# ULTIMATE HAWAII CRUISE TOUR January 14th - January 24th, 2016 10 Days / 9 Nights

There is probably no place on earth that is closer to paradise than the Hawaiian Islands! You'll find that the Hawaii of Hollywood films and South Seas literature really does exist! Here, you'll find palm fringed blue lagoons, lush rainforest and cascading waterfalls. And oh my, the beaches! Gold, red, black and even green sands are endlessly caressed by the surf. As you travel from one beautiful island to the next seemingly more beautiful island, you'll find that the natural beauty and spirit of Hawaii renews you. See volcanoes and rain-forests, plantations and grottos as you experience sun-drenched islands that are like nothing else on earth!!

Your Ultimate Hawaii cruise/tour starts on the beach at Waikiki where you'll find your luxurious hotel right on the sandy shores! Enjoy two nights on Oahu before boarding the Pride of America featuring 2 full days and an overnight in Maui, both Hilo and Kona on the Big Island and 2 days and an overnight in Kauai! Once you board the Pride of America, you'll have a relaxing week in Hawaii. No packing and unpacking required, no airport hassles and no security check points! Join us for the best way to enjoy all Hawaii, all the time!

## Itinerary

#### <u> January 14th, 2016 - Aloha Paradise!</u>

Today you board your flight bound for the Hawaiian Islands! On arrival in Honolulu, you are met and assisted with your transfer to your hotel for the next two nights, right on the beach in Waikiki. Relax and enjoy the perfume of gardenias and jasmine while watching the brilliant sunset over Waikiki. Dinner is at your leisure this evening at any of the area's many fine restaurants or charming cafes.

Overnight: Honolulu

# January 15th, 2016 - Orchids and Mai-Tais!

Today is yours to enjoy the Hawaii you came to see! Walk on the sandy beach with Diamond Head looming in the back ground, take a dip in the warm Pacific waters or relax by the pool with a good book. This is the perfect place to 'hang loose' as they say in Hawaii! Do a bit of shopping and then enjoy a refreshing cocktail as you bask in the gentle breeze off the ocean! Overnight: Honolulu

#### January 16th, 2016 - Pearl Harbor & USS Arizona Memorial!

This morning the TRIPS staff will be escorting you to Pearl Harbor and the USS Arizona Memorial. The Memorial is built right over the Arizona which was sunk by a Japanese attack on December 7, 1941. Afterwards, you're off to Hilo Hatties where you can pick up a colorful Hawaiian shirt, sun tan lotion or a grass skirt! You'll board the **Pride of America** in time for a late lunch. Be sure to be on deck as you set sail from Honolulu harbor at **7pm**.

## January 17th, 2016 - Maui \* Valley Isle

Today you dock at Kahului at 8am for an overnight visit. Known as the Valley Isle, Maui is dotted with quaint towns, artist communities and local haunts that have been around for generations. It's no surprise that the readers of Conde Nast Traveler have voted this the "Best Island' for 19 years! From the scenic drive to Hana and the beautiful Kaanapali Beach you'll have a tough time deciding what to do! Maui's highest peak, Haleakala is a must see! This massive volcano rises more than 10,000 feet above the sea and provides spectacular views! January is prime whale watching time as pods of Pacific humpback whales make the 3,000 mile swim from the chilly waters of Alaska to bask in Maui's warm waters. The historic port town of Lahaina is a great stop for a bit of shopping and exploring. It was this town that inspired James Michener to write his best-selling epic novel Hawaii. Since the Pride of America is docked here overnight, there's no need to hurry back to the ship. Enjoy a sunset walk on the beach or a refreshing cocktail in a restaurant overlooking the Pacific! Docked at Kahului, Maui (B/L/D)

#### January 18th, 2016 - Maui \* Another day in Paradise!

You have another beautiful day to experience the wonders of Maui. Step ashore and explore Maui's sandy beaches lined with swaying palm trees. You may choose a tour that will provide a narrated vision of what life was like on the island hundreds of years ago. Or focus your last day on the wonders of nature: lush tropical vistas, amazing views of the awesome coastline, 30-foot waterfalls and vivid flowering plants. You may wish to visit the Kanaha Pond Wildlife Refuge where the endangered Hawaiian Stilts breed. There is a submarine adventure that will show you marine life up close: coral gardens, sea turtles, tropical fish, and much, much more! And, yes, you could take a surfing lesson and get out there and hang ten. Your ship sails at 6pm. Docked at Kahului, Maui

(B/L/D)

#### January 19th, 2016 - The Big Island \* Hilo and Volcanoes!

After sailing overnight, you dock at 8am at Hilo on the Big Island of Hawaii! Blessed with dramatic waterfalls, fertile rainforest and blooming gardens, Hilo is also the gateway to Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. This is the home of Kilauea volcano, one of the most active volcanoes on earth, you don't want to miss seeing it. Another option for your day here is a tour of the Mauna Loa Macadamia Nut Factory, complete with delicious samples! Snorkeling and sport fishing are also offered and a walk through the Nani Mau Gardens with acres of flowers provides you with stunning photographic opportunities. Upon returning to the Pride of America, you might dive into one of the three swimming pools or enjoy a nice, long soak in one of the four hot tubs. Your ship sails at this evening at 6pm. Docked at Hilo

