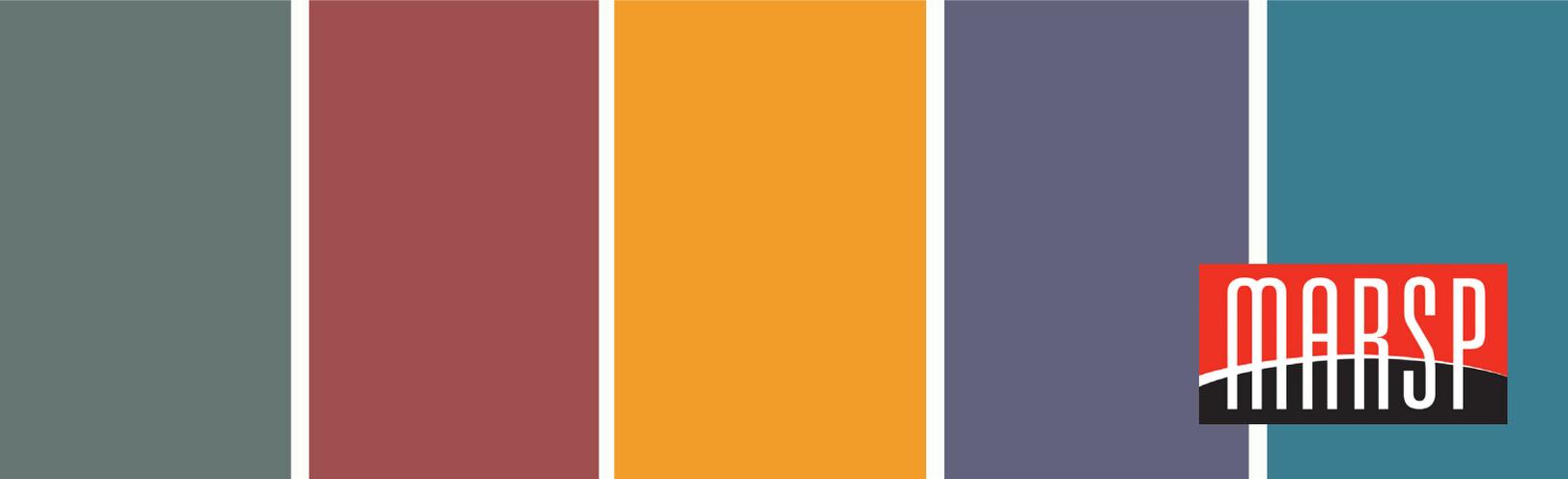




# 2023 TRAVEL PROGRAM GUIDE



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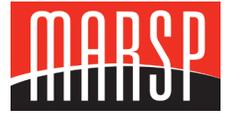
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# ALASKA DISCOVERY

## LAND & CRUISE

**May 31 – June 11, 2023**

12 Days, 26 Meals: 11 Breakfasts (B), 7 Lunches (L), 8 Dinners (D)

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Fairbanks, Sternwheeler Discovery, Music of Denali Dinner Theater, Denali National Park, Tundra Wilderness Tour, Luxury Domed Rail, Anchorage, Hubbard Glacier, Glacier Bay, Skagway, Juneau, Ketchikan, Inside Passage

### ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1: Westmark Fairbanks, Fairbanks

Days 2, 3: McKinley Chalet Resort, Denali National Park

Day 4: Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge, Talkeetna

Days 5 - 11: Holland America Noordam, Seattle, WA

*On some dates alternate hotels may be used.*

### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL: 1

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 1. This means you're a leisurely traveler. You like to discover the energy of a new place, but typically take it easy. You can handle at least one flight of stairs, board a coach, and walk for 15-30 minutes at a time with little difficulty.



**Inside Double Rate: \$5,199**

**Inside Single Rate: \$7,499**

**Ocean-View Double Rate: \$5,799**

**Ocean-View Single Rate: \$8,499**

**Veranda Double Rate: \$6,499**

**Veranda Single Rate: \$9,899**

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### **Day 1: Wednesday, May 31, 2023 Fairbanks, Alaska - Tour Begins**

Your tour opens in Fairbanks, Alaska.

