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## **15<sup>TH</sup> TINIAN TURQUOISE BLUE TRIATHLON ON FEB. 14, 2015**

**Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI)** – It's the perfect Valentine's Day weekend getaway, a romantic vacation in Tinian for the 15th Annual Tinian Turquoise Blue Triathlon and Reef Swim and the 11<sup>th</sup> Tinian Hot Pepper Festival.

The triathlon on Feb. 14, 2015, will feature a 1.5 km swim, 40 km bike, and 10 km run, while the reef swim will offer three courses: 1.5 km, 3.0 km, and 4.5 km. There is no time limit for the race, offering all competitors the opportunity to enjoy the satisfaction of completing the event. The festival will be held on Feb. 14-15.

"Feb. 14-15 is a 3-day weekend with Valentine's Day on Saturday and President's Day on Monday," pointed out Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) Community Projects Manager Martin Duenas. "That's great timing for a memorable weekend of recreation and relaxation in Tinian."

The Tinian Turquoise Blue Triathlon and Reef Swim is co-sponsored by the MVA, KFC Triathlon Club of Japan, Tinian Mayor's Office, and the Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino.

Registration costs are: \$80 for solo triathletes, \$60/member for triathlon teams of two or three members, and \$60 for reef swim only (all distances). Registration fee includes the awards party on event day, a commemorative t-shirt, and swim cap. Registration will be held at the Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino poolside on Feb. 13 from 6-7 p.m., with the mandatory pre-race briefing from 6:30-7 p.m. at the same venue. Cash payment only. Registration forms and course

maps are downloadable under the event date at the Calendar of Events at [www.mymarianas.com](http://www.mymarianas.com).

The awards banquet will be held on January 14, 2014, at 6 p.m. at Kammer Beach.

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The 15th Annual Tinian Turquoise Blue Triathlon & Reef Swim will be held on February 14, 2015, in the Northern Mariana Islands. Photo credit: Hideo Miyazawa

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. United Airlines has daily flight connections from nine cities in Japan to Saipan via Guam. United States mainland connections can be made by United Airlines to Saipan via Guam, and Delta Airlines from the west coast to Saipan via Narita. For more information visit [www.mymarianas.com](http://www.mymarianas.com).

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