

# Truk Lagoon, Federated States of Micronesia

## Trip Information

- **Arrival airport:** Chuuk International Airport (TKK), Weno Island
- **Departure airport:** Chuuk International Airport (TKK), Weno Island

## Flights and Transfers

For your convenience, a transfer will be provided free of charge between Chuuk Airport or local hotel and M/Y Truk Master on the day of embarkation and disembarkation.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Due to flight constraints some Truk Master itineraries operate back to back on the same day. In these instances, after a light breakfast, outgoing guests will be transferred to a local resort where they can wait in comfort for their outgoing flight.

Incoming guests arriving in the morning on embarkation day will also be transferred to a local resort where they can enjoy a light lunch and some time to relax or visit the local museum.

If you are unsure how these constraints may affect your trip, please contact our reservations team: [dive@masterliveboards.com](mailto:dive@masterliveboards.com) or your preferred agent.

## Advice on International Flights

Flights routes to Chuuk (TKK):

- From Manila, Hong Kong, Tokyo or Incheon (South Korea) via Guam on United Airlines
- From Honolulu, Hawaii via the Marshall Islands with United Airlines (Island Hopper)
- From Kuala Lumpur, Manila, Singapore, Brisbane, Cairns, Incheon (South Korea), Hong Kong or Tokyo, via Port Moresby (POM) Papua New Guinea

**Transit via Guam or Hawaii:** If you opt to fly to or from Chuuk via Guam or Hawaii, you may need to apply for an ESTA under the Visa Waiver Program, or acquire a USA visa in order to transit via Guam or Hawaii.

## Visas and Passports

Passport holders of most Western countries may obtain a visa on arrival which allows stays up to 30 days. Travellers from the United States may obtain a tourist visa to stay for up to 1 year.

Please make sure that your passport has validity of at least 4 months upon arrival into Chuuk. You are also required to show a confirmed ticket to leave Chuuk, or any country you are transiting through, prior to boarding your flight. For more information please visit [www.visitruk lagoon.com/pages-about/planning.htm](http://www.visitruk lagoon.com/pages-about/planning.htm).

## ESTA

Non-US citizens need a US Visa or ESTA to travel via Guam or the United States and Hawaii. Guests without a US visa or ESTA may be denied boarding of their flight.

An Electronic System of Travel Authorization (ESTA) or US visa must be obtained prior to travel. Citizens of 37 countries, including most European nations, Australia, New Zealand and Japan are eligible for the ESTA under the visa waiver program and should apply online at least 72 hours prior to travel. Please refer to the US Department of Homeland Security's ESTA information page for further details and application: [esta.cbp.dhs.gov/](http://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/)

## Airport Departure Tax

Passengers travelling within the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) are required to pay an airport departure tax; for Chuuk this is currently 30 US\$.

## Insurance

Insurance which covers scuba diving is mandatory aboard all of our vessels. All guests are also required to carry full travel and cancellation insurance, as outlined in our [Terms and Conditions](#). We cannot be held liable for delays occurring during the cruise, nor any delays or cancellations of flights, accommodations or tours and transfers that we organise on your behalf.

Your insurance must cover all of your scuba diving and snorkelling activities, including the costs for recompression chamber treatment and emergency air evacuation. We therefore strongly recommend purchasing diving-specific insurance to cover any diving related eventuality.

Master Liveaboards act as a referrer for DiveAssure who offer dive and travel insurance policies, including short term and multiple trip policies. Their comprehensive 'Dive & Travel Plus' plan has been specifically developed for diving liveaboard holidays and covers expenses in the event of missing your liveaboard departure due to flight delays or missed connections, and also provides cover for lost diving days if for any reason the boat is required to abort the cruise; for instance, due to a guest injury, mechanical breakdown of the ship, air supply failure, inclement weather conditions, etc.

Please consult our webpage for details and direct link to DiveAssure's booking portal: [www.masterliveaboards.com/insurance](http://www.masterliveaboards.com/insurance).

## Diving Information

The majority of shipwrecks within Truk Lagoon are deemed suitable for recreational divers and offer varying depths for multi-level profiles. However some lie beyond, or have interesting features deeper than the recognised no decompression recreational diving depth limit of 40m (130ft). As such they may not be suitable for divers without deep diver or technical diving qualifications. Our Cruise Director and dive guides will offer guided dives, with simple wreck penetration, within the bounds of their own training and experience.

