Victory in the Pacific

Battle of Guadalcanal

Brisbane • Guadalcanal • Tulagi
August 1 – 9, 2020

Featuring world-renowned naval historian and author
James Hornfischer

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Dear friend of the Museum and fellow traveler,

I am honored to join The National WWII Museum on this inaugural tour of Guadalcanal, the target of the first major Allied offensive of World War II. With its position in the South Pacific, Guadalcanal was an ideal location for a Japanese airfield that could threaten vital US sea lanes to Australia. Seeing the threat, the American high command resolved at once that the airfield must never become operational. On August 7, 1942, Major General Alexander A. Vandegrift’s First Marine Division carried out the first American amphibious invasion of the war, with barely a shot being fired.

As we will see on the tour, the anticlimax of the landings suggested none of the hell that lay ahead. Subjected to fierce counterattacks and suicidal charges by Japanese soldiers, the Marines on Guadalcanal fought tenaciously. Traversing the terrain of Bloody Ridge, standing on the banks of the Tenaru River, and investigating the jungle terrain, we will gain a renewed appreciation for what our men achieved.

Meanwhile, in the narrow straits of the Slot, the US Navy began a death match against the Japanese fleet to defend the Marine lodgment. As I wrote in my book *Neptune’s Inferno: The U.S. Navy at Guadalcanal*, the four nighttime surface actions fought in the waters off Guadalcanal claimed the lives of three sailors for every man who died in battle ashore. Traversing these waters and seeing them up close, we will reflect on this defining naval campaign of World War II, and the gallantry of our battleship, cruiser, and destroyer crews in desperate action.

Our nine-day journey will begin in Brisbane, Australia, site of a secret project to reverse-engineer Japanese aircraft. At Eagle Farm Airfield, we will appreciate the shock the locals felt seeing Japanese aircraft in the skies above them. Visiting General Douglas MacArthur’s wartime headquarters, we will consider the challenge he faced in the war’s early days, fighting the Japanese in the South and Southwest Pacific alongside the Navy—and his ferocious determination to return to the Philippines, which he did triumphantly two years later.

Availing ourselves of the best local guides, with accommodations on Guadalcanal that overlook Ironbottom Sound with Savo Island looming in the distance, we will honor the sacrifices made in these historic and seldom-visited settings.

I look forward to joining you on this adventure, delivering a few evening lectures but mostly enjoying your company as we discuss the South Pacific campaign and whatever other Pacific war subjects that may suit your fancy.

It will be a journey of discovery for all of us.

Sincerely,

James D. Hornfischer

“<It was a darkness without time. It was an impenetrable darkness. To the right and left of me rose those terrible formless things of my imagination, which I could not see because there was no light. I could not see, but I dared not close my eyes lest the darkness crawl beneath my eyelids and suffocate me. I could only hear. My ears became my being and I could hear the specks of life that crawled beneath my clothing, the rotting of the great tree which rose from its three-cornered trunk above me. I could hear the darkness gathering against me and the silences that lay between the moving things.”>

– Robert Leckie, 1st Marine Division, *Helmet for My Pillow*
Hornfischer’s most recent book is *The Fleet at Flood Tide: America at Total War in the Pacific, 1944 – 1945* (2016). His other books are *Neptune’s Inferno: The U.S. Navy at Guadalcanal* (2011), *Ship of Ghosts* (2006), and *The Last Stand of the Tin Can Sailors* (2004). The latter, a combat narrative about the Battle of Samar, won the Samuel Eliot Morison Award and was chosen by *Naval History* magazine as one of “a dozen Navy classics.” Hornfischer has also collaborated with “lone survivor” Marcus Luttrell on his book, *Service: A Navy SEAL at War* (2012). He is a regular contributor for *The Wall Street Journal* and has written for *Smithsonian*, *Naval History*, *Naval Institute Proceedings*, and other periodicals. Venues he has lectured at include the United States Naval Academy, Marine Corps University at Marine Corps Base Quantico, The National WWII Museum, the National Museum of the Pacific War, and more. He also serves on the board of the Naval Historical Foundation.

A native of Massachusetts, and a graduate of Colgate University and the University of Texas School of Law, he lives in Austin, Texas, with his family.
Guadalcanal was a trial by fire. On land, at sea, and in the air, Americans experienced their first taste of what the next three years held: oppressive heat, unforgiving terrain, and an enemy that refused to surrender.

