STATE OF KOROR ISLANDS of KOROR, MALAKAL and NGEREKABESANG

PALAUAN MADE HANDICRAFTS

While there are many stores and gift shops selling quality Palauan-made products, there are a few places that offer a little extra-a chance to watch artists create their handicrafts.

The Palau Pacific Resort employs a Palauan weaver who demonstrates the traditional art of weaving.

At the Senior Citizens Center, you will find a variety of locally made products from hand-woven items to carved storyboards.

Watch artisans carve storyboards at Tebang Woodcarving or visit their gift shopto pick up a souvenir. The Koror jail is another great place to find locally-made storyboards.

Ngarkebesang Island

Meyune Sea Plane Ramp home to the JAKE scaplanes, was one of two Japanese seaplane bases used by the Japanese during WWII.



wreck that can be enorkeled from this ramp.

MEYUNS SEAPLANE RAMP

There is a JAKE seaplane

Koror State, covering one of the largest areas in Palau, contains approximately 58 square kilometers of total land mass. Second only Ngaremlengui in land mass, its borders extend from the south end of Babeldaob Island to a point just north of Peleliu Island on the south end of the lagoon. Koror State consists of hundreds of islands of all different sizes and shapes and includes most of the world renown rock islands of Palau. Koror State also lays claim to the many world class dive spots Palau is known for: Ulong Channel, Blue Corner, Big Drop-Off,

Koror village, the largest village in Palau, is located on the island of Koror, on the northern side of the state. Its population spills over on to the nearby islands of Ngerkebesang and Malakal, which are connected to Koror by causeways. Koror has been the commercial center for over sixty years, and most of Palau's 20,000 people live and work there.

German Channel and Ngemelie Wall, just to name a few.

Over the years, with the development of better roads including the Compact Road encircling Babeldaob island, commuting to and from outlying villages, has become easier, resulting in a very gradual,

but continuous population decline in Koror. The construction and subsequent relocation of Palau's new capital to the state of Melekeok was expected to attract more businesses into Melekeok. However this has not been the case and Koror still remains Palau's commercial

Palau's docking facilities are also found in Koror State on Malakal Island. Malakal Harbor, the harbor facility for Palau, is located on the west side of Malakal Island and offers a sheltered, deep-water anchorage that has been in continual use since the mid 1800's. Most all items coming into Palau, from food items to construction materials, come through this dock.

Koror is the home of the clan of the Ibedul, the paramount chief of Palau. Also, in the oral tradition of Palau, Koror is one of the children of Milad, and thus occupies an important position in traditional beliefs.

As of 2010, 23 sites are registered with the Palau National Register of Historic Places. Sites are: Rois Remdiu (lighthouse); Bill a chelid er a Slabal, Ngesechelel a Skoki er a Siabal, Rael er a Siabal/Roisremiu Todai, and Japanese water pump station (historic remains); Bad er a Ngermelei (Mother and Child Monolith); Beluu er a Rois, Beluu er a Ulong, Mariar, Beluu er a Metukenulkull, Beluu er a Ngeremdiu, Beluu er a Ngemelis, and Beluu er a Ngeanges (rock island traditional villages); Il er a Rois and II er a Omis/Omis Rock Island (caves); II er a Ulong/Liecheldel Orachel (pictograph cave); Oublallang er a Roiskebesang (terraces); Diong er a Ngeterur (bathing pool); Bekeu Rebodel/Klikm er a Belesu Rebodel, Odesongel er a Ngerketilt, Kingellel a Bitung/Uchul a Rois Melachel, and Tekeok-Imid (stone platforms); Bill a Boes er a mekernad (WWII Bunker).

SITES WHICH MAY BE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO VISITORS: Below National

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Meyuns Hamlet

WWII SEAPLANE BASE

Before WWII, the Japanese built two seaplane bases on Palau. The Palau Pacific Resort was built on the foundation of the larges base which serviced the Kawanishi flying boats

(Allied code name: EMILY). In fact, SPLASH dive shop is erected on top of this seaplane taxiway. The metal tie-down rings still exist where those large seaplanes were moored on the southeast side of the hotel and under the lookout hut.

