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ASSOCIATION OF ZOO AND AQUARIUM DOCENTS

OCTOBER 7 - 13, 2012
10 - 20 PAX
TWO ISLAND PROGRAM
OAHU & BIG ISLAND OF HAWAII

SIX (6) NIGHT PROGRAM

AZAD POST CONFERENCE TOUR

Embark on a comprehensive tour that brings to life the history and culture of ancient plus present day Hawaii, with behind-the-scene tours of Hawaii's own zoo and aquarium. This trip includes expert interpretation throughout, so whether you are walking in Hawaii's Volcanoes National Park or spotting a colorful bird, you will have someone with you to interpret, explain, and put it all in context. The schedule has been arranged for optimum learning and free time to explore other areas of interest at their own pace. Pacific Islands Institute supports and is a member of many local and global non-profit organizations focused on conservation, wildlife, history, culture and travel and has been honored with multiple awards over the years to include Hawaii Ecotour Operator of the Year, Hawaii's Living Reef Award, numerous Keep It Hawaii awards and the Hawaii Tourism Authority's highest award, the Koa Award. Do More! Learn More! Discover More....on this unique travel opportunity in Hawaii.

Price Per Person: Based on a minimum of (10) fully paid persons

\$1649.00	Per person based on DOUBLE occupancy
\$1599.00	Per person based on TRIPLE occupancy
\$2029.00	Per person, SINGLE occupancy

Maximum Group size: Maximum (20) travelers

Highlights:

- (2) nights at the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel on the Big Island of Hawaii (Hilo), four (4) nights at Queen Kapiolani Hotel in Waikiki
- Included hotel portorage and airline baggage for (1) bag between Hilo and Honolulu
- Welcome lei greeting upon arrival at hotel
- (6) Full American breakfasts daily
- Welcome arrival dinner and orientation
- Tour of Volcanoes National Park with volcano expert and Keauhou Bird Conservation Center with picnic lunch
- Visit to Panaewa Zoo and Rainbow Falls in Hilo, enroute to airport
- One-segment, interisland airfare between Hilo, Hawaii and Honolulu, Oahu (ITO/HNL)
- Pearl Harbor Arizona Memorial and City Tour of Honolulu
- Behind-the-Scene late afternoon walking tour of Waikiki Aquarium with evening picnic dinner
- Behind-the-Scene tour of Honolulu Zoo (walking tour) with picnic lunch
- Departure transfer Honolulu, Queen Kapiolani to airport via non-exclusive shuttle
- Farewell Polynesian Luau dinner and show
- On-site services of PII Staff person throughout
- Standard gratuities included for hotel porters, bus drivers and restaurants for all PII-arranged trip components listed in the "Itinerary"

NOT Included:

- Air transportation between mainland point of origin and the Big Island (Hilo arrival) and departure from Honolulu, Hawaii to mainland home is NOT included
- As individuals will be arriving individually on flights, arrival airport group transfers have NOT been included from Hilo Airport to Hilo Hawaiian Hotel on arrival day
- Excess airline baggage charges between Hilo and Oahu
- Single rooms and any complimentary free of charge
- Insurance costs (PII strongly recommends participants purchase optional travel insurance) Incidental items of a personal nature (including phone calls, daily housekeeping services, laundry, souvenirs, etc.)
- Non-group meals, alcoholic beverages

TENTATIVE ITINERARY

NOTE: *ALL days and times are approximate and subject to change upon confirmation. Tour activities may change due to weather or volcanic activity. As with all things dealing with Mother Nature, seeing molten lava, sea turtles or other marine life is not guaranteed.*

Day One: *Sunday, October 7, 2012*

Arrival from the mainland. Arrival transportation from Hilo Airport (ITO) on the Big Island to the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel is **on your own**.

