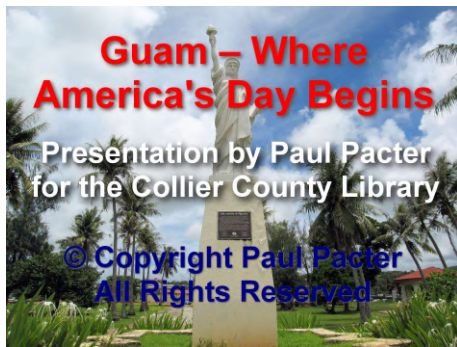




**Guam's Location**

Guam is an island in the northern part of Oceania.

Oceania is a region in the Pacific Ocean.

**Guam is approximately:**

- 3,300 miles West of Hawaii.
- 1,500 miles East of Philippines.
- 1,550 miles South of Japan.



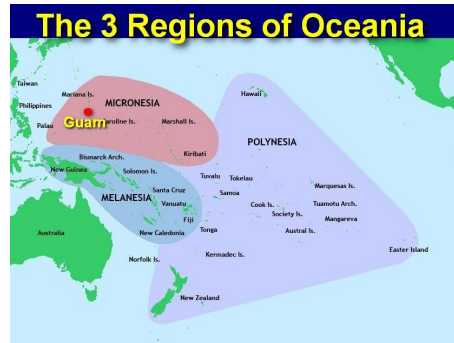
**Oceania – 3 Regions 4?**

**Micronesia:** Includes Guam, Marianas, Marshall Is, Palau.

**Melanesia:** Includes New Guinea, Vanuatu, Fiji, Solomon Is.

**Polynesia:** Includes Hawaii, Samoa, New Zealand, Tonga.

**Some put NZ and Australia in a fourth category: Australasia.**



**Marianas**

Guam is part of an archipelago is 15 islands in Northern Micronesia.

Archipelago is called Mariana Islands.

**Guam is largest and southernmost island in the Marianas.**

- Saipan is another of the 15.
- Most of the others are tips of dormant volcanoes.



**Comments on the Marianas**

- 15 islands.
- The north 14 are the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).
- CNMI is unincorporated area of USA. Saipan is largest island and capital:
  - Total population CNMI (2017): 55,000.
  - Population of Saipan: 52,000.
- Guam is not part of the CNMI. Guam is a separate US territory.

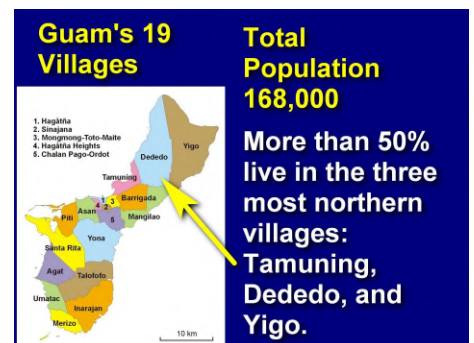
**Comments about Guam's Location**

- Largest island in Micronesia.
- Western most territory of the United States.
- One of the leading tourist destinations in the Western Pacific.
- Accessible by plane and cruise ship (no ferries – too far).



**Area**

- 210 sq miles.
- About half the size of Hong Kong.
- 78 miles of coastline.
- No land borders (island).
- Not volcanically active, but occasional earthquakes and typhoons.



**Climate**

- Tropical rainforest climate.
- Close to Equator.
- Hot and humid all year.
- Coldest months Jan and Feb.
- Overnight lows between 70 and 75 F all year.
- Temperatures rarely exceed 90 F.

**American Military Installations**

Most strategically important US bases in the Pacific.

Also Guam's most important source of income and economic stability.

7,000 US troops on Guam, plus their families. Plan to move 5,000 more (plus families) from Okinawa.

**US Territory**

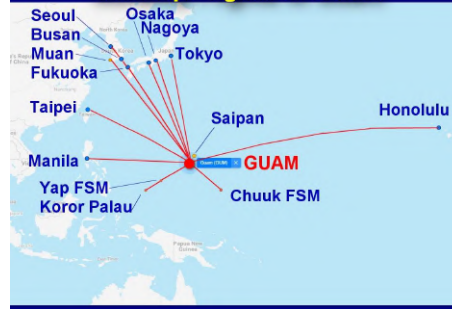
- Guamanians are US citizens.
- US citizens arriving directly from US – no immigration.
- US citizens arriving from another country – no visa.
- US Currency.
- US Postage Stamps (domestic US mail). ZIP 969xx.



## Transportation

**International direct flights from:**  
**Hong Kong:** UA (disc. Oct. 2019).  
**Korea:** Busan, Seoul, Muan.  
**Japan:** Tokyo, Osaka, Nagoya, Fukuoka.  
**Taiwan:** Taipei.  
**Philippines:** Manila.  
**United States:** Honolulu.  
 Plus local flights within Oceania.

## Nonstop Flights to Guam



## Cruise Lines that Stop in Guam include:

- Carnival.
- Crystal.
- Holland America.
- Princess.

