

Orientation for ATTREX Guam 2014 Deployment

Welcome to the ATTREX Winter 2014 activity at Andersen Air Force Base (AAFB) in Guam! This orientation package is to help you become familiar with the area and to answer some of the questions you may have when you arrive. If you have questions regarding the contents of this package, please don't hesitate to contact a member of the ESPO team.

Pre-departure

The Center for Disease Control *recommends* that travelers going to Guam have current hepatitis A and typhoid fever vaccinations.

http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/extended_student/guam

Make sure you bring your PIV badge or CAC card if you have one. It will get you through the front gate at AAFB. Those that don't have these will need to get a badge that will be issued by AAFB. Details below. It would not be a bad idea to bring a passport, though unless you travel through another country to get to Guam it is not required. If the front gate at AAFB gets to be a problem for some there is nothing like having a passport as another form of identification.

Directions from the airport to Guam Marriott Resort and Spa

Getting from the airport to the Guam Marriott Resort and Spa is easy. There is a map on page 6. If you get your rental car at the airport turn left (onto Guam Route 10, Chalan Pasahero) when you leave the airport toward Guam Route 1 (Marine Corp Blvd., about 1 mile from the airport). Go past the Home Depot and continue to Guam Route 1. The Thrifty and Payless car rental companies are on Route 10 (past Home Depot) so if you get a car at one of those you'll already be on Route 10. Turn right leaving the rental company and proceed to Guam Route 1 (Marine Corp Blvd.). Routes 10 and 1 meet in a "T" intersection; Route 10 is the vertical leg. Turn right on Route 1 (Marine Corp Blvd.) and proceed for approximately .6 miles. At the next intersection JFK High School will be on your left and Kmart will be on your right. Turn left onto Guam Route 14A (Tumon Bay Road). Continue .2 miles down the hill and turn left onto Pale San Vitores Road. The first right is into the entrance to the Guam Marriott Resort and Spa. Proceed to the top of the ramp and turn right to go down a ramp into the parking garage. Take the elevator to the lobby. There is a different set of elevators to get around within the hotel itself.

Weather

Guam is hot and humid. The temperature will vary between 85°-90°F. The humidity is always high. It rains frequently but not for extended periods. Bring sunscreen and an umbrella.

Telephones

A quick internet search reveals LOTS of horror stories - \$4,000, \$16,000 MONTHLY phone bills ...

If users MUST bring their phones from CONUS, they REALLY NEED to set up international plans

(Which have cheaper, but still rather expensive, rates)

AT&T:

<http://www.wireless.att.com/learn/international/index.jsp>

<http://www.wireless.att.com/learn/international/roaming/faq.jsp>

Verizon:

<http://www.verizonwireless.com/wcms/global.html?intcmp=INT-VZW-VNT-GLOBAL>

CNET has a good guide on world roaming:

http://reviews.cnet.com/2719-3504_7-287-1.html

And a good set of overviews:

AT&T:

http://reviews.cnet.com/4520-3504_7-6253284-3.html?

Verizon:

http://reviews.cnet.com/4520-3504_7-6253284-5.html?

The FCC has some very informative pages:

<https://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/bill-shock>

<https://www.fcc.gov/guides/wireless-world-travel-made-simple>

and, the one that requires carriers to notify customers that ignored the above:

<https://www.fcc.gov/document/clyburn-wireless-carrier-usage-alerts-prevent-bill-shock>

For example, I have an ATT phone, and got the alert that, with my current plan, calls from Guam to CONUS would be charged at \$2.50 a minute, with similarly expensive rates for data. (NOTE this is for a "dumb" phone ...)

An alternative option, for customers with a GSM phone (NOT Verizon), is to "unlock" their phone - that is, remove the restriction that limits the phone to it's original provider, like ATT, and purchase either a "prepay" or "post pay" plan in Guam. I, in fact, took the first approach. and pay 20 CENTS a minute to call CONUS - a (likely smarter) co-worker, who has a "smart" phone, took the latter approach, and pays 10 cents a minute for calls, and \$30 for 5 GB data a month.

Lastly, there are LOTS of REALLY CHEAP throwaway phones for sale; then you can use one of the above-mentioned plans.

We will be getting cell phones from the Air Force to be used only for intra-project communication. We will be handing one of these out to each instrument team, the science team, the meteorology/forecast/planning team, the a/c operations management team, the a/c mechanics and avionics technicians and the ESPO team. These phones will draw from a bucket of shared minutes. **THESE PHONES ARE NOT TO BE USED TO CALL YOUR LOVED AND NOT SO LOVED ONES BACK HOME!! THEY ARE TO BE USED ONLY FOR PROJECT COMMUNICATION. These phones will connect with the AAFB emergency operator when 911 is entered. CONUS phones will not; they will connect with the 911 operators in the phone's area code location.**

Driving in Guam

Driving can be a little frustrating. The highest speed limit is 35 mph. Some people drive faster, some drive much slower. Red lights appear to be a suggestion to stop so be careful. During power outages they don't treat intersections with traffic lights as 4-way stops. Each direction flows for a while and then when someone advances far enough into the intersection to get the opposite direction traffic to slow down then the flow direction changes for a while. Driver's can turn right on red lights; apparently without even needing to stop.

