

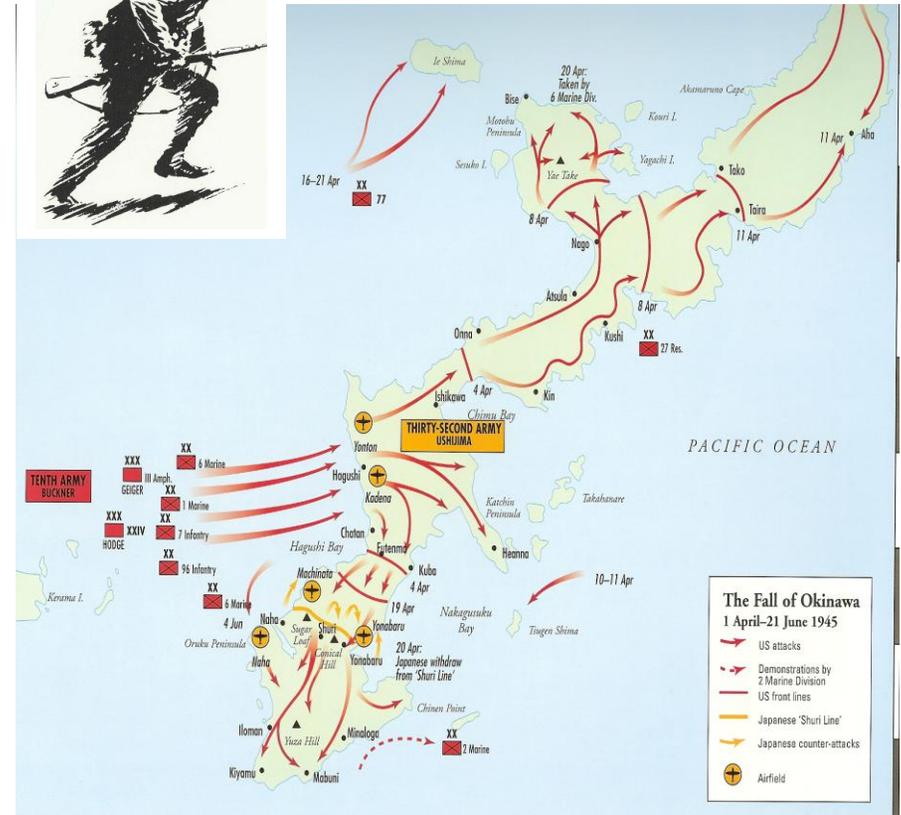
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72nd Anniversary

June 16 to 23, 2017



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Cornerstone of Peace Memorial

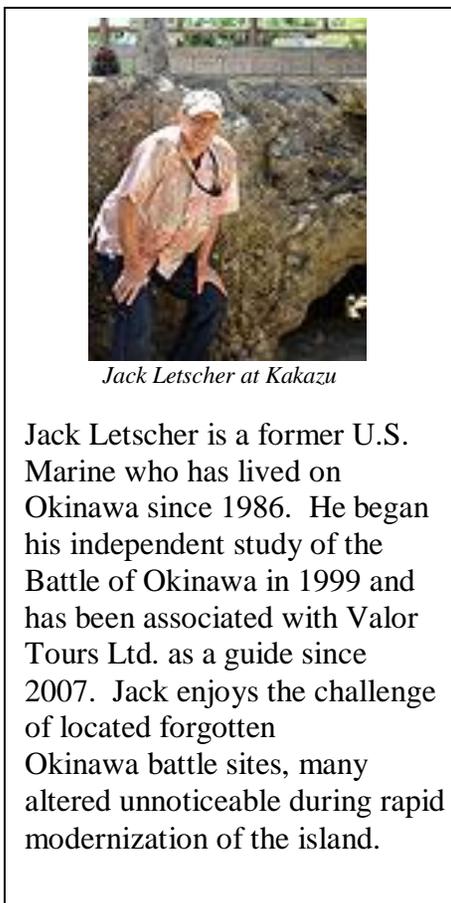
Okinawa
Colorful...Fascinating...
Hospitable...

But in 1945 American soldiers, sailors and marines didn't quite see it that way...The U.S. wanted Okinawa as a springboard for Japan. Securing it would cost the U.S. more casualties than had been incurred in the taking of any other island in the Pacific during WWII.

The U.S. Army 10th Support Group Commander, Torii Station will host our group for a Retreat Ceremony and Weapons Display at their base.



2010 Veterans at ceremony



Jack Letscher at Kakazu

Jack Letscher is a former U.S. Marine who has lived on Okinawa since 1986. He began his independent study of the Battle of Okinawa in 1999 and has been associated with Valor Tours Ltd. as a guide since 2007. Jack enjoys the challenge of located forgotten Okinawa battle sites, many altered unnoticeable during rapid modernization of the island.



Left: Ken Dolan, 96th Infantry Division, 383rd Regt. M Co., retracing his steps on Okinawa. Above: Previous group at Stone Lion.

