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Presents a tour to the Philippines for  
WWII orphans

## *Memorial Day tour to the Philippines May 24 to June 2, 2012*

Optional extension to Leyte – June 2- 4



Manila American Cemetery, Philippines



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**America's Oldest and Most Experienced Military History Tour Operator**



AWON group at Manila American Cemetery, May 2007. Photo by staff member of cemetery.



Bingham's at the grave of a loved one at the Manila American Cemetery, administered by the American Battle Monuments Commission.

AWON (American WWII Orphans Network) is dedicated to our Fathers and to the service of their families. More than a million fathers served in WWII. Leaving their wives and children, they traveled overseas where many paid the highest price in service to their country.



For more information on AWON go to their website at [www.awon.org](http://www.awon.org). You do not need to be a member of AWON to participate on this tour.

Your tour leader, Steve Kwiecinski, has traveled with Valor Tours, Ltd. to the Philippines many times, including the 2006 Hellships Memorial tour, and now serves as our tour director for all our tours to the Philippines where he now resides with his wife Marcia on the island fortress of Corregidor. Steve's father fought on Bataan and Corregidor, and survived Bilibid, Cabanatuan and prison camps in Japan. You'll enjoy Steve's unique insights, sense of humor, and passion for Philippines WWII history.



## Application Form

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**Mail to: Valor Tours, Ltd., 10 Liberty Ship Way, Sausalito, CA 94965**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(as it appears on your passport without middle name)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(as you would like it to appear on ID badge and passenger list)

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(where confirmation and documents should be mailed)

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (days) \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve \_\_\_ spaces on this tour. Enclosed is my/our deposit in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ (\$500 per person) in the form of a check\_\_\_\_, or American Express account \_\_\_\_\_ exp \_\_\_\_\_ for accommodations based on a \_\_\_ twin share basis or \_\_\_ single occupancy or \_\_\_ triple share (subject to availability).

\_\_\_ I am traveling alone and wish to share with another tour member  
\_\_\_ Smoking \_\_\_ Non smoking

What is the reason for your participation on this tour, i.e. Veteran, family member, War Orphan, history buff, etc \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I/we would like to participate on the optional Leyte/Tacloban extension.  
\_\_\_ Please send information on purchasing a FAME Death March KM marker.

Next of kind (Name/phone) \_\_\_\_\_

Valor Tours, Ltd. requires passengers with handicaps to bring a traveling companion responsible for assisting with all your needs. Valor Tours, Ltd. does not recommend children under the age of 12 participate on this tour. Based on a minimum of 10 participants.

I/we have read and understand the terms and conditions set forth in this tour brochure \_\_\_\_\_

Signature

Date

## General Information & Terms/Conditions

### **Reservations & Cancellations**

A reservation can only be held with a deposit of \$500 per person and on a first come-first served basis. Please fill out, sign and return the application form with your check or American Express card number. Valor Tours, Ltd. does not accept VISA, Master Card or Discover. Final payment is due Feb. 24, 2012. Cancellations received in writing by Feb. 24, 2012 are fully refundable. Cancellations received in writing between Feb. 24 and April 23, 2012 subject to loss of deposit. Cancellations received after April 23, 2012 or "no shows" are non-refundable. Changes to your reservations within 30 days of departure may result in administrative fees and/or penalties. Reservation deadline is April 23, 2012 however space is subject to availability. In order to keep the group together, space is limited to one coach (40 passengers). Late bookings can be accepted provided space is available and full payment is received immediately. Cost is based on a minimum of 10 passengers traveling together. Unused components of the tour are non-refundable. We do not recommend participation on tour by children under the age of 12 years. You must have a valid passport to travel. Valor Tours, Ltd. recommends the purchase of travel/cancellation insurance coverage. An informational pamphlet is available upon request.

### **Travel documents**

Passports must be valid six months beyond date of travel. Visas and inoculations are **not** required for the Philippines, however stays longer than 21 days will require a visa. Travel documents such as airline tickets, passenger list, ID badge, baggage tags and final instructions will be sent Priority Mail about two weeks prior to departure or by Express Mail ten days prior to departure.

### **Health**

Vaccinations are not required at this time, but consult with your physician about Hepatitis A or B shots, which are now recommended for all travel. Also check to see if your Tetanus is up to date. As with all third world tropical climates, malaria-carrying mosquitoes exist. Use common sense precautions such as insect repellent or wearing long sleeved shirts and long pants in the evening hours when the mosquitoes are most prevalent. Drinking unboiled tap water is not recommended. Bottled water is available for purchase. We suggest keeping a bottle in your backpack at all times. Use caution when drinking beverages with ice. Good restaurants, bars and cafes use purified or boiled waters, while local establishments often use tap water.

### **Air transportation**

Philippine Airlines flies Boeing 747 jets between the West Coast (daily from San Francisco and Los Angeles) and Manila with 3 + 4 + 3 seating. Flight time is 12 hours with refueling at Honolulu or Guam, subject to load factor. Business class upgrade available for an additional \$2,200 per person round trip. Valor Tours cannot guarantee special seat assignment requests.

## Itinerary (subject to change)

### **May 24 Thursday**

6:30pm Check in begins at Philippine Airlines counter, SFO  
10:30pm Depart San Francisco via PAL #105  
Refueling stop in Honolulu or Guam.

