

FEBRUARY 2026 VISITOR ARRIVAL REPORT

PLEASE NOTE: Due to a change in PVA data source, starting in October 2016, and until further notice, PVA will be reporting its visitor arrival statistics based solely on NATIONALITY and VISITORS. Source: Monthly Reports are compiled from the Division of Immigration's arrival and departure data and processed by the Palau Visitors Authority's Strategic Planning Department.

Visitor arrivals by Calendar Year: Comparison 2025 vs. 2026 Monthly Arrivals By Key Markets and YOY percentage change

CY2026	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
JAPAN	1,296	1,223											2,519
SOUTH KOREA	249	223											472
TAIWAN	1,147	1,478											2,625
CHINA	2,381	4,104											6,485
USA/CANADA	1,196	849											2,045
EUROPE	608	565											1,173
AUSTRALIA	471	341											812
OTHERS	462	426											888
Total Visitor Arrivals	7,810	9,209											17,019
Y-on_Ychange	13%	79%											-76%

CY2025	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
JAPAN	645	704	1,036	476	395	284	358	625	438	361	1,204	1,482	8,008
SOUTH KOREA	135	89	93	58	74	64	39	44	44	154	106	173	1,073
TAIWAN	1,267	1,012	1,111	1,105	1,097	1,398	1,208	1,366	752	988	1,080	1,220	13,604
CHINA	2,803	1,544	1,395	1,605	1,518	1,348	2,379	2,492	1,673	2,303	2,055	2,234	23,349
USA/CANADA	1,043	868	855	786	851	1,188	1,307	901	679	1,256	685	968	11,387
EUROPE	436	437	517	758	368	383	268	225	203	676	787	624	5,682
AUSTRALIA	189	152	234	342	160	269	157	186	309	292	366	379	3,035
OTHERS	384	329	461	296	289	1,417	355	222	401	441	542	406	5,543
Total Visitor Arrivals	6,902	5,135	5,702	5,426	4,752	6,351	6,071	6,061	4,499	6,471	6,825	7,486	71,681
Y-on_Ychange	56%	-11%	24%	23%	6%	47%	32%	25%	9%	48%	47%	33%	28%

Summary

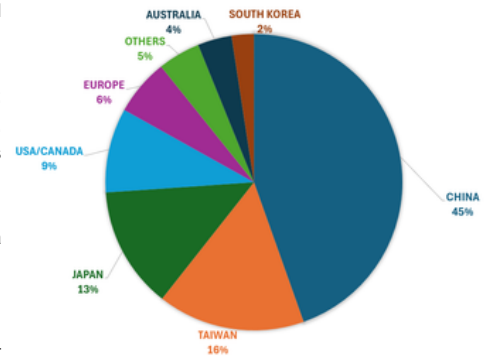
Palau welcomed 9,209 visitors in February 2026, representing a strong 17.9% increase over January 2026's total of 7,810 and underscoring accelerating travel demand into the first quarter of the year.

Market performance in February was again led by China (4,104 arrivals; 45% share), followed by Taiwan (1,478; 16%), Japan (1,223; 13%), and USA/Canada (849; 9%). Additional contributions came from Europe (565; 6%), Australia (341; 4%), Others (426; 5%), and South Korea (223; 2%), reinforcing a broad geographic spread across Palau's visitor base.

Compared with February 2025, total arrivals surged by 79%, driven primarily by exceptional growth from China and solid gains from Japan, Taiwan, and other regional markets. This year-on-year expansion reflects sustained recovery in air connectivity and stronger outbound travel demand across Asia and key long-haul segments.

Month-over-month, the rise from 7,810 visitors in January to 9,209 in February highlights not only seasonal uplift around regional holidays but also deepening market traction in Palau's core source countries. Robust Chinese demand, alongside steady inflows from Japan and North America, helped offset softer contributions from smaller markets and delivered a well-rounded growth profile.

As Palau moves further into 2026, the focus remains on consolidating this growth through targeted marketing, air service partnerships, and product development that emphasize high-value, environmentally responsible visitation. Maintaining a diversified market mix and reinforcing community and conservation benefits will be key to ensuring that rising arrivals translate into sustainable, inclusive prosperity for Palau.



RANKING OF KEY MARKETS FEB 2026

KEY MARKETS	ARRIVALS
1 CHINA	4,104
2 TAIWAN	1,478
3 JAPAN	1,223
4 USA/CANADA	849
5 EUROPE	565
6 OTHERS	426
7 AUSTRALIA	341
8 SOUTH KOREA	223
TOTAL	9,209

Visitor arrivals by Fiscal Year: Comparison Oct'24~Sept'25 vs. Oct'25~Sept'26

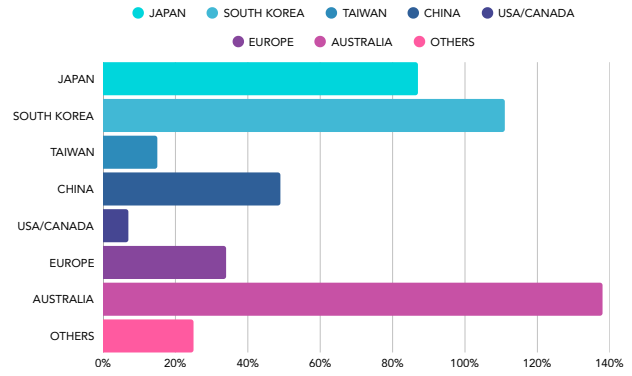
FY2026	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	May 2026	Jun 2026	Jul 2026	Aug 2026	Sep 2026	Totals
JAPAN	361	1,204	1,482	1,296	1,223								5,566
SOUTH KOREA	154	106	173	249	223								905
TAIWAN	988	1,080	1,220	1,147	1,478								5,913
CHINA	2,303	2,055	2,234	2,381	4,104								13,077
USA/CANADA	1,256	685	968	1,196	849								4,954
EUROPE	676	787	624	608	565								3,260
AUSTRALIA	292	366	379	471	341								1,849
OTHERS	441	542	406	462	426								2,277
Total Visitor Arrivals	6,471	6,825	7,486	7,810	9,209								37,801
Y-on_Ychange	48%	47%	33%	13%	79%								-42%

