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SEPTEMBER 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	1,262	1,122	755	569	771	1,258	966				9,222
SOUTH KOREA	249	223	136	156	45	15	40	68	48				980
TAIWAN	1,147	1,478	959	1,380	857	1,252	1,451	1,459	763				10,746
CHINA	2,381	4,104	2,407	2,376	2,213	2,137	2,776	2,398	1,879				22,671
USA/CANADA	1,196	849	1,128	832	912	941	1,174	843	754				8,629
EUROPE	608	565	679	696	558	203	216	395	239				4,159
AUSTRALIA	471	341	379	410	410	294	226	300	268				3,099
OTHERS	462	426	410	535	516	514	309	844	426				4,442
Total Visitor Arrivals	7,810	9,209	7,360	7,507	6,266	5,925	6,963	7,565	5,343				63,948
Y-on_Y change	13%	79%	29%	38%	32%	-7%	15%	25%	19%				-11%

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_Y change	56%	-11%	24%	23%	6%	47%	32%	25%	9%	48%	47%	33%	28%

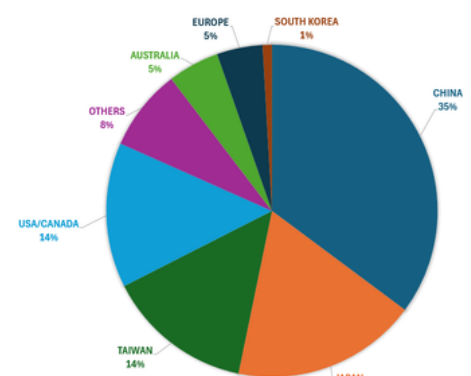
Summary

September 2026 visitor arrivals totaled 5,343, down by 2,222 visitors, or 29%, from August's 7,565. The decline follows the same August-to-September pattern seen in 2025, when arrivals fell from 6,061 to 4,499. Although September recorded the lowest monthly total so far in 2026, arrivals remained above September last year. China remained the largest source market with 1,879 visitors, followed by Japan (966), Taiwan (763), USA/Canada (754), Others (426), Australia (268), Europe (239), and South Korea (48). All markets recorded fewer arrivals than in August. Taiwan had the largest decrease of 696 visitors, followed by China with 519, Others with 418, and Japan with 292.

Compared with September 2025, arrivals increased by 844 visitors, or 19%. Japan accounted for the largest increase, with 528 additional visitors, followed by China with 206 and USA/Canada with 75. Taiwan, Europe, South Korea, and Others also recorded increases, while Australia declined by 41 visitors.

Despite the drop from August, September's year-on-year increase shows that arrivals continued to improve compared with 2025. China and Japan together accounted for more than half of the month's arrivals, with Japan contributing most of the increase over September last year. The monthly decline should therefore be viewed alongside the similar September decrease recorded in 2025, rather than as a decline across both comparisons.

FY2026, covering October 2025 through September 2026, ended with 84,730 visitor arrivals, up by 19,172 visitors, or 29%, from FY2025. China led with 29,263 visitors, followed by Taiwan (14,034), Japan (12,269), and USA/Canada (11,538). Arrivals increased from every source market, with China adding 7,977 visitors and Japan adding 5,567—the two largest increases. Japan recorded the highest percentage increase at 83%, followed by Australia at 71% and South Korea at 64%



RANKING OF KEY MARKETS SEPTEMBER 2026

KEY MARKETS	ARRIVALS
1 CHINA	1,879
2 JAPAN	966
3 TAIWAN	763
4 USA/CANADA	754
5 OTHERS	426
6 AUSTRALIA	268
7 EUROPE	239
8 SOUTH KOREA	48
TOTAL	5,343

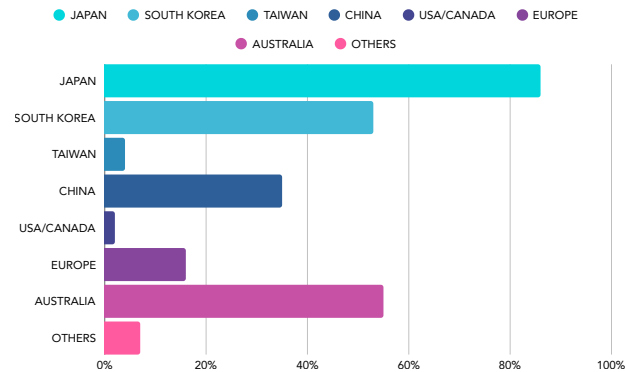
Visitor arrivals by Fiscal Year: Comparison Oct'24~Sept'25 vs. Oct'25~Sept'26

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	1,262	1,122	755	569	771	1,258	966	12,269
SOUTH KOREA	154	106	173	249	223	136	156	45	15	40	68	48	1,413
TAIWAN	988	1,080	1,220	1,147	1,478	959	1,380	857	1,252	1,451	1,459	763	14,034
CHINA	2,303	2,055	2,234	2,381	4,104	2,407	2,376	2,213	2,137	2,776	2,398	1,879	29,263
USA/CANADA	1,256	685	968	1,196	849	1,128	832	912	941	1,174	843	754	11,538
EUROPE	676	787	624	608	565	679	696	558	203	216	395	239	6,246
AUSTRALIA	292	366	379	471	341	379	410	410	294	226	300	268	4,136
OTHERS	441	542	406	462	426	410	535	516	514	309	844	426	5,831
Total Visitor Arrivals	6,471	6,825	7,486	7,810	9,209	7,360	7,507	6,266	5,925	6,963	7,565	5,343	84,730
Y-on_Y change	48%	47%	33%	13%	79%	29%	38%	32%	-7%	15%	25%	19%	29%

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_Y change	34%	21%	40%	56%	-11%	24%	23%	6%	47%	32%	25%	9%	24%

January–September 2025 vs. January– September2026
Year-on-Year Comparative Report: Visitor Arrivals

Market	JAN~SEPT 2025	JAN~SEPT 2026	Change (%)
JAPAN	4,961	9,222	86%
SOUTH KOREA	640	980	53%
TAIWAN	10,316	10,746	4%
CHINA	16,757	22,671	35%
USA/CANADA	8,478	8,629	2%
EUROPE	3,595	4,159	16%
AUSTRALIA	1,998	3,099	55%
OTHERS	4,154	4,442	7%
TOTAL	50,899	63,948	26%



Palau welcomed 63,948 visitors from January to September 2026, an increase of 26% compared with 50,899 visitors during the same period in 2025. The result shows that tourism growth has remained strong through the first nine months of the year, with positive expansion recorded across all major source markets.

