

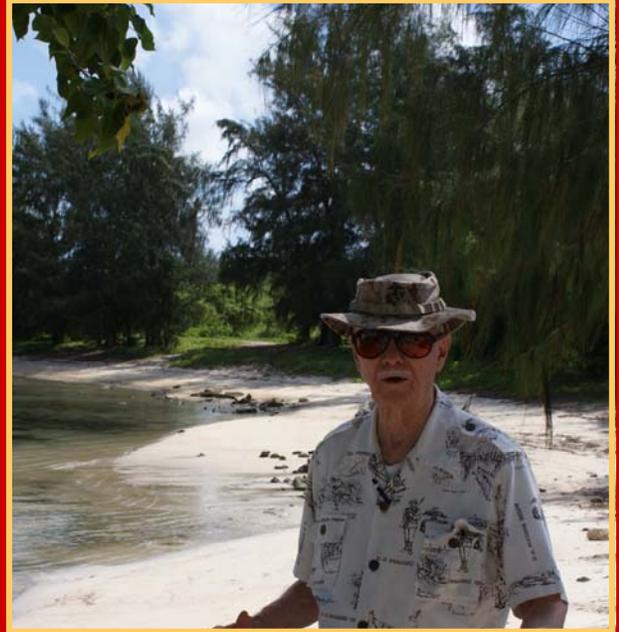
# 75th Anniversary Liberation of Saipan & Tinian Mariana Islands Campaign 1944 12—18 June 2019

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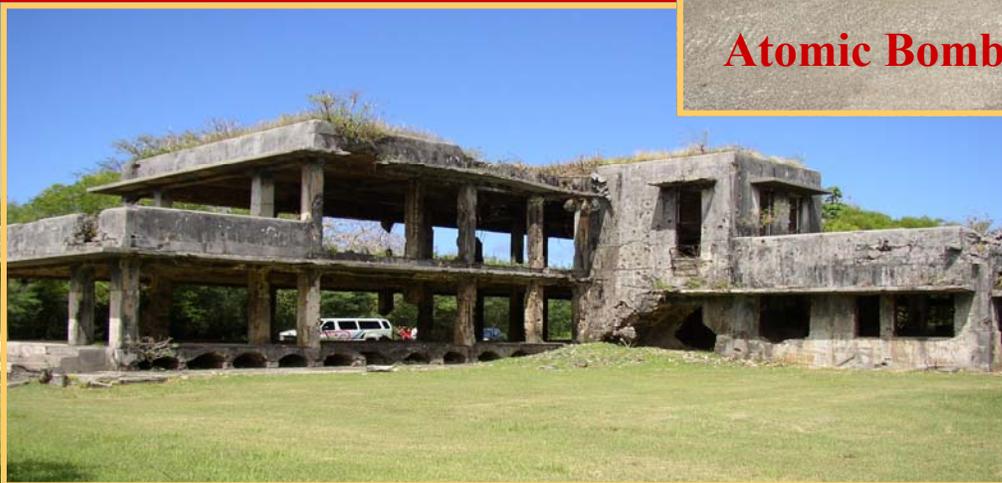
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Atomic Bomb Pit North Field Tinian



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“Suddenly there is what sounded like a thousand people screaming all at once, as a hoard of "mad men" broke out of the darkness before us. Screams of "Banzai" fill the air, Japanese officers leading the "devils from hell," their swords drawn and swishing in circles over their heads. Jap soldiers were following their leaders, firing their weapons at us and screaming "Banzai" as they charged toward us.

Although each [attack] had taken its toll, still they came in droves. Haunting memories can still visualize the enemy only a few feet away, bayonet aimed at our body as we empty a clip into him. The momentum carries him into our foxhole, right on top of us. Then pushing him off, we reload and repeat the procedure.”

*A Marine Rifleman on the final massed Japanese night attack on*

*7 July '44 Saipan.*

Travel back with **MILITARY HISTORICAL TOURS** to the island of Saipan where you will awaken to the lush, tropical setting of the Fiesta Resort overlooking a landing beach, and coral reefs beyond. You will stay on the very beaches on which the 2nd and 4th Marine Divisions landed on 15 June 1944 and the Army's 27th Infantry Division the next day. Besides participating in the Liberation Ceremony on Saipan we will also travel to Tinian to commemorate the 2nd & 4th Marine Divisions landing on 24 July 1944 after the Saipan campaign to capture what would become the busiest air complex in the Pacific and from where the war would be concluded by the B-29 SuperFortress *Enola Gay* in 1945. You can walk the ground of these two important island battles with MHT.

## DAILY ITINERARY

### 12 June Wed (Day 1)

Depart on your flight for Saipan (Cross International Dateline - lose a day.)

