

## About Chuuk

Also known as Truk, but was changed to its original name in 1986 when the Compact of Free Association went into effect. The compact is a 15-year political relationship with the United States that started in October, 1986.

Chuuk state consists of seven major island groups lying within the Eastern Caroline Islands, about 617 miles (1028 km) southeast of Guam and 3,262 miles (5,436 km) southwest of Hawaii. The total land mass of Chuuk state, including the outer islands, is approximately 77 square miles (128 km)

Location:	7 degrees North, 149 degrees East
Native Inhabitants:	Chuukese
Official Language:	Chuukese and English
Currency:	US Dollar
Time:	Greenwich Mean Time +10
Telecommunications:	International telephone, telex and facsimile service is available through the larger hotels and the FSM Telecommunications Center. The country code for telephone and facsimile service is 691 and the telex code is 729.
Postal System:	US Postal Service
Electricity:	110 volts/60 cycles
Climate:	Between 70-90 degrees Fahrenheit (26-30 degrees Celsius); averaging 81 degrees Fahrenheit (28 degrees Celsius)
Water temperature:	82-84 degrees
Seasons:	Dry season between December and April; Rainy season, April to December.
Rainfall:	Annual average is approximately 115 inches
Getting there:	Continental Airlines with routings through Guam and Honolulu.
Flying time:	5 hours from Los Angeles to Honolulu, 7 hours from Honolulu to Guam, 2 hours from Guam to Chuuk – all figures are approximate.
Departure tax:	\$20 US cash collected at airport prior to departure
Entry requirements:	US citizens, proof of citizenship is required. Citizens of other countries must have a valid passport and a return or onward ticket. However, please verify requirements with the appropriate embassy.
Medical:	The government operated hospital on Weno is adequate to take care of all normal needs. Please remember to bring enough prescription medication you may need for the entire length of your stay.
Clothing:	Summer clothing is worn throughout the year. On island, women favor cotton dresses, muumuus, Bermuda shorts, loafers or sandals. Short shorts and mini skirts

are inappropriate attire, especially in more traditional areas. Men wear lightweight<br/>slacks or shorts, sport shirts, comfortable shoes or sandals. Sunglasses are<br/>recommended.Car rental:Available through larger hotelsPlease contact the Chuuk<br/>State Visitor's Bureau.Chuuk Visitors Bureau<br/>PO Box FQ<br/>Weno, Chuuk<br/>FSM 96942

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