

PALAU

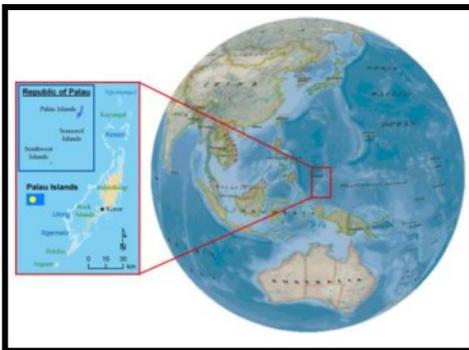
AGGRESSOR II

FEBRUARY 9-26, 2025



Palau is a year round destination with something for every season. During mating season, December through March, guests may see as many as 20—30 manta rays! February and March offer large schools of Moorish Idols, Unicorn Fish and many species of Butterfly Fish. All year round guests encounter massive bait balls of scad at Ulong, German Channel and on the reefs of Blue Corner.

Where in the world is Palau?



The Republic of Palau, is an island nation in the northern Pacific Ocean. This tropical archipelago consists of some 340 coral and volcanic islands perched on the Kyushu-Palau Ridge. Palau lies in the southwest corner of Micronesia with Guam 830 miles to the north-east, New Guinea 400 miles to the south and the Philippines 550 miles to the west.

Palau is renowned for its matchless island scenery, pristine dive sites and world-famous natural features, including the forest-tufted Rock Islands and surreal Jellyfish Lake. The lake, 1 of only 2 in the world, contains nearly 20 million jellyfish that don't sting! This unique lake has recently reopened and management officials are monitoring the area to ensure its protection for years to come.

What makes Palau a unique place to visit?



Why is the marine life in Palau so plentiful?

Palauans have traditionally worked to maintain a balance with the sea. The local custom of *bul*, which has been practiced for generations, temporarily closes certain areas to fishing in order to allow marine life to recover. After World War II, population growth and the intensification of fishing using modern technology began to take a toll on the undersea life of the area. Aware of the country's past and concerned about its future, in 2009 the president declared the first shark sanctuary in the world.

PALAU & TRUK LAGOON

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\$7,550.00

Prices based on double occupancy

Single Supplement: \$4,450

Found in the western Pacific Ocean, Palau is one of the most beautiful island destinations on the planet. It's renowned for its incredibly diverse dive sites, which are considered to be some of the last pure and untouched locations found in the Pacific.

Truk (also known as Chuuk) Lagoon is full of history! During World War II this area of the Pacific Ocean was used as a Japanese naval base. In 1944, the American navy attacked the base with a combined air and ground attack, known as Operation Hailstorm.

There are over 48 wrecks of ships, planes and a submarine in the lagoon that were all sunk in 1944 in Operation Hailstorm. Having been in the lagoon for more than 60 years, the wrecks are covered in soft and hard coral growth but they are still largely intact. Some wrecks can be penetrated by divers who will find torpedoes, engine rooms, Zero airplanes, artillery guns and even tanks, trucks and ammunition.

Besides wrecks, it's also possible to dive at some of the outer reefs of Truk Lagoon. Here you'll find superb coral reefs and steep walls which are busy with pelagic marine life.

JOIN US FOR THE TRIP OF A LIFETIME TO PALAU AND TRUK LAGOON

Package Includes:

PALAU AGGRESSOR II

- 7 nights aboard the Palau Aggressor II
- All meals and snacks
- Non-alcoholic beverages, local beer & wine
- 5 1/2 days of diving (avg. 4 to 5 dives/day)
- One room at West Plaza (2:00PM to Midnight on disembarkation day)

TRUK

- 1 night in Guam with breakfast
- 4 nights in Truk (Blue Lagoon in a Superior Rm.)
- 3 days of 3 tank boat diving in Truk
- Roundtrip transfers in Truk

PALAU

- 3 nights at the Cove
- Daily breakfast
- Roundtrip transfers between the airport and hotels
- All taxes and service charges*
- High Plains Scuba Trip Leader

Package Excludes:

- Domestic & International Airfare (Approx. \$3,500)
- Personal dive equipment
- Nitrox
- Gratuities
- WiFi

PALAU AGGRESSOR II

- Transfers between the airport and boat (\$50)
- Dinner on final night in port
- Port & permit fee (\$240-paid on board)*
- Fuel surcharge (\$150)*

GUAM AND PALAU

- Transfers in Guam
- Truk diving permit (\$50 pp.) *
- Truk departure fee (\$30 pp.) *
- Palau Environmental Impact Fee (\$100 pp.) *
- Palau dive permit fees (rates vary depending upon dive area (approx. \$100) *)
- Meals and beverages not specified
- Dive Insurance and Travel Cancellation Insurance
(Strongly Encouraged)
- Taxes fees and surcharges are subject to change at any time.

A HPS Travel Waiver and \$1,000 non-refundable deposit per person is required to reserve your space. A payment of \$3,000 is due by August 1, 2024. Balance due November 1, 2024.

Cash discount \$100.

Prices and dates subject to change without notice.

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