The first Allied land offensive in the Pacific began on August 7, 1942, when the First and Fifth Marine Divisions landed on Guadalcanal. Surprised Japanese defenders immediately abandoned their defenses and the partially completed airfield. The Marines took the airfield, renaming it Henderson Field after Marine Aviator Major Lofton Henderson who died during the Battle of Midway.

Henderson Field became the objective of three major Japanese offensives between August and December 1942.

In a succession of battles off the coast of Guadalcanal, both navies inflicted punishing losses yielding the nickname “Ironbottom Sound” to the waters north of the island. After their defeat at Bloody Ridge (later called Edson’s Ridge) in September 1942, the Japanese began a massive build up to take back the island and ensure the delivery of essential supplies to Guadalcanal. The American ground forces on Guadalcanal beat back every Japanese attack on their lines, sometimes at great cost and from their last defensive positions. On February 7, 1943, the Japanese, Americans on their heels, finished their evacuation of Guadalcanal.

The air war around Guadalcanal tested the skill and nerves of the Allied pilots. Taking off from Henderson Field and aircraft carriers in the area, Allied aviators took the fight to the Japanese. The “Cactus Air Force,” named after the code name for Guadalcanal, provided much-needed air cover against the Japanese. To overcome the technologically superior Japanese Zeroes, the Americans developed tactics such as focusing on bombers, taking high dives to ambush enemy planes, and using the sun to hide in enemy blind spots.

These geographically separate battle spheres each played a significant part in the eventual US victory on Guadalcanal and the Solomon Islands as a whole. They also crushed the image of the omnipotent Japanese military, raising American morale and providing the first ground victory in the Pacific war.
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DAY ONE: AUGUST 1, 2020
ARRIVALS & MACARTHUR MUSEUM

Arrive at Brisbane International Airport (BNE), Australia, and transfer to The Westin Hotel located in the heart of city. This afternoon, experience Brisbane as it was from 1942 – 1945 when one million American servicemen rotated through the city. The MacArthur Museum, located inside the wartime headquarters of General Douglas MacArthur, tells the story of MacArthur’s time in Brisbane and the war in the South Pacific. MacArthur’s personal office is preserved inside the museum. Just a few blocks away, visit the site of the infamous Battle of Brisbane, a brawl that erupted when tensions ran high between American and Australian servicemen. This evening, get to know fellow tour mates at a Welcome Dinner.

Accommodations: The Westin Brisbane (D)
DAY TWO: AUGUST 2, 2020
EAGLE FARM AIRFIELD

After breakfast, visit the remains of Eagle Farm Airfield, the wartime home of the 81st Air Depot Group. At Eagle Farm, Allied engineers assembled, repaired, and maintained Allied aircraft. At Hangar No. 7, a secret project aimed to give Allied aviators an advantage over the Japanese Zero fighters. The Allied Technical Air Intelligence Unit, made up of personnel from the United States, Australia, and the United Kingdom, worked to rebuild and test recovered Japanese aircraft to identify their weaknesses. Over the skies of Brisbane, residents could occasionally see Japanese aircraft, sometimes with an Allied escort or painted in friendly colors to reduce a chance of friendly fire. To ensure the secrecy of the project, Hangar No. 7 stood away from the other hangars and operated under a tight security protocol. A group lunch is included during touring today, and the evening is free to enjoy Brisbane on your own.

Accommodations: The Westin Brisbane (B, L)
DAY THREE: AUGUST 3, 2020
HENDERSON FIELD

A morning flight from Brisbane to Guadalcanal (lunch served in-flight) arrives in the afternoon, landing at Honiara International Airport which is built on the remains of Henderson Field. Upon arrival at the airfield, explore the surrounding terrain to appreciate the presence of Bloody Ridge, the location of the fighter strips, and the American section of the island where hospitals, barracks, and officer’s quarters once stood. A memorial tree garden now stands near the airport. Individuals from Australia and the United States have purchased the memorial trees in honor of loved ones who fought or trained in Guadalcanal. This evening, check in to the Heritage Park Hotel in Honiara and enjoy an included group dinner.

