SOLITUDE GAIA

Palau Spawning, New and Full Moon

Malakal to Malakal | Ulong, Peleliu and Ngemelis

Around every full and new moon, the fish of Palau gather for a spawning event, and this trip is built around it.

Between the dives come Ulong's dramatic walls, current-swept corners and channel drifts, over beautiful reefs filled with fish, turtles and sharks.

Further south, the walls drop away with dramatic drop-offs, abundant coral gardens and strong currents, and with luck, manta rays.

Wartime shipwrecks lie close to Koror, and Ulong has a long white sand beach and ancient rock art paintings.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
11 nights	Malakal, Koror	Malakal	Certified divers







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Malakal, embarkation

Embarkation begins at 5:00 pm, and all guests must be onboard by the following morning.
Airport and local hotel transfers are included.
Upon boarding Solitude Gaia, a welcome from the crew awaits you.
Orientation and registration begin once you are welcomed; remember your C-Cards and log books.
During registration, permit and National Park fees are collected.
Dinner is included.

DAY 2

Malakal and surrounding areas

3 - 4 dives

Dive sites may include: Jake Seaplane, Chandelier Cave, Iro wreck and Hafa Dai wreck.
Today is our first day of diving, and Solitude Gaia is anchored in Malakal Bay.
Palau was a major battleground between the USA and Japanese armed forces during WW2, and several WW2 shipwrecks lie close to the main town of Koror.
You may dive shipwrecks or an airplane wreck.
There is also a popular and easy cavern dive within a rock island in the area, the Chandelier Cave.
Visibility within the rock islands is usually lower than at the famous outer reef sites, which gives an interesting variation to your Palau diving.
In the evening we lift anchor and move south to Ulong Island.

DAY 3

Ulong Island area

3 - 4 dives each day

Dive sites may include: Sandy Paradise, Ulong Channel, Siaes Corner, Siaes Tunnel and Shark City.
We wake up anchored in front of the beautiful Ulong Island, with its long white sand beach and ancient rock art paintings.
There are many famous dive sites in this area, and you will dive a channel, walls, corners with current and a beautiful reef.
Weather and schedule allowing, we will have a beach visit and possible barbecue on one of the days.

DAY 4

Ulong Island area

3 - 4 dives

Another day among the walls, channels and corners of Ulong.

DAY 5

Ulong Island area

3 - 4 dives

A third day at Ulong, with the beach visit and possible barbecue as weather and schedule allow.

DAY 6

Peleliu and Ngemelis areas

3 - 4 dives each day

Dive sites may include: Peleliu Corner, Peleliu Cut, Yellow Wall, Peleliu Express, Orange Beach, German Channel, Blue Corner, Blue Holes, New Drop-off, Big Drop-off, Turtle Cove and many more.
We spend the next 5 days diving in the southern area of the Rock Island Southern Lagoon and on the outer reefs of Palau.
You will enjoy dramatic drop-offs, abundant coral gardens, strong currents, prolific marine life and possibly even manta rays.
During these days there is also a chance to experience a WW2 land tour of Peleliu Island.

DAY 7

Peleliu and Ngemelis areas

3 - 4 dives

Dives continue on the southern lagoon and outer reefs.

DAY 8

Peleliu and Ngemelis areas

3 - 4 dives

Dives continue on the southern lagoon and outer reefs.

DAY 9

Peleliu and Ngemelis areas

3 - 4 dives

The last of the southern lagoon and outer reef days.

DAY 10

Peleliu and Ngemelis areas

3 - 4 dives

The southern lagoon and outer reef days continue.

DAY 11

Ngemelis Island area

Up to 3 dives

Dive sites may include: German Channel, Ngedebus Wall, Dexter's Wall, Ngemelis Coral Garden and Virgin Blue Hole.
Today is our last day of diving, and we enjoy a few more dives in the main area of Ngemelis Island.
All guests must adhere to a minimum of 18 hours pre-flight surface interval.
After the diving is finished we sail back to Malakal.

DAY 12

Day tours and disembarkation

After a big breakfast there are optional complimentary tours by speedboat to Jellyfish Lake, the Milky Way, or both.
A Jellyfish Lake permit must be purchased if you visit the lake.
Disembarkation is after lunch.
A late checkout can be accommodated, subject to availability and an additional fee.







INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Airport and local hotel transfers
- Dinner on the embarkation evening
- Optional complimentary speedboat tours on the last morning to Jellyfish Lake, the Milky Way, or both

NOT INCLUDED

- Jellyfish Lake permit
- Palau permit and National Park fees, collected at registration

WORTH KNOWING

Key notes

Flying

All guests must adhere to a minimum of 18 hours pre-flight surface interval before flying home.

Good to know

The route is subject to change due to weather, sea conditions, moon cycles and restrictions imposed by local authorities.