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Australian ordinary passport holders do not usually require a pre obtained visa to enter Solomon Islands for a period of up to three months in any twelve month period. A visitors permit will usually be issued on arrival in Solomon Islands. It is recommended that passports be valid for six months beyond the period of intended stay. Travellers should also be able to show documentation confirming their ability to financially maintain themselves during their stay, as well as tickets and entry documents for their next destination.

Additional conditions may apply to minors. Travellers are recommended to contact a Solomon Islands mission on the details below for further information and to ensure their specific circumstances make them eligible to enter the Solomon Islands without a visa.

Current DFAT Travel Advice

This advice is current for Thu, 1st November 2018.

Exercise normal safety precautions in Solomon Islands. Use common sense. Look out for suspicious behaviour, as you would in Australia. Serious assaults, including sexual assault, occur in Solomon Islands. Foreigners have been attacked at knifepoint, including at popular beaches near Honiara. Avoid being alone in areas without security officers, particularly if you're female. See [Safety and security](#).

You could encounter political violence and civil unrest in Solomon Islands. Avoid any demonstrations, protests, political rallies, concerts or other large public gatherings as they could turn violent. See [Safety and security](#).

Mosquito-borne illnesses, including malaria and dengue fever, are common throughout Solomon Islands. Zika virus is also a risk. Protect yourself against mosquito bites. Take anti-malarial medication. See [Health](#). You could encounter tropical storms, cyclones, earthquakes or tsunamis in Solomon Islands. Monitor local media and relevant websites. Take official warnings seriously. Follow the advice of local authorities. See [Natural disasters](#).

The above information is an edited excerpt of the Travel Advice Summary from The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Travellers are encouraged to read the travel advice in full, subscribe to updates to this advice and to register their presence in Solomon Islands at www.smartraveller.gov.au.

Vaccinations and Health Precautions

The following information is intended as a guide only and in no way should it be used as a substitute for professional medical advice relative to a travellers individual needs and vaccination history. No guarantee is made as to its accuracy or thoroughness. For further information, please contact The Travel Doctor on 1300 658 844.

Vaccination against Hepatitis A is recommended for travellers to Solomon Islands. Vaccination against Hepatitis B should be considered by frequent or long stay travellers. Vaccination against Typhoid should also be considered particularly when travelling to areas with poor sanitation and hygiene. As Malaria, Dengue Fever and the Zika virus occurs in Solomon Islands, insect avoidance measures are recommended and antimalarial medication may be necessary depending on your itinerary. Solomon Islands is listed as a Zika category 1 country. For information on the risks the Zika virus poses to pregnancy, including up to 6 months following the exposure of either parent, see www.who.int/csr/disease/zika/en/. Food and water precautions should also be taken in Solomon Islands.

Regardless of destination, all travellers should be up-to-date with their routine "background" vaccinations including a recent annual influenza vaccination. Please consult a medical practitioner or contact The Travel Doctor for your specific risk to these preventable diseases and the appropriate avoidance measures. Australians travelling to Solomon Islands should ensure that they have adequate travel insurance to cover the length of their stay. Medications that are legal in Australia may be illegal in other countries. For further information on insurance, taking medication overseas and other issues please visit www.smartraveller.gov.au/tips.

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Solomon Islands also maintains honorary consulates throughout Australia. However the two posts previously mentioned should be contacted for visa related enquiries as honorary consulates offer limited services.



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Solomon Islands is Greenwich Mean Time +11 hours. Daylight saving time is not observed. The applicable time zone in Solomon Islands is called Solomon Islands Time (SBT).

SBT, 12 noon, Winter (Jun) = Perth 9am; Adelaide, Darwin 10:30am; Brisbane, Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 11am.
SBT, 12 noon, Summer (Dec) = Perth 9am; Darwin 10:30am; Brisbane 11am; Adelaide 11:30pm; Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 12noon.

