

# Palau - Micronesia



## Rated in Planet Ocean's Top TEN Dive Sites

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Blue Corner. Ngemelis Wall, Chandelier Cave, Mantas Grey Reef, Bull Sharks, Blue Holes, Jellyfish Lake, WW2 Shipwrecks, and massed fish-life, all in Clear, Warm Water



### Luxury Resort Based Tour

**Duration:** 9 - Days **Tour Leader:** Ron Hunter **Trip Code:** PL26

**Inclusions:** 17 or 18 Boat Dives, Nitrox, Breakfasts & Lunches

**Maximum on Tour:** Nine + Ron **Dates:** 9–17 May, '26

**Cost:** \$AU6,990 Twin / King Share incl. Qantas Airfares from Brisbane

**Sat 9<sup>th</sup> May '26 Brisbane (BNE) 09:05 > 14:05 Palau (ROR)**

**Sun 17<sup>th</sup> May '26 Palau (ROR) 08:30 > 15:25 Brisbane (BNE)**

We will be met by the Dive Centre's representatives and transferred to our luxury hotel, which will be our home base for the next 8-nights.



The Hotel has twin or King rooms, all with views. Breakfasts are at the hotel each day. The hotel has a great bar and restaurant; and there are a number of other nearby restaurants to visit as well.



# What to expect...

We will enjoy six full days out on the water diving. After an early breakfast at our hotel, we are then transferred to the dock.

Here our boat is already loaded with our dive gear, and we set off at 08:00 for a thrilling run through the labyrinth of Rock Islands, on the way to the first of our three-dives of the day.

Dive two is followed by a delicious “bento-box” lunch, then a third dive in the afternoon, before returning to the dock at 16:00 and to our hotel.



Expect a water temperature of 29°C to 30°C, so little need for wetsuits.

Currents (we love currents) can be strong, a reef hook is essential. These currents bring with them, all the predators, Sharks, Barracuda, Jacks, Tuna and Giant Trevally (GTs)

Drift dives with the current along “bottomless” walls are a highlight. Even on non-current dives expect to see Sharks, Manta Rays, schools of Jacks, Giant Maori Wrasse, with the whole ocean surrounding Palau, just teaming with fish-life.

Other highlights are a full day to Peleliu (2-dive day) weather permitting. Explore Chandelier Cave; with stalactites descending from the roof. Saturday, our last day, pool chill-out, or explore Koror

Replacing the afternoon dive with a snorkel in famous “Jellyfish Lake” is a must do, if it is open then

# The Wreck Diving

Two or three WW2 Shipwreck dives are possible if everyone agrees.

The “Iro Maru” sank in 1944 during “Operation Desecrate 1”. She took a direct hit to the engine room. This wreck now rests in an upright position at a maximum depth of 40 meters. Her length is 143 meters, and she has a beam of 17.50 meters. The deck is at around 25 meters.

The bridge and mast rise above the deck with the top of the mast at only 8 meters. It's forward and aft guns are in place. The dive is an easy one if you want just to check out the surface areas of the wreck. However, you should have more experience if you want to go deeper into the wreck itself.

The Amatsu Maru is the largest WWII shipwreck in Palau, with a total length of 159 metres and a beam of 20 metres. The wreck lies at 40 meters, with the deck at 30 m. Due to its depth, it is better suited for advanced divers. The less experienced divers can stick to just exploring the outside of the wreck, more experienced & confident divers can venture into the hull of this massive oil tanker.

This dive site is also referred to as Black Coral Wreck, thanks to all of the black coral trees that now cover the hull, creating a truly spectacular site.

The Jake is a WWII Japanese Navy Seaplane, model Aichi E13A-1, and can be found just offshore of what was a seaplane base in WWII. The aircraft is 11 meters long and has a wingspan of 15 meters. It was a slow-flying reconnaissance airplane, and the Allies gave it the code name Jake.

The Jake is upright in 15 meters of water on top of a coral head. The Jake is mostly intact. The engine has fallen off but can be found close to the plane. The props do not show signs of being damaged suggesting the aircraft crashed during landing.



