



Exploring Hawaii's National Parks

NOVEMBER 7-15, 2009



Experience unique cultural and natural beauty within Hawaii's national parks. Expert biologists, naturalists, and cultural interpreters will introduce you to six of the seven Hawaiian national parks on this NPCA tour. Throughout the exciting nine-day itinerary, you will have a chance to meet the friendly people of Hawaii, witness the natural beauty of four Hawaiian Islands, and explore multiple historical sites. Meet with national park rangers to learn more about volcanic activity and view the effects of eruptions, spot marine life while cruising between Molokai and Maui, and participate in an authentic Hawaiian family luau. This Hawaiian tour is no ordinary experience.

Highlights

HAWAIIAN NATIONAL PARKS—Explore Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, Pu'uhonua o Honaunau National Historical Park, Pu'ukohola Heiau National Historic Site, and Kaloko-Honokohau National Historical Park on Hawaii's Big Island. Tour Haleakala National Park on Maui. And visit Kalaupapa National Historical Park on Molokai.

NATURAL RESOURCES—Hawaii boasts many uncommon natural features. It is home to over 100 volcanoes (five active ones), lush rainforest valleys, the highest coastal cliffs in the world, and a wide variety of endemic—and often endangered—plants and birds.

CULTURAL & HISTORICAL HERITAGE—Native Polynesians migrated to Hawaii hundreds of years ago; today, sacred sites cover the terrain. Ancient temples and age-old fishponds share Hawaiian stories with you—among them a ceremonial site that dates back to 1790 and a sanctuary to Hawaiians seeking refuge.

ABOVE: LAVA MEETS THE SEA IN HAWAII VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK, HAWAII © PACIFIC ISLANDS INSTITUTE. OPPOSITE, LEFT TO RIGHT: ENTRANCE TO THE THURSTON LAVA TUBE, HAWAII VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK, HAWAII © PACIFIC ISLANDS INSTITUTE; A TURTLE ON THE BLACK SAND OF PUNALUU BEACH ON THE BIG ISLAND OF HAWAII © PACIFIC ISLANDS INSTITUTE.

Trip Details

NPCA MEMBER TRIP PRICE:

\$3,825 per person double occupancy;
\$895 single supplement.

PRICE INCLUDES:

All accommodations, meals as noted (B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, and D-Dinner), inter-island airfare from Oahu to Hilo and Kona to Maui, ground transportation, entrance fees per the itinerary, bus and meal gratuities and professional guide services.

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

Airfare, gratuities for naturalist guides or hotel housekeeping, fees for fuel-surcharges or extra baggage per the airlines, travel insurance, alcoholic beverages, or personal expenses.

PAYMENTS/CANCELLATIONS:

Space is confirmed by calling the NPCA at 800.628.7275. A \$500 per person deposit is due at registration. Final payment will be invoiced separately and is due 90 days prior to departure. Cancellation notice must be submitted in writing and is effective upon date of receipt. Cancellations up to 90 days prior receive a refund, less a \$200 per person handling fee. Cancellations within 90 days of departure could result in the loss of 100% of your total cost.

TRAVEL INSURANCE:

To protect yourself from the loss of deposit and cancellation fees, you are encouraged to purchase travel insurance. Ask your travel advisor for more details.

ARRIVE/DEPART:

Honolulu, Oahu, HI/Kahului, Maui, HI

LENGTH:

9 days/8 nights

PACE:

Easy and at your own pace.

Itinerary

NOVEMBER 7: HONOLULU, OAHU, TO HILO, BIG ISLAND OF HAWAII

Gather in the early afternoon for a lei greeting with your guide at the Honolulu Airport on the island of Oahu. Then board an inter-island flight for Hilo on the Big Island of Hawaii and proceed to your welcome reception. *Volcano House* (D)

NOVEMBER 8: HAWAII VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK

Spend the day exploring Hawaii Volcanoes National Park with an expert volcanologist. Hear the latest news on the active volcano known as Kilauea and view measuring devices that predict eruptions. Enjoy several short walks within the Kilauea Caldera. Then it's on to where recent eruptive activity has crossed and closed Chain of Craters Road to see evidence of the active lava flow. *Volcano House* (B,L,D)

NOVEMBER 9: HAWAII VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK

Continue to explore the beauties of the volcano area today with a morning bird walk and discussion of conservation in the park. Spend the afternoon investigating the visitor center or hike with your guide. Enjoy an evening presentation about the local culture and efforts to protect the national park. *Volcano House* (B,L,D)

NOVEMBER 10: PU'UHONUA O HONAUNAU NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

Bid farewell to Hawaii Volcanoes, for you are on your way to Punalu'u Black Sand Beach to search for green sea turtles. Enjoy an afternoon walk through Pu'uuhonua o Honaunau National Historical Park to learn about Hawaiian places of worship and how ancient Hawaiians pardoned those who broke the laws. *Royal Kona Resort* (B,L,D)

NOVEMBER 11: KALOKO-HONOKOHAU NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK & PU'UKOHOLO HEIAU NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Spend your day touring the fishpond and heiau (sacred sites) of Kaloko-Honokohau National Historical Park and Pu'ukohola Heiau National Historic Site. End the day at a private backyard luau—a part of the Hawaii that few visitors get to experience. *Royal Kona Resort* (B,L,D)

NOVEMBER 12: IAO VALLEY STATE PARK, MAUI

After an inter-island flight to Maui, you will explore Iao Valley State Park. This lush green valley is a sacred site to the Hawaiian people and is the historic location of a fierce battle. *Maui Hotel* (B,L,D)

NOVEMBER 13: KALAUPAPA NATIONAL HISTORIC PARK, MOLOKAI

Board your early morning inter-island flight to Molokai, where you have the rare opportunity to tour Kalaupapa National Historic Park. Kalaupapa is home to the former Hansen's disease (leprosy) settlement. The historic park is also home to the highest coastal cliffs in the world. The return trip by ferry shows you another perspective, and if you're lucky, you may see a humpback whale! Dinner and evening activities will be at your leisure in historic Lahaina. *Maui Hotel* (B,L)

NOVEMBER 14: HALEAKALA NATIONAL PARK, MAUI

Head off to Haleakala National Park's park headquarters for a brief orientation; then proceed to the visitor center for an interpretive session on Hawaii's indigenous plants, animals, and Mt. Haleakala—the world's largest dormant volcano. Among the special features of Haleakala is the famous silversword plant. Your farewell dinner at the Old Lahaina Luau means a traditional hula and feast. *Maui Hotel* (B,L,D)

NOVEMBER 15: MAUI/ALOHA!

Your tour concludes with breakfast in Maui. Departures home. (B)

Note: Participants are encouraged to visit the final national park in Hawaii, Pearl Harbor's USS Arizona Memorial on your own.



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