



SOLITUDE GAIA

Day 1: (Embarkation)

Embarkation time will begin at 5:00pm, and all guests must be onboard by the next morning. Airport transfer and/or local hotel transfers are included. Upon boarding Solitude Gaia, a welcome from the rest of our crew awaits you. Orientation and registration (remember your C-Cards and/or Log Books!) will begin once you are welcomed. During the registration, Permit and National Park fees will be collected as well. Please refer to our *Know-Before-You-Go* document for the complete guide and amount. Dinner is included.

Day 2: Malakal and surrounding areas (2 - 3 Dives)

*Dive sites: Jake Seaplane / Chandelier Cave
Iro wreck / Hafa Dai wreck*

Today is our first day of diving, and Solitude Gaia will be anchored in Malakal Bay. Palau was a major battle ground between the USA and Japanese armed forces during WW2. There are several WW2 shipwrecks scattered in close proximity to the main town of Koror, Palau. You will have the possibility to dive shipwrecks or an airplane wreck. There is also a popular and easy cavern dive within a rock island in the area called the Chandelier Cave. The visibility within the rock islands is usually less than the famous outer reef dive sites in Palau, which gives an interesting variation to your Palau diving experience. In the evening we will lift anchor and move south to Ulong island.

Day 3 - 5: Ulong Island Area (3 - 4 Dives each day)

*Dive sites may include: Sandy Paradise / Ulong Channel
Siaes Corner / Siaes Tunnel / Shark City*

Today we wake up anchored in front of the beautiful Ulong island. Ulong island has a long, beautiful, white sand beach, and ancient rock art paintings. There are many famous dive sites in this area. You'll have the experience to dive a channel, walls, corners with current, and a beautiful reef. Weather and schedule allowing, we will have a beach visit and possible BBQ on one of the days.

Day 6 - 10: Peleliu & Ngemelis Island Areas

Dive sites may include: Peleliu Corner / Peleliu Cut / Yellow Wall / Peleliu Express / Orange Beach / German Channel / Blue Corner / Blue Holes / New Drop-off / Big Drop-off / Turtle Cove / and many more..... (3- 4 Dive each day)

We spend the next 5 days diving in the southern area of the Rock Island Southern Lagoon (RISL), and outer reefs of Palau. You will enjoy dramatic drop offs, abundant coral gardens, strong currents, prolific marine life, and possibly even Manta Rays. During these days, there will also be a chance to experience a WW2 land tour of Peleliu island.

Day 11: Ngemelis Island Area (up to 3 Dives)

(All guests must adhere to a minimum of 18 hours pre-flight surface interval)

Dives sites may include: German Channel / Ngedebus Wall / Dexter's Wall / Ngemelis Coral Garden / Virgin Blue Hole

Today is our last day of diving and we will enjoy a few more dives in the main area of Ngemelis island. After the diving is finished we will sail back to Malakal.

Day 12: Disembarkation & Day tours (No diving)

Today, after a big breakfast, you will have optional complimentary tours via speedboat to either Jellyfish lake, Milky way, or both (If visiting Jellyfish lake, you will need to purchase a Jellyfish lake permit). Disembarkation will be after lunch. Late checkout can be accommodated, subject to availability and an additional fee.

Itinerary

Day 1: Malakal (Embarkation)

Day 2: Malakal and Surrounding areas

Day 3: Ulong Area

Day 4: Ulong Area

Day 5: Ulong Area

Day 6: Peleliu & Ngemelis Area

Day 7: Peleliu & Ngemelis Area

Day 8: Peleliu & Ngemelis Area

Day 9: Peleliu & Ngemelis Area

Day 10: Peleliu & Ngemelis Area

Day 11: Ngemelis Area

Day 12: Day Tours (Disembarkation)

Route Map

Essential Information

Port of Embarkation: Malakal, Koror
Embarkation time: 17:00 (5:00pm) - onwards
Airport: Roman Tmetuchl International Airport (ROR)

Port of Disembarkation: Malakal, Koror
Disembarkation time: After lunch
Airport: Roman Tmetuchl International Airport (ROR)

****Spawning Events are an observation of fishes' behavioural act, and cannot be guaranteed. The exact day and time of the Spawning event dives will be determined during the cruise itself. The itinerary route may be reversed or altered according to the Spawning Event days.**

**** Route Itinerary subject to change due to inclement weather, sea conditions and/or restrictions imposed by local authorities.**

