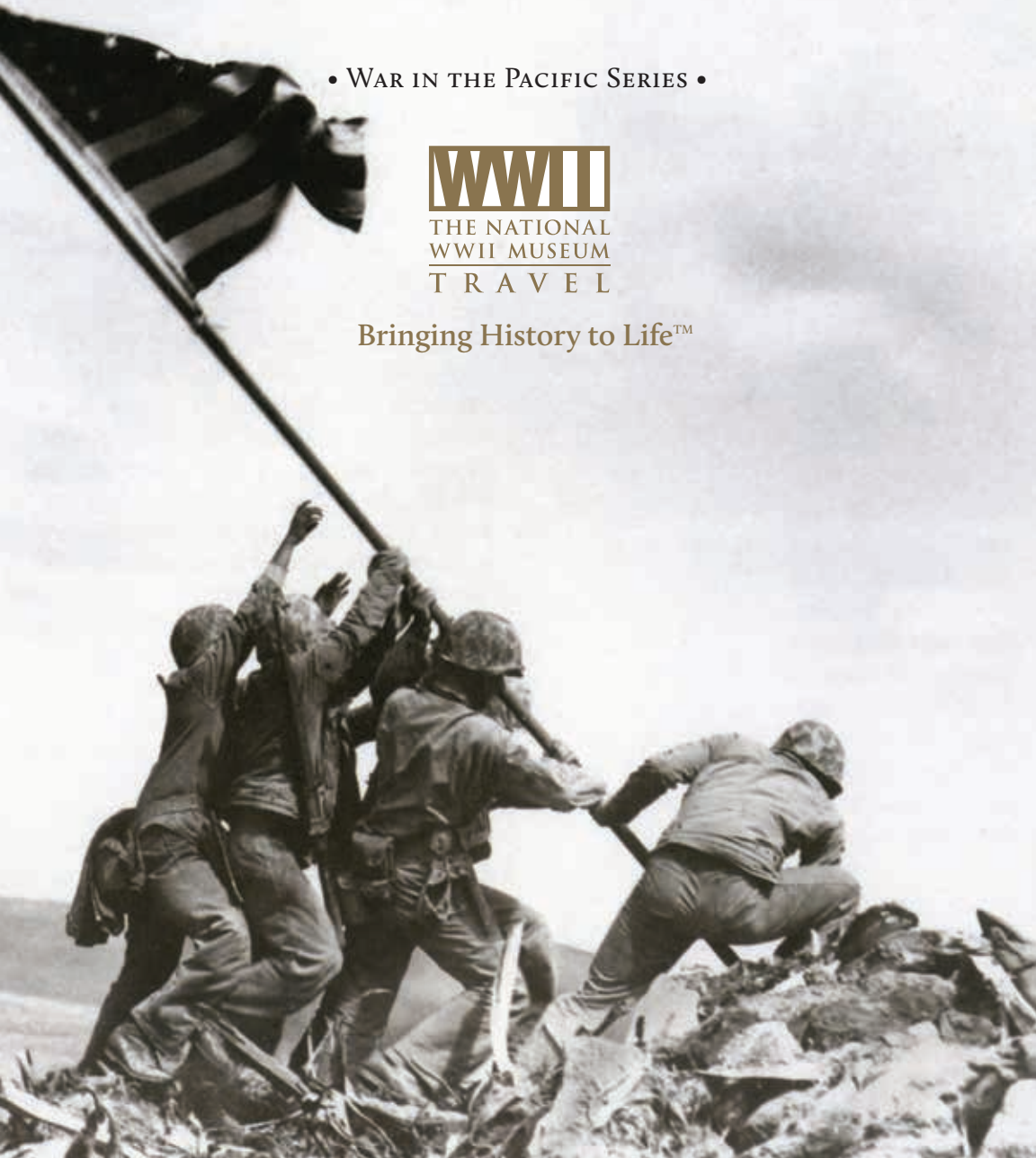


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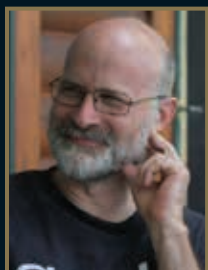
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Dear Friend of The National WWII Museum,

The Pacific theater introduced our troops to new environments and cultures completely unfamiliar to most Americans. The Museum is honored to offer a travel program that provides the unique opportunity to explore Pacific island battlefields and landing beaches in the company of expert historians.

Victory in the Pacific journeys from Pearl Harbor—where it all started for the Americans—to the islands of Saipan, Guam, Iwo Jima, and Tinian, where the *Enola Gay* departed to drop the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima, August 6, 1945. With exclusive access to the most intriguing battle sites, rich historical context from our expert guides, seldomly seen archival materials from the Museum's digital collections, and hand-selected oral histories found nowhere else, this tour promises to be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Expert historians, James M. Scott and Jonathan Parshall, two of the foremost international authorities on World War II in the Pacific, join you on daily touring and deliver a signature lecture series throughout the itinerary.

The tour culminates with a rare visit to the island of Iwo Jima. Now the site of a modern-day Japanese military base, the island is closed to the world, only open to American civilians one day each year. We will be there to commemorate the 77th anniversary of the Battle of Iwo Jima and remember the 6,821 Americans killed and 19,217 wounded during the bloody, relentless fighting.

Join us in March 2022* for an unforgettable journey that will take you to where World War II both started and ended, allowing you to honor the tragedy and triumph of America's road to Tokyo.

Sincerely,

Stephen J. Watson,
President & CEO, The National WWII Museum

*Actual tour dates pending official announcement of the Iwo Jima Anniversary Commemoration date.

