

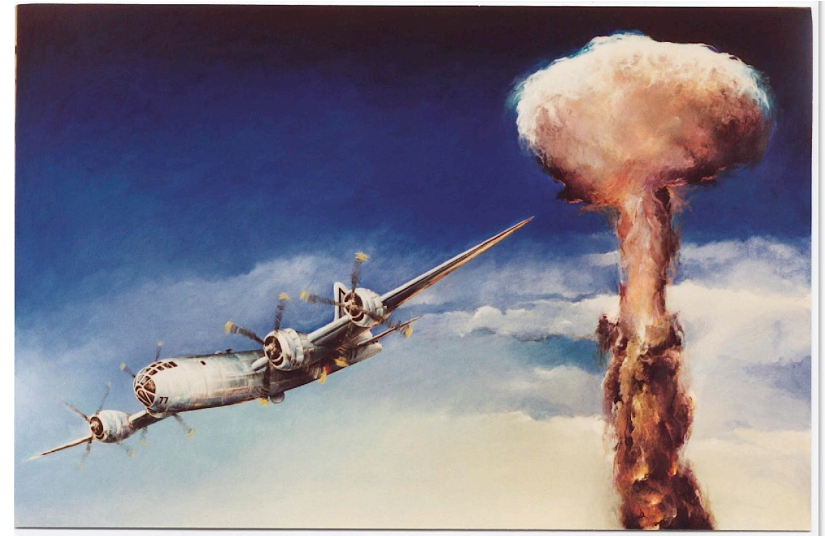
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PHOTOS BY ANDY GILES AND JOHN LUCK

America's Oldest and Most Experienced Military History Tour Operator

Professor Anderson Giles has spent 30 years researching WWII in the Pacific. His knowledge of the wartime events in the Mariana's has deep personal ties: his father fought with the 4th Marine Division on Saipan, Tinian and Iwo Jima; his uncle, a 67th Seabee, helped build the North Field runways and atomic bomb pits on Tinian. Andy Giles has been all over the Pacific visiting the various islands of the Pacific campaign. His painting of the B29 Bockscar soaring away from the atomic bomb blast on Nagasaki is prominently displayed on Tinian (front cover of this brochure). His superb documentary film, *The Thunder from Tinian*, has won well-deserved awards and honors. Andy is an experienced tour leader who has traveled on and escorted many trips with Valor Tours, Ltd. and he has met and interviewed hundreds of veterans associated with the Pacific campaign.



Left: Andy Giles with Gen. Paul Tibbetts on Tinian.
Top: New York Times announcing Japanese surrender.

Above: May 2015 group of Veterans and college students at Mia Jima, 2015 and Nagasaki Ground Zero Memorial.

APPLICATION FORM FOR MARIANAS TO HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI 2024

Mail to: Valor Tours, Ltd., 10 Liberty Ship Way, Sausalito, CA 94965
Questions? Call 1-800-842-4504

I/we enclose a check for \$ _____ (\$800 per person) to reserve ___ places on the above tour on a:

___ Twin share occupancy or ___ single occupancy
___ Smoking ___ Non smoking

___ I am traveling alone and would like to share with another single traveling tour member.

Or please charge my credit card in the amount of \$ _____ (\$800 per person)

Card number _____
Expiration date _____ Sec code _____

Name _____ Name _____
(As it appears on your passport)

Name _____ Name _____
(As you would like it to appear on ID badge)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (days) _____

Email: _____

Veteran of WWII (Branch, division, ship, etc.) or reason for participation:

Any places of special interest? _____
Dietary requirements on aircraft? _____

Facilities for the disabled during this trip are non existant except for wheelchair availability at airport. Please let us know if you have any disabilities that may prevent you from climbing on and off buses, planes, trains. _____

