

HAWAII



JANUARY 28 – FEBRUARY 6, 2023

(10 Days, 9 Nights)

Price per person based on two sharing a room - \$5,500

Single Supplement - \$2,000

*Includes a \$100 Donation to NGC

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Come with us as we explore three of Hawaii's islands, Oahu, Hawaii, and Kauai. Our itinerary illuminates Hawaii's unique history and culture as we visit some of the State's best scenic vistas, gardens, and historical sites.

Day-by-Day Itinerary:

January 28, 2023 - Honolulu (4 Nights)

Arrive independently at the Honolulu airport and take a taxi to the hotel. Your Travel Director will be awaiting your arrival to assist with hotel check in. Settle in for a relaxing night at leisure.

Hotel: Hilton Waikiki Hotel in an Ocean View Room

January 29, 2023 - Honolulu

We start the morning after breakfast with a tour of downtown Honolulu. We see the Kawaiahao church, the King Kamehameha statue, and importantly, Iolani Palace, the residence of the Hawaiian monarchy and the only royal palace in the US. Next, we visit the oldest botanical garden in Honolulu, Foster Botanical Garden. This 14-acre garden was planted in the 1850s by Dr. William Hillebrand and displays a mature and impressive collection of tropical plants. Highlights include Conservatory, Outdoor Butterfly Garden, Palm Garden, and Prehistoric Glen Cycad Collection.

After an included lunch, we skip the line as we visit the Pearl Harbor National Memorial commemorating the tragic day of December 7th, 1941. Walk through the Visitor Centre and take a short boat ride to the USS Arizona Memorial, the final resting place of 1,102 sailors and marines. Listen to the moving and award-winning audio guide and recount the events that led the US to join World War II. From here head to the Punchbowl National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. It honors all those who served in the US Armed Forces and lost their lives during WWII, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. The rest of the day is at leisure, and dinner is on your own at one of the many nearby restaurants.

B,L

Overnight Hilton Waikiki Hotel

January 30, 2023 - Honolulu

Today is a day of garden adventures! We start our day with a drive to Waimea Valley which is called the Valley of the Priests because it was reserved for the Hawaiian Kahuna Nui class of priests to worship on and care for. After changing hands and purpose multiple times since the conversion to Christianity of King Kamehameha and his priests in the late 1700s, the Waimea Valley was returned to the community of native Hawaiians in 2003 to return to its former glory as a place of infinite beauty, ecological diversity, and cultural significance. Our experience starts with an introduction to the Ahupua'a of Waimea Valley in an open forum of instruction where questions are welcome. Educators will teach a simple craft that can be made and kept as a memento of your visit to Waimea, and a simple hula will be taught. The group will be invited to take a walk to the waterfall, and an additional hour is left to explore Waimea Valley's botanical gardens which includes 52 themed gardens and is the home to over 5000 documented types of tropical and subtropical plants including native Hawaiian plants and globally endangered species. The exceptional botanical collections display over 1000 genera in over 200 plant families from places such as the Ogasawara Islands, Central and South America, Fiji, Guam, and the Mascarene Islands.

After a delightful local lunch, we continue a scenic drive around the North Shore before we make our last stop at Kualoa Farms. Kualoa Ranch Private Nature Reserve is owned and managed by the eighth-generation descendants of Dr. Gerritt P. Judd, a physician and missionary who fell so in love with the islands of Hawaii and its people that in 1842 he resigned his position as a missionary and became an advisor and translator to King Kamehameha III. Today, Kualoa's mission is to enrich people's lives by preserving Kualoa's sacred lands and celebrating its history. Established in 1850, Kualoa's vision is to be a role model as stewards of these amazing 4000 acres named Kualoa, Hakipu'u and Ka'a'awa

Our Tastes of Kualoa experience allows us to see the beauty and tranquility of one of Oahu's most well-preserved ancient Hawaiian fishponds (Moli'i), which is carbon-dated at between 800 and 1,000 years old and listed on the National Register of Historic Places. We will learn about early Hawaiian aquaculture practices and how fish was farmed in this 153-acre fishpond, still standing with much of the original stonewall infrastructure in place. Guests will travel on a Trolley to explore the tropical fruit and flower gardens of Moli'i along the shores fronting the "Secret Island." Admire the accomplishments of the early Hawaiians as the rich stories of the voyaging canoe and ancient fishpond unfold.

