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# 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fall of Corregidor

April 28 to May 8, 2012



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Escorted by Steve Kwiecinski



*Travel with the only WWII battle site tour operator who is bonded and insured in the U.S. and has 34 years experience taking WWII Veterans and their families to the Philippines – Valor Tours Ltd.*

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



Steve Kwiecinski  
at Battery Way,  
Corregidor

*Hand picked by Bob Reynolds to escort this tour, Steve Kwiecinski has traveled with Valor Tours, Ltd. to the Philippines several times, including the 2006 Hellships Memorial tour, and now serves as our tour director. 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. Steve and his wife Marcia moved to Corregidor in 2008.*



We will stay at the historic Manila Hotel.

**Besieged, bombarded and battered for weeks on end during the spring of 1942, the defenders of this tiny fortified island in Manila Bay refused to submit to the onslaught. Its name became a rallying cry for resistance, even as enemy forces pressed their relentless occupation of the Philippines main islands. Although Corregidor fell on May 6, 1942, the island's sheltering tunnels, historic sunken gun batteries and shattered barracks still stand as intensely emotional reminders of war in a now peaceful and beautiful environment.**

## Application Form

### Fall of Corregidor 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary tour to the Philippines – April 28 to May 8, 2012

**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 of a Veteran/POW, etc. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I/we would like to participate on the Baguio extension May 8 to 11.

Handicap facilities are very limited in the Philippines. If you have any disabilities, which cause you to require any physical assistance of any kind, please describe them here: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Valor Tours, Ltd. requires passengers with handicaps to bring a traveling companion responsible for assisting with all your needs. \_\_\_\_ I/we do not require any assistance.

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. Final payment is due January 28, 2012. Cancellations received in writing by January 28, 2012 are fully refundable. Cancellations received in writing between Jan. 28 and March 28, 2012 subject to loss of deposit. Cancellations received after March 28, 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 February 28, 2012 however space is subject to availability. Space is limited to one busload. Late bookings can be accepted provided space is available and full payment is received right away. Cost is based on a minimum of 10 passengers traveling together. Unused components of the tour are non-refundable. Tour itinerary and costs subject to change. We do not recommend participation by children under the age of 12 years.

### **Travel documents**

Passports must be valid six months beyond date of travel. Visas are not required unless you extend your stay in the Philippines beyond 21 days. Inoculations are not required. 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 San Francisco and Manila with 3 + 4 + 3 seating. Flight time is 16 hours with refueling at Honolulu subject to load factor. Business class upgrade available for an additional \$2,200 per person round trip.

### **Travel Emergency Insurance**

To ensure worry free travel, this tour includes valuable travel insurance at no additional cost to you. This coverage is provided by TRAVELEX Insurance Services. A description of insurance coverage will be sent to each participant upon receipt of his/her application and deposit. Coverage includes sickness and accident medical expense; accidental death and dismemberment; trip delay or missed flight connections; medical evacuation and repatriation; baggage and personal effects loss or delay; emergency assistance services worldwide. It does not include cancellation/trip interruption coverage, which is sold separately.

## **Itinerary in brief – subject to change**

### **Sat April 28**

6:30pm begin check-in at Philippine Airlines counter, San Francisco Int'l Terminal. 10:30pm Depart San Francisco via Philippine Airlines #105, (possible refueling stop in Honolulu or Guam) with dinner and in-flight entertainment.

**Sun April 29** - Cross International Date Line and lose this day.

### **Mon April 30 (L, D)**

5:40am Arrive Manila Int'l Airport. Immigration (passport required), baggage collection and customs. Meet local hosts and board private air-conditioned coach for transfer to the historic Manila Hotel. Visit Mac Arthur Suite and Intramuros, the old walled city, and Fort Santiago. Stop at Mananzan's Handicrafts for souvenirs and shopping. Group dinner and introductions/briefing at Club Intramuros and overnight Manila Hotel.

### **Tue May 1 (B, D)**

Check out of Manila Hotel and board our private air-conditioned coach for drive to Cabanatuan POW Camp Memorial, Capas Train Station, Battling Bastards of Bataan Memorial and Camp O'Donnell/Capas National Shrine. Overnight Tarlac Microtel Hotel.

### **Wed May 2 (B, L, D)**

Check out of Microtel and drive to San Fernando Train Station. Lunch at VFW Canteen. Then onto Fort Stotsenberg, Clark Museum and Clark AFB. Next two nights at the Kamana Sanctuary Resort near Subic Bay.