### **Day 2: Thursday, June 1, 2023 Fairbanks - Denali National Park**

Step aboard the popular Sternwheeler Discovery, an unforgettable journey showcasing Alaska's diverse culture and rich history. Make stops along the way to meet the people and get a taste of local life. Take a scenic motor coach ride to Denali National Park. Tonight, enjoy a musical performance that tells the story of the first brave men to summit Denali followed by dinner. (B, L, D)

### **Day 3: Friday, June 2, 2023 Denali National Park**

This morning, travel deep into Denali National Park on the Tundra Wilderness Tour which affords the best opportunities to view the region's wildlife. The remainder of the day is at leisure. (B)

### **Day 4: Saturday, June 3, 2023 Denali National Park - Talkeetna**

Your day begins with a scenic train ride to Talkeetna. View the incredible landscape from glass-ceiling railcars and open-air observation platforms as rail guides provide expert commentary. Check into the iconic Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge, perched on a ridge offering unforgettable views of Denali. (B)

### **Day 5: Sunday, June 4, 2023 Talkeetna - Anchorage - Whittier - Board Cruise Ship**

Depart for your ship, stopping en route in Anchorage, Alaska's largest city. Continue with a scenic drive along the Alaska Range. Drive along the Turnagain Arm to the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center. With a local guide, discover where orphaned or injured bears, wolves, porcupines, and moose are cared for in a 200-acre rehabilitation site. Arrive in the port of Whittier where you'll embark on your 7-night Holland America cruise aboard a fabulous floating resort. (B, D)

### **Day 6: Monday, June 5, 2023 Cruising - Hubbard Glacier**

Your ship cruises past the mammoth Hubbard Glacier, one of Alaska's largest glaciers. Have your camera ready and take in the natural beauty of the glacier's stunning surface. (B, L, D)

### **Day 7: Tuesday, June 6, 2023 Cruising - Glacier Bay**

Cruise through Glacier Bay, a spectacular national park and preserve that is a treasure trove of tidewater glaciers and scenic coastal islands. (B, L, D)

### **Day 8: Wednesday, June 7, 2023 Cruising - Skagway**

Relive Alaska's Gold Rush days in this "Gateway to the Klondike" and home of the famed Chilkoot Trail. In historic Skagway, Alaska's past lives on and cries of "gold in the Yukon!" can still be heard. (B, L, D)

### **Day 9: Thursday, June 8, 2023 Cruising - Juneau**

From scenic mountains to historic buildings, there is so much to explore in Alaska's capital city of Juneau. (B, L, D)

### **Day 10: Friday, June 9, 2023 Cruising - Ketchikan**

Your port of call today is Ketchikan, known as the "Salmon Capital of the World" and the "City of Totems." Located on the tranquil Revillagigedo Island, Ketchikan is home to the world's largest collection of totem poles. (B, L, D)

### **Day 11: Saturday, June 10, 2023 Cruising - Inside Passage**

A wonderful day of sightseeing awaits as your ship sails along the amazing Inside Passage. (B, L, D)

### **Day 12: Sunday, June 11, 2023 Vancouver, B.C. - Disembark Cruise - Tour Ends**

Your cruise ends in the vibrant Canadian city of Vancouver, leaving you with many wonderful memories of your tour to the last of the great frontiers.

# NATIONAL PARKS of AMERICA

**August 25 – September 5, 2023**

12 Days, 16 Meals: 10 Breakfasts (B), 6 Dinners (D)

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Scottsdale, Grand Canyon, Lake Powell, Bryce Canyon, Zion, Salt Lake City, Jackson Hole, Grand Teton & Yellowstone National Parks, Old Faithful, Sheridan, Bighorn Mountains, Crazy Horse Memorial, Mount Rushmore

## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1: Courtyard by Marriott Scottsdale, Scottsdale, AZ  
Day 2: Yavapai East, Grand Canyon National Park, AZ  
Day 3: Lake Powell Resort, Page, AZ  
Days 4, 5: Holiday Inn Express, Zion National Park, Utah  
Day 6: Radisson Hotel Salt Lake Downtown, Salt Lake City, UT  
Days 7, 8: Snow King Resort, Jackson Hole, WY  
Day 9: Buffalo Bill Village Holiday Inn and Cabins, Cody, WY  
Day 10: Best Western Sheridan Center, Sheridan, WY  
Day 11: Courtyard by Marriott Rapid City, Rapid City, SD

*On some dates alternate hotels may be used.*

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL: 2

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 2. This means you like a balanced approach to travel. You feel confident walking at least 30-45 minutes at a time over a variety of terrains – from cobblestone streets to easy pathways; a couple of hills or a few flights of stairs. You're comfortable walking a few city blocks at a time, but need some time to unwind and relax.



**Double: \$5,149**

**Single: \$6,749**

**Triple: \$5,049**

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**Day 1: Friday, August 25, 2023 Scottsdale, Arizona - Tour Begins**

Your tour opens in Arizona where you will enjoy a stay in the world-famous resort town of Scottsdale. (D)

**Day 2: Saturday, August 26, 2023 Scottsdale - Sedona - Grand Canyon**

Begin the day with a visit to the artists' colony of Sedona and see the amazing rock formations that change hue with each turn in the road. Afterward, travel through the beautiful scenery before arriving at one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World – the Grand Canyon. (B, D)

**Day 3: Sunday, August 27, 2023 Grand Canyon - Lake Powell**

Today, head to the Carl Hayden Visitors Center and look out over Glen Canyon Dam. Later, arrive at Lake Powell for dinner and sunset views. (B, D)

**Day 4: Monday, August 28, 2023 Lake Powell - Bryce Canyon National Park, Utah - Springdale**

Today's journey takes you to Bryce Canyon National Park. The formations within the park, called Hoodoos, are the creation of wind and water erosion over eons of time. Iron oxidizing within the rock causes the natural orange and red hues that color these formations. Enjoy a hike along the Rim Trail looking into the expansive Bryce Amphitheater. End your day in Springdale, the gateway to Zion National Park -- your home for two nights. (B)

**Day 5: Tuesday, August 29, 2023 Springdale - Zion National Park - Springdale**

Today's destination is Zion National Park, very likely one of the most awe-inspiring national parks in the world, just in sheer magnitude and color. Climb aboard Zion's open-air tram and wind your way alongside the Virgin River and through the 2,400-foot deep, half-mile wide Zion Canyon. (B, D)

**Day 6: Wednesday, August 30, 2023 Springdale - Salt Lake City**

A drive north takes you to Salt Lake City for a 1-night stay. Enjoy a tour of Salt Lake City featuring the Utah State Capitol building. Then, take the rest of the day and evening to relax or explore more on your own. (B)

**Day 7: Thursday, August 31, 2023 Salt Lake City - Jackson Hole, Wyoming**

En route to Wyoming, see the majestic Bear Lake Summit. Later, arrive in the cowboy town of Jackson and experience a fun-filled evening of cowboy entertainment and a traditional chuck wagon dinner. (B, D)

**Day 8: Friday, September 1, 2023 Jackson Hole**

The day is yours to enjoy Jackson Hole. (B)

**Day 9: Saturday, September 2, 2023 Jackson Hole - Grand Teton & Yellowstone National Park**

Towering more than a mile above the valley of Jackson Hole, the Grand Teton rises to 13,770 feet. The Teton Range is the youngest range in the Rockies and displays some of North America's oldest rocks. Later, arrive at the amazing Yellowstone National Park. (B)

**Day 10: Sunday, September 3, 2023 Yellowstone - Cody - Sheridan**

A delightful day of sightseeing begins with a trip along Yellowstone Lake and over Sylvan Pass. As you pass through Cody, stop at the Buffalo Bill Center of the West, a tribute to one of the most well-known figures of the Old West. Before turning in for the night in Sheridan, drive through the incredible Bighorn Mountains and journey through the territory of the Great Sioux Nation. (B)

**Day 11: Monday, September 4, 2023 Sheridan - Rapid City, South Dakota**

Visit Crazy Horse Memorial and Mount Rushmore. At tonight's farewell dinner you will meet a local Lakota Native American and learn all about their fascinating way of life, past and present. (B, D)

**Day 12: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 Rapid City - Tour Ends**

Your tour comes to a close, leaving you with many wonderful memories.

