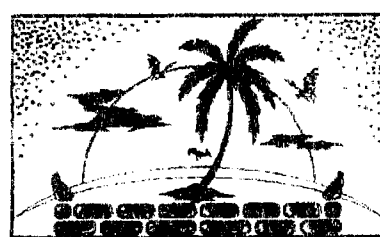


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SOUTHWEST ISLANDS FIELD-TRIP

Visit the most wonderful and breathtaking islands of Palau in the southwest. See Nature at its best. Remember, this opportunity comes knocking on your door only once so don't miss it.

The southwest islands includes the states of Sonsoral and Hatohobei at the very end of Palau's waters toward the south. Sonsoral State includes Pulu-Anna, Merir, and Fanna islands while Hatohobei State is comprised of the sites known as Helen's Reef and Pierauru's Reef.

Sonsoral State is approximately 180-240 Miles from Koror with a rich fishing grounds surrounding the islands. Hatohobei is about 382 miles from Koror with village structures much the same as in the old days despite somewhat modern houses alongside. The extensive but untouched atoll life makes the islands a natural sanctuary for many species of turtles and various birds.

From Koror to Sonsoral takes over 23 hours and to Hatohobei from Sonsoral is approximately 15 hours by ship. The people of the island still live a simple life and while state governments provide them supplies and news from

time to time, they enjoy and utilize what Nature have provided them over the years. A scientific expedition of the Green Peace Organization in 1992 proclaimed the island of Helen's Reef of Hatohobei State as one of the greatest diving spots in Palau.

This is a one-week field-trip to the southwest departing Koror on February 23rd and return by March 2nd. We will visit all the islands as well as Helen's Reef and everyone will have a chance to feel the sands and taste the coconut drinks. All passengers must abide by any rules concerning the islands from the Ship Captain and/or the tour guide

such as not taking turtle or bird eggs or throwing garbage at sea or on land etc...

The whole package tour cost for the one-week field trip is \$500.00 per person, which includes three meals a day for the whole week plus a "personal accident plan" insurance of up to \$100,000.00 while you enjoy the riches of the southwest islands.

Seats are sold on a "first come, first serve" basis and refunds can be requested up until February 15th. After that, there will be no refunds but replacement is acceptable. For seat purchase please call 488-1461/1541.



A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see Nature at her best and experience the untouched atoll life that will forever change your view of the world around you!