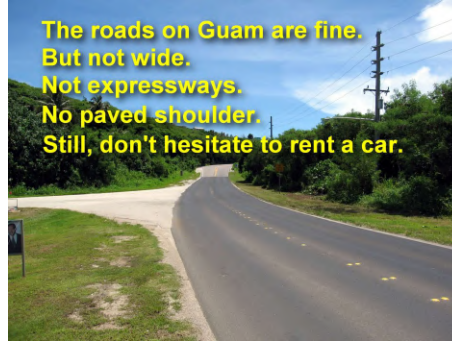
## Driving

**Speed limit:** Island-wide 35 mph. Often exceeded.

### Accidents:

- US Average 19 accidents per 1,000 people.
- Guam average 41 accidents per 1,000 people.

The roads on Guam are fine.  
 But not wide.  
 Not expressways.  
 No paved shoulder.  
 Still, don't hesitate to rent a car.



## Shopping

Several malls and, surprisingly, a thriving **Kmart** open 24 hours and well stocked.

- Largest Kmart in the world – by far!
- No competition from Wal-Mart, Target, or Amazon.
- Many online sellers do not ship to Guam.

## Kmart – Guam

**The Last Place on Earth Where Everyone Still Loves Kmart**  
 The Guam location, by far the chain's busiest store, is protected by an expanse of ocean from the rapidly changing consumer market.  
 By Lucy Cheng  
 Jan. 10, 2010 9:55 a.m. ET  
 The Kmart store in Guam is located 6,000 miles west of California in the Pacific Ocean, well past the easy reach of Target, Wal-Mart or Amazon Prime.  
 The store, open 24 hours a day, also seems beyond the reach of Google itself. Inside, it feels more like 1980, when Kmart ruled the big box retail market.

**US\$100 million a year sales. 3 times next biggest Kmart in the world. Open 24 hours.**

| Guam Population | Census population |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1910            | 11,806            |
| 1920            | 13,275            |
| 2020 est:       | 1930 18,509       |
| 168,000         | 1940 22,290       |
|                 | 1950 59,498       |
|                 | 1960 67,044       |
|                 | 1970 84,996       |
|                 | 1980 105,979      |
|                 | 1990 133,152      |
|                 | 2000 154,805      |
|                 | 2010 159,358      |



## Ethnic Groups:

- Chamorro 37%.
- Filipino 26%.
- White 7%.
- Chuukese Micronesians 7%.
- Korean 2%.
- Other Pacific Islander 2%.
- Other Asian 9%.
- Mixed 9%.

**Intermarriage Rate 40%**

## Official Languages: English and Chamorro.

Although Chamorro is still used in many homes, English is the language of education and commerce.

### First Languages:

- English 44%.
- Filipino 21%.
- Chamorro 18%.
- Other Pacific island languages 10%.
- Other Asian languages 6%.

## Chamorro Phrases:

**Kao mamaolek hao?** How are you?  
**Buenas [Spanish origin]** Greetings.  
**Hâyi na'ân mu?** What is your name?  
**I na'ân hu si Chris** My name is Chris.  
**Ñalang yu'** I'm hungry.  
**Mâ'o yu'** I'm thirsty.  
**Pot fabot [Spanish origin]** Please.  
**Sì yu'us ma'âsi'** Thank you (lit: God have mercy)

## Religion:

- Roman Catholic 85%. Very devout.
- Other 15%.

Feb 22-23, 1981, Pope John Paul II (now St John Paul) visited Guam.



## Median Age Guam:

Total: 29 years  
 – Male: 28 years.  
 – Female: 30 years.

**Median US: 38**

**Median Japan: 48**

## Education in Guam

- Free. Compulsory between ages 6 and 16.
- US curriculum.
- US military run 3 elementary & middle schools and 1 high school for military children.
- University of Guam and community college.

## National Flag Is US Flag.

This is the Guam Territorial Flag.



Dark blue. Narrow red border. Centered vertical ellipse contains a beach scene. Blue = the sea. Red = blood shed in struggles against oppression by Spain and Japan.



### Government 1

**Political status:** Self-governing unincorporated territory of the United States.

**Government type:** Presidential democracy.

**Capital:** Hagatña (old English spelling Agaña).

**President:** Donald Trump.

### Government 2

**Head of Guam government:** Gov.

Lourdes Leon Guerrero (since 7 Jan. 2019).

**First female governor.**

**Cabinet:** Cabinet appointed by the governor with the consent of the Legislature.

**Political Parties:** Republican and Democratic.



### Government 3

Abortion is a major political issue.

Gov. Leon Guerrero vigorously defended abortion rights in her election campaign. She won, but now no doctors will perform the procedure. The last abortion provider in heavily Catholic Guam retired in May 2018. Guam's law allows abortion, but doctors also have the legal right to deny services unless it is a medical emergency.

### Government 4 - Voting

Under the US Constitution, residents of unincorporated territories do not vote in elections for US President.

However, they may vote in Democratic and Republican presidential primary elections.

#### 2016 Government Straw Poll:

|                 |     |                |
|-----------------|-----|----------------|
| Hillary Clinton | 72% | } 32,188 votes |
| Donald Trump    | 24% |                |

### Government 5 - Governor

**Governor and Lieutenant Governor are elected on the same ballot.**

An absolute majority vote is required.

