

### Overlooking Majuro

This capital of the Republic of the Marshall Islands is a brilliant display of oceanic artforms. As a large coral atoll among the 64 islands, it boasts a spectacular lagoon of 114 square miles that, despite its size, feels like a secluded cove for underwater adventures. Beyond the stark white beaches, you will find crystalline water filled with limestone reefs and richly colored coral.

#### **Major Attractions**

### A. Alele Museum, Library & Archives

- This small museum is spread over three rooms and tells the history of the Marshall Islands.
- Exhibits include information about the nuclear testing in the area, various tools, instruments, handicraft and jewelry and various photographs.
- On the second floor there is a library with a separate Pacific Islands collection room.

#### B. Laura Beach

- The beach is located on the western tip of Majuro and can be reached via taxi or bus.
- It is known for clear and pristine waters, ideal for swimming and just relaxing in the sand.

- There are picnic tables and restroom facilities available at a nominal fee.
- Be wary as there can be strong currents at times.

#### C. Eneko Island

- Located on the northern shore, the island can be reached by a 25 min boat ride from the town of Uliga.
- The area is popular with snorkelers however most visitors come for the sense of isolation and tranquility.

#### D. Assumption Church

- The church was built in 1898, with the arrival of the missionaries of the Order of the Sacred Heart in Majuro Atoll.
- It is the seat of the Apostolic Prefecture of the Marshall Islands, which covers the entire country, as well as Wake Atoll.
- Although the church has a simpleyet-striking structure, the inlaid tile floor attracts visitors from all around the world with its intricate circular and rectangular shapes in bright colors.

# Geography Information/ History

Humans have inhabited the atoll for at least 2,000 years and in 1884 the Majuro Atoll was claimed by the German Empire with the rest of the Marshall Islands, and the Germans established a trading post.

Marshall Islands were then captured by the Japanese Navy in 1914 during World War I. On January 30, 1944, United States troops invaded, but found that Japanese forces had evacuated their fortifications about a year earlier. A single Japanese warrant officer had been left as a caretaker. With his capture, the islands were secured. This gave the U.S. Navy use of one of the largest anchorages in the Central Pacific. The lagoon became a large forward naval base of operations and was the largest and most active port in the world until the war moved westward. Following World War II, Majuro came under the control of the United States as part of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. It supplanted Jaluit Atoll as the administrative center of the Marshall Islands, a status that it retains after the independence of the Marshall Islands in 1986. The main population center, Delap-Uliga-Djarrit (DUD), is made up of three contiguous motus. Majuro has a port, shopping district and hotels. Majuro also has an international airport. Two-thirds of the nation's population lives in the capital of Majuro and the settlement of Ebeye. The outer islands are sparsely populated due to lack of employment opportunities and economic development.





# Majuro, Marshall Islands

Island Population: Approx. 28,000

Language: English & Chamorro

Currency: US Dollar (USD)

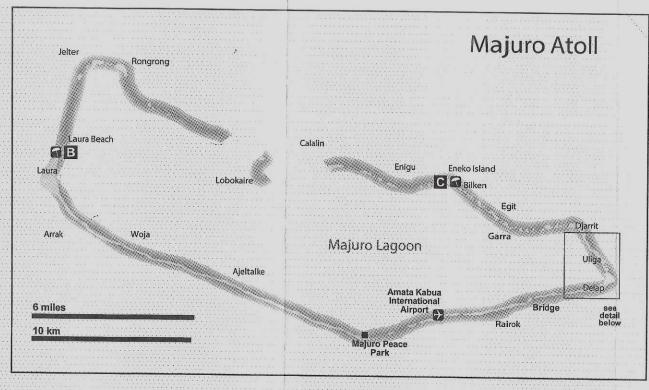
Docking Location: Crystal Symphony is scheduled to dock at the Delap Dock

Distance to Town: The distance to Uliga town is approximately 2 miles.

Shuttle Service: A limited shuttle service will operate from the dock into town, with 4 different drop off locations: #1 Marshall Islands Resort; #2 Delap Park; #3 Assumption Catholic Church; and #4 RRE Hotel Parking Lot. Shuttle buses will operate on a continuous basis, approximately every 30-40 minutes. Please check Reflections on the day for an appdated schedule

Taxis: Limited taxis are available on the dock and in town.

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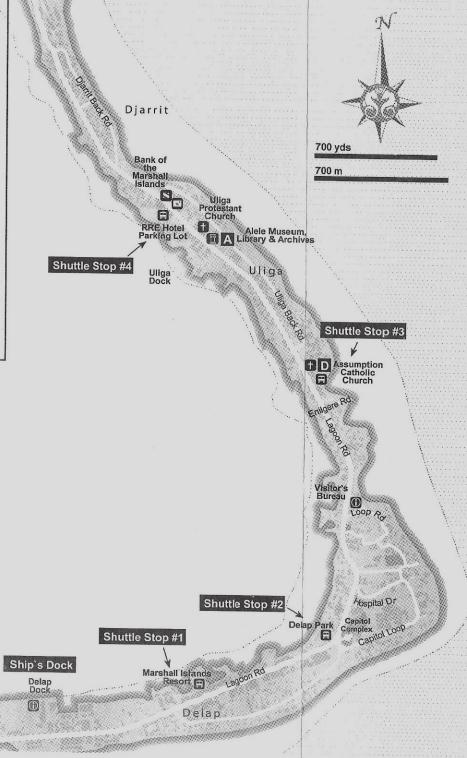
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