Your PII Group Leader will meet you with a **lei greeting** upon arrival at the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel. Balance of day at leisure. The **Hilo Hawaiian Hotel** sits quietly on Hilo Bay, beneath majestic Mauna Kea. It's walking distance to Hilo Town where you will enjoy a plethora of antique stores, farmers market and island restaurants

Dinner included in hotel restaurant or nearby, with your welcome trip orientation

Day Two: *Monday, October 8, 2012*

Breakfast included.



There were thought to have been 140 species of birds in Hawaii when Europeans first arrived on the islands. Today, one-half of those are extinct. Of the remaining, about one-half are critically endangered, and many of them are presumed extinct. At the **Keauhou Bird Conservation Center**, you will learn about the main problems that are affecting the wild populations of endemic Hawaiian birds and view the research and efforts that are being made to restore the native bird population, an experience that is not available to the general public.

Undersea volcanoes that erupted thousands of years ago formed the islands of Hawaii. At 800,000 years the **Big Island** is the youngest of the island chain, however, it was the first island discovered by voyaging Polynesians. It is home to Kilauea Iki, the world's most active and largest volcano, Mauna Kea, the world's tallest mountain (when measured from its base at the ocean floor) and the Ka Lae, the southernmost point of the United States.

Depart via Crater Rim Drive for an excursion to discover **Hawaii's Volcanoes National Park** and the geological wonders of this amazing place. Witness the phases of Madame Pele's (Hawaii's Goddess of Fire) creation of new land as our volcano expert takes you on an exploration through one of nature's most exciting National Parks. While the highlight is the active volcano, you will also be taking short leisurely hikes into a tropical rainforest, alive with native birds, lush foliage and ferns. Experience a walk through an extinct lava tube, as well as over new lava formations and steam vents while learning the cultural and historical significance around Kilauea. Stops include the Hawaii Volcano Observatory and Jagger Museum as you journey past the Halemaumau Fire Pit and the Kilauea Iki Crater. **Lunch is included.**

Dinner is on your own, not included this evening.

Day Three: *Tuesday, October 9, 2012*

Breakfast included

We will be departing the Big Island of Hilo and flying to Honolulu, Oahu.



Enroute to the airport we will be visting Rainbow Falls on the Wailuku river. The falls get their name from the colorful rainbows that can often be seen in the mist that rises from the circular collecting pool 80 feet below. The Hawaiian name for the waterfall is Waianuenue, which literally means "rainbow seen in the water". The vegetation around the basin of the falls is lush and includes a variety of tropical flowers.

We will continue to the only tropical zoo in the United States, the 12- acre Panaewa Rainforest Zoo & Gardens, home to more than 80 different animal species. Highlights include the endangered Nene (Hawaii State Bird), Namaste - a white Bengal tiger and a stroll through their botanical garden.

We will depart Hilo Airport (interisland airfare included) to Honolulu, Oahu.

Upon arrival, we will be transferred to the **Queen Kapiolani Hotel**, named after the beloved wife of Hawaii's last reigning King. We have chosen this hotel for it'spirit of aloha, and for it's location near the foot of Diamond Head and within walking distance to the Honolulu Zoo and Waikiki Aquarium!

The balance of the day will be at leisure. Time permitting, you can explore Waikiki with an independent tour along the **Historical Waikiki Trail** at your leisure. You will have an opportunity to retrace the history and cultural legacy of this special area, visit royal coconut groves, ancient fish and duck ponds, as well as learning the of legend of the Wizard Stones at your own pace.

Day Four: *Wednesday, October 10, 2012*

Breakfast included

This morning, your tour will take you on a historic journey from the site of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Your visit to the **Arizona Memorial and Pearl Harbor** will transport you to the morning of December 7, 1941 as you re-live the moment that thrust America into World War II. At the Arizona Memorial Visitor Center, you will have the opportunity to browse through and see the historical artifacts of the "Day of Infamy" on display, then view a brief film of the attack. You will ride the Navy launch across Pearl Harbor to board the Arizona Memorial.

