

Nations of the PALM8 Summit

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Marshall Islands



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- The Marshall Islands consists of coral atolls which are each made up of many tiny islets that have joined together, forming very long and narrow strips of land

Area:	180km ² (12th)
Number of Islands:	34 (over 1000 atolls and islets)
Population:	53,000 (9th)
Capital:	Majuro
Head of Government:	President
Language:	Marshallese, English
Currency:	US Dollar
Exports:	Marine Products, Copra Products

Nauru

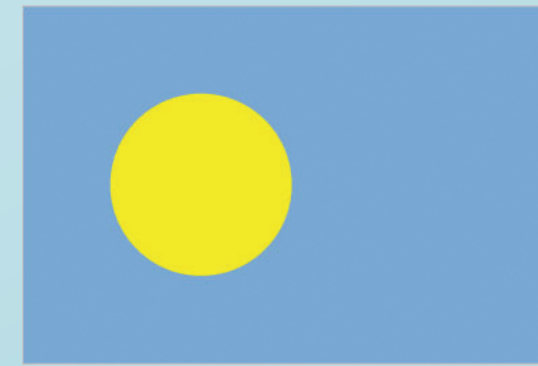


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- Nauru is the third smallest independent state in the world after the Vatican City and Monaco; it is so small that you can drive around the entire island nation in about one hour

Area:	20km ² (14th)
Number of Islands:	1
Population:	13,000 (12th)
Capital:	Yaren (unofficial)
Head of Government:	President
Language:	English, Nauruan
Currency:	Australian Dollar
Exports:	Phosphate, Seafood

Palau



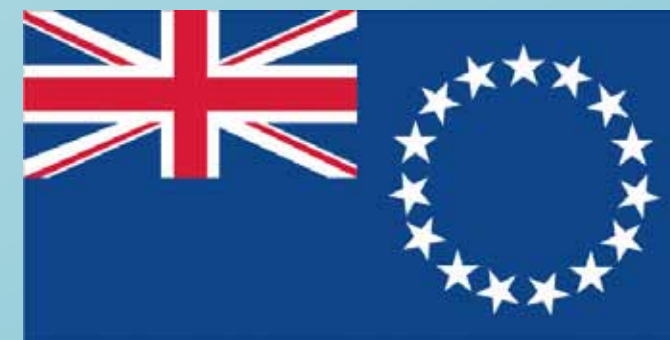
- Palau's beautiful limestone Rock Islands are listed as a UN World Heritage Site

Area:	460km ² (9th)
Number of Islands:	300 (mostly uninhabited rock islands)
Population:	21,000 (10th)
Capital:	Ngerulmud (Melekeok)
Head of Government:	President
Language:	Palauan, English, Japanese* (official but not widely spoken)
Currency:	US Dollar
Exports:	Seafood

Polynesia

Polynesia includes the Cook Islands, Niue, Samoa, Tonga and Tuvalu. The International Date Line crosses through Polynesia, so the countries here are both some of the first and last to enter the New Year.

Cook Islands



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Area:	236km ² (11th)
Number of Islands:	15
Population:	19,000 (11th)
Capital:	Avarua
Head of Government:	Prime Minister
Language:	Cook Islands Maori, English
Currency:	NZ Dollar
Exports:	Seafood, Black Pearls

- Located over 9000km away from Tokyo, the Cook Islands is the furthest PALM8 nation in terms of distance from Japan