

WELCOME ABOARD

CONGRATULATIONS!

You have been selected to join one of the Navy's finest operational commands anywhere in the world: Diego Garcia, British Indian Ocean Territory (B.I.O.T.). If you're looking for a professional challenge, a close-knit team, unbelievable recreational facilities and exquisite natural beauty, then you are coming to the perfect place!

Please select 

This web site serves as a supplement to the Diego Garcia Welcome Aboard. It will help in your preparation, travel and check-in processes. It's designed to give you an overview of specific items and information to make your transition here safe and worry-free.

If you are coming aboard on PCS orders, you will be assigned a sponsor who will be able to provide you specific answers to questions you may have concerning arrival and subsequent tour on "The Footprint of Freedom." Be sure to establish contact with your sponsor as soon as possible.

Diego Garcia is continuously experiencing rapid growth and change. Facilities are always being established to meet both your professional and personal needs and working conditions are outstanding, and we all work hard to keep them that way. Recreational opportunities are numerous and we are constantly expanding facilities to make life more comfortable.

On behalf of everyone on Diego Garcia, I hope you have a safe and pleasant arrival to the "Best Kept Secret in the Navy." We are looking forward to having you as a member of the DG Team.

COMMANDING OFFICER
U.S. Navy Support Facility, Diego Garcia
British Indian Ocean Territory



DIEGO GARCIA, A BRITISH TERRITORY

As a British Territory, all civilian and military personnel residing on the island are under British Indian Ocean Territory (B.I.O.T.) law and administration. The laws often differ from those in the USA, so attending Island Indoctrination to learn the required procedures is necessary.

Although it is a British Territory, there are fewer than 50 British personnel (as they are commonly known) on the island. The majority of these personnel are in the Naval Party 1002 (NP 1002). Split between Royal Navy and Royal Marine personnel, the Naval Party forms the civil administration on Diego Garcia. Its members are tasked with either policing the locality or carrying out the duties of Port/Air Customs officers. In addition, the Royal Marines form a detachment that provides security for the Chagos Archipelago.

The figurehead for the B.I.O.T. Administration, and Commanding Officer of the territory, is a Royal Navy Commander. As the British Representative (BRIT REP), he represents the British Foreign Office for this territory. To that end, he fulfills a number of functions that include the Magistrate, Coroner and Register of Marriages.

The Brit Rep and his team take a great deal of interest in conservation issues. Diego Garcia and the other islands within the Chagos Archipelago are largely untouched since the days of the early copra plantation. Development and construction are not permitted in this area and so it serves as a beautiful refuge. Please remember that entrance to the plantation is restricted and therefore a pass from the B.I.O.T. Police Station.

The British wish you an enjoyable stay on Diego Garcia. On your arrival, please familiarize yourself with the B.I.O.T. rules and regulations and try to preserve the island as the tropical paradise that it is.

BRITISH REPRESENTATIVE

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