

Koror, Palau

Palau is one of the Pacific's great secrets — a living reef, ancient jellyfish, and turquoise lagoons that look painted. Koror is your gateway to all of it.

-  Tender (most large ships)
-  Typical call: 8-10 hrs
-  US Dollar (USD)
-  English & Palauan
-  World-class diving

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Arrive: All aboard:

Excursion: Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

- Docking:** Tender for most large ships; small/mid-size vessels may dock at Malakal pier
- Best For:** Snorkeling, diving, Rock Islands boat tours, Jellyfish Lake
- Walk to center:** ~2 miles (3 km) from Malakal Port — taxi or shuttle recommended
- Don't Miss:** Jellyfish Lake (permit required) and the Rock Islands Southern Lagoon

 Getting around:  Taxi  \$2–\$8 USD ·  Rideshare  not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Jellyfish Lake & Rock Islands Lagoon** — Swim among millions of harmless golden jellyfish in a landlocked marine lake, then snorkel the brilliant waters of the Rock Islands UNESCO World...
- Scuba Diving — Blue Corner & German Channel** — Blue Corner is consistently ranked among the world's top dive sites: strong currents, wall diving, sharks, and massive schools of fish.
- The Milky Way** — A shallow cove within the Rock Islands where the water turns brilliant turquoise over a white limestone mud seabed.
- WWII Wrecks & Peleliu Battlefield** — Palau saw fierce fighting in 1944.
- Etpison Museum & Downtown Koror** — A highly rated private museum showcasing Palauan history, traditional canoes, giant clamshells, and historic photography.

BEST WALKS

- Downtown Koror Stroll** 1-2 hrs · Easy · Cultural — From the WCTC Shopping Center, walk the main road through central Koror.
- KB Bridge Waterfront Park** 30-60 mins · Easy · Views — Take a taxi to the base of the Japan-Palau Friendship Bridge on the Koror side.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	84°	78°	24d	
Jun	83°	78°	29d	
Aug	83°	78°	28d	
Sep	84°	78°	27d	
Oct	84°	78°	28d	

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 5:53AM–6:10PM · Jun 5:46AM–6:18PM · Aug 5:55AM–6:17PM · Sep 5:52AM–6:01PM · Oct 5:49AM–5:46PM

 US Dollar (USD)

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Reef-safe sunscreen is mandatory. Palau bans chemical sunscreens with oxybenzone/octinoxate. Confiscation happens at customs. Pack mineral (zinc oxide) sunscreen or buy it in Koror.
- Cash in USD is king. Palau uses US dollars. Small restaurants, taxis, and local markets prefer cash. ATMs are available in central Koror but can run out.
- Always agree on taxi fares before you get in. Taxis have no meters. Typical fare from Malakal dock to downtown is \$10-15 USD each way.
- Book Jellyfish Lake in advance. Entry requires a government permit (~\$100 USD), usually bundled into tour prices. Tours sell out — book before your cruise or on the ship.
- Drop Off Bar & Grill near Malakal dock is a great post-excursion stop — local Red Rooster draft beer, fresh fish and chips, and an expat crowd. Easy walk back to tender.
- Sundays mean closures. If you're in port on Sunday, many shops, supermarkets, and local restaurants close or have limited hours. Excursion operators still run.

Koror, Palau — Port Map

Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Palau Aquarium | See Palau's vibrant marine life at this educational aquarium. | 2 Belau National Museum | Explore Palau's rich history, culture, and art at its national museum. |
| 3 Etpison Museum | Discover Palauan history, culture, and natural history at this private museum. | 4 Long Island Park | Enjoy scenic views, picnics, and relaxation at this waterfront park. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |