

Palau General Information
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INTRODUCTION

If you're an avid scuba diver, you already know tropical Palau's the last word in underwater wonderlands. Likewise if you're a war buff (you are?), you'll remember the archipelago's significance from the final days of WWII. What you may not know is that Palau also features Micronesia's richest flora and fauna, both on land and beneath the waves.

KOROR

Most visitors to Palau will stay in the capital of Koror. This town is the hub of the nation, serving as home to about 68% of Palau's more than 17,000 people. Koror offers modern conveniences and is the center for most of Palau's resort services, with about 20 resorts and hotels of varying quality and size. Like most resort areas, the town has an international quality with businesses catering to a variety of languages, including English, Japanese, Chinese and Korean.

Palau's restaurants reflect the wide variety of visitors to our nation and range in quality from fine dining to moderately priced eateries, which are favorites with the local population. Naturally, most of these restaurants offer fresh fish and seafood, but always have something to satisfy the landlubber as well.

Local shops offer a large variety of items, ranging from travelers' needs like suntan lotion and dive and snorkel gear to gifts for the family and friends at home like the hand-made crafts of our local artisans.

In the evening, guests can explore the nightclubs and bars of Koror; karaoke and live music are popular and can be found in a variety of atmospheres from open bars located along the shoreline to and in town.

IN OR NEAR KOROR

Belau National Museum

This natural treasury of historical and cultural artifacts offers a glimpse into Palau's rich past. The objects housed here include Palauan beads and shell money, costumes, domestic utensils, weapons, tools and ornaments. In the lobby of the museum, a gift shop and bookstore offers a wonderful selection of Palauan gifts and souvenirs.

Etpison Museum

This stylish museum located on Koror's main road features exhibits on traditional Palauan life. There is a large exhibit of Palauan money and an informative display on the First Birth Ceremony.

Palau International Coral Reef Center

This is a state-of-the-art aquarium and research facility specializing in tropical coral reefs. The center features a variety of exhibits ranging from mangrove displays to a large coral reef wall; the center also holds presentations by local and visiting scientists.

Mother and Child Stone

Legend has it that this mother and her child were turned to stone after peeking into a Men's Meeting House. The statue is located in a residential area in Ngermid.

Crocodile Farm

This farm, located on the causeway between Airai and Koror, houses several of the endangered saltwater reptiles.

Malakal Island

Here you'll find the Micronesia Mariculture Demonstration Center, a research marine lab engaged in conservation and commercial projects. Their big claim to fame is their success in cultivating giant tridacna clams. The tropical aquariums of the visitor centre are worth a peek. There's an excellent view of the Rock Islands from nearby Malakal Hill.

Senior Citizens Center/Ormuul Gift Shop

The Senior Citizens Center provides a meetinghouse for the elderly men and women of Palau to pool their collective talents to preserve the arts and culture of Palau. The Senior Citizens Center also has a unique gift shop on its premises. All its items are hand-made by local artisans and include woven bags, jewelry and carved storyboards.

Airai Bai

This Bai is the only bai in Palau that features completely traditional construction. There are informational placards at the site.

ROCK ISLANDS

The Rock Islands are Palau's crowning glory. More than 200 of these jungle-topped knobs of limestone dot the waters for a 20 mile (35km) stretch south of Koror. Their bases, having been worn away by tidal action and grazing sea creatures, are narrower than their tops, causing them to look like emerald-hued mushrooms rising from the turquoise sea. But it's the waters surrounding them that make the Rock Islands unique. Dive in and you'll find some of the most abundant and diverse marine life to be found anywhere. Inland, Jellyfish Lake is a marine lake, popularized in the National Geographic TV special Medusa, wherein millions of tiny stingless jellyfish float and bob in unison. Some of the Rock Islands have soft, white-sand beaches to laze about on after a dive, while others boast caves with dripping stalactites, rock arches and underground channels; ancient rock paintings and half-carved Yapese stone money.