Growth Ranking (Year-on-Year Change)

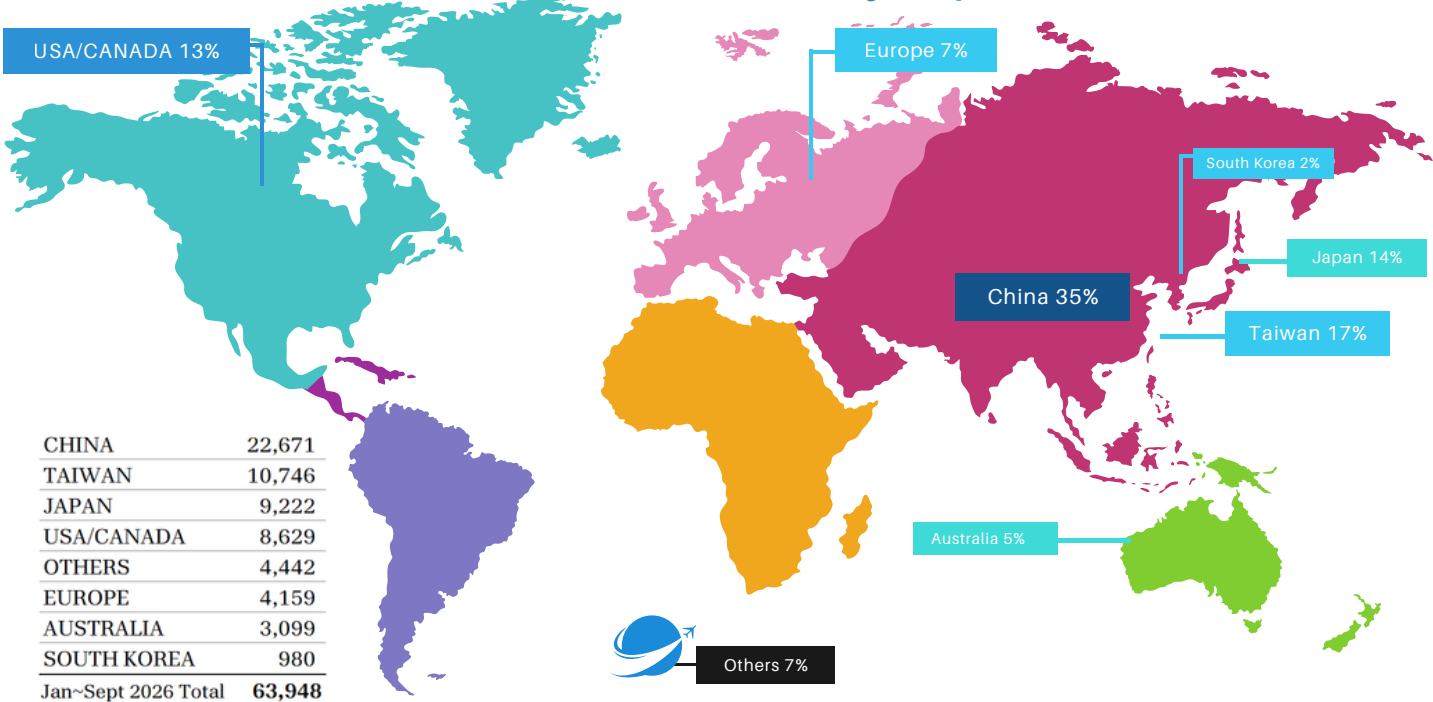
- Japan: 86%
- Australia: 55%
- South Korea: 53%
- China: 35%
- Europe: 16%
- Others: 7%
- Taiwan: 4%
- USA/Canada: 2%

Growth was led by Japan, which grew by 86% (reaching 9,222 visitors), followed by Australia at 55% (3,099 visitors), South Korea at 53% (980 visitors), and China at 35% (22,671 visitors). Japan’s strong year-to-date performance continues to demonstrate a solid rebound compared with the same timeframe last year. China maintained its position as the single largest source market overall, capturing a 35% market share, while Taiwan stood as the second-largest market with 10,746 visitors (a 17% market share) and a 4% year-on-year increase.

Europe achieved 16% growth (4,159 visitors / 7% share), while the Others category recorded a 7% increase (4,442 visitors / 7% share). USA/Canada recorded a 2% gain (8,629 visitors), representing 13% of total arrivals. Overall, all regional markets sustained positive year-on-year growth through September, reinforcing a balanced recovery across Palau’s inbound travel sectors.

The January–September 2026 data reflects continued resilience and steady performance across key origin regions. While China leads total visitor volume, substantial percentage increases from Japan, Australia, and South Korea continue to broaden and diversify the nation’s tourist profile. Sustaining this momentum through the fourth quarter while supporting sustainable destination management remains essential for long-term sector health.

