

Honolulu, Hawaii - Hawaii Cruises

Honolulu's appeal ranges from its magnificent beaches, countless well-stocked shops, tempting restaurants, and multitude of historic, cultural and scenic attractions. Combine the languid allure of the tropics, big city sophistication and the spirit of Aloha, and you've discovered Oahu. Known as "The Gathering Place", this Pacific crossroads is a tapestry of cultural diversity from Polynesian sensuality and Oriental mystique to American pragmatism. And it all blends together in one of the most harmonious gatherings in the world.

Excursions

Please note: The shore excursions listed are typical for this port. The full programme of shore excursions available for your cruise will be displayed on Cruise Personaliser at least 12 weeks prior to departure.

- **Navatek Sunset Dinner Cruise**

Experience a local Polynesian show and dinner with the Hawaiian sunset as your backdrop.

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Step aboard the sleek 140 foot Navatek, for a sail along the Hawaiian coast. The Navatek is the only vessel of its kind in Hawaii and boasts an innovative SWATH (Small Waterplane Area Twin Hull) design that ensures a smooth, relaxing ride. This state-of-the-art technology also enables Navatek to go where no other Waikiki dinner cruise can - around the landmark, Diamond Head, and along the beautiful "Gold Coast" of Kahala where multimillion-dollar mansions overlook the cobalt blue Pacific.

The Pacific Ocean is the backdrop for you to soak up the spectacular views while watching the Hawaiian sun set below the horizon.

A traditional local buffet style dinner will be served on board before a captivating show of music song and dance.

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Features



ACTIVITY LEVEL: MEDIUM



MEAL INCLUDED

Duration

2¾ HOURS

- **Monarchs & Missionaries, Hawaii's Royal History**

This delightful tour takes you on a journey back in time to discover Hawaii's national historic treasures.

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Sit back and enjoy the lush surroundings of the Nuuanu Valley, as you head to the Nuuanu Pali Lookout, where a short stop will be made for you to admire the spectacular views. It was here that one of the most important battles in Hawaiian history took place and where Kamehameha I conquered the island of Oahu, bringing it under his rule.

Just a short drive away is the location of Hawaii's sacred Royal Mausoleum, Mauna Ala, the final resting place of 2 of Hawaii's prominent royal families, Lamehameha and Kalakaua. Admire the gothic architecture of the Mausoleum and take time to absorb the peace and tranquillity.

Your royal history journey would not be complete without a visit to the Hawaiian Mission Houses Historic Site and Archives, to understand the role that the Christian Missionaries played in shaping the islands. The site was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1965. Here, you'll visit 3 restored houses, 2 of which are the oldest houses in Hawaii. You'll also learn about the research archives, which provide a unique glimpse into 19th century Hawaii.

It's then onto the glorious Lolani Palace, the only official state residence of royalty in the United States and the official residence of the Hawaiian Kingdom's last 2 monarchs. The Palace has been lovingly restored over the years and an audio guided tour will bring its history alive. During your visit, you'll also see the legendary King Kamehameha's statue and the unique Kawaiahao Church, often referred to the Westminster Abbey of Hawaii.

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ACTIVITY LEVEL: MEDIUM

Duration

4 HOURS

• Atlantis Submarine and Waikiki

Climb aboard an Atlantis Submarine, one of the world's largest hi-tech passenger submarines.

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Your adventure begins with a brief transfer from the ship to Waikiki's Hilton Hawaiian Village and the Atlantis Pier. Here, you will board the Atlantis transfer vessel for a 15-minute boat ride, featuring scenic views of Waikiki and Diamond Head. Upon arrival at the Atlantis dive site, you will transfer to the submarine for your underwater journey.

Being in a submarine and descending to over 100 feet underwater is a once-in-a-lifetime experience and to add to this unforgettable experience, just imagine the extensive marine life you will see. The Atlantis Waikiki dive site is home to amazing and colourful Hawaiian fish and coral and you may also spot one of the local turtles.

Known for its quality and safety, the Atlantis Submarine is an eye-opening experience allowing you to learn about coral, reefs, marine life and submersibles while visiting sunken shipwrecks, an aeroplane and other artificial reefs. Your friendly crew will share their love of the ocean with you.

With a spacious air-conditioned interior, large view ports and comfortable seating, this one-of-a-kind submarine allows you access to the delights of Hawaii's underwater world.

