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Valor Tours Ltd. Presents CDSG tour to Papua New Guinea – New Britain

With optional stopover on Guadalcanal



July 25 to August 3, 2019

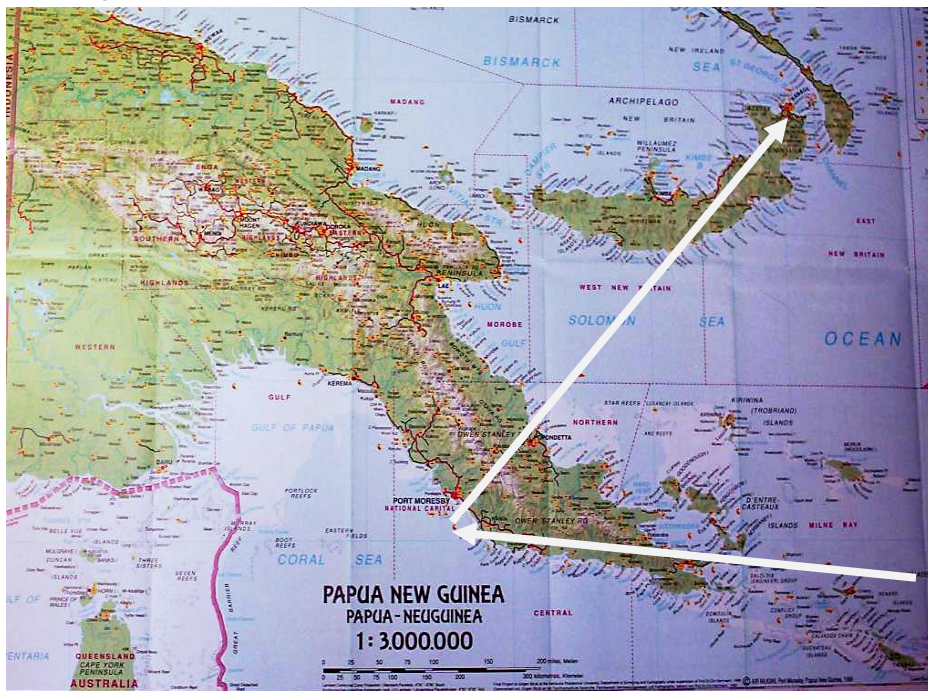


*Japanese ships under attack in Simpson Harbor, 1943
and Simpson Harbor, Rabaul today*

Escorted by Glen Williford

America's Oldest and Most Experienced Military History Tour Operator

Rabaul, on the island of New Britain, was invaded by Australians in 1914, Japanese in 1942 and Americans in 1943. It was perhaps the strongest Japanese fortress in the Pacific and was eventually by-passed by the Allies. Had it been assaulted by Allied troops, its name would resonate in our history like Tarawa, Iwo Jima and Okinawa.



Glen Williford of the Coastal Defense Study Group, author of his most recent book, *AMERICAN BREECHLOADING MOBILE ARTILLERY 1875-1953* and *"Racing the Sunrise: Reinforcing America's Pacific Outposts, 1941-1942"* and *"Defenses of Pearl Harbor and Oahu 1907-50"*. Glen has led tours to the Philippines, Guam and the Marianas, Guadalcanal, Hawaii, and Peleliu for the CDSG and Valor Tours.

Application Form – Papua New Guinea 2019
Mail to: Valor Tours, Ltd., 10 Liberty Ship Way, Sausalito, CA 94965

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

Address _____

Phone (days) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email (if any) _____

Please reserve ____ spaces on this tour. Enclosed is my/our deposit in the amount of _____ (\$600 per person) in the form of a check____, or credit card account _____

Exp _____ Sec _____
 for accommodations based on a ____ twin share basis or ____ single occupancy

____ I am traveling alone and wish to share with another tour member. ____
 Smoking ____ Non smoking

____ I wish to participate on Aug 3 to 10 Return to Guadalcanal tour on return journey.

____ I wish to stopover at Nadi (Fiji Islands) on the way home for ____ nights.

Hotels, conveyances and sites we will be visiting on this tour are not handicap friendly. One must be in good physical condition to handle some walking and the heat/humidity.

