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A **Seacology** Diving Adventure in Chuuk, Micronesia

Explore Kaleidoscopic Reef Habitats and World War II Wrecks
October 30-November 6, 2011

This fall, **Seacology** will embark on an 8-day, 7-night dive trip to a remote Micronesian archipelago aboard the luxurious nine-room, world-class boat, the *Odyssey*. Chuuk lies in the tropical waters north of Papua New Guinea and is famous for its large lagoon, encircled by islands and filled with an explosion of biodiversity. This is one of the world's great dive sites--both ecologically diverse and historically fascinating, you'll swim among the corals, fish, and other marine life and explore a one-of-a-kind collection of World War II era shipwrecks.

Seacology is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving the environments and cultures of islands around the world. **Seacology** works directly with indigenous island communities to establish marine and forest reserves, while providing crucial humanitarian support.

Details

Chuuk boasts unique geography, with a large archipelago of mountainous islands surrounded by a circle of islets on a barrier reef. The inner lagoon is rich with tropical ocean life. As a Japanese base during World War II and the site of Operation Hailstone, one of the war's most important naval battles, Chuuk Lagoon is a trove of shipwrecks. What's left behind today makes up one of the world's most astounding collections of "shipreefs." At least 20 different underwater shipwrecks can be explored in the lagoon, many of which now harbor collections of coral and other marine life.

Along with the shipreefs, Chuuk is home to natural reefs with over 300 varieties of soft and hard coral and serves as a habitat for sharks and other exotic species. The lagoon's barrier reefs feature many cascading wall dives, and the region is known for ideal diving conditions: calm waters and warm temperatures.

Chuuk's Shipreefs

With over 20 World-War-II-era shipwrecks throughout Chuuk Lagoon, the region offers the world's best "shipreefs," places where sunken vessels have evolved to become an artificial reef for the native coral, fish, and plants. The many shipreef dives range to a depth of 200 feet and offer unforgettable dive experiences. Your trip will include visits

\$4000

Website: ~~\$4500~~
You Save: 11%

 Buy Now!

Time Left to Buy: about 1 month

Deal Details

- Save \$500 only when you book through Trazzler. Questions? Call 510-559-3505.
- 8-day, 7-night cruise aboard the *Odyssey*
- All meals and activities on board
- Scuba diving in Chuuk's best reefs, including at least one wall dive and night dives
- Dive amenities: a large dive platform, Nitrox, two ladders, two gear rinse tanks, and more.
- A visit to the Seacology village project on Fefen Island
- Private ensuite facilities with AC
- Transfers to and from the airport.
- Airfare is not included.

to:

- Heian Maru: A massive wreck with torpedoes and submarine telescopes.
- Hoki Maru: A wreck containing trucks, bulldozers, and a tractor in the hold.
- The "Betty Bomber": A Japanese small twin engine bomber.
- San Francisco Maru: A wreck with tanks on deck and trucks, mines, bombs, and ammunition in the holds.

Covering less than 1% of the world's oceans but containing about 25% of marine life, coral reefs are the rainforests of the sea. Chuuk's reefs are among the world's most visually exciting, with brightly colored coral, fish, and invertebrates creating a rich marine menagerie. Divers frequently spot blacktip and harmless gray reef sharks. Our trip on the Odyssey will include dive spots at many of Chuuk's most charismatic reefs, as well as at least one wall dive and opportunities for night dives.

The Odyssey

Our homebase for these magnificent dives will be the Odyssey, Chuuk's finest liveaboard vessel. A beautiful ship, the Odyssey offers state-of-the-art amenities, with a modern dining room, separate entertainment lounge, and nine large, luxurious staterooms. The Odyssey's superb diving facilities include personal dive lockers, a large, convenient dive platform, freshwater shower, warm deck towels, Nitrox, two dive ladders and two gear rinse tanks. For down time, the Odyssey has a large sundeck with covered as well as open areas. All staterooms have private ensuite facilities, air conditioning control, and DVD players. The Odyssey's excellent staff has many years of experience leading dives, preparing sumptuous meals, and otherwise ensuring that your trip is memorable. Your adventure begins as you are greeted at the airport by an Odyssey crew member. Boarding time on Sunday begins at 5 PM and continues through the evening, ensuring that voyagers are made at home in the stately accommodations of the Odyssey.

The Seacology Project

Our eight day trip will include a site visit to one of Seacology's environmental conservation projects in Chuuk. We will be visiting the community of Onongoch on Fefen Island, where Seacology is preserving 15 acres of pristine upland forest and funding renovations to the village community center. The Fefen rainforest is rich with biodiversity and has been a sacred area for the local communities for generations. The forest contains many endemic and endangered species of plants, birds, and other animals.

- **Setting:** Archipelago of mountainous islands surrounding a lagoon.
- **Vibe:** World travelers, dive lovers, ecofriendly.
- **Perks:** Chuuk's finest live-aboard vessel, sumptuous meals, world-class crew.
- **Nearby:** Chuuk Lagoon, invertebrates, shipwrecks, natural reefs...

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Things to do near A Seacology Diving Adventure

The Fine Print

Promotional value expires on July 15, 2011 • Travel dates are October 30, 2011 through November 6, 2011 • Airfare not included • Other conditions apply

Reasons To Go:

- Explore a once-in-a-lifetime dive site
- Homebase is the area's best ship
- Benefit from a world-class crew
- First-class meals and cabins
- Seacology is a respected nonprofit; this trip supports their mission.

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