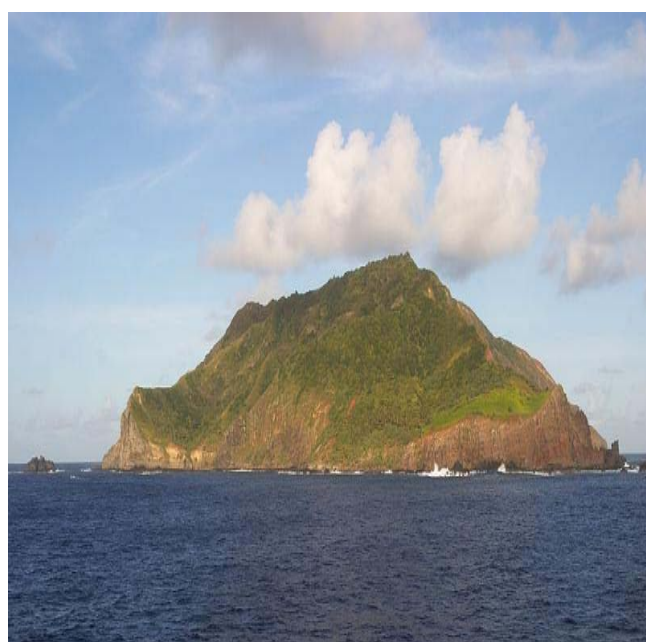
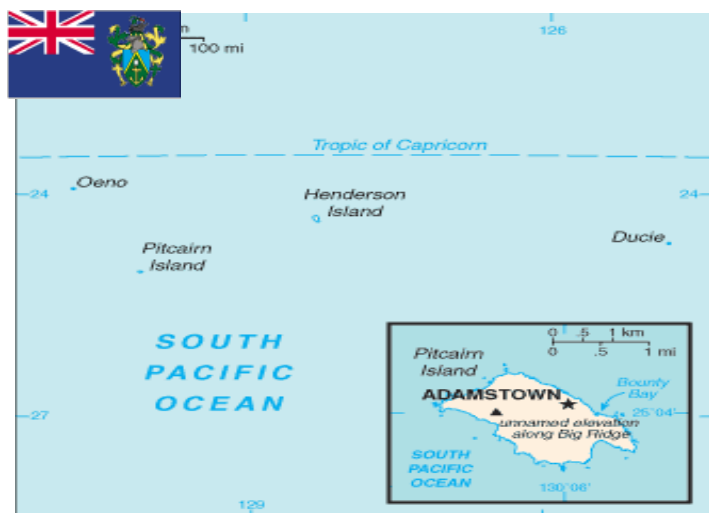


## PITCAIRN ISLANDS



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**Capital:** Adamstown, geographic coordinates: 25 04 S, 130 05 W time difference: UTC-9 (4 hours behind Washington, DC during Standard Time)

**Background:** Pitcairn Island was discovered in 1767 by the British and settled in 1790 by the Bounty mutineers and their Tahitian companions. Pitcairn was the first Pacific island to become a British colony (in 1838) and today remains the last vestige of that empire in the South Pacific. Outmigration, primarily to New Zealand, has thinned the population from a peak of 233 in 1937 to less than 50 today.

**Location:** Definition Field Listing, Oceania, islands in the South Pacific Ocean, about midway between Peru and New Zealand

**Map References:** Oceania

**Area:** total: 47 sq km, land: 47 sq km, water: 0 sq km

**Terrain:** rugged volcanic formation; rocky coastline with cliffs

**Natural Resources:** miro trees (used for handicrafts), fish note: manganese, iron, copper, gold, silver, and zinc have been discovered offshore

**Population:** 48 (July 2007 est.)

**Nationality:** noun: Pitcairn Islander(s), adjective: Pitcairn Islander

**Ethnic Groups:** descendants of the Bounty mutineers and their Tahitian wives

**Religions:** Seventh-Day Adventist 100%

**Languages:** English (official), Pitcairnese (mixture of an 18th century English dialect and a Tahitian dialect)

**Economy:** The inhabitants of this tiny isolated economy exist on fishing, subsistence farming, handicrafts, and postage stamps. The fertile soil of the valleys produces a wide variety of fruits and vegetables, including citrus, sugarcane, watermelons, bananas, yams, and beans. Bartering is an important part of the economy. The major sources of revenue are the sale of postage stamps to collectors and the sale of handicrafts to passing ships. In October 2004, more than one-quarter of Pitcairn's small labor force was arrested, putting the economy in a bind, since their services were required as lighter crew to load or unload passing ships.

**Industries:** postage stamps, handicrafts, beekeeping, honey

**Currency:** New Zealand dollar (NZD)

**Visa:** Visitors planning to land and stay in the Islands must first obtain from the office of the Commissioner for Pitcairn Island a licence to land and reside there. Licences, for which a fee is payable, are valid for six months but may be renewed for further similar periods by the Governor. (Applications available from the office of the Commissioner for Pitcairn Island) 'Permanent resident' status is normally granted only to British subjects after seven years' continuous residence on the island

**Health:** Before visiting Pitcairn Islands (U.K.), you may need to get the following vaccinations and medications for vaccine-preventable diseases and other diseases you might be at risk for at your destination: Routine , Hepatitis A , Hepatitis B , Typhoid, Rabies

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