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COVER PHOTO: SIX MARINES PLANT THE US FLAG AT THE SUMMIT OF MOUNT SURIBACHI ON IWO JIMA.
CAPTURED BY MARINE PHOTOGRAPHER LOUIS LOWERY ON FEBRUARY 23, 1945.
BACKGROUND PHOTO: SILHOUETTE OF A STATUE AT SUNSET, BANZAI CLIFF, SAIPAN.

Our Featured Historians

World-renowned experts on the war in the Pacific



James M. Scott, Author & Historian

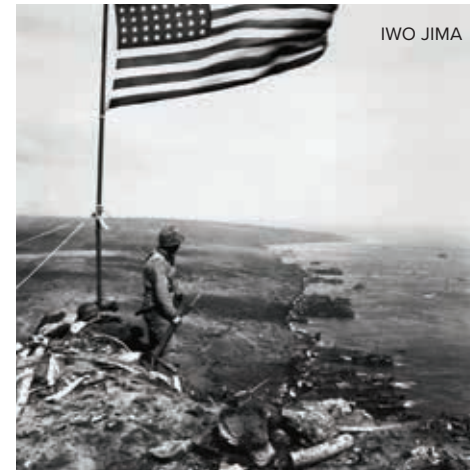
James M. Scott, a former Nieman Fellow at Harvard, is the author of *Target Tokyo: Jimmy Doolittle and the Raid That Avenged Pearl Harbor*, which was a 2016 Pulitzer Prize finalist and was named one of the best books of the year by Kirkus Reviews, The Christian Science Monitor, and Fort Worth Star-Telegram. His other works include *The War Below: The Story of Three Submarines That Battled Japan* and *The Attack on the Liberty: The Untold Story of Israel's Deadly 1967 Assault on a US Spy Ship*, which won the Rear Admiral Samuel Eliot Morison Award. Scott's fourth book, *Rampage*, was named one of the Best Books of 2018 by the editors at Amazon, Kirkus Reviews, and *Military Times*. In addition, Scott has been interviewed on national television, public radio, and in newspapers ranging from *The New York Times* to *The Washington Post*. Scott also was a featured presenter on the Smithsonian Channel's

television series *Hell Below* and at The 2018 International Conference on World War II. Scott lives with his wife and two children in Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina.

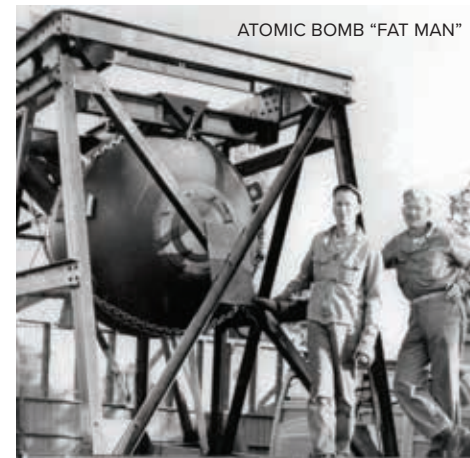
Jonathan Parshall, Author & Historian

Jonathan Parshall saw his interest in the Imperial Japanese Navy develop early in his childhood. As an adult, that passion led him to create the foremost website devoted to the Imperial Navy, combinedfleet.com, which he founded in 1995. Parshall's book *Shattered Sword: The Untold Story of the Battle of Midway*, which he co-authored with Anthony Tully, is the definitive account of that pivotal battle in the Pacific. He has written for the Naval War College Review, the US Naval Institute's *Proceedings* and *Naval History* magazines, *World War II* magazine, *WarTime* (the journal of the Australian War Memorial), *Flypast* magazine, the *Sankei Shimbun*, and several overseas aviation publications. He has also illustrated numerous books on the Pacific War (including his friend Richard Frank's *MacArthur*). Parshall is an adjunct lecturer for the US Naval War College, and has appeared on the History Channel,

Discovery Channel, and the BBC. A graduate of Carleton College and the Carlson School of Management, he is currently working on a history of the year 1942, focusing on how the Allies transformed themselves to meet their respective challenges during that year.



IWO JIMA



ATOMIC BOMB "FAT MAN"



IWO JIMA

FATHER JESUS BAZA DUEÑAS

Photo Top Left: From the crest of Mount Suribachi, the American flag waves in triumph over Iwo Jima after US Marines had fought their way north by inching up its steep lava-crusted slopes, February 23, 1945. © Corbis via Getty Images. Photo Bottom Left: "Fat Man" Shake test. Courtesy of Science History Images/Getty Images. Photo Right: Father Dueñas. Property of the Archdiocese of Agaña, used with permission.

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES

HEAR THEIR STORIES: Crew of the *Enola Gay*

On August 6, 1945, the B-29 *Enola Gay* took off from Tinian bound for Hiroshima. This historic flight carried the first atomic bomb to be used in combat. For the pilot, Colonel Paul Tibbets, this mission was the culmination of almost a year of preparation. After his briefing on the Manhattan Project in September 1944, Tibbets coordinated the training for the flight that would drop the bomb. For two of the most important roles onboard, Tibbets selected fellow 8th Air Force veterans, bombardier Major Thomas Ferebee and navigator Captain Theodore "Dutch" Van Kirk. Upon returning to Tinian, Van Kirk knew the mission was a big deal when he "saw more admirals and generals in one place" than he had ever seen in his life.

LEARN THEIR NAMES: Father Jesus Baza Dueñas

Father Jesus Baza Dueñas, only the second Chamorro to be ordained a Catholic Priest, was an instrumental figure of resistance during the Japanese occupation of Guam. Father Dueñas led the Church on Guam and embarked on a campaign of "passive resistance" to Japanese orders. After US Navy radioman George Tweed escaped Guam, the Japanese ordered Father Dueñas to name any Chamorros who may have assisted Tweed. Father Dueñas refused. The Japanese executed him on July 12, 1944. Father Jesus Baza Dueñas' resistance in the face of Japanese oppression and his sacrifice during the occupation made him a local hero to the Chamorro.