Continue on and get a glimpse of Honolulu's history on a narrated driving tour through downtown Honolulu, past Chinatown, Aloha Tower, the State Capitol, the King Kamehameha Statue, Kawaiahao Church, the State Library and Archives, Honolulu Hale, the Mission Houses Museum and Iolani Palace, the only royal palace on American soil.

Return to hotel, **lunch on own**, balance of afternoon at leisure

Day Four: *Wednesday, October 10, 2012* **Continued.....**



Later that afternoon, enjoy a leisurely stroll along Waikiki Beach, terminating at the **Waikiki Aquarium** for your behind the scenes tour.

Then known as the Honolulu Aquarium, it is the third oldest aquarium in the United States, opened in March 1904 with 35 tanks and 400 marine organisms, considered state-of-the-art at that time to "show the world the riches of Hawaii's reefs" with one of the finest collection of fishes in the world. Today, the Aquarium has renewed its mission, increased their research activities and community educational outreach and has revitalized many new and renovated exhibits including an elegant new jellyfish gallery, and a new Northwestern Hawaiian Islands display.

A **picnic style dinner** is included.

Day Five: *Thursday, October 11, 2012*
Breakfast included



Honolulu Zoo originated from a grant from King David Kalaukua, then reigning Monarch of Hawaii, in 1834 with administration continuing today under the City and County of Honolulu. Peacocks, trees, palms and plantings from the Golden Gate Park in San Francisco were added with the primary collection in the earlier days being the exotic bird collection. Today, the zoo exhibits feature an African Savanna, tropical rainforest, islands of the Pacific and Children's area. The zoo provides an environmental enrichment program for the birds, mammals and reptiles; encouraging novel objects and smells, which encourages the animals to forage, hunt and handle their foods in ways that are natural to them in the wild. A **picnic lunch will be included** on site. After our behind the scenes tour, you will have time to explore the Zoo in depth at your leisure

Day Five: *Thursday, October 11, 2012 Continued.....*



The balance of the day is at leisure to explore on your own or opt to join an optional sightseeing tour or activity. Long before the first tourist arrived or the first hotel was built, Waikiki Beach was the playground for Hawaiian royalty. Walk from your hotel to step into the waters of Waikiki Beach for your choice of learning to surf, or paddling an outrigger canoe (additional fee applies) or world class shopping.

Day Six: *Friday, October 12, 2012*
Breakfast included

Day at leisure for optional tours, shopping, to explore or just relax in the shoreline of Waikiki with snorkeling and swimming.



In the evening, enjoy your final sunset with a **Polynesian Luau**. The setting highlights the extraordinary energy and appeal of this dynamic and popular Polynesian show. After experiencing a delicious all-you-can-eat Polynesian buffet, you'll enjoy the acclaimed cast of musicians and dancers as they take you on an authentic journey through the South Pacific Islands of Hawaii, Tahiti, Raratonga, New Zealand and Samoa. Their performance includes songs and dances of the islands and is highlighted by a Samoan "fire knife" dance.

Day Seven: *Saturday, October 13, 2012*
Breakfast included

Check out of hotel by 12 noon.

Includes NON-exclusive shuttle transportation back to the Honolulu International Airport (HNL) for your return flight home.

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ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Date	Breakfast	Tour	Lunch	Dinner
Sunday October 7		ARRIVAL & Orientation Arrival transfer NOT included to Hilo Hawaiian Hotel.		Welcome Dinner and Orientation
Monday October 8	Included at hotel	Volcano National Park Tour with stop at Keauhou Bird Conservation Center	Included Lunch enroute	
Tuesday October 9	Included at hotel	Tour of Rainbow Falls, Panaewa Zoo enroute to Hilo Airport. Interisland flight Hilo to Honolulu Independent Waikiki Historical Trail		
Wednesday October 10	Included at hotel	AM: Pearl Harbor + City Tour PM: Waikiki Aquarium Behind the Scenes		Picnic Dinner at Park
Thursday October 11	Included at hotel	AM: Honolulu Zoo Behind the Scenes	Included Picnic Lunch @Zoo	
Friday October 12	Included at hotel	At leisure PM: Luau Dinner and Show		Luau Dinner & Show
Saturday October 13	Included at hotel	DEPARTURE Airport transfer, non-exclusive shuttle		