Next of Kin: _____

Include copy of passport. U.S. citizens require a visa for PNG which can be obtained upon arrival at Port Moresby.

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

Signature

Date

Comments:

GENERAL INFORMATION, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENTS

Please complete the application form and return with a deposit of \$600 per person. Reservations cannot be held without a deposit. All credit cards or personal checks accepted. Overseas passengers can use Paypal. Make checks payable to Valor Tours, Ltd. and mail to 10 Liberty Ship Way, Sausalito, and CA 94965. Final payment is due April 25, 2019. All passengers on deposit will receive written confirmation, description of insurance coverage (included in the cost) and travel tips. 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. Cost based upon a minimum of 10 participants traveling together, current airfares and rates. Late bookings are accepted subject to space availability. Call 1-800-842-4504. We do not recommend participation by children under the age of 12. This tour does not qualify for Early Booking Discount.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

All moneys are fully refundable for cancellations received up to April 25, 2019. Cancellations after April 25, 2019 subject to loss of monies. Cancellation insurance is not included in the cost of the package, but is available upon request for additional cost. Personal deviations and extensions to tour are subject to the same penalties. Payments made by check will be refunded by check and may take up to 30 days to process. Payments made by credit card must be credited back to your credit card and may take up to 60 days to appear on your statement. See Travel Insurance for information on cancellation coverage.

HEALTH & TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION

Malaria carrying mosquitoes can be a problem in Papua New Guinea and Guadalcanal. Anti-Malaria medication is available from your doctor; however, we find that roll-on insect repellents work very well on exposed skin in the evening and early morning hours when mosquitoes are most prevalent. Also, natural citronella wristbands and ankle bands are very effective and non-toxic. We recommend that passengers wear long sleeved shirts and long pants in the evening hours and keep the air-conditioning on in your room. We also recommend that all passengers get tetanus and hepatitis inoculations. Check with your doctor. You will need a passport valid six months beyond date of travel. Visas for U.S. citizens are issued upon arrival in Port Moresby.

WHAT TO BRING

Casual clothes such as shorts, bathing suit, wash n'wear, loose fitting clothing, comfortable walking shoes, beach (water) shoes, brimmed hat, suntan lotion, wash clothe, bottle of Woolite, wire coat hangers, plenty of film, camera (water proof if possible), wind breaker, nap sack, flask to carry water, binoculars, reserve camera battery, charger, adapter/converter, extra memory card. Leave expensive jewelry and high-heeled shoes at home. Carry medications, airline tickets, 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.

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

Foreign airport departure taxes, meals not indicated in itineraries, passport fees, PNG visa issued upon arrival at Port Moresby, alcoholic beverages, phone calls, laundry, items of a personal nature, tips to local guides and drivers, and cancellation insurance.

Thu July 25, 2019

11:30pm Depart Los Angeles Int'l Airport via Fiji Airways

Sat July 27, 2019

5:00am arrive Nadi, Fiji Islands...connect to flight to Guadalcanal, arriving Henderson Field 12:45pm. Transfer/overnight Mendana Hotel.

Sun July 28, 2019

Transfer to airport for 10:50am flight departure on Solomon Island Airways, arriving Port Moresby 12:10pm...connect to Air Niugini to Rabaul, arriving 4:45pm. Transfer to Rapopo Plantation Resort for the next four nights.



Mon July 29, Tues July 30 and Wed July 31

Japanese War Memorial, Kokopo War Museum, Bita Paka War Cemetery, Tunnels, submarine base, remains of two Japanese Navy guns, Yamamoto bunker.



Komaki Maru, Rabaul 1943 and Komaki Maru, Rabaul (today)

Thursday August 1, 2019

Transfer to airport for 2:05pm Air Niugini departure, arriving Port Moresby at 3:25pm. Transfer to Airways Hotel.