**13 June Thur (Day 2)** Arrive Guam check in for a chance to recover. (Lodging: Outrigger Resort (Meals: Breakfast (B), Lunch (L) (in-flight))

**Tour Price per person: \$ 2,695**

(based on double occupancy)

**Single Supplement: \$ 545**

**Guam Post Tour (pp/bodo): \$ 1,195**

**Guam Single Supplement: \$ 395**

### Tour Price Includes:

- Deluxe Hotel Accommodations - Fiesta Resort, Saipan \*
- Air-conditioned deluxe motorcoach \*
- Meals as indicated in itinerary \*
- Historical Trip information packet, containing maps & other tour information \*
- Admission fees to all sites, museums and special attractions \*
- Services of experienced Tour Leaders



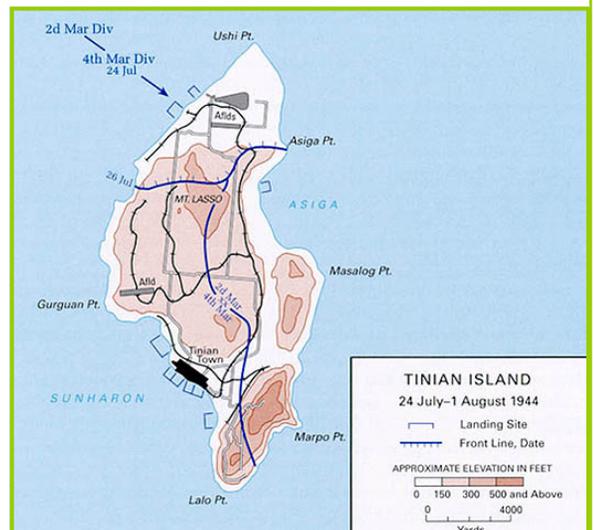
**Airfare not included: Discount Airfare Available - MHT can book you from your home city to Saipan via MHT's Air-line Partners.**

**Discount airfare from anywhere in the continental U.S. is available upon request.**

**14 June Fri (Day 3)** Fly in the morning to Saipan and receive a traditional Saipan island welcome. After breakfast, we begin a full day WWII history tour of Saipan with local and MHT guides. We start on the 2nd and 4th Marine Division landing beaches where you can feel how exposed the Marines were to Japanese observers on Mt Tapotchau towering 1500 feet above us. We will follow the progression of the battle south to Aslito (now Isley) Airfield Complex .

Here, next to the runway we landed on (the same one used by the first B-29 strike on Tokyo), we will explore recently cleared B-29 hardstands, Japanese bomb magazines and assembled battlefield relicts. Check into our hotel for the evening.

Lodging: Fiesta  
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**15 June Sat (Day 4)** This morning we will continue re-tracing the battle up the west side of the island. You will see the Japanese bunkers defending the beaches and a Japanese tank on display. We will observe the turrets of American Sherman tanks visible in the surf offshore from the Sugar Plantation/Refinery Dock. From there we proceed to Hill 500, Death Valley, and have the opportunity to go to the top of Mount Tapotchau. We proceed north toward Garapan and visit the northern invasion beaches. We will see Hari-kari Gulch, Prudential Hill, Paradise Valley, and the Last Command Post and conclude our day on top of suicide cliffs. Lodging: Fiesta (B/L)

**16 June Sun (Day 5)** After breakfast, we depart for Tinian by air followed by a full day of touring. We will participate in Tinian portion of the Memorial of Honor for the Tinian Liberation. You will marvel at the small, narrow invasion beaches where the Marine landings surprised the Japanese defenders and see pillboxes and the rusted hulk of a landing craft. From the high ground on the southern end of the island, you will look down on



Tinian Town and the harbor. This was where the ill-fated USS Indianapolis delivered the components for the atomic bombs before

its tragic sinking while steaming to the Philippines. Nearby are the imposing "suicide cliffs" where hundreds of Japanese, Okinawan and Korean civilians perished. You will get your first look at the former B-29 West Field, home of the 58th Bomb Wing, (where the present Tinian Airport is located) and the now abandoned North Field of the 313th Bomb Wing and the 509th Composite Group (Atomic). In 1944-45 these airfields contained hundreds of B-29 bombers and thousands of airmen and support troops. You will visit the "bomb pits" where the atomic bombs were loaded and see Runway Able from which the Enola Gay took off for Hiroshima. Old concrete Japanese headquarters buildings, bomb shelters, and parking ramps still remain and the 2nd Marine Division Monu-



ment. Lodging: Fiesta (B/L/D)

**17 June Mon (Day 6)** This morning we will conduct a memorial service and veterans recognition at the Memorial of Honor for the 70th Anniversary of the initial assault on the island by US forces which led to the liberation of the island. We conclude our tour with a visit to the CNMI museum, followed by the Visitors Center and Gift Shop. This afternoon is the Memorial of Honor Symposium for the Saipan & Tinian Liberators with invited historians and veterans recollections. Time this afternoon to enjoy the hotel amenities and beach. The evening will conclude with a Farewell Dinner on the Beach. Lodging: Fiesta (B/L/D)



**18 Jun Tue (Day 7)** This morning we check out for our flight home via Guam. Departure from Guam to Mainland USA via Narita, Tokyo Japan. (Cross International Dateline - gain a day) and arrive Los Angeles same day.