If necessary, second ballot to obtain absolute majority.

### Government 6 – Guam Legislature

– Unicameral.

– 15 seats.

– Senators elected in a single Guam-wide constituency by simple majority vote. 2-year terms.

**Seats by party:** Democratic Party 10, Republican Party 5.

**Composition:** Men 5. Women 10.

**Percent women:** 67%.

### Government 7 – US Congress

Guam elects 1 person by simple majority vote to serve a 2-year term as a delegate to the US House of Representatives.

- Delegate can vote when serving on a committee and when the House meets as the Committee of the Whole House.
- But cannot vote on legislation submitted for a full House vote.

### Economy 1

**Guam GDP:** US\$5.8 billion (2016).

**GDP per Capita:** US\$35,600 (2016).

**Main driver:** US military spending. \$2.0 billion (2016). 34% of GDP.

**Second:** Tourism. Over 1,000,000 tourists a year. 75% from Japan. Most others from South Korea, the US, Philippines, and Taiwan.

**In addition:** Shipping, poultry farming, garments, oil refining.

### Economy 2

Defense is responsibility of US. So no defense spending in Guam budget.

Guam citizens and US military and civilians stationed on Guam pay US income taxes to the Guam Treasury, not to the US Federal Treasury.

**US military bases cover 29% of the island's total land area:**

Navy, Coast Guard, Air Force, and other operations.

### Olympics

Since 1988 Guam has its own teams in the Summer Olympics. No medals.

Only 2 Guam athletes made it past the first round:

- Canoeist Sean Pangelinan (2008).
- Judoka Ricardo Blas Jr (2012, weight 480 pounds, heaviest of all olympic athletes).



### Miscellaneous

**Telephone system:** It's part of the US domestic phone system. Area 671.

**Electric plugs and voltage:** US.

**Drive:** On right.

**Internet domain:** .gu

**Latte Stones:** Used to support the roof of most Guamanian houses 800 AD to 1700 AD. Many remain all over Guam today.



### History 1

**Around 2000 BC:** Chamorros settled. Came from SE Asia (Taiwan, Indonesia).

**1521:** Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan, while in the service of Spain, was the first European to visit the island, on March 6, 1521. Celebrated today as Guam History and Chamorro Heritage Day.

**1565:** Guam formally claimed by Spain.

### History 2

**1668:** Guam was colonized by Spain in 1668 with settlers and Catholic priests. First church built.

**1898:** During Spanish-American War, the US captured Guam on June 21, 1898. Under the Treaty of Paris, Spain ceded Guam to the United States on December 10, 1898. Puerto Rico also ceded to US.

### History 3

**1941 Dec 8:** Guam captured by Japan.

- During the occupation, Guamanians were subjected to beheadings, family separation, forced labor, rape, prostitution, and torture.

- Between 1,000 and 2,000 Guamanians died (Guam's population then was 20,000).

### History 4

**1944 July 21:** American forces recaptured the island.

- **Battle of Guam:** 18,000 Japanese troops killed. Only 485 surrendered.

- **Sgt Shoichi Yokoi:** Surrendered January 1972, was the last Japanese holdout. He lived 28 years in the forested back country on Guam.



### History 5

**1950:** Guam Organic Act made Guam an unincorporated territory of US. With its own civilian government.

**1982:** Referendum on status:

- 49% Commonwealth (like P.R.).
- 26% Statehood.
- 10% Status Quo (territory).

**Subsequent run-off referendum:**

- 73% Commonwealth.
- 27% Statehood.

**Nothing has yet happened.**

### US Territories

**Territory:** Area controlled by US but not incorporated into US under Constitution.

**Commonwealth:** Territory that is self-governing under an adopted constitution.

**These 5 are Territories. Puerto Rico and Marianas are also Commonwealths:**

|                     |             |           |
|---------------------|-------------|-----------|
| American Samoa      | 76 sq mi    | 51,000    |
| Guam                | 210 sq mi   | 168,000   |
| N. Mariana Islands  | 179 sq mi   | 52,000    |
| Puerto Rico         | 3,515 sq mi | 3,300,000 |
| Virgin Islands (US) | 134 sq mi   | 107,000   |

**Want to know more about Guam?**

**Highly recommended website:**

**[www.guampedia.com](http://www.guampedia.com)**

**The encyclopedia of Guam.**

**Heritage and history of Guam and the Mariana Islands.**

**Non-profit affiliate of the University of Guam.**

**Funded by the Government.**

### The Plan for This Presentation - 1 of 2

1. Start at Hilton Hotel (one of many in Tumon).
2. Visit A few major places in Hagatna:
  - Plaza de Espana.
  - Governor's Office.
  - Stone Latte Park.
  - War in the Pacific National Park.
3. Then Drive Around South Half of Island:
  - Agat Bay.
  - Umatac Bay.
  - Vietnam War Memorial.
  - Fort Nuestra Senora de Soledad.
  - Merizo and Magellan Monument.
  - Inarajan Pools.
  - Sgt Yokoi Cave.
  - Pago Bay.

