

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

YOUR DAY-BY-DAY ADVENTURE

DAY 1

Travel to **Kona, Hawaii** and receive a traditional flower lei upon your arrival.

Hotel check-in, then enjoy a pizza party at the hotel.

DAY 2

Start your day by learning how **Madam Pele**, the volcano goddess, formed the Hawaiian Archipelago.

Punalu'u Black Sand Beach They get their color from volcanic lava contacting the ocean – as the lava cools rapidly, it shatters into small basalt fragments giving the beach its black color.

Enter **Volcanoes National Park** located in a giant tropical hapu'u fern forest. Continue your exploration by visiting the **Steam Vents**, where ground water makes its way down to the hot volcanic rocks and returns up to the surface as steam.

Lunch

Kilauea Visitor's Center Discuss tectonic plates, the Ring of Fire, and how Hawaii was formed through a "hot spot" in the Pacific Plate.

Imiloa Astronomy Center of Hawaii Developed to showcase the connection between traditions of Hawaiian culture and groundbreaking astronomical research conducted at the Summit of Mauna Kea. Enjoy the exhibition and planetarium.

Dinner

Enjoy a picture stop at **Rainbow Falls**. These falls are 80 feet tall, 100 feet wide, and are set against a lush tropical rainforest backdrop.

DAY 3

Breakfast

Kaloko-Honokahau National Historic Park Walk along the beach to observe how the white coral sand contrasts against the black lava.

Service Project Students learn about invasive species and Hawaiian aquaculture while participating in a service project.

Lunch

Kona Cloud Forest Sanctuary Learn how tropical cloud forests benefit the ecosystem, and the story of its development on the slopes of Hualalai. Get up close with amazing ferns, palms, flowers, and hundreds of exotic and native species of birds.

Historic Kona Town Scavenger Hunt Explore Ali'i Drive's historical sites, including Ahu'ena Heiau, which was once King Kamehameha's

place of worship and Hulihe'e Palace - used by royalty as a vacation home but is now a museum with ancient Hawaiian artifacts..

Dinner at local restaurant

DAY 4

Breakfast

Board a catamaran for a **snorkel cruise and lunch**. Students will snorkel in the brilliant blue waters and see vibrant coral, tropical fish, and on occasion, spinner dolphins and humpback whales.

Pu'uuhonua O Hōnaunau National Park Explore this ancient place, still considered a sacred site. Learn how the pu'uuhonua served as a sanctuary for defeated warriors and law-breakers.

Lu'au Dinner & Polynesian Show Enjoy a traditional Hawaiian Lu'au and authentic Polynesian show. Participate in a hula dance, and discuss the local legends and cultural connections.

DAY 5

Breakfast and hotel check-out

Hop on a short flight to **Honolulu**, where you'll visit **Pearl Harbor** and the U.S.S Arizona. Learn about the U.S.'s entry to WWII and the sacrifices made on "The Day of Infamy".

Enjoy a picnic-style lunch with a view of the famous war ship, the **U.S.S. Missouri**.

Take a walking tour on the surrender deck where General MacArthur signed the **treaty to end WWII in Tokyo Bay**.

Hotel check in. Then, experience Hawaii's cultural melting pot first-hand during a **Japanese-style dinner**.

DAY 6

Breakfast and hotel check out

Climb the 99 stairs to the top of **Diamond Head**, a well-known landmark of the Honolulu Volcanic Series. This 763 foot volcanic tuff cone summit boasts an exhilarating 360-degree panoramic view!

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