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## Mat McLachlan Battlefield Tours



Travel with historian Richard B. Frank, historic consultant on the HBO mini-series *The Pacific*. Richard B. Frank, one of the world's leading authorities on the Pacific War, will present a series of lectures exploring the history of the Pacific War. On the ground, Richard will help bring the stories of courage and sacrifice to life at each iconic battlefield.

## Departs Noumea March 4, 2012

**Victories in the Pacific** is an expedition cruise to the rarely visited battlefields of the Pacific War from 1942-44. Accompanied by Richard B. Frank, one of the world's leading authorities on the Pacific Theater of World War 2, **Victories in the Pacific** provides the once-in-a-lifetime chance to walk in the footsteps of the heroes of the Pacific.

Several battlefields that were featured in the epic HBO mini-series *The Pacific* will be visited on this cruise, giving us the opportunity to gain a new perspective on the service of Robert Leckie, John Basilone and Eugene Sledge.



*US Troops landing at Guadalcanal*

The *Oceanic Discoverer* is the ideal way to visit some of the World's most idyllic and untouched destinations in luxury. Passengers are assured of a once-in-a-lifetime cultural and historic experience, combined with the comforts of traveling on a luxury vessel.



*Marines in thick jungle at Cape Gloucester*



*Gizo (Ghizo)*



*Great view of Rabaul's ever erupting volcano as you cruise into the harbor.*



*A Japanese transport sunk by US planes*

**Richard B. Frank** is a native of Kansas. After graduation from the University of Missouri, he served four years in the United States Army. His assignments included a tour in Vietnam as a rifle platoon leader with the 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile). Following graduation from Georgetown Law School, he worked for twenty-seven years with the Board of Veterans Appeals.

In 1990 his first book, *Guadalcanal*, was published. It won the General Wallace M. Greene Award from the U.S. Marine Corps. In 1999, his second work was published, *Downfall: The End of the Imperial Japanese Empire*. It won the Harry S. Truman Book Award and has been called one of the six best books in English about World War II.

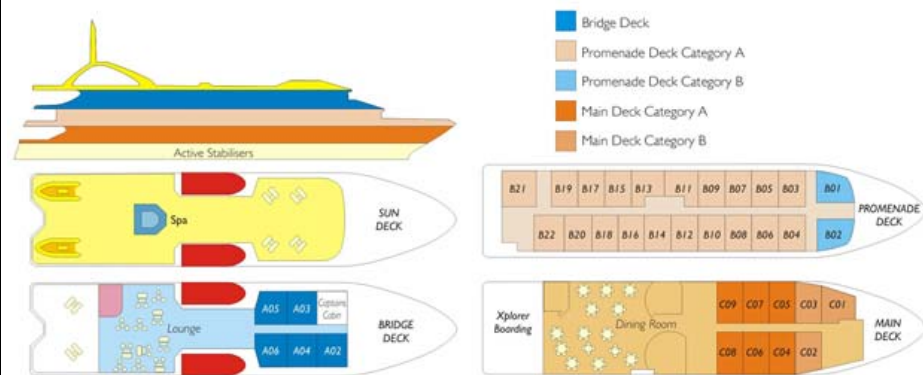
Both books were published by Random House and were main selections of the History Book Club. In 2006, his work and appeared as a key interviewee in the epic HBO mini-series *The Pacific*. Richard is one of the world's foremost historians on the Pacific Theater of World War 2 and we are privileged to have him joining us as the historian on the **Victories in the Pacific** cruise. *MacArthur* appeared as part of the Palgrave Great Generals series.

He has appeared numerous times on or consulted for programs on television and radio, including ABC, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, the BBC, NHK, NPR and The History Channel. He is currently working on a narrative history trilogy about the Asian-Pacific War. He was also a historical consultant and appeared as a key interviewee in the epic HBO mini-series *The Pacific*.

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Map not to scale



Length 207 feet - Speed 14 knots - Beam 43 feet  
 Cabins 36 - Draught 10 feet - Passengers 72 - Tons 1779  
 Crew 20

## Onboard Accommodation and rates

Onboard accommodation comprises 36 spacious modern staterooms. You can select from Bridge, Promenade or Main Deck staterooms offering a choice of twin through to junior king-size doubles. All staterooms have an ocean view, en-suite facilities, settee, large wardrobe, desk, luggage storage, individual air-conditioning control, and are serviced daily.



Cabin Type	Area of Cabin	Bedding Configuration
Bridge	180-195 sq ft	Junior King or Twin
Promenade A	172-190 sq ft	Junior King or Twin
Promenade B	151-172sqft	Junior King
Main Deck A	195 sq ft	Junior King or Twin
Main Deck B	190-200 sq ft	Junior King or Twin

### 13-Night Cruise – Prices in US Dollars converted from Australian Dollars quoted in their brochure (per person) – Air not included

	TWIN	SOLE USE
Main Deck (Category B) Stateroom – <b>reduced</b>	\$11,386.00 <b>\$8,397.00</b>	\$17,079.00 <b>\$13,188.00</b>
Main Deck (Category A) Stateroom - <b>reduced</b>	\$11,800 <b>\$9,112.00</b>	\$17,700 <b>\$13,668.00</b>
Promenade Deck (Category B) Stateroom - <b>reduced</b>	\$12,318 <b>\$9,512.00</b>	\$18,477 <b>\$14,268.00</b>
Promenade Deck (Category A) Stateroom - <b>reduced</b>	\$12,836 <b>\$9,912.00</b>	\$19,254 <b>\$14,868.00</b>
Bridge Deck Stateroom <b>Reduced</b>	\$13,458 <b>\$10,392.00</b>	N/A

## Cruise itinerary overview

### March 4 to 17, 2012

- Day 1 – New Caledonia, Depart Noumea
- Day 2 – Lifou Island
- Day 3 – Vanuatu, Tanna Island Volcano
- Day 4 – Espiritu Santo and Million Dollar Point
- Day 5 – Ureparapara Island and ‘Kastom’ Dancing
- Day 6 – Solomon Islands, Nendo Island
- Day 7 – Santa Ana
- Day 8 – Guadalcanal
- Day 9 – Tulagi
- Day 10 – Arnavon Islands Marine Reserve
- Day 11 – Ghizo and Kennedy Island
- Day 12 – Papua New Guinea, Bougainville
- Day 13 – Buka Island
- Day 14 – New Britain/Rabaul and Farewell



*Oceanic Discoverer* is a luxury expedition type vessel holding less than 100 passengers and fully equipped with the latest technology.

**Air fare** from Los Angeles to Noumea, returning to Los Angeles from Rabaul approx \$4,000 round trip per person including taxes, economy class.



## Excursion Boats And Zodiacs

The “Xplorer” is a specially designed aluminum excursion vessel used for the majority of our excursions. This vessel has high horsepower engines and will accommodate all passengers at one time.



The “Xplorer” will be used for landings and for extensive exploration of rivers and tributaries. For your added convenience and comfort, the “Xplorer” is equipped with an awning and toilet. also carry two inflatable landing craft (Zodiacs). Designed for expedition work, these large and heavy-duty inflatables are extremely safe. Separate air compartments retain a large reserve of buoyancy even if the boat is damaged. The flat bottom design permits these craft to land directly on the beaches. Expect nonetheless to wade through shallow water to reach the shore.

