



# Dive Chuuk

October 30-November 6, 2011



Join Seacology aboard a world-class liveaboard in one of the world's most magnificent dive sites.

Experience Chuuk's famous coral reefs and its collection of World War II era shipwrecks, all while enjoying the stately accommodations of the *Odyssey*.



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.

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## Coral Reefs

Covering less than 1% of the world's oceans but containing about 25% of marine life, coral reefs are the rainforests of the sea. The vibrant, colorful corals are small animals whose deposits of calcium carbonate make up the foundation of the reef ecosystem. It is on these layers of hardened coral that other species build their lives.



Chuuk's reefs are among the world's most exciting, with brightly colored coral, fish, and invertebrates creating a rich and fascinating marine menagerie. Divers frequently spot blacktip and grey reef sharks, which inhabit many of Chuuk's reefs.

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.



## Chuuk's Shipreefs

With over World War II era 20 shipwrecks throughout Chuuk Lagoon, the region offers the world's best "shipreefs," where sunken ships have evolved to become artificial reef for the native coral, fish, and plants. The many shipreef dives range to a depth of 200 feet and offer a variety of fascinating sites. Our trip will include visits 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.

...and many more!



## The *Odyssey*



Our homebase for these magnificent dives will be the *Odyssey*, Chuuk's finest liveaboard vessel. A breathtaking 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.



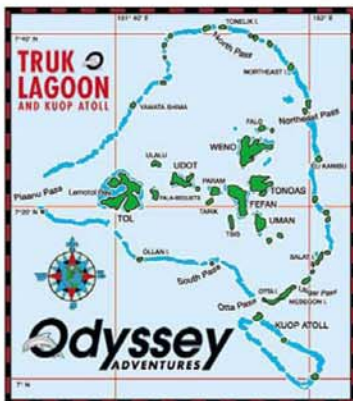
## Visiting a Seacology Project

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.



## Diving in Chuuk



A Micronesian archipelago, Chuuk lies in the tropical waters north of Papua New Guinea. Chuuk is famous for its large lagoon, filled with a kaleidoscope of corals, fish, and other marine life.

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 the 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, creating the world's most astounding collections of "shipreefs." At least 20 different underwater shipwrecks can be found in the lagoon, many of which now harbor corals and other marine life.

Along with the shipreefs, Chuuk contains a plethora of natural reefs, with over 300 varieties of soft and hard coral, as well as 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.



## Details

Join Seacology on this exciting expedition! The trip will depart from Weno, Chuuk, on October 30 and return on November 6, 2011.

Guests are greeted at the airport by an *Odyssey* crew member. Transfers to and from the airport are included in the price at the beginning and end of the scheduled charter for those arriving and departing on charter schedule. Boarding time on Sunday begins at 5 PM and continues through the evening.

The cost of this extraordinary dive trip includes the 8-day, 7 night cruise aboard the *Odyssey*, all meals, activities on board, scuba diving, Nitrox, village visit, private ensuite facilities, and \$100 per person donation to Seacology's Carbon Offset Fund.

Single Occupancy (per person)	\$6,750
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Double Occupancy (per person)	\$4,500
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These prices do not include international airfare, personal expenses such as phone calls, laundry, and gratuities. Reservations can be made with a deposit of 50% of the per person cost. Payments can be made by check, payable to **Seacology**, or by credit card. A 4% surcharge will apply for those paying by credit card. These deposits less a \$300 per person cancellation fee are 100% refundable up to May 31, 2011, after which they are nonrefundable.

The final nonrefundable balance will be due by July 29, 2011.

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