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**IWO JIMA
REUNION
OF HONOR
TOUR**

80th Anniversary

Escorted by John Shively

**March 19 to 23,
2025**

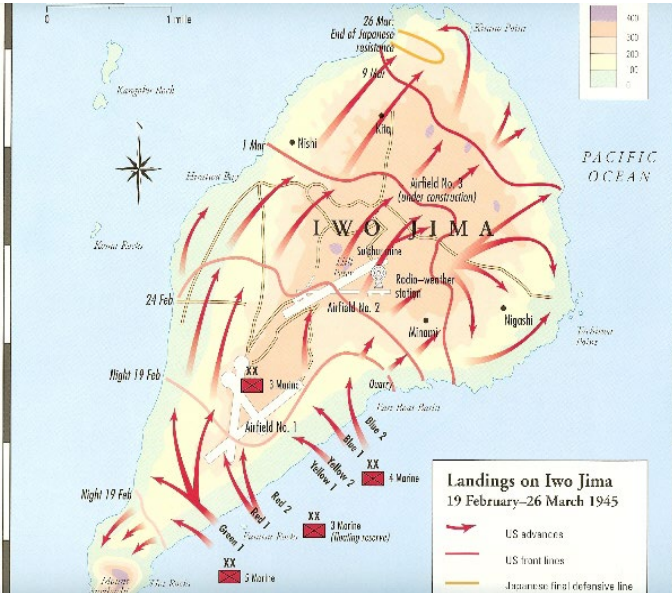
Dates subject to change

Optional pre-tour extension
to Saipan & Tinian, and
optional post-tour extension
to Peleliu



America's Oldest and Most Experienced Military History Tour Operator

The Japanese fortified island of Iwo Jima lays half way between Japan and the American B29 airfields of Saipan, Tinian and Guam. Japanese fighters flew from Iwo Jima to harass the B29 bombers heading for Japan. Iwo Jima needed to be captured to not only prevent fighter attacks on the B29's, but to offer sanctuary for those bombers returning from Japan who were damaged in action. The amphibious assault by the U.S. 3rd, 4th and 5th Marines were launched on February 19, 1945 on this volcanic island about eight square miles in size and comprised of volcanic ash and rock. Five days after the assault began, Associated Press photographer Joe Rosenthal's took a picture of the second flag raising on Mt. Suribachi, which became one of the most recognized photos of WWII. Iwo Jima proved its worth when a damaged American B29 made an emergency landing on March 4th, three weeks before the island was secured. Medals of Honor were awarded to twenty-seven Marines and sailors for their bravery at Iwo Jima, more than any other single operation during WWII.



Banner above from the Department of Defense 50th Anniversary of WWII Commemoration Committee, Pentagon.

Map from The Military Atlas of WWII.

Black and white pictures in this brochure from the National Archives, Washington D.C.

We accept checks and all credit cards. This tour not eligible for Early Booking/payment discounts. Book early due to limited space.

Application form for 2025 Iwo Jima Reunion of Honor

Mail to: Valor Tours, Ltd., 10 Liberty Ship Way, Sausalito, CA 94965
Questions? Call 1-800-842-4504

I/we enclose a check for \$ _____ (\$800 per person) to reserve ___ places on the "Iwo Jima Reunion of Honor" tour – 80th Anniversary – March 2025 on:

___ Twin share occupancy or ___ single occupancy
___ Smoking ___ Non smoking

Or please charge my credit card _____
Expiration date _____ for the deposit. Sec code _____

Name _____ Name _____
(As it appears on your passport)

Name _____ Name _____
(As you would like it to appear on ID badge)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (days) _____

Veteran of WWII (Branch, division, ship, etc.) or reason for participation:

Dietary requirements? _____

___ I/we need assistance with airfare from _____ to Guam to join tour.

___ I/we would like to participate on the optional pre-tour extension to Saipan and Tinian on a ___ twin share, or ___ single occupancy basis.

___ I/we would like to participate on the optional post-tour extension to Peleliu. On a ___ twin share, or ___ single occupancy basis.

Facilities for the disabled on Iwo Jima are non-existent and limited on the other islands. Please let us know if you have any disabilities that may prevent you from climbing on and off aircraft, buses or walking.