### The Plan for This Presentation - 2 of 2

4. Then Drive Around North Half of Island
  - Coco Palm Beach.
  - Two Lovers Point.
  - Tumon.
  - Underwater World.
  - Ypao Beach.
  - University of Guam and Guam Memorial Hospital.
  - Women of the Island Statue.
5. Then Back in Hagatna - Other Sights
  - Dulce Nombre de Maria Cathedral.
  - US Navy Cemetery.
  - Local Cemetery.
  - San Antonio Spanish Bridge.
  - Statue of Liberty.
  - Paseo de Susana Park.
  - Statue of Chamorro Chief Quipuha.
  - Fort Apugan.
  - Shopping and Dining.



### Hilton Hotel - Tumon Bay



### Typical of many 4 and 5 Star Hotels on Guam:

- 646 Rooms.
- 32 acres.
- 6 restaurants.
- Private beach.
- 10 minutes from airport.



### Major hotel chains on Guam include:

- Hyatt.
- Westin.
- Hilton.
- Sheraton.
- Wyndham.
- Marriott.
- Holiday Inn.
- Lotte.
- Nikko.
- Okura.
- Dusit.

**Plus dozens of local hotels of all grades.**



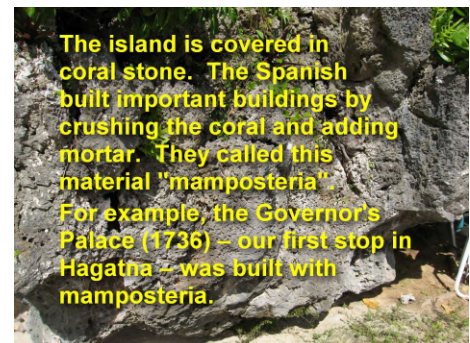
### Hilton Hotel - Tumon Bay, Guam



### Tumon Bay



The island is covered in coral stone. The Spanish built important buildings by crushing the coral and adding mortar. They called this material "mamposteria". For example, the Governor's Palace (1736) - our first stop in Hagatna - was built with mamposteria.



### Plaza de España Guam Governor's Palace. Residence and Office.

Built by a Spanish governor 1885 to replace 1736 Palace. Used by US governor 1898-1941. Destroyed in War of Liberation from Japan 1944.



### Remains of the Governor's Palace Today



**Governor's Palace**  
Built by the Spanish in 1885.  
Destroyed 1944 in War of Liberation from Japan.

**1919**



**Today**







Spanish Cannon



Spanish Cannon



Plaza de España

Remains of 1885 Gov. Palace

"Chocolate House" (next slide).



The Chocolate House Survived WWII. Where Spanish governors served hot chocolate to guests. American governors switched to tea.



The Chocolate House has two of the oldest Spanish coats of arms on Guam – dating back to 1879 and 1895.



Memorial to Guam Insular Force (local militia) who fought alongside the Americans in WWII.



Governor's Office

Cultural Center (Events)



Governor's Office – Hagatna



Cultural Center

Agana Bay

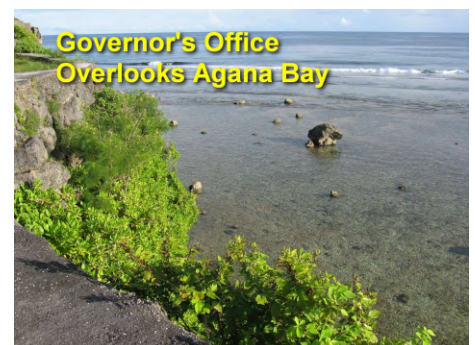


I don't know if the Governor has gotten a new car since I was there...



...but I suspect she has had this sign changed.

Gov. Guerrero became the first woman Governor in January 2019.



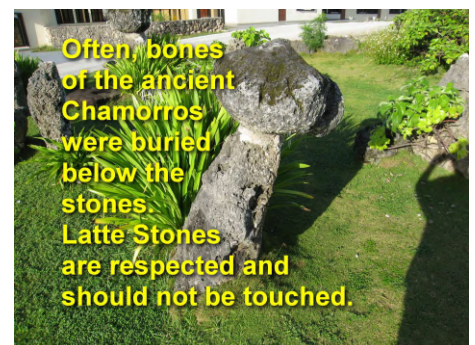
Governor's Office Overlooks Agana Bay



Latte Stones – used to support the roof of many Guamanian houses from 800 AD to 1700 AD.

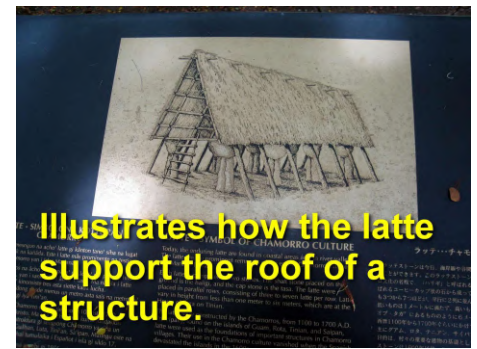
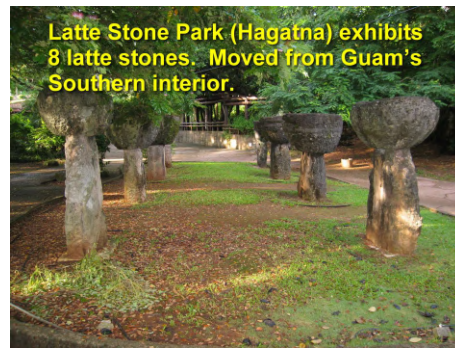


The grounds of the Governor's office exhibits many latte stones.



