



WOMEN OF THE MIDWEST

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ALOHA HAWAII!

OAHU, BIG ISLAND, AND MAUI

with Women of the Midwest

February 21 - March 2, 2023



Hello Women of the Midwest,

Going to Hawaii in February just makes "SENSE." It is a place that fills your senses to the brim in every way and every day!

The minute you get off the plane, you are greeted with the SMELL of leis and fragrant tropical flowers everywhere! Flowers such as the heart-shaped Anthurium, Bird of Paradise, Hawaiian Gardenias, Blue Ginger, the Hawaiian Hibiscus, and more! I was there many years ago, and I will never forget that exotic smell; it is breathtaking! And there is always the fresh, salty smell of the ocean wherever you go.

Then, open your eyes and SEE all the beauty in the landscape surrounding you! Waterfalls, rainforest, bright-colored flowers, gorgeous sandy beaches, and a rainbow of beach umbrellas. February is the height of whale season in Hawaii! You won't believe your eyes as they breach and return to the water right in front of you! They are massive! And lastly, enjoy watching the hula dancers at the luau as they entertain us with their culture and traditions!

Listen carefully, and you will HEAR the soothing ocean tides at night, the traditional music from the luau and the Polynesian culture, and the joyous laughter and conversations of people enjoying every minute of the day there!

Enjoy the TASTE of exotic tropical drinks, wonderful fresh fruits, macadamia nuts, fresh seafood, and so much more! Your tastebuds will go into overdrive on this trip!

And enjoy the FEEL of the beautiful warm sunshine on your face, the sand between your toes, the cool ocean spray as you walk along the beach, or the ocean waves gently massaging you as you swim.

And if all the above are not reasons enough, here is one more: If you are from any of the Midwest or northern states, it is usually very cold in February - but not in Hawaii! The average temperature there in February is 79 degrees! To me, living in Nebraska, it is a no-brainer! Hawaii; Here I come!

Now, I hope you will "come to your senses" and sign up today to join me on this amazing tropical adventure, as together we say: "Aloha Hawaii!"

Yours in travel, Barb Wallingford, Ambassador



Call our Group Department today at 402-435-8888. Space is limited.



Honolulu



Surf Along!



Local Totems



Hula Hula!

February 21, 2022 - Tuesday

Traveling to Honolulu, Oahu

Our wonderful adventure begins as we fly to Honolulu. Upon arrival, we meet our local tour director for a warm Aloha Welcome! With our private motorcoach, we transfer to our hotel and check in for our 3-night stay on Oahu, the most populated of the Hawaiian Islands. At first glance, Honolulu, the state's capital, appears to be like any other large American city, but the palm-trees, scarlet hibiscus and the variegated colors of the citizenry's clothing make it clear that you are not anywhere but in beautiful Hawaii. This evening we will enjoy a welcome dinner and the remainder of the evening is yours to relax and unwind. **D**

February 22, 2022 - Wednesday

Touring Honolulu



Kona Coffee

After a filling breakfast, our private motorcoach and tour guide will take us on a tour to enjoy Pearl Harbor and the city of Honolulu. First, we head to Pearl Harbor to take a Navy launch out to the USS Arizona Memorial to pay tribute to the fallen heroes who lost their lives on December 7, 1941. You'll have time to explore the visitor center, view a film and the exhibits, before we head off to see the sights of Honolulu. Set in a real dormant volcano, we will visit

Punchbowl Crater to take a drive through the National Cemetery of the Pacific. Later see the State Capitol, the Governor's Mansion, China Town and view King Kamehameha's statue before returning to our hotel for a late afternoon and evening at leisure. There is always so much going on in Honolulu and on Waikiki beach, so sit back and enjoy the local atmosphere of Hawaii. **B**

February 23, 2022 - Thursday

Honolulu at leisure

Breakfast at our own pace and a day at your leisure in paradise to soak up some sun on the beach or at the pool, do some fun shopping, or you may choose to join an optional Oahu Circle Island Tour (see the insert for optional tours). **B**