As the sun sets, we return from the North Shore back to our Waikiki hotel.

B,L

Overnight Hilton Waikiki Hotel

January 31, 2023 - Honolulu

Enjoy a relaxing morning at your leisure. After lunch (not included), we start our day of touring with a trip to Diamond Head viewpoint, overlooking Waikiki Beach. We continue to the eastern part of the island Kalaniana'ole Highway that takes us past Hanauma Bay and Koko Head Crater and along the coastline with a stop to take in the incredible Halona Blowhole, and the breath-taking views of the east coast lifts of Oahu. It is not uncommon to view whales at this time of year journeying to the warm waters of Hawaii and the South Pacific, and the beach below the lookout was the famous beach featured in "From Here to Eternity".

We then travel to Byodo-In Temple, located in the Valley of Temples Memorial Park. The temple was built to commemorate the 100-year anniversary of the first Japanese immigrants to Hawaii. The Byodo-In Temple in O'ahu is a smaller-scale replica of the over 950-year-old Byodo-in Temple in Uji, Japan. The Temple grounds are a lushly landscaped paradise nestled in a cleft of the pali and are home to wild peacocks and hundreds of Japanese koi carp. The beautiful grounds include a large reflecting pond, meditation niches, and small waterfalls. Described as beautiful, peaceful, and restful, the temple was featured by National Geographic in 2019 as one of the "20 of the world's most beautiful Buddhist temples" while noting its architectural details and inspiring surroundings.

After a guided tour of the temple grounds, we travel to the private Haiku Gardens for dinner. The open-air restaurant in this lush valley overlooks its own tropical garden and koi pond with a breathtaking view of the Ko'olau mountain range. We return to our hotel this later this evening.

B,D

Overnight Hilton Waikiki Hotel

February 1, 2023 - Hilo (2 Nights)

We depart Honolulu by flight this morning and land in Hilo on the island of Hawaii, also called the big Island. From the airport, we head straight to the UNESCO-listed Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. Here we will visit the Thurston Lava Tube and learn about the geology of the islands. (Please note the visitor center may or may not be open due to recent eruptions.) A special lunch awaits us at Volcano House, situated on the edge of the volcano with large windows to look out over this active site.

After lunch, we take a tour of quaint Hilo, including a walk through the Liliuokalani gardens, established by the last queen of Hawaii, Liliuokalani. Throughout the park are stone lanterns, stone sculptures and torii gates recalling the Japanese immigrants who came to Hawaii beginning in 1868 to work on sugar plantations. Camellia, azalea, and black pine—species that flourish in Japan—are among the abundant greenery. Afterwards, head over to the world famous Manua Loa Macadamia Nut Factory to learn (and taste) the Hawaiian nut beloved around the world. We check into our hotel this evening for a night at leisure.

B,L

Overnight Grand Naniloa Hotel Hilo a DoubleTree by Hilton in Ocean View rooms with Lani

February 2, 2023 Hilo

After breakfast, we make a stop at a local flower farm and then travel to the Hawaii Tropical Bioreserve and Garden. The HTBG features over 2,000 species of tropical plants all inside a 40-acre valley. The Garden is dedicated to the collection and display of the world's tropical plants, and to the education of both children and adults about the plight of the world's rainforests

Afterwards, we travel to OK Farms where we will experience the tropical flavors of Hawaii with the farm's locally grown fruit, coffee, macadamia nuts, spices, cacao (chocolate), and more! O.K. Farms is close to 1000 acres located alongside Hilo's historic Wailuku River, and it has its very own private overlook deck of the famous Rainbow Falls. Long blessed with sufficient rainfall and used for agriculture for over 100 years, it is a slice of paradise just 5 minutes from downtown Hilo. Afterwards, enjoy free time in Hilo for lunch and exploring. The rest of the day is at leisure.

