

The Mariana Islands Campaign—1944

“Liberation of Guam, Saipan & Tinian”

18 - 28 July 2016

Post Tour: 28 Jul—1 Aug Hawaii



Liberation Day, Guam



Outrigger Resort Pool



Mt. Tapotchau, Saipan



Atomic Bomb Pit, Tinian



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MILITARY HISTORICAL TOURS (MHT) is

proud to return to Guam where you will awaken to the beach front setting of the Outrigger Resort Hotel overlooking the beautiful sand and coral reefs of Tumon Bay. Guam is the largest of the Marianas and had been a United States possession since its capture from Spain in 1898 until it was invaded by the Japanese on December 11, 1941. On July 21, 1944 the Americans landed on both sides of the Orote peninsula on the western side of Guam, planning to cut off the airfield. The 3rd Marine Division landed near Agaña to the north of Orote, and the 1st Provisional Marine Brigade & 77th Infantry Division landed near Agat to the south. Come back with MHT as we return for the 72nd Guam Liberation Commemoration with the Guam veterans. We will also travel to Tinian and participate in their 72nd Liberation Ceremony where the 2nd & 4th Marine Divisions landed 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.

Travel back with MHT to experience these three important island battles. We also explore Saipan where you will see the Sherman Tanks still resting in the surf zone on the very beaches on which the 2nd and 4th Marine Divisions landed on 15 June 1944 and the Army's 27th Infantry Division on the 16th.

The unique Military Historical Tours in-depth approach includes extensive pre-departure research, utilizing a vast resource of maps and other source material, ensuring the finest possible experience. Our Tour Leader for this program is among the most knowledgeable on this subject. In-depth, but easily understood, briefings are conducted on each battle and other historic sites. For those wanting to go into more detail, the onsite staff is always available.

We welcome your phone calls, letters or e-mails to discuss this expedition with one of our Battlefield Specialists. Call us toll free at 800-722-9501, M-F 9AM - 5:00PM, write or e-mail us. We look forward to hearing from you!



Full Tour Price (per person-pp): \$ 3,495
(bodo-based on double occupancy)

Single Room Supplement: \$ 895

Guam Only Tour: \$ 2,495

Guam Only Single Supplement: \$ 625

Hawaii Post Tour (pp/bodo): \$ 1,395

Hawaii Single Supplement: \$ 475

Main Tour Price Includes:

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Deluxe Hotel Accommodations - Outrigger Resort on Tumon Bay, Guam, Dynasty Casino Resort, Tinian & the Pacific Island Club (PIC), Saipan.

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Admission fees to all sites & museums

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Medical Evacuation Insurance

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Air-conditioned deluxe motorcoach and roundtrip airport transfers on main tour

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Meals as indicated in itinerary

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Historical Trip information packet, containing maps & other information pertaining to our tour.

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Services of experienced Tour Leaders



**AIRFARE NOT INCLUDED -
DISCOUNT AIRFARE AVAILABLE:**
MHT can book you from your home-
to Guam via MHT's Airline Partners.
Discount airfare from anywhere in
the continental U.S. is available upon request.



**Outrigger Pool
& Tumon Bay**

DAILY ITINERARIES

Full Tour Saipan, Tinian & Guam

[Note: Guam Only ends on Day 6]

18 Jul Mon—(Day 1)

Depart USA on your flights for Guam. (Cross International Dateline - lose a day.)

19 Jul Tue—(Day 2)

Upon arrival on Guam we check into the Outrigger Resort Hotel on Tumon Bay and experience a traditional Chamorro island welcome and relax for rest of the evening. During our stay we will enjoy the ambience of the Outrigger Resort which includes the Guam Hard Rock Café, it's own mall & easy access to Guam's premier shopping area. **Hotel Outrigger Resort**



20 Jul Wed—(Day 3)

We start the day by visiting tour sites within Agana with emphasis on the island's Spanish History with a visit to the Governor's House. Today we experience the island's Chamorro Culture and Spanish influence in Southern Guam.

