

Palau Northern Discovery

11 Days, 10 Nights

New Moon / Full Moon
Spawning



SOLITUDE GAIA

Day 1: Embarkation (No diving)

Embarkation time will begin between 5:00pm-6:00pm, and all guests must be onboard by the following morning. Airport transfer and/or local hotel transfers are included. Upon boarding Solitude Gaia, a welcome from the rest of our crew awaits you. Orientation and registration (remember your C-Cards and/or Log Books!) will begin once you are welcomed. During the registration, Permit and National Park fees will be collected as well. Please refer to our *Know-Before-You-Go* document for the complete guide and amount. Dinner is included.

Day 2: West Passage and Surrounding areas (2 - 3 Dives)

Dive sites: Devil's Playground / Satan's Corner / TBD

Today is our first day of diving, and in the morning, Solitude Gaia will lift anchor and move northwest towards the West Passage. Today we'll be diving on the western edge of Palau's reef in areas seldom visited by divers.

Day 3: Devilfish City and Northern Exploration (3 - 4 Dives)

Dive sites may include: Devilfish City / Northern Reefs Exploration

Today we wake up anchored close to one of the Northern Channels. We will dive Devilfish city today where there is a possibility to see Manta Rays, and many other schooling fish. In the afternoon we will sail further north and begin our Northern reef exploration.

Day 4 - 6: Exploration of Palau's Northern Reefs and Kayangel island (3-4 Dives each day)

Dive sites may include: Tailtop / Kayangel island / Velasco Reef / other Exploration

We spend the next 3 days diving in the northern area of Palau's reef system in areas that few have seen. There'll be sharks, abundant coral, dramatic drop offs, strong currents, and many species of schooling fish.

Day 7 & 8: Ulong Area + Spawning dives (3 -4 Dives each day)

Dives sites may include: Shark City / Siaes Corner / Siaes Tunnel / Sandy Paradise / Ulong Channel

Over the next 2 days we will dive each morning in an attempt to see the Spawning event, and aggregation that precedes it, that happens around every Full/New moon. During the day we will enjoy some of Palau's famous dive sites in the Ulong area with dramatic walls, current swept corners, channel drifts and beautiful reefs filled with many fish, turtles, sharks, and more.

Day 9: Ngemelis Area (3 -4 Dives)

Dives sites may include: Blue Corner / Blue Holes / TBD

Today we'll dive some of Palau's most iconic dive sites. Dramatic coral filled walls full of fish, plenty of sharks, a picturesque cavern lit from above, and challenging currents that Palau is famous for.

Day 10: Southern Peleliu Area (up to 3 Dives)

(All guests must adhere to a minimum of 18 hours pre-flight surface interval)

Dives sites may include: Peleliu Corner / Cut / Express

Today is our last day of diving, and we will enjoy a few of southern Peleliu's famous dive sites. More dramatic walls, challenging currents, sharks, and schooling fish await.

Day 11: Disembarkation & Day tours (No diving)

Today, after a big breakfast, you will have optional complimentary tours via speedboat to either Jellyfish lake, Milky way, or both (If visiting Jellyfish lake, you will need to purchase a Jellyfish lake permit). Disembarkation will be in the afternoon, after lunch until 5:00pm at the latest. A later checkout can be accommodated, subject to availability and an additional fee.

Itinerary

Day 1: Malakal (Embarkation)

Day 2: West passage / Devilfish area

Day 3: Devilfish area / Northern area

Day 4: Northern Exploration

Day 5: Northern Exploration

Day 6: Northern Exploration

Day 7: Ulong Area

Day 8: Ulong Area

Day 9: Ulong & Ngemelis Areas

Day 10: Peleliu Area

Day 11: Day Tours (Disembarkation)

Route Map

Essential Information

Port of Embarkation: Malakal, Koror
Embarkation time: 17:00-18:00 (5:00pm-6:00pm) - onwards
Airport: Roman Tmetuchl International Airport (ROR)

Port of Disembarkation: Malakal, Koror
Disembarkation time: After lunch (5:00pm latest)
Airport: Roman Tmetuchl International Airport (ROR)

****Spawning Events are an observation of fish's behavioural act, and cannot be guaranteed. The exact day and time of the Spawning event dives will be determined during the cruise itself. The itinerary route may be reversed or altered according to the Spawning Event days.**

**** Route Itinerary is a guideline, and is subject to change due to inclement weather, sea conditions, moon cycles, and/or restrictions imposed by local authorities.**