Accommodations: Heritage Park Hotel Honiara (B, L, D)
Touring begins at the invasion beaches where US Marines landed 78 years ago. On August 7, 1942, 11,000 Marines took Red Beach with no Japanese opposition. No American casualties occurred during the landings. By the next day, the Marines arrived at Henderson Field, capturing the lightly defended and recently completed airfield. Continue to Alligator Creek, the site of the first Japanese counterattack attempt at recapturing the airfield. In a nighttime assault, waves of between 100 and 200 Japanese soldiers attacked in the darkness. Each wave was defeated, and the Japanese lost more than 770 of their attacking force of 917 men. The next major Japanese attempt to recapture the airfield took place at Bloody Ridge, the last stop of the touring day. At Bloody Ridge, the Japanese learned from their previous attacks and assembled a much larger force that pushed the Marines to their last defensive position.

Accommodations: Heritage Park Hotel Honiara (B, L)
DAY FIVE: AUGUST 5, 2020

TULAGI

Take a short boat ride to the island of Tulagi, located to the north of Guadalcanal. Tulagi was the seat of the British colonial government of the Solomon Islands. The Japanese took the island in May 1942, and the Americans invaded on August 7, 1942, the same day as the invasion of Guadalcanal. On August 8, the island was declared secure. Tulagi became a headquarters for the subsequent efforts in the Solomon Islands. Following the war, the locals began using the remaining American infrastructure. Visit the battle sites on the island before returning to Guadalcanal for the evening.

Accommodations: Heritage Park Hotel Honiara (B, L, D)

Photo Credit: A US Marine Corps M2A4 Stuart light tank is hoisted from USS Alchiba (AK-23) into a LCM(2) landing craft, off the Guadalcanal invasion beaches on the first day of landings there, August 7, 1942. Courtesy of Niday Picture Library / Alamy Stock Photo.

Sketch of Tulagi coastline.
DAY SIX: AUGUST 6, 2020

VILU WAR MUSEUM

The Vilu War Museum, nestled just inside the jungle contains the remains of numerous Allied and Japanese aircraft. The aircraft exist in disparate conditions, but highlights include an F4U-1 Corsair, a P38F Lightning, an SBD Dauntless, and several examples of Japanese 150mm guns. During the drive along Cape Esperance, hear the stories of the naval battles that took place off the coast of Guadalcanal.

Accommodations: Heritage Park Hotel Honiara (B, L)
DAY SEVEN: AUGUST 7, 2020

78TH ANNIVERSARY OF GUADALCANAL

The 78th Anniversary of the Battle of Guadalcanal will take place at various locations throughout the island. The touring day is flexible to allow for the group to experience as many commemoration events as possible. Attend a ceremony near the Solomon Scouts & Coastwatchers Memorial. Bringing together military representatives from Australia and the United States with local officials, the ceremony will highlight the contributions of the Allies and the locals who served as scouts during the battle. Participate in a special “Farewell to Guadalcanal” dinner this evening and reminisce about the journey with fellow tour mates.

Accommodations: Heritage Park Hotel Honiara (B, L, D)

Photo Credit (Top): A US Marine Corps honor guard member is shown during a memorial ceremony to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of Guadalcanal at US Memorial Skyline Hill, in Honiara, Guadalcanal, August 7, 2017. Courtesy of AB Forces News Collection/Alamy Stock Photo.

Photo Credit (Middle): Sailors assigned to the forward-deployed Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Barry (DDG-52) stand on the flight deck while departing Guadalcanal concluding Barry’s port visit to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Guadalcanal Campaign. Courtesy of AB Forces News Collection/Alamy Stock Photo.

Photo Credit (Bottom): Former Marine Sergeant Harold Berg, once a member of Company B, 1st Raider Battalion, smiles after a memorial ceremony commemorating the 75th Anniversary of Guadalcanal at US Memorial Skyline Hill, in Honiara, Guadalcanal, August 7, 2017. Courtesy of AB Forces News Collection/Alamy Stock Photo.

Sketch of the American flag.
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DAY EIGHT: AUGUST 8, 2020
OPTIONAL EXPLORATION OF COFFIN CORNER

Before the heat of the day rises, participate in an optional excursion to Coffin Corner, near the site of John Basilone’s heroic actions of October 1942. The tour guide will identify the remains of foxholes and trenches along the jungle floor as you explore the terrain to get a sense of the close-quarter fighting seen in the jungle. Review after-action reports and logbooks of previous researchers, and attempt to identify the positions held by Basilone. Return to Honiara by mid-morning to prepare for the return flight to Brisbane (lunch served in-flight). The evening is free for relaxation prior to your international journey home the next day.