FY2025	Oct 2024	Nov 2024	Dec 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	May 2025	Jun 2025	Jul 2025	Aug 2025	Sep 2025	Totals
JAPAN	356	587	798	645	704	1,036	476	395	284	358	625	438	6,702
SOUTH KOREA	32	56	135	135	89	93	58	74	64	39	44	44	863
TAIWAN	829	1,086	1,136	1,267	1,012	1,111	1,105	1,097	1,398	1,208	1,366	752	13,367
CHINA	1,571	1,156	1,802	2,803	1,544	1,395	1,605	1,518	1,348	2,379	2,492	1,673	21,286
USA/CANADA	802	789	824	1,043	868	855	786	851	1,188	1,307	901	679	10,893
EUROPE	318	491	346	436	437	517	758	368	383	268	225	203	4,750
AUSTRALIA	102	106	214	189	152	234	342	160	269	157	186	309	2,420
OTHERS	355	380	388	384	329	461	296	289	1,417	355	222	401	5,277
Total Visitor Arrivals	4,365	4,651	5,643	6,902	5,135	5,702	5,426	4,752	6,351	6,071	6,061	4,499	65,558
Y-on_Ychange	34%	21%	40%	56%	-11%	24%	23%	6%	47%	32%	25%	9%	24%

January-February 2025 vs. January-February 2026

Year-on-Year Comparative Report: Visitor Arrivals

Market	JAN~FEB 2025	JAN~FEB 2026	Change (%)
JAPAN	1,349	2,519	87%
SOUTH KOREA	224	472	111%
TAIWAN	2,279	2,625	15%
CHINA	4,347	6,485	49%
USA/CANADA	1,911	2,045	7%
EUROPE	873	1,173	34%
AUSTRALIA	341	812	138%
OTHERS	713	888	25%
TOTAL	12,037	17,019	41%



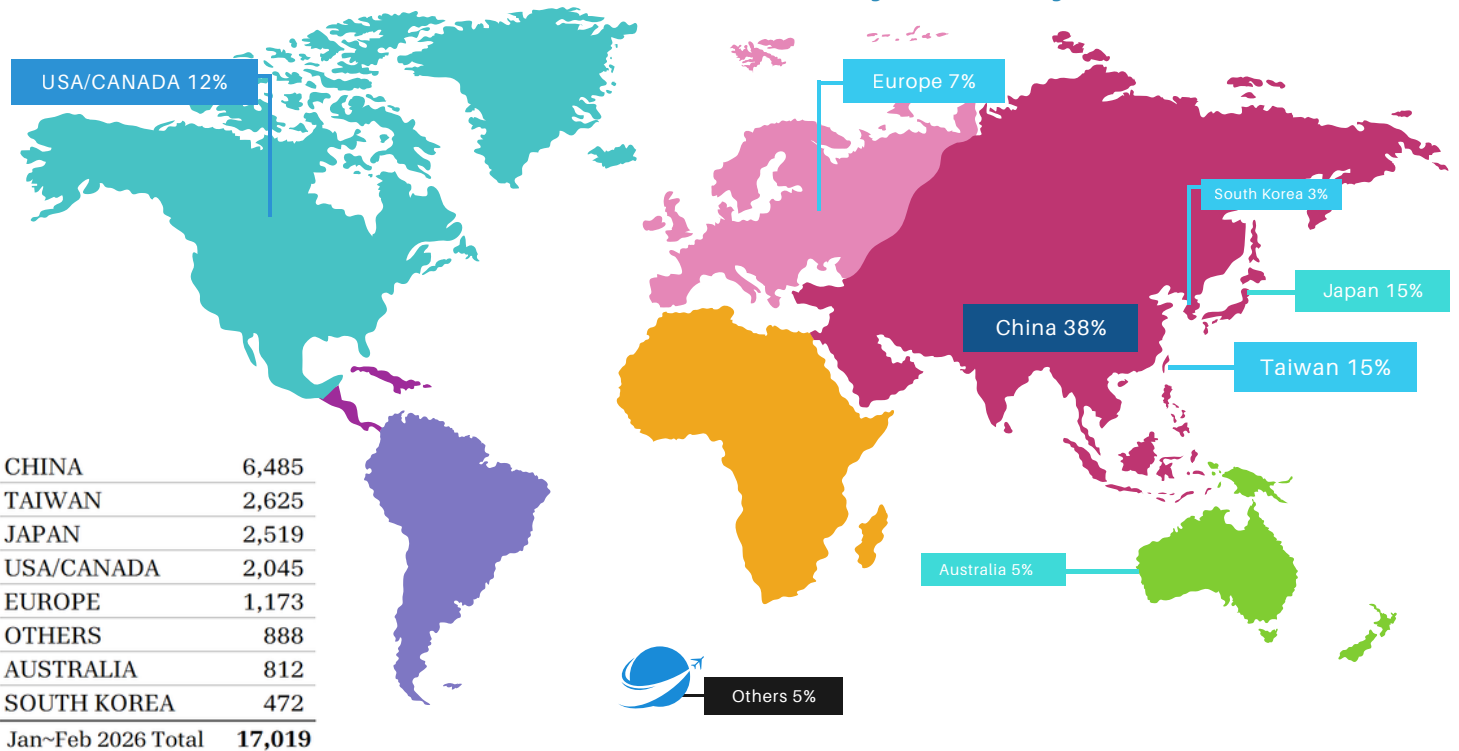
Visitor arrivals to Palau for **January-February 2026** surged 41% year-on-year, reaching **17,019** from **12,037**.

Growth Ranking

- Australia: 138%
- South Korea: 111%
- Japan: 87%
- China: 49%
- Europe: 34%
- Others: 25%
- Taiwan: 15%
- USA/Canada: 7%

Australia dominated growth at 138%, tripling arrivals with an 802-visitor gain, followed by Japan at 87% (up 1,170) and China rising sharply by 49% or 2,138 visitors. Europe grew by 34% and Taiwan/Korea also increased modestly 11%, USA/Canada 7%, and Others 25%, all positive amid the boom. This builds on January's pattern, with Australia leading percentage growth (149% Jan alone), Japan strong, but China accelerating in February for the biggest volume lift, signaling steady 2026 tourism growth.

