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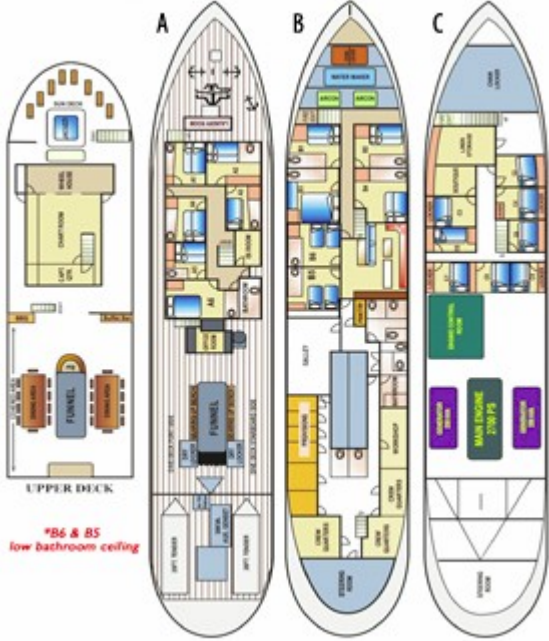
BIG BLUE EXPLORER

PALAU ARCHIPELAGO – 8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS

DAYS	ITINERARY	DIVES
DAY 1	Transfer to MV Big Blue Explorer Check-in and room allocation The day is free for briefing and gear set-up Dinner on the boat	
DAY 2	<p>Carp Island Turtle Cove Fern Wall</p> <p>Big Drop-Off. Pyramid Butterflyfish, Square Anthias, Moorish Idols, Sargent Major's, Yellowtail Fusiliers are among the myriad of fish found all along the edge and top of the reef. Blue Face, Regal, and Emperor Angelfish are easily spotted. Dwarf angelfish, such as Coral Beauty, Keyhole, and Gray's dart in and around the coral heads at the top of the reef. Clarki, and Blue Stripped Clownfish with their host anemones are also scattered along the reef.</p>	4
DAY 3	<p>Big Drop-Off</p> <p>Blue Corner. Blue Corner is home to some of the largest schools of fish in the world, here you can see just about every kind of fish found in the tropical ocean. Sharks, Wahoo, Tuna, Hawks Bill and Green turtles, Eagle Rays, Giant Groupers, and Barracuda, to name but a few species.</p> <p>German Channel. The mouth of the channel has a sandy bottom spotted with numerous coral heads and coral formations. Marine life: German channel is known for Manta Rays, schooling sharks and an abundance of tropical fish. Almost every form of marine life can be seen here. Thousands of jacks will school here along with barracudas, trevaly and snappers of numerous species.</p> <p>Blue Holes Barnum Gardens</p>	5

DAY 4	<p>Big Drop-Off Blue Corner German Channel</p> <p>Blue Holes. Inside of the cavern you can find many soft corals and Tubastraea decorating the walls. Many species of nudibranchs and shells can be found along the sandy bottom. Large schools of barracuda, tuna and snapper patrol the cavern opening. The reef wall is vertical and offers just about every type of tropical fish and species of coral that you can imagine!</p> <p>Barnum Gardens</p>	5
DAY 5	<p>Peleliu Wall. The top of the plateau hosts large numbers of tropical fish including Pyramid Butterflyfish, Square Anthias, Moorish Idols, Sergeant Major's, Yellowtail Fusiliers, Palette Surgeonfish, Bumphead Parrotfish and Purple Anthias. Dense concentrations of bright yellow soft corals, long strands of cable corals, big bushes of black corals and sea fans decorate the sheer reef wall. What makes this dive one of Palau's best dives is the large number of pelagic fish patrolling along the Cut and at the Corner. Almost every type of pelagic fish has been seen here including Sperm Whales, Whale Sharks, Tiger Sharks, Bull Sharks, Orcas, Sailfish, Blue Marlin and many more.</p> <p>Peleliu Cut The Pocket Orange Beach Carp Island</p>	5
DAY 6	<p>Siaes Tunnel. Pyramid butterfly fish and brightly colored Anthias gather in large numbers along the outer reef wall. White Tip Reef Sharks and stingrays are often seen resting on the bottom. The top of the cavern is covered with bushes of black coral. The cavern windows are surrounded with magnificent sea fans and soft coral providing a great backdrop for photo and/or video opportunities.</p> <p>Ulong Channel. Gray Reef Sharks, sting rays, schools of jacks, snappers, barracuda, and batfish are frequently seen at the entrance. When the moon is full, during the months of April, May, June and July, thousands of groupers gather here to spawn. Groupers are usually a solitary fish, but during this time they have been seen to school. Titan Triggerfish also use this area to nest. When Titan Triggerfish are nesting they become extremely territorial and protective of their nest sites. Titan Triggerfish will dig out large depressions in the sandy bottom to lay their eggs. To avoid being attacked and bitten by jealous triggerfish, divers should keep their distance.</p> <p>Jelly Fish Lake Blue Corner Ngemelus Wall</p>	5
DAY 7	<p>Helmet Wreck</p> <p>Chandelier Cave. Look for soldier fish and cardinal fish hanging around the opening to the cave as well as small shrimp and crabs that cling to the sponges found along the walls. The elusive Mandarin Fish, found only in a few locations, can also reward the patient diver.</p> <p>Mandarin Fish Lake</p>	3
DAY 8	<p>Breakfast Gear preparation Disembarkation Transfer to Airport/Hotel</p>	
TOTAL DIVES		27

