

Hawaii Sample Itinerary

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activities</u>
1	<p>Day 1: Kona: Depart New York for flight o Kona.</p> <p>Once we arrive in Kona, the group will be transported to a beautiful ocean front hotel. Time to explore the hotel, its surroundings and of course, the beach!</p>
2	<p>Day 2: Beach and Luau: The afternoon will be spent enjoying one of the world's most beautiful beaches, Mahaiula Beach in Kekaha Kai State Park. The fine white sand and the turquoise water will be sure to leave you inspired and refreshed.</p> <p>As the sun sets over 'Anaeho'omalu Bay we will enjoy a traditional luau. Guests gather for an evening under the stars dining on culinary treasures from Hawai'i, Tahiti, New Zealand and Samoa. Dancers retell the story of the settlement of the Pacific. Displayed in its fullness is the mana (power) of the ali'i (chiefs) and how each would be forever linked to the one star that guided them. (B, L, D)</p>
3	<p>Day 2: Pu'uhonua o Honaunau and Kealakekua Bay: Now a national historical park, Pu'uhonua was reconstructed by local artisans using traditional tools. One of the major features of the complex is a reconstructed temple. Fierce wood-carved statues known as ki'i guard this oft-photographed temple, called Hale o Keawe. The original temple, built around 1650, housed the bones of at least 23 chiefs.</p> <p>The group will take a 3-1/2 hour cruise to Kealakekua Bay. Here we will snorkel in the crystal clear waters of the bay. The area is teeming with an abundance of colorful fish and other marine life and contains the 27' high Captain Cook Monument. (B, L)</p>
4	<p>Day 4: Road to Hilo: Today will we make several stops as we make our way to Hilo. The first stop will be to the National Historic site called Pu'ukohola Heiau. This Heiau, or temple, was built by a human chain carrying rocks from miles away. At the ocean edge you can see a submerged heiau dedicated to the shark gods.</p> <p>There will be a brief stop at the Queen's Marketplace for light shopping and lunch. Afterwards, we will journey to Waipio Valley with it's lush tropical paradise of jungle trails, streams, magnificent waterfalls and incredible vistas. The Valley has a variety of historical and spiritual places to discover and experience.</p> <p>In late afternoon, we will head towards Hilo and stop at Akaka Falls, a towering waterfall that plummets 442 feet. We will also drive along a 4 mile stretch called the Heritage drive loop. This lush detour features moss-laden bridges, coastal views of Onomea Bay and the Hawaii Tropical Botanical Garden. This renowned botanical garden features 2,000 species of tropical plants from around the world. (B, D)</p>

5	<p>Day 5: Volcano's National Park: Our first stop today is at Rainbow Falls. This roaring 80' waterfall has a deep cave behind it that is believed to be the home of the goddess Hina. When the cascade hits the water far below, the mists create rainbows. At nearby Boiling Pots, some of the river water flows beneath a level of old lava, then suddenly bubbles up as if it were boiling.</p> <p>Later in the day we will continue to explore the park by driving along the Crater Rim Drive. The group will have a chance to walk through the famous Thurston Lava Tube and look at various cinder cones, thermal features and former eruptions. In the evening we will walk to the edge of the ocean to see the bright red lava flowing into the seawater. (B, L, D)</p>
6	<p>Day 6: Volcano's National Park: This afternoon we will spend the day hiking the park. Hiking through an active volcano is an awe inspiring adventure. The breath of gasses and steam bear witness that Pele still resides here. Rich with native plant and animal life, active volcanism, and Hawaiian deities of a living culture, hikers will marvel at diverse scenic vistas, desert terrain, and lush rain forest. The Kilauea Iki trail begins on the crater's rim and descends 400 feet through the rain forest to the crater floor. While walking along the crater, you'll literally feel the heat of the volcano as it is still steaming from its last eruption. After the hike we will head to the Jagger Museum to see the Kilauea Overlook, where steam is rising from the current eruption. (B, L, D)</p>
7	<p>Day 7: (Punaluu) We will start the day by stopping by the beautiful black sand beach. This beach is often visited by sea turtles laying eggs or just resting on the beach.</p> <p>In the afternoon we will travel to the very southern tip of the U.S. The group will then take an awe inspiring hike along the coast line as waves come crashing ashore. At the end of the hike is a green sand beach. The beach is surrounded by high gray cliffs to form a perfect sanctuary. Where else in the world are you going to be able to see a green sand beach? (B, L)</p>
8	<p>Day 8: (Mauna Kea and Option day) Option day! You will be able to choose between two different activities, visiting Hapuna beach or snorkeling.</p> <p>In the evening we will drive to the summit of Mauna Kea where you'll stand on top of the world's tallest mountain which rises over 31,000 feet from the ocean floor. You will have spectacular views of the horizon and of course the famous Mauna Kea sunset. After the sun sets, telescopes will be set up to reveal the wonders of the night sky. (B, D)</p>
9	<p>Day 9: (Kona) Our last day will be spent souvenir shopping, snorkeling and swimming around the beachfront. We will then be transported to the airport late in the day. (B)</p> <p>The group will depart Kona for flight to New York</p>

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