

# HAWAII ESSENTIAL THINGS TO KNOW

## Planning Your Hawaii Vacation

Get Started Here:

Hawaii 101



### 1.) Select Your Island(s) to Visit

Six Unique Islands - Which one is for you?

You've got several options here, so how do you go about choosing that perfect island for your own trip? In fact, why choose just one?

### 2.) Determining When to Visit

Selecting the Best Time of Year

Honestly, there isn't a 'bad time' to go to Hawaii. Visiting Hawaii is a dream come true for many visitors, and who can blame them? It's a remarkable, unique, & beautiful paradise

### 3.) Choose your interests

Sights, Beaches, Trails, Activities, and more...

If you've decided on the island(s) your going to visit, then you're set to begin your planning. The next step is to consider your interests. One could spend years in Hawaii and never see everything, so carefully narrowing down your favorites is worth the time and effort now, ahead of time.

### 4.) Learn beyond the basics

Educate yourself on Hawaii's history, weather, our Safety tips, & more

OK, once you've nailed down a list of your favorite places you can get to the nitty-gritty of 'Beyond the Basics.' Some of this may seem irrelevant, but we highly encourage visitors to read as much as they can on the islands before visiting. Hawaii is like no other places in the United States, and quite honestly, is very much like visiting a foreign country

### 5.) Packing your bags

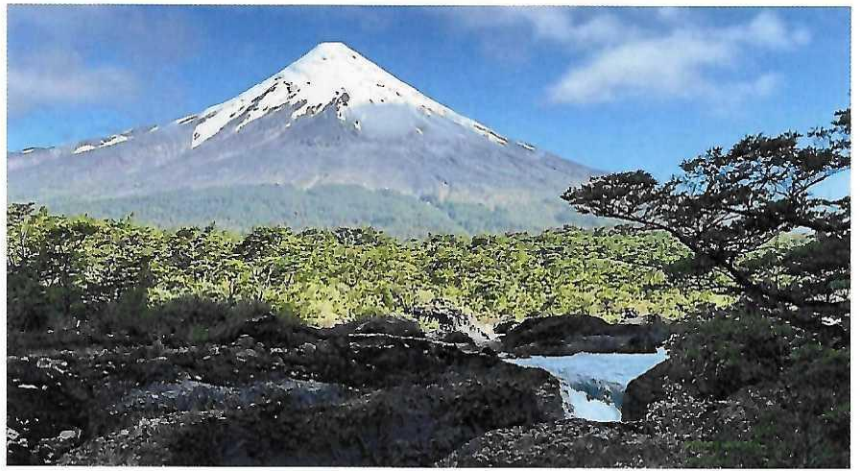
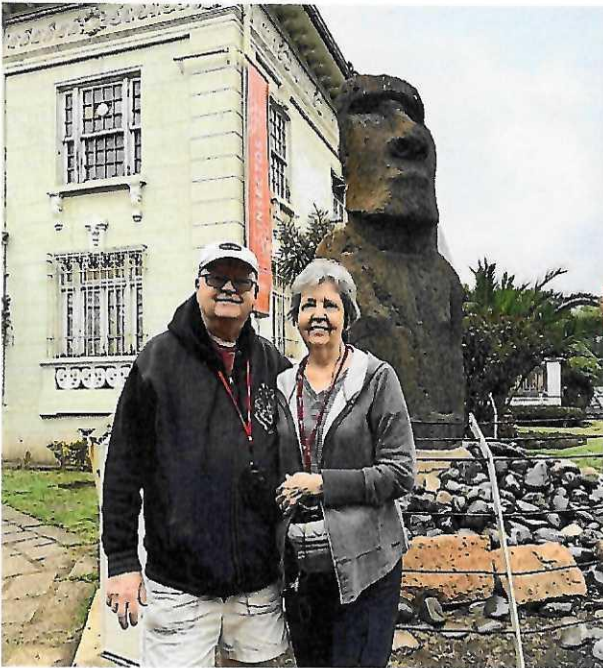
What to pack & What NOT to pack...

Regardless of how much you've traveled in the past and where you've been, there is one good rule to follow when coming to Hawai'i, leave as much as you can at home! Seriously, bring only what you'll need during your stay and nothing more. Chances are a pair of shorts, and a nice Aloha shirt is all you'll need for even some fine dining. Leave the formal wear back home. And please don't bring your passport if you're a U.S. citizen (you'd be surprised how many folks do). A light jacket and a long pair of pants might also be helpful for those visits to higher elevations around the islands. You'd be surprised at how many "chilly" people there are in Hawaii each day. Sure it's tropical, but not everything's at sea level either. On the other hand, don't overdo it and bring your winter coat to Hawai'i unless you feel you need it for visiting the summits of Haleakala or Maui or Mauna Kea on the Big Island at sunrise or sunset. If you're visiting Kauai or Oahu, add your larger coat to the list of do NOT bring.