FIRST CHILD BIRTH

If you are fortunate enough to be invited to a First Child Birth Ceremony, you won't want to miss it. The Nassech is a celebration of a woman's rite of passage into motherhood. It serves many purposes, but most importantly it helps heal the mother after childbirth. For a number of days (dependent on the status of the

mother's clan), the new mother will sit in a steam house where she will be bathed with special herbe to clean and heal the womb. She is then painted with a mixture of turmeric and coconut oil, adorned with a traditional skirt in the colors of her clan and presented to

PALAU NIGHT MARKET

The night market arts, entertainment and local foods while providing a venue for visitors to purchase handicrafts and other products made in Palau in an open venue.

Held at Bethlehem Park on the map), in the Center of downtown Koror, twice a month on week) from 5-9pm.



ETPISON MUSEUM

The 3-story building houses two floors of Palauan and Micronesian artifacts, displays, photographs and Information. The top floor has more displays and a large gift shop selling art, jewelry, books and souvenirs. Elvis, a Palauan Sulfur-crested

cockatoo abducted from the rock islands by Palauan hunters and eventually adopted by the Etpison Museum, is always available to greet



The first bridge, K-B (Koror-Babeldaob) Bridge collapsed on Septembe 16, 1996 severing water and power to the island of Koror. The only connection to the airport located on

Babeldsob was via ferry service across the channel until a temporary floating bridge, donated by the US, was installed

With grant aid from Japan, a new bridge was built by the Ka-Jima Corporation in 2002. The Japan-Palau Friendship Bridge is a reinforced concrete, portal frame, cable-stayed bridge with a total length of 413 meters.

Ngerchema

MOTHER AND CHILD MONOLITH The trail to the monolith is on the left side of the road, about 20 meters after making the right turn on to the road to the old Nikko Hotel. According to traditional oral

history, the monolith is a woman and child turned into stone by a shaman after the woman disobeyed repeated warnings to "leave the area and not look into a traditional men's ho once located on the site.



MAP LEGEND

R Palau Visitors Authority State Office

Gift Shops & Stores

Accommodations & Lodging Car Rentals & Transportation

Tour Companies Dive Shops

Gas Stations Bank
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+ Hospital/Clinic Police Station ∠ Courthouse Palau Public Utilities

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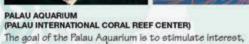
Malakal ** Bethlehem Park

Island



West Plaza Hotels





ncrease knowledge and promote stewardship of our coral

The aquarium showcases the coral reef ecosystem found in Palau through ten sub-themed aquariums onveying details on 17 different habitats imitated with breathtakingly beautiful marine animals in their unique

reefs and, in turn, the world's ocean environment.

A gift shop with marine related apparel and specialty Items, books and collectibles is also located on site. Hours of Operation: Daily Sam-Spm





BELAU NATIONAL MUSEUM AND THE MUSEUM BAI

intersection of Palau Community College, Blue Bay Gas Station and NECO Shopping Plaza leads directly to the National Museum and the Museum Bai.



Opened in 1955, the Belau National Museum is the oldest museum in Micronesia. Its many indoor and outdoor exhibits, including a botanical garden, include a wealth of historical and cultural information on Palau and is well worth a morning or afternoon visit. A gift shop and cafe can also

The Bai, a replica of a traditional men's meeting house, was rebuilt in 1991 after the original structure built in 1969 was destroyed by fire. An interpretive sign is on site. Museum, Gift Shop and Cafe Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-5pm, Saturday 10am-5pm and Sunday 1-5pm.



Koror

Island



n 2012, the Rock Islands outhern Lagoon (RISL) in Palau was inscribed on the World Heritage List, coming the country's first World Heritage

Site. Within the RISL are two PAN (A) sites: Ngerukewid Island Wildlife Preserve and Igerumekaoi Spawning Area.

This vast marine site was recognized for its exceptional ecological diversity, coral reefs, lagoon and limestone islands, and marine lakes. As a result of their isolation from each other, all 52 marine lakes offer a diversity of different marine ecosystems. The site is home to over 746 species of fish, over 385 corals, 13 species of sharks and manta rays, 7 species of giant clams and all the endemic birds and over half the endemic plants of Palau.

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