*Kamana Sanctuary  
Resort near  
Subic Bay and  
Hellships  
Memorial*

### **Thu May 3 (B, L, D)**

Tour Subic Bay, Hellships Memorial, Jungle Survival Training, Olongapo Museum.

### **Fri May 4 (B, L)**

Check out of the Kamana Sanctuary Resort and drive to Mt. Samat for views of Bataan Peninsula, the island of Corregidor and Manila Bay. Mt. Samat was the scene of the last stronghold where some of the most vicious battle took place. Continue to Balanga Elementary School, site of General King surrender. Overnight Balanga Crown Royale.

### **Sat May 5 (B, L, D)**

Check out of hotel and drive along primary Death March Route to KM Zero marker at Mariveles with stops at Angels of Bataan (Nurses) Marker at Limay, KM 7 and 15 where field hospitals were located. Then onto Kamaya Point for banca to Corregidor.

Tour of island fortress of Corregidor: Malinta Tunnel, Bottomside, Middleside and Topside Barracks, Pacific War Memorial and museum, Battery Way, Wainwright Park, Army Dock, Navy Dock. Overnight Corregidor Inn.

**Sun May 6 (B, L, D)**

Morning banca trip around Forts Frank, Drum, Hughes and Mills. At 12noon 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Fall of Corregidor ceremony. Afternoon continue exploration. Overnight Corregidor Inn.



**Mon May 7 (B)**

Morning continue tour of Corregidor. Afternoon ferry to Manila. Optional shopping trip. Transfer and overnight Manila Hotel.

**Tue May 8 (B, L)**

Tour around Manila including Bilibid Prison, Santo Tomas University, American Cemetery, Nichols Field, Veterans Foundation of the Philippines Museum. Time for last minute shopping. Check out in the evening for airport. 10:00pm Depart Manila via Philippine Airlines, arriving San Francisco the same day at 6:00pm. Tour ends.



*Valor Tours, Ltd. has been involved with Bataan Death March kilometer marker preservation for many years on a non-profit basis with FAME. Donations to FAME for continued maintenance will be greatly appreciated.*

Valor Tours Ltd. has been involved with the fabrication, placement and dedication of several monuments and memorials in the Pacific – specifically on Corregidor: the Wainwright Memorial, 503<sup>rd</sup> PRCT and the Angels Memorial (Nurse Corps).

**Comments from previous tour passengers...**

*“...The best tour I have been on...had a wonderful time. Good fellowship, good guides, good food, good accommodations. Very informative, educational, Interesting...” Al Morner, 1997*

*“...Steve Kwiecinski and (our local guide) made for a very informative trip. In all, a well paced tour and I’m very glad I finally decided to do it. I also thought it was a good value...” John Calkins, Washington D.C., 2011*

*“...The tour was excellent, really a great experience for both of us. We saw more than we expected and enjoyed the company of a fascinating group of people and superb tour director. It was gratifying to both of us to see what has been done to preserve and honor the memory of the people who participated in the tragic events of 1942. We deeply appreciate your contributions to this work...” Clyde A Selleck, Col. USA Ret., 2002*

*“...the reception we received (in the Philippines) because of Valor Tours’ many prior visits, was extraordinary! It’s the way to go!” Bill Stone, 2000*

*“...After visiting where the prison camps were, and knowing Dad was at several of them, seeing the different monuments, I have a greater understanding of what these men had to endure and what great sacrifice they made....” Bev Raber, 1997*

Main tour to the Philippines – April 28 to May 8, 2012  
 Tour Cost \$3,295.00 per person, twin share  
 Single supplement \$500

*Cost subject to change. Based on rates and currency values as of June 2011*  
 Includes round trip air fare from San Francisco to Manila economy class on Philippine Airlines; U.S. Departure taxes; airport/hotel round trip transfers and baggage handling; emergency travel insurance coverage; services of Steve Kwiecinski as tour leader; eight nights hotels accommodations; meals as indicated in itinerary by B-breakfast, L-lunch, D-dinner; entrance fees; all ground transport by private coach; banca and ferry fees; services of local guides and drivers; local taxes. Tipping to driver/guide not included.



*Remains of barracks on Corregidor today.*

**Disabilities**

Any personal disability requiring special attention should be reported to Valor Tours at the time of reservation. Valor Tours will make reasonable attempts to accommodate the special needs of disabled tour participants, but is not responsible for any denial of services by carriers, hotels, restaurants and other independent suppliers. Motor coach companies and other carrier employees may not physically lift participants or assist them on or off conveyances. A qualified companion must accompany and be completely responsible for persons requiring such assistance. Be advised that the Philippines do not have the disabled and handicapped laws that Americans enjoy here at home.