



With an amazing variety of cultural and historical sites, Ngarchelong offers the perfect vacation experience. From ancient monoliths

to World War II relics to quaint local markets, we have something for you!

Meander along our roads and take in breathtaking views of the sparkling Northern Reefs. Stop in our many small stores for a snack or cold drink, and visit with cheerful locals. Local markets operate on Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays, and offer an opportunity to sample local foods, drink a refreshing coconut, and experience a bit of Palauan culture.

Ngarchelong is the northernmost state in Babeldaob, at the tip of a geologically unique land spur. Ngarchelong is only a 1 hour drive from Koror, through some of Micronesia's most spectacular scenery. Beach-front accommodations in neighboring states also offer more immediate access.

Comfort facilities are located at the Badrulchau and Todai sites, and in villages.



Visit Ngarchelong Today!

The Ngarchelong State Flag

- Blue: love and honor
- White: honesty and peace
- Red: prosperity and bravery

Seven stripes: *Euid Lomes* (seven lights) is a poetic name for Ngarchelong, the head of Uab with seven facial openings
 Eight stars: eight regions of Ngarchelong, united in a circle
 Red sun: to give light to all regions



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 ...where culture and history thrive

Visitors must purchase a \$10 *Cultural Sites Permit*, good for 3 days to all cultural and historical sites. All proceeds support community-based sustainable management of biodiversity in Ngarchelong.

Permits may be purchased through your tour operator, from the Ngarchelong State Offices in Ngarchelong or Koror (M-F), or at the Badrulchau and Todai sites (M-S).

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An amazing variety of cultural and historical properties lie scattered across Ngarchelong, serving as a testament to mankind's ability to move mountains to reach the heavens.

Ancient stone carvings tell stories and legends, and World War II relics remind us of another era.

*Legends become reality
 in Ngarchelong*



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Badrulechau

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Badrulechau is an impressive site containing two rows of ancient stone colonnades and a plaza of carved stone face monoliths. The site is on a savanna, nestled between terraces carved by hand and scattered with ancient pottery shards. Carbon dating places their creation to 150 A.D. The pillars are the remains of what could have been the largest Bai (meeting house) ever built in Palau. *Comfort facilities are on-site.*

Oreor el Bad

Oreor el Bad is a small monolith associated with Palau's creation story. Oreor was the daughter of Milad, Palau's foremother.



Badrulechau



Stone canoe



Stone coffin

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The only stone coffin in Palau sits on a stone platform above the Chiefs' Bai in the village of Ollei. The coffin is carved from basalt rock with a design engraved on the cover. Legend has it that it was a powerful chief's coffin. The coffin was moved to Koror sometime in the 1930s for study, when the notable crack on its lid was formed. Similar types of stone coffins found in Japan date to prehistoric periods. A stone canoe is nearby.

Ngerbau Dock and Stone Fortress

The dock and fortress of Ngerbau are impressive remains showing the dedication of ancient Palauans.



Ngerbau fortress



Bai ra Mengellang

Associated features include a stone platform where offerings (*temang* for chiefs and *uang* for canoes) were placed. The fortress was built by hand, with each person dutifully bringing a single rock from the nearby reef and laying it in place.

Ngarchelong's Biodiversity

A visit to Ngarchelong provides a chance to view tropical forest and native animals and plants. Ngarchelong's northern-most forest is a haven for birds such as the Palau Fruit Dove and Palau Fantail, found only in Palau. Look for the rare White-breasted Woodswallow on Ngarchelong's savannas. Endemic Palm Trees are also found on the savannas.



Oreor el Bad



Palau Fantail, a bird found in Ngarchelong



Today Communications Center

The Japanese occupied Palau from 1918 to 1945. Today served as a Communications Center and a headquarters during World War II. Completed in 1936, Today was built entirely by hand without the use of vehicles. Rocks and cement were carried from the nearby Ollei Port by Palauans from Ngarchelong and neighboring Ngaraard. From its amazing vantage point, Today offers a nearly 360 degree view of the adjacent reefs and waters.

Today Today stands as a testament to Palau's varied political and cultural history. *Comfort facilities are on-site.*