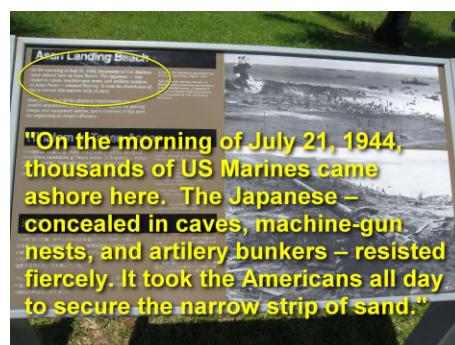
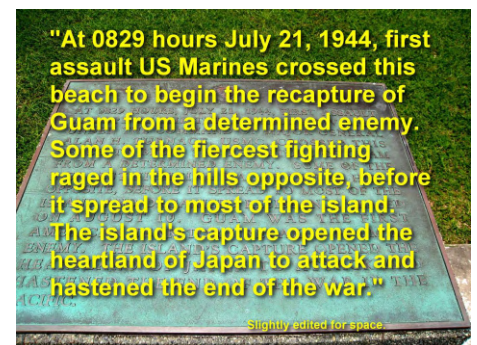
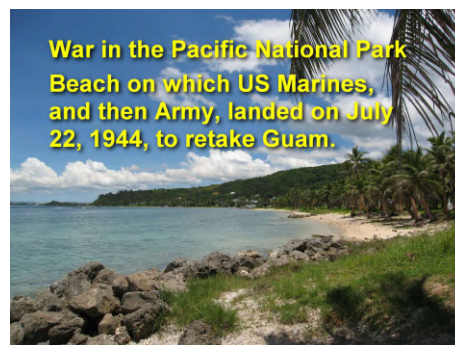
Often bones of the ancient Chamorros were buried below the stones. Latte Stones are respected and should not be touched.





**War in the Pacific National Park  
Battle to recapture Guam  
July 22 to August 10, 1944.**

|                 | US and Chamorros | Japan  |
|-----------------|------------------|--------|
| <b>Killed</b>   | 3,000            | 18,000 |
| <b>Wounded</b>  | 7,122            |        |
| <b>Captured</b> | 0                | 485    |
| <b>Victory</b>  | Victory          | Defeat |







**Japanese Bunker**



**Japanese Two-Man Midget Submarine**



**Japanese Midget Submarine**



**American Mark 14 Torpedo**

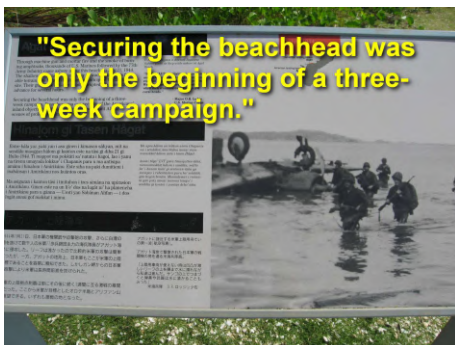
**Primary anti-shipping weapon of WWII.**



**Japanese Artillery**



**Japanese Land Bomb**



**"Securing the beachhead was only the beginning of a three-week campaign."**



**Pacific Fleet – US Navy**



**"Freedom for the Chamorro Land"**

**US Coast Guard**

**US Army Air Corps**



**Today, this beach is a popular scuba-diving area**



**Today, this beach is a popular scuba-diving area**



**Places We Will Visit in Guam**

**Approximately: 50 miles long. 15 miles wide.**



**We begin our drive along the Southern coast of Guam**



**Guam's hills are of volcanic origin. Surrounded by coral reefs and a limestone plateau (source of most of Guam's fresh water).**



**War in the Pacific National Park has various locations along the coast. This is Agat – one of the US landing sites on July 21, 1944.**