I/we have read and understand the terms and conditions as set forth in this brochure.

Signature _____ Date _____

Next of kin name/phone _____

Participation subject to permission. Must be US citizen.

GENERAL INFORMATION, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENTS

Please complete the application form and return with a deposit of \$800 per person. Reservations cannot be held without a deposit. We accept all major credit cards or personal check. Make checks payable to Valor Tours, Ltd. and mail to 10 Liberty Ship Way, Sausalito, and CA 94965. Final payment is due by Dec. 1, 2024. All passengers on deposit will receive written confirmation and information travel/cancellation insurance coverage. A reminder of final payment and newsletter with further details will be sent in November 2024. Final travel documents will be sent Priority Mail to fully paid participants about two weeks prior to departure. Unused components of the tour are non-refundable. Components of the tour cannot be purchased separately. Cost based upon a minimum number of participants traveling together. Space is limited. Early reservations are recommended. If operator cancels tour, a full refund will be made. Each passenger's participation is subject to permission being granted.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

All moneys are fully refundable for cancellations received up to Dec. 1, 2024 Cancellations received between Dec. 1, 2024 and Jan. 1, 2025 subject to loss of deposit. Cancellation received after Jan. 1, 2024 or "no shows" are non-refundable. Travel cancellation insurance is available upon request. Payments made by credit card will be refunded back to credit card and may take 60 days to process. Payments made by check will be refunded by check and will take up to 30 days.

HEALTH & TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION

All passengers must be in possession of a passport valid at least six months beyond date of travel. Visas and inoculations are not required, however we recommend getting a tetanus booster. Also ask your physician about Hepatitis which is recommended to ALL travelers to any part of the world. Final travel documents including ID badge, baggage tags, list of passengers and final instructions will be sent Priority Mail about two weeks prior to tour departure. You must be a U.S. Citizen.

WHAT TO BRING

Casual clothes such as shorts, bathing suit, wash n'wear, loose fitting clothing, comfortable walking shoes, beach (water) shoes, wide brimmed hat, suntan lotion, wash clothe, bottle of Woolite, plenty of film, camera, wind breaker, back pack, flask to carry water, binoculars. Leave expensive jewelry and high-heeled shoes at home. Carry medications, airline tickets, and passport, cash and travelers checks on your person – do not pack in suitcase, as there are occasional delays. Travel light – one suitcase and one carry-on bag per person, please. Hotel has excellent 24-hour laundry facilities.

AIR TRANSPORTATION

The only airfare included in tour cost is the round trip flights between Guam and Iwo Jima on a United Airlines charter, 140-seat 737 passenger jet. Flying time about 2 hours each way. No advance seating requests.

SINGLE TRAVELERS

When a tour member asks Valor Tours to seek a suitable roommate, we will do the best we can to oblige and find a colleague with common interests and habits. Valor Tours cannot be held responsible for incompatibility or guarantee a roommate. If a roommate cannot be found, the single supplement would apply.

NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR PACKAGE COST

Trans-Pacific air fare to Guam or Koror; foreign airport departure taxes; meals not indicated in itineraries; passport fees; alcoholic beverages; phone calls; laundry; items of a personal nature; cancellation/interruption insurance not included. Available upon request.

Itineraries, dates and cost subject to change. Visit to Iwo Jima subject to permission.
We do not recommend participation by children under the age of 12 years.

You must be a U.S. citizen to participate on this trip.

Itinerary - Itinerary subject to change - meals included B - L - D

Wednesday March 19

Arrive Guam. Transfer to Dusit Hotel, Guam.

Thursday March 20 (L, D)

Full day tour of Guam including War in the Pacific Memorial with lunch, or participate in MHT's symposium at the hotel with lunch. Boarding passes for Iwo Jima will be handled out. Evening banquet. Overnight Dusit Hotel.

Friday March 21 (L)

Iwo Symposium at hotel with lunch. Boarding passes handed out. Overnight Dusit Hotel.

Saturday March 22 (B, L, D)

Early morning meet in lobby of hotel for transfer to airport for chartered flight to Iwo Jima with breakfast served in-flight. Upon arrival, transport to Memorial site with time to walk the invasion beaches before ceremony begins. Following ceremony some transport will be provided. Passengers are free to walk the island. Box lunch provided. Fly back to Guam with dinner served in-flight. Overnight Dusit Hotel.

