

14 August 2023 Dear Travelers,

We are pleased to announce that we are offering our All Around Hawai'i tour featuring multiple night stays on three islands at beachfront properties. It is an expensive place that requires about 11 hours of flight time to arrive there. We will fly Alaska Air over to Hawai'i then plan on Southwest for the island hop flights. We may use Hawaiian Airlines if the price is better. And as always, WE ARRANGE and include all the transfers and the flights so you do not have to worry about getting the right time and the right departure. Declan, Maggie, and I realize it makes our prices appear much higher, but it is what we believe a tour operator should provide to their guests. Worry-free travel!

Declan and I will be with you the whole way so if anything goes sideways for the group or for you personally, we can be there to assist. I also made the decision to include a local guide with us throughout because I have known her for over 10 years and it makes a big difference to have someone local on the ground with us. She will be able to help with any logistics changes and make sure everything goes smoothly.

A word about tours during the tour. If you want to beg off and stay at the hotel, that's totally fine. You are on vacation and we want you to truly enjoy it. We initially had a full free day one each of the three islands, we just modified due to the fire in Lahaina, Maui, but the price was out of sight, so I decided to trim it down. However, I want you to relax and not push yourself because the itinerary has something listed and you want some beach time. We have a newly modified airfare contract with Alaska Airlines and once we get it set, we must send a non-refundable deposit to hold all these beachfront properties because they are anticipating another great year. I know April seems so far away, but in travel, it's like tomorrow. If you are ready to commit to this tour, please <u>send us a</u> <u>\$2,000 non-refundable deposit per person to hold your space</u>. The final will be due February 1, 2024. We may contact you about other payments we will have due towards the final and will ask you to send that in when it happens. I try to give you enough notice as many people pay bills once per month. And since this is an incredibly expensive tour, I want to remind you to feel free to make installment payments throughout the year. Many travelers prefer that so it is not one big bill February 1st.

And remember, we sell gift certificates! So if your kids and friends say they "Don't know what to get the person who has everything." Give them our number and email and we can fix them right up!

This is a non-refundable deposit, so to guarantee your money, you do have the option to purchase trip cancellation/interruption insurance from us at time of deposit. Note: We do have Cancel For Any Reason Policies available as of this date. Please contact Maggie and she can go over those options. You need to send in the insurance premium within 14 days of sending in your deposit to cover pre-existing conditions should you need to make a claim. And remember, our staff will help you with your actual claim should you need to make one. Hopefully you do not, but if you need to get evacuated and change your flight at the last minute, the group air is not flexible. If your issue is a covered reason, you will get reimbursed for all expenses based on the travel insurance company guidelines.

We hope you'll join us for a trip to paradise! Yours in tours,

Dea!!

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All Around Hawai'i!

April 2 - 11, 2024

Visit 3 Islands: Oʻahu – Kauaʻi – Hawaiʻi 3 National Park Sites, Beachfront hotels and no passport and no currency exchange required to enter paradise!

Tuesday, April 2 - E Komo Mai, Welcome to Paradise!



Meet Dea and Declan at the airport and depart for the United States' island paradise, the state of Hawai'i! Our flight will have one connection on the mainland and arrive in Honolulu, the state capital located on the island of O'ahu. We experience a Traditional Flower Lei Welcome to start our luxurious two weeks off right. Have your sunglasses, flip flops, hat, and sunscreen ready, because we our home for the next three nights is the **Sheraton Waikiki**, located right on the beach! No need to cross the street or take a shuttle, just

come down from your room and dip your toes in the sand.

Wednesday, April 3 – History in Paradise – Pearl Harbor Visit

Enjoy breakfast at our hotel before heading out on the most requested site on our tour, **Pearl Harbor / U.S.S. Arizona**. This will be our first of four National Park Service sites, so if you have your **National Park Passport** be sure to pack it for these far-off stamps! We then enjoy a city tour of Honolulu, where our local guide will teach us about the history of the capital city and the people who have called this archipelago home long before Hawai'i became a part of the United States. Enjoy lunch on your own and a free afternoon before our



official **Welcome Dinner at Duke's Waikīkī**, honoring the legendary surfer Duke Kahanamoku. He grew up swimming, surfing, canoeing, and bodysurfing in the waves you see before you. In 1929, Duke rode a monster wave for 1 1/8 miles at Waikīkī, likely the longest ride in modern times. We then return to the Sheraton Waikiki. **(B,D)**

Don't have a National Park Passport? Visit the Gateway Arch National Park or Ulysses S Grant National Historic Site right here in St. Louis : <u>https://www.nps.gov/ulsg/</u> and purchase the spiral book fashioned in the way of a US Passport. Begin collecting stamps at each site you visit on this tour and many others!