Note: Itinerary may change vary due to local events by the people of Saipan & Tinian to honor the veterans.

Dive Adventure portion of tour available upon request.



## GUAM POST TOUR 18 – 21 June

**18 June Tue (Day 1):** Arrive on Guam in the morning and transfer to the Outrigger Guam Resort. We tour Big Navy and the War Dog Memorial. After lunch we tour the Museum of the Pacific War. Remainder of afternoon at leisure. Hotel: Outrigger Resort (B/L)

**19 June Wed (Day 2):** Full day touring the southern part of the island including Asan Beach and Overlook, Agat Point. Late lunch at the famous "Jeff's Pirates Cove." Hotel: Outrigger Resort (B/L)

**20 June Thur (Day 3):** We see the Spanish influence downtown and enjoy a cultural village where you will learn about local historical crafts, entertainment and have traditional Chamorro meal. Hotel: Outrigger Resort (B/L)

**21 June Fri (Day 4):** Depart for the mainland in the early morning, cross international dateline and arrive home the same day.

**Guam Post Tour Price (BoDO) \$ 1,295**  
**Single Room Supplement \$ 395**

**Tour Includes:**

- ◆ Deluxe Hotel accommodations on Guam at the Outrigger Resort
- ◆ Meals as indicated on the itinerary
- ◆ Deluxe air conditioned motor coach transportation
- ◆ Roundtrip airport transfers
- ◆ Battlefield tours with experienced Tour Leader



“Punchbowl”, the National Cemetery of the Pacific. From there we head to Ford Island to have lunch and visit the Pacific Aviation Museum for a special tour. (B/L)

**22 Jun Sat (Day 5)** - Day of leisure. After breakfast enjoy a fun filled day on

Waikiki Beach or sightseeing in downtown Honolulu. Late checkout. Leave Hawaii on an evening flight. (B)

**HAWAII POST TOUR 18 – 23 JUNE**

**18 Jun Tues (Day 1)** - Depart Guam for Honolulu, HI.

**19 Jun Wed (Day 2)** - (Cross International Dateline - gain a day.) Arrive Honolulu early morning and check into our Ohana Reef Waikiki Hotel. Day to enjoy the pool & beach at Waikiki. Dinner on your own.

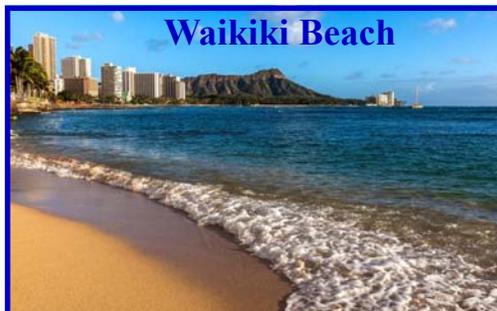
**20 Jun Thur (Day 3)** - After breakfast we depart for the Arizona Memorial.

While there we also visit the USS Bowfin and the Submarine Museum. After lunch we tour the battleship USS Missouri and Ford Island. (B/L)

**21 Jun Fri (Day 4)** - After breakfast, we head for the

**23 Jun Sun (Day 6)** Arrive in the USA this morning.

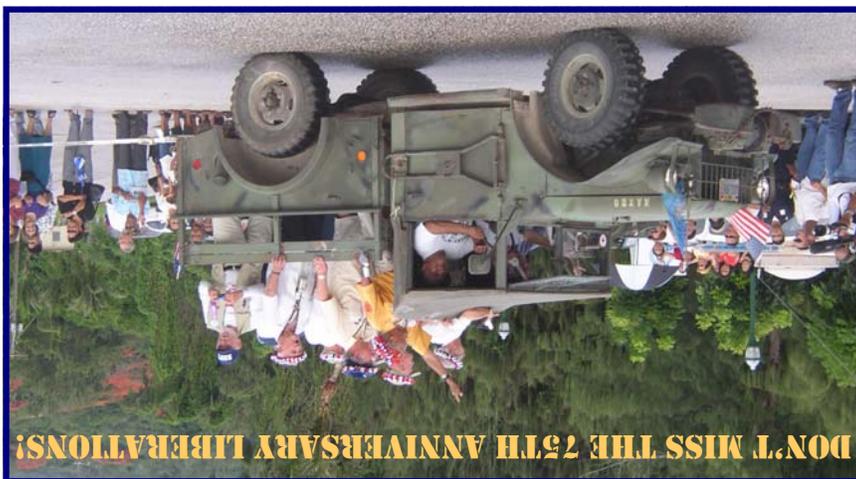
OPTION: Add 1 to 7 additional days in Honolulu to see the sights or enjoy the beaches on your own. Call the office for details.



**Hawaii Post Tour Price (BoDO) \$ 1,395**  
**Single Room Supplement \$ 475**

**Tour Includes:**

- ◆ Deluxe Hotel accommodations on Waikiki at the Outrigger Reef Waikiki Resort
- ◆ WWII Sites entrance fees
- ◆ Meals as indicated on the itinerary
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