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Go with the only military history 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.



presents...

Ghost Soldiers of Bataan & Hellships Memorial tour to the Philippines

70th Anniversary of the Fall of Bataan
 April 3 to 13, 2012



Gen. King's surrender

**Manila - Corregidor - Bataan - Subic Bay -
 Camp O'Donnell - Cabanatuan**
 with optional extension to Baguio or Mindanao



Escorted by Stephen A. Kwiecinski



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.

Cover picture: Surrender site marker, Balanga -marks the site of the surrender of U.S. Forces Commander Major General Edward King Jr., on April 9, 1942.



Wally McKay's daughter Patty points to his sister's name on the Angels of Bataan marker.



Oscar (former POW) and Mary Leonard meet with Filipino Veterans on Bataan April 2011.

In the early months of WWII in the Pacific, it was one defeat after another. But in the Philippine Islands American commanders thought the jungles on the peninsula of Bataan could withstand any enemy assault. And surely the heavily armed island of Corregidor in Manila Bay would be impregnable. The enemy thought otherwise, and in April and May of 1942, they proved their point. It was not for lack of determination by our men on Bataan, (or any lack of courage from the nurses who were right there with them) that defeat was followed by a ghastly death march to nightmare years of imprisonment. The nurses were evacuated at the last moment to Corregidor. Incessantly pounded by heavy guns from the now captured Bataan Peninsula, Corregidor itself surrendered on May 6th. In war, legendary battle sites are not always honored for a victorious outcome. If ever there was hallowed ground from the conflict and horror of war, it is the ground we will once again tread in 2012, as we have done for the past 34 years.

Application Form

Ghost Soldiers of Bataan & Hellships Memorial tour to the Philippines - April 3 to 13, 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 April 13-16
___ I/we are interested in the post-tour Mindanao extension, April 13-15.

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 3, 2012. Cancellations received in writing by January 3, 2012 are fully refundable. Cancellations received in writing between January 3 and March 6, 2012 subject to loss of deposit. Cancellations received after March 6, 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 2, 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 on tour 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 12 hours with refueling at Honolulu 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.

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 - subject to change

Tue April 3

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.

Wed April 4 - Cross International Date Line and lose this day.

Thu April 5 (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. As hotel rooms will not be ready, start tour right away with stop at local Filipino restaurant for lunch and then visit Intramuros (the old walled city), and Fort Santiago. Stop at Mananzan's Handicrafts for souvenirs and shopping. Proceed to the historic Manila Hotel for check in and rest before dinner. Group dinner and introductions/briefing at Club Intramuros and overnight Manila Hotel.

Fri April 6 (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.

Sat April 7 (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.

Sun April 8 (B, L, D)

Tour Subic Bay, Hellships Memorial, Pamulaklakin Forest Trail, Olongapo Museum. Evening Easter Sunday Church Service.

Mon April 9 (B, L)

Check out of the Kamana Sanctuary Resort and drive to Mt. Samat for Day of Valor 70th Anniversary ceremony. Continue to Balanga Elementary School, site of General King surrender. Overnight Balanga Crown Royale.

Tue April 10 (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. Overnight Corregidor Inn.

Wed April 11 (B, L, D)

Morning banca tour around Forts Frank, Drum, Hughes and Mills. Afternoon optional hiking, museum time, visits to sites of personal interest. Overnight Corregidor Inn.

Thu April 12 (B)

Morning continue tour of Corregidor. Afternoon ferry to Manila. Transfer to Manila Hotel. Afternoon optional shopping trip. Overnight Manila Hotel.

Fri April 13 (B, L)

Tour around Manila including Bilibid Prison, Santo Thomas University, American Cemetery, Nichols field, Veterans Foundation of the Philippines Museum. Optional 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.

Main tour to the Philippines - April 3 to 13, 2012

Tour Cost \$3295.00 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 local guide/driver not included.



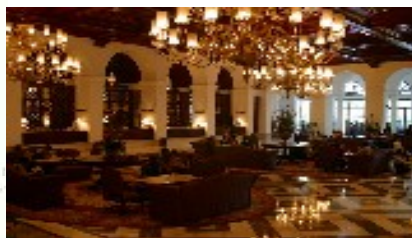
From his HQ's on Corregidor General MacArthur bids farewell to the Philippines vowing "I Shall Return".



Cabanatuan Memorial



2006 Hellships Memorial tour group



We stay at the historic Manila Hotel

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 foreign countries do not have the disabled and handicapped laws that Americans enjoy here at home.



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.

Post tour optional extension to Baguio - April 12 to 15

\$495 per person, twin share. Single \$100. Based on min. 2 pax.

Includes round trip airfare, one-night accommodations Manila Hotel, and two night's hotel accommodations at Camp John Hay and ground transfers.

Thu April 12 Overnight Manila Hotel

Fri April 13 Fly from Manila to Baguio

Sat April 14 Free day to do as you please, shop, play golf, hiking, and horseback riding.

Sun April 15 Fly from Baguio to Manila and connect with flight to U.S.

Comments from previous tour passengers...

"...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 tour brought back a flood of memories; some pleasant and some not so pleasant – some good ones before the war, and some dreadful ones during the war, and the horrible experience of being captured by the Japanese. Many thanks to Valor Tours for all you have done to assist and encourage the preservation of the battle sites. Keep up the good work!" Everett Reamer, POW, 2002

"...We had a fine mixed group of some wonderful people, which made it interesting...we had great weather, good company, food, drivers and tour guides. Thanks again for the fine job that you did. I am wishing you many more wonderful, educational, adventurous tours..." Eugene Doty, Colorado, 1999