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Country Profile: Kiribati

The Republic of Kiribati (pronounced kir-ree-bas) is an island group in the Western Pacific Ocean. It consists of an archipelago of some 33 low-lying coral atolls surrounded by extensive reefs, with a total land area of 800 square kilometers. Kiribati gained independence from the United Kingdom in 1979. Kiribati has an elected President and a legislative assembly. The capital city is Tarawa. Kiribati has few natural resources, and its economy is very small. Tourist facilities are not widely available. Read the Department of State on Kiribati for additional information.

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COUNTRY OVERVIEW	
Country Name:	Kiribati
Continent:	Oceania
Capital City:	Tarawa
Boundary Countries:	
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	Kiribati General Hospital
Main Cities:	Tarawa
Country Size:	811 sq km
Population:	107,817

I-Kiribati, English

COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Language.	i-Kilibati, English
Currency:	Australian Dollar (AUD)
Predominant Religions:	Roman Catholic 52%, Protestant (Congretional) 40%, other (includes Seventh-Day Adventist, Muslim, Baha'i, Latter-day Saints, Church of God) 8%
National Holidays:	Independence Day, 12 July (1979)
Economic Status:	Kiribati has few natural resources, and its economy is very small.
Security:	No regular military forces; Police Force (carries out law enforcement functions and paramilitary duties; small police posts are on all islands)
US Presence:	The US does not have an embassy in Kiribati; the ambassador to Fiji is accredited to Kiribati. The US Embassy in Fiji is located at 31 Loftus Street in Suva; tel (679) 331-4?466; fax (679) 330-2?267. Information may also be obtained by visiting the Embassy's home page at http://www.amembassy-fiji.gov/ .
Major Airports:	Airports: 19, Airports w/paved runways: 3 Bonriki International Airport Tarawa, Kiribati, PO Box 277, Bikenibeu, Tarawa, KIRIBATI Tel: +686 (0)28092 Fax: +686 (0)28289 Customs, hours: 08:00 – 16:15 Tel: +686 (0)28159 Fax: +686 (0)26532 Kiritimati/Christmas Islands – Cassidy International Airport (CXI/PLCH)

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