Mercer County Council on Aging presents...

# **Hawaii Islands Cruise Tour**

10 Days February 26 to March 7, 2026

(Flight returns to Columbus mid-day on March 8th)



Immerse yourself in the rich culture, incredible landscapes and delicious cuisine of Hawaii on this cruise tour from Honolulu on NCL's Pride of America. Explore an island every day of your vacation - from the lush vegetation of Kauai to the Big Island's dramatic volcanoes and the famous surfing beaches of Oahu. Where each day is spectacular and every night is legendary.

#### **Tour Highlights:**

- Flower Lei Greeting
- Two Nights Accommodations in Waikiki
- Two Hotel Breakfasts
- Eastern Island Shore Tour
- Visit to Dole Pineapple Plantation
- Polynesian Cultural Center Dinner & Luau
- Seven Night Cruise Aboard the Pride of America
  - Honolulu, Maui, Hilo, Kona, Kauai
- Beverage Package Onboard Ship
- \$100 Per Room Onboard Credit
- Pearl Harbor Post Cruise Tour
- Round Trip Airport Transfers
- Round Trip Airfare from Columbus
- · All Transfers in Honolulu
- Shipboard Gratuities & Service Charges
- Port Charges & Taxes
- · All Taxes & Fees on these services
- Luggage Handling (as available)
- · Shore Excursions are optional and are not included

### PER PERSON PRICES

\$5,389 Double \$7,379 Single Interior

\$6,189 Double \$8,879 Single **Balcony** 

Interior Staterooms Will Receive: 1 Meal Specialty Dining Package

Balcony Staterooms Will Also Receive: 2 Meal Specialty Dining Package, \$50 Per Port Shore Excursion Credit & 150 Minutes of Wi-Fi Per Person

> \$700 per person due with reservation Final Payment due by October 14, 2025

Travel Insurance is recommended and can be purchased online at

https://atc.tripassure.com/main/?welcome=USTO7000WV

(Each person is responsible for their own cruise insurance enrollment)



For Reservations or More Information Contact: **Mercer County Council on Aging** 217 Riley Street, Celina, OH 45822 (419) 586-1644

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Day 1 - Depart for Honolulu - Today, you are transferred by motorcoach to the Columbus Airport for your flight to Honolulu. Your first experience of "Aloha" begins on arrival, where you will be met at your arriving gate with a Traditional Flower Lie. Then you will be escorted to your waiting vehicle for transfer to your Waikiki hotel for a two-night stay. The rest of the day is on your own to explore Honolulu.

Day 2 – Honolulu - Polynesian Exploration - This morning, enjoy breakfast at your leisure. Today, you'll travel to the central valley pineapple fields. You'll make a stop at Dole Plantation to visit the pineapple garden and everyone can try the worlds' freshest Hawaiian Pineapple. This afternoon visit the Polynesian Cultural Center and take a walk through the seven different cultures of Polynesia as you visit the village shows during the day. You can also watch an IMAX movie of your choice and then gather together for a Polynesian feast before the most spectacular show in the islands "Ha - The Breath of Life". Return to your hotel for the night.

Day 3 - Beauty of the Islands - Board the Pride of America - This morning enjoy breakfast at leisure. Then sit back and enjoy an Eastern Shores Tour. This breathtakingly beautiful half-day, 60-mile trip tour reveals pristine sites that make people fall in love with Hawaii. Your Eastern Shores Circle Island Tour will start around Diamond Head, Hawaii's most famous landmark and into the Beverly Hills of Hawaii on to the Blowhole where water can spout hundreds of feet in the air and then to the Pali Lookout where wind can blow so strong you can almost fly.

After the tour, your motorcoach will head to the Port of Honolulu where you aboard NCL's Pride of America. As you journey from one exotic island to the next, learn about the Hawaiian culture through the eyes of native ambassadors on board the ship. Island hop Hawaii in style, with more than 15 restaurants and 12 bars and lounges, excellent accommodations – perfect for whale watching, witnessing Kilauea Volcano or taking in the dramatic views of the Napali Coast.

