



# Yap - A Micronesian Jewel

# Stay & Dive Packages at Manta Ray Bay Resort

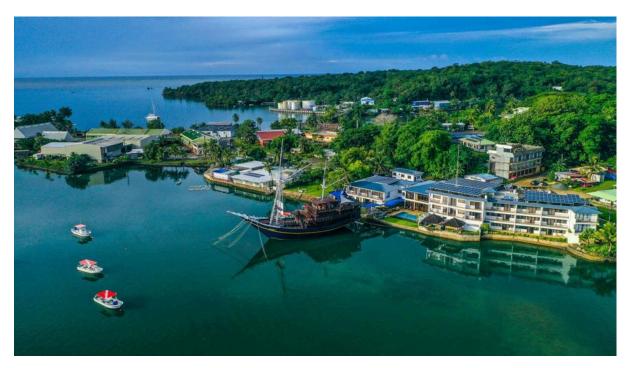
Master Liveaboards are excited to be able to offer our guests a range of package choices with Manta Ray Bay Resort in Yap as an extension to their liveaboard adventures in Truk Lagoon, Palau or the Philippines.

One of the four Federated States of Micronesia, Yap is located just north of the Equator in the South Pacific, and is a tropical gem well hidden from the rest of the world. Seize this opportunity while you are in the region to visit this exclusive diving treasure away from the crowds.

The 100 km<sup>2</sup> (38.6 sq mi) island is surrounded by a broad shallow lagoon and nearly 145 kilometres (90 miles) of the barrier reef, famed for its resident mantas and a huge reef shark population. Yap is a pristine paradise surrounded by clear blue water, exquisite coral gardens, channels, and reef walls that will awe even the most seasoned diver.

# About Manta Ray Bay Resort

Opened in 1986 and fully refurbished between 2006 and 2008, Manta Ray Bay Resort & Yap Divers is a full-service, family-owned dive resort, designed by divers and built for divers that offers plenty of services for non-divers too.



The resort offers guests crowd-free dive sites and VIP service, a bay-side infinity pool, spa treatments, microbrewed beer and a unique bar/dining experience onboard their 100+ year old South Seas Schooner, The Mnuw, moored in front of the resort.

#### The Taro Leaf Spa

Opened in 2009, the spa's decor is based on island themes, and all of the spa's products use locally sourced plants. Featuring two treatment rooms, a waiting and locker room, a private garden with a small waterfall and a beautiful, polished stone bath carved from a single piece of rock. Traditional family-made massage oil with local plant extracts is used for a wide range of treatments.



#### Mnuw Restaurant & Bar

Walk the gangplank to dine and relax on The Mnuw, one of the most unique restaurants and bars in Micronesia, if not the world. She is a 55m (170ft) Indonesian Phinisi schooner featuring 3 dining decks and 2 bars with panoramic views of the bay, and the kitchen on board.





The food is inspired by Asian, European and local recipes with generous portions that are wholesome and delicious. Daily delights include homemade pizza, burgers and fresh fish sandwiches, amongst other freshly prepared dishes from locally sourced produce.

Guests can also enjoy the resort's own micro-brewed beer or a refreshing tropical drink in either the Nautical Weaver Bar, located on the Bridge Deck of the Mnuw, or in the Crow's Nest Bar located on the top deck under the mizzen mast.

The Mnuw also features a GIGANTIC movie screen attached to the forward mast, showing a mixture of Yap's finest diving, guest productions, and mainstream movies. There's nothing quite like watching a movie outside, on the deck of a schooner, on a tropical island, with a nice cold beverage after a day of breathtaking diving!

The Crow's Nest Bar

On the roomy top deck of the Mnuw, the "Crows Nest Bar" is a great place to end a day of diving, sipping on a tropical beverage prepared before your eyes, or a tasty Stone Money brew on tap. Full menu from the restaurant is also served in the bar.



# Accommodation

The resort has 35 elegant and spacious themed rooms comprising 13 Standard, 17 Ocean View and 5 Deluxe Ocean View, spread over three floors. The motif of the entire hotel is marine life, with each room individually decorated in tropical elegance. Each room bears the name of a marine creature and is decorated accordingly, with photographs and paintings of that animal, hand-carved doors and key fobs, handmade bedspreads, and plenty of storage space.

Each Room features:

- **110V power** outlets
- Private ensuite bathroom
- Air conditioning & ceiling fan
- IDD Telephone
- Colour TV
- Fully potable in-room hot & cold tap water
- Built-in hair dryer
- Built-in electronic safe
- High-speed Internet Access
- Complementary Coffee & Tea Service



#### **Standard Rooms**

Each unique Standard Room is well-appointed in tropical style and features one or two queen-sized beds. The standard rooms are behind the ocean view rooms and offer views of the hills and beyond.



#### **Ocean View Rooms**

Each individually themed Ocean View Room features a breathtaking view of the lagoon. Wake up to a beautiful sunrise reflecting off of the still waters. Ocean View Rooms are well-appointed in tropical style and features either one or two queen-sized beds. Some rooms even have water beds!





#### Deluxe Ocean View Rooms and Suites

Enjoy private, tropical luxury in one of the deluxe ocean-view rooms with unique, private features and stunning ocean views.

The Deluxe Ocean View rooms feature king-sized beds, private patios, unique interior features and colour TV with a DVD player. Some of these rooms have a fantastic in-room, Island-rock Rain Shower, some have a private plunge pool, and one has a private rooftop Jacuzzi. They are all unique and equally elegant.



#### Two-room Suites

The suites comprise two separate guest rooms with adjoining doors: One room with a king-sized bed, and one room with two queen-sized beds.

The Queen Angelfish Deluxe Ocean View Room, located on the third floor, features a four-poster king-size bed and an iron spiral staircase leading to an exclusive rooftop Jacuzzi and sundeck. This room is available as a suite with the adjoining French Angelfish Ocean View room, making the two rooms a perfect choice for families or larger parties.





#### Packages, Options & Prices

Detailed information about stay and dive packages and accommodation-only prices can be downloaded here: <u>Yap Dive & Stay Package Prices</u>

# **Getting There**

**NOTE:** Flights to and from Yap are NOT included in the packages, although in some cases, we can provide advice and assistance in booking.

Getting to Yap may seem tricky, but it's not as difficult as most people think; it just requires a bit of planning and is well worth the effort!

Yap can be accessed directly from Guam (GUM) and Palau (ROR) airports, which are serviced by international hubs in the USA, Japan, Germany, Australia and many other countries.

<u>United Airlines</u> operates twice-weekly flights to Yap from Guam, which allows connections with many international routes.

With only two international United Airlines flights each week connecting to Yap, the complexities of scheduling flights and navigating time zones worldwide can be daunting. We suggest securing tickets for the Guam-Yap-Guam portion first, then purchasing international round-trip tickets to Guam from the most convenient departure point for you.

<u>Pacific Missionary Aviation</u> (PMA) operates a regional, twice-weekly flight from Palau with special charter options as well. Their Tuesday/Wednesday schedule connects with the United Airlines Tuesday night flight to Manila or Guam, making it even easier to get to and from Yap!

NOTE: Since flights to Yap are limited, it's a good idea to plan for layovers in Guam or Palau to avoid missing connections.

