

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Palau Aggressor II



Reservations Office Contact Information

Office Hours are Eastern Daylight Time:
Monday-Friday: 8 am – 6 pm. EDT
Saturday/Sunday: Closed

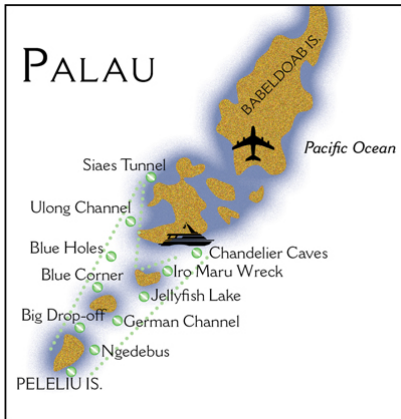
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WHERE IS PALAU?

Palau is located 900 miles southwest of Guam and 400 miles south of Yap, at the westernmost edge of Micronesia. Palau is north of New Guinea and east of the Philippines. It is surrounded by warm, tropical water with spectacular reefs, walls and wrecks, making Palau a diver's paradise. Palau is also very scenic above the water, with azure lagoons and white sandy beaches. The Rock Islands, mushroom shaped limestone formations with rainforest foliage, provide unparalleled tropical beauty.

PALAU AGGRESSOR II INCLUDES:

All staterooms are air conditioned and fitted with private toilets, showers, sinks, and hair dryers. Linens are changed mid-week and fresh towels are placed in each stateroom as needed. Breakfast (cooked to order), buffet lunch and an elegant chef prepared meal at dinner with tableside service are served in addition to fresh mid-morning and mid-afternoon snacks. Beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) are complimentary while onboard. Filled tanks, weights and weight belts are included.

SINGLE TRAVELERS & SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

All rates are quoted on a share basis; therefore you will be roomed with another person of the same gender. If you would like a private room, the cost is 1 ½ times the charter rate and will guarantee you a private stateroom.

Sample Itinerary

- Sunday – Pick up from Palau hotels 4:30 – 5:00 pm for transfer to the Palau Aggressor II for boarding.
- Monday – Diving begins Monday morning until Saturday noon. Cocktail party at 6 pm with dinner ashore.
- Sunday – Check out is at 8:00 am, transfer provided to the airport or local hotels.

WELCOME

As you prepare for your diving adventure aboard the Palau Aggressor II, we extend a most hearty welcome. The enclosed information will help you prepare for your trip. Please download or view the most recent “Know Before You Go” before your vacation from www.aggressor.com. It is important to notify our office of last minute changes concerning your airline arrival and departure times or any changes in your e-mail address and telephone numbers. The Reservations Office and Palau Aggressor II are in constant communication. In the event of an emergency family and friends may contact you at the above numbers.

We recommend you pack a regulator, mask, fins, and swimsuit, change of clothes, medication and toiletries in your carry on bag. Having these few items with you can make an unexpected luggage delay more bearable. Don't forget to use your Aggressor ribbons. They will help the crew identify you and your luggage at the airport or host hotel.

EXTENDED TRAVEL

We highly recommend adding an extension to your itinerary and going to Yap. Liveaboard Vacations, Aggressor Fleet's in house travel department specializes in extended packages and can send you information. For more information, email info@liveaboardvacations.com.

ARRIVAL

Guests arriving at the Koror (ROR) International Airport on Sunday evening will be greeted and transferred to the Palau Aggressor II. If you are already on island, you will be picked up Sunday at

approximately 4:30-5:00 p.m. and transferred to the yacht. Please notify the Reservations Office of your arrival time and/or hotel reservations to assist in transfer to the yacht. The Palau Aggressor II docks at the Neco Marine Harbor in Palau.

We highly recommend arriving in Palau prior to Sunday to get acclimated to the time change. If you arrive prior to Sunday, you will be responsible for transportation to your hotel. The Palau Aggressor II will pick you up from your hotel Sunday for transfer to the yacht.

TIME ZONE IN PALAU

When it's Noon Sunday in Palau, it is:

Manila 11:00 A.M. Sunday
Tokyo 12:00 P.M. Sunday
Sydney 1:00 P.M. Sunday
Honolulu 5:00 P.M. Saturday
Los Angeles 7:00 P.M. Saturday

PASSPORTS & DOCUMENTATION

Visitors must have a current passport, adequate funds to support themselves, and a return airline ticket to travel to Palau. US citizens require a passport that must be valid for 6 months from date of entry. It is the travelers' responsibility to ensure they have the proper documentation to travel into each country on his or her itinerary as well as for re-entry 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 website also has information for consulates by country to assist with requirements. There are special requirements for children leaving the US and many countries have adopted requirements for the protection of children. Since regulations vary by country, contact your consulate or embassy of your country for the requirement. *The Reservation Office and Staff cannot assume responsibility for passengers not having correct documentation.*

C-CARDS & DIVE THE WORLD CLUB

Remember to bring your c-card or proof of certification. The divemaster requires proof of certification before the first dive. If you are a repeat guest, you are automatically enrolled in the Dive the World Club and will receive on board discounts. Your membership is indicated on the Captain's rooming list.

