“67TH ANNIVERSARY BATTLE OF PELELIU”
INVASION BEACHES - BLOODY NOSE RIDGE - WALT RIDGE
POST-TOUR 16—20 SEP MANILA & THE PHILIPPINES
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As Seen on “The Pacific”

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The fierce battle for the island of Peleliu is mostly forgotten by today, few people realize that just four days after Veteran’s Day is another day remembered by a much smaller and ever-dwindling group - America’s World War II (WWII) Peleliu Veterans. September 15th, 1944 marked the beginning of combat operations on the island of Peleliu in WWII, and is now a day of somber remembrance for the few remaining US Marine Corps, Army, and Navy veterans who participated in the battle. Peleliu, a small island in the western Pacific Ocean, is now part of the Republic of Palau. Those who have heard of the island know of it as an excellent dive location with crystal clear waters and exotic sea life. To the WWII veteran, his family, and to the historian, Peleliu is something totally different. In 1944 Peleliu was the site of one of the most costly and heroic battles of WWII. Join with us as we explore the beaches, ridges, and caves where the 1st Marine Division and the Army’s 81st “Wildcat” Infantry Division fought to wrestle the island from the Japanese forces stationed there.

The unique Military Historical Tours in-depth approach includes extensive pre-departure research, utilizing a vast resource of maps and other source material, ensuring the finest possible experience. Our Tour Directors for this program are among the most knowledgeable on this subject. In-depth, but easily understood, briefings are conducted on each battle and other historic sites. For those wanting to go into more detail, the onsite staff is always available.

We will visit interesting sites unseen and unknown to the vast majority of battlefield tourists.

Participants are invited to contribute by sharing their personal knowledge and expertise as we walk the battlefields. Ample time is allowed for personal exploration and sightseeing. Since we come close to many places of great historical interest, we will include stops at some of these, depending on available time and group interest.

All of these things, along with the most experienced staff of Tour Leaders, Battlefield Guides, and Historians will combine to make your trip the most enjoyable, relaxing, entertaining and educational experience possible. We welcome your phone calls, letters or e-mails to discuss this expedition with one of our Battlefield Specialists. Call us toll free at 800-722-9501, M-F 9AM-5:00PM, write or e-mail us. We look forward to hearing from you!

Tour Price $3,995
Based on double Occupancy
Single Supplement $625
Post-Tour Price $1,195
Single Supplement $275

Tour Price Includes:
Round-trip economy class airfare between Los Angeles & Peleliu *
Basic Island Tourist Accommodations on Peleliu & First Class on Koror *
Van Transportation on Peleliu *
Meals as indicated in itinerary *
Emergency Medical, Evacuation, Repatriation, and baggage insurance included in each tour *
MHT “FieldBook” information packet *
Admission fees to all sites and museums *
Services of experienced MHT Tour Leaders

Members of the Civic Action Team (CAT) 133-24 perform colors on September 15, 2008 at the site of the monument dedicated to the efforts of the 1st Marine Division during the invasion of Peleliu in September 1944. Below, CAT 133-24 commemorated the 64th anniversary of the invasion by leading a small ceremony for Peleliu veterans and their families who traveled to the Republic of Palau to mark the occasion at the former American Military Cemetery on Orange Beach. Orange Beach is one of the original landing sites of US forces on the island of Peleliu on September 15th, 1944. CAT 133-24 is a detachment from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 133, homeported in Gulfport, MS. U.S. Navy photograph by Construction Mechanic 1st Class William Long

Same price as 2010!
Daily Itinerary

10 Sep Sat - (Day 1) Depart Los Angeles in the morning, and cross the International Date Line (lose a day).

11 Sep Sun - (Day 2) Arrive in Koror, Palau in the evening and transfer to our hotel.

12 Sep Mon - (Day 3) Following breakfast and checkout from the hotel, we depart for Peleliu via boat. After cruising through the amazing and famous Rock Islands, we arrive on Peleliu. After lunch, we begin an afternoon island tour starting with the invasion beaches including White Beach, Orange Beach, Hunt’s Point, Promontory, and coral ridge. (B Breakfast/ L Lunch/D Dinner)

13 Sep Tue - (Day 4) After breakfast, we resume our historical campaign jungle trek with the key points including West Road ridges, the first Command Post (CP), the Sherman tank site, the Japanese communications cave, and Hills 150, 160, 180, 200, 205, and 210. (B/L/D)

14 Sept Wed - (Day 5) Today we commemorate the 67th Anniversary of the battle at the 1st Marine Division Monument on Bloody Nose Ridge. The Ridge was the scene of the fiercest Japanese resistance during the 73-day struggle for control of Peleliu. We will also have a memorial service at the American Military Cemetary at Orange Beach as part of the official 65th Anniversary Commemorations. Afterwards we continue our exploration of Peleliu’s WWII history with a jungle trek to Unnamed Island, the German blockhouse, the Japanese Zero wreckage, the aircraft dump, Lady Luck LVT, the TBF crash site, Temple of Doom 1 and 2, the Japanese Army administration area, the battle museum blockhouse, RDF area, and finally ending our journey at Purple Beach. (B/L/D)

15 Sep Thur - (Day 6) Today we resume our battle trek with stops at Horseshoe Valley, Wildcat Bowl, Five Brothers, Five Sisters, Death Valley, the Last CP, and the Badlands. Our final afternoon of exploration takes us to the North Pocket, 1000 man cave, 75 mm gun site, Hill Row, North Pocket, Hills 120 and 140, and the trio of Wattie, Boyd, and Baldie Ridges. We will have our Farewell Dinner tonight as we again remember the men whose monumental sacrifices in conquering this island in 1944 should not be forgotten. (B/L/D)

16 Sep Fri - (Day 7) Morning departure for Koror, with free time in the afternoon. Dinner on your own. (B/L)

17 Sep Sat - (Day 8) This morning we depart Koror for LAX crossing the international dateline arriving on the same day we depart. (B at Hotel/L/D on flight)
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16 Sep Fri - (Day 1): After a leisurely day on Koror, we depart for Manila early in the evening. (B/L and D on the plane)

17 Sep Sat - (Day 2) After breakfast, we proceed for a visit to the fortified island of Corregidor, where General Douglas MacArthur made his headquarters at the start of WWII before being ordered to leave the Philippines. (B/L/D)

18 Sep Sun - (Day 3) Today we tour the cosmopolitan city of Manila and observe the history from the Spanish colonial period, through WWII, the US post-war presence to present day. The charm of the Philippines is evident as we meet the people of the PI. (B/L/D)

19 Sep Mon - (Day 4) We finish our tour of Manila with a visit to the Manila Cemetery and some last minute shopping before we head to the airport departing this evening. (B/L)

20 Sep Tue - (day 5) We cross the international dateline and arrive in LAX this morning. (B/L/D on flight)