

## Getting to Palau

United Airlines offers daily flights to Palau via Guam or two flights a week from Manila (Tuesdays and Fridays). Guam can be reached from Hawaii, Western and Eastern USA, Australia, Seoul, and Tokyo. Manila is a major hub serviced by flights from Singapore, Bangkok, Hong Kong and Kuala Lumpur, amongst others. Check up to date fares and schedule on [www.united.com](http://www.united.com). Be sure to check latest up to date baggage restrictions and requirements for your flight. Other direct flights to Palau are available with China Airline from Taipei, Korean Air from Seoul and Delta Airline from Tokyo. Check their website for the latest schedule as it changes occasionally. It is highly recommended to reserve the flights ahead of time and purchasing travel insurance in case of last minute cancellations. Fish 'n Fins can assist with reduced rates for the Micronesian region.



### Entry requirements

U.S. citizens must show proof of U.S. citizenship (birth certificate or passport). Non-U.S. citizens must show passport. There is a free 30-day visa issued upon arrival.

### Upon arrival

At the Palau airport, you will be picked up by your hotel and transported to your accommodations.

### Departure tax

Upon leaving Palau, there is a departure tax of \$20.

### Clothing

Bring very casual and lightweight clothing. Quick-dry material or light cotton works well, with maybe one long-sleeved shirt or sweater for chilly nights. We also recommend a waterproof jacket or windbreaker. On the island, dress is very casual, though beachwear in town is inappropriate. We recommend bringing hats, sunscreen and sunglasses.



### Language

Palauan and English are both official languages. Both are widely spoken.

### Currency

The U.S. dollar is used throughout Palau. Credit cards are widely accepted. Traveler's Checks in U.S. dollars can also be widely used as cash or exchanged. There are quite a few 24-hour ATMs in banks on the main road in Koror. Bank of Hawaii and Bank of Guam are represented.

### Electricity

24-hour electricity comes in 110 and 220/240 volts, with standard U.S. outlets for two/three prong plugs.

### Health

There is no malaria. We recommend drinking bottled water. The hospital on Palau is the Belau National Hospital, located in Koror. There are also two private clinics. There is a hyperbaric chamber at the Belau National Hospital.

## Time zone

Palau, Japan and Korea are 9 hours ahead of GMT (Greenwich Mean Time, in London), Palau = GMT + 9. Central Europe (Geneva, Berlin, Paris) = GMT +1. Eastern Europe = GMT + 2. Moscow = GMT + 3. China, Singapore = GMT + 8. Sydney, Guam = GMT + 10. US Pacific Time = GMT - 8. US Mountain Time = GMT - 7. US Central Standard Time = GMT - 6. US Eastern Time = GMT - 5. (Note: US times advance one hour on summer time, April to October).

## Climate

Year round our climate is pretty uniform, at an average of 82 degrees F (27 C). Average humidity: 82 %. Rainfall, at 150 inches/year, can occur throughout the year. Though sometimes it rains more during July through October, this "rainy season" doesn't have a definitive start or end, and the weather is always changing and unpredictable. However, it is always dive-worthy, we have never had to cancel a dive trip!

## Water Temperature

The average water temperature is a warm 28 degrees Celsius, 83 degrees Fahrenheit. For protection in the water, a 3mm wetsuit, full or shorty, a skin, or even a t-shirt pleases most guests.

