

Mississippi Lions All State Band

*Performance Tour to Honolulu, Hawaii
June, 2015*



Thursday, June 25 - Flight

Morning departure per the schedule of our 3 flights from Houston to Honolulu.

Afternoon arrival in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Upon arrival, you'll have your first experience of the **Aloha Spirit** with a traditional fresh flower **Lei Greeting**. After loading luggage onto the buses, depart for transfer to the hotel. (Luggage will be delivered to rooms by hotel porters.) Because of the staggered arrivals of the three flights, each traveler will receive \$10 cash back to be used for dinner "at leisure" tonight.

7:00 PM After all have arrived, we will meet in the Lobby of our hotel, the Ohana East, for our **Aloha Welcome Orientation**.

Hotel: Ohana East

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Friday, June 26

Daily Buffet **Breakfast** with a short walk to *Jimmy Buffett's at the Beachcomber*.

- 8:30 Meet for a short walk to Kapiolani Park for our group Rehearsal.
- 9:00-11:30 Group Rehearsal at Kapiolani Park.
- 12:00 Catered picnic style lunch to be provided at the park.
- 2:30 Board buses for transfer to the Hawaii Convention Center.
- 3:30-5:00 Convention Rehearsal
- 5:15 Board buses for return to hotel.
- 5:45 After returning instruments to the hotel, we'll meet for a walk to our catered, local style **picnic dinner** at Queen's Surf Beach, Waikiki, where we will enjoy a cultural exchange with local students and hula lessons along the way! (6:00 Dinner)
- 7:15 Following Dinner, Hype Meeting at Queens Surf Beach with a Hawaiian sunset in the background!

Saturday, June 27

- 8:30 Board motor coaches for transfer to the start of the parade.
- 10:00 **Step off for the "Parade of Nations"**. At the end of the parade route, the group will walk five blocks back to our Ohana East Hotel. Lunch and free time for leisure activities. You may choose one of these two options:

Today we will **snorkel** at one of the most beautiful spots Planet Earth has to offer! Hanauma Bay is a protected wildlife refuge where fish will actually swim up and eat out of your hands....and we're not talking minnows! We will be traveling in smaller groups today. (**Group #1**, 74 passengers - **12:00 pm - 4:00 pm** and **Group #2**, 74 passengers - **2:30 pm - 6:00 pm**)

OR ---

Waikiki Beach **Catamaran Sail** aboard the Keipoikai Catamaran. After a beach entry, cruise past the surfers and outrigger canoes and head out to the base of world famous Diamond Head and back. Wear your swimsuit and get splashed in the front net of the boat or sit in the back and relax as you enjoy the breathtaking views of the Waikiki skyline and towering Koolau Mountains. (Smaller groups of 38.)

Sunday, June 28

- 8:00 Board buses for transfer to **Hawaii Convention Center**.
- 8:30 - 12:00 Scheduled activity at Hawaii Convention Center.
- 12:00 From the Convention Center, walk over to Ala Moana Shopping Center and enjoy a delicious lunch at the Makai Market (\$10 cash-back). After dinner, have time for browsing or finding souvenirs at one of the more than 300 shops and kiosks at one of the world's largest open air malls! Return to hotel approximately 3:00 PM.
- 5:15 Meet in Lobby for the short walk to **Jimmy Buffett's at the Beachcomber for 5:30 Dinner**. Menu includes Family Style Caesar Salad, Guava Pork, Teriyaki Chicken, Rice, Green Beans, and Cookies.

Monday, June 29

This is the day set aside for the Celebrate Hawaii "**Remember the Heroes**" Performance to honor Veterans who have served and those that continue to serve.

- 8:00 Board buses for transfer to Pearl Harbor to see where history was made.
- 9:30 "Remember the Heroes" Performance. You are now officially part of history! After a Fresh Flower Wreath, Flag and Award Presentation, we will enjoy a self-guided tour of the USS Bowfin.

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11:00 35 People enter the Theater

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Next we head over to the **USS Arizona Memorial Visitor Center** and experience the film "Pearl Harbor Story" and the Visitor Center Museum. Then we'll board a Navy Launch and enter the Memorial. We will witness the actual sunken hull where over 1000 servicemen were entombed during the December 7, 1941 sneak attack on Pearl Harbor.

A box lunch will be provided after we complete the tour of the **USS Arizona**.

To complete our tour today, we board our motorcoach to enjoy a narrated **Honolulu City Highlights Tour**. We'll drive past the Iolani Palace - the only royal palace on American soil, the King Kamehameha Statue, Hawaii State Capitol, and through China Town. Next we'll be off to witness the breathtaking cliffs of the Pali Lookout, the scene of the final battle to ensure that King Kamehameha would unite the Hawaiian Islands. The only way to get to the Pali is with a drive through lush, green, tropical rainforest.

5:30 Meet in the Lobby for a walk to our picnic style Pizza Dinner at Queen Surf Beach while enjoying the sunset.

Tuesday, June 30

8:00 To start the day's adventure we'll leave on a narrated drive across the **Koolau Mountains** to the tropical windward side of Oahu. We will be met by our guide, a **Polynesian Chief**, who will share some of the customs and culture of the native islanders. We'll then enjoy an educational stroll through botanical gardens; learn to make fire from sticks; husk and open a coconut; and, much more.But, it's not over! --- Imagine boarding a raft to **sail over to our own secluded getaway**. Watch out for the live barracuda! The tour includes "fun in the sun" at our private island for the day --- volleyball, canoeing, kayaking, horseshoes, badminton, sunbathing, lazin' in the hammocks and more! Included is a barbecue lunch of cheeseburgers, hotdogs, and the trimmings!

2:00 Board buses for our return to our Waikiki hotel.

4:30 *Go Native!* We'll become part of "**America's Best Luau**" as filmed by ABC's "**Good Morning America**". Feel like "one of the family" at **Germaine's Luau** as you learn to dance the popular Hukilau Hula. Help yourself to a 16-course, "all you can eat" buffet of traditional island dishes and continental cuisine (for any of you less adventurous eaters). Return to the hotel approximately 10:30.

Wednesday, July 1

7:30 Start stretching as we prepare to hike about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile to the 760 foot summit of the most recognized mountain in the world - **Diamond Head Crater!** Bring your camera for a fantastic 360 degree view of the southeast coast. Below, you'll see the lighthouse, coral reefs, sailboats, and even surfers on the waves at Diamond Head Beach. Return to the hotel at approximately 10:00.

11:00 Now comes the complete checkout procedure. Bring all carry-on items to the designated hospitality rooms for storage and turn-in room keys at front desk.

Board buses for transfer to the Honolulu International Airport for your departure.

12:30 Coconut/Pineapple Groups (both the United flights)

5:30 Papaya Group (the Delta flight)

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This concludes the trip, but we're sure that you'll have made some new friendships along the way. You'll have been touched by the many diverse customs and cultures. And you'll have experiences and fond memories that will last your lifetime! **ALOHA!**



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