# AUSTRALIA to NEW ZEALAND

**September 20 – October 9, 2023**

20 Days, 28 Meals: 17 Breakfasts (B), 2 Lunches (L), 9 Dinners (D)

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Sydney, Sydney Opera House, Cairns, Great Barrier Reef, Alice Springs, Uluru, Melbourne, Queenstown, Milford Sound, Mt. Cook National Park, Christchurch

## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Days 1, 2: Overnight Flight

Days 3 - 5: Sofitel Sydney Wentworth, Sydney

Days 6 - 8 Bailey Hotel by Crystalbrook, Cairns

Days 9, 10 Crowne Plaza, Alice Springs

Day 11 Desert Gardens, Ayers Rock

Days 12, 13 Mantra on Little Bourke, Melbourne

Days 14 - 16 Novotel Queenstown Lakeside, Queenstown

Day 17 The Hermitage, Mount Cook Natl. Park

Days 18, 19 Distinction Christchurch Hotel, Christchurch

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## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL: 3

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (1-2 hours) isn't a big deal. You can navigate hills and uneven ground, climb into various modes of transportation, and could anticipate possible changes in elevation. You can expect some longer days balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure.



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**Single: \$11,149**

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### **Day 1 – 2: September 20 – 21, 2023 - Depart from Home**

Cross the International Dateline (skipping a day ahead) for an adventure discovering the treasures of Australia and New Zealand, including their unparalleled beauty and captivating culture.

### **Day 3: Friday, September 22, 2023 Sydney, Australia - Tour Begins**

Your tour opens in Sydney, perhaps one of the friendliest metropolises in the world. Tonight join your fellow travelers and toast to the start of your adventure down under during dinner in lively Darling Harbour. (D)

### **Day 4: Saturday, September 23, 2023 Sydney**

See where English colonists first settled during a city tour of Sydney, featuring Kings Cross, the Harbour Bridge, Chinatown, the Rocks, Circular Quay, the Botanic Gardens, and the fashionable suburb of Darlinghurst. Take an expert-led tour of the Sydney Opera House, poised majestically on Sydney Harbour. Then, have the chance to join a special presentation at the National Opal Collection. In the evening, consider an optional dinner and engaging performance at the famous Opera House. (B)

### **Day 5: Sunday, September 24, 2023 Sydney**

Deepen your exploration of Sydney's many wonders with a day at leisure. Tonight, enjoy scenic vistas of Sydney during a delightful dinner cruise of Sydney Harbour. Marvel at the magnificent skyline and iconic attractions: the Sydney Opera House and the Harbour Bridge. (B, D)

### **Day 6: Monday, September 25, 2023 Sydney - Cairns**

Fly to Cairns, the tropical gateway to one of the world's most spectacular natural attractions – the Great Barrier Reef (UNESCO). Established as a marine park in 1975, the reef is a haven for thousands of species of sea life, as well as turtles and birds. (B, D)

### **Day 7: Tuesday, September 26, 2023 Cairns**

Soak up the tropical atmosphere – the morning is yours. Perhaps you will take an optional tour on the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway, taking you above the rainforest canopy for a bird's-eye view of unspoiled nature. This afternoon, visit Hartley's Crocodile Adventures to see crocodiles on a nature cruise. Head through rainforests on boardwalks to see animals such as wild birds, reptiles, and wallabies. Visit with a koala and chat with a wildlife naturalist to learn more about these furry creatures. (B)

### **Day 8: Wednesday, September 27, 2023 Cairns - Great Barrier Reef - Cairns**

Board a glass-bottom catamaran and sail to the Low Isles to discover the aquatic realm of the Great Barrier Reef. Spend the day however you please, perhaps choosing from a selection of included activities. Maybe you'll soak up the sun on a tiny remote island, located along the outer reef. Or, consider snorkeling in the rolling waves, uncovering a pod of vibrant sea life. You can also meet with a marine biologist or join an expert on a heritage trail walk along the island. (B, L)