BABELDAOB

The thickly jungled Babeldaob, the largest island in Micronesia after Guam, has a land area of over 150 sq miles (400 sq km), more than four times the total area of all the other islands put together. Still, its population is small, as most young people make their way to Koror in search of jobs. Babeldaob's Melekeok State was designated in the constitution as the future site of the country's capital.

Babeldaob is a high, volcanic island of gently rolling hills, with beautiful stretches of sandy beach on the east coast and mangrove forests on the west. Parts of the jungly interior are virtually unexplored, and many of the villages are still connected by ancient stone paths.

Many of the island's hillsides were once terraced into steps and pyramids; archeological research suggests they were probably begun around 100 AD. Their purpose remains a mystery, and curiously, only one village was built anywhere near them.

Airai, at the southern end of the island, has Palau's international airport. The town's most visited attraction is the traditional Bai.

HISTORY

Palau's early history is still largely veiled in mystery. Why, how or when people arrived on our beautiful islands is unknown, but studies indicate that today's Palauans are distant relatives of the Malays of Indonesia, Melanesians of New Guinea and Polynesians.

As for the date of their arrivals, carbon dating of artifacts from the oldest known village sites on the Rock Islands and the spectacular terraces on Babeldaob place civilization here as early as 1,000 BC.

The most noteworthy first foreign contact took place in 1783 when the vessel Antelope, under the command of English Captain Henry Wilson, was shipwrecked on a reef near Ulong, a Rock Island located between Koror and Peleliu. With the assistance of Koror's High Chief Ibedul, Wilson and his men stayed for three months to rebuild his ship.

From that time onward, many foreign explorers called on Palau, and the islands were exposed to further European contact.

Foreign governance of Palau officially began when Pope Leo XIII asserted Spain's rights over the Caroline Islands in 1885. Two churches were established and maintained by two Capuchin priests and two brothers, resulting in the introduction of the Roman alphabet and the elimination of inter-village wars. In 1899, Spain sold the Carolines to Germany, which established an organized program to exploit the islands' natural resources.

Following Germany's defeat in WWI, the islands were formally passed to the Japanese under the 1919 Treaty of Versailles. The Japanese influence on the Palauan culture was immense as it shifted the economy from a level of subsistence to a market economy and property ownership from the clan to individuals.

In 1922, Koror became the administrative center for all Japanese possessions in the South Pacific.

Following Japan's defeat in WWII, the Carolines, Marianas and Marshall Islands became United Nations Trust Territories under U.S. administration, with Palau being named as one of six island districts. As part of its mandate, the U.S. was to improve Palau's infrastructure and educational system in order for it to become a self-sufficient nation. This finally came about on October 1, 1994, when Palau gained its independence upon the signing of the Compact of Free Association with the United States.

CULTURE

Although in the past few decades, Palau has adapted to an international economy, Palauans for the most part strongly identify with their traditional culture. Several of the traditional ceremonies, such as the omersurch birth ceremony, ocheraol first-house ceremony and the kemeldiil funeral services are widely practiced and the codes and beliefs adopted by Palauan forefathers are still revered today. The people of Belau, as the islanders call their homeland, may appear to be among the most Westernized of all Micronesians in their casual American togs and baseball caps. However, they still frown upon skimpy beach attire away from the water, and most homes and many public buildings require that you leave your shoes near the door.

Probably the most noticeable aspect of Palauan culture is the people's connection with the sea. Traditionally, it was the duty of the family to go to sea to harvest fish and battle against enemy villages. As the sea was the source of their livelihood, men developed a close relationship with the waters of Palau, becoming versant in the currents and the phases of the moon and the behavior of the fish they sought to put on the table.

Women generally stayed on land or along the shallow reefs surrounding the islands, rather than combat the open ocean, providing foundation for the family. Their days were largely spent tending to their homes, family and fields where they grew taro.

Palauan villages were, and still are, organized around 10 clans reckoned matrilineally. A council of chiefs from the 10 ranking clans governed the village, and a parallel council of their female counterparts held a significant advisory role in the division and control of land and money.

