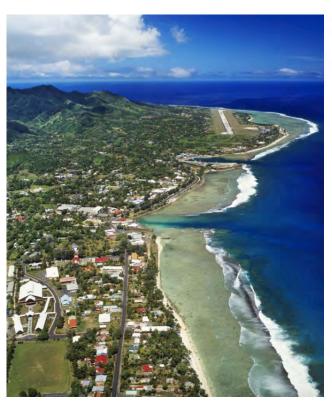
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Te Rua Manga (The Needle)

Rarotonga, Cook Islands





Rarotonga Island in the Cook Islands 4.7 \*\*\*\*\* 250 Google reviews ①

Rarotonga is the largest of the Cook Islands, a nation of 15 islands in the central South Pacific. Volcanic peaks, ridges and rainforest dominate its interior. A 32km, round-the-island road links the beaches, coastal lagoon and reefs that make scuba diving and snorkeling popular. The Cross-Island Track is a rugged hiking trail that passes 650m Te Rua Manga peak, or "The Needle." — Google



Avarua is the most populous centre on Rarotonga

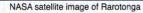
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**Rarotonga** is the largest and most populous of the Cook Islands. The island is volcanic, with an area of 67.39 km<sup>2</sup> (26.02 sq mi), and is home to almost 75% of the country's population, with 13,007 of a total population of 17,434.<sup>[1]</sup> The Cook Islands' Parliament buildings and international airport are on Rarotonga. Rarotonga is a very popular tourist destination with many resorts, hotels and motels. The chief town, Avarua, on the north coast, is the capital of the Cook Islands.

Captain John Dibbs, master of the colonial brig *Endeavour*, is credited as the European discoverer on 25 July 1823, while transporting the missionary Reverend John Williams.







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Te Manga is the highest mountain on Rarotonga and Cook Islands



Rarotonga from the north

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I had scheduled a flight in a 4 seat aircraft, but it was canceled due to a problem with the propeller so I took a city bus tour around the island.





Tonights Theatre Show: Musica In Maschera: Classical Evergreens An overview of Unforgettable Songs & Instrumental Hits.



it was also Pareo Party

It's time for the greatest party ever seen in the Pacific Ocean. Put on your pareo and celebrate the night with music on Dec 13 Pool Deck.

I had dinner with Jim and Jan it was great fun wearing our Pareo's.





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