### **Day 9: Thursday, September 28, 2023 Cairns - Alice Springs**

Experience the vast landscapes and tranquility of the Outback. Your flight takes you to Alice Springs, the perfect place to begin exploring this unique land. Tonight, continue your cultural immersion with a memorable bush dinner set against the backdrop of this unique desert environment. (B, D)

### **Day 10: Friday, September 29, 2023 Alice Springs**

Access the history and culture of the Arrernte Aboriginal people by enjoying a guided walk on their sacred land, followed by a talk with an Aboriginal guide. Gain insight into their cultural history and discover what makes this place so special. This afternoon, discover a more modern side to Outback living when you visit the Royal Flying Doctor Service, a lifeline to thousands across the vast terrain of Central Australia. Later, tour the Old Telegraph Station and Anzac Hill with its excellent views of Alice Springs and the surrounding area. (B)

**Day 11: Saturday, September 30, 2023 Alice Springs - Uluru**

Traverse the "Red Centre" and head to Uluru in the heart of the Australian Outback. This huge monolith and the sandstone domes known as Kata Tjuta were created through upheaval and erosion. Tour the base of "the Rock," learning about its geology and significance to Aboriginal culture. Witness the changing colors of Uluru at sunset accompanied by a champagne toast. (B)

**Day 12: Sunday, October 1, 2023 Uluru - Melbourne**

Fly to the beautiful Victorian city of Melbourne. Set upon the shores of Port Phillip Bay and the Yarra River, the city exudes a lively and cosmopolitan atmosphere. (B, D)

**Day 13: Monday, October 2, 2023 Melbourne**

Take a city tour of Fitzroy Gardens and Melbourne's bustling "laneways." Then, it's your choice! Enjoy free time to explore on your own -OR- visit the Melbourne Botanical Gardens and Shrine of Remembrance. With an afternoon to yourself, perhaps you will join an excursion to Phillip Island, home to the world's largest colony of Little Penguins, where you'll see hundreds of these birds waddle out of the sea and cross the beach to their dune burrows. (B)

**Day 14: Tuesday, October 3, 2023 Melbourne - Queenstown, New Zealand**

Leave Australia behind and fly to Queenstown, New Zealand. One of New Zealand's most popular towns, Queenstown is nestled against a picturesque bay and snowcapped mountains. Home to ski resorts, hiking trails and an abundance of natural beauty, the city is known as the "Adventure Capital of the World." Settle into your new home for the next 3 nights. (B, D)

**Day 15: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 Queenstown - Milford Sound - Queenstown**

Soak in the rugged grandeur of the Hollyford Valley as you travel through an ancient beech forest via the Homer Tunnel. Cruise the Milford Sound and see why this fjord is one of the most visited sights on the South Island. Following the cruise, consider returning to Queenstown via a short optional flight (weather permitting) for spectacular views of New Zealand's Southern Alps. (B, L)

**Day 16: Thursday, October 5, 2023 Queenstown**

Your day is free to experience Queenstown your way. Shop or people-watch in the village, find a unique eatery for lunch, sample some New Zealand wine – the day is yours to enjoy this stunning city. (B)

**Day 17: Friday, October 6, 2023 Queenstown - Mt. Cook National Park**

Set off for the 19th-century settlement of Arrowtown, founded in the gold fever. Follow the Kawarau River and cross Lindis Pass before arriving in New Zealand's most famous national park – Mt. Cook. Savor some free time in this Alpine paradise. You may choose to take a nature walk or simply meditate on the beauty of the Southern Alps. (B, D)

**Day 18: Saturday, October 7, 2023 Mt. Cook National Park - Christchurch**

Depart for Christchurch this morning and pay a visit to Willowbank Wildlife Reserve. A leader in the conservation of New Zealand species, Willowbank offers the chance to view New Zealand's "Big 5" up close and personal. Later, join a local Kiwi family for a home hosted dinner. (B, D)

