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OCEAN HUNTER III

PALAU ARCHIPELAGO – 10 DAYS/10 NIGHTS

DAYS	ITINERARY	DIVES
DAY 1	<p>10:30 am: We will pick you up from your hotel. You can get your gear ready and have lunch on board.</p> <p>12:30-1 pm: First dive on Helmet Wreck (WWII Japanese ship which is easy to dive and you can check your gear and weights).</p> <p>02:00-04:30 pm: Ocean Hunter III will cross the lagoon to German Channel</p> <p>04:30: Second dive at German Channel or Big Drop Off.</p> <p>07:00 pm Night dive</p>	3
DAY 2	<p>The diving on these days will be at some of the following divesites: 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>Big Drop Off,</p> <p>New Drop Off, Very large sea fans jut out from the sheer reef walls. The fans make excellent background for spectacular photographs and video. Thick and healthy soft corals with colors ranging from deep violet to hot pink are seen everywhere. Many Gray Reef Sharks patrol the reef wall and corner. Clouds of Pyramid Butterflyfish, Square Anthias, Moorish Idols, Sargent Major's and Yellowtail Fusiliers are found along the edge and on top of the reef. Blue Face, Regal, and Emperor Angelfish are also easily spotted.</p>	5
DAY 3	<p>Blue Holes,</p> <p>German wall,</p> <p>Barnum wall,</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>	5

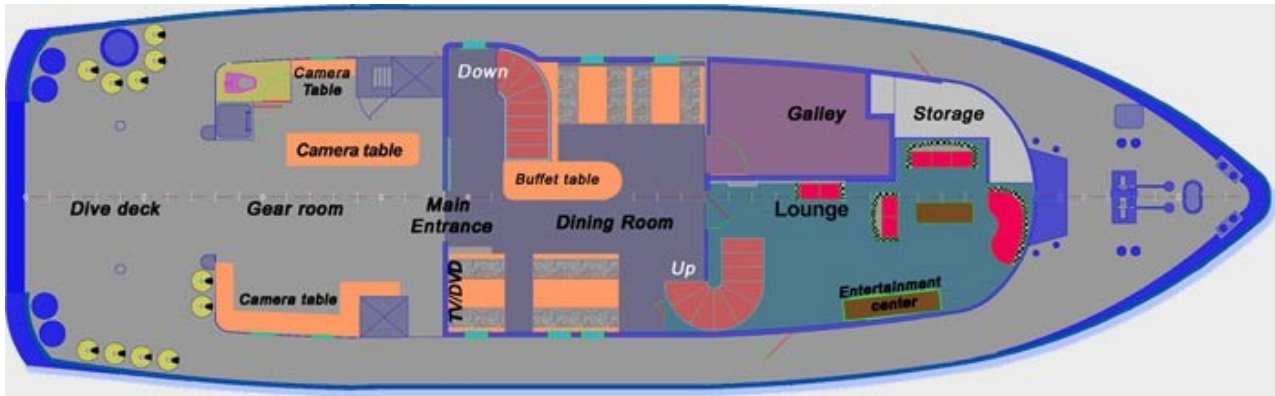
DAY 4	Virgin blue hole, Turtle Cove, Ngedebus coral gardens, Ngedebus wall, Fairyland,	5
DAY 5	<p>we dive some of the following dive sites :</p> <p>Peleliu Wall, The top of the plateau hosts large numbers of tropical fish including Pyramid Butterflyfish, Square Anthias, Moorish Idols, Sergeant Major's, 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 Corner,</p> <p>Peleliu Coral Garden, Many species of tropical fish and large selection of invertebrates can be found here. Marble Rays, the well-camouflaged Crocodile Fish and big schools of Bumphead Parrotfish are seen regularly. Cuttlefish can also reward the observant diver. At the edge of the reef, due to the proximity of Peleliu Corner divers may encounter large pelagic fish such as sharks, barracuda, sailfish</p>	5
	<p>Orange Wall,</p> <p>Peleliu Expressway,</p> <p>White Beach,</p> <p>Yellow Wall, The reef is noted for its colorful yellow corals, but the reef also abounds with fish life. Schools of jacks, snappers, Red-Toothed Triggerfish, Anthias and yellow Pyramid Butterflyfish can be found along the edge of the reef. If the current is running sharks, tuna and other large pelagic fish can be seen. The top of the reef abounds with Sweetlips, Emperors, wrasse, groupers and eels. Keep alert for turtles; turtles like to eat the yellow tube corals.</p> <p>Peleliu Cut</p>	5
DAY 7	<p>German Channel,</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>	5

	<p>New Drop Off,</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>German Wall,</p> <p>Barnum Wall,</p> <p>Blue Corner,</p> <p>Virgin blue hole,</p> <p>Turtle Cove,</p> <p>Ngedebus Coral Gardens,</p> <p>Ngedebus Wall,</p> <p>Fairyland,</p>	
DAY 8	Diving in the area of Ngerechong Island and visit to Jellyfish lake	5
DAY 9	<p>Diving at the Ulong Island area. Among the Dive sites that we will explore are: 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>Ulong wall,</p> <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>Siaes Corner,</p> <p>Ulong Coral Garden</p>	5
DAY 10	<p>First dive on one of the WWII wrecks (Iro or Chuyo Maru).</p> <p>Second dive on Jake Seaplane, a WWII airplane.</p> <p>Third dive at 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>	3
DAY 11	07:00 am: Breakfast	

08:00 am: Disembark the Ocean Hunter III to airport or your hotel (transportation provided).