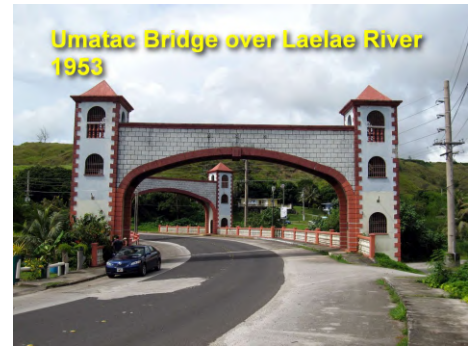




**Agat Bay**



**Agat Bay**



**Umatac Bridge over Laelae River  
1953**



**San Dionisio Catholic Church  
Umatac  
Built by Spanish Capuchins  
1937-1939**



**Spanish settlers built the original  
San Dionisio Church in 1681.  
Destroyed by earthquake 1902.**



**San Dionisio - Umatac Bay**



**Umatac Bay**



**Vietnam War Memorial – Guam**



**74 Chamorro Men Died  
Serving in the Vietnam War**



**74 Chamorro Men Died in  
the Vietnam War**



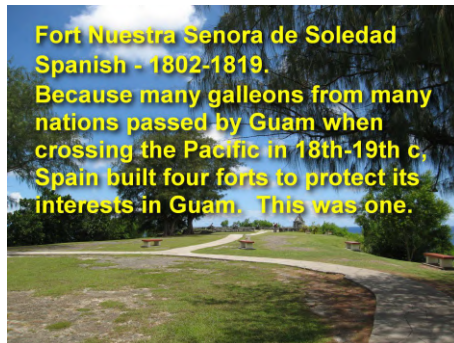
**Vietnam War Memorial – Guam**



**View from the Vietnam War  
Memorial**



**View from the Vietnam War  
Memorial**



**Fort Nuestra Senora de Soledad  
Spanish - 1802-1819.  
Because many galleons from many  
nations passed by Guam when  
crossing the Pacific in 18th-19th c,  
Spain built four forts to protect its  
interests in Guam. This was one.**



**Fort Nuestra Senora de la Soledad  
Built by the Spanish between 1802  
and 1819**





**Fort Soledad**  
Spanish 1802-1819



**Fort Soledad**  
Spanish 1802-1819



**19th c Spanish Cannons at**  
**Fort Soledad**



**View from Fort Soledad**  
**Near Umetac**



**Fort Nuestra Senora de Soledad**  
**Fort Our Lady of Solitude**



**Magellan Monument**  
Commemorate  
Guam's first  
documented  
contact with  
Western  
civilization.  
On March 6, 1521,  
Ferdinand Magellan  
anchored his three  
ships here.



**Merizo is the Southernmost**  
**Village in Guam**



**Merizo Bell Tower**  
Built in 1914  
or 1919 by a  
Spanish  
Catholic priest.



**Santa Maria**  
**of Camarin**  
**Merizo**



**Merizo Bay**



**Inarajan Pools**  
Coral Outcroppings form natural  
pools for bathing or snorkeling



**Inarajan Pools**  
On Guam's Southeast Coast



**Inarajan Pools**



**Inarajan Pools**  
Deep Enough for Diving



**Good swimming and snorkeling**  
because the coral walls protect  
the pools from sea waves



**Inarajan Pools**  
**Coral Outcroppings that**  
**resemble volcanic lava flows**



**Inarajan Pools**

This image shows a clear, shallow underwater scene with sandy and rocky bottoms. Several small, dark fish are visible swimming near the rocks. The title "Inarajan Pools" is overlaid in the top left corner in a bold, yellow font.

[illegible][illegible]

**Talofofo Falls and Yokoi Cave  
5 miles inland from coast road**

**Drive to Yokoi Cave and Talofoto Falls**

**Talofoto Falls**

**Instagram Photo**  
 @mikeandkatie



Shoichi Yokoi sergeant in the Japanese Army during WWII. After the war ended, he hid in the jungles of Guam. Found on January 24, 1972, 28 years after US forces had regained control of Guam in 1944.

**Yokoi knew the war had ended. When found in 1972 he said:**  
**"We Japanese soldiers were told to prefer death to the disgrace of getting captured alive."**



**Talofofo Waterfalls Entrance**  
There's a small cable car to the falls. The falls are not very tall.

**Continuing on to Yokoi Cave**



**Shoichi Yokoi**

**1944-1964: Hid with 2 others on Guam. The 3 separated but visited each other. Survived by hunting at night.**

**1964: Other 2 died in a flood.**

**1972: Found by two farmers checking shrimp traps. Captured.**

**1972: Returned to Japan. Hero's welcome. Became a TV personality.**

**1972: Went back to Guam to get married.**

**Lived near Nagoya.**

**1997: Died of heart attack, age 82.**

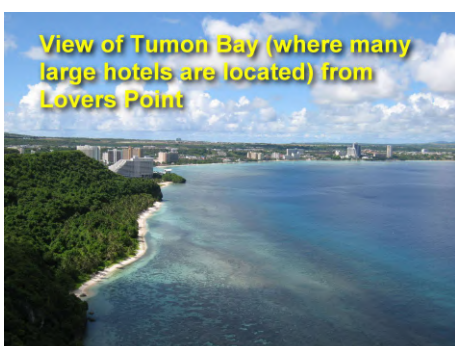
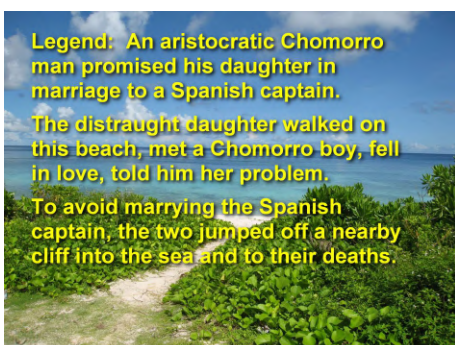
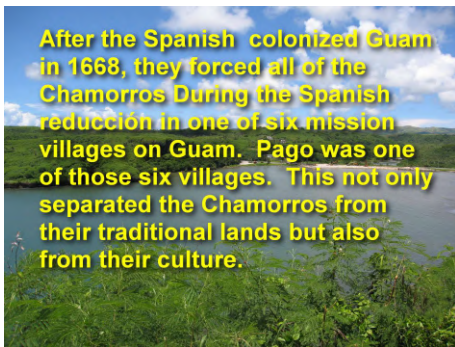


Some years after Yokoi was found, a typhoon destroyed his hand-made cave. What is there now is this replica.