Total Visitor Arrivals, Ranking and Percentage Share by Key Markets January~February 2026



Monthly Arrivals by Country Group

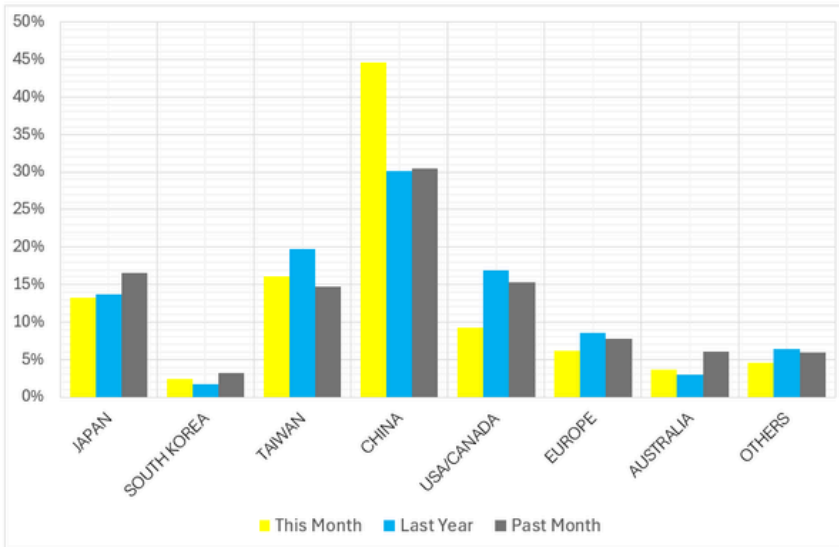
This table presents the breakdown of visitor arrivals to Palau by country and region from **February 2026**. It details monthly and total arrivals for each source market, highlighting both Palau's key tourism markets—Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, China, USA/Canada, Europe, Australia, and Others— additional markets across Asia, North America, Central and South America, Europe, the Middle East, Africa, and Oceania.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Totals
Asia	5,296	7,230											12,526
Japan	1,296	1,223											2,519
Korea, Republic of	249	223											472
Taiwan, Republic of China	1,147	1,478											2,625
China	2,381	4,104											6,485
Bangladesh	-	-											-
Indonesia	9	7											16
India	14	24											38
Malaysia	19	6											25
Philippines	103	120											223
Singapore	36	11											47
Thailand	10	9											19
Asia-Other	32	25											57
North America	1,196	849											2,045
Canada	58	74											132
United States of America	1,138	775											1,913
North America-Other	-	-											-
Caribbean	4	5											9
Central America	15	3											18
South America	26	52											78
Argentina	4	4											8
Brazil	20	41											61
Chile	1	-											1
Ecuador	1	1											2
South America-Other	-	6											6
Europe	619	567											1,186
Austria	48	13											61
Belgium	12	4											16
Switzerland	43	34											77
Czech Republic	14	5											19
Germany	124	147											271
Denmark	9	12											21
Spain	30	10											40
Finland	9	5											14
France	26	28											54
United Kingdom	68	80											148
Greece	9	-											9
Italy	35	55											90
Norway	4	7											11
Poland	25	45											70
Portugal	11	5											16
Russian Federation	37	36											73
Sweden	12	7											19
Europe-Other	103	74											177
Middle East	72	26											98
Africa	6	5											11
Oceania	574	467											1,041
Australia	471	341											812
Fiji	11	19											30
Micronesia, FSM	39	45											84
Marshall Islands	10	9											19
New Zealand	-	-											-
Solomon Islands	-	2											2
Tuvalu	1	1											2
Oceania-Other	11	17											28
Total	7,808	9,204											17,012
<i>Unidentified</i>	2	5											7
Total	7,810	9,209											17,019

Market Share Comparison

Current distribution of visitors to Palau and how it has changed compared to the previous month and the same period in the previous year.

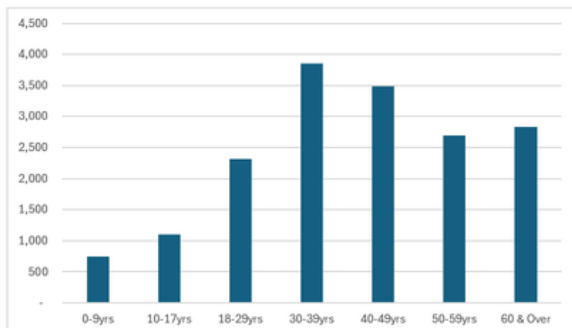
KEY MARKETS	This Month		Last Year		Past Month	
	FEB 2026	Share %	FEB 2025	Share %	JAN 2026	Share %
JAPAN	1223	13%	704	14%	1296	17%
SOUTH KOREA	223	2%	89	2%	249	3%
TAIWAN	1478	16%	1012	20%	1147	15%
CHINA	4104	45%	1544	30%	2381	30%
USA/CANADA	849	9%	868	17%	1196	15%
EUROPE	565	6%	437	9%	608	8%
AUSTRALIA	341	4%	152	3%	471	6%
OTHERS	426	5%	329	6%	462	6%
Total:	9209	100%	5135	100%	7810	100%



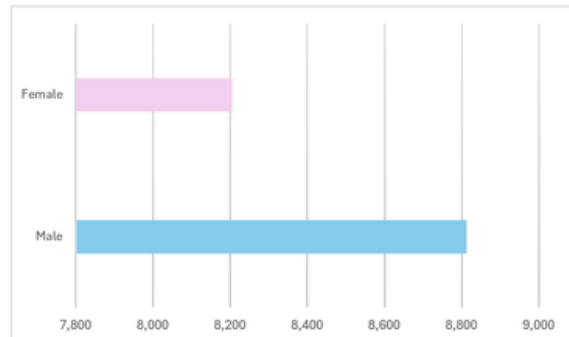
FEBRUARY 2026 Arrivals By Gender and Age Group

Age Group	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTALS
0-9yrs	244	505											749
10-17yrs	365	733											1,098
18-29yrs	1,217	1,097											2,314
30-39yrs	1,719	2,129											3,848
40-49yrs	1,570	1,921											3,491
50-59yrs	1,295	1,397											2,692
60 & Over	1,400	1,427											2,827
Unknown	-	-											-
Total	7,810	9,209											17,019

Jan-Dec Arrivals by Age Group



Jan-Dec Arrivals by Gender



Gender	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTALS
Male	4,184	4,629											8,813
Female	3,625	4,580											8,205
Other	1	-											1
Total	7,810	9,209											17,019

Visitor Nights by Key Markets: Comparison 2025 vs. 2026

Total number of nights visitors spends in Palau - Monthly, by Key Markets

A "visitor night" denotes each overnight stay by a visitor within Palau's tourist accommodation establishments or non-rented accommodations. Our methodology involves the following calculations:

1. Commencing with the determination of the average duration of stay for visitors from each country on a monthly basis.
2. Exclusion of individuals with stays exceeding 30 days, categorizing them as residents rather than tourists.
3. Multiplication of the aforementioned average stay duration by the respective total count of visitors from each country.