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



Monthly Arrivals by Country Group

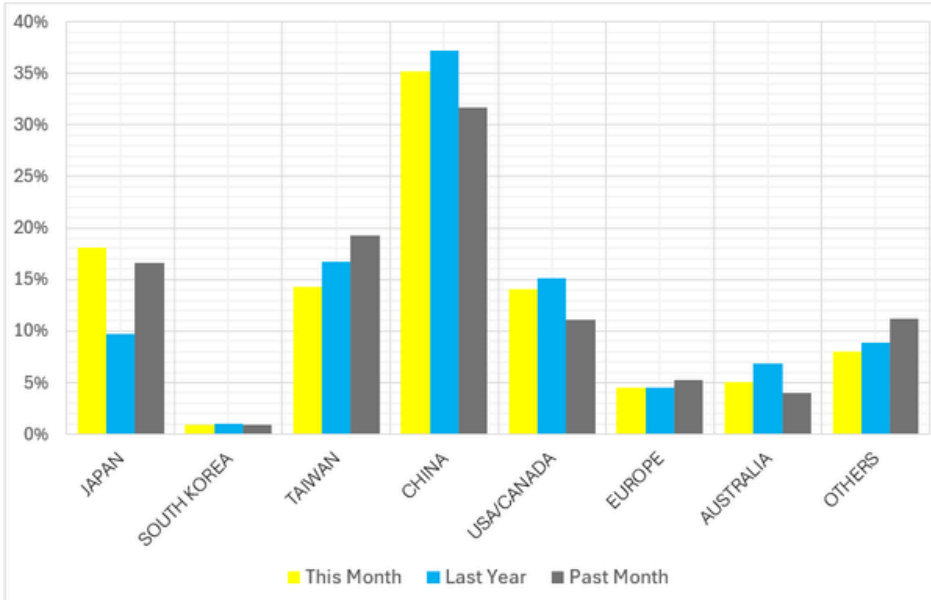
This table presents the breakdown of visitor arrivals to Palau by country and region from **September 2026**. It details monthly and total arrivals for each source market, highlighting both Palau's key tourism markets—Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, China, USA/Canada, Europe, Australia, and Others— additional 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	5,014	5,381	4,139	4,255	5,204	5,446	3,788				45,753
Japan	1,296	1,223	1262	1122	755	569	771	1258	966				9,222
Korea, Republic of	249	223	136	156	45	15	40	68	48				980
Taiwan, Republic of China	1,147	1,478	959	1380	857	1252	1451	1459	763				10,746
China	2,381	4,104	2407	2376	2213	2137	2776	2398	1879				22,671
Bangladesh	-	-	1	0	1	1	0	3	1				7
Indonesia	9	7	4	15	14	23	7	26	8				113
India	14	24	19	13	5	10	3	22	11				121
Malaysia	19	6	63	58	36	42	7	19	8				258
Philippines	103	120	92	153	142	139	103	119	64				1,035
Singapore	36	11	50	56	39	32	11	18	22				275
Thailand	10	9	3	32	10	18	3	16	3				104
Asia-Other	32	25	18	20	22	17	32	40	15				221
North America	1,196	849	1,128	832	912	941	1,174	843	754				8,629
Canada	58	74	47	41	46	29	19	22	38				374
United States of America	1,138	775	1081	791	866	912	1155	819	716				8,253
North America-Other	-	-	0	0	0	0	0	2	0				2
Caribbean	4	5	-	2	2	2	1	3	-				19
Central America	15	3	18	23	3	3	-	2	10				77
South America	26	52	11	23	11	28	6	24	10				191
Argentina	4	4	2	3	1	1	0	0	1				16
Brazil	20	41	6	16	7	24	5	12	3				134
Chile	1	-	0	0	0	0	0	5	2				8
Ecuador	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1				5
South America-Other	-	6	3	3	3	3	1	6	3				28
Europe	619	567	682	703	571	205	216	421	240				4,224
Austria	48	13	7	17	22	1	6	6	5				125
Belgium	12	4	9	18	6	4	5	4	5				67
Switzerland	43	34	35	42	44	12	18	7	22				257
Czech Republic	14	5	28	113	14	8	1	6	11				200
Germany	124	147	177	113	175	27	32	26	40				861
Denmark	9	12	2	15	4	3	8	8	2				63
Spain	30	10	13	36	12	20	19	69	7				216
Finland	9	5	6	1	2	1	1	4	1				30
France	26	28	37	44	29	12	15	61	19				271
United Kingdom	68	80	103	76	89	29	29	54	42				570
Greece	9	-	3	5	2	0	0	1	4				24
Italy	35	55	39	44	17	12	5	47	15				269
Norway	4	7	8	8	3	10	9	7	1				57
Poland	25	45	87	36	12	6	11	16	23				261
Portugal	11	5	19	17	15	6	11	4	4				92
Russian Federation	37	36	26	19	47	19	8	19	13				224
Sweden	12	7	11	5	9	2	3	1	0				50
Europe-Other	103	74	72	94	69	33	35	81	26				587
Middle East	72	26	9	14	22	11	5	29	16				204
Africa	6	5	4	21	10	7	7	5	6				71
Oceania	574	467	490	507	593	469	345	790	517				4,752
Australia	471	341	379	410	410	294	226	300	268				3,099
Fiji	11	19	15	15	22	15	15	96	29				237
Micronesia, FSM	39	45	30	20	31	71	58	102	47				443
Marshall Islands	10	9	9	11	26	23	15	45	10				158
New Zealand	-	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				-
Solomon Islands	-	2	1	0	5	0	0	26	26				60
Tuvalu	1	1	0	1	3	0	1	25	6				38
Oceania-Other	11	17	14	11	41	20	6	116	56				292
Total	7,808	9,204	7,356	7,506	6,263	5,921	6,958	7,563	5,341				63,920
Unidentified	2	5	4	1	3	4	5	2	2				28
Total	7,810	9,209	7,360	7,507	6,266	5925	6963	7565	5343				63,948

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.

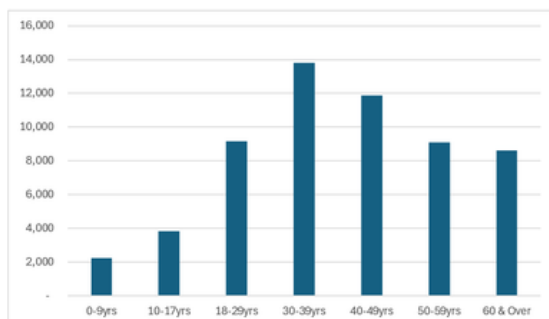
KEY MARKETS	This Month		Last Year		Past Month	
	SEPTEMBER 2026	Share %	SEPTEMBER 2025	Share %	AUGUST 2026	Share %
JAPAN	966	18%	438	10%	1258	17%
SOUTH KOREA	48	1%	44	1%	68	1%
TAIWAN	763	14%	752	17%	1459	19%
CHINA	1879	35%	1673	37%	2398	32%
USA/CANADA	754	14%	679	15%	843	11%
EUROPE	239	4%	203	5%	395	5%
AUSTRALIA	268	5%	309	7%	300	4%
OTHERS	426	8%	401	9%	844	11%
Total:	5343	100%	4499	100%	7565	100%



