LOCATION GUIDE

Guam

Command sponsorship, pet quarantine, cars, typhoons, housing and base notes for Andersen AFB, Naval Base Guam and Camp Blaz.

BOARDING PASS

FROM	TO	START
Your current duty station	Guam	6+ months out

INSTALLATIONS	ALLOWANCES
Andersen AFB · Naval Base Guam · Camp Blaz · Naval Hospital	OHA + COLA

SERIES OCONUS PCS

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WELCOME

Guam at a glance

Guam is a U.S. territory in the western Pacific — American dollars and mail, but overseas allowances, typhoons and a rabies-free pet process.

INSTALLATION	AREA	MAIN SERVICES	NOTES
Andersen AFB	Yigo, north	Air Force	36th Wing; family housing; pet lodge
Naval Base Guam	Apra Harbor / Santa Rita, south	Navy	Navy housing and McCool school
U.S. Naval Hospital Guam	Agana Heights, central	Navy medicine	Guam High School next door
MCB Camp Blaz	Dededo	Marines	Opened 2023; no family housing on base
Joint Region Marianas	Island-wide	Joint	Oversees both installations

Five things that work differently here

1

Command sponsorship

Families need it to come on orders and to get housing.

2

OHA + COLA

Guam is OCONUS for allowances — no BAH, even though it's U.S. soil.

3

Rabies-free rules

Pets need a permit, blood test and possible quarantine.

4

Typhoon readiness

Guam stays in COR 4 all year; know the levels.

5

Island life

Everything ships in, so costs run high and deliveries take time.

A growing island

The Marine move from Okinawa is adding thousands of people. Expect tight rentals and lots of construction.

COUNTDOWN

Command sponsorship and timeline

Every family member needs overseas screening. U.S. citizens don't need a passport on a direct flight, but one helps if you connect through Asia.

As soon as you have orders 6+ MONTHS OUT

- [ ] Request command sponsorship for your family
- [ ] Apply for passports — helpful for connections and Asia travel
- [ ] Request a sponsor from your gaining command
- [ ] Start overseas or EFMP screening for every family member
- [ ] Start the pet microchip, rabies shots and FAVN test now
- [ ] Submit your housing application (DD 1746) early

Book the move 90–120 DAYS OUT

- [ ] Book flights; pets usually fly United via Honolulu
- [ ] Split household goods: express, main and storage
- [ ] Gather school, medical and IEP/504 records
- [ ] Apply for the Guam pet import permit ($65 per pet)
- [ ] Decide whether to ship your car — salt air is hard on vehicles

Final prep 30 DAYS OUT

- [ ] Carry orders, IDs and pet papers together
- [ ] Line up car insurance before pickup
- [ ] Bring a 90-day supply of prescriptions
- [ ] Pack a few typhoon basics in your express shipment

Rentals are tight

The military population is growing fast. Apply for base housing early and keep your sponsor in the loop on off-base options.

FOUR-LEGGED FAMILY

Bringing pets to Guam

Guam has been rabies-free since 1972. Its rules are strict, and the steps take months — start the week you get orders.

Four steps, in this order

1

Microchip

U.S.-made and readable with an AVID scanner.

FIRST

2

Two rabies shots

At least 30 days apart; none after the blood draw.

MONTHS OUT

3

FAVN blood test

Through an approved lab, with results sent to Guam.

SETS QUARANTINE

4

Import permit

$65 per pet from the Guam Department of Agriculture.

BEFORE FLYING

A health certificate within 10 days of arrival and heartworm and parasite tests are also required. Source: Andersen AFB pet fact sheet; Navy CSP Guam pet page.

Military-specific rules

- A high FAVN result can qualify for a short program at the Andersen Pet Lodge
- Up to $500 of quarantine costs can be reimbursed per PCS
- Typhoon shelters don't take pets — plan ahead
- Pets that don't qualify can face a much longer quarantine — confirm with Agriculture
- Arriving without a permit can mean a fine of up to $1,000
- Outbound pets and cargo get brown tree snake inspections

Confirm the current rules

Quarantine programs have changed over time. Check the latest requirements at cqa.guam.gov/pet-import-requirements-3 before you book anything.