Hotel Outrigger Resort (B/L)

21 Jul Thur—(Day 4)

Today is highlighted by the Special 72nd Anniversary Guam Liberation Day Ceremonies followed by the Liberation Day Parade. The Veteran Liberators will be honored by the people of Guam. The commemoration day will end with a fireworks display as we enjoy the fiesta atmosphere. **Hotel: Outrigger (B/Box L)**

22 Jul Fri—(Day 5)

After a buffet breakfast, we begin our exploration of Northern Guam with a historical sites including Northwest Field, the museum, Peace Memorial (Last Command Post) and the Arc Light Memorial with lunch at the "Top of the Rock." Remainder of afternoon at leisure, to shop or enjoy the multiple pools and swim in the clear blue water of Tumon Bay. **Hotel: Outrigger (B/L)**



23 Jul Sat—(Day 6)

This morning we have a full day WWII history tour of Guam with local and MHT historians, beginning with the southern part of the island including the Asan Invasion Beach and Overlook. We continue to Agat Point, visit the WWII museum, and the War Dog Memorial. We will have a late lunch at the famous "Jeff's Pirates Cove" on the beach. Late afternoon flight to Tinian. **Hotel: Dynasty (B/L/D)** **[Guam Only Tour Concludes: Participants remain the night in the Outrigger with the evening on your own before an early morning flight to the USA on 24 July, crossing the international dateline, arriving home on the same day.]**

24 Jul Sun—(Day 7)

Today we participate in the 72nd Anniversary Tinian Liberation Ceremonies while we marvel at the small, narrow invasion beaches where the Marine landings surprised the Japanese defenders. and see pill-boxes and the rusted hulk of a landing craft. Explore abandoned North Field in 1944-45 the most active airfield in the world with hundreds of B-29 bombers and thousands of air-men and support troops. Visit the "bomb pits" where the atomic bombs were loaded and see Runway Able where the Enola Gay took off for Hiroshima. Commemorate the USS Indianapolis (CV-35) who delivered the bombs components before its tragic loss to a Japanese submarine's torpedoes. **Hotel: Dynasty (B/L/D)**



25 Jul Mon—(Day 8)

After breakfast, we make a visit to the new 2nd Marine Division Memorial and complete our tour of the Tinian battlefields. We will have an afternoon flight to Saipan and have the evening to enjoy Saipan's nightlife. **Hotel: PIC (B/L)**

2nd MarDiv Memorial Tinian



26 Jul Tue—(Day 9)

After breakfast, We depart for a full day on a WWII history tour of Saipan beginning at the newly opened American Memorial Park Visitor Center. Next, the 2d and 4th Marine Division invasion beaches where you can feel how exposed the Marines were to Japanese observers on Mt Tapotchau towering 1500 feet above. We proceed through the infamous "Death Valley," flanked on the east by "Purple Heart Ridge" and on the west by the ever imposing Mt Tapotchau. We travel north with the flow of the battle, past the notorious site of the mass banzai attack. End the day at "Suicide Cliff" and "Banzai Cliff," the sites of mass suicides. Here, where the battle ended, are impressive memorials to peace and relics of the battle. **Hotel: PIC (B/L)**

27 Jul Wed—(Day 10)

Participate in a moving ceremony at the American Memorial Park. We will then visit the CNMI Museum and the Japanese jail. After lunch, we will conclude our battlefield exploration of Saipan. We will have a Farewell Banquet on the beach. **Hotel: PIC (B/L/D)**

28 Jul Thur—(Day 11)

Early morning departure for our flight to the USA. (Cross International Dateline - gain a day) Arrive in USA same day.

Landing Beaches Saipan



Post Tour Hawaii 28 Jul—1 Aug

28 Jul Thur—(Day 1) Depart Saipan for Hawaii (Cross International Dateline - gain a day.) Arrive Honolulu early evening of the **27th** and check into the Ohana East Waikiki.

28 Jul Thur—(Day 2) After breakfast, we will visit the USS Arizona Memorial and USS Missouri. While on historic Ford Island, tour the Pacific Aviation Museum, including lunch at the museum. **(B/L/-)**

29 Jul Fri—(Day 3) After breakfast travel to the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific "Punchbowl"- for a private ceremony. Remainder of the day & evening at leisure. **(B/L)**



30 Jul Sat—(Day 4) Day of leisure on the Waikiki Beaches. **(B)**

31 Jul Sun—(Day 5) Day of leisure. Late checkout. Leave Honolulu in evening. Arrive back in the USA on 1 August.

- **Deluxe Hotel accommodations in Hawaii at the beach-front Outrigger Reef Resort located on beautiful Waikiki Beach.**
- **Meals as indicated in the itinerary**
- **Deluxe air conditioned motorcoach transportation**
- **Roundtrip airport transfers in Hawaii**
- **You can delay your departure to remain in HI for an extended time.**



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