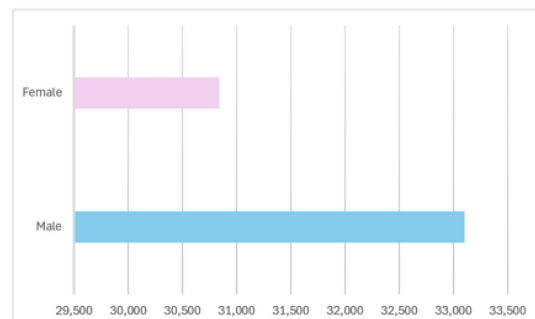
JAN~SEPT 2026 Arrivals By Gender and Age Group

Age Group	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTALS
0-9yrs	244	505	147	204	150	192	397	397	116				2,352
10-17yrs	365	733	219	201	100	323	1,007	870	159				3,977
18-29yrs	1,217	1,097	1,152	1,101	1,097	1,157	1,183	1,153	1,179				10,336
30-39yrs	1,719	2,129	1,760	2,147	1,734	1,496	1,362	1,478	1,513				15,338
40-49yrs	1,570	1,921	1,362	1,462	1,133	1,168	1,528	1,722	906				12,772
50-59yrs	1,295	1,397	1,313	1,176	1,019	866	858	1,157	835				9,916
60 & Over	1,400	1,427	1,407	1,216	1,033	723	628	788	635				9,257
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				-
Total	7,810	9,209	7,360	7,507	6,266	5,925	6,963	7,565	5,343				63,948

Jan-Sept Arrivals by Age Group



Jan-Sept Arrivals by Gender



Gender	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTALS
Male	4,184	4,629	3,830	3,904	3,264	3,039	3,581	3,962	2,710				33,103
Female	3,625	4,580	3,528	3,602	3,002	2,886	3,382	3,603	2,633				30,841
Other	1	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-				4
Total	7,810	9,209	7,360	7,507	6,266	5,925	6,963	7,565	5,343				63,948

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	5,815	5,781	5,487	3,572	2,860	3,692	5,934	4,626				44,106
SOUTH KOREA	1,514	1,328	803	891	250	100	221	344	275				5,726
TAIWAN	4,911	6,128	4,280	5,774	3,839	5,306	7,057	6,928	3,431				47,653
CHINA	11,904	20,881	12,014	11,652	10,942	10,724	13,724	11,643	9,288				112,772
USA/CANADA	8,565	6,233	8,317	6,536	7,091	8,034	10,949	5,792	5,999				67,514
EUROPE	4,832	4,492	5,250	5,251	3,336	1,244	1,327	2,699	1,608				30,039
AUSTRALIA	3,665	2,896	3,044	3,261	3,510	2,473	1,737	2,479	2,185				25,249
OTHERS	3,460	2,958	2,789	3,662	3,405	3,162	2,175	6,075	2,885				30,572
Total Visitor Nights	45,188	50,731	42,279	42,514	35,944	33,904	40,881	41,894	30,296				363,631
Y-on_Ychange	16%	67%	25%	42%	42%	-32%	16%	28%	19%				-14%

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_Ychange	49%	-51%	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	44,106
SOUTH KOREA	47,749	47,122	56,452	49,193	11,492	101	1,805	5,366	4,298	6,578	5,726
TAIWAN	56,748	39,848	44,848	67,738	10,843	9,738	6,223	43,777	55,331	60,043	47,653
CHINA	292,859	267,140	196,109	160,047	18,545	261	1,175	55,029	92,731	118,485	112,772
USA/CANADA	58,299	55,966	63,379	60,231	14,719	21,831	59,697	63,825	76,815	83,985	67,514
EUROPE	45,454	42,017	36,500	33,806	11,618	613	8,631	22,913	25,894	43,312	30,039
AUSTRALIA	5,463	4,672	4,541	5,295	717	193	2,241	9,373	12,307	25,127	25,249
OTHERS	23,502	22,969	22,896	27,056	4,917	1,837	10,959	23,025	25,318	43,995	30,572
Total Visitor Nights	651,665	589,575	522,953	493,178	98,430	36,508	101,324	246,158	322,932	420,839	363,631

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	4.8	4.9	4.9	4.7	5.0	4.8	4.7	4.8			
SOUTH KOREA	6.1	6.0	5.7	5.7	5.6	6.7	5.5	5.1	5.7			
TAIWAN	4.3	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.5	4.2	4.9	4.7	4.5			
CHINA	5.0	5.1	4.9	4.9	4.9	5.0	4.9	4.9	4.9			
USA/CANADA	7.2	7.3	7.9	7.9	7.8	8.5	9.3	6.9	8.0			
EUROPE	7.9	8.0	7.5	7.5	6.0	6.1	6.1	6.8	6.7			
AUSTRALIA	7.8	8.5	8.0	8.0	8.6	8.4	7.7	8.3	8.2			
OTHERS	7.5	6.9	6.8	6.8	6.6	6.2	7.0	7.2	6.8			
Total	5.7	5.5	5.6	5.6	5.7	5.7	5.8	5.5	5.7			

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	4.8
SOUTH KOREA	3.9	4.0	3.9	4.1	4.3	4.2	8.0	5.7	6.4	6.1	5.8
TAIWAN	4.1	4.1	4.0	4.4	4.2	3.8	4.4	4.3	4.8	4.4	4.4
CHINA	4.5	4.6	4.8	5.3	5.6	5.8	9.0	5.2	5.0	5.1	5.0
USA/CANADA	6.9	7.0	7.5	7.4	7.7	10.4	8.9	7.6	7.6	7.4	7.8
EUROPE	9.3	9.0	8.4	9.1	9.4	10.4	9.6	8.4	8.6	7.6	7.2
AUSTRALIA	7.1	7.2	7.3	7.4	6.1	5.4	9.0	8.0	8.5	8.3	8.1
OTHERS	6.4	6.5	6.8	6.6	6.4	7.5	7.9	7.1	6.4	7.9	6.9
Total	4.7	4.8	4.9	5.3	5.4	7.0	8.2	6.0	5.9	5.9	5.7

