

Snorkelling and Kayaking Tours

There is no better way to explore Palau's Rock Islands Southern Lagoon than paddling through them. The UNESCO World Heritage Site covers over 100,000 hectares and 445 uninhabited islands and sustains a large diversity of plants, birds and marine life. Nature lovers can experience the beauty and serenity of the Rock Islands through four signature Kayak Day Tours: Risong Bay, Nikko Bay, Tarzan Bay and Long Lake.

These amazing and diverse kayak tours are led by world-class biologist-trained guides and cover some of Palau's pristine coral gardens, reef fish nurseries, hidden lagoons, marine caves, limestone tunnels, forgotten WWII sites, ancient Palauan villages, and breathtaking tropical beaches. All tours include a gentle mix of paddling, snorkelling, bird-watching, exploration, beach time, and lots of fun! No paddling experience is necessary. Speedboats shuttling guests and kayaks to and from the Rock Islands ensure a relaxing adventure.



Tours include hotel transfers within Koror, lunch and refreshments, a professional guide, and kayaking and snorkelling equipment.

NOT INCLUDED: Mandatory Koror State permits

TOUR DETAILS

- Hotel pick-up service from 07.45 (in Koror only).
- Departure from Sam's Tours dock at approximately 08:30
- Return to Sam's Tours at approximately 16:30
- Drop-off service back to hotels (in Koror only).

Nikko Bay



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Nikko Bay is nestled by castle-like walls of the limestone rock islands providing calm water paddling undisturbed by wind, waves, surf or surge. The well-sheltered bay holds pristine coral gardens with world-class snorkelling sites, hidden marine caves full of geologic wonders, and forgotten WWII bunkers and artefacts. When the tides are just right, you can sneak through a marine tunnel into a normally inaccessible world called Disney Lake.

Minimum pax: 4

Price: 204 USD incl. 10% GST

Risong Bay

The tranquil waters of Risong Bay allow you to explore the unusual botanical wonders of our remote archipelago. For centuries, Palauans have utilised this botanical cornucopia for their medicines, dyes and poisons. Undisturbed by divers or fishermen, these habitats are rich marine biodiversity centres bursting with baby Butterfly Fish, Honeycomb Groupers and the unusual Crocodile Fish.

Minimum pax: 4

• Price: 204 USD incl. 10% GST



Long Lake



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This tour is a naturalist's dream come true. The tour begins with a gentle ride along tidal currents through a crystal-clear mangrove forest. This effortless journey through exotic plants and mysterious sounds eventually leads to the best birding experience in Palau: Long Lake. This long saltwater lake is a tranquil habitat for nesting birds, baby eagle rays, turtles and giant clams. This experience is combined with visits to Megapod Beach, Secret Lake and the stunning waters of the Milky Way.

• Minimum pax: 5

Price: 259 USD incl. 10% GST

Tarzan Tour

For the adventure-seeker, the hand-crafted Tarzan Tour has earned its reputation as an action-packed series of quests. Beginning in the isolated Lost Lake, you'll paddle through a forty-foot tunnel carpeted with pink and purple Dendronephthya soft corals, then enter a forgotten world where baby fishes dart and dash among the delicate corals of this landlocked marine lake.

Minimum pax: 5

Price: 259 USD incl. 10% GST



Land Tours

With a wealth of beautiful scenery, ancient culture, traditional villages, historical sites, tropical flora and fauna, and many endemic birds and other creatures, there is much to see and do outdoors in Palau.

Tours include Hotel transfers within Koror, lunch and refreshments, and a naturalist guide.

NOT INCLUDED Mandatory government permits.

Cultural Historical Tour

Discover the history of Palau and learn about its rich culture on this Cultural Land Tour.



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This diverse tour takes in a variety of fascinating sites across Babeldaob, Palau's largest and only volcanic island; discover WWII relics and ancient Palauan remains, visit a Bai (traditional meeting house for men), hike through the jungle and a river to the Japanese Bauxite mining area at the magnificent Ngardmau waterfall, visit the modern Capitol Building on the hilltop at Ngerulmud and Stone Monoliths at the northern tip of the island, offering phenomenal views.

