

Tom's Christian Tours

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Hawaiian Aloha

January 9-25, 2023

Price: \$XXXX person double occupancy

Includes the islands of Oahu, Hawaii, and Kauai

DAY ONE, MONDAY, January 9—This afternoon we will meet new and old friends as we are shuttled to the Hyatt Place near O'Hare Airport in Chicago for a good night's sleep before our flight to Honolulu on Tuesday.

DAY TWO, TUESDAY, January 10—This morning we will be shuttled to O'Hare Airport for our non-stop flight to Honolulu. We'll land on Oahu, the island known as the "Gathering Island." Late afternoon we will exit the Honolulu airport and be met with the soft, sweet breezes of Hawaii—quite a contrast from the Midwest's January gale-force winds. Each of us will receive a **fresh-flower lei** before we are shuttled to our hotel for a five-night stay. Night in Honolulu at the O'Hana East Hotel, a short walk from Waikiki Beach.

DAY THREE, WEDNESDAY, January 11 – (D) This morning we'll head to **Pearl Harbor**. There we will relive history and pay silent tribute to the heroic dead at the **USS Arizona Memorial**. While at Pearl Harbor, we will also tour the **USS Missouri**. We continue with a fully **guided tour of Honolulu** and become acquainted with the colorful history of Hawaii. Sites along the way include **King Kamehameha's statue, Iolani Palace, Kawaiahao Church**, and **Punchbowl Crater**. This evening we'll enjoy an **included dinner** at the **Hula Grill** which overlooks the Waikiki Beach. Night in Honolulu.

DAY FOUR, THURSDAY, January 12 – Enjoy a day of leisure on Waikiki Beach or head downtown to a museum or shopping. This morning, our tour leaders will lead an optional tour to **Diamond Head**. We will take a bus to the park entrance and enjoy the beautiful walk to the top. The views are priceless from the top. After lunch, your tour leaders will lead another optional tour to **Hanauma Bay** and its beautiful coral reefs. You may even wish to spend your time there snorkeling. Shopping at the International Market might be on today's docket. There are many things to do within blocks of the hotel. A free shuttle stops at our hotel for easy movement around the area. Night in Honolulu.

DAY FIVE, FRIDAY, January 13 – (D). A visit to the **Polynesian Cultural Center** today will acquaint us with the fascinating life of such Polynesian islands as Hawaii, Samoa, Fiji, and New Zealand. Seven Polynesian Cultures are assembled in all their authenticity. Our visit will include village **demonstrations, pageants** of the long canoes, **IMAX** show, **buffet dinner**, and an exciting and **colorful Polynesian show**. Night in Honolulu.

DAY SIX, SATURDAY, January 14 – We will tour the eastern side of the island with stops at **Diamond Head, Pali Lookout, Kahala Estates, Hanauma Bay, and Halona Point/Blow Hole**. Other stops will include **Byodo-In Temple and the Pali Lookout**. By midafternoon, we will find some pineapple ice cream at the Dole Plantation. Late afternoon we will be back at our hotel. Night in Honolulu.

DAY SEVEN, SUNDAY, January 15—This morning we will get ready to fly to our next adventure, on the **Big Island of Hawaii**. By early evening we'll be settled into our hotel in **Kona**. Night in Kona at the Marriott Courtyard.

DAY EIGHT, MONDAY, January 16--Today we'll take a full-day tour to **Hawaii Volcanoes National Park**. This park was established in 1916 and embraces 217,000 acres. It is the home to **Kilauea** and **Mauna Loa** volcanoes. At 13,677 feet above sea level, Mauna Loa is the world's largest active volcano. On **Crater Rim Drive** we'll see **lava flows, steaming craters, and dense rain forests**. We'll even get to walk through a **lava tube** and stop to see the famous **Black Sand Beaches at Punaluu**. Other highlights for the day include a visit to a **coffee plantation, the Pu'uhonua o Honaunau- Place of Refuge, the city of Hilo, the Atkatsuka Orchid and Anthurium nursery, Rainbow Falls, Ka'u Desert, Parker Ranch and the Hamakua Coast**. Night in Kona, Hawaii

DAY NINE, TUESDAY, January 17 -- (D). The day is at your leisure. If it's action you're wanting, there are plenty of activities and shops within walking distance of our hotel. Would you like to soak up the sun today? The natives like to brag that the Kona Coast enjoys 354 days of sunshine a year. Don't forget sun screen and to cool down with a shaved ice treat! **Late afternoon we'll leave for our ranch BBQ dinner**. The dinner includes entertainment, great food, drinks, and lots of fun. Night in Kona, Hawaii.

DAY TEN, WEDNESDAY, January 18-- (D) Morning at leisure. Sit on the beach or snorkel for a quiet morning in paradise. Have fun! This afternoon we'll view the **beauty of the ocean bottom** on board the **Atlantis Submarine**. During our one-hour narrated underwater voyage, we can see exotic fish, colorful sea gardens, coral formations, and marine animals through large viewing portholes. This evening we'll enjoy a **traditional Luau** within walking distance of our hotel. Night in Kona, Hawaii.

DAY ELEVEN, THURSDAY, January 19- - Day at leisure. Your tour directors will help give leisure time activities if needed. There are many options available at the hotel. Night in Kona, Hawaii.

DAY TWELVE, FRIDAY, January 20 -- (D) This morning we will be shuttled to the Kona Airport for our flight to Kauai via Honolulu. On Kauai, another shuttle bus will take us to our hotel for a four-night stay. Late afternoon we will enjoy another **traditional Hawaiian luau**. Night in Wailua, Kauai at the Aston Islander.

DAY THIRTEEN, SATURDAY, January 21 -- This morning we'll enjoy the exclusive **Wailua River Cruise tour**. It will include a **Wailua River** cruise with songs and legends of Hawaii including the Fern Grotto Hawaiian Wedding Song. Other sights will include **Holo Holo Ku Helau, Opaikaa Falls, Spouting Horn Lookout, Koloa-** Hawaii's first sugar plantation, **Hanapepe Valley Lookout, Waimea Town** (site of Captain Cook's first landing), and **Waimea Canyon** (similar to, but smaller than, the Grand Canyon). Night in Wailua, Kauai.

DAY FOURTEEN, SUNDAY, January 22 -- (L) Today we'll take a tour along the coast to the beautiful **Kilohana Plantation**. Our visit to the plantation will also include a tour of the plantation on board the **Kauai Plantation Railway**. Upon our return, we'll enjoy an included **brunch at Gaylord's Restaurant**. The afternoon is at your leisure to explore, shop, or enjoy the beach. Night in Wailua, Kauai.

DAY FIFTEEN, MONDAY, January 23-- (D) This morning is on your leisure. Bird-watching, biking, or swimming may be on your agenda. Helicopter tours may also be available this morning. This afternoon we will enjoy a **farewell sunset dinner cruise to the North Shore Napali Coast** on board a catamaran. Night in Wailua, Kauai

DAY SIXTEEN, TUESDAY, January 24-- It's **farewell to Hawaii today**, but don't spend the morning packing. Walk the beach and soak up the warmth. A shuttle bus will pick us up late morning for our **flight to Chicago via San Francisco**.

DAY SEVENTEEN, WEDNESDAY, January 25 --We'll arrive in **Chicago early morning** and be greeted by the shuttle bus or friends and family who came to pick us up. It may be cold outside, but we'll be warmed by a host of wonderful memories.