



Blue Lagoon Resort

TRUK LAGOON-MICRONESIA

Depart: 11 November 2023 | Return : 19 November 2023
from \$3,795 Diver - Ex Brisbane



- Return International Airfares Ex Brisbane to Truk Lagoon flying via Port Moresby with Air Niugini (**NOTE: Based on 2020 schedules and fares—subject to change**)
- Australian Departure Taxes
- Transfers throughout



- 8 Nights TWIN share accommodation at **The Blue Lagoon Resort**



- 12 Dive package (2 dives per day) with **Blue Lagoon Dive**
Includes: Single tanks, weights and dive guide

BONUS GROUP INCLUSIONS

- Welcome drink upon arrival
- Complimentary lunch on last day of diving (provided by the dive shop)
- 1 x complimentary dive (if timing and weather conditions allow)



Group Airfares

Please be aware that this package has been based on a group airfare. Flights and air fares subject to confirmation.

Booking conditions and requirements:

To secure your place on this trip, please complete an online booking form and return it together with a deposit amount of \$500 pp. Please use the package price as an indicative price. Package subject to change at any time due to supplier rate changes and currency exchange rates.

See other terms & conditions as per the Dive Adventures website www.diveadventures.com.au

Price does not include

- Travel insurance, personal spending money and any excess luggage fees
- Nitrox,
- Truk departure tax \$30 USD per person
- Truk Lagoon dive permit \$50 USD per person - to be paid on arrival

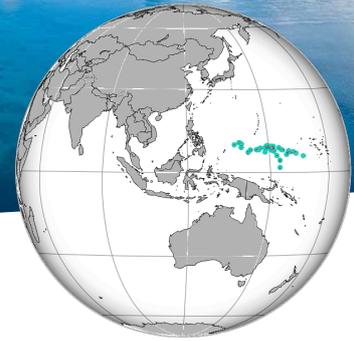


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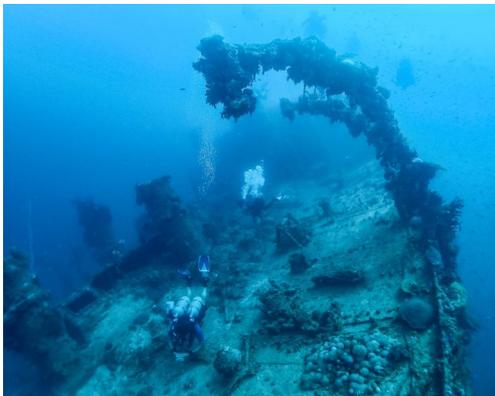


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Discover The Wrecks Of

TRUK LAGOON-MICRONESIA



Chuuk Atoll (also known as Truk), in the Caroline Islands is infamous for its giant lagoon. The lagoon is the final resting place for more than 100 ships, planes and submarines. The majority of these wrecks are the legacy of a fierce World War II battle between the Imperial Japanese Fleet and Allied carrier planes resulting in the largest naval loss in history.



The renowned dive destination is famed for being a wreck lovers paradise. If you have a lust for rust, you will find endless dive sites to discover. Nowhere else in the world are there so many wrecks in close proximity. As such the area is known as an underwater museum. The ships cargoes consist of tanks, trucks, airplanes, mines, bombs and machine gun bullets. Thousands of other artefacts including beautiful china are there still to be explored.



The Blue Lagoon resort is located on the island of Weno and is set amongst 14 acres of lush tropical gardens shaded by palm trees, along a white sandy beach. The resort provides the perfect location for your diving adventure. The resort has 54 spacious air conditioned rooms, each room has a private bathroom and balcony to enjoy the views of the outer islands. The hotel boasts an excellent restaurant, lounge bar and outdoor bar. The sunset bar by the jetty is a great place to relax after a day's diving.

Blue Lagoon Resort also houses Truk's largest dive facility, the **Blue Lagoon Dive Centre**. Diving with Blue Lagoon Dive team is flexible and fun. Their large fleet of dive boats means they can accommodate varying groups, enabling you to explore the wrecks at your own pace. They can cater for recreational, technical and rebreather diving needs with the provision of air, Nitrox and mixed gas.

