

Truk Lagoon - Blue Lagoon Resort

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The correct name for Truk is actually Chuuk but it is best known worldwide as Truk Lagoon.

Truk Lagoon is a wreck diver's ultimate destination and suitable for novice and experienced divers. The calm, clear, sheltered lagoon is one of the largest in the world and is relatively free from currents, providing safe, easy diving conditions.



Blue Lagoon Resort

The resort has a restaurant offering local and Asian Cuisine, inside & outside bars, a conference room and gift shop. Sea kayak rentals are available & the hotel can arrange visits to the distant atolls for snorkelling & fishing trips. For family members or friends who are non-divers, the World War II history filled island has a taxi service and private tour buses that offer visits to historic and cultural sites. Located on the grounds of the Blue Lagoon Resort is the local dive operator, Blue Lagoon Dive Centre. The dive shop is air-conditioned and provides sales, service & classes.



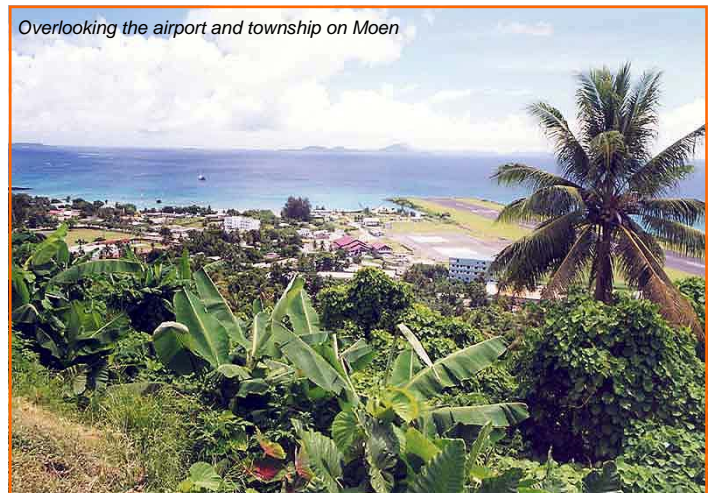
Aerial view of Truk Lagoon

On the 7th and 18th February 1944, the U.S navy launched a devastating air attack on the Japanese Imperial Fleet that was situated inside the sheltered waters of Truk Lagoon. The assault was fifteen times more powerful than the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour. Code named Operation Hailstone, the initial strike was made up of 72 fighters launched from five carriers. When the smoke cleared 15 Japanese naval ships, 6 tankers, 17 cargo ships, 25 American planes and 250 Japanese planes, were lying on the bottom of the Lagoon. Subsequent air raids in April, May and June sunk more ships and by the wars end more than 60 destroyed vessels were on the Lagoon bed, culminating in the largest naval loss in history. The majority of wrecks lie off Dublon, Eten, Fefan and Uman Islands.

The Blue Lagoon

resort is set amongst 14 acres of lush tropical gardens shaded by palm trees, along a white sandy beach on Weno Island. The recently renovated, sprawling resort has 56 spacious air conditioned rooms built in 2 storey, low impact blocks.

Each room has a private bathroom, IDD telephone, TV, fax & email service and balcony or verandah to enjoy the views of the outer islands and the magnificent sunrises and sunsets over Truk Lagoon.



Overlooking the airport and township on Moen

Activities: As scuba diving is the main activity in Truk, Blue Lagoon Dive Centre offers a fleet of fast dive boats. Knowledgeable dive guides provide easy access to the wrecks and allows divers the freedom to dive in small, personal groups. Truk Lagoon is where you will find some of the best diving in Micronesia.