## SOUTH AMERICA ON VIKING JUPITER

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WE JUST GOT HOME FROM A SOUTH AMERICAN CRUISE ON THE VIKING JUPITER THAT WENT FROM BUENOS AIRES, AROUND CAPE HORN AND UP TO SANTIAGO CHILE. WE WERE ABLE TO SEE PENGUINS IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS, WE VISITED USHUAIA , THE SOUTHERNMOST CITY IN THE WORLD, SAILED THROUGH THE STRAITS OF MAGELLAN, AND THE CHILEAN FJORDS AND SAW MANY GLACIERS. THE SCENERY WAS MAGNIFICENT, MOST NOTABLY THE OSORNO VOLCANO AND THE PETROHUÉ FALLS. ON THE LAST DAY WE VISITED A MUSEUM THAT HAD ARTIFACTS FROM EASTER ISLAND INCLUDING ONE OF THE MOAI FIGURES CARVED BY THE RAPA NUI PEOPLE. IT WAS A FANTASTIC CRUISE

## You'll Never Board a Plane on the Right-Hand Side. Here's Why.

Have you ever noticed that whenever you board a commercial airplane, be that from a jet bridge or by ascending steps from the tarmac, you always board on the left-hand side of the plane? Do you know why?

While it's a universally followed method, the reason isn't commonly known. The answer lies in a combination of historical traditions and operational efficiency.

"It is one of the many aviation practices that goes back beyond aviation itself to the traditions of ships," said Michael Oakley, managing editor of *The Aviation Historian*, a quarterly journal that explores the history of flying. "Much of aviation terminology had its origins in maritime lore (rudder, cockpit, cabin, bulkhead, knots, etc.), and similarly, the aeronautical ways of doing things owe a lot to sailing. Just as boats and ships have a port side—the side of the vessel conventionally adjacent to the dock when in port—aircraft are the same. Sensibly, people decided to continue to board on the port (or left) side."

Over time, as the industry grew and airports became increasingly busy, the left-hand door became the preferred arrangement so that airport operations could be streamlined and standardized.

As soon as more complex airports were developed, with passengers using Jetways as a means of walking directly aboard from the terminal, ground operations were a lot easier if every aircraft did the same thing in the same direction.

Since the pilot sits on the left, airports began to be built with gates on the left so the pilot could better judge distances as they taxied to the gate.

Boarding on the left also comes with an added bonus: It allows the ground crew to go about their tasks without crowding the passengers or the gate equipment. Having their own dedicated access area, where passengers won't inadvertently get in their way or in the way of their heavy machinery, allows them to do their jobs more easily and faster, which in turn makes the travel day run smoother for all.



# GROUPS 2024 AND 2025

## **APRIL 28, 2024-GREAT TRAINS and GRAND CANYON**

Highlights: Two rail journeys, Grand Canyon, Sedona, trolley tour and the Chapel of the Holy Cross. Five nights at the Hilton Sedona, five breakfasts and three dinners, all sightseeing and round-trip air fare. Rate is \$3,399.00 per person double occupancy.

## **JUNE 9, 2024-UTAH'S MIGHTY NATIONAL PARKS**

Highlights: Arches, Capital and Canyonlands National Parks, Monument Valley, Canyonlands by night and wine tasting. Six nights hotel, six breakfasts, one lunch and three dinners, all sightseeing and round-trip air fare. Rate is \$3,625.00 per person double occupancy.

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Sail on the revolutionized Celebrity Eclipse from Cape Liberty (Bayonne) and spend three glorious days in Bermuda. Your cruise includes accommodations in a balcony cabin, all meals (except for specialty restaurants), beverage package, wi-fi, gratuities and all current port and government taxes. Rate is \$1,859.00 per person double occupancy. NO PASSPORT is required. Must book by January 19<sup>th</sup>!

## **SEPTEMBER 4, 2024-BLACK HILLS, MT. RUSHMORE, and BADLANDS**

Highlights: Mt. Rushmore by day and night, Devil's Tower, Crazy Horse Memorial, Custer State Park and Buffalo Jeep Safari. Six nights hotel, six breakfasts and four dinners, all sightseeing and round-trip air fare. Rate is \$3,395.00 per person double occupancy.

## **OCTOBER 13, 2024-NATIONAL PARKS and CANYONS of the SOUTHWEST**

Highlights: Grand Canyon and Bryce Canyon, Zion National Park Tram and Hoover Dam. Two nights in Las Vegas and three nights in Mesquite, five breakfasts, one lunch and two dinners, all sightseeing and round-trip air fare. Rate is \$3,395.00 per person double occupancy.

