

Hawaii Cruise – Hawaiian Seascapes



Trip Summary

Hawaii is a tropical destination synonymous with paradise. What better way to hop among the islands than by small cruise ship? Watch for whales, “talk story” with locals, explore a sacred valley, and find plenty of time for play – paddle, hike, and snorkel. Immerse yourself in aloha and experience the islands from a different perspective. **This adventure runs from Moloka‘i to Hawai‘i or in reverse from Hawai‘i to Moloka‘i depending on the week!** (*Please call your adventure travel consultant for more details*).

Itinerary

Day 1: Molokai – Embark

Welcome to Hawaii! You’ll be transferred to our hospitality area on Molokai. Later, the Captain and crew greet you with smiles and champagne as you board the awaiting *Safari Explorer* • This evening, settle in and enjoy dinner aboard the yacht, before a presentation about your week ahead • *Overnight Safari Explorer (D)*

Day 2: Molokai

A warm Aloha spirit gives you a sense of Hawaii long ago • No stop lights, no high-rises, just a welcome slower pace • “Talk story” with locals and experience their land and traditions as few visitors ever do • You’ll hear legends and lore, then take in a cultural lesson in taro patches and poi making, or hike to a towering waterfall in Halawa’s cathedral valley—one of the island’s most historic places • At the Molokai Museum, discover the history of this ancient homeland as you enjoy an evening pa’ina (feast), complete with a home-style Hawaiian jam session • *Overnight Safari Explorer (B, L, D)*

Day 3: Lana‘i

Gear up for a day of play on the “Private Island.” Thousand foot sea cliffs line the shore and ancient volcanic plugs sit both above and below the water’s surface as host to a wide diversity of marine life • Snorkel, paddle board, kayak, explore by skiff, or stretch your legs on a hike—whichever activities suit your fancy • Take a stroll to Sweetheart Rock, a sea stack jutting 80 feet above the crashing surf, and discover the legend of the princess Puu Pehe • Learn about the islands plantation days with a visit to the quaint Lana‘i Culture and Heritage Center • *Overnight Safari Explorer (B, L, D)*

Day 4: Olowalu / West Maui

In ancient times, Olowalu was considered a place of refuge • Today, it delivers a treat of snorkeling among coral gardens teeming with underwater life and a known sea turtle habitat • The Humpback National Marine Sanctuary—located between Lana‘i, Molokai, and Maui—provides front-row seats as you cruise through these productive marine breeding grounds searching for dolphins, whales, and other marine life • *Overnight Safari Explorer (B, L, D)*



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Day 5: Captain's Choice Exploration

Leave it to your Captain and crew to seek out and unveil the best opportunities the islands hold in store today • Dramatic volcanic backdrops, marine life sightings, and chances for snorkeling, kayaking, and paddle boarding are all possible! • *Overnight Safari Explorer (B, L, D)*

Day 6: Honomalino Bay

Fringed by coconut palms, Honomalino Bay offers a morning of snorkeling, paddle boarding, and kayaking • The bay reveals a diversity of colorful corals, sponges, and tropical fishes • Lava tubes, kayaking, and skiff tours fill out your day of adventure—in an area known to be favored by marine mammals • If conditions are right, you'll anchor at an offshore location to search for and night snorkel with Giant Pacific Manta rays • *Overnight Safari Explorer (B, L, D)*

Day 7: Kailua-Kona

Head south for exploration of the island's untouched shores—by skiff or by snorkel • At Kailua-Kona, stroll through town at your own pace, and uncover the charm of this historic town • This evening, celebrate with the Captain's Dinner and photographic recap of your adventure • *Overnight Safari Explorer (B, L, D)*

Day 8: Hawai'i, the Big Island – Disembark

As the *Safari Explorer* docks at Kawaihae Harbor, you'll be transferred to the Kona Airport or to your extended UnCruise hotel stay • (B)

* *This trip is operated by UnCruise Adventures in partnership with Austin Adventures.*

** *Due to the nature of our explorations, itineraries are guidelines and will change in order to maximize wildlife and natural encounters. Variations in itinerary and the order of days may occur.*

