Living above the wrecks within minutes of most popular sites, diving is conducted from four 24 ft twin-engined tenders transporting no more than 6 divers and their crew to each dive site. Six divers maximum assure an uncrowded, silt free wreck diving, with most artifacts still in place 60 years after the battle. Five different daily dive sites afford maximum selections and viewing of these corals encrusted wartime relics.

Some of the more popular dives sites:

**Fumitzuki Destroyer:** Depth 70 to 120 feet. A 320-foot destroyer that sits upright. Good marine growth, soft corals, black coral and anemones.

**Shinkoku Maru:** Depth 20 to 130 feet. A 500-foot tanker sitting upright. Some of the best marine life in the lagoon. More than 100 anemones and clownfish, lionfish, soft corals, schools of jacks and a few sharks.

**Yamagiri Maru:** Depth 50 to 110 feet. A 439-foot freighter lying on its port side. Contains the largest artillery shells ever produced and were meant for the Japanese super-battleships Yamato and Musahi. Abundant soft corals and anemones.

**Kansho Maru:** Depth 25 to 130 feet. A 375-foot freighter sitting upright. Easy access to the engine room, radio room and galley. Clownfish town at 35 feet.

**Heyan Maru:** Depth 35 to 115 feet. A 510-foot submarine tender lying on its port side. It is the largest ship in the lagoon.

**Fujikawa Maru:** Depth 0 to 120 feet. A 437-foot freighter sitting upright on its port side. Contains the largest artillery shells ever produced and were meant for the Japanese super-battleships Yamato and Musahi. Abundant soft corals and anemones.

**Nippo Maru:** Depth 50 to 150 feet. A 353-foot freighter sitting upright. There is little coral due to depth. Artifacts include artillery guns, a tank, land mines and 2 trucks. This ship has the best preserved wheel house in the lagoon.

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**SS Thorfinn Liveaboard — Truk Lagoon**

The SS THORFINN live-aboard at dusk.

The spectacular remains of nearly 70 coral draped Japanese ships and countless aircraft were condemned to watery graves by U.S. Naval air attacks during “Operation Hailstone” late in World War II. Now lying scattered upon the floor of Truk’s huge 40-mile diameter tropic lagoon, they are easily accessible to all sport divers seeking maximum attractions.

**Accommodation + facilities**

The eleven air-conditioned staterooms accommodate up to 22 guests in twin berths. All rooms feature vanities, in room multi-system TV/VCR’s, full-length closets, bright carpeting and modern décor.

The eight rooms located on lower decks ‘D’ and ‘E’ have double or queen size beds plus adjacent single berths. Private showers and toilets are fitted in each of these quarters.

Three additional large rooms on ‘C’ deck are bright and spacious. These three rooms share two bathrooms and two toilets. A spacious comfortably furnished ‘C’ deck salon features a large ocean aquarium, multi-system TV/VCR, Hi 8 mm playback unit, a CD video-audio player, all connected to a surround sound 6 speaker system. Dedicated dining lounges on ‘D’ deck provide full guest seating in three connecting areas. The ships two chefs create a variety of delicious meals and daily fresh baked goods, with attention paid to all dietary needs. The friendly dining staff will ensure you enjoy your meal in comfort.

**Diving**

Explore massive remarkably intact hulks providing the finest collection of wreck sites in the world. Sunken bounties of bombs, torpedoes, guns, tanks, planes, mines, trucks, bulldozers, and huge cannon shells rest in ghostly silence on Truk’s floor.

Diver exploring the Japanese tanks.

Draped with brilliant soft corals and colorful tropic fish, they make one recall a moment in time when the World was at War.