This computation yields the aggregate number of nights spent by tourists while visiting Palau.

CY2026	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
JAPAN	6,338	5,961											12,299
SOUTH KOREA	1,514	1,324											2,838
TAIWAN	4,911	6,536											11,446
CHINA	11,904	20,593											32,497
USA/CANADA	8,565	6,057											14,622
EUROPE	4,832	4,300											9,132
AUSTRALIA	3,666	2,746											6,412
OTHERS	3,460	2,812											6,272
Total Visitor Nights	45,189	50,330											95,519
Y-on_Y change	16%	68%											-77%

CY2025	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
JAPAN	3,026	3,729	4,392	2,237	1,995	1,511	1,929	2,939	2,038	1,715	6,002	7,802	39,314
SOUTH KOREA	946	532	562	386	399	316	247	233	235	924	690	1,108	6,578
TAIWAN	5,672	4,606	5,133	4,722	4,689	5,824	5,298	5,744	3,211	4,414	4,825	5,906	60,043
CHINA	14,286	7,786	7,560	8,229	7,595	7,143	11,926	12,197	8,384	11,576	10,645	11,159	118,485
USA/CANADA	7,620	6,324	6,258	5,466	5,609	11,276	10,160	6,934	5,056	6,799	5,144	7,337	83,985
EUROPE	3,557	3,905	4,764	4,271	1,814	3,861	1,969	1,725	1,455	3,726	6,896	5,368	43,312
AUSTRALIA	1,628	1,253	2,106	2,854	1,187	2,395	1,175	1,446	2,435	2,257	3,157	3,233	25,127
OTHERS	2,307	2,157	3,137	1,769	2,007	17,316	2,496	1,537	2,546	2,680	3,427	2,616	43,995
Total Visitor Nights	39,043	30,292	33,911	29,936	25,295	49,641	35,199	32,753	25,361	34,092	40,787	44,530	420,839
Y-on_Y change	49%	-5%	27%	16%	9%	78%	38%	24%	12%	41%	48%	36%	30%

Visitor nights: Past Ten Years

Visitor Nights	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
JAPAN	121,590	109,841	98,226	89,812	25,577	1,933	10,593	22,851	30,238	39,314	6,425
SOUTH KOREA	47,749	47,122	56,452	49,193	11,492	101	1,805	5,366	4,298	6,578	1,489
TAIWAN	56,748	39,848	44,848	67,738	10,843	9,738	6,223	43,777	55,331	60,043	5,092
CHINA	292,859	267,140	196,109	160,047	18,545	261	1,175	55,029	92,731	118,485	11,953
USA/CANADA	58,299	55,966	63,379	60,231	14,719	21,831	59,697	63,825	76,815	83,985	8,655
EUROPE	45,454	42,017	36,500	33,806	11,618	613	8,631	22,913	25,894	43,312	4,566
AUSTRALIA	5,463	4,672	4,541	5,295	717	193	2,241	9,373	12,307	25,127	3,770
OTHERS	23,502	22,969	22,896	27,056	4,917	1,837	10,959	23,025	25,318	43,995	3,014
Total Visitor Nights	651,665	589,575	522,953	493,178	98,430	36,508	101,324	246,158	322,932	420,839	44,963

Average Length of Stay: Comparison 2025 vs. 2026

Average Length of stay is based on records where Departures and arrivals could be matched, excluding any that stayed longer than 30 days

The table provides an overview of the visitor's Length of Stay (LOS) in Palau, categorized by key markets. It displays the average number of nights spent by tourists from each key market during their visits to Palau. The data is derived by dividing the total number of nights spent by tourists from each market by the respective total number of tourists.

CY2026	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
JAPAN	4.9	4.9										
SOUTH KOREA	6.1	5.9										
TAIWAN	4.3	4.4										
CHINA	5.0	5.0										
USA/CANADA	7.2	7.1										
EUROPE	7.9	7.6										
AUSTRALIA	7.8	8.1										
OTHERS	7.5	6.6										
Total	5.7	5.6										

CY2025	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
JAPAN	4.7	5.3	4.2	4.7	5.0	5.3	5.4	4.7	4.7	4.8	5.3	5.3
SOUTH KOREA	7.0	6.0	6.0	6.7	5.4	4.9	6.3	5.3	5.3	6.0	6.4	6.4
TAIWAN	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.4	4.2	4.3	4.5	4.8	4.8
CHINA	5.1	5.0	5.4	5.1	5.0	5.3	5.0	4.9	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
USA/CANADA	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.0	6.6	9.5	7.8	7.7	7.4	5.4	7.6	7.6
EUROPE	8.2	8.9	9.2	5.6	4.9	10.1	7.3	7.7	7.2	5.5	8.6	8.6
AUSTRALIA	8.6	8.2	9.0	8.3	7.4	8.9	7.5	7.8	7.9	7.7	8.5	8.5
OTHERS	6.0	6.6	6.8	6.0	6.9	12.2	7.0	6.9	6.3	6.1	6.4	6.4
Total	5.6	5.9	5.9	5.5	5.3	7.8	5.7	5.3	5.6	5.3	5.9	5.9

Average Length of Stay: Past Ten Years

Length of Stay	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
JAPAN	4.2	4.2	4.4	4.6	4.4	12.2	8.1	5.9	5.3	4.9	4.9
SOUTH KOREA	3.9	4.0	3.9	4.1	4.3	4.2	8.0	5.7	6.4	6.1	5.9
TAIWAN	4.1	4.1	4.0	4.4	4.2	3.8	4.4	4.3	4.8	4.3	4.4
CHINA	4.5	4.6	4.8	5.3	5.6	5.8	9.0	5.2	5.0	5.0	5.0
USA/CANADA	6.9	7.0	7.5	7.4	7.7	10.4	8.9	7.6	7.6	7.2	7.1
EUROPE	9.3	9.0	8.4	9.1	9.4	10.4	9.6	8.4	8.6	7.9	7.6
AUSTRALIA	7.1	7.2	7.3	7.4	6.1	5.4	9.0	8.0	8.5	7.8	8.1
OTHERS	6.4	6.5	6.8	6.6	6.4	7.5	7.9	7.1	6.4	7.5	6.6
Total	4.7	4.8	4.9	5.3	5.4	7.0	8.2	6.0	5.9	5.7	5.6