Our Partner – UnCruise Adventures

Austin Adventures is proudly offering this trip in conjunction with UnCruise Adventures. Headquartered at historic Fishermen's Terminal in Seattle, Washington, UnCruise Adventures has been in the small ship adventure cruise business for over 20 years. The small size of UnCruise's ships allows them to access remote areas bigger ships can't get to providing guests with opportunities to experience off-the-map wilderness, up close, hands on, and with boots on the ground. Each day brings opportunity for adventure—kayaking, hiking, skiff explorations, snorkeling, paddle boarding. All activities are included and it's always your choice—do as many or as few as you want. The expert, knowledgeable, and mostly-local crew enthusiastically lead the way. UnCruise Adventures keeps a constant eye on treading lightly; their small ships introduce adventurers to new and breathtaking destinations sure to leave a lasting impression.

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Activities

Hiking: Difficulty varies depending on group, no experience necessary.

Kayaking: Coves, inlets, open water, no experience necessary.

Skiffing: Inflatable skiff explorations with guides and crew, no experience necessary

Paddle boarding: Stand up paddling, no experience necessary.

Snorkeling: Snorkeling in protected bays, no experience necessary. Optional night snorkel.

Wildlife Viewing: No experience necessary but come prepared to look and listen.

** Note: Daily itinerary is kept purposefully flexible to maximize wildlife sightings and natural encounters.*

Discovery: Get a sense of Hawaii long ago. Talk story and be enticed by Hawaiian legend and the hula's rhythm. During a week of kayaking, snorkeling, paddle boarding, and cultural visits, the history of this ancient homeland unfolds. With no stop lights and no high rises, you'll welcome leisure time in the paniolo town of Kaunakakai, the scent of plumeria, and Moloka'i's slow pace. Gear up for water play at Lana'i and hike to the island's spatter and cinder cone. And if you're lucky, paddle an outrigger from a Maui beach and linger under Lahaina's giant Banyan tree (with tuneful Myna's perched limb-to-limb). The Humpback National Marine Sanctuary provides front-row seats as you cruise these marine breeding grounds keeping watch for dolphins, whales and other marine life. By skiff, explore shores lined with lava tubes and coconut palm-fringed bays. Discover coral gardens full of underwater life, snorkel in a known sea turtle habitat by day, and at night, with Giant Pacific Manta rays. This is just the beginning – discover for yourself this place they call The Islands of Aloha.

Meals

The hallmark of an Austin Adventures vacation is our exceptional dining. All meals aboard the ship: breakfasts, lunches, snacks, dinners, refreshments and receptions are included. (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner). All non-alcoholic and alcoholic beverages are included. Super premium wines and spirits and all related gratuities are not included in the trip price.

Distinctive Accommodations

Nights 1 – 7: *Safari Explorer*

This high-end SUV of a ship is nimble, strong, and loving. The *Safari Explorer* has what mariners call "feet" that take her into wild areas most other ships aren't certified to visit. Her performance-built rugged construction means access to faraway regions. But it's what's on the inside that makes this yacht the prize of the fleet. And with only 36 guests on board, the feel is decidedly exclusive. Lovingly called "the Bulldog," she's poised, her interior is a pearl, and the general mood is down-to-earth. She bops around the islands of Hawaii soaking up the laid-back aloha spirit. The other half she spends in Alaska sowing her wild oats. A protective spirit infused in every part of the ship, and within the crew. She's made for adventures after all and with them comes inevitable fun and folly.



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Arrival and Departure

This trip runs from either Moloka'i to Hawai'i or in reverse from Hawai'i to Moloka'i depending on the week so please plan accordingly. We suggest that you book your flight to the Big Island (Kailua-Kona) or Moloka'i at least one day prior to your trip departure. You may arrive on day of embarkation as long as your flight arrives **no later than 2:30 pm**. If you are arriving on the day of embarkation, your airport transfer is included to the hospitality area in Moloka'i or Kailua-Kona (dependent upon your embarkation city). If you arrive independently prior to embarkation day, you will need to check into the hospitality suite no later than 3:00 pm with your luggage. You will have time to relax on the beach or walk through town before arriving back no later than 4:30 pm to meet your expedition leader, followed by a 4:45 pm transfer to the boat for your embarkation. Your trip ends with a drop-off at either the airport or our recommended hotels in Moloka'i or Kailua-Kona (dependent upon disembarkation city). Please schedule departing flights for **after 12:00 pm**.