Most Palauans are Christian, with the Catholic and Protestant churches well established and Jehovah's Witnesses, Seventh-Day Adventists and Bahais gaining in membership. Modekngai is a revived form of the indigenous religion, which also shows up in traditions such as leaving a light on to ward off spoons.

Staples of the traditional Palauan diet include coconut milk and meat (copra), cassava (tapioca), sweet potatoes and all sorts of fish and seafood. Japanese and American mealtime influences are common.

Palauan is spoken at home and in casual situations, while English is more common in business and government. Schools teach both languages, so most Palauans are bilingual from an early age.

ENVIRONMENT

A tightly bunched archipelago, Palau consists of the high islands of Babeldaob, Koror, Peleliu and Angaur; the low coral atolls of Kayangel and Ngeruangel; and the limestone Rock Islands, of which there are more than 200. Nearly all of the islands in the group sit inside a single barrier reef. The nation's boundaries also encompass six small, isolated islands, collectively called the South-West Islands, which extend some 370 miles (600km) to the southwest, almost as far as Indonesia.

Tropical forests blanket much of the islands, with ironwood, banyan, breadfruit, coconut and pandanus making up the bulk of the waving greenery. Mangrove forests and grassy savannas are also present. Palau's highest point, Mt Ngerchelchuus on Babeldaob Island, measures 715ft (215m) above sea level.

The region's spectacular underwater biodiversity includes over 1500 species of fish and 700 species of coral and anemone. Other noteworthy sightings include giant tridacna clams, sea turtles, manta rays, gray reef sharks, sea snakes, chamber nautilus and dugongs (manatees). In addition, expect to see dozens of

species of birds, colonies of fruit bats (the only native land mammals) on the Rock Islands, monkeys on Angaur, a few nonvenomous snakes and small lizards, some crocodiles, and more insects than you ever thought possible. There are no poisonous land animals on any of the islands.

The Palauan government has set aside a group of its uninhabited Rock Islands - the 70 Islands - as a marine reserve, prohibiting public access so as not to disturb nesting turtles and seabirds. Otherwise, there are no national parks.

TRANSPORTATION

Most visitors to Palau arrive on Continental Micronesia by way of Guam, the international air service hub for the Micronesia region. Two weekly flights from Manila and charter flights also currently connect Palau with other metropolitan Asian cities. The airport is a 25 minute drive from the capital Koror and travellers leaving Palau must pay a US\$20 departure tax.

A few hotels provide airport and city transportation for their guests. Otherwise, there's a shuttle bus service, taxis and car rental available at the airport. **Taxis stop running at 10 pm**, unless they are reserved in advance. Visitors are allowed to drive in Palau for 30 days with their home country's driver's license. Driving is on the right, and the speed limit is 25mph (40k/h).

CUSTOMS, IMMIGRATION & HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

All visitors (U.S. Citizens and nationals of other countries) must have a valid passport and a return or onward airline ticket. Cholera and yellow fever immunizations are required for those arriving from infected areas. Importation of controlled substances and weapons is strictly prohibited.

Visas: All tourists may visit Palau for 30 days. Visa is issued on arrival for up to 30-day stay and can be extended and passport should be valid for 6 months further and onward tickets and documents required by entry.

Health risks: Dengue fever, typhoid fever, filariasis, jellyfish, poisonous fish, coral and sea snakes.

FLYING TIMES AND DISTANCES

To Palau from:	Distance (statute miles)	Average flying time
Guam	813	1:45
Manila	1,041	2:35
Tokyo	2,394	4:25
Taipei	2,533	4:55
Seoul	2,804	5:35
Honolulu	4,609	8:45

TIME DIFFERENCES

When it's noon Monday in Palau, it is:

11:00 am	Monday in Manila
11:00 am	Monday in Taipei
Noon	Monday in Tokyo (JST)
1:00 pm	Monday in Guam
1:00 pm	Monday in Sydney
5:00 pm	Sunday in Honolulu
7:00 pm	Sunday in Los Angeles (PST)
10:00 pm	Sunday in New York

