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with Optional Three-Night Post-Tour
Extension to Palawan | January 23-26, 2027

In collaboration with *The National WWII Museum*



Letter from the Vice President

Dear West Point Graduate,

I invite you to join fellow alumni on an extraordinary journey to explore the battlefields of the Philippines with The National WWII Museum.

This tour is designed to remember the hallowed grounds where courage, sacrifice, and leadership were tested in some of the Pacific War's most pivotal moments. Walk a symbolic portion of the Bataan Death March, stand at Corregidor, and visit Cabanatuan, gaining powerful insight into the experiences of American and Filipino soldiers. Guided by expert historians and enriched by camaraderie, this immersive program brings history to life in a deeply meaningful way.

I urge you to take this opportunity to honor those who served, deepen your understanding of leadership in adversity, and strengthen the bonds of the Long Gray Line in places where history was forged.

Sincerely,

Terence A. Sinkfield '99
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"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 M. Scott



JAMES M. SCOTT

A Pulitzer Prize finalist and *New York Times* bestseller, James M. Scott is the author of *Empire of Ashes*, *Black Snow*, *Rampage*, *Target Tokyo*, *The War Below*, and *The Attack on the Liberty*, and co-author, with Jack Carr, of *Targeted: Beirut* and the forthcoming *Targeted: Lockerbie*. In addition, Scott, a former Nieman Fellow at Harvard, is a sought-after public speaker, who leads battlefield tours and lectures at institutions around the world. He lives with his wife and two children in Charleston, South Carolina, where he is the Scholar in Residence at The Citadel.

Main gate of Fort Santiago in Manila, Philippines

Tour Inclusions

Daily touring with expert historian and author James M. Scott

Full-time logistical tour manager

Expert local battlefield guides and special guests throughout the itinerary

Roundtrip airport transfers (when arriving and departing on scheduled group tour dates)

Group roundtrip air from Manila to Leyte

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 Tropics at MacArthur Park

Personal listening devices on all included touring

13 breakfasts, 9 lunches, 3 receptions, and 4 dinners

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

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

Optional Three-Night Post-Tour Extension Program

Palawan: REMEMBERING THE MASSACRE ON PUERTO PRINCESSA

January 23-26, 2027

Plaza Cuartel | Palawan Special
Battalion WWII Memorial Museum |
Subterranean River National Park
(UNESCO World Heritage Site)

\$2,599 per person double occupancy, \$3,999 single occupancy



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Starting at ~~\$9,799~~ **\$9,299*** per person
based on double occupancy,

~~\$11,499~~ **\$10,999*** single occupancy

*\$239 Taxes and fees per person are additional.

Malinta Tunnel, Corregidor



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The Manila Hotel



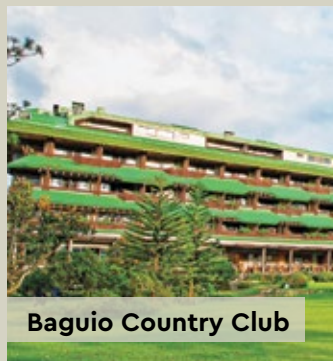
The Tropics at MacArthur Park



La Jolla Beach Resort



Clark Marriott Hotel



Baguio Country Club



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The Itinerary

Day 1: January 10, 2027 | Journey to Bataan

Arrive into Manila International Airport (MNL) / Transfer to Bataan / Reception and Welcome Dinner at La Jolla Beach Resort

Accommodations: La Jolla Beach Resort (R, D)

Day 2: January 11, 2027 | 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

Accommodations: La Jolla Beach Resort (B, L)

Day 3: January 12, 2027 | Clark Field

Fort Stotsenburg Gates / Clark Field Museum and Theater / East Kamikaze Airfield / Bamban Museum of History / Japanese Naval HQ Tunnels

Accommodations: Clark Marriott Hotel (B, L)

Day 4: January 13, 2027 | Cabanatuan

Last Bataan Death March Marker / Capas National Shrine / Camp O'Donnell POW Camp / Cabanatuan Memorial

Accommodations: Clark Marriott Hotel (B, R)

Day 5: January 14, 2027 | Baguio

Transfer to Baguio / US High Commissioner's summer residence / Special Presentation: *HONOR: The Legacy of Jose Abad Santos* and lecture by author and Filipino historian Desiree Benipayo

Accommodations: Baguio Country Club (B, L, Movie & Lecture)

Day 6: January 15, 2027 | Baguio

Philippine Military Academy / Museum Cordillera and Mansion / Camp John Hay

Accommodations: Baguio Country Club (B, L, D)

Day 7: January 16, 2027 | Lingayen

Transfer to Lingayen / Lingayen Provincial Capitol and Veteran's Park / Arrive in Manila

Accommodations: The Manila Hotel (B, L)

Day 8: January 17, 2027 | Corregidor

Ferry to Corregidor / All-day touring of the island's defensive structures / Malinta Tunnel

Accommodations: The Manila Hotel (B, L)

Day 9: January 18, 2027 | Manila

Santo Tomas internment camp / De La Salle University / US Embassy tour

Accommodations: The Manila Hotel (B, L, D)

Day 10: January 19, 2027 | Battle of 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

Accommodations: The Manila Hotel (B, L)

Day 11: January 20, 2027 | Leyte

Group flight to Leyte / Visit landing beaches Palo, Tolosa, and Dulag / MacArthur Leyte Landing Memorial and National Park

Accommodations: The Tropics at MacArthur Park (B, L, D)

Day 12: January 21, 2027 | Leyte

Capoocan / Breakneck Ridge / Tacloban

Accommodations: The Tropics at MacArthur Park (B, L)

Day 13: January 22, 2027 | 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 hotel's MacArthur Suite featuring: 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

Accommodations: The Manila Hotel (B, L, R)

Day 14: January 23, 2027 | Departures

Morning flights from Manila Airport (MNL). (B)