## **OCTOBER 20, 2024-SUNNY PORTUGAL (with optional 4-night Madeira Island extension)**

Highlights: Lisbon, Belem, Cork Factory, Evora, Winery visit, Alentejo, Lagos, Algarve, Silves, Setubal, Obidos, and Sintra. Includes eight breakfasts, three lunches and three dinners, all included sightseeing, all current air taxes and fees along with transfers t/from Newark and round-trip airfare. Bookings must be made by April 15<sup>th</sup>. Rate is \$3,999.00 per person double occupancy. PASSPORT IS REQUIRED.

## **MARCH 3, 2025-ALASKA'S NORTHERN LIGHTS**

Highlights: Anchorage, Northern Lights excursions, Winter Glacier cruise, Prince William Sound, Talkeetna, Alaska Railroad, Fairbanks, and Dog mushing. Two nights in Anchorage, one in Talkeetna and three in Fairbanks, six breakfasts, one lunch and four dinners. With just 12-24 passengers, this is a personal journey and adventure that today's cultural explorers dream of. Rate is \$4,999.00 per person double occupancy including all above and air fare to/from Newark with transfers.

## **NOVEMBER 25, 2025-ICONIC CHRISTMAS MARKETS ABOARD AMA REINA (Nuremburg to Budapest)**

Travel back through centuries as you walk along cobblestone streets through grand cities and historic towns bedecked with twinkling Christmas trees and lined with wooden huts gleaming with handcrafted

# Americans Are Heading for These Sunny Escapes This Valentine's Day

Cupid's arrow is increasingly pointing Americans toward foreign shores, new research from a leading travel insurance and assistance company shows. According to Allianz Partners USA's 'Top Valentine's Day Destinations' report, there's been a notable surge in demand for overseas travel for the romantic occasion.



In fact, 2024 has thus far demonstrated a four-percent increase in international trip bookings, and a substantial 15-percent overall rise in searches for Valentine's Day travel, compared to last year.

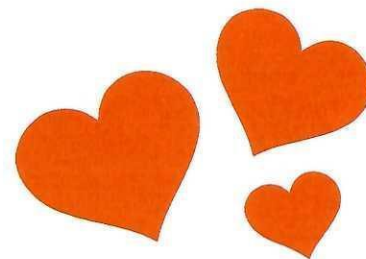
To come up with these figures, Allianz analyzed more than 900,000 itineraries for roundtrip flights departing from U.S. airports between February 7 and February 12, with return dates falling between February 14 and February 18. It also found that the travel landscape surrounding the sweethearts' holiday is comprised of 70 percent domestic and 30 percent international itineraries.

The data also revealed American travelers' top choices for romantic getaways during this love-centric celebratory period. Those staying stateside are largely headed for sunshine locales like Florida's Orlando, Miami and Fort Lauderdale, which took the top three rankings. Likewise, in the West, Phoenix and Las Vegas snagged fourth and fifth, while the sublime city of New Orleans debuted on the list in sixth place. Rounding out the top domestic rankings are Salt Lake City (7th), Honolulu (8th), Fort Myers (9th), and Los Angeles (10th).

Rank	Domestic City	International City
1	Orlando, Florida	Cancun, Mexico
2	Miami, Florida	San Jose del Cabo, Mexico
3	Fort Lauderdale, Florida	Puerto Vallarta, Mexico
4	Phoenix, Arizona	Punta Cana, Dominican Republic
5	Las Vegas, Nevada	Oranjestad, Aruba
6	New Orleans, Louisiana	Montego Bay, Jamaica
7	Salt Lake City, Utah	U.S. Virgin Islands
8	Honolulu, Hawaii	Liberia, Costa Rica
9	Fort Myers, Florida	Nassau, Bahamas
10	Los Angeles, California	San Jose (Alajuela), Costa Rica

For those vacationing abroad, Mexico's sun-drenched coastlines maintain their allure this year, with Cancun, San Jose del Cabo, and Puerto Vallarta securing the top three positions. However, numerous other warm-weather locations came up hot on their heels. Rounding out the international roster for romantic retreats this celebratory season are such Caribbean favorites as Punta Cana (4th), Oranjestad (5th), Montego Bay (6th), U.S. Virgin Islands (7th), Liberia (Costa Rica) (8th), Nassau (9th) and San Jose (Costa Rica) (10th).

"It's no surprise that after the holiday season, couples and 'galentines' are ready to leave the cold weather behind and take flight to palm-fringed beaches," said Daniel Durazo, Director of External Communications at Allianz Partners USA. "What better way to celebrate love than with a trip away from the regular everyday routine. For those who are choosing to get away this season, we recommend a travel insurance policy to help aid in a seamless trip, as with a policy in hand, you can rest assured you are protected in case of unexpected travel delays, cancellations and baggage loss."



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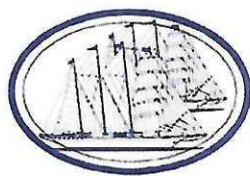
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