STATISTICS

Location:	7° 30' north latitude, 133° 30' east longitude
Population:	18,400
Capital city:	Koror (pop 12,300)
Land area:	196 square miles
Political Status:	Compact of Free Association with the USA
People:	Polynesian, Malayan, Melanesian
Religion:	Christian (33%, including Catholic, Seventh-Day Adventists, Jehovah's Witnesses, Assembly of God, Liebenzell Mission and Mormon), Modeknegi (indigenous faith)
President:	Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr.
GDP:	US\$160 million
GDP per head:	US\$8,700
Major industries:	tourism, craft items, some fishing and agriculture
Major trading partners:	USA, Japan
Official Languages:	English and Palauan
Official Currency:	US Dollar
Telephone Country Code:	680
Electricity:	Single phase 60 cycles, 115/230 volts AC

CLIMATE

Palau is a tropical island, so when it's not raining it's sunny and hot. The annual mean temperature is 82 degrees F. (27 C.) Rainfall can occur throughout the year and the annual average is 150 inches. The average relative humidity is 82% and although rain falls more frequently between July and October, there is still much sunshine. Typhoons are rare as Palau is located outside the typhoon zone.

WHAT TO WEAR

Island style prevails. Cool, loose fitting clothing is acceptable in most places. Hats, sunglasses and sunscreen are highly recommended. Visitors are strongly advised to respect local customs by not wearing swimsuits, short shorts, short skirts, or other inappropriate clothing in town, villages or public buildings. Women traveling on speedboats or on unpaved roads may consider wearing supportive undergarments. Visitors should also bring sturdy shoes such as sneakers, hiking boots, or tevas.

MEDICAL SERVICES

Palau has three private medical clinics and a public hospital. A modern recompression chamber is available and staffed by certified operators. The hospital emergency number is 488-2558 and the ambulance number is 488-1411. Police emergency number is 911.

WATER

Palau's water is generally safe to drink, and bottled water is available in most markets.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Worldwide telephone, facsimile, International Direct Dialing, Internet services, and operator assisted dialing services are available. Phone cards are available at PNCC Offices and calls can be made from most hotels in Koror. There are several Internet Cafes offering direct web access.

CREDIT CARDS

Visa, MasterCard and American Express are widely accepted at major visitor facilities.

TIPPING

Tipping is optional, but appreciated.

MONEY & COSTS

Currency: United States dollar (US\$). There are banks in all the major tourist areas, where credit cards and travellers' cheques are widely accepted. ATMs are easily accessible and accept most standard ATM cards. Neither tipping nor bargaining is mandatory in Palau.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Airai View Hotel, Airai

Email: avh@palaunet.com

P. O. Box 8067, Koror, Palau 96940

Tel: (680) 587-3530/3531, Fax: (680) 587-3533

Web site: www.airaiview.com

Features: Tropical rainforest hillside, ocean view, proximity to the airport, free evening shuttle bus to Koror shopping, swimming pool. Classification: 4-Star. Rates: (HS) \$200; (LS) \$120, including breakfast.

The Carolines Resort, Meyuns, Koror

Email: carolines@palaunet.com

P.O. Box 399 Koror, Palau 96940,

Tel: (680) 488-3754/3755,

Fax: (680) 488-3756

Web site: <http://www.carolinesresort.com/>

Features: Individual private bungalows with all amenities overlooking the Rock Islands. Classification: Deluxe Bungalows. Rates:(HS) (LS)\$150+10% Tax

Cocoro Hotel, Topside, Koror

E-mail: maco@palaunet.com

Web site: <http://www.cocoro.co.jp>

P. O. Box 1711, Koror, Palau 96940, Tel: (680) 488-5852/3, Fax: (680) 488-5855.

Classification: Standard. Rates: (HS & LS)) \$70-\$120 + 10%.

