



Great Stays in Great Places

Hawaiian Islands

Explore by land and sea

Multi-centre and Small Ship Cruise Holidays
around these fantastic Islands

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Hawaii Small Ship Cruising

Small ship cruises are a wonderful way to experience these beautiful islands, either as an alternative to, or combined with a land based holiday. American Safari Cruises offer an 8-day/7-night cruise which visits five islands as well as opportunities for snorkelling and diving in remote and isolated bays.

The Safari Explorer accommodates just 36 passengers, and with a crew of 14 you can be sure of excellent service. There are three grades of stateroom, an on-board hot-tub, sauna and massage room as well as stowage for kayaks to be used by passengers. Guided hikes, diving, kayaking, mountain bike and motor boat excursions are just a few of the activities included.

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American Safari Cruises

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Hawaiian Islands Yacht Cruise

Duration: 8-days/7-nights

Cost: Cruise only prices start at £3,220 (approx)

Selected dates available throughout 2013 and 2014



Join us for a unique yacht adventure in America's very own tropical isles.

Hawaii's underwater seascape is as spectacular as the lofty and often active volcanoes high overhead. On this exploration you'll see five islands, plus one tiny islet, as you enjoy adventures both in the water and on land. And, no worries about inter-island flights, packing or transfers. Each day's itinerary is flexible; whales, wildlife and fun all have a part to play. We are most definitely *not* just bee-lining from port to port or place to place.



Day 1: **Arrive Maui**

Welcome to Hawaii. Transfer to Lahaina, dinner onboard the Safari Explorer followed by walking tour of the town.

Day 2: **Explorers' Moloka'i**

Visit Humpback National Marine Sanctuary, have time ashore to explore Moloka'i, take an optional mule ride on the Kalaupapa Trail, kayak or join a local guide in Mo'omomi Preserve. Evening talk by local guest.

Day 3: **Moloka'i – The Traditional Isle**

Day ashore to experience local life and culture. Evening Pa'ina (local feast) with Hawaiian music.

Day 4: **Lana'i – The Private Island**

Here steep rock faces line protected coves, cruise by white sand beaches and drop anchor to swim or snorkel near ancient volcanic plugs, partly submerged. Later cruise on to Manele Bay for land based activities including optional golf.

Day 5: **Marine Wildlife; East Maui; Molokini**

Today is about wildlife – whales, dolphins

multitudes of exotic fish. Explore secluded beaches and bays, hike to ancient ruins or just relax. Tonight there is a chance for night snorkeling.

Day 6: **Coastal Adventures; The Big Island**

Watch for dolphins and whales on the way to Ka Lae, the southern most tip of USA. Stop at Black Sands beach and look for active lava flows entering the ocean. Snorkel in the bay where Captain Cook died in battle, see corals sea turtles and sponges.

Day 7: **The Big Island**

Set sail for the Kohala Coast and Kailua-Kona for a walking tour of the town. Take and optional heli-tour to view waterfalls and active volcano Mt Kilauea, or go deep sea fishing. Anchor offshore this evening with possibility to swim with huge Manta Rays.

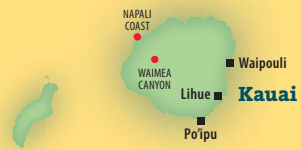
Day 8: **Disembark**

Dock near Kailua-Kona and transfer to the airport, or to your hotel if you have chosen a post cruise extension. Aloha!

The Hawaiian Islands lie in the Pacific Ocean, straddling the Tropic of Cancer. Consequently, there are no real seasons and temperatures vary little from month to month – so it's always a good time to visit.

However, sea conditions do vary, with the winter months bringing huge waves to crash on the world famous surfing beaches. While the waves and the surfers provide a dramatic spectacle, if you wish to take a lazy swim and prefer the water to be calmer, the summer months offer hours of sunshine and beaches of every colour from black to white, red to gold and even a green sand beach on Big Island.