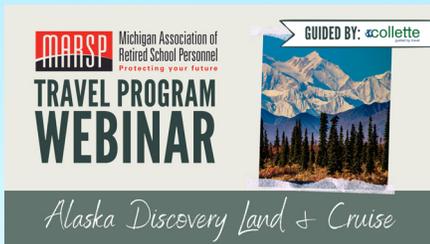
**Day 19: Sunday, October 8, 2023 Christchurch**

Devastated by an earthquake in early 2011, see firsthand how the "Garden City" is recreating itself during a sightseeing tour that highlights the city's magnificent gardens and elegant park district. As the day draws to a close, toast to your adventure down under at a farewell dinner with your fellow travelers. (B, D)

**Day 20: Monday, October 9, 2023 Christchurch - Tour Ends**

Your tour comes to a close, leaving you with unforgettable memories of the South Pacific. (B)

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# NORTHERN LIGHTS of FINLAND

**December 2-9, 2023**

8 Days, 11 Meals: 6 Breakfasts (B), 5 Dinners (D)

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Helsinki, Senate Square, Helsinki Cathedral, Lapland Region, Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort, Finnish Sauna, Meet & Greet with Santa, Reindeer Safari, Northern Lights Searches, Husky Safari, Glass Igloo Accommodation

## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1 Overnight Flight

Days 2, 3 Lilla Roberts Hotel, Helsinki

Days 4 - 6 Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort - West Village, Kakslauttanen

Day 7 Lilla Roberts Hotel, Helsinki

*On some dates alternate hotels may be used.*



## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL: 4

This means you're ready to seize the day, whatever it may bring. You lead an active life at home (walking, biking, and hiking are things you may enjoy) and few thousand steps a day isn't out of the norm. You can handle longer walking tours (more than 90 minutes), traversing dusty or uneven terrain, standing for periods of time, varying altitudes and temperatures, and don't mind being on the go with some early starts, late-night experiences, and full days. Unfortunately, this level is not appropriate for individuals who use wheelchairs or walkers.



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**Single: \$6,699**

**Triple: \$5,749**

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### **Day 1: Saturday, December 2, 2023 Overnight Flight**

On an adventure to the top of the world, experience a side of life that feeds the imagination and leaves you forever enchanted with Finland, "Daughter of the Baltic."

### **Day 2: Sunday, December 3, 2023 Helsinki, Finland - Tour Begins**

Hei Helsinki! Finland's vibrant capital, where history converges with architectural style and combines with a laid-back vibe across beautiful islands and pristine public parks, welcomes you. This evening, gather with new friends for a welcome dinner in the city center. Hyvää ruokahalua! (Bon appetit!) (D)

### **Day 3: Monday, December 4, 2023 Helsinki**

Join a local expert for a city tour. If Finland's heart beats in Helsinki, then Helsinki's core is in Senate Square, home of Helsinki Cathedral, the city's most iconic building. Walk the streets of empiric-designed Tori Quarters before enjoying some free time in Market Square, the city's most famous international market. See the steel monument dedicated to the composer Sibelius. During your leisure time, explore more of Helsinki independently. (B)

### **Day 4: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 Helsinki - Kakslauttanen - Northern Lights Search**

Escape to northernmost Finland's winter wonderland on board a flight to Ivalo and magical Lapland. Like a storybook come to life, Lapland's culture is steeped in myth and legend. Relish encounters with reindeer and unspoiled views of the northern lights.\* At the breathtaking Kakslauttanen Resort, spend two nights in your very own Finnish log cabin\*\* indulging in your personal Finnish sauna and other unique fixtures. Trek north toward Inari on a chase for the northern lights.\* Stops along the pursuit allow you the chance for a front-row seat at nature's dazzling, electric light show.\* (B, D)