2026 MODE OF TRANSPORTATION

BY MODE OF TRANSPORTATION AND KEY MARKETS % SHARE

The table illustrates the breakdown of total arrivals in **September 2026** amounting to **5,343** 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	2016	2349	1437	1600	1832	1983	1120				16777
Nauru Airlines	33	51	46	26	62	65	0	0	0				283
United Airlines	2463	2224	2255	1746	1587	1470	1669	1989	1478				16881
Cambodia Airways	674	1706	708	560	539	548	692	669	138				6234
Pacific Mission Aviation	30	44	51	39	18	28	36	31	17				294
Hong Kong Airlines	1123	1523	1007	973	1005	919	1191	951	1030				9722
Qantas Airlines	503	438	450	438	486	349	274	447	365				3750
Philippine Airlines	0	0	48	421	266	238	307	505	351				2136
Private plane	5	40	39	98	7	3	7	122	15				336
Air Niugini	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7				7
Greater Bay Airlines	626	914	726	855	672	685	901	765	709				6853
Sailing yacht	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	9	0				10
Motor Yacht	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				1
Motor Vessel	0	1	6	0	0	1	0	0	29				37
Research Vessel	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				14
Military	144	19	8	2	0	19	54	94	84				424
Cruise Ship	0	0	0	0	186	0	0	0	0				186
Others	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				3
Totals	7810	9209	7360	7507	6266	5925	6963	7565	5343				63948

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	Qantas	Hong Kong Airlines	Philippine Airlines	Greater Bay Airlines	Air Niugini	Private Plane	Motor Yacht	Military
JAPAN	4%	50%	0.0%	0%	2%	0%	40%	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%
SOUTH KOREA	3%	0%	0.0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
TAIWAN	67%	0%	0.7%	0%	0%	0.6%	0.0%	0.3%	0%	0%	0%	0%
CHINA	1%	1%	99.3%	0%	1%	98%	8%	96%	0%	0%	0%	2%
USA/CANADA	9%	37%	0.0%	12%	7%	1%	18%	1%	0%	20%	0%	0%
EUROPE	10%	3%	0.0%	18%	6%	0%	12%	0.4%	0%	0%	0%	20%
AUSTRALIA	0%	1%	0%	0%	62%	0.0%	2.0%	0.1%	0%	0%	0%	77%
OTHERS	5%	8%	0.0%	71%	22%	0.3%	18.5%	1%	100%	80%	0%	0%
Total %%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

In **September 2026**, Palau continued to rely on a mix of commercial airlines, private aircraft, motor yachts, and military transport to facilitate visitor arrivals. Each carrier and transport mode served a distinct market profile, with commercial airlines supporting Palau’s main visitor markets and other transport modes recording more concentrated passenger shares. The percentages below represent the market composition within each carrier or transport mode, rather than its share of total visitor arrivals

Airline Contributions

The top three market shares for each airline in September 2026 were as follows:

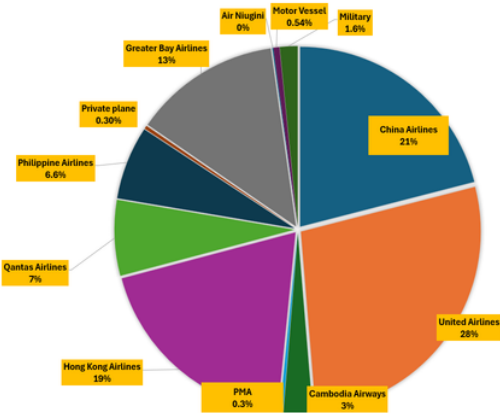
- **China Airlines:** Taiwan (67%), Europe (10%), and USA/Canada (9%).
- **United Airlines:** Japan (50%), USA/Canada (37%), and Others (8%).
- **Cambodia Airways:** China (99.3%) and Taiwan (0.7%); no other markets recorded a share.
- **Hong Kong Airlines:** China (98%), USA/Canada (1%), and Taiwan (0.6%).
- **Greater Bay Airlines:** China (96%), followed by USA/Canada and Others (tied at 1% each).
- **Qantas:** Australia (62%), Others (22%), and USA/Canada (7%).
- **Philippine Airlines:** Japan (40%), Others (18.5%), and USA/Canada (18%).
- **Pacific Mission Aviation:** Others (71%), Europe (18%), and USA/Canada (12%).
- **Air Niugini:** Others (100%); no other markets recorded a share.

Other Transport Modes

- **Private Planes:** Arrivals were concentrated in the Others category, which accounted for 80%, while USA/Canada represented the remaining 20%.
- **Military:** Military-related arrivals were predominantly from Australia at 77%, followed by Europe at 20% and China at 2%.
- **Motor Yacht:** All recorded arrivals were from Japan, which accounted for 100% of this transport category.%.

Overall, September’s transportation data show that Palau’s access continued to serve a diverse range of visitor markets, although several individual carriers had highly concentrated passenger profiles. Cambodia Airways, Hong Kong Airlines, and Greater Bay Airlines predominantly carried visitors from China, while China Airlines primarily served Taiwan. United Airlines’ passenger mix was led by Japan and USA/Canada, Qantas was predominantly supported by Australia, and Philippine Airlines served a broader mix led by Japan. The Others category accounted for the majority of passengers on Pacific Mission Aviation, Air Niugini, and private planes. These percentages describe market composition but do not, on their own, establish travel purpose or each carrier’s contribution to total arrivals.

