

Palau

Sandy beaches, sleeping in a thousand star hotel, kayaking the waters of Palau teeming with marine life.



Study Tour

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Purpose

TAPA traditionally has had study tours to broaden student's view of the world in which we live. This study tour will widen the scope of science for student who might be interested in what actual field scientists do. This packet will help answer the questions that you might have in regard to this tour and why you son or daughter will benefit from attending this trip.

Silence

"We need to find God, and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature - trees, flowers, grass- grows in silence; see the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence... We need silence to be able to touch souls."





The Education of it All

"NgkoramurraNgchesar, el di klukuk el di klukuk."

Palau is a small island nation just east of the Philippines. Its isolation from any major landmass has helped Palau to become an oasis of in which to study life. The waters are full of so much life that people compare it often with the Serengeti of Africa. Rich with this marine animal life it has become one of the top places to go for researchers and biologists who wish to study marine ecosystems. Some of the world's largest exotic marine animals are found in Palau.

The students who attend this study tour will be treated to an educational institution far above any that man could make. We will be embarking on a five day four night kayaking tour that will lead your son or daughter through a hands on education discovering the intricacies of marine ecosystems, marine biology, island culture, see a rich and vibrant history including World War II wreckage, and so much more. Students will snorkel with reef fish, swim with the

famous freshwater jellyfish, paddle with the Dugong, all with the experienced help of our guides.

After we finish with the kayaking trip we will spend time at a dolphin training facility where the students will work side-by-side with dolphins and do the job of a dolphin trainer. Under the supervision of a trained professional, students will help them take care of dolphins and play learning games with the dolphins. ♦

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Costs

"Time is more valuable than money. You can get more money, but you cannot get more time." - Jim Rohn

The cost of this trip will be 85,000 NT. This cost will cover all the needs of the students listed below:

1. A Round trip International flight from Taipei to Koror, Palau
2. All accommodations while abroad
3. All meals while abroad
4. Our 5 day/4 night kayaking expedition expenses through Sam's Tours
5. Dolphin Pacific entrance
6. Transportation while abroad
7. Travel insurance
8. Bus trip from TAPA to airport
9. Study workbook and all materials for the education aspect of this trip

This cost will not include money for students to go shopping or to be spent on personal items. It is suggested that the student bring no more than \$100 USD in cash and if more is needed other forms of money is advisable. The sponsors will not be responsible for the student's spending money. ♦



**"Joy in looking and comprehending is nature's most beautiful gift."
~Albert Einstein**



From the Students

As part of this study tour students will be required to spend some extra time getting familiar with the sponsors, activities, and materials. Students should show up to required meetings, obtain all necessary packets from the sponsors, do the expected homework on time, and to have a positive attitude while on tour.



From the Parents

To ensure a successful tour for your child you will want to do a little pre-work as well. Check to make sure that your child has current passport information and all travel documentation is provided when requested by the school. Make sure to have your child's immunizations up to date. We will inform you of any necessary vaccinations if any. Please provide the school with a preferred method of contact where we can reach you directly in case of emergency.

Necessities

Due to the nature of the trip you as a parent might have a few questions about what is going on. If you would like to have more outside information feel free to visit the websites of the companies that we will be using. I have listed them below:

Kayaking Expedition

<http://www.samstours.com/nondiving-kayak.html>

Dolphin Trainer

<http://www.dolphinsofpacific.com/>

If you would like to tentatively reserve a spot feel free to visit the following url and follow the instructions.

<http://tinyurl.com/75gdusd>

Just remember that tentatively reserving the spot doesn't mean that your student will go it only notifies us that you are interested in this trip. Please follow the schedule that the school is providing for payment methods, deadlines, etc. for full details.