"75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF PELELIU"

INVASION BEACHES - BLOODY NOSE RIDGE - WALT RIDGE

POST-TOUR 19—22 SEP HONOLULU, HAWAII

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As Seen on "The Pacific"

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Members of the Civic Action Team (CAT) 133-24 perform colors on Sept 15, 2008 at the site of the monument dedicated to the efforts of the 1st Marine Division during the invasion of Peleliu. 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 Peleliu on 15 Sept 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



MILITARY HISTORICAL TOURS is proud to present the 75th Anniversary Commemoration of one of the fiercest battles of the Pacific War. Join us to walk the ground where the 1st Marine Division "The Old Breed" and the Army's 81st "Wildcat" Infantry Division fought the entrenched Japanese Imperial Army's 14th Infantry Division in often hand to hand combat on this rocky jungle atoll.

Today, the island of Peleliu is mostly forgotten, 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 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 students of history, 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 defenders.

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 Director 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.

We will visit interesting sites unseen and unknown to the vast majority of battlefield tourists, those only hinted at in The Pacific.

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 Battlefield Tour Leader and Guides 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 703-590-1295, M-F 10AM-5:30PM, write or e-mail us. We look forward to hearing from you!



Tour Price: **$ 2,195**
BoDO—Based on double Occupancy
Single Supplement: **$ 725**
Post-Tour Price (BoDO): **$ 1,395**
Single Supplement: **$ 455**

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Tour Price Includes:

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Basic Island Tourist Accommodations on Peleliu & First Class on Koror

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Van Transportation on Peleliu

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Meals as indicated in itinerary

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MHT "FieldBook" information packet

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Admission fees to all sites and museums

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Services of experienced MHT Tour Leaders

DISCOUNT AIRFARE AVAILABLE:
MHT can book you from your home city to Peleliu via MHT's Airline Partners. Discount airfare from anywhere in the continental U.S. is available upon request. Business Class upgrade is available upon request (prices subject to confirmation at time of booking!)

Daily Itinerary

12 Sep Thur - (Day 1) Depart from the USA in the morning, cross International Date Line (lose a day).

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

14 Sep Sat - (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)

15 Sep Sun - (Day 4) Today we commemorate the 75th 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 Cemetery at Orange Beach as part of the official 75th Anniversary Commemorations. Afterwards, 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)



16 Sept Mon - (Day 5) After breakfast, 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)

17 Sep Tue - (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)

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

19 Sep Thur - (Day 8) This morning we depart Koror for home crossing the international dateline arriving on the same day we depart. (B at Hotel/L/D on flight)



HAWAII POST-TOUR INTINERARY

Enjoy 3 Nights & 4 Days at the Outrigger Reef Waikiki Beach Resort

19 Sept—Depart Koror for Honolulu, HI.

18 Sept—(Cross International Dateline - gain a day.) Arrive Honolulu early evening and check into our Ohana Reef Waikiki Hotel. Dinner on your own.



19 Sept—After breakfast we depart for the Arizona Memorial. While there we also visit the USS Bowfin and the Submarine Museum. After lunch we tour the battleship USS Missouri and Ford Island. (B/L)

20 Sept—After breakfast, we head for the "Punchbowl", the National Cemetery of the Pacific. From there we head to Ford Island to have lunch and visit the Pacific Aviation Museum for a special tour. (B/L)

21 Sept—Day of leisure. After breakfast enjoy a fun filled day on Waikiki Beach or sightseeing in downtown Honolulu. Late checkout. Leave Hawaii on an evening flight. (B)

22 Sept—Arrive home this morning.

OPTION: Add 1-7 additional days in Honolulu to see other islands or enjoy the beaches. Call for details.



Hawaii Post Tour: $ 1,395
(Based on double occupancy)
Single Room $ 455
Post Tour Includes:

- Four Star Accommodations at Outrigger Reef Waikiki
- Bus Transportation
- WWII Sites entrance fees
- Tax and roundtrip airport transfers
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
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