

HAWAII: Dance

(Note: This is only a sample tour)

Day 1: Depart for **Honolulu**, Hawaii. Transfer to your hotel. Remainder of day is free to relax.

Day 2: Today visit the **USS Arizona and Pearl Harbor Memorial**. Later visit the Punchbowl Cemetery. Remainder of the day to discover Waikiki. The area of Waikiki was once a retreat for Hawaiian royalty in the 1800s who enjoyed surfing there using early forms of longboards. A few small hotels opened in the 1880s. In 1893, one of the first beach resorts was created. Today, the area is filled with hotels and the beach hosts many events a year, including surf competitions, outdoor performances, hula dancing and outrigger canoe races. See the Duke Kahanamoku Statue (named after the legendary father of modern surfing) on Kalakaua Avenue. Tonight wander down Kalakaua Avenue to see the traditional torch lighting ceremony of 50 torches that occurs nightly at 6 pm.



Day 3: This morning after breakfast you are off to a **local dance school** for a lesson in **Polynesian dancing**. Later board your bus for **Diamond Head** for your hike. Diamond Head is the crater of a volcano that has been extinct for 150,000 years. Be prepared to climb the steep trail which includes a trail, 99 steps and 2 tunnels! But the climb is worth it because the view of the tropical shoreline from the top is spectacular.

Day 4: Enjoy the day and evening at the **Polynesian Cultural Center**. The Center is an idyllic setting for customs, arts crafts and sports that are the heritage of the South Seas region. Enjoy your evening Luau, a Polynesian traditional feast in which a pig and native vegetables are cooked using heated rocks in an underground oven. Polynesian entertainment adds flavor to the colorful proceedings.



Day 5: Perform with your dance group. Spend the rest of the day visiting the beautiful Iolani Palace built in 1882 and is the only royal palace on American soil. It was the royal residence until the overthrow of Queen Liliuokalani in 1893. Include a visit to the Mission Houses Museums which consist of three storied missionary buildings, interesting places containing more than 20 million artifacts of Pacific history, making it the largest collection of its kind in the world. Return to **Waikiki Beach** to shop, meander or soaking up the tropical sun. Wander into the mecca of outdoor carts, shops, and artisan stands and meet the local craftspeople at the International Marketplace. Walk down to the Royal Hawaiian Center on Kalakaua Avenue to shop or discover the Hawaiian culture.

Day 6: Enjoy a stunning coastal drive to the **North Shore**, the famous surfing mecca of Hawaii. See Sunset Beach, the Banzai Pipeline and Waimea Bay, notable surfing spots. See the Lanai Lookout and Halona Blow Hole, Sea Life Park Hawaii, Kualoa Ranch and Waimanalo Bay State Park. Enjoy a stop to snorkel the gorgeous waters. The North Shore is home to Haleiwa Town, the artistic and social hub of the North Shore with its own local style and ambiance. This quaint little plantation town has a wide variety of shops housed in plantation era buildings ranging from high end specialty shops to surf shops to galleries with authentic Hawaiian made goods.



Day 7: **Perform at a local venue**. This afternoon on your catamaran ride, soak up the radiant sun as it reflects off the crystal clear South Pacific waters. Later today depart for home.

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- Return airfare Honolulu
- Transfers
 - o Return airport transfers
 - o 4 days coaching with stops according to itinerary
- 6 nights accommodation with private facilities
- 6 breakfasts
- 3 dinners
- Entrances
 - o Polynesian Cultural Center
 - o Luau
 - o Pearl Harbor
 - o Punchbowl
 - o Entrance fee for Diamond Head hike
 - o 1 dance class
 - o 2 dance performances
 - o Entrance to Iolani Palace
 - o Entrance to Mission House Museums
 - o Snorkeling
 - o Snorkeling gear
 - o Catamaran ride