### Guests' Level of Diving

**Recreational divers** wishing to participate in scuba diving in Truk Lagoon are required to have PADI **Advanced Open Water** certification, or equivalent, with a **minimum of 50 logged dives**. Deep Diver Speciality (40 metres) is also recommended due to the depths of some of the wrecks' features.

**Technical and rebreather divers** are required to have the relevant certification and experience for the depths and type of diving which they are intending to do.

All guests will be asked to show their certification card(s) and record of logged dives upon check-in onto the vessel as proof that they meet the mandatory or recommended dive qualifications and experience.

**Any guests who do not meet the minimum certification and experience requirements, or who the crew feel have insufficient experience in certain conditions, may be denied participation in some or all dives.**

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the diving conditions and experience requirements please contact our reservations team directly.

### Deco / Tec Diving Facilities

For your convenience there is a "Deco Bar" installed under the dive platform of Truk Master and deco stage tanks available to rent.

### Rebreather Diving

M/Y Truk Master is equipped to support rebreather divers with booster pumps installed to ensure CCR cylinders can be filled to 135bars/2000psi, and can facilitate the purchase of softnolime scrubber.

Technical and Rebreather diving guidelines and equipment information can be found on page two of the **Technical Diving & Gases Form** that can be found at [www.masterliveboards.com/downloads](http://www.masterliveboards.com/downloads).

Guests are responsible for their own dive profiles and for obtaining suitable dive insurance to cover deeper dives.

**Technical divers** will need to submit their own dive plan before each dive.

## Oxygen

The oxygen on board Truk Master comes from an Oxygen Generator, which does not produce 100% pure oxygen, but up to 93% purity, +/- 3%.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Oxygen and Helium must be requested in advance but paid for on board, and are charged per litre, per fill. We do not bank non-standard gases on Truk Master so all gases supplied will be charged for in full, even if they are not fully used.

Gas prices, and equipment and cylinder rental costs can be viewed under 'Extras' on the Truk Master page of our website: [www.masterliveboards.com/boats/truk-master](http://www.masterliveboards.com/boats/truk-master).

## Diving Equipment

Guests are advised to bring their own Tec. diving equipment. Truk Master has a limited amount of rental equipment which is available for an additional charge.

1 x Single 80cuft (11.1L) aluminium scuba cylinder, surface marker buoy, weights and weight belts are included in the liveboard price.

Since some airline carriers have strict check-in luggage limits, Truk Master provides standard and technical equipment to rent, at extra cost which can be paid for in advance, or on board. Additional charges also apply for rebreather scrubber, Oxygen and Helium which are payable on board only, based on the quantity used.

**Tanks, gases, CO2 Scrubber and any other technical diving equipment must be pre-booked and are subject to availability.** Pre-booking of any rebreather diluent is essential to ensure we have sufficient quantities on board.

As rental equipment, cylinders, and gases are subject to availability, please inform us of your requirements at the time of confirming your liveboard booking by completing the **Technical Equipment and Gases Requests** form, that can be found at [www.masterliveboards.com/downloads](http://www.masterliveboards.com/downloads), and returning it to our reservations team.

## Fit to Dive

All divers are responsible for ensuring that they are fit to dive, and are required to complete a medical statement upon arrival in resort. Guests who have any symptoms that could be restrictive to diving will need to obtain a doctor's note clearing them to dive, prior to arriving in resort.

If you are unable to complete the statement as directed, or provide a current doctor's certificate (less than 1 year old) clearing you to dive, you accept that you may not be able to take part in certain aspects of the holiday you have booked with us.

The medical statement can be found on our website at [www.masterliveboards.com/forms](http://www.masterliveboards.com/forms).

## Diving Safety

### **Use of a dive computer and SMB are compulsory on Truk Master.**

All guests are responsible for their own dive profiles and must stay within the limits of their certification, follow dive computer guidelines, and make safety stops. They must also follow any instruction given by the dive crew aboard the vessel.

As per our [Terms & Conditions](#), dive insurance and travel insurance are mandatory.

### **Flying after Diving**

Current studies indicate that you should wait at least 24 hours after multiple days with repetitive diving before flying. Please keep this in mind when you book your onward international or domestic flights.

### **Diving Emergencies**

Truk Lagoon is a fairly remote diving destination and there are few hospitals that are able to deal with a diving emergency. There are limited recompression facilities on the Chuuk Islands and it may be necessary to be transferred to Guam via private emergency air evacuation to obtain necessary treatment.

With this in mind, it is mandatory for guests to have appropriate dive specific insurance which covers air evacuation and the depths which you plan to dive to.