Trip Price

From \$5,195

Trip Length

8 days/ 7 nights

2020 Dates

Departs weekly, call for availability.

Host City

Moloka'i – Airport code: MKK

Kailua-Kona – Airport code: KOA

Reservations & Availability

1.800.575.1540

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Trip Reservations

Reservations, Deposits and Balances Due

To make a reservation, contact Austin Adventures with your choice of trip and dates. A \$750 per person deposit is required to confirm your reservation. **Some Custom and International programs may require additional deposits.** Full payment is required at the time of booking if your trip departs within 90 days. Choose one of the following contact methods:

Toll free: 800-575-1540

Phone: 406-655-4591

Online: austinadventures.com

Email: reservations@austinadventures.com

Mail: Austin Adventures, P.O. Box 81025, Billings, MT 59108

* You may also book your Austin Adventure with your preferred travel professional.

** We accept most major credit cards and personal checks (U.S. funds made payable to Austin Adventures). Please do not send cash.

Included in the Trip Price

- All meals aboard ship.
- Double occupancy cabins with private baths.
- Fully trained, first-aid certified professional guides and knowledgeable local partners.
- All “from-the-ship” adventure activities and equipment.
- Premium spirits, wine, beer; non-alcoholic beverages.
- Wellness amenities: fitness equipment and yoga mats Transfers and baggage handling between airport/vessel on embark/disembark day.
- Austin Adventures T-shirt and luggage tags.
- Pre-departure and packing information.
- Entry fees to national parks/preserves.

Not Included in the Trip Price

- Gratuities to UnCruise Adventures’ crew.
- Port taxes and fees (\$375 per person).
- Pre-and post-trip accommodations and associated expenses.
- Air and land transportation to/from host cities.
- All types of personal insurance.
- Personal expenses.

Pre-departure Information

After receiving your reservation and deposit, we’ll send you a pre-trip planner with general information about the area you’ll be visiting, a packing list, exercise guidelines, a guest information questionnaire and a liability release agreement for you to sign and return within 10 days.



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Private Custom Trips

Maybe your vacation schedule doesn't fit our list of trips and dates. Or perhaps you'd prefer a slightly different itinerary or level of luxury and activity. A Custom Adventure is the perfect answer. You pick the date and destination and brief us on the size of your group, what activities you want, your "must haves" and just how you like to relax and unwind. No detail is too small, no idea too outrageous. Our staff of experts will help create a tailor-made vacation that's just right for you and your group. In short, if you can dream it, we can make it happen.

Room Occupancy, Single Supplements, and Shared Room Assignments

All trip prices are based on double occupancy. Single rooms are available for an additional charge, referred to as a "single supplement." If you're traveling alone and wish to share a room, make the request at the time of booking. Austin Adventures will attempt to find a suitable roommate for you.

Child Age and Pricing on Family Adventures

Family Adventures are suitable for children 8 years old and up (5 years and older for our Yellowstone and Costa Rica Family Adventures). Children who share a room with one or more adults receive reduced rates. The minimum age on our non-family designated adult and teen adventures is 16 years old.

Cancellations and Refunds

The following cancellation policies and cancellation fees are in effect:

***As with deposits on some international and custom programs, refund schedule may vary, speak with your Adventure Consultant for details.

Cancellation 91 days or more before trip departure – Full trip payment refunded less a \$300 per person administration fee

Cancellation 61-90 days before trip departure – Full trip payment less 25% per person is refunded

Cancellation 46-60 days before trip departure – 50% of the trip payment is refunded

Cancellation 31-45 days before trip departure – 75% of the trip payment is refunded

Cancellation 0-30 days before trip departure – No refund is given

Our Guarantee

Exceeding your expectations is our number one priority. In the unlikely event that you are dissatisfied with something during your trip, immediately notify your guide(s). If he or she is unable to resolve the issue, call our main office and give us the details of the problem, and a chance to correct it. We will do our best to find a resolution. If we are unable to do so during your trip, we will work with you upon your return home to arrive at a fair and equitable solution, including up to a full refund.