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

Signature _____

Date _____

GENERAL INFORMATION, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENTS

Please complete the application form and return with a deposit of \$800 per person. Reservations cannot be held without a deposit. All credit cards or personal checks accepted. Make checks payable to Valor Tours, Ltd. and mail to 10 Liberty Ship Way, Sausalito, and CA 94965. Final payment is due May 5, 2024. All passengers on deposit will receive written confirmation, travel insurance coverage information and reading list. Final travel documents will be sent Priority Mail to fully paid participants about two weeks prior to departure. Unused components of the tour are non-refundable. Cost based upon a minimum 10 participants traveling together and current airfares and rates. Once deposit is received, current rates are guaranteed. Late bookings are accepted subject to space availability. Call 1-800-842-4504. Due to highly restricted air fare, deviations are not allowed.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

All moneys are fully refundable for cancellations received up to May 5, 2024. Cancellations received between May 5 and July 5, 2024 subject loss of deposit of \$800 per person. Cancellation received after July 5, 2024 or "no shows" are non-refundable. Cancellation insurance is offered. Payments made by check will be refunded by check and may take up to 30 days to process. Payments made by credit card must be credited back to your credit card and may take up to 60 days to appear on your statement.

HEALTH & TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION

You will need a passport valid six months beyond date of travel. Visas for U.S. citizens are not required. Innoculations are not necessary. However proof of Covid19 vaccine may be necessary.

WHAT TO BRING

Casual clothes such as shorts, bathing suit, wash n'wear, loose fitting clothing, comfortable walking shoes, beach (water) shoes, snorkel gear, brimmed hat, suntan lotion, wash clothe, bottle of Woolite, plenty of film, camera (water proof if possible), wind breaker, nap sack, binoculars. Leave expensive jewelry and high-heeled shoes at home. Carry medications, airline tickets, and passport, cash and travelers checks on your person – do not pack in suitcase, as there are occasional delays. Travel light – one suitcase and one carry-on bag per person, please. Hotels have excellent 24-hour laundry facilities.

AIR TRANSPORTATION

We will fly United Airlines throughout tour. Tour based on economy class airfare. Premium economy and business class upgrade available for additional cost. Deviations to air schedule are not permitted.

SINGLE TRAVELERS

When a tour member 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 would apply.

NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR PACKAGE COST

Foreign airport departure taxes, meals not indicated in itinerary, passport fees, alcoholic beverages, phone calls, laundry, items of a personal nature, and domestic airfare to Honolulu and back from San Francisco, travel/cancellation insurance.



Bullet train, Japan



Charles Bivenour with Seabees on Guam, 2016 tour

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Sunday August 11

2:15pm Depart Honolulu via United Airlines for Guam.

Monday August 12

5:55pm Arrive Guam. Transfer to the Dusit Guam Hotel on the beach.

Tuesday August 13 (L)

Full day tour of WWII sites on Guam: Yigo War Memorial Park, Hagatna Area, War in the Pacific at Nimitz Hill and Asan Landing Beach, Fort Soledad at Umatac Bay, War in the Pacific at Gaan Pt, T Stell Newman WWII Museum outside Naval Base. Lunch at Jeff's Pirate Cove. Overnight Dusit Guam Hotel.

Wednesday August 14 (L)

Transfer to airport for flight to Saipan. Transfer to hotel located on the invasion beaches. Northern island WWII sites tour includes Mt. Topochau for view of invasion sites, and Suicide Cliffs.

Thursday August 15 (L)

South island WWII sites tour. Japanese Aslito Airfield complex.

Friday August 16 (L)

Transfer to airport and fly over North Field, Tinian before landing and touring WWII sites of the island including Atom Bomb Pits and the harbor where the USS Indianapolis was anchored. Return to and overnight Saipan.

Saturday August 17

Fly back to Guam. Day free to visit aquarium or shopping mall next door to our hotel. Overnight Dusit Hotel Guam

Sunday August 18

Transfer to airport for flight to Osaka, Japan. Bullet train to Hiroshima. Overnight Sheraton Hotel.



