



2010 Itinerary in Brief

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RETURN TO GUADALCANAL



Sunday August 1

Check in at the AIR PACIFIC counter in the International Terminal, Los Angeles Int'l Airport no later than 8:30pm for our 11:30pm FJ #811. Meet your tour director at the departure gate.

Monday August 2

In-flight entertainment, friendly Air Pacific staff and breakfast pass the time pleasantly on this non-stop flight to Nadi, Fiji Islands, crossing both the International Date Line and loosing this day.

Tuesday August 3

Arrive Nadi, Fiji Islands at 5:15am. Short layover until departure on Solomon Island Airways at 8:30am, arriving Henderson Field 12:10pm. Meet John Innes. Transfer to and overnight for the next week at the Mendana Hotel. Afternoon visit to the American Memorial.

Wednesday August 4 through Monday August 9 (except for Aug 6 and 7 – see below)

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.

Friday August 6

Today we have chartered the Spirit of Solomons for our 20-mile crossing over Iron Bottom Sound. 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.

Saturday August 7

On this, the 68th 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. Reception this evening.

Tuesday August 10

Morning free. Transfer to the airport for 1:10pm departure from Henderson Field with short layover in Nadi, Fiji Islands before taking Air Pacific #810 arriving Los Angeles same day at 1:20pm. Tour ends.

Tour cost from Los Angeles \$3195.00 per person, twin share. Single supplement \$400.00 extra.

Aug 9/10 Optional side trip to Gizo \$500 per person

Aug 10/17 Optional extension to Tarawa \$2000 per person