



## Yap, Micronesia

### Map



### Dive Highlights

- The manta rays, they really are magic
- Magnificent reefs and caverns
- Traditional villages
- Combine it with a trip to Palau as a stopover, or add on Truk Lagoon (Chuuk), for the ultimate dive experience

### When to Travel

- June to August have the highest humidity and rainfall. The dry season is December to April. May, June and November are typhoon season.
- Water temp: average 26°C year round
- Air temp: 26-32°C. It will be hot and humid, but dress conservatively
- Visibility: Mantas 10-30 metres, walls and reefs up to 50 metres
- Wetsuit: 3mm

## Manta Ray Magic



Yap is a lush tropical Micronesian island surrounded by a broad shallow lagoon and nearly 90 miles of reef. It is rich in history and culture, and its traditional villages and lifestyle round out an intriguing dive destination.

Yap is most famous for the manta rays that live there. These graceful creatures will hover around or gently glide past you as they hang out in the warm channels. Approximately 100 manta rays make Yap their home, and they come into cleaning stations each day where little reef fish groom them. From December to late April the rays congregate in greater numbers in the Mi'l Channel to mate, with large rays reaching up to 14 feet across.

But there is much more to Yap than just the mantas. Yap also has 90 miles of reef, caverns, and walls—over 50% of which still haven't been explored.

You will be diving with Yap Divers who can take you on drift dives, wall dives, cavern dives, night dives and of course the famous manta ray dives. Nitrox is available.

### A selection of dive sites:

A typhoon in 2004 has left some signs of damage on shallow coral in the eastern side of the island. However, the vast range of diving in Yap means there are plenty of awesome dive sites still in perfect condition. The western side of the island



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## Dive sites



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| <b>US\$ PRICE per person</b> | <b>4 nights</b> | <b>7 nights</b> |
|                              | <b>6 dives</b>  | <b>10 dives</b> |

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| Manta Ray Hotel | US\$655 | US\$1068 |
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## Package includes

Accommodation, transfers, taxes, specified number of dives, tanks and weights. Based on twin share Garden View accommodation. Single supplement applies.

Prices will differ if requesting a single room, or if there is a non-diving partner. Packages are available for different lengths of stay. Different accommodation options available. Full meal package additional US\$58/day.

Prices are subject to change until paid in full. Cancellation policy applies.

## Flights

Continental Air Micronesia fly from Guam to Yap three times a week. If you also want to dive Palau, you can have a free stopover in Yap.

We will quote for airfares separate to the package price, allowing us to secure you cheaper flights if available.

## Travel insurance

Travel insurance is **strongly** recommended. Please ask for a quote and policy details.

offers fantastic wall diving, while the south has drop offs, caverns, and towering coral cathedrals. Most dive sites are a 30-50 minute boat ride from base:

**Mi'l Channel:** home of the famous manta ray cleaning station and named one of the best dive destinations in the world by Skin Diver Magazine. Hard and soft coral coat the vertical walls, along with loads of reef fish. On an incoming tide it makes a great drift dive. Depth to 30m.

**Valley of the Rays:** coral outcrops form cleaning stations for the manta rays, where they gently hover while the cleaner wrasse do their job. They will come here in the morning after spending the night feeding at sea.

**Yap Corner:** for large gray sharks, reef sharks, barracuda, snapper, and eagle rays. A really exciting dive.

**Crescent Reef:** hard corals and fans, eagle rays, nurse sharks, napoleon wrasse, and a school of barracudas in a setting of dramatic drop offs and walls to 27m.

**Yap Caverns:** a maze of caverns and swim throughs cut into the coral wall, suitable for all levels of diver. Prolific fish life with lionfish, white tip reef sharks, and large schools of parrotfish.

**Spanish Walls:** at 5-20m there are a series of walls and overhangs covered in unique coral formations and reef fish. Great spot for macro photography.

To get the most out of diving here we recommend a minimum of advanced open water certification.

Currents can be strong at times. We can arrange any extra dive training required before you leave with our dive training company, Global Dive ([www.globaldive.net](http://www.globaldive.net)).

## Accommodation:

Manta Ray Hotel is a purpose built dive resort—built for divers by divers. It is a 28-room resort situated on the waterfront. Their restaurant is on the SS Mnuw, an old schooner moored at the front of the hotel. All rooms are air conditioned and have a ceiling fan. You can choose to upgrade to deluxe ocean view rooms which have their own private jacuzzi or plunge pool. Yap Divers are on-site.



## Other activities:

- Kayak around the waters of Yap
- Mountainbiking, hiking, chill out on an unspoilt beach
- Take a tour of the island to see the huge slabs of traditional stone money and village houses



## Add ons:

Yap can be a stand alone destination or in combination with a trip to Micronesia's other dive hot spots, Palau or Truk Lagoon.

- Palau—an awesome dive destination and one of the seven underwater wonders of the world
- Truk Lagoon (Chuuk)—a wreck lover's dream come true



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