Application form – Okinawa Battle tour
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Name _____
 (as it appears on your passport)

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Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Phone (days) _____

I/we wish to reserve _____ spaces on this tour. Enclosed is my/our deposit in the amount of \$ _____ (\$600 per person) in the form of a check _____, or charge my credit card _____ exp _____ (security code) _____

WWII service information, i.e. unit served, history buff, family member or other reason for taking tour _____

Areas of interest on Okinawa _____

I am traveling alone and wish a: ___ single supplement
 ___ twin share with another tour member.
 ___ smoking ___ non smoking

Special needs, requirements (wheelchair at airport, dietary, etc.) _____

___ Please arrange domestic flights from/to _____ to coincide with tour departure and return at San Francisco.
 ___ I/we will arrange our own domestic air.

___ I/we need a hotel room at San Francisco Int'l Airport for the nights of: _____

___ I/we would like to take your 4 day/3 night stopover package at Taipei on the way home, or ___ I/we would like to stopover at Taipei for ___ nights but will make our own arrangements there.

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

Signature

Date

This tour qualifies for early booking/payment discount.

Reservations and Final Payment

Reservations can only be held with a deposit of \$600 per person accompanied by the Application form. Deposits can be made by sending check or credit card. Final payment is due by March 10, 2017. Reservations deadline is 30 days prior to departure or first come, first served. Space limited. Valor Tours, Ltd. does not recommend that children under the age of 12 participate on this tour. Passport required. Visas and inoculations are not required. Early booking discount policy applies to this tour.

Cancellations and Changes

If Valor Tours, Ltd. receives cancellation more than 90 days prior to departure your deposit is fully refundable. Cancellations received between 90 and 30 days prior to departure will result in loss of deposit. Cancellations received within 30 days of departure and “no shows” are non refundable. Refunds may take up to 30 days to process. Cancellation charges also apply to additional travel arrangements made prior to and after the tour such as domestic airfare. If flight changes are requested after airline tickets are issued, revision fees will apply. Emergency travel insurance is included in tour cost; however cancellation/trip interruption coverage is not, but can be added for an additional premium of \$239 per person. Tour cost based on minimum of 10 participants.

Airline services and seating

Tour cost includes round trip economy class air travel via China Airlines from San Francisco. China Airlines has wide-body 747-jet service between San Francisco and Taipei with 3 + 4 + 3 seating. Smaller aircraft is used between Taipei and Okinawa. Upgrade to business class available for additional fare. Call for rate. Valor Tours, Ltd. reserves the right to substitute airlines should schedules or increased airfares warrant it. Frequent flyer awards cannot be used toward the purchase of the air segment of this tour, but can be earned. It is the responsibility of the passenger to obtain these awards. China Airline’s Dynasty Flyer frequent flyer club works in cooperation with Delta Airlines. Every attempt will be made to accommodate your seating requests aboard the aircraft. However, Valor Tours, Ltd. cannot guarantee seating assignments made by the airlines or airport staff.

Baggage allowance

We recommend one suitcase and one carry-on bag per person, please. Porterage for one bag per person is included in the tour cost; however there may be times when you will be responsible for your baggage, so it is to the benefit of the passenger to travel light. Passengers are responsible for carry-on bags, purses, camera bags, briefcases, etc. No responsibility is accepted for loss or damage to baggage, or any of the passenger’s belongings. Limited baggage insurance is included in the tour cost.

Health

Vaccinations are not required, 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. Water is safe to drink but bottled water will be provided on the coach each day. Expect it to be hot and humid with possibility of showers. Bring a poncho just in case.

Single travelers

When a tour member traveling alone 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 will apply.

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Friday June 16

1:40am Depart San Francisco (or Los Angeles) with John Shively via China Airlines.

Saturday June 17

6:00am arrive Taipei...connect to China Airlines arriving Naha at 10:40am. Our Okinawan hosts meet you and provide transfer to the JAL City Hotel in Naha, our HQ’s for the duration of visit to Okinawa. Welcome dinner and introductions with Jack Letscher.

Sunday June 18 to Friday June 23

Tour of Shuri Line Outer Defenses, Cactus Ridge, Kakazu Ridge Battle Park, Tombstone Ridge, Urasoe Mura Escarpment Park (Hacksaw Ridge), Needle Rock, Shuri Outer Defenses, Shuri Line Inner Defenses, Sugar Loaf Hill, Zebra Hill, Dick Hill, Flat Top Hill, Oboe Hill and Tom Hill, location of Japanese artillery fire control bunker, restored Shuri Castle and site of Japanese 32nd Army Underground HQ’s (no entry), Charlie Hill and Conical Hill, full day trip to the Motobu Peninsula and ferry to Ie Shima (Ernie Pyle Memorial) with its great view from the Pinnacle, Nakamura House or Nakagusuku Castle, Cornerstone of Peace Monument and Park where the names of those who died in the Battle of Okinawa are etched in elegant granite walls, Okinawa Battle Museum and Mabuni Hill where Japanese Commanding Generals committed suicide, U.S. Army Torii Station for weapons display and retreat ceremony, White Beach and monument, Southern battlefields where the Japanese Army made their last stand including Tomori Stone Lion Dog, Japanese Underground Hospital, Yaeju Dake (Big Apple) and Yuza Dake Escarpments and Kunishi Ridge, General Buckner site, Brig General Easley and Col. May Monuments, and Japanese Navy Underground HQ’s.

