



## **ITINERARY for 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary tour to Okinawa 2010**

### **Friday June 18**

Depart San Francisco Int'l Airport at 1:05am via China Airlines flight #3 non-stop with in-flight entertainment and meal service.

### **Saturday June 19 (D)**

Arrive Taipei 5:30am...connect to China Airlines flight #120 departing Taipei 8:30am, arriving Okinawa 10:55am. Our Okinawan hosts meet us and we transfer to our hotel with an orientation tour of Naha along the way. Group invited by the Commander, 10<sup>th</sup> Support Group to attend the Army Birthday ball at Torii Station. Overnight Hotel Kokusai Plaza HQ's for the duration of visit to Okinawa.

### **Sunday June 20 (B, L)**

Tour of Shuri Line Outer Defenses, Cactus Ridge, Kakazu Ridge Battle Park, Tombstone Ridge, Urasoe Mura Escarpment Park (Hacksaw Ridge), Needle Rock. Stop for a buffet style lunch. Continue exploration of Shuri Outer Defenses in the afternoon.

### **Monday June 21 (B, L)**

Tour Shuri Line Inner Defenses. Sugar Loaf Hill, Zebra Hill, Dick Hill, Flat Top Hill, Oboe Hill and Tom Hill, location of Japanese artillery fire control bunker. Lunch at the Seamen's Club. Continue in the afternoon restored Shuri Castle and site of Japanese 32<sup>nd</sup> Army Underground HQ's (no entry), then onto Charlie Hill and Conical Hill before returning to hotel.

### **Tuesday June 22 (B)**

Full day trip to the Motobu Peninsula and ferry to Ie Shima (Ernie Pyle Memorial), great view from the Pinnacle. Nakamura House or Nakagusuku Castle. Return to Naha.

### **Wednesday June 23 (B, L)**

Today visits to sites requested by tour members – sites of personal interest. Subject to time and road conditions. Joint American and Japanese Veterans ceremony.

### **Thursday June 24 (B, L)**

Today we drive to the beautiful and touching Cornerstone of Peace Monument and Park where the names of those who died in the Battle of Okinawa are etched in elegant granite walls. Continue to the Okinawa Battle Museum and Mabuni Hill where Japanese Commanding Generals committed suicide. For lunch we stop at a typical Soba Noodle restaurant. Enroute to Torii Station, stop at WWII White Beach and monument. Weapons display, Retreat ceremony with refreshments at Torii Station, U.S. Army.

### **Friday June 25 (B, L)**

Morning tour of Southern battlefields where the Japanese Army made their last stand including Tomori Stone Lion Dog, Japanese Underground Hospital, Yaeju Dake (Big Apple) and Yuza Dake Escarpments and Kunishi Ridge. Visit General Buckner site and Brig General Easley and Col. May Monuments where we will have a battle

commemoration ceremony. Lunch at ADC Care. In afternoon visit Japanese Navy Underground HQ's. Check out of hotel and transfer to airport for China Airlines flight #122 departing Okinawa 4:10pm, arriving Taipei 6:30pm...connect to China Airlines flight #4 departing Taipei 10:50pm, arriving San Francisco Int'l Airport 7:00pm same day. Tour ends.

*Stopover at Taipei on homeward flight is possible for additional air surcharge of \$100 per person plus cost of land arrangements. Flights operate daily from Taipei back to SFO.*

**Contact Valor Tours - 1-800-842-4504**