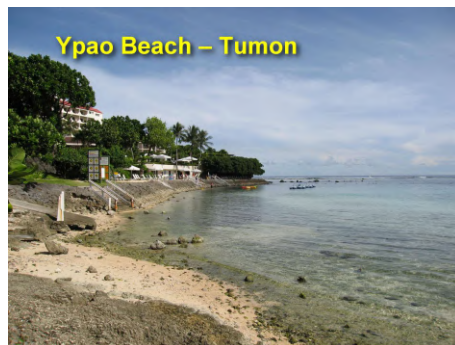
**Pago Bay**  
**Southeast Coast of Guam**

After the Spanish colonized Guam in 1668, they forced all of the Chamorros into one of six mission villages. Pago was one of the six villages. This not only separated the Chamorro from their traditional lands but also from their culture.













Underwater World Aquarium



Underwater World Aquarium



Underwater World Aquarium



### University of Guam

- Land-grant university.
- Accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.
- 34 undergrad degree programs.
- 11 master's degree programs.
- 3,387 students.
- 94% Asian-Pacific Islander.



### University of Guam



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### Guam Memorial Hospital

158 acute-care beds  
40 long-term care beds

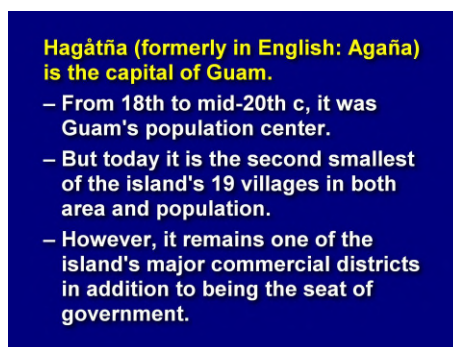


### Women of the Island – Three Generations Hagatna



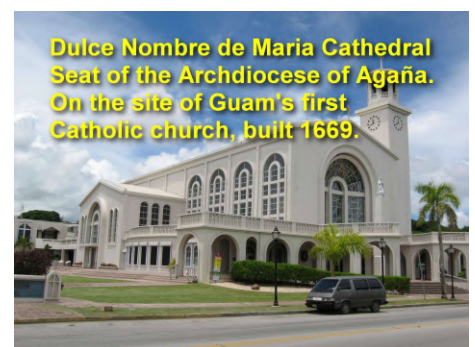
### Central Hagatna

Statue of Liberty  
Paseo de Susana  
Baseball Stadium  
Boat Basin  
Fish Market  
Chief Quiphaa  
US Navy Cemetery  
Guam Museum  
Legislature  
Cathedral  
Plaza de Espana  
Governor's Palace



### Hagåtña (formerly in English: Agaña) is the capital of Guam.

- From 18th to mid-20th c, it was Guam's population center.
- But today it is the second smallest of the island's 19 villages in both area and population.
- However, it remains one of the island's major commercial districts in addition to being the seat of government.



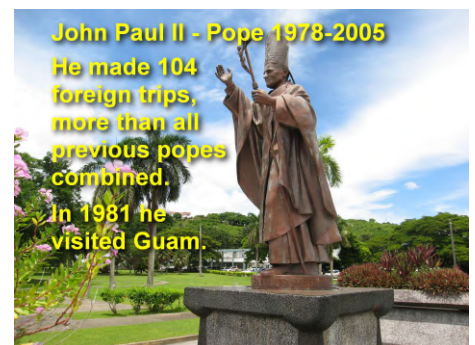
### Dulce Nombre de Maria Cathedral Seat of the Archdiocese of Agaña. On the site of Guam's first Catholic church, built 1669.