STAND WHERE HISTORY WAS MADE: Mt. Suribachi on Iwo Jima

The Americans suffered extreme losses in the Battle of Iwo Jima: over 26,000 casualties in 36 days of combat. Roughly one American out of every three who landed on Iwo Jima became a casualty before capturing the island. Iwo Jima is open to American civilians one day each year for the very special "Reunion of Honor" ceremony. Guests have the opportunity to hike to the top of Mt. Suribachi, where the iconic flag-raising photo was taken, or attend a joint American and Japanese Water Blessing ceremony and explore the black ash landing beaches.

ITINERARY MAP



INVASION LANDING ON IWO JIMA



Photo: American Marines advancing up beaches after landing on Iwo Jima. Courtesy of Louis R. Lowery/US Marine Corps/LIFE Picture

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\$16,999 \$15,999* per person based on double occupancy

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PROGRAM INCLUSIONS

Guests will enjoy luxurious resorts, all-inclusive flights and memorable culinary experiences.

- Two nights' accommodations at the historic, five-star Westin Moana Surfrider Hotel on Waikiki Beach in Honolulu
- Three nights' accommodations at the five-star Kensington Hotel Saipan
- Four nights' accommodations at the five-star Dusit Thani Guam Hotel
- Round-trip economy-class air on scheduled United Airlines flights between Los Angeles and Honolulu, Honolulu and Guam, and Guam and Los Angeles (via Honolulu)*
- Round-trip, privately chartered air between Guam and Saipan, Saipan and Tinian, and Guam and Iwo Jima.
- 9 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches, 2 Receptions, and 6 Dinners
- Beer, wine, coffee, water, tea, and soft drinks at all included meals and receptions
- Personal listening devices on all included touring
- Entrance fees to all sites, museums, and attractions included in the itinerary
- Video oral history presentations from the Museum's Collection
- Private, air-conditioned motor coach transportation, including bottled water on excursions
- All airport transportation throughout program itinerary, including arrival transfer (Honolulu) and departure transfer (Guam) when arriving and departing on scheduled program dates
- Gratuities to local guides, drivers, porters, and included meal service
- Expert Museum Historian-led battlefield tours
- Informative map book, including battlefield maps and archival images to be used throughout your journey
- Keepsake travel gifts to use on your journey

To view Eugene DiSabatino's oral history from
The Digital Collections of The National WWII Museum
<https://www.ww2online.org/view/eugene-disabatino>



Eugene DiSabatino joined the US Army in 1943. After completing basic training, he was assigned to attend Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) for civil engineer training, and then was sent to New York University (NYU) for additional training. While at NYU, he was selected by Army officers for a special assignment in Los Alamos, New Mexico.

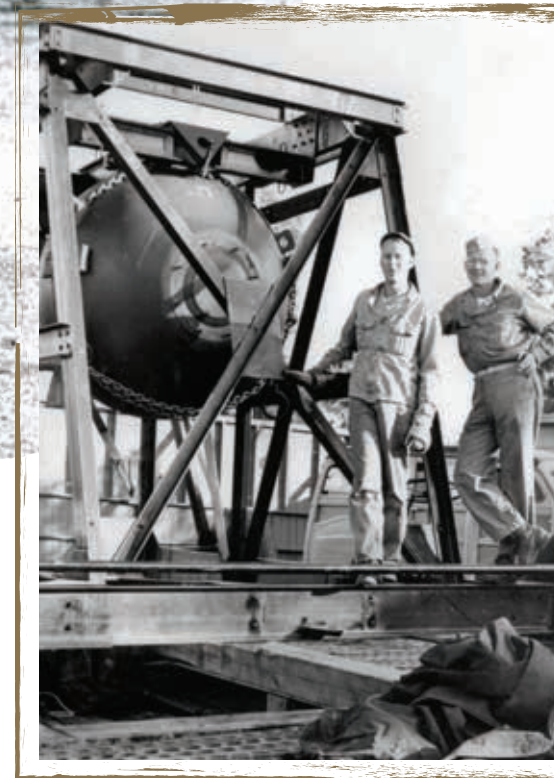
Upon arrival at Los Alamos, DiSabatino learned that he was part of the very secretive Manhattan Project. He was informed that he was restricted to that base, and that he would wear civilian clothes while living in officer's quarters. Having to disguise himself as a civilian caused tension with some soldiers who thought he was a draft dodger. He was told to not salute, ignore Army protocol, and pretend to be a civilian when around others who may be observing his actions. The projects that DiSabatino worked on were so secretive that he had people working under him who had no idea what they were working on.

While at Los Alamos, DiSabatino worked under Admiral Frederick Ashworth on two major projects. The first was to develop ballistic tables for use on the Norden bombsight at 30,000 feet by a B-29

Superfortress carrying a payload of five tons.

DiSabatino's second task was to develop an assembly process for loading an atomic bomb aboard a B-29, arming it in flight, and then deploying it over a target.

After completing this work, he was sent to two top-secret Air Force test sites, one at Wendover, Utah, and the other at Salton Sea, California, with the 393rd Bombardment Squadron. After completing testing, DiSabatino was shipped immediately to Tinian for assisting with the loading of the atomic bomb "Fat Man" into the B-29 Bomber nicknamed *Bockscar*. To his knowledge, he was the last person to lay hands on the bomb before it left Tinian, bound for Nagasaki on August 9, 1945.