## General Information

### **Advanced Passenger Information (API)**

There are certain details that we require for the airlines and our own administrative purposes prior to travel. Guests are required to submit the required information via our secure online portal at [www.masterliveboards.com/portal](http://www.masterliveboards.com/portal).

### **Standard Forms**

It is a requirement for all guests to complete a medical statement, liability releases, and safe standard practice statement prior to, or upon arrival in resort. The forms can be found on our website at [www.masterliveboards.com/forms](http://www.masterliveboards.com/forms).

To save some time, and to ensure that you have no pre-existing conditions which could affect your diving, you can download the forms from the above link, fill them in, and bring them with you. By completing and signing the forms, you are confirming that you have read, understood, and agree to the conditions outlined in the forms.

## Additional Technical Diving Forms

In addition to the standard liability release, safe diving practices and medical forms, guests who will be technical diving, or using a rebreather required to complete the **Technical diving liability Release** which can be downloaded from the forms page of our website: [www.masterliveboards.com/forms](http://www.masterliveboards.com/forms).

If you are unable to complete any of the forms as instructed, you accept that you may not be able to take part in certain aspects of the holiday you have booked with us.

## Time Zone

The local time is 10 hours ahead of UTC/GMT.

## Money Matters

The local currency in Chuuk is the US Dollar (US\$). The majority of established hotels, shops and restaurants accept major credit cards although smaller establishments are likely to only accept cash payments. ATMs are available however guests are advised to exchange money prior to arrival and to ensure you have small US \$ denominations on hand.

## Health

Health care is readily available in the FSM and a major hospital is located within each of the states. However, medicinal supplies are limited in Chuuk, so it is recommended to bring your own emergency kit.

All guests are advised to ensure that their vaccinations are up to date, use insect repellent and to cover exposed skin to prevent any insect-borne and other diseases. To prevent stomach ailments travellers should follow normal precautions with food, and drink bottled water only.

Guests travelling with medication should bring a copy of their physician's prescription with them.

## Yellow Fever vaccination certificate requirements

Visitors arriving from countries which are affected by Cholera or Yellow Fever must show proof of immunisation upon arrival. Please make sure you use insect repellent and cover exposed skin to prevent any insect borne diseases.

Please consult your doctor or nearest health care professional for up-to-date medical travel information well before departure.

## Language and Religion

The official language in Chuuk is English while the national language is Chuukese, along with a variety of local dialects and Micronesian languages. Virtually all Chuukese have Christian beliefs and traditional clan culture is still at the forefront of family life.

Safety and dive briefings on board Truk Master will be provided in English. If you do not speak and understand English please let us know prior to arrival.

## Climate and Weather

As part of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), Chuuk is a tropical country and the climate is fairly even all year round. The average high is 30°C (86°F) whilst the average low is 25°C (77°F) throughout the year. The highest rainfall occurs during the summer months (Jun - Sept) whilst trade winds come mainly from the northeast between December and June.

## Water Temperature and Exposure Suits

Warm water is to be expected year round with very little variation from the norm of 28 - 30°C (82 - 86°F). The majority of our guests will find a 3mm suit sufficient, however; a full length exposure suit is strongly recommended for wreck divers to avoid injury from the wreckage, whilst Tec divers are advised to bring appropriate exposure protection for prolonged deco-stops.

## Environmental considerations

Waste disposal in the State of Chuuk is a constant challenge, with traditional disposal methods being neither ideal nor environmentally acceptable. Although the Government of Chuuk has a Solid Waste Management Strategy in place, the current challenges, which include a lack of recycling facilities, remain until the project is complete. We therefore kindly ask our guests to consider the following to help with our mission to reduce our environmental impact.

## Batteries

If your personal dive equipment may require a unique size, or a lot of replacement batteries during your trip, please bring extra batteries with you and take the spent ones home to be recycled or disposed of properly. Alternatively, consider using rechargeable batteries as there are plenty of sockets to plug in a charger on board.

## Water Bottles

We are dedicated to becoming single use plastic free across all of our fleets. Plastic straws and stirrers have already been banned and we are removing single use plastic bottles from our vessels. If you own a sports bottle, we simply ask that you bring it with you, or you can purchase one on board. Alternatively, we have plenty of cups on board which you can use to ensure you remain well hydrated.

## Plastic bags and wrappers

We do not provide plastic bags for purchases made on board, although reusable canvas bags are available for sale. Please help us minimise plastic waste by removing plastic wrappers and packaging from items before travelling. If you bring plastic bags with you, please reuse them, and take them home.