### The original cathedral was destroyed in WWII. This one was built in 1959.

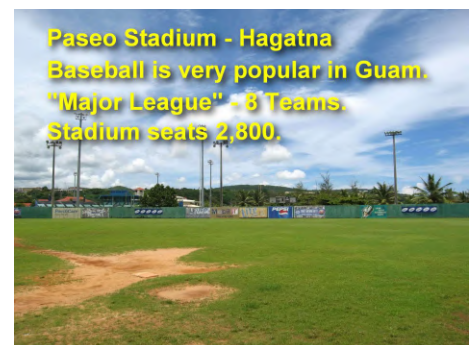
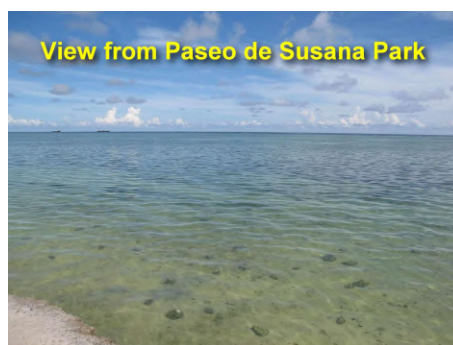
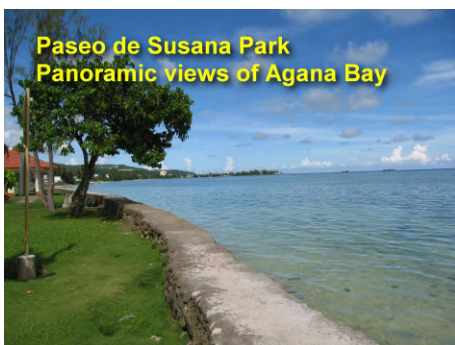
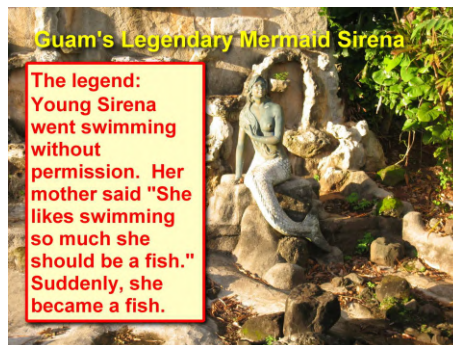
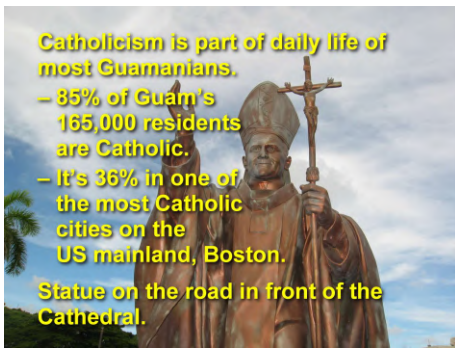


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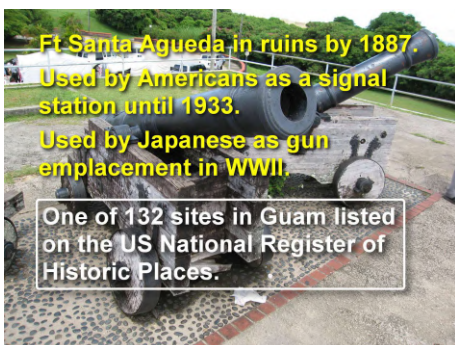
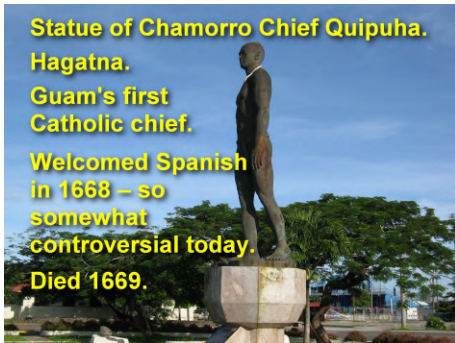
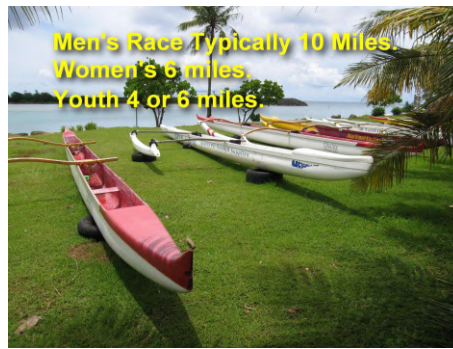


### John Paul II - Pope 1978-2005 He made 104 foreign trips, more than all previous popes combined. In 1981 he visited Guam.



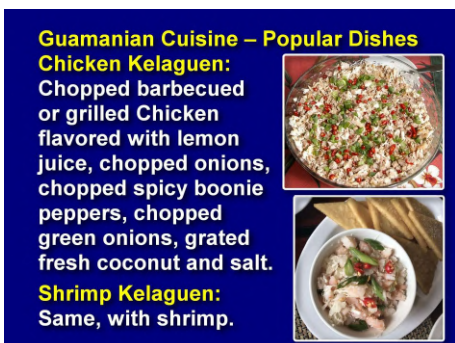






There are hundreds of restaurants. Trip Advisor lists over 300. Many hotel, chain, and local restaurants. Upscale places that cater to tourists. If you want to know exactly what to expect, there are these chains:

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|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Ruby Tuesday         | Hard Rock Café                                                          |
| Tony Roma's          | Olive Garden                                                            |
| Churrasco Brazilian  | TGI Fridays                                                             |
| Steakhouse           | Applebees                                                               |
| California Pizza     | Denny's                                                                 |
| Lone Star Steakhouse | And, of course, burger places like McDonalds, Wendy's, Jack-in-the-Box. |
| IHop                 |                                                                         |
| Outback              |                                                                         |



This is my last scheduled presentation for this season. **Probably do more later in 2020.** **72 Library Presentations So Far:**

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| 2017             | 16 presentations |
| 2018             | 26 presentations |
| 2019             | 21 presentations |
| 2020 through Feb | 9 presentations  |

**Thank you for attending!**