THROUGH THEIR EYES

Eugene DiSabatino, 1922 - 2012

PHOTO PAGE 8: Manhattan Project Weapons Specialist Eugene DiSabatino stands in front of the B-29 *Enola Gay* on Tinian. PHOTO PAGE 9: "Fat Man" Shake test, Manhattan Project. *Courtesy of Science History Images/ Alamy Stock Photo.*



Pearl Harbor

Day 1: Arrival

Arrive at Honolulu International Airport (HNL) and transfer to the five-star Westin Moana Surfrider, where you are welcomed by the Museum's travel team. This evening, enjoy a welcome reception and dinner with your fellow tour guests on the Diamond Lawn of the Moana Surfrider as you watch a lovely island sunset.

Accommodations: Westin Moana Surfrider (R, D)

Day 2: USS Battleship Missouri Memorial, Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum, and Pearl Harbor National Memorial

Begin your exploration of the War in the Pacific where it all ended, on the USS *Missouri*, site of the formal surrender of the Japanese Empire to the Allied powers. Next, visit the Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum, an internationally recognized aviation museum on Ford Island that educates about and preserves aviation history while honoring aviators and their support personnel who defended freedom in the Pacific region. After an included lunch, spend the afternoon at the very place where a Japanese attack brought the country into the war. At the Pearl Harbor National Memorial, pay tribute to the 1,177 men who were killed when the USS *Arizona* forward magazine exploded causing the ship to sink in a matter of minutes. Also visit the USS *Bowfin* (SS-287), a fleet attack submarine that fought in the Pacific during World War II and helped to make famous the term "Silent Service." *Bowfin* was launched on December 7, 1942, exactly one year after the attack on Pearl Harbor. She was nicknamed "Pearl Harbor Avenger," so it's fitting that Pearl Harbor is her permanent home. The evening is free to enjoy Waikiki's many shops and restaurants.

Accommodations: Westin Moana Surfrider (B, L)

PHOTO: Aerial of the USS *Arizona* Memorial at Pearl Harbor National Memorial, Hawaii.

PHOTO: Last Command Post, Saipan.
Courtesy of Frank Aymami.

Saipan



Day 3, (Cross the International Date Line): Journey to Saipan

After a relaxing morning at leisure in Waikiki, fly to Saipan, where a ferocious battle waged for over three weeks from June 15 to July 9, 1944. Granted to Japan after World War I, the island was home to the Japanese forces that attacked Guam on December 8, 1941.

At the same time the Allies secured Rome and were fighting in Normandy in 1944, American troops had advanced within striking distance of Saipan. Once captured, Saipan and the neighboring island of Tinian offered airfields from which B-29s could attack the Japanese home islands. While ashore on Saipan, Americans faced challenges in the tiny island's formidable geography, a significant civilian population, and the Japanese military's willingness to fight to the last man.

Accommodations: The Kensington Hotel Saipan (B, D)

Day 4: Explore Saipan

The Battle of Saipan moved from south to north with the invasion beaches located on the southwest coast. After American forces secured the southern third of the island along with the airfield, the Japanese continued their relentless defense. Today, stand on the landing beaches, explore the bomb magazine used to supply the planes attacking Guam on December 8, 1941, and participate in an incredibly moving visit to the cliffs where thousands of civilians and Japanese soldiers committed suicide upon realizing that Saipan was lost. Tour stops also include a scenic drive through Purple Heart Ridge, Suicide Cliffs, American Memorial Park, the remains of Aslito Airfield, Kilili Beach, Last Command Post, and Tank Beach.

Accommodations: The Kensington Hotel Saipan (B, L, D)

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Historical Perspective

MICHAEL “IRON MIKE” MERVOSH 1923–2017

To view Mike Mervosh’s oral history from
The Digital Collections of The National WWII Museum
<https://www.ww2online.org/view/michael-iron-mike-mervosh>.

As soon as the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, Michael D. Mervosh decided to enlist in the Marine Corps to fight for his country. As soon as he turned 18 in September of 1942 and graduated high school, Mervosh entered boot camp training at Parris Island, South Carolina. Upon completing Marine Corps Boot Camp, Mervosh went to Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, for infantry training and to learn how to operate a machine gun.

Mervosh and his training battalion eventually made it to Camp Pendleton in San Diego, California, where he was assigned to Charlie Company, 24th Marines, 4th Marine Division. His division would be the first in the Marine Corps to go straight from training in the United States directly into combat. Mervosh entered combat in the Marshall Islands, fighting on the islands of Roi and Namur. Following the battle, the 4th Marine Division then went to Maui for rest and resupply before heading into combat again.

On June 15, 1944, Mervosh made his way ashore on the island of Saipan under intense enemy fire. Within the first few hours of the fighting, Mervosh and his fellow Marines received a blow to their morale when their battalion commander was killed, but they kept up the fight. Faced with little drinkable water and fighting disease on the island, casualties began to mount. Unlike any of the previous battles they had fought, the Marines also encountered a number of civilians on Saipan. Upon reaching the northern side of the island at Marpi Point, now known as Suicide Cliff, Mervosh witnessed men, women, and children jumping to their deaths terrified by Japanese propaganda that warned they would be tortured and killed by US troops. That moment was one that would be etched forever in his brain.

Mervosh’s combat was not over. He took part in conquering the neighboring island of Tinian, enabling the B-29 Superfortress bombers to utilize its airfields to bomb mainland Japan, and after his fighting at Saipan and Tinian, Mervosh began to see himself as a true combat veteran.

