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RUSSIAN FAM TOUR VISITS SAIPAN, TINIAN & ROTA

Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) – The Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) and Asiana Airlines recently hosted a FAM tour of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota for 20 tour agents and media reps from Russia.

The 5-day tour from Sept. 22-29, 2014, allowed participants from the Far East Russia cities of Vladivostok, Khabarovsk, and Sakhalin to become better acquainted with visitor attractions and amenities in this beach resort destination renowned for its natural beauty.

“Our challenge in Fiscal Year 2015 is that direct charter flights from Russia have been suspended indefinitely because of Russia-side airline woes,” said MVA Marketing Manager Bruce Bateman. “However, there is still strong demand for our destination in Far East Russia, and we are still receiving Russian visitors through connecting flights in Seoul. This FAM tour will enable these Russian agents to develop three-island tour packages with support from Asiana Airlines.”

While in Saipan, the tour group took an island tour and an ATV tour and a special tour of the Grotto with Marianas Trekking. They also conducted several hotel inspections and took in a sunset dinner cruise, the SandCastle Saipan dinner show, and a lunch and tour of Managaha. The group also took detailed island tours and hotel tours on Tinian and Rota.



Russia tour agents and media reps visit Bird Island Lookout in Saipan during their FAM tour of the Northern Mariana Islands on Sept. 22-29, 2014.



Russia tour agents and media reps visited “The Friendly Island” of Rota during their FAM tour of the Northern Mariana Islands on Sept. 22-29, 2014.



Russia tour agents and media reps visit I'Chenchon Bird Sanctuary on Rota during their FAM tour of the Northern Mariana Islands on Sept. 22-29, 2014.



Russia tour agents and media reps fly to Tinian during their FAM tour of the Northern Mariana Islands on Sept. 22-29, 2014.

The Northern Mariana Islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota are a chain of idyllic islands in the West Pacific, offering a friendly, fun and exciting vacation in paradise. They are an excellent destination for families, adventure and sports-minded travelers, as well as business people looking for a tropical haven. Adventurous travelers from Asia, Australia, Europe and elsewhere looking for new travel discoveries will find them in the Mariana Islands, just three hours travel from most cities in Japan, and four from Asia and Australia. The Northern Marianas are served from Tokyo and Osaka in Japan by Delta and Asiana Airlines. From Korea, Asiana provides direct flights from Seoul and Busan. From China, direct flight service from Shanghai, Beijing, Guangzhou, Tianjin, Hangzhou and Wuhan to Saipan is available. United Airlines has daily flight connections from nine cities in Japan to Saipan with one stop. United States mainland connections can be made by Delta Air Lines to Saipan via Tokyo Narita, and United Airlines via Guam. For more information, visit www.mymarianas.com.

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