2026 MODE OF TRANSPORTATION

BY MODE OF TRANSPORTATION AND KEY MARKETS % SHARE

The table illustrates the breakdown of total arrivals in **February 2026** amounting to **9,209** categorized by key markets and mode of transportation.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTALS
China Airlines	2209	2231											4440
Nauru Airlines	33	51											84
United Airlines	2463	2224											4687
Cambodia Airways	674	1706											2380
Pacific Mission Aviation	30	44											74
Hong Kong Airlines	1123	1523											2646
Qantas Airlines	503	438											941
Private plane	5	40											45
Greater Bay Airlines	626	914											1540
Sailing yacht	0	0											0
Motor Yacht	0	1											1
Motor Vessel	0	1											1
Research Vessel	0	14											14
Military	144	19											163
Cruise Ship	0	0											0
Others	0	3											3
Totals	7810	9209	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17019

PERCENTAGE SHARE

The chart shows total arrivals by mode of transportation, indicating the percentage share by key market.

	China Airlines	United Airlines	Cambodia Airways	Pacific Mission Aviation	Nauru Airlines	Qantas	Hong Kong Airlines	Greater Bay Airlines	Military	Research Vessel	Private Plane	Motor Yacht	Motor Vessel	Others
JAPAN	3%	50%	0.1%	2%	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	10%	0%	100%	0%
SOUTH KOREA	8%	1%	0.0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
TAIWAN	66%	0%	0.1%	0%	0%	0%	0.2%	0.3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	33%
CHINA	1%	1%	97.9%	34%	6%	0%	98%	95%	100%	0%	35%	0%	0%	0%
USA/CANADA	6%	27%	1.5%	23%	20%	3%	1%	1%	0%	0%	28%	0%	0%	0%
EUROPE	13%	8%	0.3%	27%	18%	12%	0%	1.6%	0%	0%	5%	0%	0%	0%
AUSTRALIA	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	73%	0.3%	0.0%	0%	0%	3%	0%	0%	67%
OTHERS	3%	12%	0.1%	14%	55%	11%	0.3%	0%	0%	0%	20%	100%	0%	0%
Total %%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

In **February 2026**, Palau maintained a diverse network of air and sea connections, with scheduled carriers, charter airlines, and a mix of private and specialty services supporting inbound tourism. Scheduled commercial carriers included China Airlines, United Airlines with additional direct flights from Tokyo, Pacific Mission Aviation, Nauru Airlines, and Qantas, alongside major charter operators like Cambodia Airways, Hong Kong Airlines, and Greater Bay Airlines. Additionally, private planes, and military flights contributed to overall visitor access.

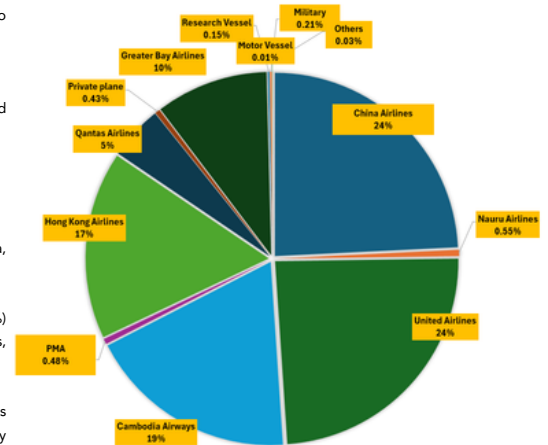
Key Airlines and Market Contributions

- China Airlines continued to dominate arrivals from Taiwan, accounting for 66% of travelers from this market, and also contributed to Europe (13%) and South Korea (8%).
- United Airlines was pivotal for Japan, carrying 50%, USA/Canada (27%) and Others (12%).
- Pacific Mission Aviation provided important lift for China (34%), and Europe (27%), USA/Canada (23%)
- Nauru Airlines was especially important for the Others market (55%), USA/Canada (20%) and Europe (18%).
- Qantas was a dominant force for arrivals from Australia, handling 73% of traffic.
- Cambodia Airways, Hong Kong Airlines, and Greater Bay Airlines together accounted for nearly all charter arrivals from China, with shares of 98%, 98%, and 95% respectively, concentrating their service almost exclusively on the China market.

For other modes of entry, military arrivals were entirely from the USA/Canada (100%). Private plane arrivals were led by China (35%) and USA/Canada (28%), followed by Others (20%). Additionally, a minor number of leisure arrivals entered via private marine vessels, accounting for a negligible share of total visitation.

Palau's varied transportation system continues to underpin strong overall arrivals via reliable airline access. These vital connections showcase the nation's robust global partnerships and solidify its standing as a dependable, welcoming hub for travelers across key regional and international markets.

FEBRUARY 2026 Mode of Transportation % SHARE



	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTALS
China Airlines	28.3%	24.2%											26.1%
Nauru Airlines	0.4%	0.6%											0.5%
United Airlines	31.5%	24.2%											27.5%
Cambodia Airways	8.6%	18.5%											14.0%
PMA	0.4%	0.5%											0.4%
Hong Kong Airlines	14.4%	16.5%											15.5%
Qantas Airlines	6.4%	4.8%											5.5%
Private plane	0.1%	0.4%											0.3%
Greater Bay Airlines	8.02%	9.93%											9.0%
Sailing yacht	0.00%	0.00%											0.0%
Motor Yacht	0.0%	0.0%											0.0%
Motor Vessel	0.0%	0.0%											0.0%
Research Vessel	0.0%	0.2%											0.1%
Military	1.8%	0.2%											1.0%
Cruise Ship	0.0%	0.0%											0.0%
Others	0.0%	0.0%											0.0%
Totals	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%

ALL YEARS BY KEY MARKETS: 1980 ~ 2026 (FEBRUARY)

The table displays arrival data spanning from 1980 to **February 2026**, organized on a yearly basis and segmented by key markets, including Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, China, USA/Canada, Europe, Australia and the "Others" category. The "Others" category encompasses all remaining arrivals that do not constitute a significant portion.

