

Overlooking Pohnpei

One of the wettest places on earth, Pohnpei is home to lush foliage and rare birds practicing their calls from the trees. Rimmed by coral reefs and mangroves, the mountainous, jungle-filled interiors boast waterfalls ranging from pleasant to spectacular. It is believed that the Nan Madol ruins were once a city that housed a thriving, royal civilization.

Major Attractions

A. Nan Madol

- This archaeological site was the capital of the Saudeleur Dynasty until about 1628.
- Constructed in a lagoon, it consists of a series of small artificial islands linked by a network of canals.
- Its stone walls encloses an area 0.93 mi long by 0.3 mi wide containing nearly 100 islets, stone and coral fill platforms, bordered by tidal canals.

B. Kepirohi Waterfall

- The most popular waterfall in Pohnpei has a large, open lake at the base which is perfect for swimming.
- The falls are about 66 feet tall, 98 feet wide, and is made up of large, square basalt stones.

- It is an easy 5-minute walk from the main road along a stone path hedged by tropical flowers.

C. German Bell Tower

- Also known as Cathedral of Ponape Belltower, this historic tower is at the catholic mission in Kolonia.
- The bell tower and adjoining masonry apse are all that remains of a church built in 1909 by German Capuchin missionaries.
- The site was listed on the United States National Register of Historic Places in 1980.

D. Sokehs Ridge

- This 2.4 mile trail goes by historic remnants of Japanese fortifications from World War II, where several buildings, bunkers, and artillery pieces remain.
- The short hike ends at the summit of Dollap where the Japanese searchlight platform has been conveniently repurposed into a cell tower.

E. Lenger Island

- The volcanic island of Lenger is located 2 mi from Kolonia and it was heavily fortified by the Japanese during WWII, and are still full of interesting historical sites.
- Today Lenger is mostly a jungle and only inhabited by a few families.

- Boats out to the island operate from Kolona however permissions to land on the island need to be arranged prior as the island is privately owned.

Geography Information/ History

Pohnpei is an exposed tip of a submerged volcanic mountain surrounded by a protective barrier reef creating a lagoon. A total of forty small islands of volcanic and coral origin rest on or within the reef. The interior of the island is covered by dense rain forests and rugged mountains. Archaeological evidence dates the earliest human activity to the beginning of the Christian era. Of particular note is the site of Nan Madol which archaeologists estimate that construction began sometime during the thirteenth century a.d. and continued for a period of approximately five centuries. Intensified contact with the European-American world in the nineteenth century brought trade, Christianity, new diseases, and social disruption. Pohnpeians has also resorted to violent resistance against both Spanish (1886-1899) and German (1899-1914) colonial rule. Pohnpeian resistance to later Japanese (1914-1945) and American (1945-1983) colonialism has involved less violent and more subtle cultural forms.

Pohnpei, Micronesia

Island Population: *Approx. 38,000*

Language: English & Pohnpeian

Currency: US Dollar (USD)

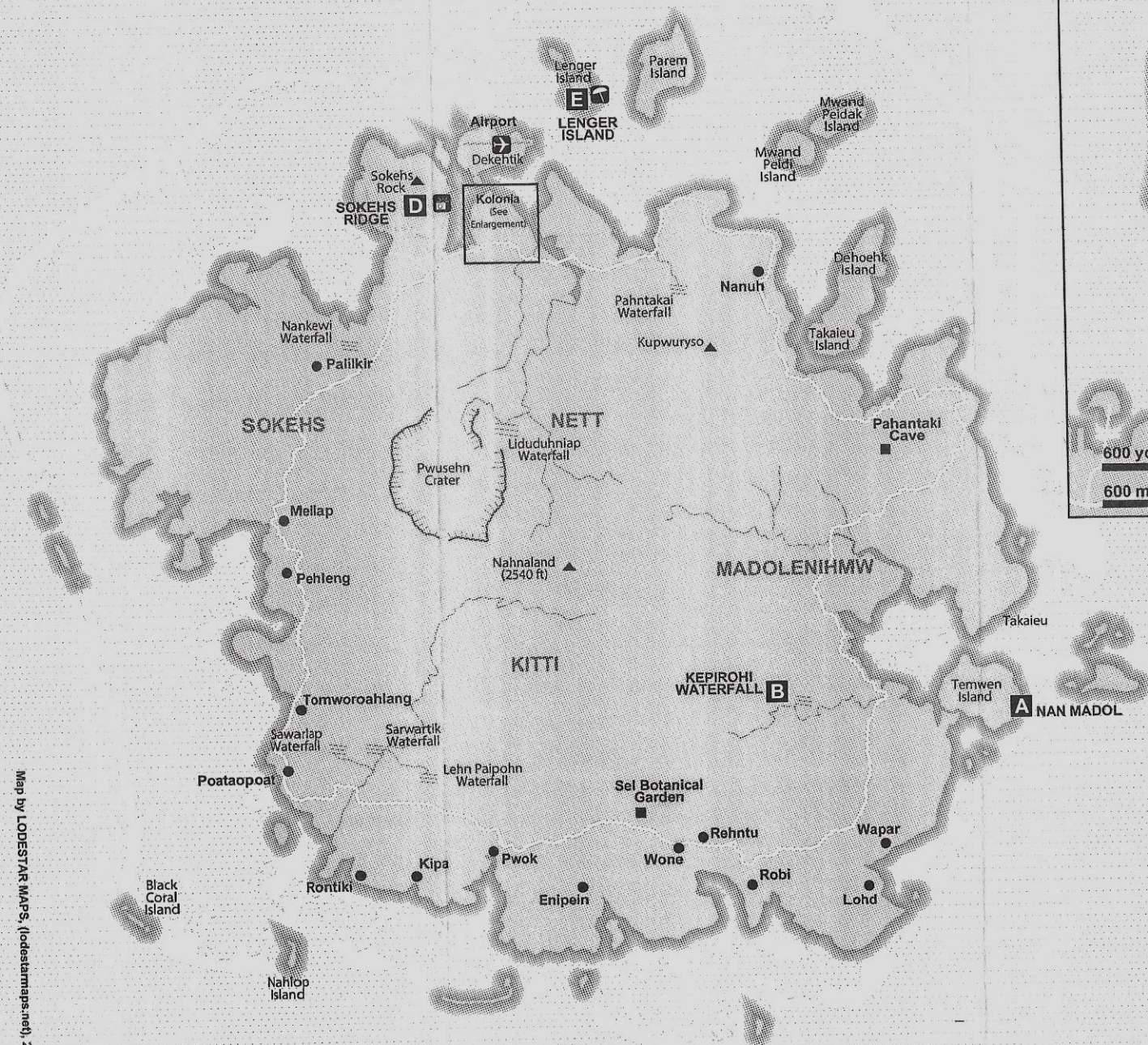
Anchor Location: *Crystal Symphony* is scheduled to anchor off the town of Kolonia and tender to the Dekehtik Tender Landing.