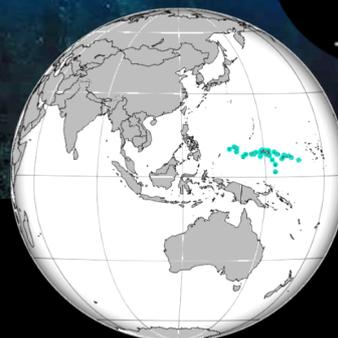


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Diving Season: All year round
Wet Season : May to October ,
July to Oct has the highest rainfall



Water temp 27°C - 30°C



3mm wetsuit. Equipment rental available.



Nitrox | Helium - Available on request



Rebreather friendly



Visibility - Ranges from 10 m to 25m



Photography



Wreck Diving

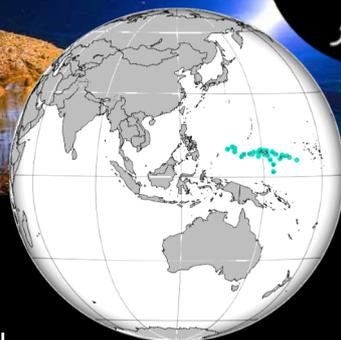
The Wrecks of Truk Lagoon

The renowned dive destination is famed for being a wreck lovers paradise. If you have a lust for rust, you will find endless dive sites to discover. Nowhere else in the world are there so many wrecks in close proximity, situated in shallow clear water. The sheer volume of wrecks is the legacy left by fierce battles during World War II between the Imperial Japanese Fleet and Allied carriers. As such the area is known as an underwater museum.

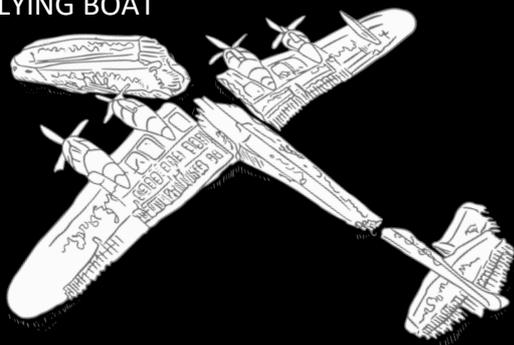
Truk Lagoon was the headquarters for the Japanese Imperial Fleet between 1914 and 1945. The natural harbour provided a safe anchorage for the Japanese navel fleet. Operation Hailstone was devised by the US to cripple Japan's Navy in WWII, and involved a mass aerial attack on runways, planes and ships. On the 17th February 1944, a 36 hour aerial attack (Operation Hailstone) resulted in the loss of at least 250 Japanese planes and 50 ships.

Diving the Wrecks

Although many of the wrecks exceed recreational dive limits and require technical diving certifications and experience, there are a lot of very accessible wrecks suitable for Open Water divers. Some wrecks can even be enjoyed on a snorkel. It's safe to say you will never be short of dive site options. The ships cargoes consist of tanks, trucks, airplanes, mines, bombs and machine gun bullets. Thousands of other artefacts including beautiful china are there still to be explored. Souvenir taking of relics from the area is strictly prohibited by law. Read on for more information on eight of the best wrecks of Truk Lagoon...



1 EMILY FLYING BOAT



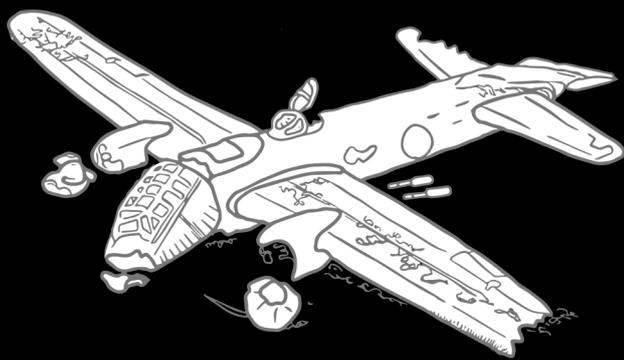
 Kawanishi H8K Navy Type 2 Flying-Boat - Called the "Flying Porcupine" due to the weapons carried on board. 37m wingspan, 28m long.