Although each island has its own character, all are volcanic and mountainous. The youngest is **Big Island**, where Mount Kilauea has been erupting continuously since 1983. There is a wide variety of terrain here, from black lava flows to rolling grassland, lush vegetation and desert landscapes. **Oahu** is the most visited island, home of Honolulu and Waikiki Beach, but away from the town, take time to explore the rugged scenery and dramatic surfing beaches in the north. **Kauai** is 'The Garden Isle', one of the older islands in the chain, where there has been time for the flora of the island to flourish and diversify. Scenery here must be seen to be believed – jagged mountains, cascading waterfalls and a rugged coastline dotted with beaches. **Maui** is the second largest island, and the dormant volcano Haleakala provides breathtaking desert scenes. Don't miss the drive down to Hana for a day trip – or stay for a night or two.



Big Island

No holiday to Hawaii would be complete without a visit to Big Island – it is in fact worthy of a complete holiday in itself, by extending the duration in the suggested locations and adding a night or two in Hilo on the east coast it is easy to make a two week trip.

Waimea is located towards the northern end of the island, set amid rolling green hills at the foot of long-dormant Mauna Kea, which rises to over 13,000ft and offers views from the summit over the whole island on clear days. From Waimea it is easy to reach some of the islands best beaches, such as Hapuna.

A must is Volcano National Park on

the eastern side of the island and is home to the active volcano Mount Kilauea.

Captain Cook is a small community on the western side of the island, in an area of coffee and macadamia nut farms on the fertile slopes between the ocean and the mountains. Nearby is the Puuhonou O Honaunau National Historic Park, a partially restored ancient Hawaiian village where you will see carved idols, thatched cottages and war canoes.

There are several excellent botanical gardens on the island and you can take boat tours, fishing charters, helicopter or small plane trips.

Oahu

Oahu is the gateway to the Hawaiian Islands, with most flights from mainland USA arriving here.

Honolulu is the main tourist destination on Oahu and there are more than enough sights and attractions to fill your days there. Waikiki Beach provides an opportunity to take a surfing lesson, or just enjoy the sun.

Away from the city the beaches of the north are where the huge waves are found, the spectacle is well worth the drive. If you would like a night or two of luxury, the Turtle Bay Resort at the northern point of the island is an excellent choice.





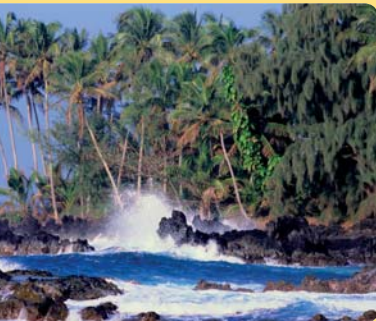
Maui

Maui is the second largest of the islands and has dramatic and varied scenery, from green, jagged mountains to the arid, desert landscape of the Haleakala volcano. All over the island waterfalls and rainbows enhance the mountainsides, sugar cane fields can be found on the west of the island and vineyards and rich pastureland provide a contrast in the central region.

The two locations we have suggested are on the west of the island, where the best beaches and the main resorts are found – Napili in the north, and Wailea to the south. Visit the old whaling town of Lahaina, now a haven for visitors with quaint shops and restaurants.



Kailua, on the eastern side of the island is our second choice of destination, a few nights in a B&B in this seaside town contrasts with the hustle of Honolulu. There are several beautiful beaches within reach of this town, or a drive up the coast brings you to La'ie where there is an excellent Polynesian Cultural Center where traditional dances are performed and the culture explained, and re-created village houses can be explored.



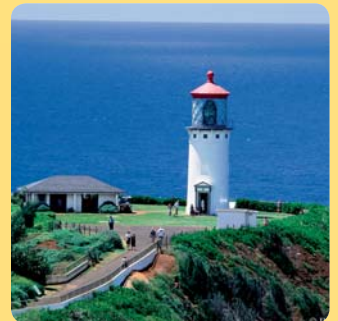
Whale watching tours are available here. If the beach is not your main interest, other options are Wailuku or Hana on the western point, where there is a choice of luxurious resort hotels or more modest condo style accommodation. Wherever you stay, a drive to Hana is strongly recommended as the scenery along the way is some of the most dramatic on the island. A visit to the Haleakala Crater should also be a priority as this is the largest dormant volcano on earth.