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

Payment Terms:

- Upon Registration A deposit of \$500.00 per person will be due at the time of registration. Cancellation penalties will be applicable, see cancellation policies below.
- Monday, July 2, 2012 90 days prior to trip, FULL payment is due

Cancellation Terms:

Cancellation Fees will apply to individual cancellations as follows prior to the beginning of the program start of October 7, 2012. Trip cancellation insurance is highly recommended.

Anytime prior to or on Friday, June 1, 2012	\$250.00 per person cancellation fee
June 2, 2012 - July 2, 2012	\$500.00 per person cancellation fee
July 3, 2012 - August 1, 2012	50% total program fee non-refundable
August 2, 2012 – Arrival	No refund, 100% non-refundable

The Itinerary events are subject to change without notice, and cancellation fees still apply should there be a cancellation due to an itinerary/program change. Cancellations must be in written form and received by the above dates by Pacific Islands Institute, Ltd. (PII) via mail to 3566 Harding Avenue, Suite 202 Honolulu, HI 96816, faxed to (808)732-9555 or emailed to info@pac-island.com during business hours 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM Hawaii Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

Participant Responsibility: Participants assume the responsibility to select a trip appropriate to their physical abilities and interests. Participants are responsible for being in sufficiently good health to undertake the trip and for studying the pre-departure information.

Travel Insurance: We highly recommend purchasing travel insurance through PII or on your own. In order to receive complete coverage, insurance must be purchased within two weeks of deposit. Insurance can cover you in the event you need to change or cancel your travel plans for covered reasons. You may check the following link to sign up, or upon request and receipt of your registration and deposit/full payment, we will send you travel insurance information. Travel insurance website:

<http://www.travelinsure.com/what/selection.htm?322271>

Responsibility: By confirming your travel with Pacific Islands Institute ("PII"), client agrees that PII acts only as agent for the various independent hotels, bus companies, restaurants and other suppliers of travel services who will be providing services to you during these programs and whose names may be provided to you in the day-to-day itinerary set forth elsewhere.

Furthermore, Client agrees that PII, since it has no control over the employees or agents of the various suppliers of travel services, and does not direct the activities of such employees and agents, cannot accept and shall not be or become liable for loss, injury, or damage to person or property caused by the action or inaction of the suppliers of services or their employees or agents, whether wrongful, negligent or arbitrary, in connection with any accommodation, transportation or other service, or resulting directly or indirectly from acts of God, danger incident to the sea, fire, breakdown of machinery or equipment, acts of government or other authorities, wars whether declared or not, hostilities, civil disturbances, strikes, riots, thefts, pilferage, epidemics, acts of terrorism, quarantines, medical or customs regulations, defaults, delays, or cancellations or changes in itinerary or schedules, or from any causes beyond PII's full control. Client therefore releases PII (including all of their personnel, agents, affiliates, staff and directors) from any and all liabilities to it and its passengers with respect to injury, sickness, disease, death, loss or damage. This release does not apply to liabilities arising from gross negligence or wanton or reckless conduct by PII. Apart from that exception, this release applies to any and all liabilities to its passengers' estates of any type or description, whether arising from ordinary negligence or otherwise, and whether involving fees and expenses of any kind. In the event that some other person or entity seeks compensation for these released liabilities, Client will defend, indemnify and hold harmless PII (including all of their personnel, agents, affiliates, staff and directors) for all costs and expenses incurred in response to that claim, including attorneys' fees. This release is to be interpreted and enforced under the laws of the State of Hawaii.

.NOTE: Tour starts in Hilo Hawaii, ends in Honolulu, Oahu