The Guest Lodge

Phone: 488-6320/6321/6322

Fax: 488-5616

e-mail: shmull@palaunet.com

Hisae's Bed & Breakfast

Phone: 488-2776/2551

Fax: 488-2115

Hung Kuo Resort

Phone: 488-4154/4155

Fax: 488-4156

e-mail: zaptaiwan@palaunet.com

Island Businessmen Hotel

Phone: 488-4227

K.B. View Hotel

Phone: 587-2300

Fax: 587-2301

Lehns Motel

Phone: 488-1486

Malakal Central Hotel, Malakal, Koror

P. O. Box 6016, Koror, Palau 96940

Tel: (680) 488-1117/8, Fax: (680) 488-1075

Classification: Hotel & Restaurant. Rates: \$140.00 + 10%.

New Koror Hotel

P. O. Box 339, Koror, Palau 96940

Tel: (680) 488-1159, Fax: (680) 488-5057

Features: Downtown location. Classification: Economy. Rates: \$33.00 - \$33.50.

Palasia Hotel

E-mail: res.palasia@palaunet.com

P. O. Box 1256, Koror, Palau 96940

Tel: (680) 488-8888/02/03, Fax: (680) 488-8898

Classification: Deluxe Hotel. Rates: (LS)\$200-\$550 + 10% (HS)\$240-\$655+ 10% (PK)\$270-\$780 + 10%.

P.O. Motel and Apartments
Phone: 488-2528

Palau Hotel
P. O. Box 457, Koror, Palau 96940 Tel: (680) 488-1703/1704,
Fax: (680) 488-1317
Classification: Budget hotel. Rates: (HS & LS) \$50-\$60.

Palau Pacific Resort
Email: ppr@palaunet.com
P. O. Box 308, Koror, Palau, 96940
Tel: (680) 488-2600, Fax: (680) 488-1601/6
Web site: <http://www.panpac.com/>
Classification: 5 Star Hotel with private beach. Rates: (PS) \$295- \$745 (HS) \$260- \$635, (LS) \$225-
\$575.

Palau Marina Hotel
E-mail: marina@palaunet.com
P. O. Box 142, Koror, Palau 96940
Tel: (680) 488-1786/5358, Fax: (680) 488-1070
Classification: Standard. Rates: (HS) (LS) \$88 + 10%.

Penthouse Hotel
E-mail: the-penthouse@palaunet.com
P. O. Box 6013, Koror, Palau 96940
Tel: (680) 488-1941/1942, Fax: (680) 488-1942
Classification: Standard hotel. Rates: (HS & LS) \$79-\$95.

Sunrise Villa Hotel
Email: SunriseVilla@palaunet.com
P. O. Box 6009, Koror, Palau 96940
Tel: (680) 488-4590/4591/4592 Fax: (680) 488-4593
Features: Poolside bar, ocean view. Classification: Deluxe. Rates: \$130 - \$295 + 10%

T & O Motel
Phone: 488-2883

Tree-D Motel & Apartments
Phone: 488-3856/4608
Fax: 488-4584

VIP Guest Hotel
Email: vipghotel@palaunet.com
P. O. Box 18, Koror, Palau 96940
Tel: (680) 488-1502/4618/3828, Fax: (680) 488-1429
Classification: Business Hotel. Rates: (HS & LS) \$65 - \$100 + 10%.

Waterfront Villa
Email: Waterfront.Villa@palaunet.com
P. O. Box 1036, Koror, Palau 96940
Tel: (680) 488-2904, Fax: (680) 488-4904,

Features: Furnished rooms include self-contained kitchen, deluxe living room, 1 or 2 bedrooms available, balcony overlooking the water. Classification: Hotel & Condominium Apts. Rates: \$63.25 & up.

West Plaza Coral Reef Hotel - All rooms have ocean view, private bath/shower, refrigerators.

West Plaza Desekel Hotel - Located in Koror's downtown area with close proximity to restaurants, banks, government offices.

West Plaza Downtown Hotel - Located in Central Koror, within walking distance to shopping centers, restaurants, banks, and government offices.

