good snorkeling.

We recommend that shoes/flippers are worn in the water to prevent injury from sharp coral or stone fish.

Snorkelling gear for hire- Rinos \$15 per day.

Scuba

Aitutaki Scuba Ph 31103

Bubbles Below Ph 31537

Swimming

70m to your left on the beach is a long, dug out swimming hole, free of coral which is nice for a cooling dip.

Walking	Walking up Maunga Pu, the highest peak on Aitutaki is a good walk and offers great views. Turn right onto the road and opposite Paradise Cove, there is a sign. Take insect repellent.
Sightseeing Tours	Aitutaki Discovery Safari Tours-Ph 31757 or 50877
Fishing	Jason Ph 31281- Aitutaki Sea Charters Black Pearl-Mike Ph 56851 Aitutaki Game Fishing Club- 31701 (Club night Wednesdays) Wet n Wild 31657 Vaikiore Fishing Ph 31103- for bonefish charters Aitutaki Blue Lagoon Flyfish- Butch Leone Ph 31487 Baxters Fishing Charters Ph 31025
Kite Surfing	Aitutaki is a fast becoming a kite surfing mecca. Mike Lee Kiteboard Aitutaki 31098 - April- October info@southpacifickiteboarding.com
Dining	The island has a variety of places to eat from small local cafes to international standard dining at the large resorts. Many of the restaurants will arrange transport. Read other guest reviews but some of the favourites are – Café Tepuna 31678 and Koru café (Coffee, breakfast and lunch). There is a great variety of cocktails and a “Happy Hour” 5.30-6.30pm with reduced prices at the Aitutaki Lagoon Resort and Spa beach bar. Puffys next door has a small menu including burgers, steak etc. Paradise Cove often has a Wednesday night Island Buffet.
Island Nights	There is an island night somewhere in Aitutaki nearly every night. You can expect to eat local foods and have good entertainment with an island dance group. Tamanu Beach on Thursday night is a popular option. Booking recommended. Usually you can wander along and watch the show without having dinner, just purchasing drinks.
Church	Visitors are welcome at the local church services- the singing and colourful interior of the church make this a very popular activity.

The closest church is at Arutanga- near the wharf. The service starts at 9.45am. Note that there is a collection box and often you will be invited for local kai kai (food) after the service.

Sunday

Sunday is a day of rest in Aitutaki- all shops except Neiba on the other side of the island are closed. We recommend that you get provisions on Saturday. A great place for a Sunday BBQ lunch is Samade Bar and Sunday night BBQ is available at Tamanu Beach.

Photography

Digital Photography- Weddings, Birthdays & Passports
Ph 31703 Mob Ph 56103

Have a wonderful holiday at Aretai Beach Villas and please write in our visitor's book.

If you enjoyed your stay please review on Trip Advisor and you can find us on Facebook too!