## Toiletries

We kindly ask that guests consider the type of products which they are bringing with them and, where possible, to bring environmentally friendly toiletries for use on board, and to take partially or unused products home with them.

## Life on Board

The main features of the vessel can be seen here: [www.masterliveboards.com/boats/truk-master](http://www.masterliveboards.com/boats/truk-master).

### Accessibility

Due to the layout of the boat, Truk Master may provide challenges, or be unsuitable for guests with limited mobility. Please contact us for further details if you have any concerns.

### Accommodation

All cabins on board Truk Master are double occupancy. Single occupancy may be available on request, and is subject to a supplemental charge.

### Cabin Facilities

All cabins have individually controllable air-conditioning and private en-suite bathrooms with centrally heated hot water. Other facilities include towels, bathrobes and lockable safety boxes.

### Food and Drink

Meals are provided on a full board basis including breakfast, lunch and dinner served buffet style in the indoor dining area. A complimentary range of carbonated soft drinks, fruit juices and teas are available at all times as well as instant and fresh brewed coffee, snacks and fresh fruit.

When not diving, guests may also select beer, wine, or spirits from our cocktail bar for an additional charge.

We offer a choice of International and Asian cuisine and can cater to special dietary requirements with advance notice. Should you have any specific dietary requirements, allergies, or special requests, please advise your sales consultant time of confirming your liveboard trip to ensure we are able to make provisions for your needs.

**Please note:** It can be very difficult to find low-fat or soya products that are common elsewhere. While we always do our best to accommodate dietary requests, please consider bringing some of your own foods if the lack thereof may constitute a health risk or seriously compromise your enjoyment of your holiday.

### Clothing and Footwear

Dress on board Truk Master is very casual and most guests feel comfortable in little more than swimwear, shorts and t-shirts. A sweater is advised for cooler nights, particularly after extended dive times. Truk Master is equipped with laundry facilities and our housekeeper is happy to launder your clothes during the trip for a nominal fee of 1.00 USD per item, irrespective of size/weight. We kindly request guests respect the wishes of others by wearing appropriate clothing for meal times. Most guests prefer bare feet on board the vessels; however any land visits may require sturdy sandals or cross-trainers.



## Electricity

Electrical sockets on M/Y Truk Master are 110V 60Hz US/Euro style. Additionally, there are a limited number of 220V sockets provided at the camera tables in the dining area. There are universal adapters available for guests to use although we advise bringing your own to ensure you have the amount and type necessary.

## Smoking

Smoking on board is permitted in designated outdoor areas.

## Staying Connected

There is very limited general internet access throughout The Federated States of Micronesia and no mobile roaming data available at all. To enable our guests to keep in touch with the outside world, M/Y Truk Master offers high speed wifi satellite internet packages for all guests which can be purchased in advance, or on board.

Pre-book and pre-pay to get the best special deals:

Pre-booked rates:	On board rates
200MB: 60 USD	200MB: 70 USD
500MB: 150 USD	500MB: 175 USD
1 GB: 300 USD*	1 GB: Not available*

\*1 GB data packages are only available for pre-booking and pre-payment.

**Kindly note:** Connectivity can be affected by weather as well as our satellite provider KVH. Our crew and management cannot be held responsible for any inconvenience, loss of income, data, or information which may arise due to the lack of the service or incorrectly configured devices.

We strongly recommend that guests manage their device settings prior to boarding to ensure that data is not being used unnecessarily for application updates, file downloads, etc.

## Underwater Photography and Videography

Our vessels offer specialised features for underwater photographers and videographers. These include:

- Indoor and outdoor work stations for the preparation and maintenance of cameras
- Individual storage drawers for cameras and peripheral items
- Large rinsing tanks with fresh water changed frequently

Our crew are thoroughly briefed in the handling of delicate camera equipment and will offer to assist you when entering or exiting the water. However, each diver bears the sole responsibility to look after and care for their own camera equipment and fully assumes the risk of any loss or damage to such equipment.

## Payments on Board

### Marine Park and Port Fees

Marine Park and port fees are dependent on the itinerary duration and can be added to your invoice to pay prior to departure, or they can be paid on board.

Please refer to your booking and itinerary details for the amount applicable to your trip.

### On board extras and payments

Additional charges on board for items such as laundry, alcoholic drinks and Truk Master merchandise, as well as equipment which has not been paid for in advance and gases / sofnolime can be paid in cash or by credit card.