West Plaza Hotel By the Sea - Ocean view rooms equipped with refrigerators, private bath.

West Plaza Hotel, Malakal - Ocean view rooms close to dive shops. Restaurant on premises.

For all West Plaza Hotels: E-mail: west.plaza@palaunet.com

P. O. Box 280, Koror, Palau 96940

Fax: (680) 488-1783/2136

Web site: <http://www.wphpalau.com/>

Rates: (HS & LS) \$70-100 + 10%.

Yuhi Motel & Apartments

Phone: 488-5955/5966

Fax: 488-5959

Email: yuhi@palaunet.com

RESTAURANTS

Arirang Restaurant.

Location: Downtown Koror. Korean Cuisine. Price Range: \$9&up.

Barracuda Bar and Grill

Location: M-Dock by Fish and Fins. Grilled Items. Price Range: \$4&up.

Bem Ermii Burgers and Fries

Location: Portable Burger Stand in Downtown Koror. Grilled Items. Price Range: \$3-6.

Berrous Restaurant

At the Airai View Hotel. International cuisine; Japanese & Chinese items. Price Range: N/A.

Bottom Time

Location: Sam's Bar and Grill, Malakal. Grilled Items, Breakfast foods. Price Range \$4&up.

Capricciosa

Location: Downtown Koror. Italian Cuisine, Steaks. Price Range: \$6&up.

Captain Finn's Restaurant

At the Waterfront Villa in Ngerbodol, Koror. Steak and Lobster. Price Range: \$5&up/breakfast; \$7&up/lunch; \$10&up/dinner.

Carp Restaurant

Location: In Malakal, Koror. Japanese/Asian cuisine. Price Range: \$7-\$35/lunch and dinner.

Coconut Hut

Location: In Medalaii, Koror. Sandwiches, light menu. Price Range: \$2.50-\$5.

Coconut Terrace

Location: At the Palau Pacific Resort, Meyuns, Koror. Facing the sea offering a delicious buffet breakfast; a la carte lunch; and an a la carte or theme night buffet dinner with live music and island dance performances. Price Range: \$13/breakfast; \$8-\$18/lunch; \$25 (Buffet) & \$19 (a la carte)/dinner.

Cocoro Restaurant

Location: In Iyebukel, Koror. Japanese Food. Price Range: \$7.50/breakfast; \$8/lunch; \$15/dinner.

Desomel Restaurant

Location: At the Palasia Hotel. Chinese Cuisine. Price Range: N/A

Dragon Tei

Location: Topside in Koror. Japanese Cuisine. Price Range: \$15-\$50/dinner.

Fuji Restaurant

Location: Downtown Koror. Japanese, Seafood. Price Range: \$8&up.

Furusato Restaurant

Location: Downtown Koror. Japanese, American cuisine. Price Range: \$3-8.

Happy Landing II

Location: T-Dock. American, Japanese, Local Cuisine. Price Range: \$5&up.

Hyotan Restaurant

Location: Across from Palasia Hotel. Japanese Cuisine. Price Range: \$4.50&up.

Image Restaurant

Location: In Meyuns, Koror. Mexican/International Cuisine. Price Range: \$6.95&up/lunch; \$8.95&up/dinner.

Island Choice

Location: IA Business Center, Medalaii. Filipino Cuisine. Price Range: N/A.

King's Palace Restaurant

Location: Downtown Koror. Chinese food. Price Range: \$3-\$8/breakfast; \$6-\$11/lunch; \$8-\$25/dinner.

Kramer's Café

Location: Fisheries Dock, Malakal. European and International Cuisine. Price Range: \$8&up.

Larry's Bistro

Location: At the Sunrise Villa in Ngerkebesang, Koror. International Cuisine. Price Range: \$11.50/breakfast; \$17/lunch; \$23.50/dinner.

Longshoremen's Inn

Location: Malakal. American and Local Cuisine. Price Range: \$4&up.

