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Lodging is at the Palau Pacific Resort:

Palau Pacific Resort
Koror, 96940, Palau
Phone: [+680 488 2600](tel:+6804882600)

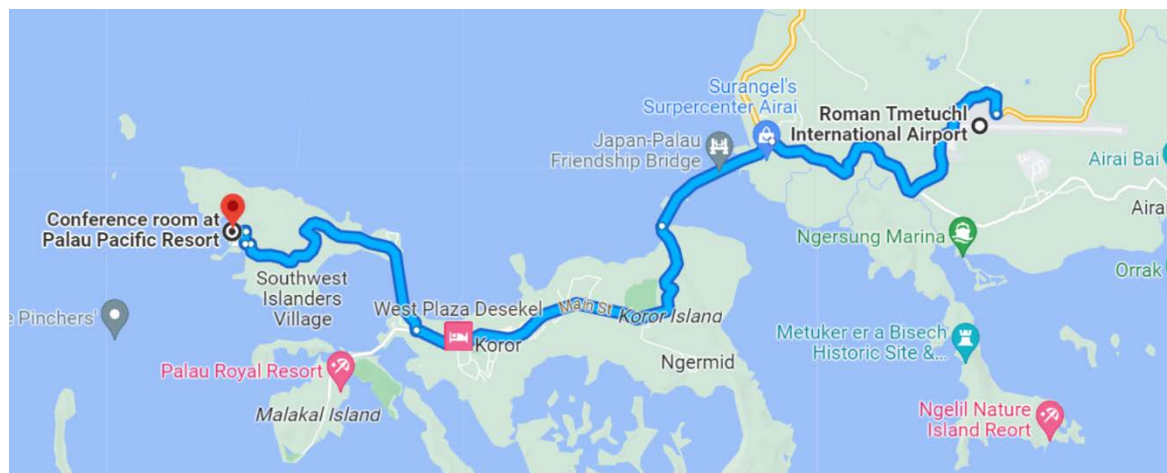
For more information on Palau Pacific Resort please visit the hotel website at:
<https://www.palauppr.com/en/>

For foreign partner participants whose travel is funded by USINDOPACOM, U.S. Embassy Koror will book your hotel rooms directly at the Palau Pacific Resort through a rooming list based on the arrival and departure dates/times that are included in your travel itinerary. Make sure to send your travel itinerary to Hannah Thompson (hannah.thompson@telluscivicscience.com) immediately upon booking your airfare.

For individuals that are funding their own travel, please email Ella De Santos from the Palau Pacific Resort (PPR) directly at edelossantos@palauppr.com and Cc the general reservation desk at reservation@ppr-palau.com, and Hannah Thompson, hannah.thompson@telluscivicscience.com. In your email, let them know that you are attending the Coastal Resilience Workshop.

SETTLING ACCOUNTS: The U.S. and Palau will not cover additional costs associated with room service, mini bar, in-room phone calls, hotel laundry, resort activities, etc. Each participant is responsible for all bills, including in-room telephone calls, mini-bar, laundry, and room service. These charges are to be settled prior to departure. The hotel accepts all major credit cards.

The hotel is approximately a 30-minute drive from the Palau International Airport (also known as Roman Tmetuchl International Airport) (Airport code: ROR).



3. TRANSPORTATION from HOTEL to VENUE:

Two buses will provide transportation from the PPR to PCC each morning of the workshop and from PCC to the hotel in the evening after workshop sessions have concluded. The departure times for the buses in the morning are 7:30 a.m. from the PPR and return buses from PCC to the PPR are at 4:45 p.m., or whenever the workshop concludes for the day. Bus schedules are subject to change depending upon changes to the workshop schedule.

4. CONFERENCE FEE:

There is no fee to attend the conference for invited participants.

5. SITE VISIT FEE:

If you will be attending the site visit to the Palau International Coral Reef Center and Rock Island on Thursday, 14 September, you will need to pay a \$50 Rock Island permit fee, which event planners will collect at registration at the Palau Community College. *The U.S. embassy in your country will provide you with incidental funds to cover this fee if your travel is funded by USINDOPACOM.*

6. TRAVEL and VISAS:

In preparation to travel to Palau for the CRW, you must send a copy of your travel itineraries to the CRW event coordinators (hannah.thompson@telluscivicscience.com and lynda.arakelian@telluscivicscience.com) **as soon as you have booked your airfare. Please note passports must be valid for six months from expected date of departure from Palau.** CRW event coordinators need to provide your arrival and departure information to Palau Pacific Resort so it is imperative that you send a copy of your travel itineraries as soon as possible.

If your travel is funded by USINDOPACOM, the U.S. embassy in your country will manage your flight booking and any transit visas needed. Travelers (with the exception of U.S. nationals) must obtain a Palau Entry Visa upon arrival, which is processed through the Immigration Department.

When traveling to Palau, you will need to meet the following requirements:

- Have your valid passport with you. It must have at least one blank page in order for the border authorities to be able to stamp your passport.
- Proof of sufficient funds to cover your stay in Palau, which is at least USD 200 per week.*
- You must hold a return/onward ticket.*
- International Certificate of Vaccination for Yellow Fever required if arriving from an infected area.

*This does not apply to nationals of Marshall Islands, Micronesia and USA.

No visa fee is required for entry into Palau. However, upon departure travelers from all countries are obligated to pay a departure tax \$20 and environmental fee \$30. *The U.S. embassy in your country will provide you with incidental funds to cover these costs if your travel is funded by USINDOPACOM.* For questions, please email: immigration@palaugov.org.

All travelers to Palau **must fill out the Palau Entry Form** within 72 hours or less prior to arrival into the Republic of Palau. The Palau Entry Form is available at [Palau Entry Form \(palautravel.pw\)](http://palautravel.pw).