February 24, 2022 - Friday

Fly to Hilo (Big Island) – Big Island Touring

After a hearty breakfast, we fly to Hilo on the Island of Hawaii (the Big Island). Ascend the rugged countryside to Volcanoes National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site where you will see a real, smoking and steaming volcano. We will visit Volcanoes National Park Visitor Center to learn all about the geology and history of the volcano. Next, we depart to see the unique Punaluu Black Sand Volcanic Beach. Later in the day, journey to the Kona Coast area and check into our resort for a 2-night stay. After settling in, we will travel to the nearby historic fishing village of Kailua Kona, referred to by the locals as Kona or Kona town, where we will enjoy dinner at a popular local restaurant including a choice of a couple of special local brews - a draft from the Kona Brewing Company or an authentic cup of Kona Coffee ... Oh, what a day! **B | D**



Haleakalā



Ukulele Guitar



Macadamia Nuts



Tropical Islands

February 25, 2022 - Saturday

Big Island at Leisure

Enjoy breakfast at your own pace and then take a full day to relax, get more sun, experience a round of golf, explore on your own, do some shopping or perhaps join an optional Whale Watch Cruise (see the insert for optional tours). **B**

February 26, 2022 - Sunday

Kona - Fly to Maui - Lahaina

After breakfast, we fly to Maui, known as the “Valley Isle”. Upon arrival, travel to the stunning Iao Valley where spectacular waterfalls and lush tropical foliage surround the Iao Needle, a rock formation rising over 2,000 feet from the valley floor. We will also make a stop to explore the small town of Lahaina, the picturesque old whaling capital of the Pacific, which looks much today as it did at the turn of the last century. Make sure to check out the stunning Moana glass art. You will have a hard time finding glass art this beautiful anywhere else in the world. Finally, check into our Maui resort for a three-night stay. Enjoy this island paradise for some leisure time. **B**

February 27, 2022 - Monday

Maui Touring

Breakfast is served before we head out to visit majestic Mount Haleakalā National Park or “House of the Sun.” We travel to the top of Haleakalā, Maui’s massive dormant volcano on this scenic journey from sea level to 10,000 feet! At the summit is a vast crater, seven and a half miles long by two and a half miles wide and 3,000 feet deep. Marvel at the crater’s eerie landscape of cinder cones and ancient lava formations; this is

truly an unforgettable experience. We will return to our resort to enjoy an afternoon at leisure. **B**

February 28, 2022 - Tuesday

Maui at Leisure

Today is the perfect day to spoil yourself! Enjoy breakfast at your own pace, relax in the sun of Maui poolside, maybe visit the spa, or spend the day shopping. You will appreciate this day to soak in all the impressions of the previous days in paradise. Tonight, it’s time to dress in your floral dress. We will have fun at our farewell dinner as we say “Aloha” to the Islands and enjoy a Hawaiian Luau, a fun-filled cultural event featuring traditional food, dancing and music. **B | D**

March 1, 2023 - Wednesday

Maui - Return back home

After breakfast, we have time at leisure until we head to Maui Airport for our overnight flight back home. Our memories of the beautiful Aloha Hawaii journey will enrich our homegoing as we return to share our adventures. **B**

March 2, 2023 - Thursday

Arrive home

Itinerary subject to change!

B = Breakfast D = Dinner



Luau



Optional Tour #1: Oahu Circle Island Tour (estimate \$175)

Optional Excursion: Includes transportation, admissions, and professional driver-guide.

