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Human Resource Capacity Development Project

Yap Visitors Bureau is participating in a Human Resource Capacity Development project that recognizes the importance of traditional building skills as an important sector in supporting Yap's tourism industry. A hands-on practical traditional skills training experience is planned utilizing the Yap Living History Museum as a venue. The museum has traditional building in need of restoration. The traditional skills experience will involve the preparation of traditional building materials, including large and small bamboo, betel nut trunks, breadfruit logs, pandanus logs, mahogany logs, Nipa leaves, and banana fiber preparation. These prepared materials will be used to completely replace the roof of the men's house, and repair the remaining roofs, floors, and walls, of the other traditional buildings on the museum grounds.



More Lighting planned for the Yap Living History Museum:

Eight more Victorian style lamp posts will soon be installed at the Yap Living History Museum. The additional lamps should provide additional lighting for planned future night time events at the grounds, including "Taste of Yap", and other evening events.

Taste of Yap

Yap Visitors Bureau would like to thank all those that made the first Taste of Yap Festival a success. An unexpected wind burst and rain created some logistical problems and we are truly appreciative of Tilmat Construction Company, 7-D, YSPSC, College of Micronesa FSM-CRE, and others who came to the rescue to make the event possible. YVB is looking forward to another successful Taste of Yap event soon.

Identification Signs Yap Living History Museum

Yap Living History Museum has finally received the identification signs for the different traditional buildings at the museum sight. The signs will be placed accordingly before the end of this year.





Yap Living History Museum -Information Booklet

Yap Visitors Bureau has produced a beta copy of the Yap Living History museum guide. The guide describes the building and purpose of the traditional Yapese structures located on the museum grounds. The design and construction of these buildings is complex and based on traditions that are centuries old. The guide also reviews how the local materials are processed and utilized in each of the structures. The guide also has information on local plants and trees that are located on the grounds. Plant identification signs will soon be installed on the grounds with a reference



Glimpse below on a few things that are in the handbook.

Beach Gardenia

Guettarda speciosa Rubiaceae (Madder Family)



Description: Local name – *Blaw* (Y).

A woody plant, *Blaw* may reach heights of 15 m (50 ft) or more and has large oblong leaves, 12-30 cm (5-12 in) in length. Its flowers are white, tubular, and attractively scented, and its brown fruit are about 2-3 cm (1 in) long. It is sometimes used as an ornamental and/or as a windbreak. Its strong trunk can be used for house timber and strong paddles, and the branches make for excellent firewood. The bark and flowers can be used medicinally, and the sweet-smelling flowers are used for garlands (*nunuw*).

Betel Leaf-Piper betle

Description: Local name – Gabuuy (Y).

A high-climbing vine with oval or heart-shaped leaves, 7-10 cm (3-4 in.) long and unequally rounded at the base, with 5-9 prominent veins. The male and female flowers are produced in narrow spikes on separate plants. All parts of this vine are used for medicine, and to chew the traditional betel nut quid (langad).



Yap's Upcoming Events & Highlights!

Taste of Yap-December 6,



Yap Visitors Bureau is in the process of planning and organizing the 2nd Taste of Yap event on December 6,2019 at the Yap Living History Museum. If you are interested in selling, displaying or even volunteering to make this event successful, please do not hesitate to call YVB @ 350-2298/5005.

Experience a Traditional Canoe ride in Yap?!

No problem! The following Operators who offer this service;

*Manta Ray Bay Resort- (691)350-2300

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*Natures Way- (691)350- 3407

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Aug 29, 2020 at 9 PM - Sep 12, 2020 at 9 PM



Manta Ray Bay Resort/Mnuw Ship's Bar & Grill has a NEW Menu and Daily Specials! Don't miss out!

@Manta Ray Bay Resort & Yap Divers



Okeefe's Water Front Inn

Relax with a glass of wine or a cocktail at O'Keefe's Waterfront Inn. Enjoy the Old World Atmosphere of our lounge, or the quiet serenity or our courtyard.



@Okeefe's Waterfront Inn

Oceania Hotels Happy Hour Specials and local Cuisine!

Cheers and enjoy.







@Oceania Hotel



Martin Charlton, a tour guide at the Adventures Abroad will be in Yap this November 2019 to experience Yap's unique culture and visit Yap's tourism operators for future endeavors.

TOURS LED:

Having led tours for Adventures Abroad for almost 25 years, there are fewcorners of the globe where Martin's left a stone unturned: everywhere from North Korea to Nauru, Saudi Arabia to Sudan, Guinea-Bissau to French Guiana. With over 200 tours through over 125 countries under his belt, it might be faster to list the regions where he hasn't led a tour.

New Addition to Yap's Tourism Development.

* Do contact your Yap Visitors Bureau if your interested in promoting tourism related businesses in OUR quarterly newsletter.



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The Danup Kanifay Traditional House

While in Yap, Danup Kanifay Traditional House is available for overnight stays, weddings, celebrations or make appointments to learn about Yap's way of life! :)

**By appointment:

