

# Cruising Fact Sheet

The RMI is an archipelago of 29 coral atolls and 5 coral islands located in the central-north Pacific (Micronesia) between 4° and 19° N latitude and between 160° and 175° E longitude.

## Why Cruise the RMI?

- No hurricane season
- Protected lagoon anchorages
- Numerous unexplored atolls and islands
- Pristine marine life
- Excellent snorkeling/scuba diving
- WWII wrecks and relics
- Peaceful, friendly people
- Excellent provisioning
- Reliable assistance from local tourism office

**Weather** Moist, tropical climate heavily influenced by the north-east trade wind belt. Trade winds prevail from December through April. Weaker winds and doldrums occur from May through November. Hurricanes and major weather disturbances are uncommon. Avg temp 81° F, annual rainfall 120-170" in south and 40-70" in north. **Cruising Protocol** All yachts must call into Majuro Atoll before proceeding to outer atolls (\$90 foreign entry fee for vessels less than 1000 GRT, levied by Ports Authority). Yachts required to contact the Ports Authority, Immigration, Customs, and Quarantine upon arrival. Cruising permits to outer atolls range from \$25 to \$150 (depending on atoll). Several atolls charge \$0. Permits obtained from Local Government Office in the Ministry of Internal Affairs. **Provisions** Majuro Atoll has several major shopping centers with excellent supplies of food, hardware and other provisions. **Hospitals** Majuro Atoll has one public hospital and one private clinic. Kwajalein Atoll has one public hospital. All outer islands have medical dispensaries with trained medical officers. **Fuel (all prices US \$, Majuro Atoll)** Diesel \$.95 per gallon. Gasoline \$2.45 per gallon. Liquid Petroleum Gas \$22 per 20 lbs, \$44 per 40 lbs, \$108 per 100 lbs **Water (US \$, Majuro Atoll)** \$30 per 1,000 gallons water **Marine Services (Majuro Atoll)** Mooring buoys \$30 per month (downtown lagoon area). Uliga Dock \$60 daily for vessels 0-100 ft, \$60 + \$1/ft for vessels up to 300 feet(downtown area). Drydock/slipway facility and haul-out services also available. **International Air Access** Continental Airlines: 3 weekly flights from Guam and Honolulu. Aloha Airlines: 2 weekly flight from Honolulu. Outer atolls serviced by Air Marshall Islands. **Visas** Visa-free entry for all visitors staying less than 30 days. 30 day extensions available for \$35. All visitors must have valid passport. US-passport holders are allowed free indefinite stay. **Land Accommodation** Major hotels on Majuro Atoll. Smaller facilities on Kwajalein, Bikini, Jaluit, Mili, Likiep and Arno Atolls. Credit cards accepted by most Majuro hotels. **Land Transportation** Taxis, rental cars and scooters all available on Majuro Atoll. **Official languages** Marshallese and English **Currency** U.S. dollar **Banking Services (Majuro Atoll)** Bank of Hawaii, Bank of Guam, Bank of Marshall Islands. ATM machine on Majuro Atoll **Postal Services** US Postal Service, two post offices on Majuro, one on Kwajalein. **Communications** Satellite, telex, telephone (including cellular), facsimile, and email all available. Yachties in Majuro monitor VHF Ch. 22

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