GUEST INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS)

The Reservations Office and the Palau Aggressor II require each guest to complete a Cruise Application and Waiver form, prior to departure and diving. The GIS (Guest Information System) allows guests to interactively complete all required paperwork that includes the application/waiver, special requests and travel information. If you haven't received a link to access the GIS, please contact an Aggressor Fleet agent. Passengers who fail to complete the GIS or an application/waiver will be denied boarding. Many Aggressor destinations require passenger information for itinerary approval.

INSURANCE

We strongly recommend each guest purchase comprehensive accident, medical, baggage and trip cancellation and interruption insurance when space is reserved. Trip insurance will protect you from financial disappointment if you are prevented from making your scheduled trip due to illness or family illness, or in the event that unforeseen circumstances prevent the airline or yacht from making its scheduled trip. In the event you cancel your trip prior, be familiar with Aggressor Fleet cancellation policies, which on Diveassure or Divers Alert Network insurance on our website.

FEES & TAXES (per person)

The Palau Government collects a weekly Cabin Tax of \$35 US pp, a Dive Tax of \$55 US pp (paid onboard) and a Departure Tax totaling \$35 which must be paid in cash at the airport. This includes a \$15 'Green Fee' to support Palau's natural resource conservation efforts. Government fees are subject to change without notice. Fees and taxes are not included in the charter rate.

HEALTH

The Palau Aggressor II has a comprehensive first aid kit onboard, including oxygen and an AED. You may want to bring motion sickness medication if you feel you will need it. We suggest you bring over-the-counter motion sickness medication or consult your doctor about prescription brands, such as the transdermal patch or Scopace tablets. Currents and winds may cause moderate movement of the yacht at times. We recommend a complete physical before your trip. 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.

Aggressor Fleet yachts and their staff are unable to accept any medication brought onboard for safekeeping including those that require refrigeration. Should a guest have a medication requiring temperature control, they will need to travel with a travel cooling case or small storage cooler with several blue ice packets. The crew will be happy to store and recharge the blue ice but are unable to accept possession or responsibility for the proper care and storage of medication. This should be kept in the stateroom. There is **NO smoking allowed inside the boat or on the dive deck**. Smoking is only permitted on the rear of the sun deck.

THE YACHT

The Palau Aggressor II is a spacious 106' yacht with a 30 ft. beam, built and powered for comfort, safety and stability. She is diesel powered, cruises at 10 knots and has 110-volt power onboard. Comfortable accommodations for 18 guests include 9 spacious cabins, 8 deluxe which have a queen and single bunk, a private head and shower and one double cabin (# 9) with a full and single bunk, private head and shower. Cabin #9 is located on the dive deck level. Each stateroom has extra storage and individual climate controls.

The Palau Aggressor II has a beautiful spacious salon, 50' of sun deck with shading, chaise lounges and deck chairs, bar, grill, hot tub, and a complete photo/video center. The onboard video format is both NTSC and PAL. The Palau Aggressor II has a safe aboard to store valuables such as passports, cash, credit cards or anything else you would like to store. The yacht is not responsible for any lost or stolen items.

INTERNET/EMAIL

Email is available onboard through the satellite system. There is a charge for incoming and outgoing email. Private calls may be made from the yacht.

FOOD

The menu aboard is varied and plentiful, with a variety of American feasts, barbecues and local cuisine. If you have any special dietary requirements, please add this to your reservation through the GIS and speak to the yacht chef once onboard so he/she can adequately prepare to meet your needs. You will wake up to fresh fruits, hot entrees, cereals and juices. Lunches are buffet-style, featuring hot soups, homemade breads, salads and sandwiches and/or entrees. Dinners are chef prepared and served each evening and include salads, vegetables, seafood, beef or chicken with a fresh homemade dessert. Certain special dietary and beverage requests may not be available due to the remote nature of this location so we highly recommend you bring these items with you.

BEVERAGES

The Aggressor's selection includes fruit juices, soft drinks, iced water, iced tea, coffee, and a limited selection of local beer and wine, which are complimentary. Due to the high duty charged on liquor, we suggest you bring your favorite brand. Due to local regulations, the bar will be closed while the yacht is in

port. Drinking and diving do not mix. Once you consume alcohol, you become a snorkeler until the next day.

CLOTHING

Please plan to travel light, as on all live-aboard dive yachts, space is limited. We recommend that you pack your gear in soft luggage such as a duffel bag for easy stowage and to add to your comfort in your cabin. Clothing should be lightweight, comfortable sportswear and swim suits are a must. A light sweater or jacket is ideal for evenings. Dress is always casual and informal. Additional items you may want to bring are sunscreen, sunglasses, a hat and walking shoes for your time on shore.

ENTERTAINMENT

There is a variety of nightly entertainment, including diving, fish identification presentations, movies, games and more. If you have a favorite movie, digital slide show or a video to share, we encourage you to bring it along. The crew especially loves new releases of DVD's, movies, CD's, recent magazines and books. A small library of books for exchange is maintained onboard as well as fish identification books for reference.