YEARS	JAPAN	SOUTH KOREA	TAIWAN	CHINA	USA CANADA	EUROPE	AUSTRALIA	OTHERS	TOTALS
1980	2,753	-	-	-	2,062	157	-	229	5,201
1981	2,572	-	-	-	1,491	184	-	363	4,610
1982	2,620	-	-	-	1,535	176	-	442	4,773
1983	2,838	-	-	-	1,731	294	-	652	5,515
1984	3,431	-	-	-	2,112	458	108	758	6,867
1985	6,754	-	-	-	2,747	912	153	972	11,538
1986	6,267	-	-	-	3,276	536	230	1,274	11,583
1987	6,586	-	-	-	3,791	851	195	2,273	13,696
1988	10,468	-	-	-	4,215	1,045	203	2,413	18,344
1989	11,177	344	434	-	5,263	1,061	773	2,381	21,433
1990	12,728	338	683	574	5,654	1,095	1,504	3,230	25,806
1991	13,664	402	984	385	5,866	1,117	901	2,735	26,054
1992	16,432	459	1,416	117	7,271	1,437	747	2,125	30,004
1993	18,095	831	3,384	107	7,080	1,677	523	2,344	34,041
1994	16,939	1,163	5,559	352	8,837	2,081	446	2,201	37,578
1995	20,202	1,738	10,727	445	9,017	2,404	634	1,856	47,023
1996	21,410	1,907	22,523	649	8,878	2,405	1,212	1,735	60,719
1997	19,519	1,640	30,497	589	9,400	1,586	500	2,710	66,441
1998	21,571	545	18,503	1,014	5,254	1,455	579	15,273	64,194
1999	22,087	539	10,936	1,212	5,587	1,418	402	13,312	55,493
2000	21,708	586	14,122	1,244	6,704	974	347	12,047	57,732
2001	22,395	350	12,476	1,530	5,375	930	430	10,625	54,111
2002	23,748	497	15,819	1,409	4,774	834	403	11,076	58,560
2003	21,401	312	27,857	685	4,291	856	485	7,441	63,328
2004	23,845	5,673	42,158	735	5,979	1,803	1,387	7,581	89,161
2005	26,281	2,169	34,101	1,723	5,532	2,289	808	7,675	80,578
2006	26,892	11,756	28,449	778	5,922	2,263	596	5,741	82,397
2007	29,198	14,342	29,005	929	5,956	2,517	733	5,495	88,175
2008	30,937	14,491	20,026	597	7,427	4,081	614	2,908	81,081
2009	27,538	13,168	15,999	767	6,850	3,465	673	2,703	71,163
2010	29,695	15,225	21,865	1,025	7,999	3,905	1,092	3,602	84,408
2011	38,051	15,964	37,382	2,282	8,348	4,519	1,123	3,137	110,806
2012	39,637	19,611	38,614	4,966	8,072	5,192	1,075	2,959	120,126
2013	35,879	17,448	26,568	9,234	8,635	5,662	1,181	3,436	108,043
2014	37,373	14,624	30,129	39,308	8,815	5,177	1,049	3,709	140,184
2015	31,191	12,309	14,199	88,393	8,827	4,230	880	3,515	163,545
2016	29,195	12,392	13,867	64,879	8,413	4,881	773	3,674	138,074
2017	25,979	11,845	9,766	57,727	7,981	4,652	653	3,556	122,159
2018	22,363	14,307	11,332	41,171	8,427	4,336	624	3,381	105,941
2019	19,690	11,860	15,435	30,020	8,180	3,712	716	4,110	93,723
2020	5,751	2,691	2,553	3,290	1,902	1,238	117	766	18,308
2021	159	24	2,570	45	2,093	59	36	245	5,231
2022	1,313	227	1,420	130	6,692	903	249	1,394	12,328
2023	3,898	940	10,259	10,574	8,398	2,731	1,172	3,255	41,227
2024	5,936	747	12,243	18,236	10,234	3,442	1,498	3,848	56,184
2025	8,008	1,073	13,604	23,349	11,387	5,682	3,035	5,543	71,681
2026	2,519	472	2,625	6,485	2,045	1,173	812	888	17,019

FEBRUARY 2026 HAPPENINGS

Airline Operations: Other scheduled and chartered airlines continue suspended operations until further notice.

United Airlines: The airline operates 10 scheduled flights per week to Koror (ROR), Palau, aligning with recent expansions in regional connectivity. This includes 6 flights from Guam, 2 from Manila, and 2 new direct flights from Tokyo Narita since October 29, 2025.

China Airlines: Scheduled Flight arriving two times a week from Taiwan since April 2021. Flights increased to 4 times a week.

Cambodia Airlines: Charter Flight operating twice a week from Macau since April 2023

Palau Mission Aviation (PMA): Commence Operation since August 2023 servicing Yap and Palau.

Nauru Airlines (Island Hopper): Scheduled Flight arriving once a week from Pohnpei since December 2023.
Brisbane→Nauru→Tarawa→Majuro→Pohnpei→Palau

Hong Kong Airlines: Charter Flight operating twice a week from Hong Kong since September 2024.

Qantas Airlines: Scheduled flight, once a week from Brisbane operating since December 2024.

Greater Bay Airlines - Charter flight | The airline runs direct flights connecting Hong Kong to Palau, making it a key carrier on this route. The flights are charters and started service around July 2025. Greater Bay Airlines is known for serving top Asian destinations and includes Palau in its network as part of their expanding route map.

For flight schedules, please visit: <https://www.palau-airport.com/flights-schedule> 📱

February 02, 2026: Palau and JICA Formally Launch the Detailed Planning Survey Project for Formulating Community Promotion Plan through the Management of Historical Heritage Sites: On February 2, 2026, the Government of the Republic of Palau and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) officially signed the approved Minutes of Meeting for the technical cooperation project titled "The Project for Formulating a Community Promotion Plan Through the Management of Historical Heritages." Following the signing, the project team held a series of discussions with representatives from the Bureau of Cultural and Historical Preservation, Bureau of Tourism, Palau Visitors Authority, PALARIS, the Embassy of Japan, and other relevant agencies to develop a detailed project plan. Both the Ministry of Human Resources, Culture, Tourism and Development (MHRCTD) and JICA confirmed that the Master Plan will primarily include the following components:

1. Identification and listing of Japan-related historical heritage (JRHH) among the 196 sites nationally registered in the Palau Register of Historic Places.
2. Proposals for tourism and educational utilization models for JRHH; and
3. Recommendations to strengthen the implementation framework for the preservation and utilization of JRHH.