Meduu Ribtal

Location: At the Palau Pacific Resort in Meyuns, Koror. Pacific Rim Cuisine including fresh local seafood, U.S. prime beef and island specialties. Price Range: \$35 (3-course dinner).

Palau Fiesta Restaurant

Location: In Downtown Medalaai, Koror. Palauan, Filipino, Chinese, & Japanese Food.
Price Range: \$2.95-\$6.50/breakfast; \$4-\$7/lunch; \$7-\$30/dinner.

Ramen Express

Location: Meyuns. Japanese and Local. Price Range: \$4&up.

Red Rooster Café

Location: Malakal. Japanese and International Cuisine. Price Range: \$5&up.

Restaurant Korea House

Location: In Downtown Koror. Korean Food, International cuisine. Price Range: \$2-\$5/breakfast; \$9/lunch; \$12/dinner.

Rip Tide

Location: Malakal. Grilled Items. Price Range: \$5&up.

Rock Island Café

Location: In Medalaai, Koror. American & Various dishes. Price Range: \$3-\$7/breakfast; \$3-\$7/lunch; \$3-\$10/dinner.

Seahorse Restaurant

Location: T-Dock, Koror. Indian and Chinese Foods Price Range: \$7.50/breakfast; \$15.00/lunch; \$25.00/dinner.

Sarah's Yum Yum

Location: In Meyuns, Koror. Italian Cuisine. Price Range: N/A.

Sayurai Thai.

Location: Across from Asahi Ballfield. Thai Cuisine. Price Range: \$6-12.

Storyboard Bar & Grill.

Location: On the way to Malakal. American Cuisine. Price Range: \$6&up.

Sushi Bar Mito

Location: At the PDC Building, Koror. Japanese style sushi. Price Range: \$5-8/lunch; \$5-\$20/dinner.

Taiwan Restaurant

In Medalaai, Koror. Chinese Cuisine. Price Range: N/A.

Thai Garden

Location: At the PDC Building, Koror. Price Range: \$6-12.

Uab's Penthouse Restaurant

Location: Penthouse Hotel. Steaks, Seafood, Local dishes. Price Range: \$5/breakfast; \$7/lunch; \$9/dinner.

Yokohama Restaurant

Location: Lebuu Street behind Palasia. Japanese and Breakfast Cuisine. Price Range: \$3&up.

DIVE OPERATORS

An's Diving

Email: an's@palaunet.com, Tel: (680) 488-3033

Antelope

Tel: (680) 488-1059. Diving, Fishing, Snorkeling, Sea, Land, Boat Charters, Kayak Rentals.

Aqua Magic

Tel: (680) 488-1119. Diving, Snorkeling.

UBDI Blue Marlin

Email: belau.tour@palaunet.com

Tel: (680) 488-2214. Tours: Land, Sea, Nature, Fishing, Snorkeling, Kayak, Others (Jetski and Banana Boat, Jet Boat).

Day Dream

Email: daydream@palaunet.com

Tel: (680) 488-3551. Diving Rental.

Dive Palau

Email: keith@palaunet.com

Tel: (680) 488-4075. Tours: Reef & Wreck Diving Rental.

Fish 'n Fins

Email: fishnfin@palaunet.com

Tel: (680) 488-2637. Tours: Diving, Snorkeling, Outrigger Canoes.

Neco Marine Corporation

Email: necomarine@palaunet.com

Tel: (680) 488-1755/2009. Tours: Land, Sea, Fishing, Diving, Snorkeling.

Palau Diving Center, Carp Corp.

Email: carpcorp@palaunet.com

Tel: (680) 488-2978/5177. Tours: Land, Sea, Nature, Fishing, Diving, Snorkeling, Kayak, Boat Charters, Bus Charters.

Paradise Divers, Ltd.

Email: paradisedivers@palaunet.com

Tel: (680) 488-5008. Tours: Diving.

Peleliu Divers

Email: pdivers@palaunet.com

Tel: (680) 345-1058. Location: In Koskusai, Peleliu State. Services: Tours: Land, Sea, Diving, Snorkeling, Kayak, Boat Charter, Kayak Rentals.