Accommodations: Pullman Brisbane Airport (B, L)

DAY NINE: AUGUST 9, 2020
DEPARTURES

After breakfast make your way to Brisbane International Airport (BNE) for your journey home. (B)

Through Their Eyes

 Gunnery Sergeant
JOHN BASILONE

“Sgt. Basilone in his personal humility and unwavering dedication to the men who served with him, became a true hero of the American people during World War II.”

– Jim Proser, I’m Staying with My Boys: The Heroic Life of Sgt. John Basilone, USMC

John Basilone was the sixth of ten children born to his Italian immigrant parents. At the age of 15, Basilone dropped out of school and worked at a country club before joining the US Army in 1934. Basilone enjoyed a three-year tour in the Philippines, where he proved his grit by becoming boxing champion. After completing his enlistment, Basilone returned home, but he pined for Manila. In 1940, he joined the Marine Corps, believing he could return to the “Pearl of the Orient” more quickly with the Marines. He never made it back to Manila, instead going on active duty in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

On August 7, 1942, Basilone landed on Guadalcanal with the First Marine Division. For Basilone, as well as his fellow Marines, the unopposed landings offered little clue to the conditions they would later encounter on the island. On the night of October 24, while holding a defensive position on Bloody Ridge, Basilone’s two machine gun sections came under attack from a company of Japanese soldiers. The Japanese charged out of the jungle, right into the firing lanes of Basilone’s machine guns. Within minutes, most of the 100 Japanese soldiers lay dead. Basilone fought for the remainder of that night and the next, fending off almost non-stop attacks. During an assault, the Japanese knocked out one of Basilone’s machine gun crews. Basilone moved his gun to the other position, repaired the downed gun, and manned it, holding the line until replacements arrived. The supply line was blocked and ammunition became dangerously low. Basilone battled his way back and forth through enemy lines for supplies, allowing his crews to continue the fight.

By the end of the battle, only three of the fifteen men in Basilone’s sections remained alive or unharmed. For his “great personal valor and courageous initiative” and “extraordinary heroism and conspicuous gallantry in action against enemy forces,” John Basilone was awarded the Medal of Honor. His return to the United States in 1943 received great fanfare. A parade in his honor took place on September 19, 1943, and Basilone became a regular on the War Bond Drives, a role that did not suit him well. He returned to combat in 1945 at Iwo Jima, where he was killed in action.
Program Inclusions

- Travel with James Hornfischer, one of the foremost experts on the Battle of Guadalcanal
- Full-time logistical Tour Manager
- Expert local battlefield guides
- Roundtrip airport transfers (when arriving & departing on scheduled group tour dates)
- 2-nights in Brisbane at the The Westin Brisbane
- 5-nights in Honiara at Heritage Park Hotel
- 1-night at Pullman Brisbane Airport
- Roundtrip flights between Brisbane and Honiara
- Private, first-class, air-conditioned motor coach transportation
- VIP access to sites not offered on other tours
- Video oral history presentations from the Museum collection
- Included gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, and servers
- Personal listening devices on all included touring
- 7 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 4 dinners
- Beer, wine, and soft drinks with included lunches and dinner
- Informative map book including useful battlefield maps and archival images to be used throughout your journey
- Personalized luggage tags and customized name badge
- Keepsake journal and pen to document your journey


ACCOMMODATIONS

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HONIARA, SOLOMON ISLANDS
HERITAGE PARK HOTEL
Heritage Park Hotel, Honiara’s only luxury 4-star hotel, is modern and comfortable, with friendly staff eagerly awaiting to serve. The airy accommodations feature a queen bed or twin beds, furnished balconies, tea and coffee facilities, and free Wi-Fi access. The relaxed rooms come with ocean or garden views. Three on-site restaurants boast the most delicious fare in all of Honiara.
REMEMBERING
MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS

As a testament to the difficulty of the fighting in Guadalcanal and the bravery and heroism of the men who first encountered the Japanese, 20 Medals of Honor were awarded for actions in and around Guadalcanal. The recipients include Marines, aviators, sailors, and soldiers. During the tour, guests will hear many of their stories.

“Only part of this medal belongs to me. Pieces of it belong to the boys who are still on Guadalcanal. It was rough as hell down there.”

– Sergeant John Basilone upon receiving the Medal of Honor.
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