



ANNULAR SOLAR ECLIPSE TARAWA 2013

5 – 14 May 2013

Eclipse Expert: Dr. Paul Maley & Tour Leader: Col Joe Mueller, USMC

Day 1&2, Sun & Mon 5-6 May: Depart Los Angeles (LAX) in the late evening and cross the International Date Line.

Day 3, Tue 7 May: Arrive on Fiji in the early morning and transfer to our hotel for some rest and recuperation. **Hotel: Raffles (B)**

Day 4 Wed 8 May: A day to enjoy the beauty & charm of Fiji. **Hotel: Raffles (B)**



Day 5 Thur 9 May: Early morning flight to Tarawa, Gilbert Islands and check into the hotel. The remainder of the afternoon will be spent on a scouting trip to pick the best spot on the island to view the eclipse. We will have a Welcome Dinner with local cultural dances. **Hotel: Antenon (B/L/D)**

Day 6, Fri 10 May: Morning departure for our spot to observe the eclipse set for maximum partial eclipse at 12:14:26.5PM local time (UT+12 hours). After a box lunch and observing the eclipse, we return to the hotel. **Hotel: Antenon (B/L/D)**



MILITARY
ADVENTURE TOURS, INC.
★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Day 7 Sat 11 May: Depart our hotel for a tour of the infamous Tarawa Landing on Betio where the U.S. Marines conducted a bloody amphibious landing against the entrenched Japanese and captured the island in 1943. **Hotel: Antenon (B/L/D)**

Day 8, Sun 12 May: We enjoy



our final day on Tarawa with some free time to enjoy some beach time, snorkeling or tour some of the nature sites on the island. **Hotel: Antenon (B/L/D)**

Day 9, Mon 13 May: We return to Fiji and check into the hotel. The remainder of the day is for rest and relaxation on the beautiful beaches or to enjoy some of the special hotel amenities. We will have an farewell dinner **Hotel: Raffles (B/D)**

Day 10, Tue 14 May: Late hotel check-out for the airport for our departure to the mainland. An optional morning departure for a 5 day trip can be made to Guadalcanal starting 14 May. All portions will be accompanied. **Hotel: Raffles (B)**

Tour Cost: \$ 2,199

Single Supplement: \$ 645

Domestic & International air quoted at time of purchase (or you may contact Air Pacific on your own.)



GUADALCANAL POST-TOUR

SOLOMON ISLANDS CULTURAL & MILITARY HISTORY TOUR

14 - 18 MAY 2013

TOUR LEADER: COL JOE MUELLER, USMC



Post Tour Guadalcanal \$ 1,889
BODO- Based On Double Occupancy
Single Supplement \$ 555

Post Tour Prices Includes:

- First Class Hotel Accommodations *
- Air-conditioned van *
- Meals as indicated in itinerary *
- Trip Cancellation, Emergency Medical, Evacuation, and baggage insurance included *
- Admission fees to all sites, museums *
- Services of experienced MHT Tour Leaders & English-speaking local guides.



Guadalcanal & Iron Bottom Sound, Solomon Islands. The World War II Battle of Guadalcanal, was fought between August 7, 1942 and February 9, 1943 on and around the island of Guadalcanal. Fiercely contested on the ground, at sea, and in the air, the campaign was the first major offensive launched by Allied forces against the Empire of Japan and turned the tide in the Pacific War.

Solomon Islands is home to 300+ days of perfect weather and is a traveler's paradise. Trek within the forests and well preserved battlefields. You will love the swimming, snorkeling and diving as Iron Bottom Sound is renowned for some of the best wreck diving in the world. All of these things, along with the most experienced staff of Tour Leaders will combine to make your post-tours the most enjoyable, safe, relaxing, and entertaining experience possible. We welcome your phone calls, letters or e-mails to discuss this expedition. Call us toll free at 800-722-9501, M-F 9AM-5:00PM, write or e-mail us.

Guadalcanal Itinerary

14 May Tue—(Day 1) GUADALCANAL

Depart Fiji for Guadalcanal and arrive at historic "Henderson Field". We transfer to our hotel, with time to settle in and refresh before departing for our Honiara briefing and orientation from a vantage point atop Mount Austen. Sites pointed out will be "Red Beach," the site of the 1942 landing; Henderson Field, Edson's Ridge, the Tenaru River (Alligator Creek); Lunga Point, and other pertinent sites. Later we will tour the U.S. Memorial on Skyline Ridge for another panoramic view of the island from this vantage point. Sites pointed out will be Tu-



lagi, Gavutu-Tanambogo, and the Florida Islands. Also, we will orient on Savo Island, "Iron Bottom Sound": as well as key terrain features

ashore. We will see Point Cruz, the Matanikau River, Cape Esperance, and other key sites that played significant roles in this landmark land and sea battle. **Hotel: King Solomon (B/L/D)**

15 May Wed—(Day 2) GUADALCANAL

This morning we will visit the Solomon Islands Cultural Centre, the Vilu Open Air WWII Museum, and the busy city markets. We travel east to Tetere, current home to a massive Amtrac "Boneyard" left behind at the end of the war. We return west to visit Red Beach, site of the initial landings around Henderson Field. **Hotel: King Solomon (B/L/D)**

16 May Thur—(Day 3) GUADALCANAL

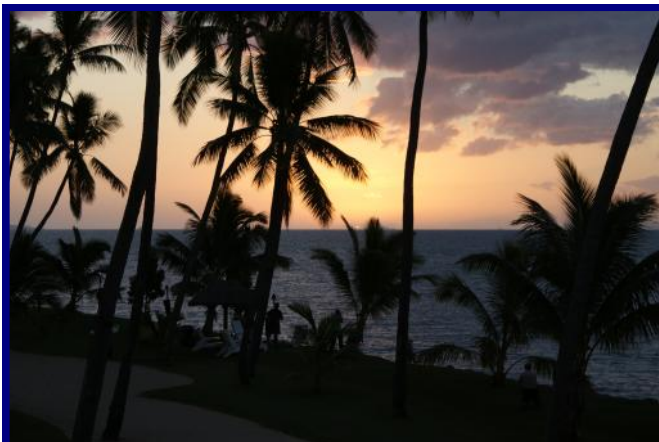
We depart today for a tour of the Botani-



cal Gardens to enjoy the tranquility of the many ECO walks and visit an authentic working village. After lunch, we will spend time on Bloody Ridge, known also as Edson's Ridge, where the Japanese were halted in their attempts to reach Henderson Field, in one of the pivotal battles of the Pacific War. From here we view "Fighter One", the field from which the Cactus Air Force and famous aviators like Joe Foss flew. We also visit the Betikama Museum and Cultural Center, an excellent place to purchase local souvenirs, before our Farewell Dinner. **Hotel: King Solomon (Meals: B/L/D)**

17 May Fri - (Day 4) GUADALCANAL

Departure by air from Guadalcanal to Fiji. Free day to explore the island, swim, or just relax by the pool. **Hotel: Raffles (Meals: B/L)**



18 May Sat - (Day 5) DEPARTURE

We transfer for our flight back to the US. Cross the International Date-line and arrive back in Los Angeles (LAX) on the same day. **(B/D)**