Important Contact Numbers

Country Code for Solomon Islands:
+677

To Dial Australia Call:
00 61 <City> <Number>

Australian Reverse Charges Direct:
08 611

Travelex Card Services:
Call the US on (00 1 954) 838 8294

Visa Global Assist:
Call the US on (00 1 303) 967 1090

MasterCard:
Call the US on (00 1 636) 722 7111

American Express Travellers Cheques:
Call Australia on (00 61 2) 8223 9171

Emergency Services:
General - 999
Ambulance - 911
Fire - 988

The emergency services numbers may not work outside major towns and may not always have English speaking staff.

Important Information to be Recorded

Travellers are encouraged to carry photocopies of all important documents separately to their originals, and to leave a set of these photocopies with someone in Australia. This includes those documents listed below.

Passports

Name: _____ Passport #: _____

Name: _____ Passport #: _____

Credit Cards

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Card Number: _____

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Card Number: _____

Travel Insurance

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Policy #: _____ Emergency #: _____

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Policy #: _____ Emergency #: _____

Australian Representation in Solomon Islands

Australian High Commission, Solomon Islands

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Alternatively, Australians may obtain assistance by contacting the 24 hour Consular Emergency Centre in Australia on (+61) 2 6261 3305.

Australians in Solomon Islands are encouraged to register their presence and contact details with the Australian High Commission in Honiara, or online with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade at www.orao.dfat.gov.au.



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Duty Free Allowances

Duty Free allowance when entering Solomon Islands:
 Alcohol: Up to 2 litres of alcohol.
 Tobacco: 200 cigarettes or 250g of cigars or tobacco.
 Other Goods: Up to SBD\$400.

Duty Free allowance when entering Australia:
 Alcohol: 2.25 litres.
 Tobacco: 25 cigarettes plus one open packet of cigarettes.
 Other Tax Free Goods: Up to AUD\$900 (\$450 for minors).

For further information on customs and duty free regulations when entering Solomon Islands, please visit the Ministry of Finance website at www.mof.gov.sb.

For further details on Australian duty free allowances and other customs restrictions please go to www.homeaffairs.gov.au.

Minors (under 18 years of age in Solomon Islands) may not claim alcohol or tobacco products. Further restrictions apply to these and other goods, travellers should familiarise themselves with these restrictions before entry.

Electrical and Telephone Adaptors

Electrical Plug: Australian
 Voltage: 220-240 volts
 (same as Australia)
 Modem Plug: USA

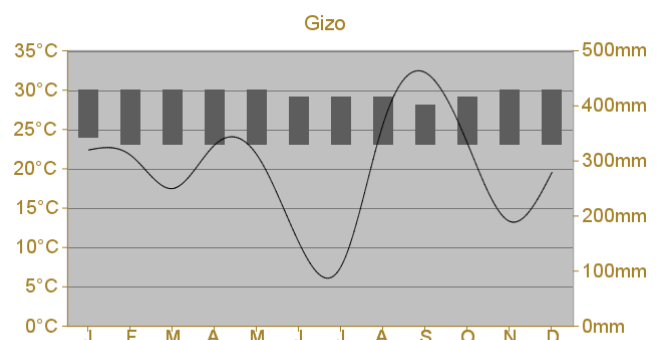
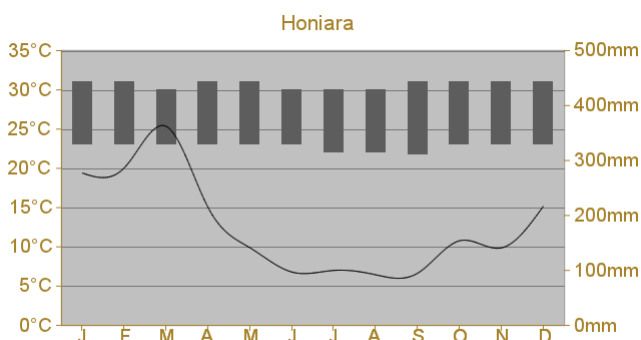
Source: Korjo Travel Products. Please view the Korjo adapter guide at www.korjo.com.au for further information on this matter.