Little did he know that in February 1945 he would face the most intense combat that he would see during his 35-year career in the Marine Corps on Iwo Jima. “Iron Mike” Mervosh saw combat in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. During his time in the Marines, he served in every enlisted rank from Private to Sergeant Major. He served in five different Marine Divisions, spent time as a drill instructor at Parris Island, South Carolina, did two tours of recruiting duty, and two tours on the drill field. His final assignment was the Fleet Marine Force, Pacific Sergeant Major.

Upon his retirement on September 1, 1977, Mervosh was the most senior enlisted man in all of the Armed Forces.



PHOTO PAGE 14: A member of a Marine patrol on Saipan found this family of Japanese hiding in a hillside cave. A mother, four children, and a dog took shelter from the fierce fighting in the area, June 21, 1944. Courtesy of American Photo Archive / Alamy Stock Photo. PHOTOS PAGE 15: Portrait of Mike Mervosh in uniform.

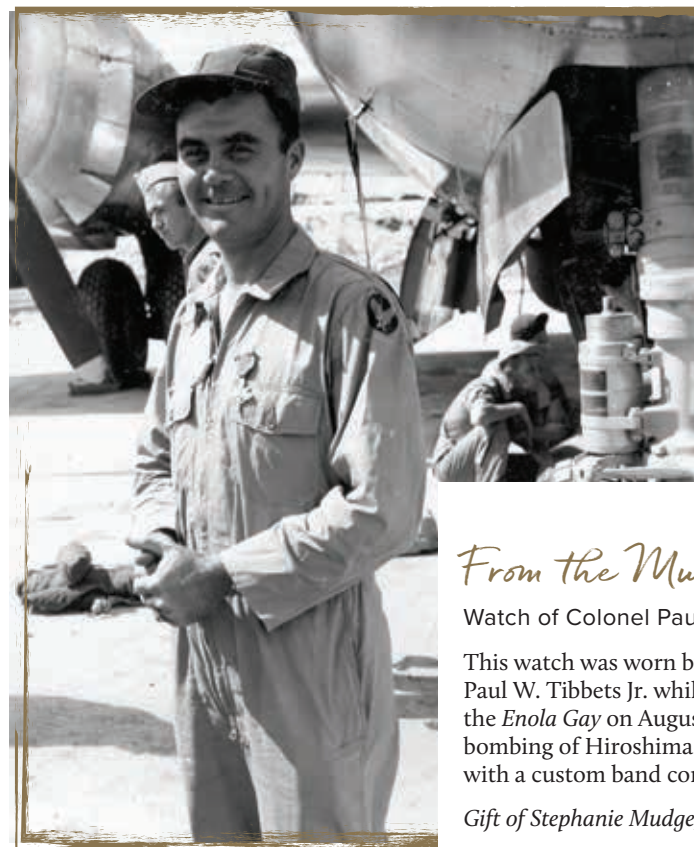
Tinian



Day 5: Tinian and the atomic bombs

The island of Tinian is just minutes away from Saipan by air. After arriving at Tinian International Airport (TNI) by privately chartered aircraft, embark on a tour of iconic North Field. The airfield today is a mixture of modern monuments and memorials with buildings and vehicles in varying states of preservation and decay. Explore a massive Japanese fuel storage facility where damaged oil drums still remain today. Stand above the bomb pits from which the atomic bombs “Little Boy” and “Fat Man” were loaded onto the B-29s *Enola Gay* and *Bockscar*. Walk the surprisingly narrow White Beach where the US Marine Corps landed to secure the island, and where debris from the battle remains today. Upon departure from Tinian to return to Saipan, your plane will embark on a scenic flyover of Tinian and the places you visited, giving you an aerial perspective of the day’s touring.

Accommodations: *The Kensington Hotel Saipan (B, L, D)*



From the Museum's collection

Watch of Colonel Paul W. Tibbets Jr.

This watch was worn by Colonel Paul W. Tibbets Jr. while at the controls of the *Enola Gay* on August 6, 1945, during the atomic bombing of Hiroshima. The watch was later refitted with a custom band commemorating the historic event.

Gift of Stephanie Mudge, 2008.069.001

PHOTO PAGE 16: White Beach, Tinian. *Courtesy of Frank Aymami*. PHOTO PAGE 17 TOP: Atomic bomb pit #1 used to load both *Enola Gay* and *Bockscar* in August 1945. PHOTO BOTTOM LEFT: Col. Paul W. Tibbets Jr., pilot of the *Enola Gay*, the plane that dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima on August 6, 1945. *Courtesy of Army Air Forces*.

Day 6: Journey to Guam

After breakfast, bid farewell to Saipan and board a short flight to Guam. A US territory since the end of the Spanish-American War in 1898, Guam was attacked by the Japanese on December 8, 1941—technically at the same time as Pearl Harbor, due to its location across the International Date Line. The Japanese occupied Guam until August 1944, when the island was liberated by the US 3rd Marine Division and 77th Infantry Division. This afternoon, tour the landing beaches of the Marines and Army soldiers at Agat Beach, Asan Beach, and Ga'an Point, and learn about their struggle to recapture the island and liberate American civilians from Japanese occupation. A trip up to the Asan Bay Overlook reveals a commanding vantage point and exquisite views of the island. This evening, check into Dusit Thani Guam Resort and enjoy dinner at leisure.

Accommodations: Dusit Thani Resort (B, R)

Day 7: Guam

This morning, guests are invited to attend the Iwo Jima Symposium, an engaging series of talks hosted in conjunction with the Iwo Jima Association of America in preparation for the next day's visit to Iwo Jima. After an included lunch, the afternoon is free for relaxation or independent exploration. This afternoon, a panel discussion featuring WWII veterans, moderated by James Scott and Jon Parshall, will bring to life the horrors these heroes faced during the war in the Pacific. This evening is free in preparation for an early morning departure to Iwo Jima.

