

## Suggested Itinerary: Guam

The island territory of Guam, some 7,000 miles (11,500 km) from the U.S. mainland, is an adventure seekers' paradise. Guam is a relatively small island - just 210 square miles (543 km<sup>2</sup>) - but it is filled with places to explore. Start your adventure in the tourist hub of Tumon before branching out to discover other areas of the island.

### Tumon

*Suggested: 2 - 3 days*

Launch your island tour in lush Tumon, along Guam's northwest coast. The city is the island's tourism hub, with a large number of hotels, restaurants, shopping centres, nightclubs and other entertainment. Guam offers so much shopping, it has been called the 'Paris of the Pacific'. Enjoy shopping on the island at small boutiques specialising in locally made goods as well as at major department stores and large shopping malls. DFS Galleria, a popular duty-free shopping destination, and Guam Premier Outlets both feature an impressive selection of discounted items. Once you've had your fill of shopping, check out the world's largest tunnel aquarium at UnderWater World. Later, take full advantage of Tumon's thriving nightlife scene.

### Tumon Bay Marine Preserve

*Suggested: 2 days*

Guam's natural beauty is found in two distinct worlds: the stunning, land-based world and the fantastic, underwater one. Travellers who want to explore the underwater world should plan to visit Tumon Bay Marine Preserve, a prime location for diving and snorkelling. The waters off Guam are a paradise for divers and snorkellers because of the area's crystal-clear seas and thriving coral reefs. In addition, divers can explore sunken ships from World War I and II. The Pit Bomb Holes, which are actually limestone reef formations, are home to thousands of fish and corals. They make for great locations for snorkelling excursions - here, visitors can enjoy up-close visits from goatfish, parrotfish, unicorn fish, rays and coral. The Blue Hole caverns, Boulder Alley and Octopus Reef are also popular dive locations. Outfitters on the island offer diving and snorkelling gear for sale or hire.

## Chamorro Village Market

*Suggested: 1 day*

Guam's Chamorro Village Market, in the capital city of Hagatna, is the perfect spot to experience the traditional food and culture of Guam. The outdoor public market was established in 1978 as a way to celebrate Guam-produced products. It's open every day but it draws the most visitors at its Wednesday night market. Vendors sell island foods including barbecued chicken and pork, banana eggrolls (lumpia), fresh coconut water and fresh fruit. Many vendors sell non-food items, such as hand-made jewellery, tools and other crafts. Traditional dancers and other performers keep things lively. A bit of advice: most market vendors accept only cash.

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