

OCEAN HUNTER III

Best of Palau, 10 nights

Koror to Koror | German Channel, Blue Corner, Ulong and Peleliu

Palau's best diving, with spawning dives timed around the full and new moon on some departures.

At full moon red snappers gather with the bull sharks that hunt them, and at new moon bumphead parrotfish gather, putting you in the water among very large numbers of fish.

The walls and channels of Ngemelis, Ulong and Peleliu are dived through the day, with a night dive on most evenings.

Beneath the surface lie WWII wrecks, including a seaplane, and a cave to swim into.

Ashore there is a swim in Jellyfish Lake and a tour of the Peleliu battlefield.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	HIGHLIGHTS
11 days / 10 nights	Koror hotel pick-up	Koror	Blue Corner, Ulong, Peleliu







Your route

STOP 1

Hotel pick-up and first dives

Guests are picked up from the hotel at 10:30 and can prepare their gear and have lunch on board.
The first dive, between 12:30 and 1:00, is on the Helmet Wreck, an easy WWII Japanese wreck where you can check your gear and weights.

STOP 1

Hotel pick-up and first dives (continued)

At 2:00 to 4:30 the boat crosses the lagoon to the German Channel, with a second dive at 4:30 at the German Channel or Big Drop Off and a night dive at 7:00 before dinner.

STOP 2

Days 2 to 4: Diving around Ngemelis

Wake up at 6:00 to 6:30 with coffee, tea and sweet rolls.
The sites include the German Channel, Big Drop Off, New Drop Off, Blue Holes, German Wall, Barnum Wall, Blue Corner, Virgin Blue Hole, Turtle Cove, Ngedebus Coral Gardens, Ngedebus Wall and Fairyland.
The day runs: first dive 7:00, full breakfast 8:30, second dive 10:00, lunch 12:00, third dive 1:00, fourth dive 4:00 and a night dive at 7:00 before dinner.

STOP 3

Days 5 and 6: Peleliu

The boat sails to the Peleliu area and dives sites such as Peleliu Wall, Peleliu Corner, Peleliu Coral Garden, Orange Wall, Peleliu Expressway, White Beach, Yellow Wall and Peleliu Cut.
The same dive timetable applies, and a land tour of Peleliu, a major WWII battlefield, is offered to those who are interested.

STOP 7

Back to Blue Corner and Ngemelis

A return to the Blue Corner and Ngemelis area for another day of diving at sites such as the German Channel, Big Drop Off, New Drop Off, Blue Holes, German Wall, Barnum Wall, Blue Corner, Virgin Blue Hole, Turtle Cove, Ngedebus Coral Gardens, Ngedebus Wall and Fairyland, with four dives and a night dive.

STOP 8

Ngerchong and Jellyfish Lake

Diving around Ngerchong Island and a visit to Jellyfish Lake.
The day has a 7:00 first dive, full breakfast at 8:00, a second dive at 10:00 and lunch at 12:00.
The visit to Jellyfish Lake takes the place of the third dive at 1:00, then there is a fourth dive at 4:00 and a night dive at 7:00 before dinner.

STOP 9

Ulong Island

A day around Ulong Island, with dives at Ulong Channel, Ulong Wall, Siaes Tunnel, Siaes Corner and Ulong Coral Garden.
The timetable is a first dive in the morning, full breakfast at 8:30, second dive at 10:00, lunch at 12:00, a third dive at 1:00 to 1:30, a fourth at 4:00 and a night dive at 7:00 before dinner.

STOP 10

Wrecks, Jake Seaplane and Chandelier Cave

A first dive at 7:00 on one of the WWII wrecks, the Iro or the Chuyo Maru, full breakfast at 8:00, then a second dive at 10:00 on the Jake Seaplane, a WWII aeroplane, lunch at 12:00 and a third dive at 1:00 at Chandelier Cave.
The boat returns to the dock between 4:00 and 5:00, where you can wash your gear, and dinner is on board.

STOP 11

Disembarkation

Breakfast at 7:00 and disembarkation at 8:00.
Transport to the airport or your hotel is provided.

THE TRIP

How the trip works

BOARDING AND DEPARTURE

The boat collects guests from their hotel on the first day, and you can get your gear ready and have lunch on board. On the last morning guests have breakfast at 7:00 am and disembark at 8:00 am, and the boat takes you to your hotel or the airport. Your actual schedule varies, as every trip is built around sea conditions, tides, currents and moon cycles, so the crew dive the right site at the right time.

MOON PHASE DEPARTURES

Departures listed as Best of Palau with Full Moon Spawning or New Moon Spawning follow the same route and daily rhythm, with the dates timed around the moon so that the spawning dives can be included. Spawning dives are fish aggregation and spawning events that take place at full and new moon, usually as early morning dives that put you in the water among very large numbers of fish. In Palau the full moon brings the gathering of red snappers, with the bull sharks and other predators that hunt them, and the new moon brings the gathering of bumphead parrotfish. The exact schedule follows the tides, currents and moon cycle, so the Cruise Director plans each day to dive the right site at the right time.

THE DIVING

Dive sites

Sites are visited as the weather allows. The main areas, and the sites that may be dived in each, are below.

WRECKS

Hafa Adai, Helmet Wreck and Iro Maru.

ULONG

Ulong Sand Bar, Ulong Channel, Ulong Wall, Siaes Tunnel and Siaes Corner.

NGEMELIS AND THE GERMAN CHANNEL

German Channel, Big Drop Off, New Drop Off, German Wall, Blue Corner, Blue Holes, Virgin Blue Holes, Fairy Land and Turtle Wall.

PELELIU

Barnum Wall, Peleliu Express, Peleliu Yellow Wall, Peleliu Cut, Peleliu Orange Beach, Peleliu Coral Garden, Peleliu White Beach, Turtle Cove and Ngedebus.

KOROR LAGOON

Ngerchong and Short Drop Off.

OTHER

White Face.





DIVE ORGANISATION

How the diving is organised

Diving is from a 38 foot chase boat, with up to five dives a day including a night dive, and the dive team looks after your gear with a valet service. Air and Nitrox are available in tanks up to 100 cubic feet, with DIN and INT valves, and there is a filling station for gas mixing. Technical diving is supported by the dive team, and there is a camera station with a separate rinse for underwater camera equipment.





ON BOARD

Service and cuisine

THE CUISINE

Meals are full board with breakfast, lunch and a dinner buffet, prepared by experienced chefs from fresh local ingredients. Western and local dishes are served, with vegetarian and vegan options, and special dietary needs can be accommodated when noted in advance. Drinking water, tea, coffee, free espresso and snacks are available all day, and beer and wine are available on board.

THE TEAM

Expert dive staff, experienced chefs and technical diving support look after the guests, and the crew speak English.







INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Full board meals, snacks and a dinner buffet
- Drinking water, tea, coffee and espresso
- Diving package with chase boat and gear service
- Hotel transfers on embarkation and disembarkation days
- Cabin towels and deck towels

NOT INCLUDED

- Fuel surcharge and national park fees
- Alcoholic and soft drinks
- Nitrox and rental gear
- Gratuities for the crew, which are optional