Accommodations: Dusit Thani Resort (B, L)



BACKGROUND PHOTO: American landing beaches where the 1st Provisional Marine Brigade came ashore at Agat Beach, Guam. Photo by Frank Aymami.

PHOTO: WWII veteran Arch Aplin and wife Joanie on Agat Beach, Guam. Courtesy of Frank Aymami.



PHOTO: View of Agat Beach on Guam. Photo by Frank Aymami.



PHOTO PAGE 20: Service member dog tags at Iwo Jima Memorial. *Courtesy of Frank Aymami.*
 TOP LEFT PHOTO PAGE 21: From the crest of Mt. Suribachi, the American Flag waves in triumph over Iwo Jima after US Marines had fought their way inch by inch up its steep lava-encrusted slopes, February 23, 1945. Photo courtesy of ©CORBIS / Corbis via Getty Images. TOP RIGHT PHOTO PAGE 21: Chief Warrant Officer 4 Hershel "Woody" Williams, the only WWII Medal of Honor recipient still alive today, at the 2018 Reunion of Honor ceremony on the 2018 Victory in the Pacific Tour. BOTTOM PHOTO PAGE 21: The US Marine memorial at the site of the iconic flag raising atop Mt. Suribachi. Photo by Frank Aymami.



Day 8: The 77th Anniversary of the Battle of Iwo Jima

Board an early morning, privately chartered flight to Iwo Jima* to take part in the 77th anniversary commemorations on the island. The island of Iwo Jima, now named Iwo To, is open to American civilians only one day each year for this very special Reunion of Honor.

On arrival, guests may take the opportunity to hike to the top of Mt. Suribachi, where the iconic flag-raising photo was taken, or attend a joint American and Japanese Water Blessing Ceremony and explore the nearby black ash landing beaches afterwards.†

Today, guests reflect on the extreme American loss in this battle: over 26,000 casualties in 36 days of combat. Roughly one American out of every three who landed on Iwo Jima became a casualty. This day provides a unique opportunity for each guest to honor the men who fought in this historic battle, as well as the Gold Star Families who also gave so much for the capture of this island. Return to Guam this evening, with dinner served on the flight.

Accommodations: Dusit Thani Resort (B, L, D)

*Visitors to Iwo Jima must have a US passport.

†Vehicle transportation on Iwo Jima is extremely limited. Tour guests should not expect vehicle transportation this day and must be able to walk a minimum of 5 miles or a maximum of 9 miles within a 3-hour period. Contact the Travel Team for more detailed information.



PHOTO PAGE 22: Apaca Point, Guam. PHOTO PAGE 23: Memorial, War in the Pacific National Historical Park, Guam, US Territory. Courtesy of imageBROKER / Alamy Stock Photo.



Day 9: Hafa Adai - Half A Day Tour

“Hafa adai,” pronounced *hâ-FUH day*, is a greeting used on all the inhabited Mariana Islands (Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan). This native Chamorro greeting is similar to “Aloha” used on the Hawaiian Islands. The final day of the tour is designed to provide additional optional touring during a “hafa adai, half-day” tour of Guam. Spend time at The T. Stell Newman Visitor Center part of the War in the Pacific National Historical Park, experience the highly interactive exhibits, and view the compelling 10-minute movie, *The Battle for Guam*.

Next, venture to Apaca Point, known for its natural beauty and intricate Japanese defensive fortifications from World War II. Next, at the Pacific War Museum, dive deeper into the Marines history on Guam. End the touring day at Fort Apugan and take in exquisite views of the island.

The afternoon is free for independent exploration or relaxation. Join the group this evening for a reception and farewell dinner at the hotel.

Accommodations: Dusit Thani Resort (B, R, D)

Day 10: Depart to the US

Depart the Dusit Thani Guam Resort this morning and transfer to the Guam International Airport (GUM) for flights home or onward to our optional Battle for Peleliu post-tour extension program. (B)

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VICTORY IN THE PACIFIC:

World War II in the Philippines

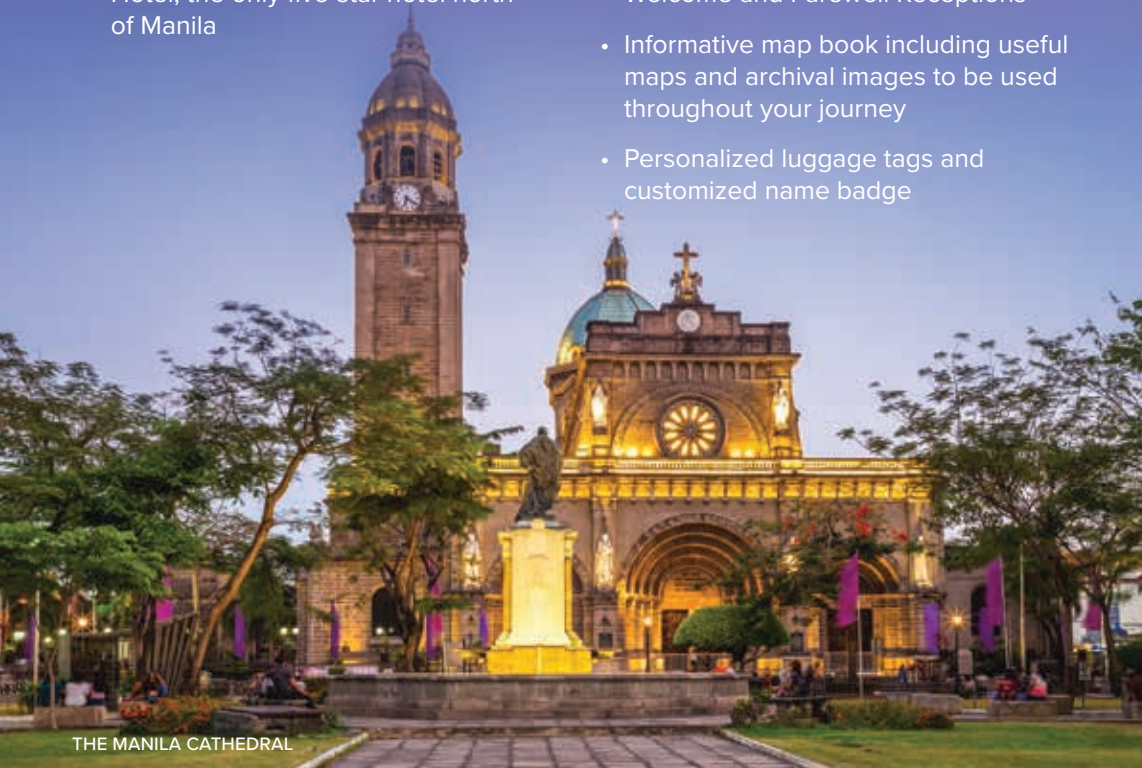
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- Personalized luggage tags and customized name badge