 16m

 Believed to have been constructed in 1942. In 1945 'Emily' was transporting senior Japanese naval officers from Rabual to survey damaged ships in Chuuk. It was intercepted and shot at by US aircraft, becoming fatally damaged during a water landing

 Great in tact blades and coral growth on the cockpit.

3 BETTY BOMBER



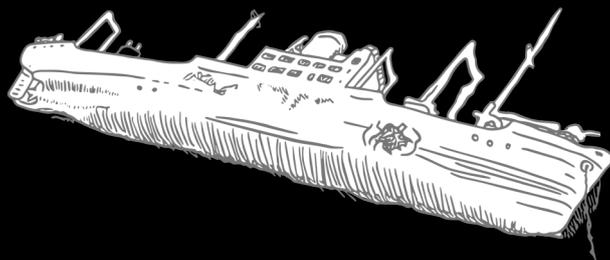
 19m long wreck of a Mitsubishi G4M "Betty" Bomber, known as the flying cigar due to the propensity to set alight when shot at due to unprotected fuel tanks.

 18m

 Mass produced in Japan at the start of the war in 1940. It's unclear what happened to 'Betty', she only went down a few hundred meters away from the Eten Island Airstrip.

 Swimming through the fuselage. In the cockpit there

2 YAMAGIRI



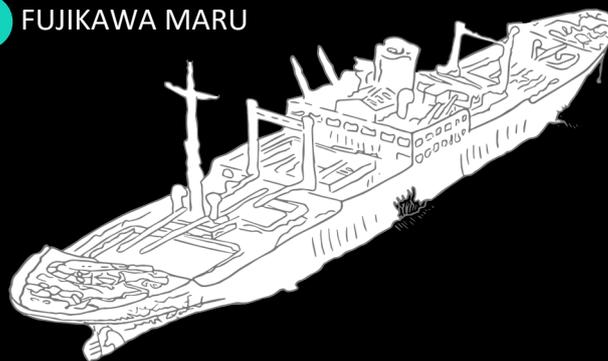
 A 6,438-ton passenger cargo ship lying on port side. 133m long. Huge shells and construction equipment

 12-33m

 Built in 1938 as a cargo ship. She survived a torpedo attack from submarine USS Drum in 1943, but was ultimately sunk 6 months later during Operation Hailstone.

 Interesting engine room. Large artillery shells found

4 FUJIKAWA MARU

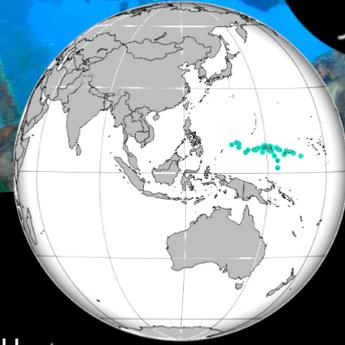


 131m 6,938-ton Passenger-Cargo ship. Known as the "showcase wreck" due to the amount of life and

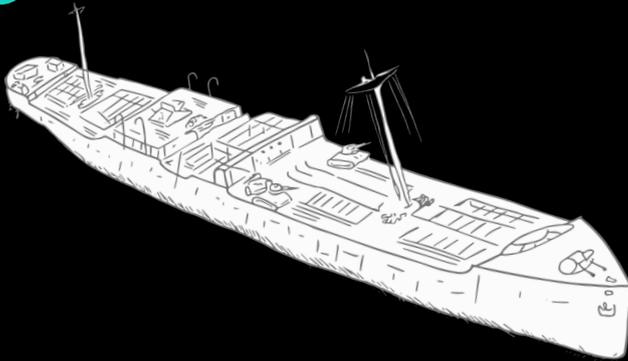
 5-37m

 Built in 1938 as a merchant vessel, she was requisitioned by the Japanese Navy as armed aircraft transport & ferry. She survived a US torpedo attack in 1943, but was sunk 5 months later.

 Aircraft parts, fuel drums, shells, guns and many artefacts in forward holds. Very interesting engine room and huge deck guns on bow and stern. Good coral growth and fish life.