Friday June 23

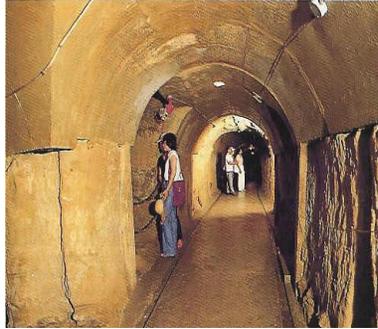
Day free or possible visit to Battle of Okinawa Historical Museum at Camp Kisner until check out of hotel and transfer to airport.

8:50pm depart Naha via China Airlines with a connection at Taipei, arriving San Francisco at 8:00pm the same day. Tour ends.

Or...Optional 5 day/4 night stopover at Taipei. See next page for details.

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.



Left: Atop Ie Shima during Okinawa tour in 2010. Right: The former Japanese Naval Underground Headquarters Shelter

Comments from previous tour members:

"The tour to Okinawa was planned to perfection, was thorough, well conducted, and, all in all, a wonderful experience. I wouldn't change a thing."

Claudius M. Easley, Jr., 1995

"We had a wonderful time. We thought it was the best organized and most closely focused tour we had ever been on."

Mary and Ed Brubaker, 2000

"Our trip to Okinawa was most meaningful...we were very touched by the service at Torii Station...your guidance throughout the tour was extraordinary...I was happy to be with such a spirited group of Vets and their families."

Albert Goldstein, 2001

"Everything was excellent...Valor Tours did an outstanding job of making the arrangements...one of the most memorable moments was seeing where my Dad fought at Kakazu West and attending the retreat ceremony at Torii Station."

"...the Okinawa Battle tour in April was great. Not only were we presented with interested information, but also the exposure to Okinawan culture was fascinating. I could have spent a month there..."

William St. Clair, 2004

"...Thanks for showing my Dad and I all the sites from the last battle. Lot's of memories. I wish Mom could have been with us, but she will at least hear our stories and see my pictures."

Bill Cooper, Jr. 2005

"...Thanks very much for the great tour. The narration and history provided made it exceptional..."

Aroell Sherban, 96th Infantry Division Veteran, 2010

"...Jack (tour leader) was very knowledgeable and informative. He taught us all a lot about the Battle for Okinawa. Also enjoyed the Veterans and their stories. A wonderful trip!"

Terri Ideker, 2015

Optional Taipei stopover package – June 23 to 27

June 23 Fly from Okinawa to Taipei. Disembark and transfer to Golden China Hotel in the center of Taipei.

June 24 Morning city tour including Chiang Kai Shek Memorial Hall, shrine to the Ming dynasty, National Palace Museum, Chinese Temples and handicraft center.

June 25 Full day tour to Taroko National Park, considered one of the 8 wonders of the World, by train.
June 26 Visit former POW camp sites.

June 27 Day free until departure transfer to airport for flight back to US.
\$890.00 per person, twin share. \$260 single supplement.

Tour cost \$3,800 per person, twin share Single occupancy \$500 extra

Includes round trip economy class air fare via China Airlines from San Francisco; U.S. Departure taxes; round trip airport/hotel transfers with baggage handling for one suitcase per passenger; six nights hotel accommodations with breakfast daily; five lunches and one dinner; entrance fees; services of local guide/historian and driver; private coach for sightseeing and transport to ceremonies and events according to itinerary; services of tour manager from San Francisco; local taxes; emergency travel insurance (description of which will be sent to each participant on deposit).

Not included are items of a personal nature such as passport fees, phone calls, and meals not included in tour, foreign airport departure taxes, laundry, alcoholic beverages, tips, cancellation/trip interruption insurance coverage, and domestic air fare to join tour at San Francisco.



Left: 2015 we were honored to have five WWII Veterans who served on Okinawa (Jack Letscher, tour leader in blue shirt); Right: Mary Brubaker Buckner sits by her fathers name on the Cornerstone of Peace Memorial on previous tour. Right: Veterans gather at Cactus Ridge on 2005 tour.

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; 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 available for \$248 per person extra for up to \$4000 worth of coverage; \$313 for \$5000 worth; \$373 for \$6000, and so on.

Itinerary subject to change. Revisions can be made to accommodate the needs of participating Veterans and family members. Valor Tours reserves the right to substitute the hotel with a hotel of similar or better quality. This tour qualifies for Early Booking Discount.