THE MANILA CATHEDRAL



PHOTO: War memorial in front of the ruins of a theater, Corregidor Island, Manila Bay, Courtesy of Look / Alamy Stock Photo.

Program Itinerary

DAY	CITY	EXPERIENCE
1	Arrive in Manila / Transfer to Bataan	Transfer from Manila Ninoy Aquino International Airport (MNL) to Las Casas Filipinas de Acuzar / Reception & Welcome Dinner <i>Accommodations: Las Casas Filipinas de Acuzar (R, D)</i>
2	Bataan Death March	One-kilometer symbolic walk of the Bataan Death March / Visit the Kilometer Marker Zero at Mariveles / Mount Mariveles / Mt. Samat Shrine / Balanga Elementary School <i>Accommodations: Las Casas Filipinas de Acuzar (B, L)</i>
3	Clark Field	Bamban Museum of History / Capas National Shrine / Clark Field Museum <i>Accommodations: Clark Marriott Hotel (B, L, D)</i>
4	Cabanatuan	Cabanatuan POW Camp / Return to Clark Field / San Fernando Train Station <i>Accommodations: Clark Marriott Hotel (B, L)</i>
5	Battle of Manila	Tour the walled city of Intramuros <i>Accommodations: The Manila Hotel (B, D)</i>
6	Corregidor	Board a ferry for the fortress island of Corregidor / Malinta Tunnel / Afternoon for Independent Exploration <i>Accommodations: The Corregidor Inn (B, L, D)</i>
7	Santo Tomas	Tour the University of Santo Tomas / Manila American Cemetery <i>Accommodations: The Manila Hotel (B, D)</i>
8	Battle of Manila	De la Salle University / National Museum / Former Government Complex <i>Accommodations: The Manila Hotel (B, D)</i>
9	Flights home from Manila	After breakfast, transfer to Manila Ninoy Aquino International Airport (MNL) for your independently scheduled flight home (B)



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- Bottled water while touring
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- Gratuities to drivers, guides, and porters
- All land excursions led by expert local guides
- Full-time Tour Manager
- All transportation by coach and ferry during scheduled touring

**\$129 per person taxes & fees is additional. Published tour dates are tentative based on confirmation from the Japanese government regarding the date of the Iwo Jima Ceremony. Reserved guests will be notified of exact tour dates when they become available.*



PHOTO: 2018 tour guests visit the 81st Infantry Division War Memorial on Peleliu. "Wild Cats Never Quit." Photo by Frank Aymami.

Program Itinerary

Day One – Journey to Palau

Depart Guam and fly to the Republic of Palau, which is made up of 250 islands. Settle in at the magnificent Palau Pacific Resort on Ngerekebesang Island, your home for the next four nights. Explore the resort and spend the rest of the day at leisure.

Accommodations: Palau Pacific Resort

Day Two – Peleliu

Board a privately chartered ferry, sail through the Rock Islands, and arrive at the northern tip of Peleliu. Visit Peleliu World War II Memorial Museum which houses numerous artifacts left after the Battle of Peleliu. Explore White Beach and discover remnants from the battle. The sand, tides, and humidity have left the artifacts in varying states of decay. After lunch on Orange Beach, continue along the southern portion of the island and hear the story of Arthur Jackson and the actions for which he received the Medal of Honor.

Accommodations: Palau Pacific Resort (B, L, R)

Day Three – Peleliu

Return to Peleliu for a second day of touring. Learn about the Japanese defenses and visit "Bloody Nose Ridge." Explore the caverns, caves, and Japanese defensive positions. Enter several of the caves and use flashlights to discover artifacts frozen in time. After lunch on Orange Beach, the group will lay a wreath at the Memorial to Fallen Marines. Return to Palau this evening and enjoy dinner with the group.

