ere, became an instruc-
ose to live here because
more variety, great
vater, easy diving for any
ely short boat rides to
ght my Sea and Sea film
e divemaster had his
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photos of me above
and shared his shots of
s, octopi, tropical fish,
of 200+ indigenous

Resort, June 2009,
Hubbard (hub-
), Glenmont, NY.
1000 dives. Vis: 40 to
4 to 86 F. This was
o Kosrae Nautilus. The
nd Sally Beitz, ex-pat
ho have perfected the
sts comfortable and
greeting at the air-
urs late). Hot dinner
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n at 10 P.M.), through
ves and good meals,
at the airport, we felt
g is from a 6-8 pax boat
ver and plenty of room
or camera tank, but a
y for cameras and gear
need for it. Most dives
g reef which, Kosrae
d south, never gets the
the corals have been
enturies -- many of
nies are 25 feet wide
sibility is excellent.
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we're back at the dock
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e in 1500 dives, we saw
otoblepharon). Not
swimming among the

coral for anyone with night-adapted vision (turn off your flashlight) to see. We also saw many big (8'-12") apparently Cubomedusae jellyfish out spawning one night. The Kosraean staff are friendly and cooperative, though not all proficient in English (though much better than we are in Kosraean). Salik and Alik, seemingly everywhere on land or sea, helped with dive gear, guided dives, found stuff for us ... and Salik works the restaurant, too! After only a few days, we felt like visiting family. The rooms are spacious and well designed. Well air-conditioned (wusses that we are, we find this essential in Micronesia) and quiet. The pool is large and inviting. The diving is what most of Micronesia used to be like, though Kosraean coral shows the benefits of its favored geographic location. Nautilus is a lovely resort,, with hospitality and diving that will bring you (like us) back soon.

Sleeping Lady Divers, Kosrae Village Ecolodge and Dive Resort, May 2009, Gil Zeimer (gil@zeimer.com), San Rafael, CA. Experience: 51-100 dives. Vis: 60 to 80 Feet. Water: 90 to 92 F, calm. Kosrae Village Ecolodge and Dive Resort offers guests an ecotourism experience in traditional Kosraean thatched cottages. Katrina Adams told me, "I think Kosrae's coral is a bazillion times better than other Micronesian islands." To prove her point, we motored in a covered 8.5-meter catamaran boat a few minutes out of Utwe-Walung Marine Park on the island's southern side to Hiroshi Point at Buoy #15, then to Buoy #16, Boundaries. Hiroshi Point is another easy, shallow drift dive for any skill level. Close enough for shore dives during high tide and low surf, divers can view large coral heads estimated to be more than 2,000 years old. Again, the air and water temps were balmy at 29°C, with visibility ranging today from 20-25 meters. A handful of stinging jellyfish floated nearby, but was no danger to the divemaster and me. I focused my attention on macro critters like the colorful Christmas tree worms, anemonefish eggs, a single barracuda checking me out, and watching parrotfish voraciously attack the coral. I brought my Sea and Sea film camera, but it jammed on my first dive. Katrina was kind enough to give me a CD with hundreds of fantastic images on it of the island's kaleidoscope of colorful corals, tropical fish, turtles, sharks, rays and barracuda, plus amazing images of Kosrae's rainforests, mangrove forests, waterfalls and friendly people.

Sleeping Lady Divers, Kosrae Village, August 2009, Jeanne Sleeper (jsleeper@jbsassociates.ws), Laguna Beach, CA. Experience: Over 1000 dives. Vis: 60 to 150 Feet. Water: 81 to 84 F, calm. Kosrae Village is an eco resort on a small, out-of-the-way island. If you dream of sleeping in a woven-mat-walled, thatched-roof hut next to the beach -- this is it! Live simply and sustainably with Katrina and Bruce, the owner-operators. In a world where "resort" usually means luxury, at Kosrae it means purposeful simplicity. Fly to Hawaii, then take an island-hopping Air Micronesia flight and get off at the third stop. The staff picks you up in their personal car, and you take a 30-minute drive on the one road that follows the coast around most of the island. The mountainous interior is a rainforest that reaches to the shore. The resort is in the forest, at the beach. The resort has a dining hut, and serves three meals a day. Luckily, the food is varied, good and fairly priced, as there are few other places to eat on the entire island. Lettuce and some vegetables are island-grown, and fresh fish is locally caught. Beginning to tech divers will enjoy Kosrae. My visit began with a bit of surge from a recent storm, and over the 10 days, went to flat and still. The best diving is on the resort's side of the