ON THE ROAD

Cars and driving

Distances are short, but salt air, heat and rough roads are hard on cars. Many families buy a used island car.

Getting your license

1

Get a Guam license

Within 30 days; only a vision test if your U.S. license is valid.

2

Register the car

At the Vehicle Registration Branch in Tamuning.

3

Register on base

Within 72 hours at the Naval Base Guam visitor center.

Buying and owning a car

TOPIC	WHAT TO KNOW
Insurance	Buy it before pickup; a typhoon rider is recommended
Temporary registration	A 5-day temporary registration covers pickup
Home-state plates	Can be exempt under SCRA, but you still need the Guam sticker
Safety inspection	Every year; state certificates aren't accepted
Rust	Salt air causes heavy rust — rustproof or leave older cars behind

Rules of the road

- Watch for slick roads after rain
- Expect island traffic around Tumon and Route 1
- Only emergency vehicles drive in COR 1
- Keep the tank full during typhoon season

WHERE TO LIVE

Housing, OHA and allowances

Guam is OCONUS for allowances, so OHA and COLA replace BAH. The Navy and Andersen both have family housing; demand is high as the island grows.

1
OHA
Covers rent off base up to a limit, plus a utility amount.

2
COLA
Paid to command-sponsored members; Guam's costs run high.

3
MIHA and TLA
MIHA helps with setup; TLA covers lodging while you wait.

Double-check your rates — OHA and COLA change often.
OHA: travel.dod.mil/Allowances/Overseas-Housing-Allowance/OHA-Rate-Lookup/
Overseas COLA: travel.dod.mil/allowances/overseas-cost-of-living-allowance/overseas-cola-rate-lookup/

Base housing NAVY AND ANDERSEN

- Navy: about 880 family homes in five locations; most families move in within 60 days
- Family housing requires command sponsorship
- Andersen: more than 600 homes; housing office in Building 1723
- No family housing at Camp Blaz — Marine families live at Andersen or off base

Living off base IF APPROVED

- Popular areas include Tumon, Dededo, Yigo, Mangilao and Agana Heights
- Ask about typhoon shutters and backup power
- Rentals are tight as the military population grows
- Have the housing office review any lease

More homes are coming
The Navy plans to add thousands of housing units by the early 2030s. Expect construction near the bases.

KIDS

Schools and child care

DoDEA runs schools on Guam for command-sponsored families, from PreK through high school.

AREA	SCHOOLS
Andersen AFB	Andersen Elementary (PreK–5) and Andersen Middle (6–8)
Naval Base Guam	McCool Elementary/Middle (PreK–8)
Agana Heights	Guam High School (9–12)
Other options	Guam public schools or private schools

DoDEA Guam District

District office: 671-344-9578.

Military Interstate Compact

DoDEA follows it for records, placement and graduation rules.

School Liaison

Navy School Liaison: 671-333-1847.

Child care

- Request Child Development Center care on MilitaryChildCare.com as soon as you have orders
- Youth centers and teen programs run on both bases
- Family Child Care homes on base fill gaps
- Off-base child care options are limited

HEALTH CARE

Medical and dental

Guam is in the TRICARE Overseas Program. U.S. Naval Hospital Guam is the main military hospital; Andersen has a clinic.

1

U.S. Naval Hospital Guam

Agana Heights; appointments 671-344-9222, weekdays 7:30 AM to 4 PM.

2

36th Medical Group

The clinic at Andersen AFB.

Before you go

- Complete overseas screening for every family member
- Get copies of medical, dental and shot records
- Ask how EFMP needs are supported before you accept orders
- Bring a 90-day supply of prescriptions in original bottles
- Some specialty care means travel off island
- Keep a typhoon supply of medications

Good to know

TOPIC	DETAIL
Emergencies	Dial 911
After hours	Nurse Advice Line: 1-800-874-2273
Dental	Active duty uses base clinics; families use the TRICARE Dental Program overseas
Mail-order meds	Plan extra time — shipping to Guam is slow

DAILY LIFE

Money, phones and island life

Guam uses U.S. dollars and ZIP codes, but island life has its own pace and prices.

U.S. dollars

No currency exchange needed; prices are high because goods ship in.