Solomon Islands Public Holidays 2018

New Year's Day:	01 January
Good Friday:	30 March
Easter Monday:	02 April
Whit Monday:	21 May
Queens Birthday:	15 June
Independence Day:	06/07 July
Christmas Day:	25 December
National Day of Thanksgiving:	26 December

Average Temperature (Bar) and Precipitation (Line) in Solomon Islands



Source: Solomon Islands Meteorological Service Division. For local forecasts, please go to www.met.gov.sb.

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Interbank Rate

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) = 5.70 Solomon Islands Dollars
 10 Solomon Islands Dollars (SBD) = 1.76 Australian Dollars

With 4% Margin

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) will buy 5.48 Solomon Islands Dollars
 10 Solomon Islands Dollars (SBD) will cost 1.83 Australian Dollars

All rates were correct at a point in time on Monday, 05 Nov 2018. The "Interbank Rate" does not take into account any exchange fees, while the "With 4% Margin" adds 4% to the exchange rate to simulate a typical margin that would be paid when exchanging currencies. These currency rates have been rounded and should not be used when calculating transactions of large value.

Currency Cheat Sheet

SBD\$5 = \$0.91 AUD		This cheat sheet uses the "With 4% Margin" rate of exchange listed above.		SBD\$1,000 = \$182.60 AUD	
SBD\$10	= \$1.83 AUD	SBD\$100	= \$18.26 AUD	SBD\$1,000	= \$182.60 AUD
SBD\$20	= \$3.65 AUD	SBD\$200	= \$36.52 AUD	SBD\$2,000	= \$365.21 AUD
SBD\$30	= \$5.48 AUD	SBD\$300	= \$54.78 AUD	SBD\$3,000	= \$547.81 AUD
SBD\$40	= \$7.30 AUD	SBD\$400	= \$73.04 AUD	SBD\$4,000	= \$730.42 AUD
SBD\$50	= \$9.13 AUD	SBD\$500	= \$91.30 AUD	SBD\$5,000	= \$913.02 AUD
SBD\$60	= \$10.96 AUD	SBD\$600	= \$109.56 AUD	SBD\$6,000	= \$1,095.63 AUD
SBD\$70	= \$12.78 AUD	SBD\$700	= \$127.82 AUD	SBD\$7,000	= \$1,278.23 AUD
SBD\$80	= \$14.61 AUD	SBD\$800	= \$146.08 AUD	SBD\$8,000	= \$1,460.83 AUD
SBD\$90	= \$16.43 AUD	SBD\$900	= \$164.34 AUD	SBD\$9,000	= \$1,643.44 AUD
				SBD\$10,000	= \$1,826.04 AUD

Banknotes of Solomon Islands

The legal currency of Solomon Islands is the Solomon Islands Dollar, which is abbreviated using the symbol "SBD\$" or more commonly "\$". The subunit of the dollar is cent, of which there are 100 in every dollar. The following units of currency are the most common in Solomon Islands but other versions and denominations are also in circulation. Pictures are not to scale. As it is illegal in many countries to print copies of bank notes, travellers are advised not to take the below images with them when travelling.





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About Solomon Islands

Full Name:	Solomon Islands.	Significant Dates:	
Independence:	7 July 1978 (from the United Kingdom)	2000 BC	- First people settle in Solomon Islands.
Size:	27,986 sq km (40% the size of Tasmania).	1568 AD	- Spanish explore the islands, rumours claim they are the source of King Solomon's gold.
Population:	584,578 people (Honiara 72,000).	1840's	- Christian missionaries begin to visit the islands.
Religion:	Protestant 74%, Catholic 19%, other Christian 4.4%, other 2.4%.	1896	- British colonial rule begins.
Language:	120 indigenous languages. Melanesian Pidgin is the lingua franca, while English is the official language but is not widely spoken.	1942-43	- Japanese occupation and Allied counter attack sees some of the most intense battles of WWII, including the Battle of Guadalcanal.
GDP Per Capita:	US\$3,200 (Australia US\$40,800).	1978	- Solomon Islands gains independence from UK.
		1999	- Ethnic violence erupts and leads to a coup. Several years of political instability follow.
		2003	- RAMSI force (lead by Australia) helps to restore peace and stability.