The expected outcome of the Master Plan includes updating the database and mapping of approximately 30 JRHH sites located in Koror State and Babeldaob. The project will also organize and produce educational materials, including videos, and propose a community-based tourism model known as the Alii Pass. This model aims to enable local communities and state governments to generate revenue, thereby creating a virtuous cycle between cultural heritage preservation and sustainable tourism development. Minister Ngiraibelas Tmetuchl takes this opportunity to express his sincere appreciation to Mr. Abe Masanori, Team Leader and Director of JICA, and Ms. Komesu Kaoruko, Director of the Cultural Assets Division of the Okinawa Prefectural Board of Education, for their initiative and commitment to this important project and collaboration.

February 10, 2026: Palau is participating for the first time in the Ship for World Youth Program (SWY), a global initiative from February 15 to March 13 focused on building future leaders through discussions, cultural exchanges, and youth workshops. The ship is making port calls in Okinawa, Aichi, and Tokyo, Japan. The program includes Project-Based Learning (PBL) sessions in Aichi Prefecture, where participants from 12 countries, including Palau, will research and propose solutions for local challenges related to major themes like Climate Change and Social Inclusion. Palau's eight-member delegation is led by Mr. Sylvester Francis Alonz (Ministry of Human Resources, Culture, Tourism, and Development). Each representative is focusing on a specific research topic: Ms. Kirari E. Delong (PCC student) on Entertainment for Well-being; Mr. O.J. Ikertang (Aimeliik State Govt.) on Risk Management for Natural Disasters; Ms. Dilubech M. Hideyos (Office of Climate Change) on Climate Change Action & Sustainable Energy; Ms. Kiran O. Decherong (Ministry of State) on Inheritance of Traditional Culture; Mr. Kaekoa I. Mamis (Japan Mine Action Service) on Education in Local Communities; Mr. Lewis Ngirkelau (Friends of Palau National Marine Sanctuary) on Community Design; Ms. Kara E. Rechelulk (PCC student) on Social Inclusion; and Mr. Steven Y. Rdechor (Ministry of Finance) on Startups & Impact Investment. We anticipate great achievements from our delegation!

February 14 - 22, 2026: Palau Visitors Authority Engages in Study Tour in the Cook Islands: Ms. Sharrise Ngiraked and Ms. Gianna Gerald from Palau Visitors Authority, along with Ms. Mika Onodera, JICA Expert, recently visited the Cook Islands as part of a Study Tour Program. The visit focused on exploring sustainable tourism practices and community-based initiatives in the Cook Islands, providing valuable insights for application in Palau's ongoing efforts to enhance its tourism sector.

February 15, 2026: Voyage Launch of the Alingano Maisu to Taiwan: Palau's traditional sailing canoe, the Alingano Maisu, embarked on a voyage to Taiwan. This journey highlights the strong cultural and diplomatic ties between Palau and Taiwan and serves to promote traditional seafaring knowledge and cultural exchange.

February 17, 2026 to March 03, 2026: Chinese New Year Celebrations Welcome Visitors: Palau was one of many destinations to visit for this Chinese New Year festivities. The festive period saw a notable increase in foreign visitors coming to partake in the celebrations, highlighting Palau's growing appeal as a cultural destination during major Asian holidays.

February 21, 2026: 4th Demok Festival in Ngaraard State: The 4th Demok Festival, hosted by DilNgebuked Inc. from Ngaraard State, was held on Saturday, February 21, 2026. The event featured a vibrant Day Market filled with delicious food, local crafts, and live music, showcasing the unique culture and community spirit of Ngaraard.

Website



In February 2025, website traffic remained steady at approximately 14,002 sessions, sustained primarily by organic search. A significant shift occurred in geographic engagement: United States is the top country by sessions for the month followed by China. User behavior signaled strong travel intent, with a clear preference for accommodation guides and travelers tips.

Final Report

1 Feb 2026 - 28 Feb 2026

Marketing Website Summary Data from Google Analytics

Sessions	New users	Returning Users	Views	Event count	Sessions per user	Engagement rate
14,002	10,184	836	26,053	110.3k	1.3	54.3%
	↓ -13.4%	↑ 5.6%	↓ -49.3%	↑ 5.0%	↓ -2.1%	↓ -1.0%

Most Requested Pages / Visits

Page title	Sessions	% Δ	Engagement rate	% Δ
1. Visit Palau: The Official To...	6,360	~	62.11%	0.4...
2. Drone Registration - Pristi...	1,087	3...	59.71%	20...
3. Stay in Palau: Best Accom...	875	~	86.4%	-3...
4. Travelers Tips - Pristine Pa...	764	~	76.7%	2.2...
5. Culture - Pristine Paradise ...	747	~	63.32%	-6...
6. 7 Days in Palau Travel Itin...	663	~	75.26%	-1...
7. Beyond the Dive - Discover...	566	~	79.51%	-8...
8. Travel Entry Requirements...	478	~	79.29%	-2...

Most Searched Queries

Query	Impressi...	% Δ	Clicks	%..
1. 地図を見せて	1	-	1	-
2. "2777天" "两个国家"	1	-	0	-
3. "3.4%" december 2016...	3	-	0	-
4. "3.4%" foreign visitors ...	1	-	0	-
5. "visitors' arrivals" incre...	2	-	0	-
6. "死者需穿越一遺由石...	3	-	0	-

What are the top countries by sessions?

Country ID	Country	Sessions	% Δ
1. US	United States	3,586	-10.2...
2. CN	China	1,784	286...
3. PW	Palau	1,478	-8.2...
4. AU	Australia	1,467	-54.0...
5. SG	Singapore	714	251...
6. JP	Japan	564	-1.7...
7. GB	United Kingdom	465	-33.1...
8. TW	Taiwan	446	-30.0...

Which channels are driving engagement?

Goal: Sessions

Engagement by Device / Users

Session source

Session source	Sessions	% Δ
1. google	7,304	-17.9% ↓
2. (direct)	4,290	-11.1% ↓
3. bing	694	10.9% ↑
4. palaugov.pw	143	27.7% ↑
5. duckduckgo	121	13.1% ↑
6. sfmc	120	-
7. (not set)	119	466.7% ↑

PALAU ENTRY FORMS SUMMARY REPORT

February 2026
Based on 8,920 Tourist Entries



No. of times Traveler has been to Palau



February 2026 brought a wave of 8,920 visitors to Palau, according to Palau Entry Form records. First-timers made up 80%, with repeat visitors at 20%. Vacationers led with 94.9%, followed by conference and meeting attendees (3.1%) and those visiting friends or relatives (2.9%).