Minimum pax: 3

• Price: 220 USD incl. 10% GST



WWII Peleliu History Tours



Join the guided WWII History Tour on Peleliu island, where all vegetation has been fully restored, creating a peaceful, nearly surreal, setting where the remnants of a Japanese headquarters building, gun emplacements, tanks, planes and weapons are scattered around the island. The tour is conducted using a local van/bus (depending on the group's size) for easy mobility around the island.

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Located about an hour and a quarter by boat from Koror, Peleliu was the site of one of World War II's bloodiest battles. The assault lasted close to three months and resulted in a combined total of over 22,000 Japanese and American casualties. Today, the area stands as a solemn reminder of the conflict and those who lost their lives.

The tranquillity and natural beauty of Peleliu today create a stark contrast to the poignant reminders of the war which remain amidst the island's dense forests.

Visit the infamous Thousand Man Cave, an incredible cave system used by the Japanese soldiers for hiding. The tour includes a visit to the Museum, where many personal items of Japanese and American soldiers who died in the war are enshrined.

There are two Peleliu Tour options:

- Full-Day Land Tour: Guests depart from Sam's Tours by boat and spend a full day visiting WWII relics and sites on Peleliu.
 - Minimum 4 pax
 - Price: 358 USD incl. 10% GST
- Half-Day Land Tour with Two-Tank Dives at Peleliu: For divers who don't want to miss
 the opportunity of a day diving, you can still do it at Peleliu's magnificent dive sites,
 followed by a half-day land tour after lunch.
 - Minimum 6 pax
 - Price 440 USD incl. 10% GST

Both the full- and half-day Peleliu land tours include:

- Free hotel transfers in Koror
- Boat transfer to and from Peleliu (with ground transportation in Peleliu)
- Professional tour guides who specialise in WWII history in Peleliu
- Lunch and refreshments

Extra charge applies for Peleliu state permits



Island Hiking Tours

Travel by boat to fantastic hiking locations within the Rock Islands, offering you a rare chance to experience the unique historical and biological value of Palau.

Tours include Hotel transfers within Koror, lunch and refreshments, and a naturalist guide.

NOT INCLUDED Mandatory Rock Islands permits.

Ulong Island Archaeology Tour

As the greatest archaeological treasure of the Rock Islands, Ulong Island tells tales of human anthropology spanning over 4,000 years. The people of Palau's Rock Islands had firmly established a presence on Ulong Island, where remnants of their defensive walls and a terraced village are still found below the rich tropical forest canopy. Ulong's world-class tropical beaches, sheltered blue lagoons, and towering limestone peaks are sites to behold during this historical tour which includes a snorkelling stop in one of Palau's spectacular sites in the outer reef.

- Minimum 5 pax
- Price 259 USD incl. 10% GST

German Lighthouse Nature Tour

A fun experience for all ages, this tour focuses on the beautiful nature of the Rock Islands, as well as WWII history. An easy hike up to an old German lighthouse that sits on top of the tallest peak in the Rock Islands, this tour walks you through botanical wonders strewn with old cannons, while offering excellent birding opportunities of Palau's endemic species. This is the best opportunity to explore Palau's botanical and ornithological wonders in addition to the historical sites.

- Minimum 4 pax
- Price 204 USD incl. 10% GST

Government permits

The government of several states in the Republic of Palau, including Koror State and Peleliu State, require all visitors to their waters (divers, snorkelers, kayakers, etc.) to purchase a permit. Visitors found without a valid permit will be fined according to the law.

Government permits are not included in the rates. Permits are available at Sam's Tours and must be purchased upon arrival before commencing a dive, kayak, or snorkel tour. Permits may be paid for in cash or credit card. Credit card payments involve a 3.5% surcharge.

KOROR STATE PERMITS

 Rock Islands only (NO ACCESS to Jellyfish Lake) \$50 per person, valid for 5 consecutive days

PELELIU STATE PERMITS

- Permit for SCUBA Diving \$60 per person, valid for 10 consecutive days.
- Permit for all other activities \$30 per person, valid for 10 consecutive days.