Thursday, April 4 – A Day around O'ahu

After a hearty breakfast to prepare for our all-day Grand Circle Tour of the island. Our day starts

with a visit to **Diamond Head**, a volcanic tuff cone that is a popular hiking destination with stunning coastal views. We continue our journey through the **Kahala Gold Coast**, home to many luxury resorts and stop at the **Halona Blowhole**, a 30 ft geyser formed thousands of years ago when lava tubes from Koko Crater's volcanic activity extended into the ocean. Next we stop at **Nu'uanu Pali Lookout**, a scenic spot that offers breathtaking views of the coast, mountains, and ocean, where King Kamehameha I defeated the O'ahu forces in 1795 and united the Hawai'ian Islands after a bloody



battle. Then we stop at the **Byodo-In Temple**, a replica of the original Byodo-In Temple in Japan that was constructed to commemorate the first Japanese immigrants to Hawai'i. Our journey continues to the **Waimea Valley**, home to many archaeological and natural wonders, as well as views of the island of **Mokoli'i**, which means "little lizard," and the famous **North Shore Surf Breaks** that have made Hawai'i a surf destination for hundreds of years. We end our day with some history, visiting **Historic Haleiwa Town** and the famous **Dole Plantation**. Tonight, enjoy dinner on your own. **(B,L)**

Friday, April 5 - The Grand Canyon of the Pacific

We check out of our hotel today after breakfast and head to the Honolulu airport for our short flight



to Kaua'i, leaving the hustle and bustle of Hawai'i's largest city for the serenity of slow and easy island life. As with all Are We There Yet? Tours, all airport transfers and intra-air flights are included and arranged by us. No worrying about booking the wrong flight to keep up with our tour.

Upon landing, we board our motorcoach and depart for **Waimea Canyon**. Enjoy an unsurpassed 360-degree panoramic view of this geological wonder from the scenic overlook, 3,400 ft above the canyon floor. After lunch on own at a local fa vorite, we arrive at our next beachfront hotel, the **Sheraton Coconut Beach** where we spend the next 2 nights, with dinner at our hotel on arrival. **(B,D)**

Saturday, April 6 – Movie tour adventure in Kaua'i



Enjoy breakfast before boarding our motorcoach for a **Kaua'i Movie Tour Adventure!** We'll see the many famous sites on Kaua'i immortalized in Hollywood Blockbusters such as Elvis' *Blue Hawaii* and TV shows were filmed. We enjoy a lunch stop on own in Hanalei Town, a peaceful village on the North Shore before our **Kilohana Plantation Train Tour**, a conductor-narrated train tour of the historic 105 acres, including feeding the pigs, goats, sheep, and their friendly donkey Stiney, and most importantly, a rum and a Mai Tai cocktail tasting! We will return to our hotel and freshen up before our included dinner at **Gaylord's Restaurant**, located in the original

courtyard of the Kilohana Plantation house and features island-influenced dishes, using fresh and local ingredients from the plantation's own farm and other sources. **(B,D)**

Sunday, April 7 - Black sand beaches and volcano rock of Hawai'i

We check out of our hotel after breakfast and head to the Lihue airport for our flight to The Big Island, Hawai'i. We enjoy lunch on own while exploring Kona town before arriving at our home for the next three nights, the **Royal Kona Resort.** Located facing the Pacific Ocean on Kailua Bay, the resort features a private beach area, a saltwater lagoon, and an outdoor swimming pool. Enjoy free time to relax and explore our resort and stroll the streets of Kona town. Tonight we embark on a Sunset Dinner Cruise from the Kona Pier. Keep your eyes peeled, we may spot some whales! **(B, D)**