### **Day 5: Wednesday, December 6, 2023 Kakslauttanen - Santa Claus' Home - Reindeer Safari - Northern Lights**

Hit the snow and mush to breakfast aboard an authentic Finnish sleigh. From Kakslauttanen, head to the home of Santa Claus, an epicenter of Christmas cheer. Among prancing reindeer, learn about Santa's origins during a meet and greet at his house. Under the Arctic moonlight, a reindeer farmer introduces you to some friendly Lappish reindeer that will escort you on an exhilarating reindeer safari through remote Kakslauttanen. Gain insight into the importance of reindeer herding to the Sámi indigenous culture. Sip warm berry juice, a Finnish tradition, under the cover of blankets in the surround of northern Finland's unspoiled wilderness as you continue the search for the elusive northern lights.\* (B, D)

### **Day 6: Thursday, December 7, 2023 Kakslauttanen - Husky Safari - Northern Lights**

Search Breathe in the fresh Arctic air this morning and step into the role as leader of your own dog sled team. Zoom through the wilderness on a husky safari, driving your husky guides that are as fast as they are adorable. Spend some time getting to know these amazing dogs and learn about their different commands. You'll also be introduced to the equipment you'll need to experience this incredible Arctic adventure at its best. Enjoy your last night in the heart of the Lappish wilderness, nestled in your incredible – and private – glass igloo.\*\*\* You may even see the northern lights\*dancing overhead. (B, D)

### **Day 7: Friday, December 8, 2023 Kakslauttanen - Helsinki**

Say goodbye to enchanting Lapland and fly back to Helsinki. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure. Explore the city's central squares and get in tune with the latest Finnish trends at a collection of charming shops. Tonight, in downtown Helsinki, toast to grand adventures and new friends. (B, D)

### **Day 8: Saturday, December 9, 2023 Helsinki - Tour Ends**

Set out for home with incredible memories and a longing to return. (B)

# HAWAIIAN ADVENTURE

**February 8-17, 2024**

10 Days, 13 Meals: 9 Breakfasts (B), 4 Dinners (D)

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Waikiki Beach, Pearl Harbor, Iolani Palace, Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, Kona Highlights, Iao Valley, Lahaina, Polynesian Luau

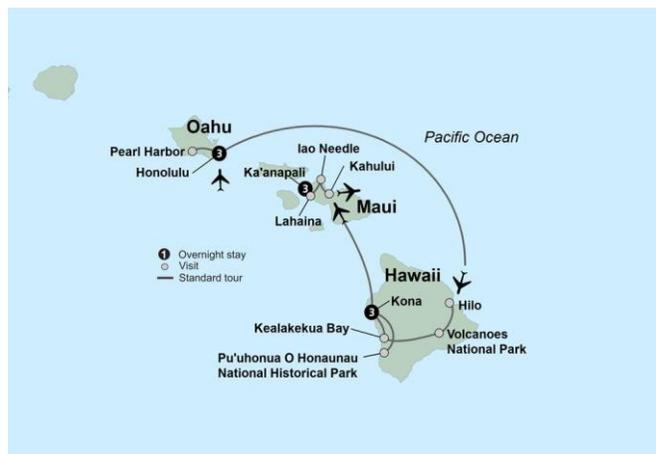
## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Days 1 - 3 Prince Waikiki, Honolulu

Days 4 - 6 Outrigger Kona Resort and Spa, Kona

Days 7 - 9 Sheraton Maui Resort and Spa, Lahaina,

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## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL: 1

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 1. This means you're a leisurely traveler. You like to discover the energy of a new place, but typically take it easy. You can handle at least one flight of stairs, board a coach, and walk for 15-30 minutes at a time with little difficulty.



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**Day 1: Thursday, February 8, 2024 Honolulu, O'ahu - Tour Begins**

Aloha! Your adventure begins on the sun-drenched beaches of Waikiki. Relax before meeting your group tomorrow.