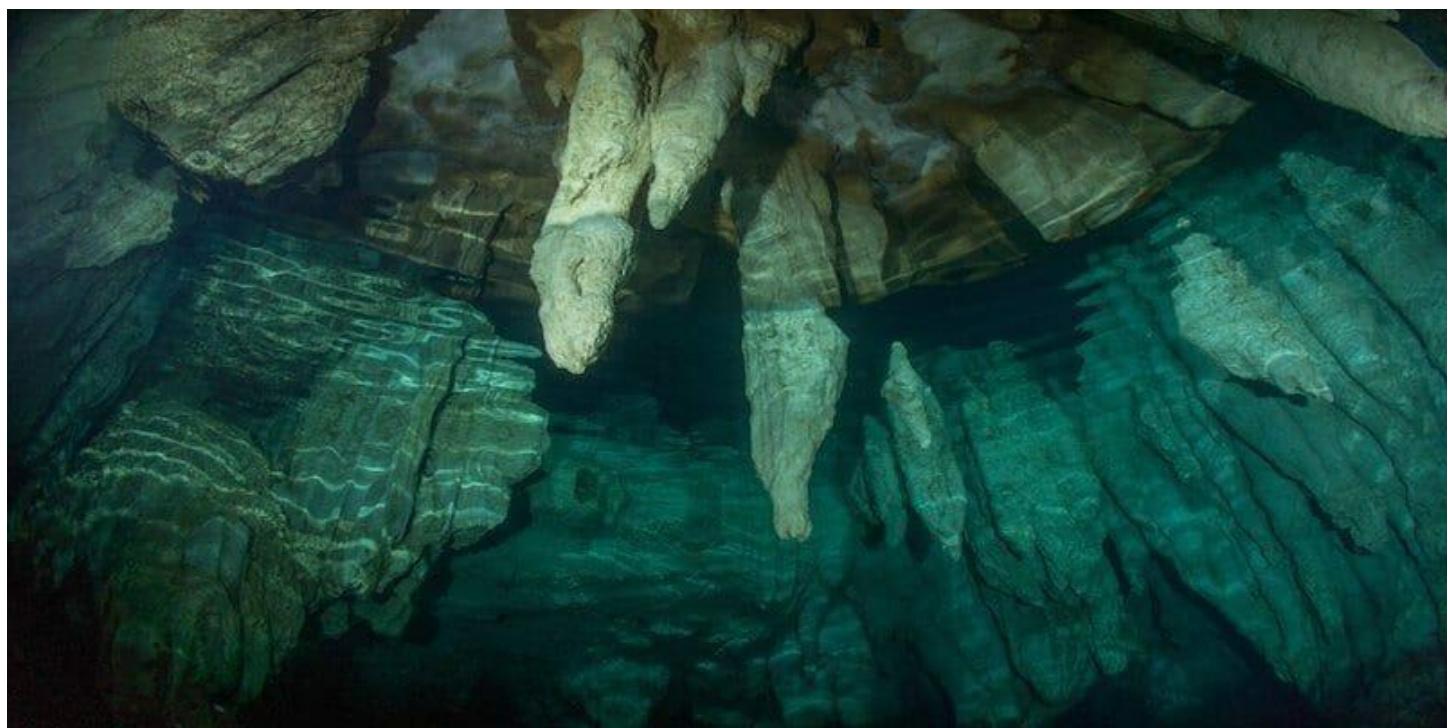
The Palau National Marine Sanctuary established on 1 January 2020 is one of the world's largest protected areas of ocean, covering over 80% of Palau's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).

This marine paradise extends across approximately 500,000 square kilometres – an area larger than the U.S. state of California. The remaining 20% of Palau's EEZ is reserved for traditional fishing and carefully regulated domestic fishing to support the local community.

Lesser known but critical in paving the way for the National Marine Sanctuary is that 11 years before that, on September 25, 2009, Palau was the first in the world to declare its entire exclusive economic zone a sanctuary for sharks.

Palau's Shark Haven Act has since set forth a profound shift in the global effort to protect marine biodiversity, starting a tsunami of conservation that has since grown to 17 shark sanctuaries







Costed at June. 2025 exchange rate \$AU 1:00 = \$US 0.65 and subject to fluctuations in these rates.

Qantas return flights from Brisbane are included at \$AU 900  
flight times may vary, check before booking connections  
Maximum number on tour is TEN including your tour leader.

Included: 7-nights twin or double share Luxury Hotel rooms including breakfasts

Included: Qantas flights, Airport Transfers, National Park Fees, Seventeen Dives, Bento box lunches onboard boat, NITROX

Budget for: Dinners, drinks, last day excursion if available

### Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is compulsory on all of our tours.

We strongly recommend taking out travel insurance at the same time as paying your deposit.

So that you are covered at the time of taking out your policy and until your tour's return date.

We suggest carefully checking conditions of any travel insurance you may be considering.

Please note that DAN Insurance is recommended to be taken out and is peerless for all diving related injuries, including 24-hour phone advice, emergency evacuation and decompression chamber use.

DAN however does not cover you for things such as flight cancellations, lost baggage or similar. They only cover you for diving related injuries.

We recommend additional insurance to cover cancellations, airline changes and baggage loss as well as DAN Insurance



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