B

Overnight Grand Naniloa Hotel Hilo

February 3, 2023 - Kauai (3 Nights)

Depart our hotel for an early morning flight from Hilo to Kauai, known as the Garden Island. Upon arrival, we transfer to the privately held Na Aina Kai Gardens, where we are treated to a guided tour. Garden founders Joyce and Ed Doty retired to Kaua'i from their ranch in Northern California in 1982. What was begun as a landscape project in their front yard has grown to 240 acres that have been developed into a myriad of diverse gardens, complete with one of the largest collections of bronze sculpture in the United States. After a local lunch (included), we arrive at the Smith Family Gardens. Sharing songs and legends of the Wailua River Valley is a Smith family Tradition. In 1946, Walter Smith, Sr. and his wife, Emily, started their family business with a small rowboat and a borrowed outboard motor. Four generations later, they continue Grandpa's tradition of sharing their love of Kauai and its rich cultural heritage. After exploring the Smith Family gardens, enjoy a tranquil boat cruise on Kauai's Wailua River, the only navigable river in all of Hawaii. The river is fed by Mt. Wai'ale'ale, one of the wettest spots in the world. During the two-mile journey upstream, you'll hear songs and stories of the old Hawaii. Lands along the river were the sacred capital of ancient Kauai and the birthplace of the island's ali'i, or royalty. Smith's famous Wailua River cruise boats are powered by an ingenious rear-engine system invented by Walter Smith, Sr. The spacious, open-air boats provide excellent views from either side during the trip upstream. Beautiful mangrove trees line the river's banks. The highlight of the tour is Fern Grotto, a fern-covered lava cave. Once you reach the Fern Grotto landing, you'll enjoy a short nature walk through a beautiful rainforest to the lush Fern Grotto. The grotto is one of Kauai's geological wonders. Formed millions of years ago, colorful tropical plants grow all over the cave, which is also known for its excellent interior acoustics.

After our boat ride, it's time to join the Smith family for a traditional luau in their gardens. Of course, the heart of any luau is the pa'ina, the feast, and they will make sure you don't go hungry. You can sample Kalua pig roasted in the earthen imu oven; Cousin Gary's secret recipe for teriyaki beef; Ono mahimahi and tasty chicken adobo; and the family bowl of poi (which Grandma insists you try). They'll even get some of us up on stage to try some hula moves as dinner winds down. Food may be the heart of a luau, but music is the soul. Their Hawaiian ancestors preserved their history by

passing down songs and chants called mele. At the luau, we celebrate these traditions, as well as the songs and dances from other cultures that live in their tropical paradise. The lyrical sway of the Hawaiian hula, the colorful precision of the Tahitian drum dances and the fiery emotion of the Samoan fire knife dance all speak deeply of the people who have come to call Hawaii home. They proudly share this rhythm of aloha with you.

This evening, we arrive our hotel and home for the next three nights.

B,L,D

Overnight Sheraton Coconut Beach Kauai in Ocean View rooms

February 4, 2023 - Kauai

Today is a full day at leisure. Relax at your incredible resort, with breakfast and a host of amenities to enjoy or take advantage of the opportunity to further explore this amazing paradise.

For those who are interested, several optional excursions will be offered approximately 6 months prior to departure, and others can be booked directly with local tour operators. Examples of the many possibilities on Kauai include helicopter flights, Kauai movie tours, Napali Coast boating excursions, water sports, and Grand Canyon of Kauai.

B

Overnight Sheraton Coconut Beach Kauai

February 5, 2023 - Kauai

We start our morning with a guided tour of Allerton Gardens, named one of the '50 Places of a Lifetime' by National Geographic Traveler. Located on the South Shore of Kaua'i between the Pacific Ocean and NTBG's McBryde Garden, Allerton Garden is a paradise transformed through time by the hands of a Hawaiian Queen, a sugar plantation magnate, and most significantly by an artist and an architect. Tour the garden to see towering rainforest trees with tall curving roots that grow near bronze mermaids, a grove of swaying golden bamboo, a cut-flower garden, and tropical fruit trees. Here the focus is on landscape design, but among the plantings are botanically important species of the tropics, including varieties of palms, ki (ti), heliconias, and gingers. Highly trained interpretive guides will take guests through select Allerton Garden rooms.

Afterwards, we will have a guided experience through McBryde Garden, an active conservation and research garden with active interpretation and Hawaiian cultural significance. McBryde Garden visitors can explore 50 acres of diverse plant collections including Hawaiian native and ethnobotanical species, palms, rubiaceae (coffee family), zingiberales (heliconia family), and erythrina (coral trees). See exotic spices from allspice to vanilla on the Spice of Life Trail and take a journey back in time in the Hawaiian Life Canoe Plant Garden and along the Biodiversity Trail. After returning to our hotel, we celebrate the end of our tour with a farewell dinner.