Monday August 19 (B, L)

Tour of Hiroshima: A-Bomb Dome and Hiroshima Peace memorial Park and Museum. Then onto Miyajima Island by ferry. Itsukushima Shrine. Overnight Hiroshima.

Tuesday August 20 (B, L)

Miyajima to Shiroshima station for Bullet train to Nagasaki. Overnight Richmond Hotel Nagasaki Shianbashi.

Wednesday August 21 (B, L)

Nagasaki tour: Nagasaki A-Bomb museum and Memorial Park. Oura Catholic Church and De Jima. Lunch at the top of BW Hotel with view of bomb site. Depart Nagasaki by bullet train to Kyoto. Overnight Kyoto hotel.

Thursday August 22 (B) Tour of Kyoto in the morning, then express train to Osaka Kansai airport for flight home: United Airlines at 4:40pm, arriving non stop into San Francisco 10:45am same day with dinner served. Tour ends.

**\$6200.00 PER PERSON, TWIN SHARE
\$1000 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT**

Includes: 10 nights hotel accommodations at 4-star hotel/resorts; economy class air fare via United Airlines from Honolulu/terminating San Francisco; air taxes; meals as indicated by B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner (some of these meals are in-flight); local taxes; local guides and drivers; ground transport by train or private coach; entrance fees; services of Andy Giles or John Shively as tour leader. Not included passport fees, domestic air fare from US interior cities to Honolulu and returning from San Francisco; tips when expected; items of a personal nature such as phone calls, laundry, alcoholic beverages, hotel mini-frig items, travel/cancellation insurance.

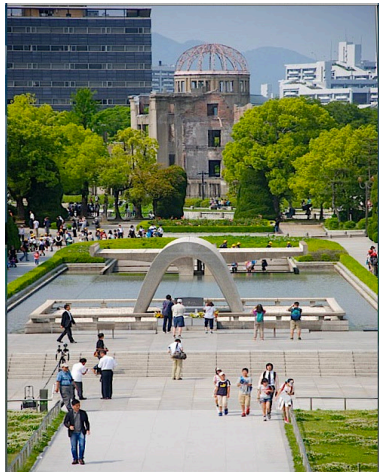
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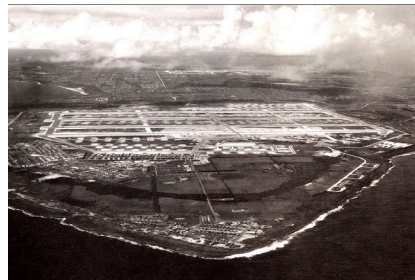
North Field, Tinian, today.



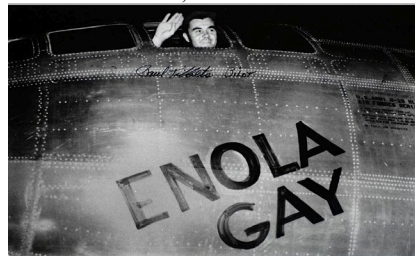
Replica of Fat Man, Tinian (Andy kneeling)



Atomic Dome & Memorial Hiroshima



Tinian, 1945



Paul Tibbetts and the Enola Gay, Tinian

Right: Suicide Cliffs where scores of Japanese civilians threw themselves off.



Below: Liberation of Saipan



Left: WWII Veterans and family members from the 6th Bomb Group raise a toast at the 6th Bomb Group camp site on Tinian, 2014. Andy Giles far left.

Emergency Travel and cancellation insurance

Information will be sent to each participant along with recommended reading list upon receipt of application. Emergency insurance is strongly recommended.

“Some of us from the 505th Bomb Group were fortunate to travel with Andy Giles on our tour to the Marianas and Japan in 2018. It was ‘life changing’ according to my husband’s grandson who was 23 at the time and accompanied me.” Nancy Samp

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.