Sam's Tours

Email: samstours@palaunet.com

Tel: (680) 488-1062. Tours: Land, Sea, Nature, Fishing, Diving, Snorkeling, Kayak.

Southern Marine Divers
Email: smd@palaunet.com
Tel: (680) 488-2345. Tours: Land, Diving.

Splash Diving Center
Email: splash@palaunet.com
Tel: (680) 488-2600. Tours: Nature, Diving, Kayak.

TOUR OPERATORS

Akiwo Tourist
Tel: (680) 488-3161. Boat Charters

A-Way Marine Entertainment Inc.
Tel: (680) 488-2947. Tours: Water Sports. Rental Services: Boat Charters, Kayak Rentals, Jetski, Water sports.

Big Island Tour
Tel: (680) 488-1788. Location: Ngaraard State. Tours: Land, Sea, Nature, Fishing, Snorkeling, Boat Charters.

Imperial Palau Corporation (IMPAC)
Tel: (680) 488-3779/5079. Tours: Land, Sea, Nature, Fishing, Snorkeling, Kayak, Boat Charters

International Anglers Palau, Inc.
Email: ianglers@palaunet.com
Tel: (680) 488-1062/5305. Tours: Fishing.

Island Nation
Email: Islandnation@palaunet.com
Tel: (680) 488-5322. Tours: Land, Sea, Nature, Fishing, Diving, Snorkeling, Boat Rental.

Mandarin Tour Agency
Tel: (680) 488-3160. Tours: Land, Sea, Fishing, Snorkeling.

MKC Tours
Email: Mkc@palaunet.com
Tel: (680) 488-2675/1466. Tours: Sea, Snorkeling, Boat Charters.

NECO Tourist Services Corporation
Email: Necogroup@palaunet.com
Tel: (680) 488-2325. Tours: Land, Sea, Fishing, Diving, Snorkeling, Boat Charters, Bus Charters.

NECO Tour
Email: r-and-c@palaunet.com
Tel: (680) 488-1740. Tours: Land, Sea, Snorkeling.

New Moon Tours
Email: Gemini@palaunet.com
Tel: (680) 488-2624/2391. Tours: Land, Sea, Nature, Fishing, Snorkeling, Boat Charter.

Ocean Pacific Travel
Email: Opt@palaunet.com
Tel: (680) 488-5557. Tours: Land, Sea, Fishing, Snorkeling, Boat Charters.

Palau Island Adventures
Email: pia@palaunet.com
Tel: (680) 488-4511. Tours: Land, Sea, Nature, Fishing, Snorkeling, Boat Charters, Bus charters.

Planet Blue SeaKayak Tours
Email: samstour@palaunet.com
Phone: 680-488-1062. Tours: Biologist-led eco-tours by kayak.

Reiko's Tour Agency
Tel: (680) 488-1106. Location: Peleliu State. Tours: Land.

Rock Island Tour Company Limited
Email: palauritc@palaunet.com
Tel: (680) 488-1573. Tours: Land, Sea, Fishing, Snorkeling, Boat Charters.

Sam's Tours
Email: samstour@palaunet.com
Tel: (680) 488-1062. Tours: Land, Sea, Nature, Fishing, Diving, Snorkeling, Kayak.

T-Ten Tour
Tel: (680) 488-2681. Tours: Land, Sea, Fishing, Snorkeling, Boat Charters.

UBDI Belau Tour
Email: belau.tour@palaunet.com
Tel: (680) 488-2583/5667/6158. Tours: Land, Sea, Nature, Fishing, Snorkeling, Kayak, Others (Jetski and Banana Boat, Jet Boat).

Waterfront Villa
Email: Waterfront.Villa@Palaunet.com
Tel: (680) 488-2904/5776. Tours: Land, Fishing, Snorkeling, Boat Charters.

World War II Tour
Email: pdivers@palaunet.com
Tel: (680) 345-1036. Location: Peleliu State. Tours: World War II land tours.

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