Kauai

Kauai is the oldest of the main islands and probably has the most dramatic and beautiful scenery, with deep river valley and steep sided mountains, green with lush vegetation. Due to the nature of the terrain, a flight-seeing trip is highly recommended as much of the island is not accessible by car. While activities such as golf, hiking and shopping are available, on this island nature is the star at Waimea Canyon, Barking Sands Beach, Spouting Horn and many more stunning locations.

Nature lovers can watch for whales, dolphins and rare sea birds. Inland the rare jungle fowl, whose ancestors arrived with the Polynesians, may be spotted in Waimea Canyon.

Our chosen locations are Po'ipu to the south and Waipouli to the west as there is a choice of activities and numerous sights to visit. Princeville in the north would be another option and we would be pleased to suggest accommodation here.



Hawaii your way

Because of the unique nature of the State of Hawaii, we have decided not to show a specific itinerary – and would rather suggest how a few days might be spent on each of the four islands we feature. Our intention is to allow you to decide which islands you would like to visit, and fit this into the time you have available – we will of course be pleased to offer advice and discuss both inter-island and transatlantic flight options.

A stopover to break your journey in mainland USA or Canada is a good idea – San Francisco, Los Angeles, Las Vegas or even Vancouver – either on the outward or homeward leg.
(Stopover options vary depending on the airline used.)



Big Island

Duration: **7 nights**

Cost: **£580**

3 nights **Waimea**
Belle Vue B&B

2 nights **Volcano Nat Park**
Kilauea Lodge

2 nights **Captain Cook**
Belle Vue B&B

Oahu

Duration: **6 nights**

Cost: **£375**

3 nights **Honolulu**
Pacific Beach Hotel

3 nights **Kailua**
Sharon's Serenity B&B

Maui

Duration: **6 nights**

Cost: **£468**

3 nights **Napili**
Outrigger Napili Shores

3 nights **Wailea**
Outrigger Palms at Wailea

Kauai

Duration: **6 nights**

Cost: **£520**

3 nights **Po'ipu**
Sheraton Kauai

3 nights **Kapa'a**
Outrigger Lae Nani



Prices stated are approximate, per person, accommodation only, twin share for stays in January 2013.

Numerous sporting activities, sightseeing tours and excursions are available on each island.



American Safari Cruises

Exclusive Yacht AdventuresSM

American Safari Cruises specialises in intimate, active, deluxe cruises and charters on four luxury yachts. Itineraries focus on close-up viewing of wildlife, great food, and activities such as kayaking, beachcombing, hiking, snorkelling, scuba diving (Hawaii), sailing, and exploration by motorised Zodiac inflatables. Each of the yacht cruises are offered at one inclusive price, so all premium wines, micro brews and liquors, exclusive shore excursions, on-yacht meals and activities are included. American Safari Cruises offers an alternative to traditional large- and small-ship cruises by taking guests into areas that are not accessible to most larger ships, and on excursions and to activities that are exclusive, private, and unavailable to most other travellers.



The yachts travel only during the day so guests miss nothing along the way. They anchor every night in pristine coves or dockside in small villages so guests can explore by water and on foot. In **Alaska, Hawaii and Mexico's Sea of Cortés**, daytime cruising to secluded islands and seldom visited areas yield unique opportunities to experience, by kayak, launch or on foot, a rich variety of wildlife and local cultures. In the **Pacific Northwest**, guests enjoy unique art tours and wine tastings. The crew includes a professional Naturalist/Expedition Leader who organizes activities and provides presentations on the day's sights and activities, and a gourmet chef who serves up fine food and fresh-baked goods. With so few guests, the itinerary is flexible and can be altered at a moment's notice to maximize wildlife and scenic viewing opportunities.



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