BOAT SPECIFICATIONS

 <p>*B6 & B5 low bathroom ceiling</p>	<p>Technical specifications</p> <p>LOA: 23.9m Breadth: 6 Hull: Steel Main Engine: Yanmar Cruising Speed : 8-10 knots Generators: 2 x Isuzu 45 KVA + 1 x Kubota 10 KVA Electricity: 220/110volts Water Capacity: 18,000 liters Water Maker: 5 tons per day Compressors : 2x 2 Bauer K15 + 2x Bauer Mariner</p> <p>Nitrox</p>
<p>Accommodation and Facilities</p> <p>Staterooms : 12 4 "Suites" 4 "Deluxe" 4 "Standart"</p> <p>Jacuzzi</p> <p>Minimum capacity: 10 guests Maximum capacity: 24 guests</p>	<p>Navigations and Communications</p> <p>EPIRB, SSB Radio, Furuno Weather Fax, Furuno Depth Finder Radar, Radio: Anritsu Marine VHF, ICOM SSB, 6X Handheld VHF, GPS – Furuno GP 500, Imarsat Worldwide Telephone Communication System,</p>

FAQ

What is included in the Palau Flexi-Dive package?

Accommodations on board, unlimited no decompression diving, tanks, weights, weight belt, boat, services of a divemaster roundtrip transfers from Koror airport to Big Blue Explorer, meals, and complimentary tea, coffee, juice.

How many days are the Flexi- Dive Palau and for how many dives they could do in one day?

The Palau Flexi Dive Packages is minimum of 2 Days Diving. You could choose any of the Palau Dive Sites. Guests can do maximum of 4 Dives a Day with 1 Night Dive.

Does the vessel move around much from one dive area to the next or does it remain in one place for the day (or longer) and then divers go off on a separate tender boat ?

Yes, Big Blue moves from one dive site to another depending on the weather and the proximity of the dives.

Does the vessel visit Peleliu regularly ?

We normally don't go to Peleliu if the guests are staying less than 5 days because there are enough dive sites in the area; but if the majority of the guests in any particular trip request that it this can be easily be arranged.

On arrival in Koror, do guests get transferred immediately to the vessel from the airport or do they need to wait until later in the day when the transfer boat leaves ?

We can transfer the guests as soon as they get off the plane; Guests should arrive by 4pm. If they arrive after dark, they will have to spend the night in a hotel because we cannot use the chase boat thru the islands. It's dangerous and requires special permission from the coastguards.

What are the taxes or fees not included in the package?

The taxes that are not included in the package are the Koror State Diving Permit which is US \$35.00/person, Peleliu tax at US \$20.00/person, Airport departure tax \$ 20, Cabin Tax of \$10 per pax PER NIGHT, gear Rentals, Courses, Alcoholic Beverages and Souvenir Items on board.

Do I need a Visa and Passport?

Proof of citizenship (passport or birth certificate) by US citizens' id required. Visas are not required. Non-US citizens must have a valid passport. All visitors must have return travel arrangements or approval by the Chief of Immigration for an extended stay.

How will I go onboard the Big Blue Explorer?

Upon arrival in Koror, our Expedition Fleet Staff will welcome you on the airport.

What is the weather in Palau? And when is the best time to go to Palau?

Palau enjoys a pleasantly warm climate all year round. Palau enjoys an annual mean temperature of 82 degrees F (27 C). Rain showers starts on the month of June, but the rainy season starts September to November. Although rain falls during these months, most of the dive sites are sheltered by the island and there is still much sunshine. Then, thru December to February, trade winds start to blow. Typhoons are rare as Palau is located outside the typhoon zone.

Are tender boats used?

We have one 10-meter chase boat.

Should I be an advanced diver?

Diving in Palau is open to all Open Water Divers. An Advanced Open Water Diver Certification is a plus.

What wetsuit should I use in diving?

You could use a 3mm wetsuit all year round but during the months of December, January and February, you have to bring a vest and overlapping wetsuit.

In case of emergency where is the nearest medical and re-compression facilities?

Here are the medical and re-compression contact:

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