



# Exploring Hawaii's National Parks

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Experience unique cultural and natural beauty within Hawaii's national parks. Expert biologists, naturalists, and cultural specialists 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, participate in an authentic Hawaiian family luau, and witness the diversity of the island landscape on your inter-island flights. This Hawaiian tour is no ordinary experience.

## Highlights

**HAWAIIAN NATIONAL PARKS —** Explore Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, Pu'uuhonua o Honaunau National Historical Park, Pu'uukohola 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 the island of 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 1790 ceremonial site and a sanctuary to those seeking refuge.

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 ABOVE: KEIKI "CHILDRENS" HULA IN HAWAII ©. OPPOSITE PAGE: LAVA IN HAWAII VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK, HAWAII ©

## Trip Details

**NPCA MEMBER PRICE FROM:** \$5,045\* per person double occupancy; \$650 single supplement.

**DEPOSIT:** \$500 per person.

**PRICE INCLUDES:** All accommodations, meals as noted (B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner), ground transportation, professional guide services, park and other entrance fees, and miscellaneous program expenses.

**PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:** Roundtrip airfare to and from destination, baggage fees for inter-island flights, gratuities for guides, 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 120 days prior to departure. Cancellation notice must be submitted in writing and is effective upon date of receipt. Cancellations up to 185 days prior to tour start date are subject to \$250 per person handling fee; between 184-121 days prior to tour start date to \$500 per person fee; and within 120 days of departure 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. If you need assistance, NPCA recommends contacting Travel Insurance Services.

**ARRIVE/DEPART:** Honolulu, Oahu / Kahului, Maui

**LENGTH OF TOUR:** 9 days / 8 nights

**PACE:** Easy to moderately active, offering a choice of activities each day to suit different activity levels.

\*Price is based on minimum of (10) fully paid participants; surcharge may apply if tour has low registration.

## Daily Itinerary

**NOVEMBER 3: ARRIVAL IN 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. *Kilauea Military Camp (D)*

**NOVEMBER 4: HAWAII VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK**  
Spend the day exploring Hawaii Volcanoes National Park with an expert volcanologist. Hear the latest news on the active volcano of Kilauea and view measuring devices that predict eruptions. Enjoy several short walks within the Kilauea Caldera. Spend your afternoon exploring the area with your guide or on your own. *Kilauea Military Camp (B,L,D)*

**NOVEMBER 5: HAWAII VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK**  
Exploring the Keauhou Bird Conservation Center with a morning bird walk and discussion of conservation in the park. Spend the afternoon investigating the visitor center or hike with your guide. This evening offers a nighttime lava adventure and picnic dinner as you enjoy the glow of the lava flow. *Kilauea Military Camp (B,L,D)*

**NOVEMBER 6: 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'uhonua o Honaunau National Historical Park to learn about Hawaiian places of worship and how ancient Hawaiians pardoned those who broke the laws. Your guide will offer some options for dinner on your own. *Outrigger Keauhou Hotel (B,L)*

**NOVEMBER 7: KALOKO-HONOKOHAU NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK**  
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. *Outrigger Keauhou Hotel (B,L,D)*

**NOVEMBER 8: KALAUPAPA NATIONAL HISTORIC PARK, MOLOKAI**  
Board your private charter 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. Take an afternoon flight to Maui and enjoy views of the West Maui Mountains en route to Ka'anapali. *Royal Lahaina Resort (B,L)*

**NOVEMBER 9: HALEAKALA NATIONAL PARK, MAUI**  
Head off to Haleakala's park headquarters for a brief orientation; then proceed to the visitor center for an interpretive session about Hawaii's indigenous plants and animals and Mt. Haleakala—the world's largest dormant volcano. Among the special features of Haleakala is the famous silversword plant. In the afternoon 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. Stop off for dinner in the old whaling town of Lahaina on your return to the hotel. *Royal Lahaina Resort (B,L,D)*

**NOVEMBER 10: KA'ANAPALI**  
Enjoy a day of leisurely exploring the Kaanapali area including swimming and snorkeling, and a selection of optional tours. Your farewell dinner at the Royal Lahaina Luau means a traditional hula and feast. *Royal Lahaina Resort (B,L,D)*

**NOVEMBER 11: DEPARTURES HOME FROM KAHULUI, MAUI, HAWAII**  
Your tour concludes with breakfast in Maui. Individual departures home. (B)

**NOTE:** Participants are encouraged to visit Pearl Harbor's USS Arizona Memorial on your own, if flying home via the Honolulu Airport. The USS Arizona Memorial, the final national park in Hawaii, is only 15 minutes from the Honolulu Airport.



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