Accommodations: Palau Pacific Resort (B, L, R, D)

Day Four – Day at Leisure / Depart Palau

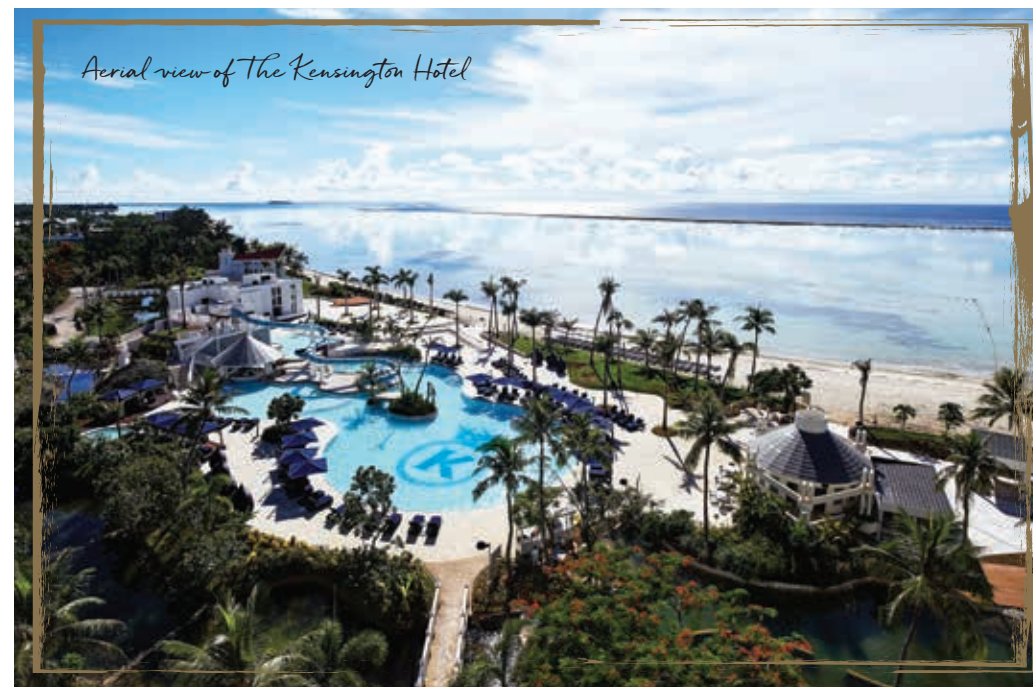
Your final day on Palau is at leisure to enjoy the many amenities at your resort. You may also choose an excursion to the Rock Islands, which will bring you even closer to this UNESCO World Heritage site. This dedicated tour reveals the geography, history, and preservation of these amazing islands. With opportunities for snorkeling and a white limestone mudbath (rumored to make you look 10 years younger), you will experience the beauty and unique features of Palau. Depart for home on your international flight later this evening.

Accommodations: Palau Pacific Resort (B, L)

Distinctive Accommodations



Aerial view of The Kensington Hotel



Westin Moana Surfrider Hotel

A National WWII Museum favorite, in the heart of Waikiki Beach, the Moana Surfrider opened in 1901 and is often referred to as the “First Lady of Waikiki.” This oceanfront hotel is a legendary landmark and remains a premier five-star resort property on the island.

The Tower Ocean View rooms measure 222 – 322 square feet and offer a private balcony, Westin’s signature Heavenly Beds, well-appointed granite baths with Westin Heavenly Spa bath products complimentary Wi-Fi, a 32” LCD television, and complimentary Kona Coffee & Tazo Teas

The property includes two excellent dining venues offering excellent views of the beachfront, along with two lounges and a convenient café offering light bites.

The Kensington Hotel Saipan

Newly renovated, this hotel’s unique and luxurious boutique design make it a standout in our itinerary. Nearly 400 square feet, our Royal Deluxe room category located on floors 6 through 9 at this property assure incredible views of the azure waters and white sands at Pau Pau Beach.

Accommodations include all-inclusive meal and beverage package, 400 thread-count sheets and premium, mattresses, spa-quality bath amenities with a spacious shower, attractive nautical-style design with calming color palettes, a 50” LED television, and complimentary in-room minibar.

Distinctive Accommodations



Dusit Thani Guam Resort

Located on the island's magnificent Tumon Bay, the newest hotel on the island of Guam is the most luxurious yet. Spacious, well-appointed Deluxe Oceanfront guest rooms measure more than 450 square feet, and feature an expansive balcony offering stunning panoramic views of the Philippine Sea.

The Deluxe Oceanfront rooms provide complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the hotel property, bottled water, replenished daily, satellite television bathrobe, slippers, hairdryer, and spa-quality bath amenities, selection of daily newspapers and magazines, and individual reading lights. Offering four dining venues, the Dusit Thani Guam offers guests an opportunity to enjoy an eclectic mix of dining options. The hotel's lobby lounge offers a terrace from which to enjoy the spectacular sunsets, along with a gourmet coffee shop.

Pre- and Post-Tour

EXTENSION PROGRAM ACCOMMODATIONS



The Manila Hotel

THE PHILIPPINES PRE-TOUR EXTENSION PROGRAM

The Manila Hotel is a trip back to pre-war Manila. The hotel is the oldest premier hotel in the Philippines built in 1909 to rival Malacañang Palace. The hotel officially opened on the commemoration of American Independence on July 4, 1912. General Douglas MacArthur made The Manila Hotel his home during his tenure as the Military Advisor to the Commonwealth Government of the Philippines from 1935-1941. Architect Pedro Luna, son of master painter Juan Luna, was commissioned to build a penthouse suite for the General and his family atop the fifth floor.

The Japanese occupied the hotel from 1942-1945, setting fire to the structure during the Battle of Manila. The hotel underwent extensive reconstruction after the war and has hosted numerous celebrities.



Palau Pacific Resort

THE BATTLE OF PELELIU POST-TOUR EXTENSION PROGRAM

Palau Pacific Resort, a TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence recipient, sits on 64-acres of lush tropical gardens hugged by a spectacular private white sand beach. This 165-room resort is decorated in a traditional, elegant island style.

The property provides luxurious amenities and a full array of leisure and resort facilities, including the world-renowned Mandara Spa. Located on the island of Koror, transportation is provided each day to nearby Peleliu aboard a comfortable, privately chartered ship. Sit back and take in the journey through the Rock Islands, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



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