SEPTEMBER 2026 Mode of Transportation % SHARE



	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTALS
China Airlines	28.3%	24.2%	27.4%	31.29%	22.9%	27.0%	26.31%	26.2%	21.0%				26.2%
Nauru Airlines	0.4%	0.6%	0.6%	0.35%	1.0%	1.1%	0.00%	0.0%	0.0%				0.4%
United Airlines	31.5%	24.2%	30.6%	23%	25.3%	24.8%	24%	26.3%	27.7%				26.4%
Cambodia Airways	8.6%	18.5%	9.6%	7.46%	8.6%	9.2%	9.94%	8.8%	2.6%				9.7%
PMA	0.4%	0.5%	0.7%	0.52%	0.3%	0.5%	0.52%	0.4%	0.3%				0.5%
Hong Kong Airlines	14.4%	16.5%	13.7%	13.0%	16.0%	15.5%	17.1%	12.6%	19.3%				15.2%
Qantas Airlines	6.4%	4.8%	6.1%	5.83%	7.8%	5.9%	3.94%	5.9%	6.8%				5.9%
Philippine Airlines	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%	5.61%	4.2%	4.0%	4.41%	6.7%	6.6%				3.3%
Private plane	0.1%	0.4%	0.5%	1.31%	0.1%	0.1%	0.10%	1.6%	0.3%				0.5%
Air Niugini	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%				0.0%
Greater Bay Airlines	8.02%	9.93%	9.86%	11.39%	10.72%	11.56%	12.94%	10.11%	13.27%				10.7%
Sailing yacht	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.02%	0.00%	0.00%	0.12%	0.00%				0.0%
Motor Yacht	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.00%	0.0%	0.0%	0.00%	0.0%	0.0%				0.0%
Motor Vessel	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.00%	0.0%	0.02%	0.00%	0.00%	0.54%				0.1%
Research Vessel	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.00%	0.0%	0.0%	0.00%	0.0%	0.0%				0.0%
Military	1.8%	0.2%	0.1%	0.03%	0.0%	0.3%	0.78%	1.2%	1.6%				0.3%
Cruise Ship	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.00%	3.0%	0.0%	0.00%	0.0%	0.0%				0.3%
Others	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.00%	0.0%	0.0%	0.00%	0.0%	0.0%				0.0%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%	100%

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

The table displays arrival data spanning from 1980 to **September 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	9,222	980	10,746	22,671	8,629	4,159	3,099	4,442	63,948

SEPTEMBER 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 - Ceased operations June 2026**

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.

Philippine Airlines: Scheduled Flight arriving twice a week from Manila, Philippines started this March 30, 2026

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

August 29 – September 05, 2026: 55th Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) Leaders Meeting in Palau

Palau proudly hosted the 55th Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) Leaders Meeting. Organizers, including the Palau Visitors Authority (PVA) and the President's Office PIF Organizing Committee, coordinated logistics, ground transportation, and accommodations for official delegations across 18 member countries. In preparation, PVA conducted detailed hotel accommodation surveys to manage room inventories, track reservations using special identification codes, and coordinate support for incoming diplomatic delegates and overflow needs. Further preparations involved securing certified guiding services from the Koror State Government Department of Conservation & Law Enforcement to ensure high-quality local representation throughout the Forum.

September 17-20, 2026: Strengthening Ties, Expanding Opportunities: Palau's Official Visit to Kobe and Hyogo

Palau and Hyogo Prefecture have shared a friendship agreement since August 16, 1983, supporting cooperation in youth development, education, technical training, and environmental initiatives. To expand ties in tourism, culture, and sustainable development, an official Palauan delegation visited Kobe and Hyogo, Japan. Led by Minister Ngiraibelas Tmetuchl and received by Ambassador Peter Adelbai, the delegation included Governor Norman Ngiratecheboet, PVA Managing Director Kadoi Ruloked, Strategic Analyst II Geena Gerald, and Marketing Representative Kiruu Kanai. The visit began with a reception hosted by Osaka International University leaders Mr. Toyoshi Kubota and Chairman Goro Okuda, recognizing the university's ongoing engagement, including a March student exchange to Airai Elementary School. Additionally, on September 19, 2026, an official ceremony marked the opening of the "Discover Palau, the Southern Island Nation — Toward a Sustainable Future" exhibition at the Hyogo Prefectural Hyogo-no-Tsu Museum, preserving items from the Expo to promote Palauan culture and tourism in Japan.

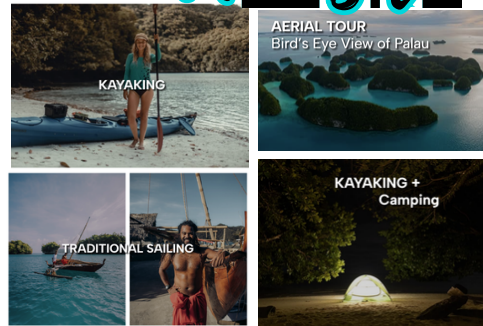
September 24 - 27, 2026: Palau Strengthens Japan Tourism Presence at Tourism EXPO Japan 2026 Following Launch of Direct Narita-Koror

Palau made a strong appearance at Tourism EXPO Japan (TEJ) 2026, following the launch of direct air service between Tokyo's Narita International Airport and Palau's Roman Tmetuchl International Airport via United Airlines. The new air connection marks an important milestone in strengthening accessibility between Japan and Palau and creating new opportunities for tourism development in the Japanese market.

The Palau delegation was represented by Palau Visitors Authority (PVA) Managing Director Kadoi Ruloked, Strategic Analyst II Geena Gerald, and Marketing Representative Kiruu Kanai, JICA Expert Shimomura Yasuki alongside nine local tourism operators representing accommodations, tour services, and other tourism-related businesses in Palau. During the four-day event, Palau's participating operators had the opportunity to showcase their respective products and services directly to the Japanese travel trade and establish new business connections. The delegation networked with more than 40 Japanese tour operators, travel agents, and members of the media, creating opportunities for future partnerships, travel packages, media coverage, and increased visitation from Japan.