Watch out for school buses that are stopping to let kids off. They extend a stop sign from the front on the driver's side and everyone, in both directions, stops.

Guam Marriott Resort and Spa

The hotel has two restaurants. One is a café that has a breakfast buffet and a menu from which orders can be made. The buffet is available from 06:00 to 10:00. Breakfast is served from 06:00 to 11:00. Sunday brunch buffet is served from 11:00 to 14:00. The café also has a lunch buffet from 11:00 to 14:00. There is also a pool bar that serves light lunch and sandwiches. The other restaurant is the Manhattan Steak House and is open from 17:00 to 22:00. It is touted as the best steakhouse on Guam.

The hotel has an exercise room that is open from 05:30 until 22:00.

The pool is open from 06:00 to 22:00. Towels are available at the pool. There is also a beach in front of the hotel. You can get facemasks and snorkels at the pool. The snorkeling in front of the hotel is really pretty good. Tumon Bay is a sea life preserve where you can see many types of coral and fish. If you're planning on swimming in the ocean you should either bring reef shoes (water shoes) or you can buy them at the Kmart. I've also been told that the hotel will start renting kayaks in the near future.

The hotel has two laundry rooms; each with three washers and three dryers. Each is \$2.00

Directions from the Marriott to Andersen Air Force Base (and more!)

Depart the Marriott and turn right on Pale San Vitore Road (no choice). Make a "U" turn at your first opportunity. Turn right on Route 14A (Tumon Bay Road). Proceed to Route 1 (Marine Corp Blvd.) and turn left. Drive for approximately 25 minutes. AAFB will be on your right. Those that do not have either CAC cards or PIV badges will need to go into the office outside the main gate the first time they go to AAFB. If you need to get a badge please contact someone from the ESPO team prior to going to AAFB. These badges can only be obtained Monday-Friday, 07:30-16:00. The process will take approximately 10 minutes. We have been asked that no more than 10 people at a time show up to be issued badges. After checking in at the desk and providing identification and some more information (height, weight, etc.) an ATTREX badge will be issued to you. This will get you through the front gate. Do not lose it. These badges will also indicate whether the person requires an escort on the base. **If a person requires an escort the person must stay with that, or another qualified escort, AT ALL TIMES!! NASA Civil Servants with security**

clearances are the only people that can function as escorts. Brigadier General Garland, the AAFB commander, told me that if he found out that any of those requiring escorts were found without one he would shut down our project and kick us off of the base. I can't stress the importance of this enough.

After going through the front gate go straight through the round about and continue on Arc Light Blvd. There is a map on page 7. Go past the B-52 on display on the right and the Passenger Terminal on the left. Turn left in front of the Air Traffic Control Tower on Vandenberg Avenue. Go past the Guard Shack to the stop sign. You are now on the airfield portion of the base. You are allowed to be there because your name is on an Entry Authority List that has been submitted and approved. At some point you will also need to get a pass to allow you to drive your car on the airfield. We haven't yet figured out the best process to get one for every car. We will either have every one driving a car get one the first time they go to Andersen or we'll do it a couple at a time after their arrival. If the Guard Shack is staffed you will not be able to drive onto the airfield without one so you will have to get one on your first trip to AAFB. The good news is that the Guard Shack is very rarely staffed. Turn right at the stop sign and the "No POV beyond this point" sign. **The speed limit on the airfield is 15 mph.** There is a faint yellow line to follow. Stay alert; there is a lot of activity in this area. Continue to hangar 4 (past hangars 2 & 3). You will see the KwikSPACE office/lab trailers behind hangar 4. Find a parking place either just beyond the office/lab trailers or just around the hangar to the left. **DO NOT DRIVE PAST THE PARKING PLACES ON THE NORTHEAST SIDE OF HANGAR 4!**

Authorization from AAFB is required to take photographs on base. Contact Dave Jordan if you have a need for photographs to be taken.

Hats are not allowed on the airfield due to the potential of them coming off of your head and getting sucked into an aircraft engine.

Medical Facilities

Guam Memorial Hospital Facility:
Guam Memorial Hospital Authority
850 Gov. Carlos G. Camacho Road
Oka, Tamuning, Guam 96913-3128
Tel: (671) 647-2555 thru 9

I was told that we could use the AAFB in emergency situations (marked on base map).

36th Medical Group
Building 26012 on Carolines Ave.
Andersen AFB, Guam 96542

Restaurants

There are a lot of restaurants in Guam. I've only eaten at 1 that I didn't like. There are Japanese, Thai, Vietnamese, Brazilian, American (yes Mr. Fratello, Pizza Hut,

Taco Bell, Denny's, Jack in the Box, Macdonald's, even a brand spankin' new Panda Palace in the food court at the Micronesia Mall, etc.), Italian, Chinese, and Chamorro (native Guam) and others. Some restaurants add a "Value Added Tax" to their bills or include a gratuity. I've been told that you can refuse to pay this but I haven't tried that yet.

Recreational Activities

Guam has a lot of recreational activities available: Scuba diving, snorkeling, jet skiing, hiking, parasailing, deep-sea fishing, etc.

Miscellaneous

A good Guam map is available at Kmart for about \$7.00. It is in the racks at the check-out registers. It shows cities, roads, snorkel and scuba diving spots, tropical fishes of Guam, trails, sites to visit, historical sites, etc.



