OCEAN HUNTER III

Best of Palau, 7 nights

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

Palau is diving built around the tides, currents and moon, so the right place is dived at the right time.

On spawning departures, early morning dives put you in the water among very large numbers of fish, with red snappers and hunting bull sharks at full moon and bumphead parrotfish at new moon.

The walls and channels around Ngemelis, Peleliu and Ulong fill the days, with a night dive most evenings.

WWII wrecks add history under the surface, and Jellyfish Lake is the best of the land.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	HIGHLIGHTS
8 days / 7 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 12:30.
You prepare your gear and have lunch on board.
The first dive, from 12:30 to 2:00, is on the Helmet Wreck, a WWII Japanese shipwreck that is easy to dive and a good place to check your gear and weights.

STOP 1

Hotel pick-up and first dives (continued)

The boat then crosses the lagoon to the German Channel for a second dive at 4:30 at the German Channel or Big Drop Off, followed by a night dive at 7:00 and dinner.

STOP 2

Days 2 to 4: Diving around Ngemelis

Mornings start at 6:00 to 6:30 with coffee, tea and sweet rolls.
The sites include the German Channel, Big Drop Off, Blue Holes, German Wall, Barnum Wall, Blue Corner, Virgin Blue Hole, Turtle Cove, Ngedebus Coral Gardens, Ngedebus Wall and Fairy Land.
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.

STOP 5

Peleliu

The boat moves to the Peleliu area and dives sites such as Peleliu Wall, Peleliu Corner, Peleliu Coral Garden, Orange Wall, Peleliu Expressway, White Wall, Yellow Wall and Peleliu Cut.
The day follows the same timetable, with a night dive at 7:00.
A land tour of Peleliu, a major WWII battlefield, is offered to those who are interested.

STOP 6

Ngemelis, Jellyfish Lake and Ulong

The boat returns to the Ngemelis area for another dive, followed by a visit to Jellyfish Lake for snorkelling and hiking, then on to the Ulong Island area with dives at Ulong Channel, Siaes Tunnel, Siaes Corner and Shark City.
The day has a 7:00 first dive, a 10:00 second dive, 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.

STOP 7

Ulong, a wreck and Chandelier Cave

More diving in the Ulong Island area, followed by a shipwreck dive on the Iro or the Chuyo Maru and a visit to Chandelier Cave.
If time allows there is a trip to Mandarin Fish Lake.
The sites include Ulong Channel, Ulong Wall, Siaes Tunnel, Siaes Corner and Ulong Coral Garden, and the day follows the usual timetable, ending with dinner at 7:00.

STOP 8

Disembarkation

Breakfast on board at 7:00 and disembarkation at 8:00.
The crew arrange the transfer to your hotel or the airport.

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