



Saipan

Northern Mariana Islands

- Moor at Industrial Wharf
 - 8 am to 5 Pm (Sunday)
 - Industrial Area
 - Expect Mandatory Shuttle bus to Garapan
 - About 2 miles
 - Weather – Temp 75 to 85
 - Drier part of year
- Tourist Info
 - mymarianas.com
 - Marianas Visitor Authority published official guide list
- No cruise terminal

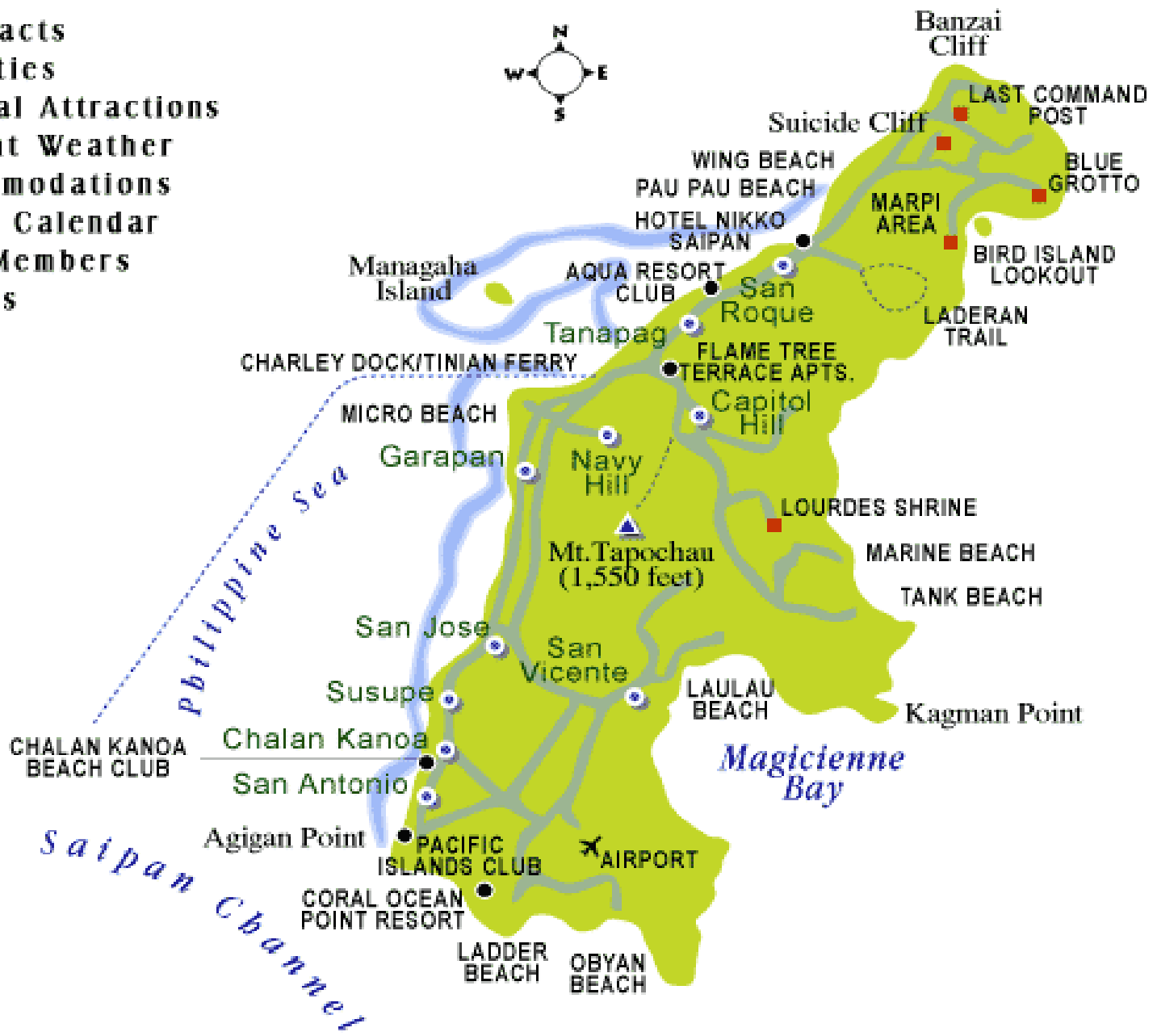


Essentials

- Money
 - USD
- VISA – Not Required for USA citizens
- Safety – Normal Precautions
- Internet – Widely available
- Cell Service – All major providers
- Taxis available
 - Taxi Saipan plus others
 - Not very web savvy
- 64% Population is Catholic - we visit on Sunday



- Fast Facts
- Activities
- Cultural Attractions
- Current Weather
- Accommodations
- Events Calendar
- PATA Members
- Articles





Saipan History

- Battle of Saipan
 - Pacific “D” day
 - 15 June to 9 July 1944
 - Novel: “Away all Boats” - Kenneth Dodson
 - Movies:
 - “Windtalkers”
 - “OBA, The Last Samurai” (Battle of Saipan from Japanese POV)
 - Avail FREE on VIMEO
 - Lead to resignation of Japan Prime Minister
 - B29’s now in range of Japan home islands
 - Entire Japanese force of 29,000 killed
 - Small force lead by OBA holds out for 16 months
 - Suicide Cliff
 - Banzai Cliff



Attractions

- Scuba Tours
- Mt. Tapochao
- American Memorial Park and Museum
 - Located in Garapan
 - Waikiki/Ala Moana Center – Uber/Taxi about \$17
 - Taxi \$12- \$30 (traffic depending)
- Marpi Point National Historical Landmarks
 - Suicide Cliff
 - Japanese Peace Memorial
 - Korean Peace Memorial
 - Bonzai Cliff



Shopping

- Garapan Galleria
 - Big Duty Free Shop
- Many small shops in Garapan



Restaurants

- Godfather's Bar
 - Local Color
 - American Food
 - Near American Memorial Park
- Many other USA chain restaurants
 - Tony Roma
 - Hard Rock Café



Private Tours

- Not many choices
- Viator
 - Tour to Tinian Island – site of Enola Gay & Bockscar takeoff
 - Amelia Earhart Tour
- Diving and snorkeling tours
- Car rentals available
- Best bet may be to negotiate with local on the spot



HAL Tours

- Submarine Tour - \$155 (1.25 hours)
 - Great Reviews on Tripadvisor
 - Dive to 30 Feet
- Snorkeling Tour (\$120)
- Managaha Beach Tour
 - Snorkeling 5 hours
- Eco Adventure Tour (\$120) 5 hours
- Saipan Highlights (North) (\$90) 3 Hours
 - WW II Historical Sites
 - Expect option for drop off in town
- Saipan Highlights (South) (\$90) 3 hours
 - Less famous WW II sites – Invasion landing sites
 - Amelia Earhart Jail?
 - Oba the last Samurai hideout