All prices are given in USD, but can be also paid in Euro, GBP, and AUD calculated using the applicable exchange rate on the last day of your liveaboard. However, due to banking restrictions, the exchange rates are extremely unfavourable and we therefore advise that guests bring along sufficient USD in cash to cover their expenses.

We are happy to accept Mastercard and Visa credit card payments for which there is a 3% surcharge.

Please be aware that Chuuk is a remote location, where our credit card payment system, as well as ATM services, can be limited. For this reason we recommend guests withdraw or exchange money upon international arrival if required. In addition to park & port fees, guests are advised to bring from 250-600 USD, for any optional extras.

### Tipping

We believe that tipping is a matter of personal choice. Should you feel that your crew has made your holiday extra special then a tip is always appreciated; an envelope will be provided for your convenience by your cruise director and all gratuities are divided equally amongst all the crew, including the captain and dive guides. Please note that tips can only be accepted in cash.

## Safety on Board

### Emergency Management

All of our crew members undergo rigorous training in emergency management procedures. A thorough boat safety briefing will be provided, in English, by your Cruise Director at the start of your trip during which all guests will be requested to participate in a life jacket drill. Further practice scenarios may be performed during your cruise to assist our crew in keeping their skills sharp.

If you do not understand, or speak English, please let us know.

## Emergency Equipment & First Aid

Truk Master is equipped with modern safety features such as automated life rafts, EPIRB, satellite communication and emergency pumps.

The vessel is also equipped with a fully stocked medical first aid kit for treating minor injuries and ailments as well as for assisting trained medical professionals in remote locations, including a full complement of medical grade oxygen which can be administered to divers through DAN kits or unit specific attachments. You will also find on board an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) which has been proven to greatly increase the survival rate in the eventuality of cardiac fibrillation.

Our dive teams are all qualified emergency responders. Should you feel unwell at any point during your cruise, please seek the advice of your cruise director who will be able to assist you.

Our out of office contact numbers can be found below, should your family need to contact you during the cruise, however these numbers are reserved for emergencies only.

## Extending your holiday

### Optional Truk Package

- Transfer from Chuuk International Airport
- 1 night hotel prior to your cruise
- Transfer to and from the Truk Master yacht
- 1 night hotel post cruise
- Transfer to Chuuk International Airport for your international flight

Please ask our team for further details.

### Scuba Diving Yap: 1-5 days

Master Liveboards are able to offer guests exclusive package deals for combined diving/staying on the island of Yap to complement your Truk Lagoon diving experience. Staying at the Manta Ray Bay Resort, guests can benefit from superb reef diving with manta rays & reef sharks after a week or 10 nights exploring the wrecks of Truk.

### Siren Combo

Combine your liveboard in Truk Lagoon with one of Master Liveboards' itineraries aboard the Sirens in either the Philippines or Palau. Our trip itineraries are scheduled to enable you to experience one or more of our superb diving destinations with just the need for a short connecting flight with United Airlines. Options available are dependent on the flight schedule via Guam to Manila or Koror.

These are just some of the travel options to choose from; please contact our reservations team at: [dive@masterliveboards.com](mailto:dive@masterliveboards.com) or ask your agent for further details and other possibilities.

## FAQs

If there are any questions that have not been answered, please visit our website at [www.masterliveboards.com](http://www.masterliveboards.com) or email us at [dive@masterliveboards.com](mailto:dive@masterliveboards.com) and our team will be happy to assist you.

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## What to Bring

The following is a check list of items that you should ensure to bring with you for your trip aboard a Master Liveboards vessel.

### **Passport**

6 month validity & at least 2 empty pages for visa stickers and stamps

### **Travel Documents**

Flight tickets - International & Domestic; hotel booking; excursions

### **Cash & Credit Card for emergencies**

Recommended amount (additional to park & port fees): 250 - 500 USD  
Airport Departure Tax in local currency

### **Diving Certification & Logbook**

Including Nitrox Card if certified & intending to use Nitrox

### **Travel and Diving Insurance Documents**

To include emergency medical evacuation

### **Essential Diving Items**

Dive computer with full battery

### **Toiletries & Medications**

Including sunscreen & insect repellent  
Inform booking team of medical conditions

### **Essential Clothing Items**

Swimwear, hat and lightweight jacket

***Guests are strongly advised to carry essential items in hand luggage in case of lost or delayed luggage through International or Domestic Flights.***