Follow instructions to complete and submit the form online. Once the form has been submitted online, an email confirmation will be sent with a copy of the completed form. A unique QR code will also be generated for the traveler.

Each traveler must present a copy of their completed Form or unique QR code to the Customs Department upon arrival at the Palau International Airport. If you need more information, please email travelers@palauhealth.org.

Upon Arrival, all visitors must sign the [Palau Pledge](#), which is stamped into their passports. All visitors must read the pledge and sign their name, committing to make an effort to protect the country's natural environment and preserve local traditions for generations to come. It is a world-first initiative that requires all visitors to the country to make a commitment to protecting Palau's natural environment and respect local traditions.

7. COVID-19 Requirements:

Please be aware of the following:

- As of April 25, 2023, visitors to Palau are no longer required to produce a COVID-19 vaccination certificate at the Palau airport or any seaport.
- Visitors who test positive for COVID-19 while in Palau should isolate for 7 days in a private hospital, hotel or at their place of residence.

Wearing a mask is optional.

NOTE: Be sure to check your own country and airline requirements around COVID-19 testing and foreign travel.

8. CLIMATE:

Palau has a tropical climate and September is no exception. Palau's capital, Koror, has average temperatures of 24° - 31° C in September. September is part of the rainy season with an average precipitation of 322mm (12.7 inches). There are generally around 16 rainy days. The sun also shows itself regularly this month with 200 hours of sunshine during the entire month.

9. DRESS CODE:

The CRW dress code is business casual/aloha wear. There will be a social hour at 6 pm on 12 September at the Palau Pacific Resort, and the dress code is casual for all attendees. If you are planning to participate in the optional site visit on 14 September, please bring a swimsuit or clothing that can get wet since the activities include a boat ride and snorkeling. Please also pack your own snorkeling gear if you have it. There will also be an option to rent snorkels.

10. AIRPORT PROCEDURES:

a) Arrival



Step 1: Please disembark the aircraft and follow signs leading to Immigration/Passport Control.

Step 2: Proceed to Immigration to present your passport and travel documentation.

Step 3: Proceed to the Baggage Claim area to pick up your baggage.

Step 4: Once you have your baggage, proceed through the customs inspection. Please declare any food you are carrying, and other items that are mentioned on the Customs Declaration Form, by marking “YES.” Fines can be applied for false declarations.

Step 5: Transport from the Airport to the Hotel – Can be arranged by NECO Shuttle bus service (\$30.00 each way/per person), private taxi, or car rental. For the NECO Shuttle bus, please email edelossantos@palauppr.com and Cc the general reservation desk at reservation@ppr-palau.com and Hannah Thompson, Hannah.thompson@telluscivicscience.com.

Step 6: Arrive at Palau Pacific Resort and Check-In.

11. ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS: In Palau, the electrical wall outlets are of type A and B. The standard voltage is 120 V and the frequency is 60 Hz. The pins to plug into an outlet are shown below.



12. REGISTRATION TABLE: Participants can register at the Palau Pacific Resort on 11 September 2023 between 1600 – 1700 in the hotel lobby and on 12 September between 0730-0800 outside of the PCC hall. Participants will get a nametag, which will indicate each participant’s work group assignment for various activities during the workshop.

13. EVENT BOOKLET: The CRW is primarily paper-free. As such, we strongly encourage all participants to download a copy of the latest event booklet, agenda, and support documentation from www.ipesp.org with free Wi-Fi at the Palau Pacific Resort. The event planning team will send an email reminder to all registered participants about downloading these documents.

14. DIET: When registering to attend the CRW, please tell us about any dietary preferences you have. The Palau Pacific Resort and food served during the event at the Palau Community College will have vegetarian and halal options.

15. SPECIAL NEEDS: Please advise the organizing staff of any special needs. Smoking is allowed outside in designated hotel areas.

16. MEDICAL SUPPORT: The nearest hospital is Belau National Hospital, located 3. km from the Palau Pacific Resort at 9F37+HJR, Meyungs, Koror. The phone number is +680 488 2552. For emergencies you can also call 911. For medical assistance near the Palau Community College, the Belau Medical Clinic is only 500 meters away, located at 8FRH+VFV, Koror, Palau.

17. FINANCE: The local currency in Palau is the United States dollar (USD), which can be withdrawn from automatic teller machines (ATMs) at the airport, or hotel. Major credit cards -- Visa, MasterCard and American Express -- are accepted nearly everywhere. When making purchases, ensure that the transaction is performed in the local currency.

18. SECURITY: For security and safety purposes, only those persons registered with a CRW nametag will be allowed entry into the conference hall and breakout rooms. On the CRW's first day, attendees may need to walk through a metal detector because of the opening ceremony participants. This will be the only time.

19. LOCAL DINING: Here are a few delicious selections nearby

- Within the Palau Pacific Resort (PPR)
 - Coconut Terrace Restaurant – Casual Beach Front Dining (Breakfast 6:30AM - 9AM, Lunch 11AM - 2PM, Dinner 6PM - 10PM)
 - Beach Barbeque Restaurant (6PM – 8PM on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday Live Entertainment: 7PM – 7:30 PM)
 - Mesekiu Water Hole – all day snack menu (12NOON – 10PM)
- Walking Distance of Palau Community College (PCC)
 - Canoe House Bar & Grill (700 m) – Burgers, wings, pizza with a fun indoor atmosphere
- Less than a 10-minute drive/ Uber ride
 - Drop Off Bar & Grill (2.3 km from PCC or 5.5 km from PPR) – Large selection on the Marina waterside
 - Elilai Seaside Dining (1.4 km) – Steak, Seafood and Pasta with a view
 - Rose Garden Resort (1.6 km) – Local, Asian and American food with a view