

# Hawaiian Adventure 2017!

February 2<sup>nd</sup> – February 17<sup>th</sup>

## Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>

- Depart Sioux Falls on Delta Flight #2618 at 7:00am and arrive in Minneapolis at 8:20am.
- Depart Minneapolis on Delta Flight #1664 at 11:35am and arrive in Honolulu at 4:49pm.
- Take Delta Vacations transfers from the airport to your hotel.
- Check in to Aqua Skyline Island Hotel for 2 nights in a Studio room.

## Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>

- Contact Aloha VIP Tours at 800-367-6071 on February 1<sup>st</sup> to confirm pick up location and time.
- Grand Circle Island Tour –
  - Your 120 mile, 8 hour tour around Oahu will feature Diamond Head, Kahala Estates, Hanauama Bay lookout, Halona “Blow Hole” lookout, Waimanalo, Mormon Temple, North Shore, and Dole Plantation. Cost of lunch is not included.

## Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>

- Take Delta Vacations transfer back to the Airport and take a taxi to the pier or arrange a taxi from the hotel to the pier to get on Norwegian Pride of America ship. Reservation # 27651653
- Boarding begins at 12:00pm. You will need a valid driver’s license to board the ship. Make sure your luggage tags are attached to your baggage before you board the ship.
- Stateroom: 7608 on Deck 7
- Departure time: 7:00pm. You must be on board at least 2 hours before departure or you will not be permitted to sail.

## Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>

- Tour:
- Whale Watching & Lahaina on Your Own Tour
- 9:30am – 4:00pm
- Set out on the water with a naturalist guide in search of humpback whales that spend their winters here. Then enjoy some time to explore the quaint little town of Lahaina. Each winter one third of all north Pacific humpback whales migrate 3,000 miles from their feeding grounds in Alaska to breed in the warm waters of Hawaii. Join a certified marine naturalist for an opportunity to experience these legendary creatures up close. Keep your eyes open and your cameras ready as the whales surface, slap their tails and spout water into the air. Your guide will interpret their fascinating behavior, and will

share with you the latest whale discoveries. Listen to their haunting songs through underwater hydrophones – a truly unforgettable experience. Back on shore, enjoy some leisure time in Lahaina, where you'll have access to dozens of boutiques, shops, restaurants, and historical sites within easy walking distance.

### **Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**

- Open day to yourselves! 😊

### **Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**

- Land of Frozen Fire Tour
- 9:00am – 2:30pm
- Head first to the small, off-the-beaten-path town of Pahoa with its inviting boardwalk. Nearby is Lava Tree State Park, a once lush rainforest that happened to be in the path of a lava flow. The trees burned from the inside out, leaving hollow stone skeletons. Now covered with moss, they make for an eerie panorama. Visit Ahalanui's volcanically heated warm springs. Along the way and during brief stops, view the striking scenery that results when lava meets the sea – cliffs, lava tubes, and blowholes. Perhaps you'll be lucky enough to see a blowhole spouting water high in the air. The small fishing village of Kalapana and Kaimu the site of the original black sand beach were both destroyed by a 1990 lava flow. Take a walk on this "frozen fire" and get a look at the active volcanic vent in the distance. Chat with a survivor of the eruption and view a photo exhibit of the area you just walked through to see how it looked before buried in 1990.

### **Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**

- Gold Coast & Cloud Forest Tour
- 7:45am – 11:15am
- Explore the slopes of volcanic Hualalai to visit an endangered cloud forest. You'll walk under a canopy of 30-foot tall tree ferns, known as Ohia, and learn about the tropical flora, birds and the forest eco system. It's a scenic drive to Kaloko Honokahau National Historic Park, where you'll hike to some ancient temples and see petroglyph once lived here. Walk to the sandy shore where fisherman stored their stocks of fish in traps and ponds, and from where Hawa Hawaiian monk seal, dolphins and whales may be seen. Coffee is always top of mind when in Kona, and you'll visit the award-winning Mountain Thunder coffee plantation for a tour of the special brew.

### **Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**

- Heaven & Earth Quest Tour
- 10:01am – 4:01pm
- Soar above a tropical paradise so stunning that it has gained movie star status. This exciting tour combines exploration by helicopter and by land. The island's golden

beaches and lush vegetation have appeared in many films, including Dragon Fly, South Pacific, Jurassic Park, and Blue Hawaii. A helicopter takes you on an approximately 45-minute flight that includes narration on the culture, history and myths linked to the spectacular scenery you'll see. You'll have a bird's-eye view of magnificent waterfalls, majestic canyons and inaccessible beaches. Rain swells the waterfalls, and Mount Namolokama has many tumbling down all the way from its 3,400-foot summit. Fly over Waimea canyon with its array of rainbow colors, the scenic Na Pali coast, and – weather permitting – Mount Waialeale, one of the wettest spots on earth and a sacred site in the Hawaiian culture.

### **February 10<sup>th</sup>**

- Open day for yourselves! 😊

### **February 11<sup>th</sup>**

- Disembark the ship at 7:00am
- Early Bird Pearl Harbor Tour (with airport drop off)
- 8:00am -12:00pm
- Before departing Honolulu spend some time at Pearl Harbor, one of Hawaii's best-known landmarks, and the scene of the devastating aerial attack by Japan that drove the U.S. into WWII. Following a short orientation at the Arizona Memorial Visitor Center, travel by motor launch to the memorial, which straddles the hull of the battleship USS Arizona, sunk on December 7, 1941. Learn more about that infamous day, and pay your respects to the ship's 1,177 crewmen who died there. Enjoy the panoramic city views on your drive to the airport.
- Depart Honolulu on Delta Flight #6838 at 4:26pm and arrive on Maui at 5:06pm.
- Pick up rental car (minivan) at National Car Rental at 5:32pm. Confirmation # 277199497

### **February 11<sup>th</sup> – February 16<sup>th</sup>**

- 5 days to explore Maui! 😊

### **February 16<sup>th</sup>**

- Return rental car at airport by 9:45pm.
- Depart Maui on Delta Flight #2220 at 9:47pm and arrive in Los Angeles at 5:05am on February 17<sup>th</sup>

### **February 17<sup>th</sup>**

- Depart Los Angeles on Delta Flight #2116 at 6:30 am and arrive in Minneapolis at 12:01pm.
- Depart Minneapolis on Delta Flight #4759 at 1:05pm and arrive in Sioux Falls at 2:14pm.

- WELCOME HOME!! 😊