Monday, April 8 - Wonders of Nature at Volcanoes National Park

Enjoy Breakfast before for our day long motorcoach tour, featuring some of the Big Island's most

impressive and diverse natural wonders, from its volcanoes and tropical forests to its world-famous black sand beaches. **Volcanoes National Park** is our second NPS site of the tour where we will learn about Hawai'i's active volcanoes and see their features throughout the park. You will also hear about the island's seven ecological zones, its plant and animal communities, and a bit about how the area perpetuates native Hawai'ian culture. We then enjoy an included lunch along the way at a local favorite. Whether you're gazing at a lava tube, steam bluff, or waterfall, your guide will provide fascinating insights into the island's rich geology, history, and culture. Enjoy a relaxing evening at our resort and listen to the waves crashing against the lava rocks. **(B,L)**



Tuesday, April 9 – Kona Paradise – Coffee & the Place of Refuge

After breakfast, grab your National Park Service passport before our morning motorcoach tour to visit the **Bay View Coffee Farm** and **Pu'uohonua o Hōnaunau National Historical Park**.

Also known as the Place of Refuge, learn about the ancient Hawai'i system of laws known as *kānāwai* and this revered site where a fugitive could find refuge and seek forgiveness.

And everyone has heard of Kona coffee, not you get to try it! Learn how the agricultural scene on Hawai'i is a large part of the state's gross domestic product next to tourism! We return to the hotel to relax, or if you had too many samples of coffee, go for a run or swim. Tonight we will enjoy a **Authentic Hawaiian Luau – Voyagers of the Pacific** right at our hotel. **(B,D)**

Wednesday, April 10 –Aloha 'Oe – A Hui Hou

Today we enjoy breakfast before flying home to the Mainland. (B)

Thursday, April 11 – Flying to the Mainland

We find ourselves back on the West Coast and we will all catch our flights to STL or our cities of origin!

Travel Package Includes:

- Round-Trip Airfare on Alaska or Southwest Airlines
- All intra-air flights on Southwest Airlines
- 3 Nights Hotel Accommodation in Waikīkī Sheraton Waikiki
- 2 Nights Hotel Accommodation in Kaua'i Sheraton Kauai Coconut Beach
- 3 Nights Hotel Accommodation on Hawai'i The Big Island Royal Kona Resort
- 15 Meals (8 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 5 Dinners)
- Round Trip luggage handling at all our beach front hotels
- Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation for tours and all airport transfers
- 3 National Park Sites: Pearl Harbor, Volcanoes, and Place of Refuge
- Honolulu City Highlights Tour & Grand Circle Island Tour of O'ahu
- Waimea Canyon Visit
- Kaua'i Movie Set Tour
- Guided rum safari train ride of the Kilohana Plantation
- Coffee Tour
- Sunset dinner Cruise
- Authentic Hawai'ian Luau Farewell Dinner
- Departure Day Changing Rooms
- Local Tour Director on call 24 hours a day
- All Taxes and Gratuities to drivers, guides, local tour directors and AWTY Tour directors

Please note: Any notice of fuel surcharges imposed by carriers and/or attractions will be disclosed at least 30 days prior to tour departure. This itinerary is subject to change, for the good!

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Trip cancellation and interruption insurance available at an additional charge. Please see the brochure available from our office.

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Make your reservations today with a \$2,000 non-refundable deposit, including trip cancellation and interruption insurance if desired. By purchasing Travel Protection at time of deposit, you will be covered for all pre-existing conditions as well as protected if something happens on the tour. Because of airline and show tickets, this deposit is non-refundable.

Balance on tour is due February 1, 2024 and no refunds will be given after that time except via Insurance. Space will be limited to 32 air tickets. After those are sold, price will be based on live air. There still may be a price increase before final payment if airline incurs a fuel surcharge. Space held for first travelers with deposit. Following this a wait list will be formed. Please send a check along with your name, address, phone number and all roommates' names if you are sharing a room.

Ask about our special hotel rates at St. Louis airport hotel, including Park'n'Fly (You have the parking included in our special hotel rate.) before and/or after the tour.

We also offer parking coupons at SkyPark if you leave your car at the airport.

Once this tour fills, a wait list will be formed. Please send a check or call with a credit card along with your name, address, phone number, all roommates' names if you are sharing a room and any dietary or walking restrictions.