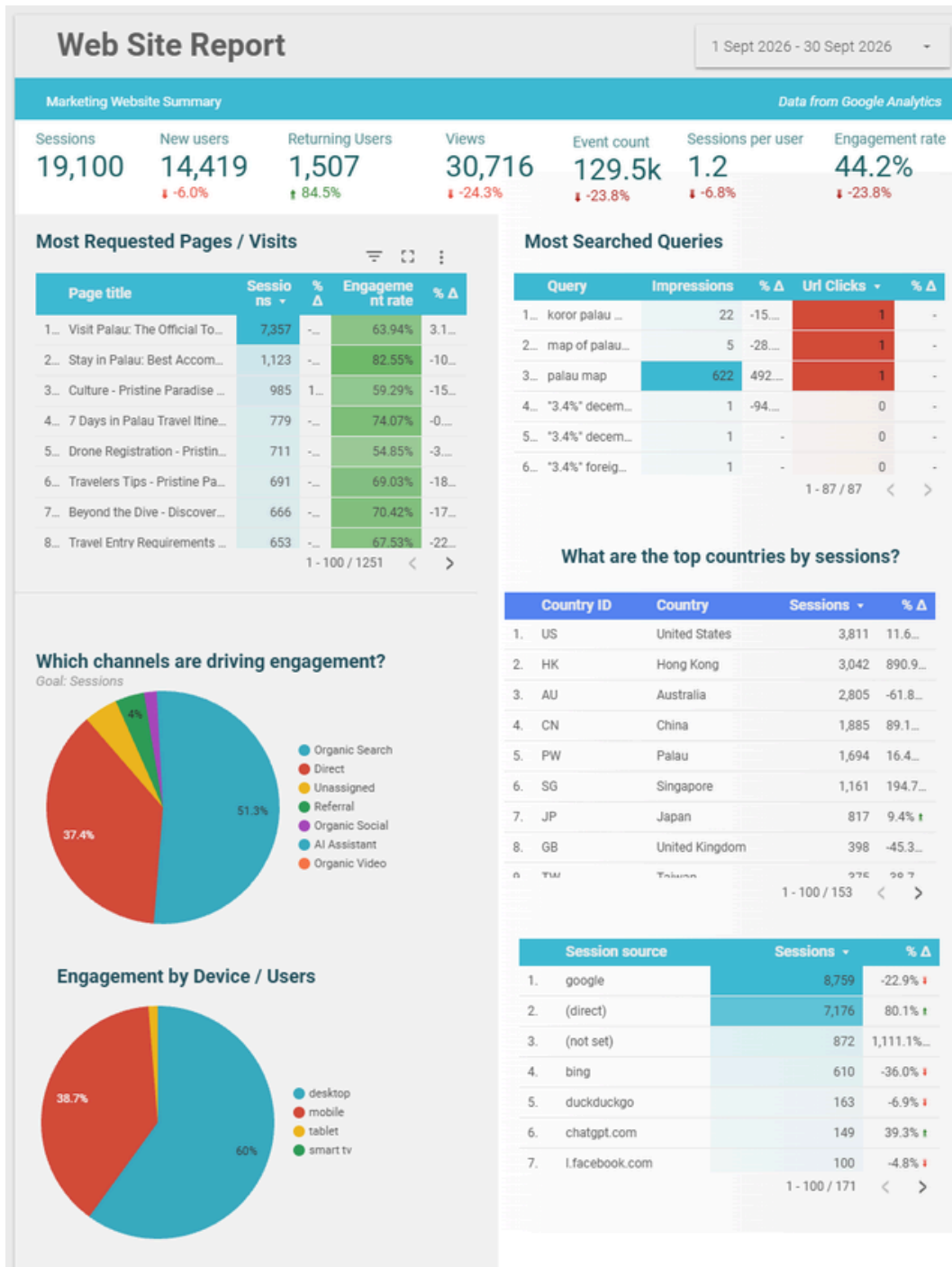
September 29, 2026: On 29 September 2026, Mr. Kadoi Ruloked, Managing Director of the Palau Visitors Authority, together with Ms. Kiruu Kanai, Marketing Representative, Ms. Geena Gerald, Strategic Analyst II, and Mr. Yasuki Shimomura, JICA Expert on Tourism Development, visited the Pacific Islands Centre (PIC) to exchange views on promoting tourism to Palau.

Website



In September 2026, the website generated a total of 19,100 sessions. Traffic was primarily led by organic search, which generated 51.3% of total sessions, followed by direct web visits at 37.4%. The top 3 geographic markets contributing to this volume were the United States, Hong Kong, and Australia.

Audience activity remained focused on practical travel resources and cultural guides. The most frequented sections included the main Visit Palau portal, accommodation options, cultural overview pages, 7-day travel itineraries, drone registration, traveler tips, the "Beyond the Dive" feature, and travel entry guidelines. Top search query themes centered around mapping and geography phrases, including "koror palau," "map of palau," and "palau map," indicating that users were actively seeking spatial details alongside core destination resources. Overall, the September metrics reflect strong ongoing engagement and a consistent reliance on the platform for trip planning and destination research.



PALAU ENTRY FORMS SUMMARY REPORT

September 2026
Based on 5,073 Tourist Entries



No. of times Traveler has been to Palau



According to the latest compiled registry from the Palau Entry Forms, Palau welcomed a total of 5,073 travelers throughout September 2026.

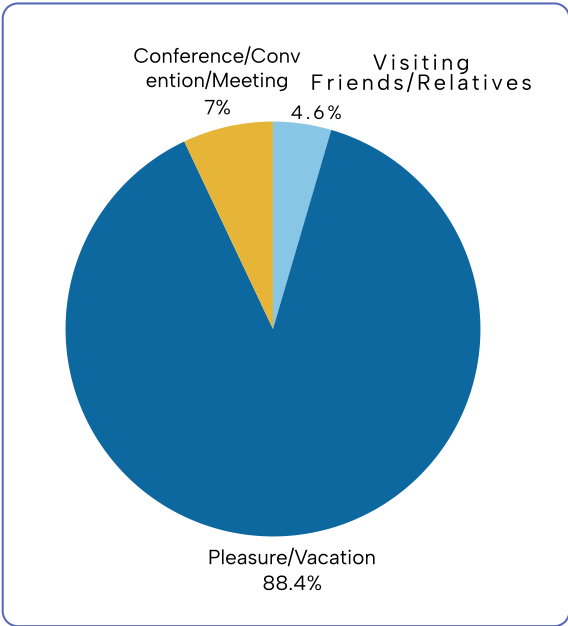
First-time visitors represented 79% of total arrivals, with repeat guests making up the remaining 21%. Diving into travel motivations, leisure and vacationing remained the primary driver at 88.4%, while corporate conferences and professional events accounted for 7%, and 4.6% journeyed to visit friends or relatives.