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ACTIVITY LEVEL: LOW

Duration

5 HOURS

• Whale Watching

Explore the sea whilst whale watching aboard the high-tech, twin hulled 140 foot Navatek.

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Scientists estimate that two-thirds of the entire North Pacific Humpback Whale population returns every year to Hawaii to breed, calve and nurse their young. They leave Alaska waters and migrate over 3,000 miles in less than two months, then stay for a lengthy vacation, frolicking off the Hawaiian shores and entertaining spectators from December through to April. This enticing morning whale-watching excursion offers you the chance to take part in this one-of-a-kind nature attraction.

Enjoy the warm welcome of your professional and friendly captain and crew, before getting an introduction to the vessel and its state-of-the-art SWATH technology (Small Waterplane Area Twin Hull). Which provides a comfortable and stable ride.

With its sleek design and engineering, Navatek can actually cruise past Diamond Head or other areas in search of Humpback Whales. Outdoor viewing decks and large windows in the air-conditioned cabins provide for wonderful sighting opportunities and views. The expert naturalist on board will share insightful information and educational commentary on the whales behaviour and biology.

During your cruise, you'll be offered complimentary soft drinks, coffee and tea.

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ACTIVITY LEVEL: MEDIUM



REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED

Duration

2¼ HOURS

• Honolulu by Helicopter

Experience Honolulu from a totally different angle on this thrilling helicopter ride.

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This is a fantastic introduction to Honolulu's superb landscape by helicopter. You'll marvel at the beautiful sandy white beaches and take in the highlights from your tremendous aerial viewpoint.

Witness amazing views of the placid Keehi Lagoon and historic Honolulu Harbour. Here you will view Aloha Tower, once the tallest structure on the island. See downtown Honolulu, featuring the only royal palace in the country. Above the city stands the Punchbowl, the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific.

Your flight continues above Ala Moana Beach Park, Magic Island, the Ala Wai Yacht Harbour and Waikiki Beach. Beyond, you'll see Diamond Head Crater from a dramatic perspective, the Gold Coast, where millionaires make their homes and spectacular Hanauma Bay.

Rounding to the east end of the island, you'll witness the rugged coastline, Sandy Beach, Makapuu Point and the lighthouse. Your splendid aerial adventure continues over Sea Life Park, the estate where TV's, 'Magnum P.I.', was filmed and miles of white sandy beach. You'll be treated to a stunning view of Mount Olomana and the Nuuanu Pali, where King Kamehameha's warriors won a decisive

battle to unite the islands.

Your tour concludes with a great view of Pearl Harbor, the Arizona Memorial and the Battleship Missouri.

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ACTIVITY LEVEL: LOW

Duration

1¾ HOURS

• Explore & Taste Oahu's Famous North Shore

Become acquainted with the scenic and cultural attractions of Oahu's North Shore on this exciting journey of discovery.

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Take a scenic drive over the most expensive freeway ever built, H3, to the island's windward side to the Valley of the Temples and location of the stunning Byodo Temple. Lying at the base of 2,000 foot lush green cliffs, this beautiful Buddhist temple is a replica of the 900 year old Byodo-In located in Uji, Japan. The valley sits against a back-drop of tall cliffs and is landscaped with traditional lush Japanese gardens and Koi ponds.

Inside the temple you will find the largest wooden Buddha carved over 900 years ago and decorated with gold and lacquer.

Follow the scenic shores of Kahana Bay to Makalena State Beach Park, renowned for its native plant and seabird species, including Kahuku's Shrimp Farm. You'll stop at one of the locals favorite shrimp trucks for some delicious locally farmed Garlic Shrimp, Fish or Chicken and Hawaiian style shaved ice.

Continue to the world famous Sunset Beach, an eye-catching region famed for its towering waves. Sunset Beach is on the North Shore of Oahu in Hawaii and known for big wave surfing during the winter season, including the O'Neill world cup surfing competition.

Visit Turtle Beach to observe rare green sea turtles resting on the golden sand, then travel south to the historic village of Haleiwa, colourful home to surfers, artists and craftspeople.

En route to the Dole Pineapple Plantation you will enjoy extensive views of pineapple fields. On reaching the plantation you can view displays and presentations about this fruit and learn the history of Dole and the plantation centre.