Whether it's your anniversary, birthday, honeymoon, wedding or you are celebrating a 100th dive, please let us know so the crew can celebrate your occasion. Kindly advise the US office prior to traveling so the crew is notified in advance.

DIVING CONDITIONS

You'll be diving in water that averages 78-84°F. Most guests make as many as 3-4 dives each day, so some sort of protection is needed. A 3mm wetsuit should be comfortable and adequate. Due to swift currents in Palau, we suggest divers bring safety items such as a Dive Alert, Safety Sausage, and any other safety items you feel necessary. We also recommend you bring a dive computer which is mandatory and a DIN adaptor if needed. Most diving in Palau is drift diving so guests should be comfortable with a current.

DIVING

The crew of the Palau Aggressor II, with their unique combination of talents, offers the ultimate in service. While onboard you may pick a buddy of your choice or dive with one of the yachts crewmembers. There is ample storage space for your diving equipment in your personal locker. The Palau Aggressor II provides 80 cubic feet tanks, weight belts, and weights. All tanks have K-valves (American type), no DIN (European) valves.

All dives are made from the Palau Aggressor's 35' custom built high speed, outboard skiff capable of carrying 18 guests for quick access to even the most remote dive sites. The boarding ladder was designed for convenience to allow divers easy exits and entries. The tender returns to the mother ship after each dive. Each diver has his/her own tank rack, locker, and spacious seating area. There is very little diving from the mother ship but by utilizing the custom dive skiff for these short runs, guests will still be in close proximity to Palau's finest diving. Skiff diving has proven itself in this location. In between dives, you may snorkel, explore secluded beaches, or just relax with a cold drink and mid-morning snack. Guests may dive up to 4-5 dives per day and there is night diving on 3 nights of the charter, conditions permitting.

We suggest you pack the following: mask, fins, snorkel, regulator with visible pressure gauge, depth gauge, dive computer, buoyancy compensator, and dive gloves. Strongly recommended: Spare mask, a dive watch, dive light, safety sausage, whistle, Dive Alert, mirror and/or other safety devices. Each piece of gear should be marked with waterproof paint or tape. Please see our "Captain's Log" on our website for current diving conditions.

CONSERVATION LAWS

Aggressor Fleet does not permit spear guns or Hawaiian slings on any of the yachts.

RENTAL DIVE EQUIPMENT

A full line of **Aqua Lung** rental gear is available aboard including regulators, BCs, dive computers, and night lights. If any of your dive equipment fails while onboard, the crew will loan you equipment free of charge, compliments of **Aqua Lung**.

CERTIFICATION & SPECIALTY COURSES

Several diving specialty courses are offered onboard including Nitrox, Advanced Open Water, UW Photography, Master Diver and more. The list of available courses and prices are available on our website.

PHOTO/VIDEO EQUIPMENT

The Palau Aggressor II offers a complete digital photo facility including a PC for downloading photos. The Photo pro is available for free coaching with equipment rental. Photo equipment is available to rent separately or as a complete set up. The Palau Aggressor II has a strobe charging station and a large camera table available for your camera and video equipment. Guests should bring their own battery chargers.

Please refer to our web site, www.aggressor.com for detailed information and costs of rental equipment, certification courses, and photo/video equipment.

UNDERWATER VIDEO/DVD

The Video Professional can capture your diving adventure onboard the Palau Aggressor II to share with family and friends. The video of the week/DVD (includes all guests and crew) is \$65 US.

SHIPS BOUTIQUE & CREDIT CARDS

There is a mini-boutique onboard with assorted t-shirts, and miscellaneous items. Due to limited availability, we recommend bringing extra batteries and CD's for photos. The Palau Aggressor II accepts cash, traveler's checks, Visa, MasterCard, and American Express. Sorry, no personal checks or Discover cards are accepted. After returning home if you still want boutique items, please visit the Aggressor Fleet online boutique at www.aggressor.com/shop.

GRATUITIES

Crew gratuities are not included in the charter. We believe gratuities should be voluntary and based upon the quality of service the crew has provided. When settling your account on Saturday, the Captain will have an envelope for gratuities that will be divided equally among the crew. Payment can be made by cash, traveler's checks or credit card.

SATURDAY

Saturday afternoon, the Palau Aggressor II returns to port at 12:00 p.m. to provision and refuel for the following week. Following lunch, this is your opportunity to stroll through town, shop, sightsee or visit the Museum. The Palau Aggressor II hosts a cocktail party Saturday evening at 6:00 pm. The crew will recommend local restaurants and arrange transportation to the restaurant of your choice for dinner Saturday night.

CHECKOUT

Checkout time is between 7:00 and 8:00 a.m. Sunday morning. If you are traveling on the 1:35 a.m. Monday morning flight, you may consider a day room at the Cliffside Hotel. If you are extending your stay or are traveling Monday morning the crew will transport you to your hotel.

CAPTAINS REPORT

Each week we post the Captain's log of the previous charter. Please feel free to visit www.aggressor.com and go to the Captain's log to find out water temperature, visibility, and sightings.

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.
- Electrical outlets onboard are standard US 110 volt.
- U.S. currency and most major credit cards such as Visa, MasterCard, and American Express are accepted at most hotels, restaurants and stores.

