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**SAIPAN-TINIAN FERRY TO RUN FEB. 13-15, 2015**

**Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI)** – In support of the Tinian Turquoise Blue and the 11<sup>th</sup> Tinian Hot Pepper Festival this month, the Marianas Visitors Authority has chartered a ferry to run between Saipan and Tinian on Feb. 13-15, 2015.

For \$35/round trip, space is still available on the Super Emerald departing Tinian on Feb. 13 at 8:30 p.m., departing Saipan on Feb. 14 at 10 a.m., departing Tinian on Feb. 14 at 6:30 p.m., and departing Saipan on Feb. 15 at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Additional departure times have already been fully booked. For more information regarding reservations, contact Ryan Calvo at 1.670.664.3200 or email at [rcalvo@mymarianas.com](mailto:rcalvo@mymarianas.com).

“The MVA will again charter a ferry this month for those in Saipan who want to join the festivities and triathlon in Tinian, or those traveling from Tinian to Saipan for other activities,” said MVA Community Projects Manager Martin Duenas. “It’s a great deal, especially for Tinian residents who might want to do some shopping in Saipan.”

Payment may be made at the MVA office on Beach Rd. in San Jose or in Tinian.

The Tinian Hot Pepper Festival will be held at Kammer Beach within walking distance of the seaport and downtown San Jose. Available hotels on island include Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino, Fleming Hotel, Lion House, Lorilyn’s and Street Motel. Some hotels offer airport

shuttle, as well. Air service is provided by Freedom Air and Star Marianas.

The event is also co-sponsored by Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino. Activities will again include cooking competitions, indigenous craft sales, and live entertainment including cultural dances, and Hapi the clown. Sample a variety of local dishes, catch the *umang* (hermit crab) races, join numerous sports activities (including beach volleyball and dragon boat races), or join the *donni sali* eating competition, itself. Festival times will be from 2-11 p.m. on Feb. 14 and from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Feb. 15.

The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Tinian Turquoise Blue Triathlon will be held on Feb. 14 at 7:30 a.m., offering a 1.5K swim, 40K swim, and 10K run. The reef swim consists of three courses: 1.5K, 3K, and 4.5K. Applications are available under the Events Calendar at [www.mymarianas.com](http://www.mymarianas.com).

Tinian is also accessible within minutes of Saipan via airplane or via connecting flights from Rota and Guam. For more information, contact the MVA Tinian office at 1.670.433.9365 or e-mail at [vborja@mymarianas.com](mailto:vborja@mymarianas.com).



The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Tinian Hot Pepper Festival will be held on Feb. 14-15, 2015, in Tinian, Northern Mariana Islands.

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, Nagoya, and Osaka in Japan by Delta and Asiana Airlines. From Korea, Asiana Airlines provides direct flights from Seoul and Busan. Fly Guam/Fly Marianas provides direct flights from Hong Kong and Nagoya, Japan. For more information visit [www.mymarianas.com](http://www.mymarianas.com).

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