5 SAN FRANCISCO MARU



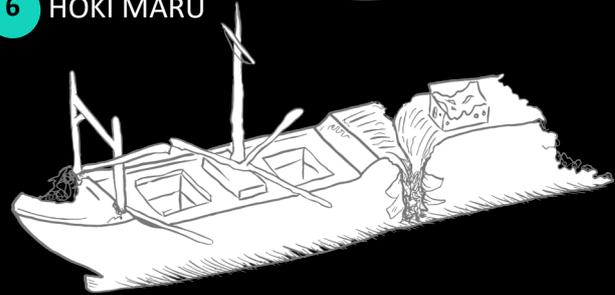
 A passenger 5,831-ton cargo ship, originally built as a merchant ship. Loaded with war materials with holds packed with interesting objects. 117m long.

 42-64m

 Built in 1919, she was assigned to the Japanese Navy. Arriving at Truk to assist in Japans war effort in 1944, she sank less than 2 weeks later after Operation Hailstone.

 Bow gun, trucks, tanks, mines, shells, bombs, aircraft engines, ammunition, china and depth charges on stern.

6 HOKI MARU



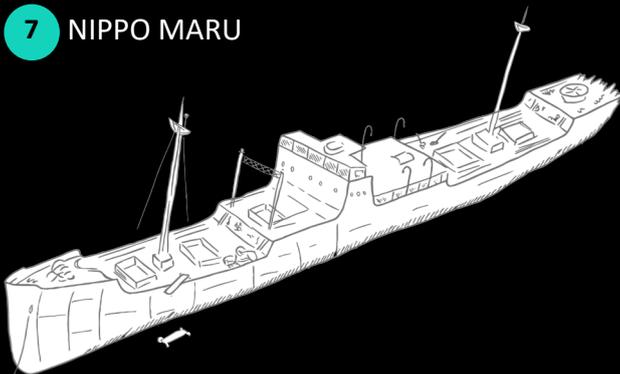
 A captured NZ cargo ship 'M/V Hauraki'. Aft holds are full of an array of vehicles, ammunition and is considered an excellent diving experience.

 24-50m

 Built in 1921, acquired by the British Ministry of War Transport in 1940. Captured by Japan in 1942 with a crew of 50 New Zealanders, whilst captured they did their best to sabotage the vessel. She arrived into Truk 15th Feb 1944 and was sunk two days later.

 A Diesel roller, 4 Isuzu Type 94 trucks, 2 tractors, 2 small bulldozers and a prime mover

7 NIPPO MARU



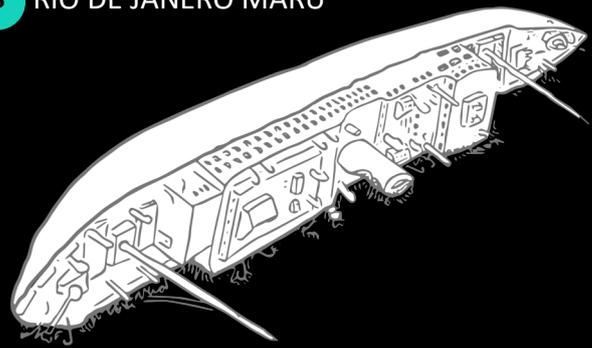
 107m long, 3,764-ton passenger cargo ship. Heavily laden with weapons. One of the most exciting wrecks, with ample photo opportunities.

 18-50m

 Built in 1936, she was assigned to the Japanese Navy. Arriving at Truk to assist in Japans war effort in 1944, she sank less than 2 weeks later after Operation Hailstone.

 Interesting cargo of war materials (shells, detonators, rifle ammunition), equipment (water tanks, gas masks, mess kits, shoes), and other artefacts (beer bottles)

8 RIO DE JANERO MARU



 Passenger liner, 140m long, 9,626-tons. Excellent exterior exploration opportunities as well as an interesting interior.

 10-33m

 Built in 1930 as a passenger liner, requisitioned in 1940 by the Japanese navy and they then converted her to a submarine depot ship. She was then reconverted into a transport ship in 1943, ending up in Truk after a series of attacks, finally sinking during Operation Hailstone.

 Huge stern gun, many beer bottles, several large gun turrets and gun barrels in holds. Nice engine room.