

Wendinger Travel

Presents

***Dreaming of the
Hawaiian Islands***

February 26 - March 6, 2024

\$4,498 Per Person Double Occupancy from Minneapolis



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Day By Day Itinerary

Mon., Feb. 26 – MINNEAPOLIS / HONOLULU

Early this morning we depart Minneapolis by scheduled airline service en route to Honolulu, Hawaii. We'll arrive on the Island of Oahu this afternoon where we'll be greeted by the warm trade winds and a traditional Hawaiian "lei" and "aloha." Then we board our waiting motorcoach for the drive into Honolulu where we'll spend the next four evenings within walking distance of Waikiki Beach and the International Market Place.

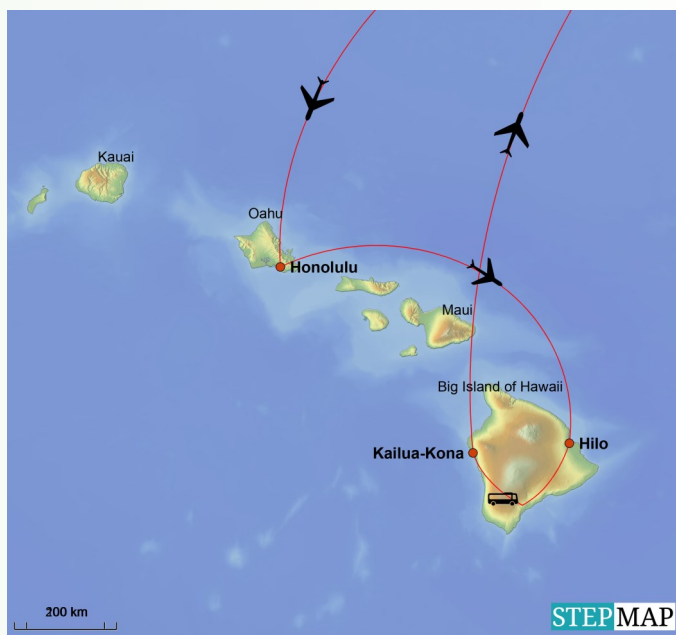
Tues., Feb. 27 – HONOLULU (B) (Pearl Harbor & USS Missouri)

Today we'll relive a "moment in history" with a visit **Pearl Harbor's Arizona Memorial** to fully understand the events that unfolded on December 7, 1941. Then we'll board a navy launch to the **U.S.S. Arizona** and disembark for an up close, unforgettable experience. Afterward, we'll travel across the Ford Island Bridge to tour the celebrated **USS Missouri Battleship** where on September 2, 1945, General MacArthur accepted the Japanese surrender that ended World War II. On our return to Honolulu's towering downtown district, we'll travel through Punchbowl Crater to experience the serenity of the **Punchbowl National Cemetery**, see **Iolani Palace**, the only royal palace on American soil, and view the impressive **King Kamehameha Statue**.
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Wed., Feb. 28 – HONOLULU (B,L) (Circle Island Tour)

This morning we embark on a Circle Island Tour of Oahu. We'll begin our day by traveling to the south side of Diamond Head for a brief stop at the **Amelia Earhart Lookout**, celebrating the first solo flight from Hawaii to the US mainland in 1934. Then we're headed down **Kahala Avenue**, known as "Hawaii's Beverly Hills," on our way to the **Nu'uauu Pali Lookout**, the location of the 1795 battle in which King Kamehameha I victoriously united Oahu under his rule. Next, we travel to the **Valley of the Temples** on the slopes of the Ko'olau Mountain Range, to see the **Byodo-In Temple**, commemorating the first Japanese immigrants in Hawaii. Afterward, we'll take in **Chinaman's Hat** on our way to **Waimea Valley**, an area steeped in historic, cultural and spiritual significance where we'll enjoy a tram ride to the lovely 45-foot **Waimea Falls**.

This afternoon we travel to the world-famous **North Shore**, home to the most celebrated surfing zones in the world, and visit historic **Haleiwa Town**, with its preserved old plantation character and surf town image. In colorful contrast to the brilliant blue waters, we'll also see the emerald green of sugar cane and pineapple fields waving gently in the breeze as we make our way to the **Dole Plantation**, "Hawaii's Complete Pineapple Experience." Here you can learn about, see, and taste the fruit that is part of the island's heritage and enjoyed throughout the world.



Thurs., Feb. 29 – HONOLULU (B)

Called "The Gathering Place," Oahu is alive with activity. The day is free to explore the capital city of Honolulu on our own. Enjoy the day basking in the sun on renowned Waikiki Beach and make time for a visit to the Honolulu Zoo or Aquarium. For the shoppers among us, try the International Market Place for incredible bargains. And don't forget about the evening hours, Honolulu is known for its fine dining with a wide variety of Polynesian revues and live music.