### **May 25 Friday**

Cross International Date Line and lose this day.

### **May 26 Saturday (D)**

5:25am Arrive Manila.

Beyond customs meet private coach for transfer to Manila Hotel. Check-in Manila Hotel, freshen up, rest and have lunch on own.

1:00pm Depart hotel for American Battle Monument and Cemetery for private graveside visits. Return to hotel.

7:00pm dinner at Club Intramuros for group and AWON guests. Overnight Manila Hotel

### **May 27 Sunday (B, L)**

7:00am meeting in hotel lobby for transport to cemetery.

8:00am Memorial Day ceremony at American Cemetery and lay wreath. Lunch at local Filipino restaurant.

Afternoon visit Ft. Santiago, Intramuros, and/or other sites of interest to AWON passengers. Evening free. Dinner on own. Overnight Manila Hotel

### **May 28 Monday (B, L, D)**

Transfer to Sun Cruises terminal and take ferry to Corregidor for tour to Malinta Tunnel, Bottomside, Middleside and Topside Memorial and museum, batteries.

Overnight Corregidor Inn.

### **May 29 Tuesday (B, L, D)**

Depart Corregidor on banca to Mariveles, Bataan.

Kilometer Zero and Death March route; AWON markers at Angels of Bataan Marker at Limay and Mt. Samat for views of battlefields and Altar of Valor.

Stop at AWON KM markers.

Dinner and over night Montemar Beach Resort.

### **May 30 Wednesday (B, L, D)**

Continue up the Bataan Peninsula via the Balanga Elementary School, site of the Gen. King surrender, San Fernando RR Station, ending at Subic Bay and the Hellships Memorial, Jungle Survival Training. Overnight Kamana Sanctuary Resort.

### **May 31 Thursday (B, L, D)**

Drive to Clark Field to see Fort Stotsenberg gates; Parade Ground; Clark Field Museum; lunch at Clark VFW post canteen. Drive to Cabanatuan near the former POW camp, on new road, and overnight La Perilla Hotel.

### **June 1 Friday (B)**

Visit the beautiful American POW Memorial and West Point Gate at Cabanatuan. Drive to Manila and check into Manila Hotel. Remainder of afternoon and evening free. Overnight Manila Hotel.

Itinerary continues...

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**June 2 Saturday (B)**

Day free for shopping at Mananzan's Handicrafts and Tesoro's, or personal exploration. Late afternoon check out of hotel for airport for PAL #104 departing Manila 10:30pm, arriving San Francisco the same day at 8:00pm. Tour ends.

**Optional Leyte extension**

**June 2 Saturday (B)**

Check out of Manila Hotel after breakfast and transfer to airport. Depart Manila via PAL #391 at 9:20am, arriving Tacloban, Leyte at 10:40am.

**June 2, 3 and 4 (B) Spend** three days touring invasion sites and memorials: MacArthur Memorial and Peace Park, Palo Cathedral (site of first hospital), Hill 120, 96<sup>th</sup> Inf Div Memorial, landing beaches, Sto Nino Shrine (Imelda's House). Breakfast daily. Leyte Park Hotel.

**June 4 Monday (B)**

Afternoon transfer to airport for PAL #394 at 5:50pm, arriving Manila domestic terminal 7:05pm...transfer to International terminal for PAL #104 departing 10:00pm, arriving San Francisco the same day at 8:00pm. Tour ends.



*The beautiful and historic Manila Hotel, formerly General Mac Arthur's HQ's, will be our base of operation in Manila.*

**Main tour cost \$3,150 per person, twin share  
Single supplement \$500 extra**

Includes round trip economy class air fare via Philippine Airlines from San Francisco or Los Angeles, U.S. departure taxes, seven nights hotel accommodations at hotels indicated or similar, round trip airport/hotel transfers, private air conditioned coach transport throughout tour, local guide and driver, entrance fees, services of Steve Kwiecinski as tour director, meals as indicated in itinerary by B-Breakfast L-Lunch D-Dinner, banca and ferry to/from Corregidor, emergency travel insurance, local taxes. Cost based on rates and currency values in effect as of June 2011. Subject to change.

*Optional Leyte extension – June 2 to 4, 2012 - \$595.00 per person, twin share includes transfers in Manila and Tacloban, domestic air fare, breakfast daily, two nights at the Leyte Park Hotel, touring by private coach, local guides.*



*Top: Ferry arrival at Corregidor, AWON tour 2008. Left: Club Intramuros, the old walled city, Manila. Middle: Patty Temte at MacArthur Memorial, Leyte, 2007. Right: Patty Temte and Barry Barr Finch at American Cemetery in Manila after ceremony 2007.*

*Valor Tours, Ltd. has been involved with Bataan Death March kilometer marker preservation for many years on a non-profit basis with FAME. All the markers have now been taken, but donations to FAME for continued maintenance will be greatly appreciated.*



Not included in tour cost passport fees, alcoholic beverages, laundry and phone calls, tips to driver and local guides, wreath at cemetery, cancellation insurance coverage (available upon request) and items of a personal nature. Itinerary subject to change. Tour cost based on minimum of 10 fully paid passengers traveling together. Cost based on foreign currencies, airfare and departure taxes in effect at time of printing this announcement. This tour is not recommended for children under the age of 12.