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ACTIVITY LEVEL: MEDIUM

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MEAL INCLUDED

Duration

6½ HOURS

- ## Diamond Head Crater Trek

Trek to the summit of one of the most famous craters on Earth, affording you incredible 360 degree views of Waikiki.

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This exciting, fun and educational tour of the world-famous Diamond Head Crater, begins with a short introductory talk by a trained naturalist. During the talk, you'll learn all about this fascinating volcanic creation, Hawaiian history, European discovery, origin of the famous name, and modern day military use of the "Gibraltar of the Pacific".

You'll be escorted on a 45 minute walk that ascends to the 763 foot summit. Along the way, you'll have the opportunity to stop at several vantage points to rest and capture the magnificent crater on camera. Walking up stairways, entering a dark 200 foot tunnel and climbing a spiral staircase, will awaken all your sense of adventure.

Once you reach the summit, you'll be met by incredible 360 degree panoramic views of Waikiki Beach, the emerald green mountains and the sparkling aquamarine water of the Pacific Ocean below. Afterwards, you'll be slowly escorted back down to the crater floor.

The excursion lasts approximately three hours and is a truly memorable experience. Before leaving, you'll be presented with a Certificate of Achievement, stating that you successfully made it to the famous summit of Diamond Head Crater!

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ACTIVITY LEVEL: HIGH

Duration

3 HOURS

- ## Pearl Harbour & Honolulu

A memorable visit to Pearl Harbour and the chance to enjoy the spectacular views of this beautiful Hawaiian island.

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Depart from the pier to Pearl Harbour, the home of the United State's Navy Pacific Fleet. A Navy shuttle boat will take you to the Arizona Memorial, a moving tribute to those who lost their lives during the attack on December 7, 1941. You will enjoy a narrative about this national shrine, short documentary film, and explore many fascinating exhibits at the Visitors Center.

Beyond the city you will drive through the Punchbowl National Cemetery. Set in an extinct volcano, this cemetery honours America's fallen heroes from WWI, WWII, and the Korean and Vietnam Wars.

Afterwards, you'll continue on a guided drive of Honolulu's Highlights including the downtown district, the Kawaiahao Church, the City Hall, the State Capitol, the Governor's Mansion and Iolani Palace, the former residence of Hawaii's last two monarchs. You will also have the opportunity to take in the stunning views of Oahu's lush green windward coast from the Pali Lookout situated on the rugged slopes of the Koolau Mountains.

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ACTIVITY LEVEL: LOW

Duration

5½ HOURS

• Natural Highlights of Honolulu

Enjoy an introduction to one of Oahu's most visited districts combined with views of some of the island's dramatic scenery.

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Drive through the bustling city of Honolulu to Diamond Head Crater. Standing directly in the middle of this now extinct volcanic crater, your guide will explain the history of this famous landmark. From this natural wonder you'll travel through Oahu's southern coast, to Hanauma Bay, this incredibly beautiful spot provides magnificent photo opportunities.

Continuing along the beautiful coastline, you'll pause at the famous Halona Point Blow Hole. If the tide is right, you will see an impressive waterspout show.

Enjoy the splendid Makapu'u Lookout as your guide describes the fascinating volcanic origin of this area, home to many bird and plant species. Notice the dramatic change in the island's topography as you continue towards the scenic windward coast. A stop will be made at a Hawaiian archaeological site and former war temple.

Before your return to Honolulu, a grand finale awaits. The final stop of this spectacular day will be at the Pali Lookout, located high in the Koolau Mountains; the views from here are simply awe inspiring. Take a moment to enjoy the sights and absorb the very special atmosphere of this magical island.

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ACTIVITY LEVEL: MEDIUM

Duration

4 HOURS

• Waikiki Beach Break

Enjoy a carefree morning or afternoon on the world-famous Waikiki Beach, the birthplace of surfing.

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Relax oceanside under the shade of your personal umbrella, immediately in front of the legendary and iconic "Pink Palace of the Pacific", the Royal Hawaiian Hotel, while soaking up views of the iconic Diamond Head Crater. A variety of surfboards, stand-up paddleboards and boogie boards are also available to rent.

The relaxing and fun-filled Waikiki Beach is only a short ride away from your cruise ship pier. Upon arrival in Waikiki, you will be greeted with bottled water and taken to your complimentary beach set, which includes a shared umbrella and sun loungers.

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ACTIVITY LEVEL: LOW

Duration

4½ HOURS