When you experience the mystery and excitement of the Fujikawa Maru with its beautiful soft coral growth and schools of colorful fish or descend into the cargo holds of the Sankisan and San Francisco Maru you will understand why the license plates in Chuuk call it "Divers Haven." With over 40 wrecks to dive you will want to extend your trip



Relaxing at the bar after diving

Diving - Truk Lagoon

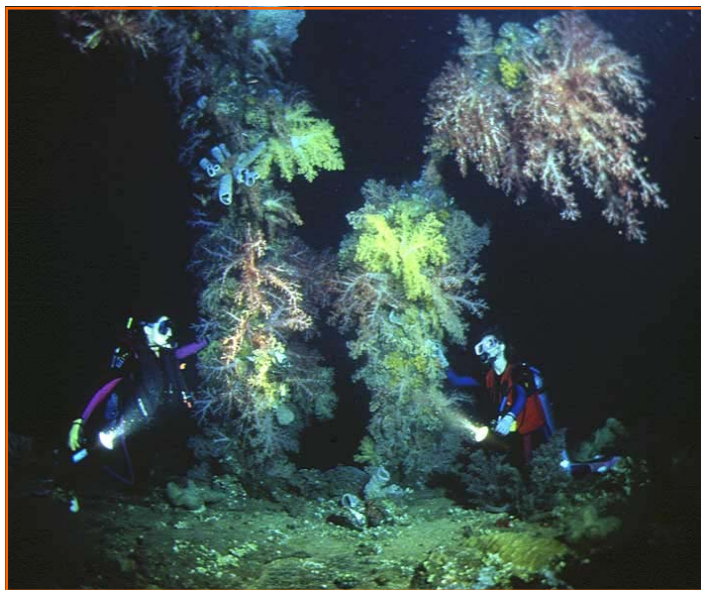
Diving

Explore massive remarkably intact hulks providing the finest collection of wreck sites in the world. Their cargoes of tanks, trucks, airplanes, mines, bombs, machine gun bullets and thousands of artifacts including beautiful china are there still to be explored.



A combination of warm tropical water and prolific marine life has resulted in the wrecks festooning with a variety of soft corals, hard corals and sponges that provide an eerie home for many fish, plankton, and other underwater creatures. Nowhere in the world are there so many wrecks in close proximity, situated in shallow, clear water. Many of the wrecks are visible while snorkeling and there are many on-shore wartime

locations to visit.



Some of the more popular dives sites:

Fujikawa Maru: Depth 0 to 120 feet. A 437-foot freighter sitting upright. It is the most well-known wreck in the lagoon. A favorite for artifacts and marine life. The cargo includes Zero aircraft bodies and wing sections, machine guns, bullets, and artillery shells.

Shinkoku Maru: Depth 20 to 130 feet. A 500-foot tanker sitting upright. Some of the best marine life in the lagoon. More than 100 anemones and clownfish, lionfish, soft corals, schools of jacks and a few sharks.

Yamagiri Maru: Depth 50 to 110 feet. A 439-foot freighter lying on its port side. Contains the largest artillery shells ever produced and were meant for the Japanese super-battleships Yamato and Musahi. Abundant soft corals and anemones.

Kansho Maru: Depth 25 to 130 feet. A 375-foot freighter sitting upright. Easy access to the engine room, radio room and galley. Clownfish town at 35 feet.



Heyan Maru: Depth 35 to 115 feet. A 510-foot submarine tender lying on its port side. It is the largest ship in the lagoon.

Nippo Maru: Depth 50 to 150 feet. A 353-foot freighter sitting upright. There is little coral due to depth. Artifacts include artillery guns, a tank, land mines and 2 trucks. This ship has the best preserved wheel house in the lagoon.

The Rio de Janeiro Maru

This passenger liner, used as a transport & sub tender, rests on its starboard side. Its on an incline with the stern deeper than the bow. A twin engine ship, the screws & rudder offer an excellent photo opportunity, as does the large 6 in/15 cm stern gun. The raised letter name below the stern rail is still visible. Cargo includes coastal defense guns, oil/gasoline drums, & a hold of beer bottles. The engine room is large to accommodate the twin engines but requires special skills to penetrate

Fumitzuki Destroyer: Depth 70 to 120 feet. A 320-foot destroyer that sits upright. Good marine growth, soft corals, black coral and anemones.

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