B,D

Overnight Sheraton Coconut Beach Kauai

February 6, 2023 – Kauai or Homeward Bound

After breakfast, say farewell to friends made and adventures experienced. Transfers to the airport are not included.

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Itinerary includes:

- 4 Nights at Hilton Waikiki Hotel
- 2 Nights at Grand Naniloa Hotel Hilo
- 3 Nights at Sheraton Coconut Beach Kauai
- First Class Coaches with professional drivers
- Porterage at each airport and hotel (1 bag per guest)
- Inter-Island flights and one checked bag per guest between Oahu and Hawaii and Hawaii and Kauai
- Meals as described, including:
 - Breakfast daily
 - 4 Lunches
 - 3 Dinners
- Professional Travel Director, attending to all your needs and providing engaging commentary and travel management
- Admissions, including Arizona Memorial, Foster Botanical Garden, Waimea Valley, Kualoa Farms, Byodo-In Temple, Volcanoe National Park, Liliuokalani Gardens, Manua Loa Macadamia Nut Factory, Hawaii Tropical Bioreserve and Garden, OK Farms, Na Aina Kai Gardens, Smith Fern Grotto and Garden Walk, Smith Family Luau, Allerton Garden, McBryde Garden
- Gratuities for Drivers and Guides

Optional Pre-Tour and Post Tour Hotel Nights:

Tour members may reserve up to 3 nights before the beginning of the tour at the Hilton Waikiki Hotel at a rate of \$385 per room per night with breakfast. Up to 3 additional post-tour nights at the Sheraton Coconut Beach Kauai can be reserved at a rate of \$550 per room per night with breakfast.

Airfare:

Airfare between the mainland and Hawaii is not included. Boutique Tours can assist travelers with finding the best routes and schedules.

Flights between islands during the tour (Oahu to Hilo and Hilo to Kauai) are included in the tour price. Flights from Kauai to another island after the end of the tour are not included.

PAYMENT AND CANCELLATION POLICY

- A nonrefundable Deposit of \$500 required at time of registration. The deposit will be refunded if the entire trip is cancelled
- Optional Trip Insurance can be purchased at any time; however, *if insurance is purchased at or before final payment due the pre-existing condition exclusions will be waived*
- Final payment is due October 1, 2022.
- For cancellation after final payment, the cancellation penalty is 100% of trip cost.

Reservations will be accepted until October 1, 2022; however, early registration is recommended as space on this tour is limited.

Tour Conditions:

Not included in the price is airfare except inter-island flights specified in the itinerary, single room supplement, individual transfers including those between airports and hotels, laundry, excess baggage, items of a personal nature, and optional travel insurance.

ACCOMODATIONS: The per-person tour price is based on double occupancy. Single room supplement is \$2000. Roommates are not guaranteed. You will be charged the single supplement if you do not have a roommate, and none can be found.

RESPONSIBILITY: Boutique Tours, Inc. and/or supplier of services pursuant to or in connection with this itinerary shall not be responsible or become liable for any delay incurred by any person in connection with any means of transportation; for loss, damage or injury to person or property by reason of any event beyond the control of Boutique Tours, Inc. or supplier, or occurring without the fault or negligence of Boutique Tours, Inc. or supplier. This right is reserved to substitute dates of departure, alternative routing or cancellation of the trip if a minimum of 25 bookings is not reached by September 1, 2022. The schedules contained herein are subject to change without notice.

OPTIONAL TRAVEL INSURANCE:

Travel insurance is highly recommended. You will receive information for purchasing an optional travel insurance policy after your registration is received.

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January 28-February 6, 2023

Registration Form

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Spouse/Roommate: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____
(Street) (city/state) (zip)

Telephone: (____) _____ (____) _____ (____) _____
(Home) (cell) Business or Day

E-mail: _____

Special Dietary Requirements: _____

Hotel Accommodations Preference: ___One King ___Two Beds ___Single Room

Emergency Contact: Name _____ Phone: _____

| Item | Per Person Deposit | Total Amount |
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| Land Package – Total Cost \$5,500 per person (Add \$2,000 for Single Supplement) | \$500 | \$ |

Please reserve ___pre tour nights at the Hilton Waikiki at \$385 per night per room.

Please reserve ___post tour nights at the Sheraton Coconut Beach at \$550 per night per room.

Please send registration form and check payable to Boutique Tours, Inc. to:

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