PALAU SIREN

Palau Islands

Koror to Koror | Rock Islands Southern Lagoon and Peleliu



Palau's Rock Islands Southern Lagoon is a UNESCO World Heritage site, and its channels and walls make for exhilarating drift diving.

Walls encrusted with hard and soft coral drop away beside schools of sharks, jacks and barracuda, and where the current is strongest, wide-open shark action is part of every dive.

Hawksbill and green sea turtles are among the usual suspects, and Napoleon wrasses sometimes come close enough for a perfect photo.

Wartime wrecks lie in clear water, and a floatplane rests in one piece, making for amazing photographs.

A tunnel lit by natural windows and a cave hung with stalactites add to the variety.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
7 nights	Koror	Koror	Advanced Open Water







Your itinerary

STOP 1

Embarkation

Embarkation from the meeting point at 17:30, followed by introductions, boat and safety briefings and dinner.
There is no diving on embarkation day.

STOP 2

Malakal Harbour

The boat leaves Malakal Harbour after breakfast, followed by a check dive and up to 3 more dives.

STOP 3

Diving days

The Cruise Director schedules up to 4 dives a day: 3 day dives and either a sunset or a night dive. A typical diving day is a light breakfast, briefing and dive 1; full breakfast, relaxation, briefing and dive 2; lunch, relaxation, briefing and dive 3; a snack; a briefing for the sunset or night dive; and dinner.



STOP 7

Last full day

Up to 3 dives before the boat cruises back to Malakal Harbour, where she stays at anchor overnight.
Please leave a minimum of 24 hours between your final dive and your flight home.

STOP 8

Disembarkation

After breakfast on board, disembarkation is at 10:00.

THE DIVING

Dive sites

Ulong Channel

Often considered the best dive in Palau!

Siaes Tunnel

Siaes Tunnel offers divers an awesome experience as they dive through a naturally lit tunnel with several windows where they can experience endemic species only normally seen in deeper water.

Shark City

Southwest of Ulong Island, a wall dive where currents attract many large pelagic fish from grey reef sharks to the occasional sighting of a bull shark or hammerhead.

Sand Bar

This shallow sloping reef featuring garden eels and stingrays is also the place where hundreds of thousands of bumphead parrotfish are known to congregate for spawning; this stunning spectacle may only be witnessed at certain times of the month during the right moon phase.

Chandelier Cave

A gorgeous cave system, containing four separate chambers with stalactites and stalagmites thus creating a ‘chandelier’ effect.

Teshio Maru

On her way to seek refuge from the American attacks, the Teshio Maru was bombed and strafed by a passing US fighter north of the Malakal harbor, during “Operation Desecrate One” on March 30th 1944.

Iro Maru

This Japanese oil supply ship, sunk during ‘Operation Desecrate’, lays upright in 20m (75ft) of clear blue water.

Chuyo Maru

Located just west of Malakal Island, this is a medium sized Japanese coastal freighter that was also sunk during World War II.

Jake Seaplane

Jake was a reconnaissance floatplane that is believed to have crashed during take-off.

Blue Corner

The most famous dive site in Palau, World-class diving does not get much better than Blue Corner!

Blue Holes

Just along the reef from Blue Corner, is a large cavern with four “blue holes” at the top allowing natural light to enter from above.

New Drop Off

Located south of Blue Corner on a shallow plateau.

Big Drop Off

Another one of Palau's famous wall dives.

German Channel

This artificial channel was created during the German occupation (1899 – 1914) to enable easier transportation of the phosphates they were mining.

Virgin Blue Holes

Just south of Blue Corner, this site offers divers swim throughs and caverns to explore, before exiting onto the reef wall.

Dexter's Wall

A wonderful wall dive filled with soft corals, sea fans, nudibranchs, anemones and sea turtles.

Peleliu Cut

A site where we can experience some of the strongest currents of our trip due to converging ocean currents that flow around the archipelago.

Yellow Wall

Named after the golden yellow cup corals (Tubastraea faulkneri) that cover the wall along this area of the reef, Yellow Wall is located northeast of Peleliu Express.

Peleliu Express

Located at the southernmost tip of Peleliu Island, the open ocean currents converge bringing in large schools of pelagic fish.

Barnum's Wall

A favourite spot for a night dive.

Peleliu Wall

Covered with black corals and large sea fans, this huge wall allows for an easy drift dive whilst observing reef sharks, jacks and barracuda.

Orange Beach

A soft drift dive along a colourful coral garden.

South Dock

A beautiful reef wall where divers can find parrotfish, surgeonfish as well as whitetip reef sharks cruising.

Check in

Embarkation is at the meeting point in Koror at 17:30 only, with hotel pick-up usually between 16:30 and 17:00.

Check out

Disembarkation is at the meeting point at 10:00, with transfers to Koror airport or a local hotel.

Last dive

Please leave a minimum of 24 hours between your final dive and your flight home.

INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Full board meals and snacks
- Drinking water, tea, coffee, juices and soft drinks
- Guided diving with three permanent dive guides
- One 11 litre cylinder per dive, weights and belts
- Rock Islands and Jellyfish Lake speedboat tour
- Use of kayaks
- Transfers between Koror airport or hotels and the meeting point on embarkation and disembarkation days

NOT INCLUDED

- Palau permits and fees, paid on board
- Drinks from the cocktail bar
- Equipment rental and Nitrox
- Peleliu WWII land excursion
- Wi-Fi and laundry
- Crew tips, which are customary
- Diving and travel insurance

WORTH KNOWING

Key notes

Good to know

Divers need Advanced Open Water certification, or equivalent, with a minimum of 30 logged dives, and experience diving in currents is recommended.

Good to know

Open Water divers are limited to 18 metres and can complete a Deep Adventure dive on board, which allows diving to 30 metres.

Good to know

Every guest dives with a guide at all times in Palau, and dive groups stay small at 5 to 6 divers.

Good to know

Reef hooks are needed at sites such as Blue Corner and Peleliu Cut.





