



ADVENTURE AND EXPLORATION IN HAWAII

Day to Day Travel Itinerary

Hosted by the University of Hawaii, we journey to ancient temples to learn how Hawaiians once lived, snorkel colorful coral reefs, and visit the world's most active volcano, Kilauea. We step into the rainforest to view amazing plants and animals, gaze at the highest waterfall in the Pacific, and come to understand one of the most beautiful and fragile places on Earth.

Day 1 Arrival Hilo

Depart gateway city. Arrive Hilo, Hawaii. Lei greeting on arrival, then transfer to University of Hawaii for check-in at the Hale Kehau dorms. Dinner at the Hale Kehau Cafeteria, followed by evening orientation. Introduction of University staff, and discussion of schedule.

Day 2 Hilo-Marine Science

Orientation on near shore marine species, then transfer to Onekahakaha Beach Park for hands-on activity in natural lava lagoon. Discussion of tidepool ecosystems. Following lunch, transfer to Richardson's Ocean Park/Marine Center for program on marine ecology, and outrigger canoeing at the Hilo Bay Canoe Shack, with the University Canoe Club. This evening we have a geology orientation in preparation for visiting Kilauea.

Day 3 Hilo-Hawaii Volcanoes

Morning departure for Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. Stops at Kilauea Visitor Center and Volcano Observatory, followed by a hike into the fern forest. Exploration of volcanic formations including lava fields, fumaroles, and lava trees. At Nahuku Lava Tubes we will walk through an underground lava tube. Afternoon visit to Mauna Ulu Cinder Cones. Evening introduction to Hula, with instruction from a Kumu Hula, or master Hula teacher.

Day 4 Hilo-Astronomy and Kupuna Activities

Hands-on program at the fabulous new 'Imiloa Astronomy Center for a look at constellations, and how native Polynesians used the stars in navigation. Later today we visit the Ke Ola No Na Kupuna Center, for an amazing few hours with Hawaiian kupuna, or elders.

Day 5 Akaka Falls and Rainforests-Kona

Today we depart Hilo, headed for Kona. On the way we enter the rainforest at Akaka Falls for an amazing look at this rainforest preserve. On a jungle trail we discover exotic plants and animals, and view Akaka Falls, at 400 feet the highest in all the Islands. In the afternoon we arrive at Haupuna Beach for fun in the sun and swimming. Late afternoon arrival in Kona.

Day 6 Kona-Coral Reef Adventure

Transfer to Fair Wind catamaran on Keauhou Bay for reef snorkeling adventure. Explore rich and colorful reef ecosystems of Kealakekua Bay Marine Park. The catamaran has a waterslide and view boxes and we enjoy breakfast and lunch on board. In the afternoon we return to the hotel to prepare for our exciting Island Luau.

Day 7 The Place of Refuge-Hilo

Morning visit to famous Pu'uhonua O Honaunau, or Place of Refuge, a temple and sanctuary in traditional Hawaiian culture. Program on Hawaiian royalty, history and culture. Viewing of sea turtles. This afternoon we return to Hilo with stops enroute. Check in at the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel.

Day 8 Return Home

Morning activities in Hilo may include a visit to the Pacific Tsunami Museum and famous Rainbow Falls before we catch our flights home.

Activities and the order in which they occur may vary from those proposed due to travel dates or local scheduling. Please refer to detailed schedule issued in May.

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Tuition: \$2395 + airfare

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