**Day 2: Friday, February 9, 2024 Honolulu**

Remember Pearl Harbor with a visit to the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument. Travel by naval launch to view the white marble-clad USS Arizona Memorial, honoring those who lost their lives in the Pearl Harbor attack. After, take a tour of Honolulu, highlighting the historic Iolani Palace, the state capitol building, King Kamehameha's statue, and the National Cemetery of the Pacific. The remainder of the day is yours. (B, D)

**Day 3: Saturday, February 10, 2024 Honolulu - Waikiki**

Dive into Hawaiian history with a visit to Iolani Palace to learn about the Hawaiian monarchs and the takeover of Hawaii by the United States. Then enjoy free time in downtown Honolulu with recommendations from your Tour Manager for the best spots for a traditional plated lunch. Later stop at the Pali lookout in O'ahu's rainforest before returning to Waikiki for an evening at your leisure. (B)

**Day 4: Sunday, February 11, 2024 Honolulu - Hilo, Big Island - Volcanoes National Park - Kona**

Board your flight to the volcanic "Big Island" of Hawaii. True to its name, the island itself is larger than all the other islands combined. Although the island's official name is the archipelago's namesake, the Big Island is also famous for its volcanoes creating rocky, black landscapes. Upon arrival, pause at the iridescent mist of Rainbow Falls before exploring Hilo on your own. Next, you'll visit Hawaii Volcanoes National Park to learn about Kilauea – the world's most active volcano. On the way to the hotel, take in views of the crystal-clear waters of Kealahou Bay and visit one of the iconic black sand beaches where you may spot a green turtle soaking up the sun. (B)

**Day 5: Monday, February 12, 2024**

Kona This morning, take time to relax at your resort and look out over Big Island's rocky coastline. In the afternoon, your Tour Manager will bring you into Kailua-Kona – a town established by King Kamehameha I before he unified the Kingdom of Hawaii. After, enjoy ample time to peruse the shops and grab a bite of lunch on your own before returning to the hotel for a lei making class taught by a local expert. Learn about their cultural significance and create one of your own to bring home. (B)

**Day 6: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 Kona - Honaunau Bay - Kona**

Start the day at Bay View Farm, which has been harvesting coffee beans since 1984. Tour the farm with a local before enjoying a tasting of the local brew. Visit St. Benedict's Painted Church, built in the 1800s and adorned with vibrant frescos. Continue to Pu'uhoonua o Honaunau National Historical Park on the rugged coast, once the place of refuge for those that broke the Kapu (sacred law) in old Hawaii. (B, D)

**Day 7: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 Kona - Kahului, Maui - Lahaina - Ka'anapali**

Board an inter-island flight to Maui, one of the most beautiful and popular outer islands. Visit the stunning Iao Valley and view the 2,000-foot-high Iao Needle, one of Maui's famous natural landforms. Visit the old royal capital of Lahaina, once home to the world's largest whaling fleets, where you can stroll through historic streets. Travel through sugarcane fields to the resort area of Ka'anapali and arrive at your deluxe beachfront hotel. (B, D)

**Day 8: Thursday, February 15, 2024 Maui**

Spend a day at leisure to see for yourself why locals say Maui no ka oi (Maui is the best).

**Day 9: Friday, February 16, 2024 Maui**

Enjoy another day in paradise. Your trip ends with a traditional Polynesian luau farewell dinner. (B, D)

**Day 10: Saturday, February 17, 2024 Maui - Tour Ends**

Bid Aloha to Hawaii as your memorable tour ends in Maui.\* Now, wherever your home is, you'll always be part of the Hawaiian ohana (family). (B)

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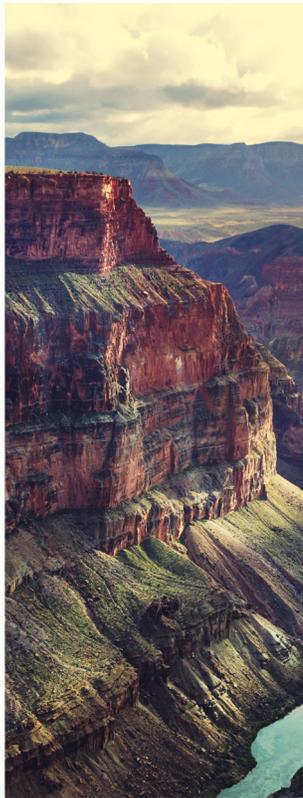
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