

# 81ST COMMEMORATIONS & RETURN TO WAKE ISLAND & GUAM

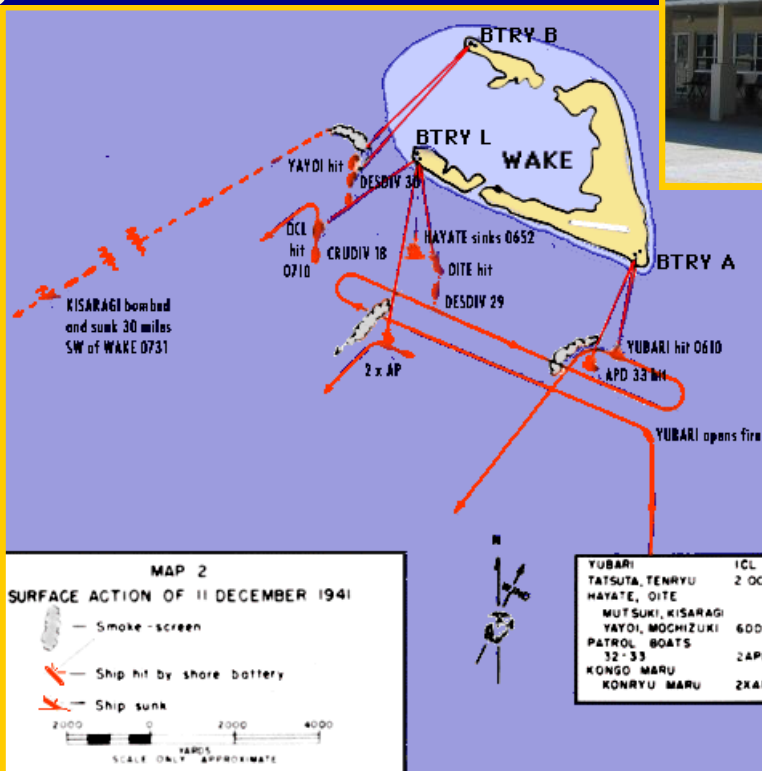
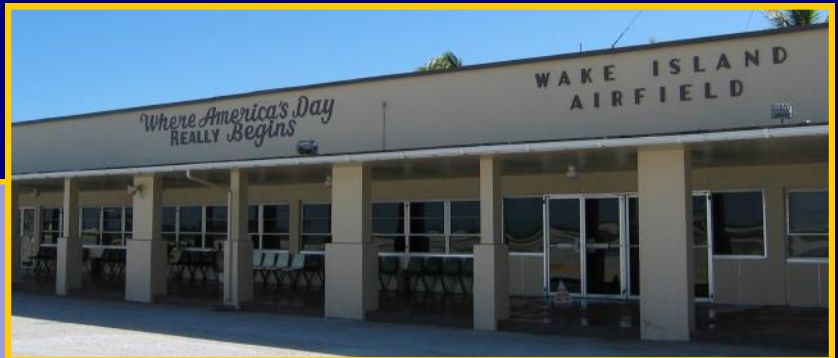
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PEARL HARBOR PRE-TOUR & SAIPAN/TINIAN POST TOUR

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**Special Notice for 1941 Wake Island Veterans:**

1941 Wake Island Veterans, Military & Civilian, will be afforded a "Complimentary 80th Anniversary Wake Island Roundtrip Charter from Guam on 12 Dec!"



Above: The Drifter Reef Club on Wake Island!

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**Wake Island** — a battle both remembered and lamented as one of the greatest battles of the War in the Pacific. Though the island fell to the overwhelming forces of the Japanese invasion fleet in late December, the “Magnificent Fight” exhibited by the Marines, Sailors, Soldiers and Civilians in December 1941 against overwhelming odds stands as one of the epic struggles in the annals of warfare and the only time in WWII an amphibious invasion was tossed back into the sea.

**Pearl Harbor** — we return on the “Date Which Will Live in Infamy” the surprise Japanese attack that launched the USA into World War II.

**Guam** — We will also commemorate the Japanese invasion of Guam one day earlier and the efforts of the 274 sailors and 153 Marines of that island's garrison. Join us as we travel to Hawaii, Guam and Wake Island to commemorate the 81st Anniversaries of these early World War II battles in the Pacific.

