



## **Information for Cruise Ship Passengers**

The Ascension Island Government provides the option for cruise ship passengers to acquire a landing permit (£10 for one day; £20 for 3 days, valid until 7pm each day) instead of a tourist entry permit. This light-touch entry control procedure recognises the fact that cruise ship visitors stay for a short period, arrive in groups and are escorted.

### **Eligibility**

Landing permits will be issued to those arriving on a cruise ship, who do not possess a valid entry permit, and who intend to return to the ship at night to sleep and will either be:

- Going on an official escorted tour of the island; or
- Spending a few hours in Georgetown

The landing permit will be issued by the AI Immigration Service on arrival at the pier head. Please have your passport with you.

There are some **important differences between a landing permit and a tourist permit.**

A landing permit is cheaper than an entry control permit and is issued while you wait on arrival. This means that if sea conditions do not permit you to come ashore, you will not lose any money. However it does not permit you to leave Georgetown or hire a car.

An entry permit should be requested at least 14 days before arrival. If granted, it allows the holder freedom to roam the island, hire a car and stay overnight. An entry permit form can be downloaded from our website: <http://www.ascension-island.gov.ac/visiting-the-island/>

Please note that you will be charged the fee for applying for an entry permit whether or not you subsequently come ashore as AIG would have incurred costs in conducting the necessary background checks.

You should be aware that only 20% of the visiting cruise ships successfully manage to get passengers ashore due to sea and landing conditions.

If you wish to permanently disembark at Ascension (e.g. to connect with the MOD air bridge), then you need a valid entry permit.

If you hold a valid entry permit, and you arrive as part of a cruise ship party, you do not need to purchase a landing permit as well.

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Please note that due to the administrative effort required to process an entry permit, the Administrator reserves the right to place a limit on the number of entry permits that will be issued to cruise ship passengers.

**Please note that it is currently Ascension Island Government policy not to issue landing permits or entry permits to nationals of the following countries: Belarus, China, Egypt, Iran, Libya, North Korea, Russia, Syria, Ukraine, and Vietnam.**