



# SCUBA DIVING EXCURSION TO PALAU

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## Palau

Originally settled approximately 3,000 years ago by migrants from the Philippines, Palau is an archipelago of about 200 largely pristine limestone and volcanic islands, blanketed in emerald forest, surrounded by a shimmering turquoise lagoon. While diving is the number-one activity here, kayaking, snorkeling and off-road driving are fabulous, with the added appeal of fantastic settings. For history buffs there are plenty of WWII relics scattered in the jungle, as well as a handful of well-organized museums in Koror, Palau's largest town.

## The Diving

Diving services will be provided by Sam's Tours, Palau's premier scuba diving and eco-adventure company. They offer divers of all levels the chance to explore Palau's magnificent reefs and biologically diverse environment. Palau is considered one of the world's premier dive destinations, with dozens of dive sites in a rare variety: walls with fascinating coral formations, reef corners where the currents attract sharks, rays and schooling fish, channels and other sandy bottom sites, tunnels, holes, caves and caverns, and plenty of WWII freighter and plane wrecks.

## The Accommodations

The Palau Central Hotel offers newly renovated Western style rooms in the center of Palau's downtown only steps away from restaurants, shopping and activities. We pride ourselves on service and comfort while offering some of the best value in Palau. Amenities include: Free in-room Wi-Fi; HD TV with free movies on demand; breakfast buffet; in room coffee service; bottled water; A/C & ceiling fan; laundry service; 24-hour front desk

## The Trip

Package price of \$2,250 includes:

- 9 nights at Palau Central Hotel
- 7 days of 3-tank boat diving with Sam's Tours, includes one afternoon wreck dive and one afternoon dive at Chandelier Cave.
- Continental breakfast daily; lunch and refreshments on dive boat days.
- Unlimited diving at Sam's Macro Wall (tanks, weights, belts provided).
- Nitrox up to 32% (with proof of certification). A discounted Nitrox course for anyone not certified in Nitrox \$75 including text and certification card.
- Hotel/dive shop transfers on dive days.
- Round-trip airport/hotel transfers.
- All hotel taxes and service charges. A Deluxe Room is available for a \$125 surcharge.

Package price does NOT include: airfare; Palau departure tax \$55/person (subject to change); Palau dive permits (rates vary depending on dive areas (~\$100 see below); meals and beverages not specified; personal dive equipment; gratuities; trip cancellation insurance; dive accident insurance.

## Government Permits

The government of the Republic of Palau requires all visitors to purchase a non-transferable permit prior to commencing a dive, kayak, or snorkel tour. Permits should be paid for in cash. Credit card transactions incur a 3.5% surcharge.

- Koror State Rock Island Permits (includes Jellyfish Lake: \$100 per person, valid for 10 consecutive days.
- Peleliu State Permit for SCUBA Diving: \$30 per person, valid for 10 consecutive days (non-transferrable); permit for all other water activities: \$15 per person, valid for 10 consecutive days.
- Note: A regular day of diving with Sam's Tours typically stays within Koror State waters and only the Koror State Rock Island Permit is required. For diving and water tours in Peleliu, the appropriate Peleliu State permit is required. Permit fees are subject to change under the discretion of state governments.

## Reserve Your Spot

For reservations or for more information please contact Bob Karl and Superior Expeditions at karlx002@umn.edu or telephone 651-490-3225 (we can also help coordinate airline reservations). A \$500 deposit holds your spot, with the balance due by September 1, 2017. For more information please see: [www.superiorexpeditions.com](http://www.superiorexpeditions.com)