Fri. Mar. 1 – HONOLULU / HILO (B)

Today we say "a hui hou" to Honolulu as we prepare for the short inter-island flight to Hilo on the "Big Island" of Hawaii. On arrival we'll board our waiting motor coach for the drive into Hilo, a city not so much for tourists as for visitors, as nature itself has checked the city's progress with an average of 278 days of rain a year and two destructive tsunamis. The city has since retreated from the sea, turning the waterfront area into enormous green parks. This afternoon be sure to stroll Hilo's waterfront parks and the downtown district where a number of the brightly colored restored buildings clustered next to the Wailuku River are listed with the National Register of Historic Places.

Sat., Mar. 2 – HILO (B)

This morning we will enjoy an introduction to Hilo. We'll begin with a visit to the **Hilo Farmers Market**. The festive market is known as one of the best open markets in Hawaii. Next, we'll visit the **Pacific Tsunami Museum** where interactive exhibits and on-site docents are available to explain the tsunami phenomenon and how it affects the Hawaiian Islands. We'll also stop to view **Rainbow Falls** where on sunny days; rainbows appear in the mist of the 80-foot falls, and we'll travel outside of the city to visit **Mauna Loa Macadamia Visitor Center**.

We'll have an opportunity to sample the different varieties and shop for an array of island treats and gifts. Following our tour, the afternoon is at leisure. Located right outside our front door, enjoy a stroll through the Liliuokalani Gardens, the largest ornamental Japanese garden outside of Japan. The authentic, 24.67-acre garden was dedicated in 1917 as a tribute to Hawaii's first Japanese immigrants who worked in the island of Hawaii's sugar cane fields and offers a spectacular view of Hilo Bay.

Sun., Mar. 3 – HILO / KONA (B)

Today we depart Hilo and travel to **Hawaii Volcanoes National Park**. Established in 1916, the park embraces one of the world's most active volcanic areas. We'll begin our exploration at the **Volcano House**, from where we can view the Halema'uma'u Crater. Next, we'll visit the **Kilauea Visitor Center** to watch a short video and receive an update on the latest eruptions. Leaving the visitor center, our first stop will be at the **Kilauea Ika Overlook**, and then we'll travel along the scenic **Crater Rim Drive** before stopping at the **Kealakomo Overlook** with sweeping coastal views, and an expansive view of lava fields. We'll also have an opportunity to stroll **Devastation Trail** to see evidence of the 1959 Kilauea eruption, and the **Thurston Lava Tube**, for an up-close view of an extinct lava tube. Afterward, we'll travel to the **Punalu'u Black Sand Beach**, one of the most famous black sand beaches in Hawaii, and we'll stop at the famous **Punalu'u Bakery** to sample a malasada. A favorite to kama'aina and visitors alike, the sweet bread is baked according to a secret, generations-old recipe. Before our day comes to an end, we'll make one last stop to visit **Greenwell Farms**, one of Kona's premium coffee farms, and then set our sights on the Kona Coast and the historic fishing village of Kailua-Kona.

Mon., Mar. 4 – KONA (B,RD)

The day is free for our own adventures. In Kona we'll find the real Polynesian Hawaii and see firsthand that the old culture still thrives. Once a sleepy fishing village and a retreat for Hawaiian royalty, Kailua Village is now a destination for great shopping and to learn about Hawaii's rich culture. This evening listen for the conch shell that signals the start of a traditional Hawaiian luau as we savor one of the most beautiful sunsets in the Pacific.

Tues., Mar. 5 – KONA / EN ROUTE (B)

Late this morning we depart our hotel for an afternoon **Whale Watching Cruise**. Onboard, we'll have an opportunity to interact with the knowledgeable crew about the humpback whales as our vessel heads into the

open sea. Keep a watchful eye for friendly dolphins surfing the wake and sea turtles swimming nearby. Soon we'll see the graceful humpback whales. Watch in awe as they spout, wave their flukes, and breach. We'll see nature at its finest as these majestic marine mammals navigate their way through the vast Pacific, and travel along the rugged volcanic coastline. Then, as all good things must come to an end, so too does our time in the Hawaiian Islands as we travel to Keahole Airport in preparation for our return journey home.

Wed., Mar. 6 – EN ROUTE / MINNEAPOLIS

Early this morning we arrive in our gateway city and change planes for the final leg of our journey home, no better time to reflect on memories of our *Dreaming of the Hawaiian Islands* vacation that will last a lifetime and new friendships made along the way!



The Vacation Price Includes:

- ◆ Economy-class air transportation from Minneapolis, including inter-island flight between Honolulu and Hilo.
- ◆ Transportation by deluxe private motor coach with accompanying Driver-Guides.
- ◆ First-class hotel accommodations.
- ◆ All meals as shown in the Day by Day Itinerary.
- ◆ Sightseeing as shown in the Day by Day Itinerary including applicable entrance fees.
- ◆ Luggage handling and portage charges for one suitcase per person at the hotels.

The Vacation Price Does Not Include:

Items of a personal nature such as destination entry requirements; airline checked luggage fees; gratuities to the Driver-Guides, and local guides; luggage handling at airports; meals other than those stated above; and Travel Protection.



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TOUR PRICING: The tour price is based on a minimum participation of 20 persons and includes planning, handling and operational charges and is quoted on the current rate of exchange, tariff rates and airfares in effect as of May 1, 2023.

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