

Hawaii 50th Annual Ukulele Festival



The Hawaii Ukulele Festival this year celebrates 50 years and is the largest ukulele festival of its kind in the world. We will experience all the festivities and immerse yourself in a little Oahu sightseeing also. So, come and join us on this Ukulele Festival where the magic is in the music and the love that we share...

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13 – 23 July 2020

Day 1 Mon 13 July Depart Brisbane / Arrive Hawaii [In-flight meals/D]

This evening we meet at the Brisbane International Airport for our Hawaiian Airlines flight to Hawaii. After arriving in Honolulu, we will transfer to the Hilton Garden Inn Waikiki Beach, our home for the next 10 days. *(Please note: as our flight crosses the International Date Line, we will technically be arriving at our destination before leaving Australia!)*. The remainder of the day is at your leisure. You may want to hop on a local bus and explore the town of Waikiki or you may simply wish to relax around the pool, go snorkeling or enjoy the resort facilities. This afternoon we will have a **Jam Session at The Hilton Garden Inn Waikiki Beach** with some locals. We then meet for dinner in-house this evening.

Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn Waikiki Beach

Day 2 Tue 14 July Historic Landmark Tour [B]

After breakfast, we commence our full day Historic Landmark Tour. We begin at Pearl Harbor, where we relive the events that unfolded on that fateful Sunday morning in 1941, when U.S. forces at Pearl Harbor came under attack by Japan, catapulting the United States into World War II. A visit by boat to the USS Arizona Memorial then offers an appropriate setting to reflect on the extensive battle that took place, leading to the loss of life of 1,177 of the ship's crewmen. The journey then moves onward to the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, where many of those who fought for their country are buried, and finally past Honolulu's most noteworthy historical landmarks, including Iolani Palace, Kawaiahao Church, the Hawaii State Capitol, and Honolulu City Hall. Returning to our hotel, dinner is at leisure this evening.

Day 3 Wed 15 July Free Day / Wildest Show In Town Concert [B/D]

Enjoy a day at leisure today, where you might want to hit the local shopping centre for some retail therapy or hit the famous Waikiki Beach. Or you may simply wish to relax by the resort. This afternoon we depart for Honolulu Zoo, where we will experience a fantastic performance and we get to join in on stage with the students to play our ukulele's! Return to our resort for late dinner this evening.

Day 4 Thu 16 July Oahu Grand Circle Tour [B/L]

A truly fantastic day is in store for us today as we depart on the Oahu Grand Circle tour. We will soak up all the beauty and culture of Hawaii in just one day. During this Oahu sightseeing tour, we will be swept away to the island's most breathtaking landmarks and destinations, including the world-famous Hanauma Bay, the spouting "Blow Hole," and the renowned Kualoa Ranch, which is nestled against the stunning Koolau Mountains. Upon returning to the hotel, dinner is at our leisure this evening.

Day 5 Fri 17 July Kamaka Ukulele Factory Tour / Gala Night [B/D]

This morning after breakfast, we visit the Kamaka Ukulele Factory. Shortly after the turn of the century, Samuel Kaialili Kamaka began crafting Koa wood ukuleles from the basement of his Kaimuki, Hawaii home. In 1916, he formed his one-man shop, "Kamaka Ukulele and Guitar Works," and soon established a solid reputation for making only the highest quality ukuleles. It is here that we will be taken on an interesting factory tour, where we will learn of the intricate details about their craft. Enjoy a free afternoon at leisure, before departing the hotel late afternoon for the Ukulele Festival Gala Night. Here we will enjoy a delicious buffet dinner, silent auction and fabulous entertainment.

Day 6 Sat 18 July Free Morning / Polynesian Cultural Centre [B]

A free morning awaits you today. Around noon, we transfer to the Polynesian Cultural Centre, where we will travel through time and space as we experience thousands of years' worth of culture from six different island nations, each with its own flavor and appeal. Later relish a new shopping and dining experience while you relive old laie. The Polynesian goods and cuisine of that nostalgic, 1950's era are offered at the new Hukilau Marketplace. A new dining and shopping experience, accompanied by the sights, sounds and tastes of the North Shore's good ol' days. Mahalo! It is here that you may wish to purchase dinner before our evening entertainment. This evening, we witness the new spectacular evening show; Ha: Breath of Life. The symbolic story of Mana and his beloved Lanī, punctuated by Polynesian dance, music and blazing fireknives, is told in "Hā: Breath of Life," our stunning evening show featuring over 100 Polynesian natives, special effects, animation and surround sound. It is a Pacific isle saga of birth and death, love and family, tragedy and triumph. Sadly, with the night over, we return to our hotel.

Day 7 Sun 19 July 50th Annual Ukulele Festival [B/D]

Wake to a fantastic day today, we venture to Kapiolani Park for our full day of Ukulele Festival festivities! If you are up to it, join the student 'strummers' on stage. We return to our hotel later this afternoon, where we have time to freshen up before dinner in-house.

Day 8 Mon 20 July Free Day [B]

Explore Waikiki in depth today as you have a free day to see the sights or relax at the hotel. The options are endless.

Day 9 Tue 21 July Kanile 'a Factory / Paradise Cove Luau [B/D]

This morning after breakfast we take a drive to the windward side of the island to take a tour of the Kanile 'a ukulele factory. During the tour, we are taken from raw wood to finished product in the Kane'ohē facility. Meet the luthiers and craftsman who create the playable masterpieces...you might even be tempted to take a Kanile'a home with you! Back at the hotel, we have a little time to relax before departing for our final night in Hawaii. Voted the best luau in Oahu, our night at Paradise Cove begins with a tropical Mai Tai greeting and traditional Hawaiian music to set the festive mood. We will then learn more about Hawaiian culture with arts and crafts, games, and even the delightful shower of flowers. And of course, you'll want to bring your appetite to enjoy the Paradise Cove Luau menu, which tastefully blends the best of traditional Hawaiian dishes, local favourites, and continental cuisine. With the Hawaiian sunset as a backdrop, performers will entertain us with an unforgettable display of songs and dances of Hawaii and Polynesian culture.

Day 10 Wed 22 July Free Morning / Depart Hawaii [B/In-Flight Meals]

Enjoy your morning at leisure before we transfer to the airport mid-morning for our flight back to Brisbane.

Day 11 Thu 23 July Arrive Brisbane [In-Flight Meals]

Sadly, our fantastic first ever Hawaii Ukulele Festival tour comes to an end as we arrive into Brisbane this evening. We take away with us the memories shared on the beautiful island of Oahu!

Key: B=Breakfast L=Lunch D=Dinner

SPECIAL GROUP PRICE

\$5415.00 per person twin share plus taxes \$225.00 Single supplement \$1955.00

PAYMENT DETAILS

Booking form and non-refundable deposit \$800.00 per person due at time of booking.
Balance payment due on/before 6 April 2020.

BOOKINGS

For bookings and enquiries, please contact Uplift Tours and Travel on 1300 484 510 / 07 5513 1086.

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