**Day 4 - Kahului, Maui -** This morning ,you arrive on beautiful Maui for a two day stay. Arrival is at 8:00 am and you stay until 6:00 pm tomorrow. Maui is the 2nd Largest of the Hawaiian Islands and locals say "Maui no ka oi" — it's the best, the most, the top of the heap.

It has a surplus of natural splendor with miles of perfect beaches, lush green valleys, volcanic landscapes, plus fascinating history in the whaling town of Lahaina. It's beauty, rich culture and warm hospitality have helped to make it Hawaii's second most popular island. Today is free time to enjoy optional tours, shipboard activities, shopping in Lahaina or sunning on a beach.

Day 5 - Kahului, Maui - This morning, you have an option for a private tour titled, "Haleakala The House of the Sun." Travel past sugar-cane fields, through Hawaiian cowboy country (Paniolo), up beyond the protea farms of Kula, then above the tree line to where cacti and rare Hawaiian silver swords grow and finally to very crest of Haleakala at over 10,000 feet. In Hawaiian folklore, the crater at the summit of Haleakala was home to the grandmother of the demigod Maui, legend has it that she helped him capture the sun and force it to slow its journey across the sky in order to lengthen the day. It is a view to behold.

Day 6 - Hilo, Hawaii - During the night as you danced and dined, your ship sailed to Hawaii, the Big Island. Here, we recommend you include the Volcanoes National Park Tour where you will feel a sense of awe at Mother Nature's unrivaled power. From the molten magma flowing from Hawaii Volcanoes National Park to the snow-capped heights of Mauna Kea; from the green rainforests of the Hamakua Coast to the jet-black sands of Punaluu Beach; The Island of Hawaii serves as a testament to nature's power.

Day 7 - Kona, Hawaii - Today, enjoy free time on the Kona Coast, the west side of Hawaii. You'll have the opportunity to explore Kona Town. You can stroll Ali'l Drive's historical sites, such as Ahu'ena Heiau - which was once King Kamehameha's place of worship, Hulihe'e Palace-used by royalty as a vacation home but now a museum with many ancient Hawaiian artifacts, and Mokuaikaua Church, which is the site of the first Christian church built in Hawaii. You might also want to snorkel amongst a kaleidoscope of tropical marine life. Take a surfing lesson, a kayaking trip or head out to deeper waters for some deep-sea fishing.

Day 8 - Nawiliwili, Kauai - The fourth largest island in the Hawaiian group, Kauai is known as the "Garden Island." The terrain ranges from the volcanic slopes of Mt. Waialeale and the desert-like beauty of Waimea Canyon to the Wailua River's lush Fern Grotto. Another great tour we recommend it climbs the mountain to the 3,400 foot level and you enjoy the overlook into Waimea Canyon, the "Grand Canyon of the Pacific." Along the way you get a visual history of Old Koloa Town (Hawaii's first sugar cane plantation) and Waimea, the little town that grew up where Captain Cook first set foot in Hawaii (1778).

**Day 9 - Nawiliwili, Kauai -** Enjoy today at your leisure in Kauai. The ship departs at 2:00 pm this afternoon you sail past a scenic coastline, it is wonderful to enjoy a Pina Colada on the deck as the mountainous coast of Kauai floats away in the distance.

Day 10 - Honolulu & Pearl Harbor Tour - Depart for Home - Today, you will say good bye to the Pride of America. Upon disembarkation, you will be met by another private coach and begin your Pearl Harbor tour. This of course is focused on the Japanese attack on Dec 7, 1941. The story of what FDR called "The Day of Infamy," is well documented and you will learn about the destruction of the Pacific Fleet and the sinking of the USS Arizona.

This day's tour which is scheduled to fill your time before afternoon and evening flights to the mainland also includes a visit to the USS Arizona Memorial, as well as a tour of the Battleship USS Missouri, the Punchbowl Cemetery and other Honolulu Sites.

At 3:00 pm your motorcoach will bid you Aloha at the airport for your afternoon or evening flight back to the mainland. Upon arriving back into the Columbus Airport, your private motorcoach will take you back to your pick up points. \*\*Flight returns to Columbus midday on March 8th.

\*\*All tickets at the USS Arizona are first come, first serve only and cannot be guaranteed.\*\*