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Diving & Snorkeling Guide To Truk Lagoon And Pohnpei & Kosrae 2016 (Diving & Snorkeling Guides)



Synopsis

New for 2016, with updated images and wreck site information. These islands in the Federated States of Micronesia offer the best wreck diving in the world as well as amazing reefs, deep dropoffs and isolated atolls. Truk Lagoon (Chuuk) was the site of the famous WWII air raid Operation Hailstone that lasted three days and sunk dozens of Japanese ships in the waters of the vast inner lagoon. Today, they are “shipreefs,” historic wrecks adorned in corals and full of marine life. For history lovers or reef divers, these amazing dives have the potential to overload the senses and exhaust the superlatives of every diver and snorkeler that visits them. East of Truk are the islands of Pohnpei and Kosrae. Pohnpei has amazing natural beauty above and below the surface, with a mysterious ancient city, many waterfalls, high mountains and a huge barrier reef. Two atolls also lie offshore. Pohnpei diving is famous for mantas, sharks and beautiful corals. Kosrae is also a legendary natural wonder, with very little coastal development to spoil the extremely healthy hard coral reefs. This is nature at its wild best. Kosrae has natural forests and a very special mangrove dive. This guide gives you everything you need to plan a trip to these wonderful Micronesian destinations. There are over 130 full color images and island maps. Dive locations are shown on maps and each site is described in detail. introduced with general location, most frequently dived depths, type of dive that can be expected, the dominant marine life and the logistical requirements.

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This is a good bare bones guide with lots of pictures at a modest price. Fair warning, Pohnpei reefs are under a significant bleaching event as well as suffering from severe local overfishing. There are still good dives in the passes (channels) and at a few places in the lagoon but overall there are very much fewer apex predators (sharks, barracudas, giant grouper, giant trevally), turtles, rays, and other reef fish. The schools of dolphin, often seen in the lagoon and more so outside the reef, have mostly moved on to somewhere else. However, the water is still warm and clear and the wall drift dives are pure joy! However, if you want the best diving in Micronesia, then consider going to Palau.

A great guide

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