Most visitors favored aquatic recreation, with swimming and snorkeling leading visitor activities. Land-based and marine options followed, including sightseeing, scuba diving, shopping, and cultural or historical tours.

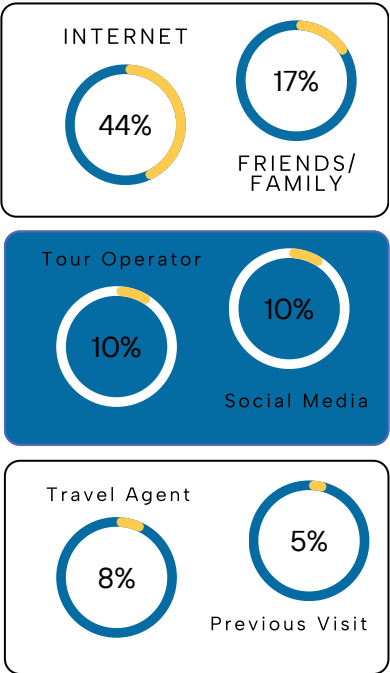
The internet served as the main catalyst for trip discovery, inspiring 44% of travelers, while word-of-mouth recommendations from friends and family prompted 17%. Commercial tour operators and social media channels each influenced 10%, followed by traditional travel advisors at 8%, and nostalgic repeat visits at 5%.

When securing their itineraries, the largest segment of visitors relied on professional tour agents, closely followed by direct self-booking. Smaller portions arranged logistics through family or friends or purchased ready-made holiday packages.

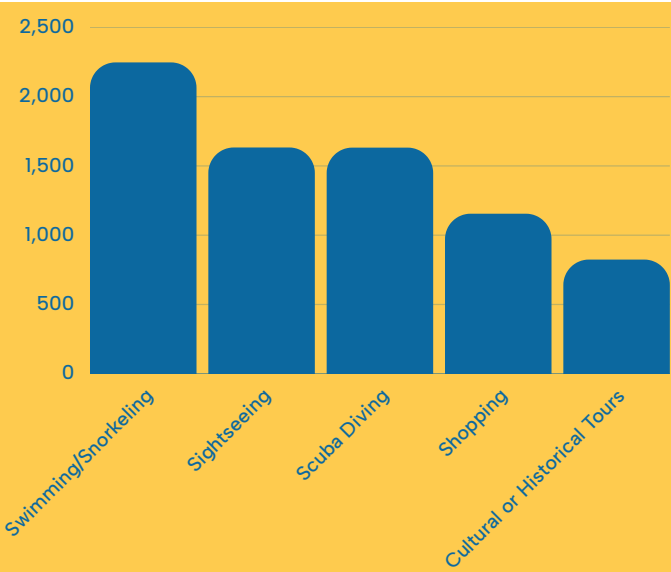
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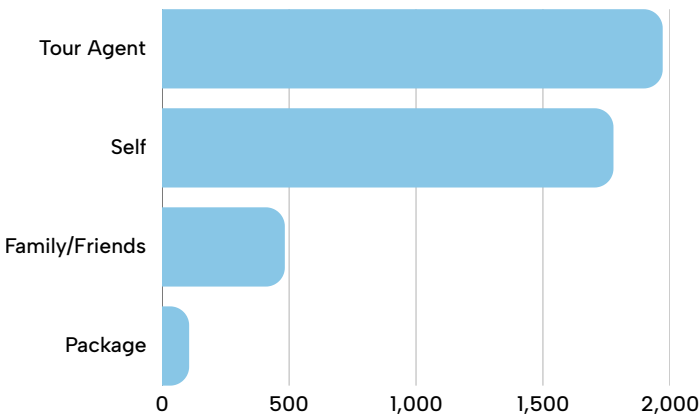
How Travelers hear about Palau



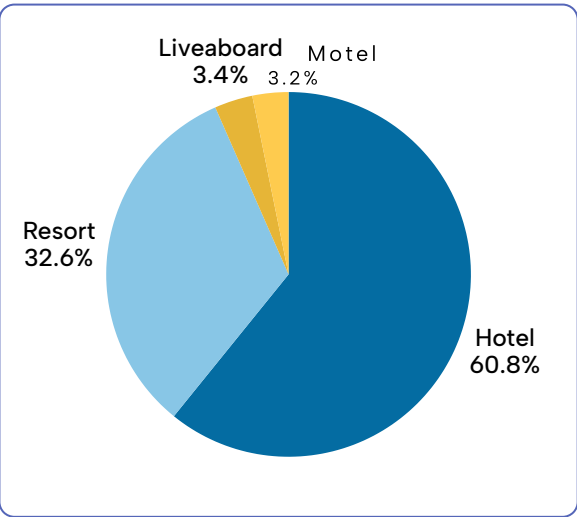
Activities in Palau (Top 5)



Visitor Trip Booking



Accommodation in Palau



Regarding lodging choices, standard hotel rooms housed the largest share of guests at 60.8%, followed by resort stays at 32.6%. Unique liveaboard vessel experiences captured 3.4%, while motel accommodations accounted for 3.2%.

An analysis of annual household income shows that those earning under \$16,000 formed the largest single group at 16%. Households making \$20,000–\$40,000 represented 15%, while high earners making over \$100,000 and guests who preferred to keep their financial details private tied at 14% each. The remaining brackets were distributed across \$40,000–\$60,000 (12%), \$60,000–\$80,000 (10%), \$16,000–\$20,000 (10%), and \$80,000–\$100,000 (8%).

Annual household Income

Less Than \$16,000	16%	\$40,000–\$60,000	12%
\$20,000–\$40,000	15%	\$60,000–\$80,000	10%
Over \$100,000	14%	\$16,000–\$20,000	10%
Prefer Not To Say	14%	\$80,000–\$100,000	8%