

Palau Dive Adventure 2027

Early Spring

Explore Palau's Reefs

OneReef is delighted to be curating an extraordinary journey to Palau—an opportunity to immerse yourself in its vibrant reefs, rich cultural heritage, and community-led ocean conservation. If you would like to be part of this meaningful adventure, please contact donna@onereef.org.

OneReef partners directly with Indigenous local coastal communities across the Pacific Islands, including Palau, to protect coral reefs, ocean biodiversity and the livelihoods they sustain. For over a decade, OneReef has built long-term, trust-based partnerships with communities, providing them with the resources needed for them to successfully manage their own marine environments. OneReef helps local island communities establish and enforce marine protected areas, monitor reef health, pass traditional knowledge down from one generation to the next, and integrate traditional ecological knowledge with modern science to build ocean-climate resilience.

Palau's dive sites are among the best in the world due to their stunning coral reefs, abundant and diverse marine life including sharks and rays, and unique underwater topography.

The dive adventure will include:

- Diving the famous German Channel and other world-renowned sites guided by the top-rated Sam's Tours
- Exploring pivotal WW2 Peleliu forts
- Participating in a citizen scientist workshop on a dive
- Immersing yourself in Palauan culture including a traditional dance ceremony
- Lodging at the luxurious Palau Pacific Resort

Dive the Best of Palau

All dives are **2-tank dives** at world-renowned sites within Koror State, where OneReef partners with communities to build ocean-climate resilience. **You'll experience:**

- **Blue Corner** – soaring schools of fish, reef sharks, and nonstop action
- **Ulong Channel** – Known as one of the world's greatest drift dives — coral gardens, masses of colorful swirling fish, and even a WWII wreck!
- **German Channel** – Famous manta ray cleaning station. Glide alongside mantas, reef sharks, barracuda, and more.
- **Siaes Corner & Sand Bar** – A dramatic wall dive with thrilling shark encounters and dazzling reef life.
- **Chandelier Cave** – An unforgettable adventure exploring crystal-clear chambers, stalactites, and hidden air pockets.



Please note that the itinerary and dive sites are subject to change depending on various factors including weather and tidal conditions.

Package Cost: Details will be available once the number of participants and dates are known, and the final itinerary has been finalized. Cost will include transportation, meals, lodging, dives (including equipment if needed) and tour on the last day. Please note the cost does not include airfare, alcohol or spa treatments.

Contact: Please contact Donna@onereef.org with any questions.

OneReef needs to confirm that these dates work for those who have expressed an interest in this dive trip before reservations are made, so please do not purchase airfare until this has been confirmed.

Tentative Dive Trip Itinerary

Saturday

- Arrive in Palau on your own schedule (please let us know your arrival time and airline)
- Be greeted upon arrival and transferred directly to your seaside resort, set on a pristine white sand beach—with the option to book a rejuvenating spa treatment should you so choose
- Be sure to rest up - an exciting week of adventure begins tomorrow

Sunday

- We will gather at **7:00 am** for a hearty private breakfast & warm introductions
- **7:45-4** Begin your underwater adventure on a two tank dive. After the first dive, you'll enjoy a bento box lunch on a lush island with your fellow explorers
- **4-6** Freshen up and rest at the resort
- **6-7** Join us for a no-host cocktail hour before our Welcome Feast begins
- **7-8** Welcome Feast & Traditional Palauan Dance Performance — a cultural experience you'll never forget

Monday

- **7-8:30** Enjoy breakfast before your day begins
- **8:30-4** Two more tanks, island lunch, and fun in the sun
- **4-6** Free time at the resort
- **6-7** No-host cocktail hour
- **7-8** Enjoy dinner while engaging in a fascinating salon with Dr. Nicole Yamase, OneReef's Impact Director: Traditional Ecological Knowledge Enhanced By Scientific Monitoring

As a proud member of the Stingray Clan in Pohnpei, **Dr. Yamase** became the first person from the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) to hold a doctorate in Marine Biology and whose story is being featured in the film Remathau: People of the Ocean. Nicole was also the first Micronesian to reach Challenger Deep, the ocean's deepest known point and an expedition completed by only 27 people to date.

Tuesday

- **7-8:30** Enjoy breakfast before your day begins
- **8:30-4** Two breathtaking dives with an option to join in a citizen science activity while on the dive
- Those who do not wish to participate in the night dive (optional) will return back to the resort and enjoy a relaxing evening with a casual dinner or getting pampered at the spa.
- **5-8** Night Dive (optional)— experience Palau's reefs in a whole new light (literally and figuratively) with dinner provided by Sam's



Tentative Dive Trip Itinerary (cont)

Wednesday

- **7-8:30** Enjoy breakfast before your day begins
- **8:30-4** Two more tanks exploring Palau's stunning reefs and marine life
- **4-6** Free time at the resort
- **6-7** No-host cocktail hour
- **7-8** Over dinner enjoy a riveting evening exploring Palauan culture & heritage including OneReef's deep commitment to honoring and preserving culture

Thursday

- **7-8:30** Enjoy breakfast before your day begins
- **8:30-4** Final Dive Day – Conclude your dive series at other iconic sites
- **4-7** Relax at the resort
- **7-8** Dinner and intimate chat with Former President of Palau, Tommy Remengesau, Jr., a Time Magazine Hero of the Environment

Tommy Remengesau, Jr. is a Palauan statesman and former President of Palau, widely recognized for his leadership in environmental conservation. He studied in the U.S. before entering politics, becoming Palau's youngest senator, serving as Vice President, and holding the presidency for two terms. Remengesau spearheaded initiatives such as the Palau National Marine Sanctuary, which protects 80% of Palau's waters. His global advocacy for ocean stewardship and climate resilience has earned him numerous honors, including a Time magazine Hero of the Environment.

Friday – Adventure Day (Mandatory No Diving Day)

- **7-8:30** Enjoy breakfast before your day begins
- **7:45-4** Peleliu Land Tour
Step back in time on Peleliu, an island rich in World War II history. Scattered across the landscape are solemn war monuments, relics from the battle, and man-made caves once used by Japanese forces. Visitors can still see remnants of the conflict throughout the island, making Peleliu a moving memorial that honors both U.S. and Japanese troops who fought here.
- **4-6** Relax before our final dinner
- **6-8** A Farewell Dinner celebrating a magical week together

Saturdayn - Departures

- **7-8:30** Enjoy breakfast before your departure
- **Departures** with full resort-to-airport transfers

