

# Honiara Tours Suggestions

# Honiara City Tour Highlights

The Honiara City Tour Highlights is a 3 hour tour that covers brief World War II history and the culture of the people of the Solomon Islands.

Start time: 09:00 - 09:20
Pick up from hotel
Duration: 3 hours
Minimum Pax: 2
Price: 66 USD/ person

#### Highlights

• National Parliament Building

• Skyway Drive, American War Memorial

National Museum

This guided tour takes visitors to some of Honiara's cultural areas of interest, including The National Parliament building which houses the Solomons' 50 members of parliament and shows the diverse cultures of the islands.



The US War Memorial, positioned on a hillock a short drive from the centre of Homiara, overlooks the Florida Islands and battle sites from the Guadalcanal Campaign. The monument honours Allied Forces personnel who lost their lives during the conflict and details of the battles they fought.

Photo credit: https://www.abmc.gov/Guadalcanal

The National Museum provides a fascinating insight into the diverse culture, customs and history of the Solomon Islands. In addition to informative displays of cultural and historical artefacts, the museum houses a craft shop which displays and sells various traditionally crafted items from different Solomon Islands provinces.

Photo credit: https://solomondirectory.islesmedia.net



## WW2 Historical Tours

Guadalcanal is famous for the WWII turn around and many relics of the war remain at numerous locations in and around Honiara. With so much to see on land, there are three different tour options covering key locations of the Battle of Guadalcanal or focusing on key battle areas.



# 1. WWII Historical Tour Highlights:

Duration: 3 HoursMinimum Pax: 2Rate: 66 USD /person

## Highlights

- American War Memorial
- Henderson Field
- Fighter 1 (Lunga Field)
- Bloody Ridge

# 2. WW2 Eastern Battlefield Tour:

Duration: 4 HoursMinimum Pax: 2Rate: 78 USD/ person

# Highlights

- American War Memorial
- Henderson Field
- Bloody Ridge (also known as Edson's Ridge)
- Mt. Austen Japanese Memorial
- Red Beach Landing Site



#### 3. WW2 Western Battlefield Tour:

Duration: 4 HoursMinimum Pax: 2Rate: 78 USD/ person

#### Highlights

• American War Memorial

Jacob Vouza Memorial

Bonegi Beach (Kinugawa Maru)

• Cape Esperance

Vilu Outdoor War Museum

## **Chocolate Tours**



Produced from the fruit seeds of the Theobroma cacao tree, chocolate has been savoured by many cultures for millennia. Originally consumed as a drink, the invention of the cocoa press in the late 1800s enabled cocoa butter to be extracted from roasted cacao beans leading to the production of chocolate as we know it today. While most of the world's cocoa comes from West Africa, cacao from the Solomon Islands has gained an international reputation amongst artisan chocolate makers as a high-quality, organically and ethically grown product.

Photo credit: South Pacific Cacao / Facebook

In recent years cocoa has become one of the Solomon Islands' biggest agricultural export earners, generating around US\$10 million per year on average, with 75% of export returns retained by producers.

#### Amazing Grace Boutique Cocoa Farm and Garden Tour

Matriarch Grace Fekau's Amazing Grace Boutique Cocoa Farm is a family-owned, community-focused cocoa plantation located on the peripheries of Tenaru Beach. The tour allows visitors to witness cocoa farming, harvesting and processing up close, stroll through tropical gardens, experience traditional culture and food\* and purchase some of their delicious value-added chocolate products.

Duration: 3 HoursMinimum Pax: 2

• Fee: 74 USD/ person \*(98 USD per person with lunch - min. 3 pax)



### Pilopaso Chocolate Haus



The humble cacao farm established on 3 acres of land in 2003 by a young Agnes Pilopaso to support herself and her family has evolved into a widely respected, community-based business enterprise. Since its inception, Agnes's dedication to sustainable, ethically grown cacao and community engagement has earned her numerous accolades and seen the farm expand to 46 acres. This immersive tour allows visitors to engage with the people involved in the entire process, including the on-site production of their bean-to-bar chocolate.

Duration: 4 HoursMinimum Pax: 2Fee: 78 USD/ person

#### Nature & Cultural Tours

### Guadalcanal Scenic Tour:

This scenic tour of Guadalcanal Island drives past villages and great scenery. You will drive through Kakabona Village with a walk-through, past Bonegi Beach, Sasa Hill to Cape Esperance your turn-around stop. Your final stop is at the Visale Church beach. The tour is specifically designed for those who are interested in seeing the different natural vegetation on Guadalcanal and for those who want to meet local people.

Duration: 4 HoursMinimum Pax: 2Fee: 74 USD/ person

#### Hailalua Cultural Village

An hour's scenic drive through the highlands of Central Guadalcanal, Hailalua Cultural Village is a small community whose existence still follows their traditional way of living. Visitors can observe various demonstrations from traditional cooking on hot stones to weaving sago palm houses, learning about traditional medicines, and coconut climbing and husking.

• Cost: 180 USD per person (1 pax)

• Group (10 or more): 66 USD per person

Group bookings upon request for discounted rates



### Hotomail Cultural Village

Half-day village experience only 45 minutes drive from Honiara city centre.



## Photo courtesy of Facebook

Experience the Melanesian cultural way of village life. The tour allows visitors to get an insight into traditional village activities, including their custom houses, basket weaving, gardening, custom dancing and chants, traditional food preparation and cooking methods, which visitors are welcome to participate in, should they wish to do so.

#### Tour price:

- Groups of 2-3: 174 USD per person
- Groups of 5-9: 90 USD per person
- Groups of more than 10: 82 USD per person

### Waterfalls

A choice of Tenaru Waterfalls or the Bat Cave, both located in the highlands of Central Guadalcanal. A good level of fitness is recommended as the trails through the rainforest and streams are uneven and steep in places. Both hikes are an hour and a half to two hours trek one way. Rates include pickup and transfer from your hotel in Honiara to Paraniju Mountain Lodge where the trek to either of the waterfalls commences.

Duration: Half-dayMinimum Pax: 2Fee: 78 USD/ person



## Bird Watching:

Bird Watching on Guadalcanal either on Mount Austen, Graceland Nature Park or at Mbelaha area, Paraniju.

Duration: Half-dayMinimum Pax: 2Fee: 90 USD/ person

Requests for Bird Watching in other Provinces and islands upon request.

# Beach Snorkelling/Kayaking tour

Duration: Half-dayMinimum Pax: 2Fee: 66 USD/ person

Visit Piaru Beach where you can relax and have fun kayaking and snorkelling. Rate includes snorkelling gear and kayaks.