Port Moresby, Bomana War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea Tourism

Friday August 2, 2019

Full day tour to McDonald's Corner, along the first part of the Kokoda Trail; Owens' Corner where supplies were loaded for transport to the fighting; Memorial at Sogeri; Bomana War Cemetery; Government House where MacArthur was based; Schwimmer Drome airfield site, small private collection; if time permits, Paga Point gun battery site (no guns left) and full coastal battery site (no guns) near Boera.

Sat. August 3, 2019

Transfer to airport for Air Niugini flight departing 8:55am, arriving Henderson Field, Guadalcanal 12:15pm...connecting to FJ via Nadi to Los Angeles, arriving same day at 12:45pm.



Japanese Guns, Sulfer Creek, Rabaul, 2015

July 25 to August 3, 2019

Rabaul & Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea tour

\$5950 per person, twin share. \$1000 single supplement.

Includes economy class air fare from Los Angeles to Rabaul via Nadi, Guadalcanal and Port Moresby via Fiji Airways & Air Niugini; emergency travel insurance; seven nights hotel accommodations at Guadalcanal, Rabaul & Port Moresby; services of Glen Williford as tour leader; all ground transportation, local guides and admission fees; local taxes.

Optional stopover at Guadalcanal to join our Return to Guadalcanal tour group arriving Henderson Field on Aug. 3 with John Shively as tour leader.

Sat. Aug. 3

Transfer to and spend the next seven nights at Mendana Hotel. Afternoon visit to the American Memorial.

Sunday August 4 to Saturday August 10

On these days of touring, we will visit the Japanese Memorial on Mt. Austen; Galloping Horse Ridge; the Matanikau River; the National Parliament Building (a gift from the American Government on the 50th Anniversary); the Gifu; Fighter 1 and Fighter 3 and the Crash Strip; wartime front lines and position where John Basilone won his Medal of Honor; Henderson Field and its Heroes Wall; Alligator Creek; Beach Red; Edson's Ridge; Carney Field; Koli Point area, scene of the November actions of the 7th Marines and 164th Infantry; Amtrack dump; visit California village, home of Sgt. Major Sir Jacob Vouza, the Solomon Islander who gave such valued service to his American friends; evacuation beaches used by Puller's 7th Marines and retrace Puller's move from Hill 66 to the coast where he destroyed the majority of the Japanese 3rd Battalion, 4th Infantry. On one of these days we will make the 20-mile crossing over Iron Bottom Sound by boat to the Florida Islands. On August 7th, B Co. of the 2nd Marines made the first landing on the Florida Islands. First stop visit to the rusting remains of LST 342. Then onto a Japanese destroyer in Tokyo Bay. The 1st Raiders and the 2nd Battalion 5th Marines pressed on with the Tulagi landings at Blue Beach. Later that day the 1st Parachute Battalion and the 2nd Marines attacked the smaller nearby islands of Gavutu and Tanambogo. Visit school Marine Raiders dedicated on Tulagi in 2014. Box lunch provided on this day only.

Wed. August 7

On this, the 76th Anniversary of the landings at Red Beach and the Florida Islands, the group will be transferred after an early breakfast to the American Memorial on Skyline Drive, overlooking Iron Bottom Sound, for ceremony followed by visit to Coastwatchers Memorial, Sir Jacob Vouza's Monument and Memorial Park to take pictures of newly dedicated trees/plaques.

Sat Aug 10 Morning free until transfer to airport.

4:00pm Depart Henderson Field, arriving Nadi (Fiji) 8:00pm....connect to FJ #810 at 9:00pm, arriving Los Angeles same day at 12:45pm.

Optional stopover at Guadalcanal – August 3 to 10, 2019

Aug 3 Fly from Port Moresby to Henderson Field, Guadalcanal to join up with our annual anniversary tour, "Return to Guadalcanal".

\$2500.00 per person, twin share. \$800 single supplement.

Includes 7 nights hotel accommodation, round trip airport/hotel transfers, 6 days of touring battle sites, memorials, air fields, etc. including day trip across Iron Bottom Sound to Tulagi, Gavutu with box lunch, local guides, transport, local taxes, emergency travel insurance (US citizens only), services of tour leader John Shively.