Sunday March 23

Transfer to airport for departing flights...or continue onto Koror and Peleliu.



Ceremony on Iwo Jima during 2010 visit. Everyone is expected to attend ceremony before touring the island. Photo by Dennis Covert.

Tour Cost \$3,895.00 per person, twin share. Subject to change. Single supplement \$500 extra.

Four nights hotel accommodations at the Dusit Resort Guam; hotel taxes; round trip airport/hotel transfers; full day tour of Guam with lunch March 20; full day charter flight and tour of Iwo Jima with breakfast and dinner in-flight and box lunch on Iwo Jima March 22; banquet dinner and briefing at hotel March 20; MHT symposium with lunch March 21; services of John Shively or Andy Giles as escort for Valor Tours passengers; local taxes.

*Airfare from the U.S. mainland to Guam is not included and must be arranged on a case-by-case basis. We recommend United Airlines by way of Honolulu.



Travel insurance

Emergency medical/sickness, missed connections, baggage loss/delay, worldwide travel assistance insurance coverage and cancellation/trip interruption insurance coverage with Travelex is made available to all participants. We strongly recommend purchasing this coverage.

Passengers with disabilities

Due to the absence of handicap and disability laws on the islands we will visit on this tour, and the expeditionary nature of this tour, we must require participants with disabilities be accompanied by a companion legally responsible for assisting throughout. There is no wheelchair access. All participants must sign a liability release and divulge any medical issues.

Unless you are a WWII Veteran, you will be expected to move about Iwo Jima on foot. Total distance from airport to Ceremony, to Mt. Suribachi, to beaches, to airport is about 10 miles.

Air fare

Airfare from the U.S. to Guam not included. We will be happy to assist with getting the most convenient and best fare available from your hometown to Guam. We recommend United Airlines via Honolulu to Guam (formerly Continental route). If you plan to participate on the Peleliu extension, book your air fare all the way to Koror. It's about the same air fare as going as far as Guam. Air fare from Guam to Saipan on Saipan/Tinian extension IS included.

Covid19 vaccination record may still be required. Passports required.

"We think Valor did an excellent job of setting up the itinerary, getting rooms, and putting all the "stuff" in one bag. You were responsive and efficient. Well done. We think Andy is just plain top notch. The Pacific battles are really personal for him, with his Dad and Uncle, and he really did an excellent job—both in herding cats (i.e., us!), making sure nobody got too tired or hurt, and being interesting."
Vince Massimini, 2014 tour to Iwo

Optional pre-tour extensions to Saipan and Tinian

\$1600.00 per person, twin share. Single supplement \$200.00

Sun March 16 Early morning flight from Guam to Saipan. Full day to Tinian, returning to Saipan and the Kanoa Hotel.

Mon March 17 Full day tour of Saipan WWII sites.

Tue March 18 Continue touring Saipan.

Wed March 19 Fly from Saipan to Guam to begin Iwo Jima tour package.

Includes round trip air fare between Guam and Saipan/Tinian; airport/hotel transfers; services of local guides; three night's hotel accommodations on Saipan; all ground transportation and sightseeing; land access and entrance fees; services of Andy Giles; local taxes. Based on minimum of six passengers. Space limited. Itinerary subject to change.

Optional post-tour extension to Peleliu

Cost \$1600.00 per person, twin share. Single supplement \$300.00

Sun March 23 7:30pm Depart Guam, arriving Koror 8:40pm. Overnight West Malakal Hotel, Koror, or similar.

Mon March 24 Speed boat to Peleliu thru Rock Islands – full day tour

Tue March 25 Full day tour of Peleliu and Negesebus.

Wed March 26 Morning speedboat or water taxi back to Koror. Afternoon Babeldaob tour. Day rooms until time to transfer to airport for...

Thu March 27 1:45am Depart Koror, connection at Guam for Honolulu arriving day before after crossing date line.

Includes round trip airport/hotel transfers; four nights hotel accommodations on Koror and Peleliu; services of tour leader and local guides; boat transport from Koror to Peleliu; local taxes; breakfast and lunch daily on Peleliu; local tours. Does not include air fare from Guam to Koror.

