



WORLD WAR II IN *the Philippines*

Bataan • Corregidor • Leyte • Manila
February 13-26, 2026

Remnants of Fort Mills
Hospital, a US military
post hospital in the
Philippines built in
1913 and active until
December 8, 1941.



Best-Selling Author
and Historian
James M. Scott



Local Historian
Desiree Ann Cua
Benipayo

“The Philippines is ground zero for the American experience in the Pacific. As America’s only colony—a spoil of the Spanish–American War—the Philippines was home before the war not only to thousands of American servicemen, but also employees of companies like Ford, General Electric, and Delmonte. But the quiet life in the tropics ended with the outbreak of the war.

The following four years would witness some of the war’s greatest battles, from the fall of Bataan in the dark early days to the Battle of Leyte Gulf, the largest naval fight of the war—one that ultimately doomed the Imperial Japanese navy. Few fights, however, would rival the 29-day battle to liberate Manila, a violent urban brawl that claimed an estimated 100,000 civilian lives. The story of the war in the Philippines is one dominated by larger-than-life personalities, from Douglas MacArthur to Japanese General Tomoyuki Yamashita, not to mention the thousands of American troops and civilians forced to suffer atrocities like the Bataan Death March as well as endure years in horrific prisoner-of-war and internment camps, like Santo Tomas—all waiting and praying for MacArthur to fulfill his solemn three-word promise: “I shall return.”

—James Scott

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Program Inclusions:

- Tour with expert historian and author James M. Scott and local historian Desiree Ann Cua Benipayo
- Full-time logistical tour manager
- Expert local battlefield guides throughout the itinerary
- Roundtrip airport transfers *(when arriving and departing on scheduled group tour dates)*
- Group roundtrip flight between Manila and Leyte
- One night pre-tour accommodation at Sheraton Manila Airport Hotel
- Two nights at the historic La Jolla Luxury Beach Resort in Bataan
- Two nights at the Clark Marriott Hotel, the only five-star hotel north of Manila
- Five nights at The Manila Hotel, site of General Douglas MacArthur's prewar apartment
- Two nights at the Baguio Country Club
- Two nights at the Oriental Leyte Hotel
- Personal listening devices on all included touring
- 13 Breakfasts, 10 Lunches, 4 Dinners, and 3 Receptions
- Beer, wine, and soft drinks with included lunches and dinner
- Informative map book including useful maps and archival images to be used throughout your journey
- Personalized luggage tags and customized name badge

Your Itinerary



Date	City	Experience
February 12, 2026	Arrival in Manila	Enjoy your transPacific flight into the Philippines and settle in at the Sheraton Manila Airport to rest up for the start of the tour the next day. <i>Accommodations: Sheraton Manila Airport</i>
February 13, 2026 (Day 1)	Journey to Bataan	Welcome Breakfast with the group / Transfer to Bataan / Reception, Lecture, and Welcome Dinner at La Jolla Beach Resort. <i>Accommodations: La Jolla Beach Resort (B, L, D)</i>
February 14, 2026 (Day 2)	Bataan Death March	One-kilometer symbolic walk of the Bataan Death March / Visit Kilometer Marker Zero at Mariveles / Mount Mariveles / Mount Samat Shrine / Bataan WWII Museum / Battle of the Pockets. <i>Accommodations: La Jolla Beach Resort (B, L)</i>
February 15, 2026 (Day 3)	Clark Field	Fort Stotsenburg Gates / Clark Field Museum and Theater / East Kamikaze Airfield / Bamban Museum of History / Japanese Naval HQ Tunnels. <i>Accommodations: Clark Marriott Hotel (B)</i>
February 16, 2026 (Day 4)	Cabanatuan	Last Bataan Death March Marker / Capas National Shrine / Camp O'Donnel POW Camp / Cabanatuan Memorial. <i>Accommodations: Clark Marriott Hotel (B, L, R, Lecture)</i>
February 17, 2026 (Day 5)	Baguio	Transfer to Baguio / US High Commissioner's summer residence / Special Presentation: <i>HONOR: The Legacy of Jose Abad Santos</i> and lecture by author and Filipino historian, Desiree Benipayo. <i>Accommodations: Baguio Country Club (B, L, Movie & Lecture)</i>
February 18, 2026 (Day 6)	Baguio	Philippine Military Academy / Museum Cordillera and Mansion / Camp John Hay. <i>Accommodations: Baguio Country Club (B, L, D)</i>
February 19, 2026 (Day 7)	Lingayen	Transfer to Lingayen / Lingayen Provincial Capitol and Veteran's Park / Arrive Manila. <i>Accommodations: The Manila Hotel (B, L)</i>
February 20, 2026 (Day 8)	Corregidor	Ferry to Corregidor / All day touring of the island's defensive structures / Malinta Tunnel. <i>Accommodations: The Manila Hotel (B, L)</i>
February 21, 2026 (Day 9)	Manila	Santo Tomas internment camp / De La Salle University / US Embassy tour. <i>Accommodations: The Manila Hotel (B, L, D)</i>
February 22, 2026 (Day 10)	Battle of Manila Commemoration Events	81st anniversary of the Battle of Manila Commemoration at Memorare Manila / Intromuras / Fort Santiago / Group lunch at Bayleaf Hotel with members of the US Embassy, Philippines WWII Memorial and Foundation, and Manila American Cemetery superintendent / Manila American Cemetery / Commemorative concert <i>Accommodations: The Manila Hotel (B, L)</i>
February 23, 2026 (Day 11)	Leyte	Group flight to Leyte / Visit landing beaches Palo, Tolosa, and Dulag / MacArthur Leyte Landing Memorial and National Park. <i>Accommodations: The Oriental Leyte (B, L, Lecture, D)</i>
February 24, 2026 (Day 12)	Leyte	Capoocan / Breakneck Ridge / Tacloban. <i>Accommodations: The Oriental Leyte (B, L)</i>
February 25, 2026 (Day 13)	Farewell to the Philippines	Morning at leisure in Leyte / Group flight to Manila / Optional walking tour of Manila / Farewell Reception and panel discussion in the MacArthur Suite at the Manila hotel. Panelists: James Scott; Desiree Benipayo; Dr. Ricardo Jose of the US Embassy; Ryan Blum, superintendent of the Manila American Cemetery; and Tony Feredo, Corregidor expert and Philippine WWII Memorial Foundation advisory board member. <i>Accommodations: The Manila Hotel (B, R)</i>
February 26, 2026 (Day 14)	Departures	Morning flights from Manila Airport. <i>(B)</i>