Adventurers dove right in, prioritizing swimming/snorkeling and scuba diving in Palau's turquoise waters. They also chased thrills through sightseeing, shopping sprees, and cultural or historical tours, showcasing the island's unbeatable mix of sea and soul.

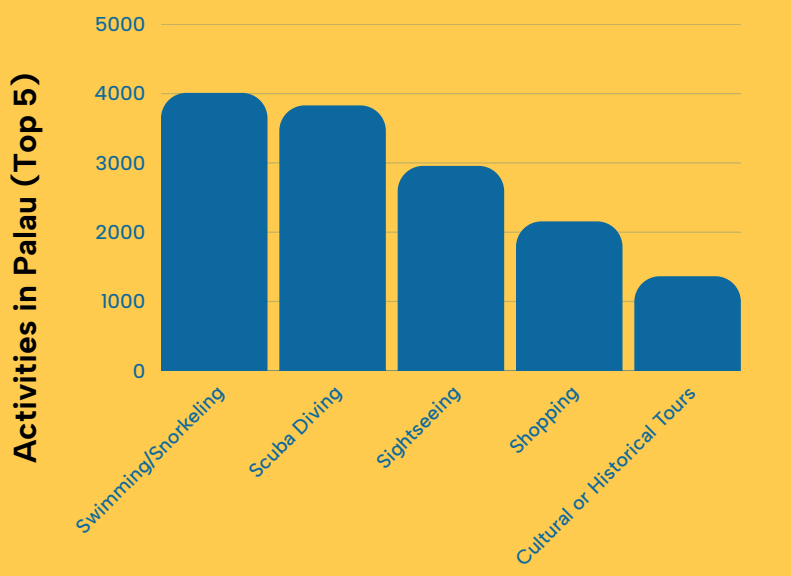
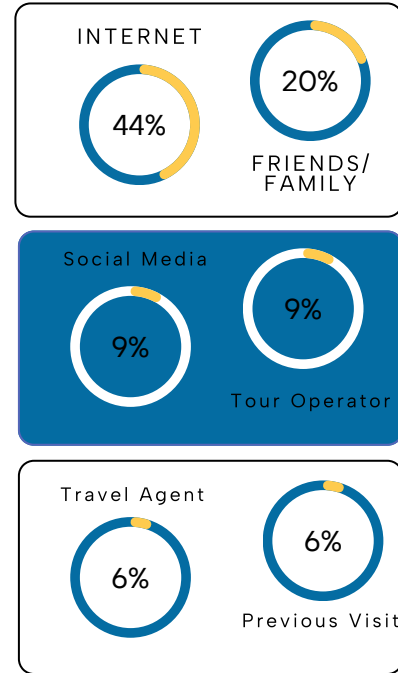
Word of Palau's magic spread mostly online (44%), boosted by friends and family chatter (20%). Social media and tour operators tied at 9% each, with travel agents and past visits rounding out at 6% each.

Most booked via tour agents, followed by DIY trips, family/friend tips, and packages, striking a smart balance between independence and expert help

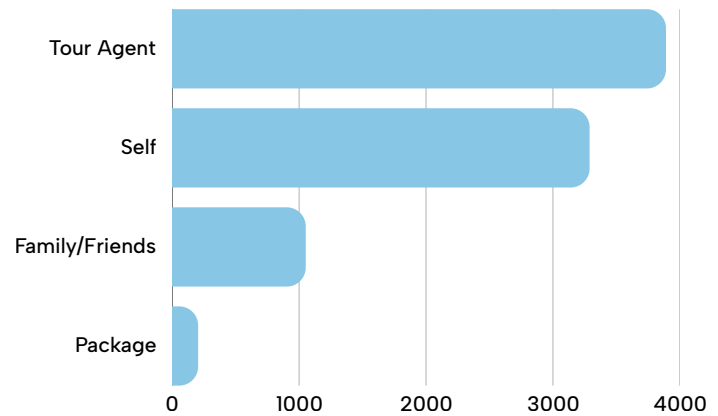
Purpose of Travel



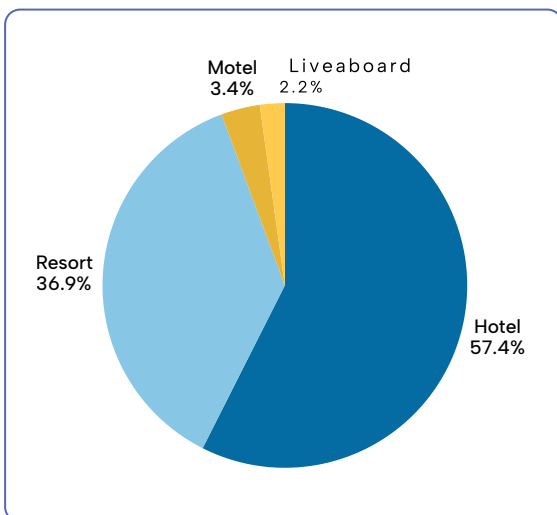
How Travelers hear about Palau



Visitor Trip Booking



Accommodation in Palau



Visitor stays in February leaned heavily toward hotels at 57.4%, with resorts gaining ground at 36.9% for their all-inclusive appeal. Motels took 3.4%, and liveboards edged in at 2.2%, together offering everything from serene beachfronts to immersive dive safaris that define Palau's allure.

Household incomes painted a broad picture of accessibility: 19% under \$16,000 discovered budget-friendly gems, matching closely with 15% over \$100,000 indulging in luxury. The \$20,000-\$40,000 group hit 14%, followed by 10% each who skipped disclosure, earned \$16,000-\$20,000, or ranged \$60,000-\$80,000, plus 9% in \$80,000-\$100,000 showing how Palau blends worlds for unforgettable trips across budgets.

Annual household Income

Less Than \$16,000	19%	Prefer Not To Say	10%
Over \$100,000	15%	\$16,000-\$20,000	10%
\$20,000-\$40,000	14%	\$80,000-\$100,000	10%
\$40,000-\$60,000	12%	\$60,000-\$80,000	9%