Mail

USPS with ZIP codes — packages take longer than on the mainland.

Phones

Area code 671; check your U.S. carrier for roaming.

Everyday details

TOPIC	WHAT TO KNOW
Culture	Chamorro culture; "Håfa Adai" is the greeting
Fiestas	Village fiestas are open to all — go and bring an appetite
Travel	Japan, Korea and the Philippines are short flights away
Island fever	Common — plan trips and get involved in the community
Time zone	14–15 hours ahead of the U.S. East Coast

Explore the island

Snorkeling, hiking and beaches are everywhere. Learn ocean safety and check reef and rip current warnings first.

LIVING IN GUAM

Culture, typhoons and the go-bag

Local customs

- Greet people with "Håfa Adai"
- Respect village fiestas and family gatherings
- Ask before entering private land or beaches
- Island time is real — be patient
- Support local businesses and markets

Safety

- Typhoon COR 4: destructive winds possible within 72 hours (all year)
- COR 3 and 2: winds within 48 and 24 hours — finish prep
- COR 1: winds within 12 hours — only emergency vehicles on roads
- Earthquakes are common near the Marianas Trench
- Swim only where it's safe; rip currents are strong

NEO go-bag KEEP IT PACKED

- [ ] IDs, orders and important papers in a waterproof bag
- [ ] Medications for at least two weeks
- [ ] Flashlights, batteries and a radio
- [ ] Pet plan, carrier and food (shelters don't take pets)
- [ ] Two weeks of water and food
- [ ] Cash — ATMs and cards may not work after a storm
- [ ] Phone chargers and a battery pack
- [ ] Tools and supplies to secure your home

Typhoon prep is part of life here

The Fleet & Family Support Center runs a disaster preparedness course: 671-333-2056. Take it in your first month.

BASE NOTES

Andersen, Naval Base Guam and Camp Blaz

Andersen Air Force Base YIGO · NORTH

- Home of the 36th Wing
- Andersen Pet Lodge: 671-366-5020
- Andersen Housing: 671-366-2127
- Andersen Elementary and Middle schools on base

SPONSOR | HOUSING OFFICE | LODGING | CLINIC

Naval Base Guam APRA HARBOR · SANTA RITA

- Government Housing: 671-333-2081/2082
- McCool Elementary/Middle on base
- Navy Gateway Inns & Suites: 671-339-5259
- Boller vet clinic: 671-333-3225

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MCB Camp Blaz DEDEDO

- Marine Corps base activated in 2023; more Marines arrive from Okinawa over the next several years
- Families live at Andersen or off base
- Barracks for single Marines; no family housing on base

KEEP THIS HANDY

Contacts and links

Base numbers change often and use DSN or local formats. Write in your own from your sponsor and welcome packet.

OFFICE	DSN	FROM A CELL
Sponsor		
Housing office		
Lodging		
Family readiness center		
Clinic or hospital		
Vet clinic		

NUMBER	USE
911	Police, fire and ambulance
671-344-9222	Naval Hospital appointments
671-300-7964	Guam Department of Agriculture (pets)
671-635-7651	Driver's License Branch

Links

Navy Go Guam (CSP) · Andersen pet fact sheet · Naval Hospital Guam · Pet Import Requirements (CQA) · OHA Rate Lookup · Overseas COLA Rate Lookup · Plan My Move

Sources: Andersen AFB pet fact sheet; Navy CSP Go Guam pages; Military OneSource Guam installation pages; U.S. Naval Hospital Guam; Stars and Stripes and Navy Times (2025–26).

READY FOR THE FULL PLAYBOOK?

Go step by step with the kits.

Worksheets, trackers and a complete binder setup for every stage of your move.

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WORKSHEET

Pet tracker and budget

Pet import tracker

STEP	DATE DONE	PET 1	PET 2
Microchip number			
Rabies vaccine #1			
Rabies vaccine #2			
FAVN blood draw			
Import permit approved			
Health certificate			
Flight booked			
Quarantine plan confirmed			

Monthly budget

ITEM	AMOUNT
OHA + utility allowance + COLA	$
Rent (if off base)	$
Utilities	$
Car insurance, registration and inspection	$
Left over	$