**MILITARY HISTORICAL TOURS** is proud to partner with the **Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum** to offer another in our series of historic anniversary tours to the battlefields of the world. This very special tour, highlighted by the visit to Wake Island will again be a rare opportunity to return to this important battleground of the Pacific. Fly to Hawaii to see the ceremonies on 7 December. Continue on to Guam to participate in a comprehensive “on the ground” exploration of the beaches and battlefields of this US Territory which was invaded and conquered by the Japanese on 10 December 1941. On the 12th, we depart for a full day of tours and a commemoration on Wake Island where 80 years earlier the Americans defeated the first Japanese amphibious landing attempt. We will have a memorial wreath laying at the monument commemorating the battle, followed by island tours.



*On the Mighty MO at Ford Island!*

All of these things, along with the most experienced staff, Battlefield Tour Leaders, and Historians combine to make your trip the most enjoyable, relaxing, entertaining, and educational experience possible. We welcome your phone calls or e-mails to discuss your tour with one of our Battlefield Specialists. Call us M-F 10AM-5PM or e-mail us — we look forward to hearing from you!



## 81st Anniversaries of Pearl Harbor, Wake Island & Guam Daily Itineraries

### PRE-TOUR PEARL HARBOR

#### **5 Dec Mon - (Day 1)**

Depart for Hawaii. Arrive in early afternoon with evening at leisure. **Hotel: Outrigger Reef, Waikiki**

#### **6 Dec Tue - (Day 2)**

After breakfast depart for the “Punch Bowl” Cemetery before heading for the Arizona Memorial, Bowfin, Pacific Aviation Museum and USS Missouri on Ford Island.

**Hotel: Outrigger Reef, Waikiki (Breakfast/B)**

#### **7 Dec Wed - (Day 3)**

Commemoration of the 81st Anniversary of the fateful attack at Joint Base Pearl Harbor—Hickam. The remainder of the day is free to enjoy the beautiful Waikiki Beaches. **Hotel: Outrigger Reef, Waikiki (B)**



*The Arizona Memorial!*

**Basic Tour Price \*** \$ 3,995

**Single Room Supplement** \$ 775

**Pre-Tour Pearl Harbor \*** \$ 1,895

**Single Room Supplement** \$ 575

**Saipan/Tinian Post Tour \*** \$ 2,475

**Single Room Supplement** \$ 495

(\* - based on two persons sharing double room)

### Basic Tour Includes:

- Charter air from Guam to Wake Island
- Deluxe Hotel Accommodations on Hawaii & Guam
- Deluxe air conditioned motorcoach
- Roundtrip airport transfers
- Tours featuring military historical sites and battlefield tours
- FULL DAY ON WAKE ISLAND, including: Memorial Wreath Laying & tours
- Meals as indicated in itinerary



**8 Dec Thur - (Day 4)**

Morning to enjoy Waikiki Beach. Afternoon departure for USA. (Cross international dateline, arrive same day.) (B)

**MAIN TOUR GUAM**

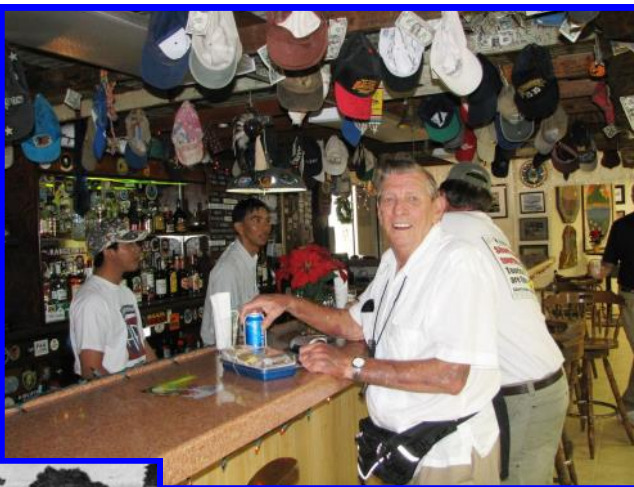
**8 Dec Thur - (Day 1)**

Departure for Guam. (Cross international dateline, lose a day.) (B)

**9 Dec Fri - (Day 2)**

Arrive Guam early evening. Check into our Tumon Bay Resort.

