

#### 19 June 2025 Dear Travelers,

We are pleased to announce that we are again offering our All Around Hawai'i tour featuring multiple night stays on FOUR islands at beachfront properties versus this year's 3 Island due to Mau'i's fire. 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 Hawaiian Airline for the island hop flights. 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 when comparing them to operators that do not include that up front, but it is what we believe a tour operator should provide to their guests. Easy, relaxing, 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 we had Gil with us this year and it makes a big difference to have someone local on the ground with us. They will be able to help with any logistics changes and make sure everything goes smoothly since they are in their neck of the woods.

A word about tours during the tour. If you want to beg off and stay at the hotel, that's totally fine. However, I want you to relax and not push yourself because the itinerary has something listed and you want some beach time. We also cut our time in Waikiki in Honolulu because that was everyone's LEAST favorite part of this year's tour. The incredibly tall buildings, loads of people, lots of traffic. They told us in Kauai they were so worried the whole tour was going to be like that and they were thrilled to be in a rural feeling area but with amenities. We are going there the last bit so you can enjoy a Pearl Harbor visit. If you wish to extend your stay there and fly back later, we can certainly arrange that. Or if you want to go to one of the islands and come home later, we can arrange that as well.

We must send a non-refundable deposit to hold all these beachfront properties because they are anticipating another great year. I know January 19, 2025 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 \$2,000 non-refundable deposit per person to hold your space</u>. The final will be due **November 15, 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 November 15th. 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. They are a lot more expensive but cover things like a pet being ill. Please contact Maggie and she can go over those options. You need to send in the insurance premium <u>within 14 days of sending in your deposit</u> to cover pre-existing conditions should you need to make a claim. And remember, Maggie 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.

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!

We hope you'll join us for our next trip to paradise!

Yours in tours,

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# Hawai'ian 4 Islands of Paradise!

## January 19-29, 2025

**Visit 4 Islands:** Oʻahu, KauaʻI, Hawaiʻi, and Mauʻi From National Park Sites and Parks to Beachfront hotels all without a passport or currency exchange required to enter paradise!

#### Sunday, January 19 - 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 Kona on the Big Island of Hawai'i, where we stay at 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. Arrive in time to get some sleep and prepare for our exciting day of activities.

#### Monday, January 20 - 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. At **Volcanoes National Park** 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. Tonight enjoy a stroll around town and dinner at your leisure. **(B, L)** 



#### Tuesday, January 21 – Chocolate & Coffee Tour!

Today we enjoy two amazing Hawai'ian treats, Original Hawaiian Chocolate and Bay View Coffee Farm!! Learn how the agricultural scene on Hawai'i is a large part of the state's gross domestic product next to tourism. Plus, enjoy free samples! We return to the hotel to relax, or if you had too many samples of coffee, go for a run or swim. Tonight we enjoy dinner together in Kona. **(B, D)** 

#### Wednesday, January 22 – The Grand Canyon of the Pacific



We check out of our hotel today after breakfast and head to the airport for our short non-stop flight to Kaua'i. 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 favorite, 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)

#### Thursday, January 23 – 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 locations where 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. The crescendo: a rum and 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**)

#### Friday, January 24 - Adventure in Mau'i



Enjoy breakfast this morning before we head to the airport for our non-stop flight to Mau'i. On arrival our lunch is included before we head off for our Whale Watching Tour! Mau'i is the best place in all Hawai'i to see these majestic creatures in their natural habitat, as they come down to Hawai'i to give birth to their calves. You won't want to miss this! We head to our home on Mau'i, the Royal Lahaina Resort, before you enjoy dinner on your own. **(B, L)** 

Saturday, January 25 – Road to Hana Tour excursion on the Road to Hana Tour. Officially named the Hana Highway, this 64.4-mile-long highway links Kahului to the town of Hana. Even though Hana is just 52 miles from Kahului, an uninterrupted car-trip takes close to 3 hours to drive due to the challenging road conditions. The narrow roads wind around Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before our all-day



many natural features of the rainforest with nearly 620 curves in the road, and of the 59 bridges, all but 13 are single lane bridges! Many bridges date back to 1910, and only one has been replaced by a portable bridge erected by the United States Army Corps of Engineers. Did you know it's also known as The Divorce Highway? Good news, you won't be driving so you can sit back and enjoy our professional driver's skill as we travel the most famous scenic drive in Hawai'i. We enjoy lunch together and then on our return to the hotel, you will be at your leisure to dine on your own, go for a swim, take a walk along the beach and rest peacefully before our tour tomorrow. **(B, L)** 

#### Sunday, January 26 – Summit of Haleakalā



After breakfast we depart for the amazing Haleakalā, the 'house of the sun.' Haleakalā is the massive shield volcano that makes up the majority of the island of Mau'i, and is still active, although most of the last eruption was hundreds of years ago. According to Hawai'ian folklore, the crater of the volcano was home to the grandmother of the demigod Māui, who helped him capture the sun and slow it down to lengthen the day. (If you have seen the Disney movie *Moana*, Māui sings about this story in his introductory song!) And speaking of traditional folklore, music, and song, tonight we

enjoy an Authentic Hawai'ian Luau! (**B**, **D**)

#### Monday, January 27 - Aloha to Oʻahu

Enjoy breakfast at our hotel before we head to the airport for our flight to O'ahu and the capitol of Hawai'i, Honolulu. Enjoy the day on your own exploring the biggest city in Hawai'i, or just enjoy time at the beach located right outside our hotel – no need to cross the street! **(B)** 

#### Tuesday, January 28 – History in Paradise

Enjoy breakfast at our hotel before heading out our City Tour with a stop at Pearl Harbor /

U.S.S. Arizona. If you have your National Park Passport be sure to pack it for these far-off stamps! On our city tour of Honolulu, 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. Tonight we enjoy dinner as a group 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!

#### Wednesday, January 29 –Aloha'Oe – A Hui Hou

Today we enjoy breakfast before flying home to the Mainland. Thank you for traveling with us! (B)

### **Travel Package Includes:**

- Round-Trip Airfare on Alaska Airlines
- All intra-air flights on Hawaiian Airlines
- 3 Nights Hotel Accommodation on Hawai'i The Big Island Royal Kona Resort
- 2 Nights Hotel Accommodation in Kaua'i Sheraton Kauai Coconut Beach
- 3 Nights Hotel Accommodation in Mau'i Royal Lahaina
- 2 Nights Hotel Accommodation in Waikīkī Sheraton Waikiki
- 17 Meals (10 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 5 Dinners)
- Round Trip luggage handling at all our beach front hotels
- Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation for tours and all airport transfers
- Porters for all luggage at airports
- 2 National Park Sites: Pearl Harbor & Volcanoes
- Honolulu City Highlights Tour
- Waimea Canyon Visit Kaua'i
- 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

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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 November 15, 2024 and no refunds will be given after that time except via Insurance. Space will be limited to 30 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.