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25-Day Western Pacific WWII Historical Cruise

March 1st to 26th, 2008
Auckland, New Zealand to Osaka, Japan

Revisit the battlefields that were the stage for the Pacific Theater during World War II.

Set sail into the Pacific on this special WWII Historical Cruise, which visits these historically importance sites: Guadalcanal, Rabual & Yap Islands, the US landings on Guam, Saipan , Iwo Jima, Okinawa and the Atomic bombing of Nagasaki



Day 1: Auckland, New Zealand. Our cruise begins in Auckland, New Zealand. Perhaps arrive a few days early to enjoy this scenic and unique city.

Day 2: Bay of Islands. The bay is surrounded by 144 islands and secluded bays.

Day 3 & 4: At Sea. During your sea days you will experience onboard enrichment programs and lectures from military historians.

Day 5: Noumea. Visit war relics and learn about the strategic importance of this island that temporarily served as the HQ for the US Military in the Pacific during the war.

Day 6 & 7: At Sea.

Day 8: Guadalcanal. Until war erupted few had heard of this island. Today only rusted tanks and overgrown landing craft mark this momentous engagement.

Day 9: At Sea

Day 10: Rabual. Visit General Yamamoto's bunker, gun emplacements

and caves that honeycombing the island.

Day 11: Crossing the Equator

Day Twelve & Thirteen: At Sea.

Day Fourteen: Yap Island. Japanese occupied Island.

Day 15: At Sea.

Day 16: Guam. One of the major battles of the Pacific Theater, Guam withstood a 30 month occupation by the Japanese before being liberated by US Marines in 1944. The Naval bases on the island became major staging areas for the push to Japan.

Day 17: Saipan. The capture of this island placed Japan in range of the allied B-29 long range bombers and became an important foothold for the invasion of the Philippines in October 1944.

Day 18-20: At Sea. Sail by Iwo Jima Island.

Day 21: Naha, Okinawa. The Battle of Okinawa, fought on the Japanese homeland, was the largest amphibious assault during the Pacific campaign.

Day 22: At Sea.

Day 23: Nagasaki. Visit the Peace Memorial and the Atomic Bomb Museum, grim reminders of the impact of the Aug 9th detonation of the 2nd Atomic Bomb that lead to the Japanese surrender six days later.

Day 24: At Sea.

Day 25: Osaka/Kyoto. Our cruise ends in this beautiful Japanese city.



Tour Highlights

- ◆ 25-day Western Pacific Cruise aboard the luxurious Holland America's Statendam
- ◆ **Ports of call include**
Auckland ~ Tauranga Bay of Islands ~ Noumea Guadalcanal ~ Rabual Crossing the Equator ~ Yap Island ~ Guam ~ Saipan ~ Naha ~ Nagasaki Kobe
- ◆ Onboard lectures and discussions lead by military historians.
- ◆ 14 sea days to truly relax and enjoy the trip



Saipan Gun Emplacement

**From \$3,299 ~ Per Person, Double Occupancy
Bon Voyage champagne and a commemorative
photo!**

**Estimated Airfare is \$1565 including taxes. Nearly
24 hours of travel as you need to fly to west coast
and then a 12 hour to New Zealand.**

**The US Government requires passports for this
cruise.**

Airfare, transfers, excursions and gratuities are not included but we can assist you with these arrangements. Pre and Post tour hotel packages and trip insurance are available. Please contact our office for more information.

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WWII Historical Cruise Details:

Set sail into the Pacific on this special WWII Historical Cruise, which follows these particular places and dates of historical importance:

- 07 Aug 1945 Allied landing on Guadalcanal
- 06 Sep 1945 Surrender of Rabual
- 05 Sep 1945 Surrender of Yap Islands
- 21 Jul 1944 US landing on Guam
- 15 Jul 1944 US landing on Saipan
- 19 Feb 1944 US landing on Iwo Jima
- 01 Apr 1945 Allied landing on Okinawa
- 09 Aug 1945 Atomic bombing of Nagasaki

You do not have to be a military historian or even a keen amateur to appreciate the significance of these magnificent historic ports. Their appeal is much wider appeal than places to visit because they are in the history books. Many of the ports are places of extraordinary, sometimes haunting beauty, their battle scars softened by the passage of time, but not their place in history. Beneath the beauty of these monumental places lie layers of history well worth exploring.

On board Statendam you will find a wealth of activities along with the freedom to partake in as many - or as few - as you please. Enjoy all the comforts and elegance of a luxurious Holland America ship, with staterooms filled with all manner of sophisticated amenities and exceptional culinary staff offering sophisticated menus comprised of the freshest produce and the highest quality.



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