**Hotel: Dusit Beach Resort**



*Happy Hour at the Drifter Reef Club!*

defenders at the Wake Island Memorial. There will be ample opportunity to visit the nearby beaches and historical sites prior to the ceremonies commencement. You will be given a boxed lunch upon arrival and will be free for the balance of the day to visit the numerous historical sites on the island.

After the no host happy hour at the Drifter Reef Club with the current island personnel and dinner we depart after dusk for our flight back to Guam. Return to the hotel about 11:30 PM. **Hotel: Dusit Beach Resort (B/L/D)**



**10 Dec Sat - (Day 3)**

Today is a special day of commemorations of the invasion of one of the only two American territories to be occupied by Japanese forces in WWII. We will attend a special ceremony at the Plaza de Espana, site of the heroic defense by the Guam Insular Guard and US Naval Forces. Following lunch, we have tours of the Guam battlefields of 1941 and the liberation by US forces in 1944. **Hotel: Dusit Beach Resort (B/L)**

**11 Dec Sun - (Day 4)**

After breakfast we will have the Wake Island Symposium on the "Alamo of the Pacific." Remainder of the day free to enjoy Guam before the Guam / Wake Island Anniversary Banquet, with invited national and local dignitaries. **Hotel: Dusit Beach Resort (B/D)**

**12 Dec Mon - (Day 5)**

Early flight to Wake Island w/ breakfast on the charter jet. Upon arrival, debark and proceed to the holding area where you will be briefed on the plan for the day. We will have a 81st Commemoration Ceremony honoring the initial Japanese invaders repulsion by the US

**13 Dec Tue - (Day 6)**

This morning is a recovery day from our Wake Island exploration. After a late breakfast, the day is free to enjoy the Tumon Bay beach or pools at the Outrigger. Tonight we gather for a Farewell Fiesta at John Gerber's Pacific War Museum hosted by the Guam Chapter of the Third Marine Division Association. **Hotel: Dusit Beach Resort (B/D)**



*The "98" POW Rock site of the infamous massacre in 1943.*

**14 Dec Wed - (Day 7)**

Depart for home or join Saipan/Tinian post tour. Arrive back in the USA early on the same day. (Cross International date line - gain a day)



*Left: Japanese Naval Gun brought in after the occupation. Right: The Marine Corps Memorial on Wake Island!*





## POST TOUR SAIPAN & TINIAN

### **Day 1 - 14 Dec Wed**

Morning flight to Saipan and begin a full day WWII history tour of Saipan beginning at the American Memorial Park Visitor Center. Next, the 2d and 4th Marine Division beaches where you can feel how exposed the Marines were to Japanese observers on Mt Tapotchau towering 1500 feet above us. Follow the progression of the battle south to Aslito/Isley Airfield. Next proceed through the infamous "Death Valley," flanked on the east by "Purple Heart Ridge" and on the west by the ever-imposing Mt Tapotchau. Following the flow of the 1944 battle northward, pass the notorious battle site of the mass banzai attack. End the day at "Suicide Cliff" and "Banzai Cliff." Check into the Pacific Island Club. Group dinner on the beach in the evening. **Hotel: Pacific Island Club (PIC) (B/L/D)**



### **Day 2 - 15 Dec Thur**

Depart for Tinian Island and marvel at the small, narrow invasion beaches where the Marines landed surprising the Japanese defenders. See pillboxes and the rusted hulk of a



landing craft. Explore the now abandoned North Field...in 1944-45 the most active airfield in the world with hundreds of B-29 bombers and tens of thousands of airmen and sup-

port troops. Visit the "bomb pits" where the atomic bombs were loaded on the Enola Gay and Bockscar before using Runway Able taking off for Hiroshima & Nagasaki. Fly back to Saipan late afternoon. **Hotel: PIC (B/L)**

### **Day 3 - 16 Dec Fri**

This morning we visit the American Memorial Park and the CMMI museum, spanning all periods of Saipan history, as well as recovered Spanish treasure. After lunch, the remainder of the day will be at leisure to take care of any unfinished shopping, take a swim on the invasion beach or the great pool or to pack for an early morning flight to Guam. **Hotel: PIC (B/L)**

### **Day 4 - 17 Dec Sat**

Connect in Guam to our flight home arriving back in the USA on the same day (cross international dateline.)