Distance to Town: The distance to the center of Kolonia town is 1.5 miles.

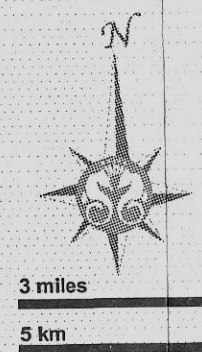
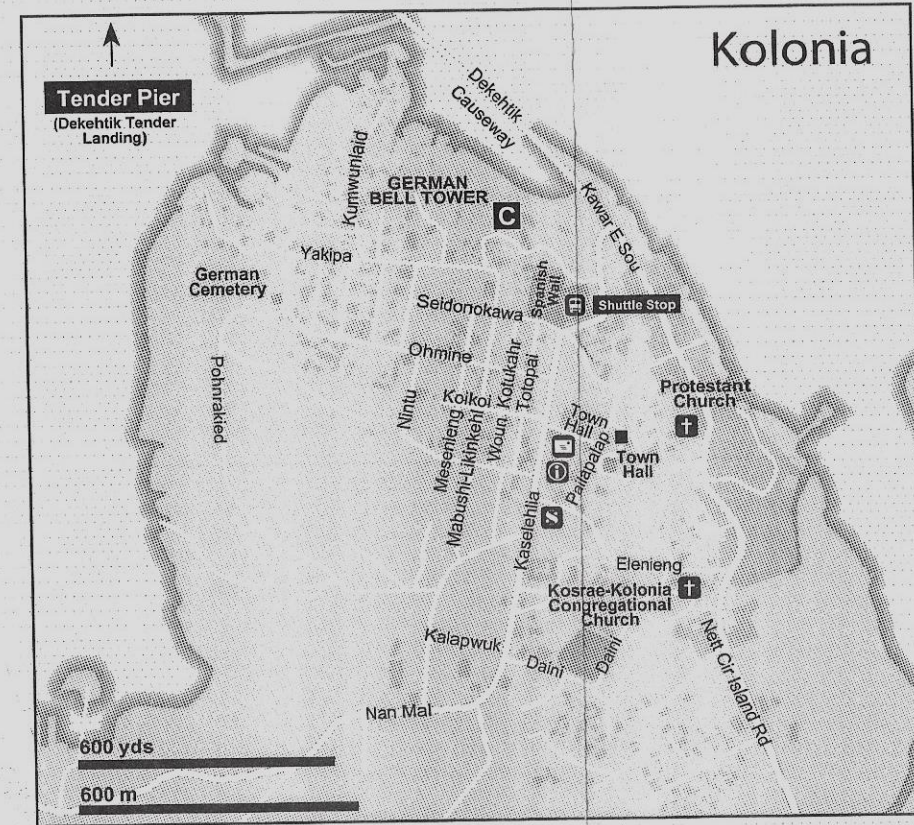
Shuttle Service: A shuttle bus service will operate from the tender pier to the center of town, at the Spanish Wall Park. Please check Reflections on the day for an updated schedule.

Taxis: Very limited taxis are usually on stand by near the tender landing.

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