



# Dive with us in **Palau**

## February 20-29, 2020

Seacology invites you to join us for a unique diving experience in the tropical archipelago of Palau.



# Welcome to Palau

Located just east of the Coral Triangle, the Micronesian archipelago of Palau comprises 12 inhabited islands and hundreds of smaller islets and atolls. The shallow cluster of main islands is surrounded by a long barrier reef, creating a unique underwater habitat. Hundreds of coral species form the foundation of this ecosystem, which supports more than a thousand types of fish, countless invertebrates and several species of marine mammals. It's no surprise that this unique geography and ecology has created one of the most stunning dive destinations on the planet.

Seacology's winter 2020 expedition to Palau, in partnership with Reef & Rainforest Dive & Adventure Travel, centers around a week on the spacious Ocean Hunter III liveaboard. Offering up to five dives per day, the vessel and its crew are fully equipped to provide a fulfilling and unforgettable experience.

At the beginning of our journey, we also invite you to visit Seacology's project site at Ngerkeklau, where our organization is working with local islanders to protect this Pacific paradise for future generations of Palauans and visitors alike.





Our home for the week is the Ocean Hunter III. The vessel features eight guest cabins (see page 7 for options), a large dining room, a lounge and a spacious sun deck with hot tubs. Your reservation includes three full meals on each full sailing day as well as multiple snacks, coffee, and tea. Meals are prepared by the Ocean Hunter's chef, who can accommodate a wide range of dietary needs.

The vessel is fully equipped to serve divers of any level of experience, as well as underwater photographers and video producers.





# Diving



Michio Morimoto

With up to five dives a day, our guests will have ample opportunity to explore Palau's vibrant reefs and encounter the stunning variety of marine life they support.

Palau's dive sites are famous for their incredible visibility and diversity. From mesmerizing drift dives of Ulong Channel to the World War II-era Helmet Wreck, our descents into the crystal-clear waters will bring our guests face to face with countless fish species, curious reef sharks, and the occasional dugong. Brilliantly colored hard corals and sea fans line the myriad walls and canyons.



Klaus Stiefel

The Ocean Hunter will traverse Palau's southern islands and atolls, bringing our guests to many of the country's most famous and highly regarded sites. Dives will be led by some of the region's most knowledgeable and experienced guides.



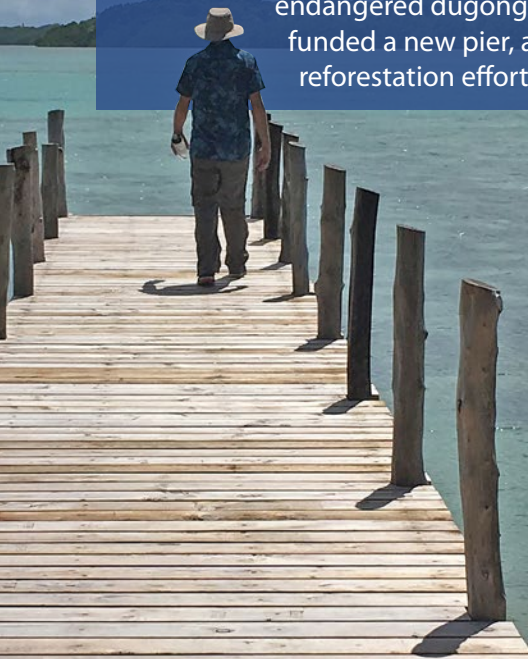
Elias Levy

# Seacology project



Guests on our expedition will have a chance to meet some of our local conservation partners to see up-close how Seacology's investment is making a tangible difference in their community and its surrounding environment.

Before we embark on the Ocean Hunter III, Seacology is offering an optional visit to our latest project site in Palau, the small northern island of Ngerkeklau. Working with a local environmental group, we are protecting 37 acres of habitat, home to endangered dugongs and sea turtles. Seacology has funded a new pier, a nursery for native plants to aid reforestation efforts, and a storage facility.





# Itinerary

<b>Thursday, February 20</b>	Arrive in Palau. Overnight at hotel of your choice (to be arranged by Reef & Rainforest).
<b>Friday, February 21</b>	Optional Seacology project site visit at Ngerkeklau. Overnight at hotel of your choice (to be arranged by Reef & Rainforest).
<b>Saturday, February 22</b>	Board Ocean Hunter III, departure from Koror, first dives at Helmet Wreck and German Channel.
<b>Sunday, February 23</b>	Dives near German Channel.
<b>Monday, February 24</b>	Dives near German Channel.
<b>Tuesday, February 25</b>	Dives near German Channel.
<b>Wednesday, February 26</b>	Dives near Peleliu, optional land tour of WWII sites on Pelilieu.
<b>Thursday, February 27</b>	Dives near Ngemelis and Ulong Island.
<b>Friday, February 28</b>	Final dives near Ulong Island.
<b>Saturday, February 29</b>	Disembark and depart.



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# BOOK YOUR SPOT

*All cabins hold two guests.*

Price per guest\*

Standard cabin

\$3,895

Deluxe Cabin

\$3,995

Master stateroom

\$4,395

\* The above is an approximate cost for your proposed trip. It is based on current prices and exchange rates. The rates may change due to currency fluctuations. The Price includes seven nights full boat charter, all meals and snacks, coffee, tea, drinking water, all scheduled diving (up to five dives per day including night dives), tanks, weights and round-trip transfers between local Koror area hotels and the boat. Does not include flights, lodging on February 20 and 21, personal expenses, or tips, Koror State Permit that includes Jellyfish Lake (\$105.00 per person), Peleliu State Permit (\$33.00 per person), rental gear, Nitrox (\$199.00 per person), optional Peleliu Land Tour. Trip-cancellation insurance is recommended.

Guests are responsible for arranging their accommodations for the nights of February 20 and 21. Please contact Mike Hoppe for assistance with booking.

## **Deposits and cancellations**

Nonrefundable 10% deposit due within 10 days of the booking. 25% of the total cost to be paid 120 days before departure. Final balance due 90 days prior to departure. For cancellations more than 120 days before the departure date, all payments will be refunded, less the 10% deposit. Less than 120 days but more than 90 days before the departure date, 75% of the payment will be refunded. Less than 90 days before the departure date, no refunds will be made and date transfers are not accepted for any reason.

To reserve your spot or for more information, please contact  
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Seacology protects ecosystems and helps communities on islands around the world by providing funds to villages for a needed civic project — such as a new school or health clinic — in exchange for the conservation of a nearby forest or coral reef.

Since 1991, Seacology has launched more than 300 projects on islands in 60 countries, protecting more than 1.3 million acres of marine and forest habitat.