TOTAL DIVES 46

BOAT SPECIFICATIONS



Technical specifications

Length: 96 feet (29m)
Beam: 26.25 feet (8m)
Draft: 9ft (2.75m)
Speed: 11 knots
Displacement: 226 tons
Construction: Steel
Engines: Twin 375 hp each
Generators: 2 by 60 KW
Available Voltage: 110/240/415 VAC 12/24 VDC
Water Tanks: 4000 gals (16000 liters)
 Twin 1200 gals/day water makers
Fuel Tanks: 6000 gals (24000 liters)

Accommodation and Facilities

Max passenger : 16
 2 Standard cabins (Cabins 2 & 5: one queen size bed, one single),
 4 Deluxe cabins (Cabins 3, 4, 6 & 9: one king size bed, one single)
 2 upper deck Master Staterooms (one king size bed, one single),
 all with private head, shower and a/c.

Navigation and Communications

GPS x 3,
 Satellite Phone,
 Cellular Phone,
 72 mile radar,
 Depth sounder x 2,
 Fish finder,
 VHF,
 HF Radio,

FAQ

What is the best time of the year to visit Palau?

Probably the most frequently asked question

Palau is located 400 miles north of the equator and is totally out of typhoon range. The weather is typically the same any month of the year. Many years ago we experienced the phenomenon of DRY and WET seasons. However, due to global weather changes this no longer applies. The reefs around Palau and inside the lagoon allow us to dive and enjoy the water throughout the year. Since 1972, Fish 'n Fins has not cancelled a single day of diving !

Do you provide transportation to and from your dive center?

Yes! We provide free transportation to and from the Dive Center to all our guests! You can be dropped off at your hotel at the end of the day and picked up every morning.

What diving experience do I need in Palau? Is it safe for a beginner?

We are very proud to welcome all levels of divers to Palau! With our experienced staff, we can train and take any diver.

Do you have any services for people with disabilities?

Yes we do! In fact, we have an Instructor on our staff trained to work with blind divers. We annually take diving a group of deaf divers from Taiwan.

How many divers can I expect to be sharing the ship with?

Ocean Hunter III takes a maximum of 16 divers only.

Is there a market in town?

Yes, Surangel and Ben Franklin are full service grocery and dry goods markets. The selection of goods is not extensive, but almost everything is available.

Are DIN valves available?

Yes there are DIN valves available.

If my equipment breaks, can I get it repaired?

Yes, we have a workshop with certified repair technicians on staff.

What type of wet suit should I wear?

3mm is fine, the water here is warm enough for a skin or T-shirt.

Passports and documentation

Visitors must have a current passport, adequate funds to support themselves, and a return airline ticket to travel to Palau. It is the travelers' responsibility to ensure they have the proper documentation to travel to the destination and return to their country. Please check with the appropriate consulate to ensure you have the proper documentation. Always check your passport and visa requirements. US citizens may go to the US Department of State website at www.travel.state.gov for more information. The Reservations Center cannot assume responsibility for passengers not having correct documentation.

Taxes and fees

The Palau Government has levied a cruising tax of \$35 US per person per week for live-aboards. A dive tax is also charged by the local government of \$55 US per person. These fees will be collected at the end of the charter when settling your tab. The airport departure tax is \$20 US (cash) and is paid upon departure. Government fees are subject to change without notice. They are not included in the charter rate.

C-cards and dive the world club

Please bring your c-card or proof of certification. The divemaster requires proof of certification before the first dive.

Insurance

Every effort is made to ensure you have a safe trip. However, unforeseen circumstances can and do happen. We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation, accident, medical, and baggage insurance. We recommend a policy with Diveassure, Divers Alert Network or a policy of your choice.

Health

We have a complete first aid kit on board, including oxygen. You may want to bring motion sickness medicine if you feel you'll need it. We recommend a complete physical before your trip. There is no smoking allowed inside the yacht or on the dive deck. Smoking is only permitted on the sun deck. The nearest recompression chamber is in Koror. This facility is fully operational and a short skiff ride from the dive sites. Air ambulance service from Guam is available, but expensive.

Meals

The menu onboard is varied and plentiful, with American feasts, barbecues and local cuisine. Breakfast features fresh fruit, hot entrees, cereal and juices. Lunches are buffet-style, featuring hot soup, salad, sandwiches and/or entrees. Dinners are diverse, including seafood, beef or chicken. Each evening, enjoy fresh homemade desserts. Please notify our office of special dietary requests and speak to the Chef after boarding.

Beverages

Soft drinks, tea, beer, and wine are complimentary. The bar is open throughout the week. Remember, drinking and diving don't mix. Alcohol consumption during diving hours is prohibited. Once you drink

alcohol, you become a snorkeler until the next day.

Clothing

T-shirts and shorts are the usual attire, due to the warm and sunny days. Evenings can be cool. Therefore, you should pack a sweatshirt or 2 windbreaker. Tennis shoes are recommended for land tours. For easy luggage storage, we recommend you pack a soft duffel bag.

Travel in palau

Palau's water is not potable; visitors should drink bottled water. Distilled water is available in most supermarkets. Check with your local health authority for latest information.

Two bottles of liquor and up to 200 cigarettes can be brought in duty free. Importation of narcotics and deadly weapons is strictly prohibited. Plants, fruits, and animals are prohibited. Luggage will be thoroughly inspected on entry.

Single-phase 60-cycle at 115/130, 220/240 voltage Electrical outlets on board are standard US 110. U.S. currency is accepted.

Major credit cards such as Visa, MasterCard, and American Express are accepted at most hotels, restaurants and stores.

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