(B/L/D)

#### January 20th, 2016-The Big Island \* Kona, Coffee & Captain Cook! This morning, you drop anchor at 7am on the Big Island's "Gold Coast" of Kona where you'll find everything from coffee plantations to historic Hawaiian landmarks. King Kamehameha spent his final years here and James

Cook first set foot on the island in 1778 at Kealakekua Bay. You might choose to visit Puuhonua o Honaunau National Historical Park, a restored "sacred place of refuge". You can learn about early Hawaiian history at this 180 acre park where ancient Hawaiian lawbreakers came to participate in ceremonies of absolution allowing them to return to society. For water enthusiasts, the calm and clear waters of Kona are perfect for snorkeling, swimming and spotting dolphins and sea turtles! And your visit here won't be complete without a taste of 100% Kona coffee! Be sure to pick up some for a very special treat to take home with you. Your ship sails at 5:30pm. Docked at Kona (B/L/D)

#### <u> January 21st, 2016 - Kauai \* The Garden Isle!</u>

Today, at **8am**, you dock at **Kauai** where you'll be overnight. With majestic cliffs, emerald valleys and spectacular golden beaches, the tropical breezes of Kauai will relax and soothe you. Hollywood loves this island, with scenes from Jurassic Park, Raiders of the Lost Ark, and King Kong all filmed here. You may choose to sign up for an excursion to take a relaxing river cruise to the Fern Grotto where a Hawaiian chorus will serenade you in a naturally formed amphitheater. The only way to see the spectacular, surreal beauty of Kauai is via helicopter and TRIPS offers you an opportunity for privately booked helicopter Safaris! Dip low over razor-thin cliffs, flutter past sparkling waterfalls and swoop into the valleys of fabled Waimea Canyon as you listen to Hawaiian music on your noise canceling headsets! Past guests always say this is the highlight of their Ultimate Hawaii cruise and truly gush about the beauty of Kauai! Since you're docked here overnight, this is the perfect time to enjoy an evening walk on the beach followed by a Mai-Tai at a local restaurant! (B/L/D)

Docked at Nawiliwili, Kauai

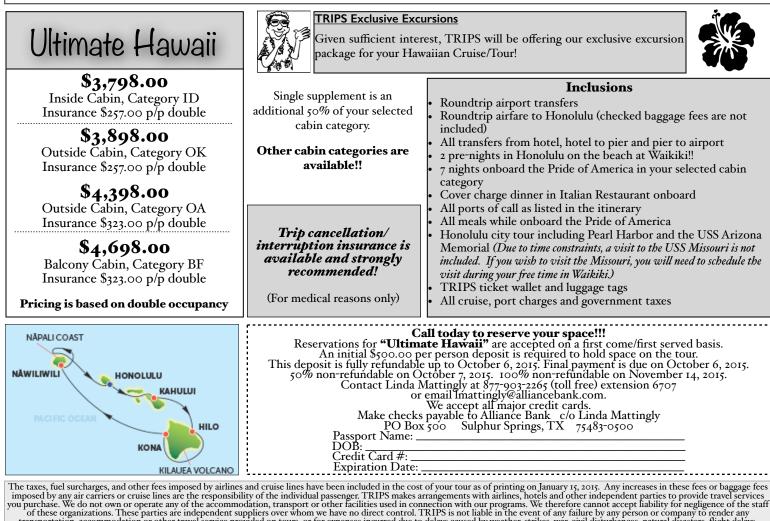
## January 22nd, 2016 - Kauai \* The Dramatic Na Pali Coast!

The Pride of America leaves Kauai at 2pm, so you still have time to enjoy this lovely island. Perhaps enjoy a last walk on the beach, savor a cup of coffee in a local cafe or do some last minute shopping. Red Dirt Shirts are quite the collectible with employees taking home ordinary white t-shirts and dyeing them in vats with red dirt collected from Kauai's valleys! You're in for a treat when you return to the Pride of America and set sail past the dramatic Na Pali Coastline. The only way to see it is via air or on the water. The Captain of the Pride of America will sail past the coast and turn the boat so that the coastline can be seen from every vantage point onboard! What a special way to celebrate you magnificent Ultimate Hawaii cruise!! Overnight: At Sea

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### January 23rd/24th, 2016 - Aloha Hawaii!

Today, your ship docks at 7am and after breakfast, you will once again say Aloha to Honolulu. After disembarkation, you will board your private motor coach for a city tour. Lunch at your leisure will be at the international market place where you'll have one last chance to purchase unique souvenirs for your friends and family! You are transferred to the airport where you board your overnight flight for home. Memories of Ultimate Hawaii will be with you for years to come! (R)



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