Circle the entire island of Oahu by coach, enjoying ocean views, rugged mountains and fascinating history during this 8.5-hour day trip. View many of Oahu's famous landmarks, including Diamond Head, the remaining cone of a giant ancient volcano. Also see Hanauma Bay, Nu'uaniu Pali, the Halona Blowhole and Oahu's beautiful North Shore with its popular surf spots: Sunset, Waimea, and Pipeline. Drive through the Kahala residential area with some of the most prestigious homes on the island. Walk around the world-famous Dole Plantation Gardens and see varieties of pineapples from around the world (admission included)

Also visit the serene, Japanese-style Byodo-In Temple (admission included). A stop will be made for a sit-down lunch (lunch not included-approx. 1 hour). Roundtrip transportation from your hotel is included.

Total Excursion Duration - Approximately 8.5 hours.

Hotel Pick-up: 8:40 AM

Minimum 10 passengers to operate.

This tour may include travelers outside our private group.



Optional Tour #2: Kona Whale Watching Cruise (estimate \$160)

Optional Excursion: Includes Transportation, Cruise, Light Snacks, and Non-Alcoholic Drinks

Every winter between the months of December and April, more than 8,000 humpback whales migrate over 3,500 miles to the warm Pacific waters of Hawaii to mate, birth and nurse their calves. On this Kona Whale Watching Cruise you'll sail out into the water with an experienced captain and crew to find whales and observe them from a close, but respectable, distance. Calves surface to breathe three times as often than adult whales. An adult Humpback whale typically surfaces approximately every 10 to 15 minutes and to witness the humpback whales breaching out of the water is spectacular!

Hear singing humpback whales through underwater hydrophones, and you may also see spinner dolphins, pilot and sperm whales, manta rays, sea turtles, and more. Roundtrip transportation from your hotel is included. Snacks & non-alcoholic drinks provided include fresh tropical fruit, hummus dip & crackers, Pub Mix, sodas, juices, coffee, tea.

Total Excursion Duration - Approximately 4 hours.

Hotel Pick-up: 12:00 PM.

Minimum 10 passengers to operate.

This tour may include travelers outside our private group.



To register contact:



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SECURE ONLINE REGISTRATION LINK:

WomenoftheMidwest.com/journeys

Package Price:

Per person in a shared double room:	\$5,995
Per person in a single room:	\$7,995
Per person in a shared triple room:	\$5,895

Triple rooms consist of 2 double beds.

Remember our "Pair & Share" service for solo travelers.

A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is required upon signing up. The balance is due on November 15, 2022, and is non-refundable. Cash, check, and credit card payments are accepted (no processing fees).

Travel Insurance:

We recommend travel insurance to help protect you and your trip investment against the unexpected. For your convenience, we offer a plan provided by Travelex Insurance Services. For rates and plan highlights, please ask us.

Travelex Insurance Services, Inc CA Agency License #0D10209. Travel Insurance is underwritten by Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance Company, NAIC #22276.

This tour will be materialized with a minimum of 15 and a maximum of 22 travelers. Should we, for any reason, not be able to guarantee this departure, we will offer a refund of all funds paid to Executive Travel for land, air and travel insurance 90 days prior to departure.

LEVEL 1 2 3 4 - This Journey is level 3:

Between the scheduled sightseeing tours included in the program and personal exploration, you can expect to walk 4 miles or more over the course of a day, typically on pavements.

This tour is not recommended for guests with walking difficulties. Comfortable, sturdy shoes are recommended.

Group Airfare:

Group airfare is included in our journey. A detailed itinerary will be available by Mid-July 2022.

Included:

- Group airfare and intra-air (Oahu-Big Island-Maui), economy class including taxes and fees
- 8 nights hotel accommodation
- 8 x breakfast
- 3 x dinner
- All transportation as per tour program with private motorcoach
- Admissions to all sites mentioned in the tour program
- Professional local tour guide during all days in Hawaii
- Baggage handling at hotels (one piece per person)
- Headphones where required
- Women of the Midwest Ambassador, February 21 - March 2, 2023
- Detailed travel documents, handed out three weeks prior to departure (hard-copy and electronic)
- All local taxes and fees as of May 4, 2021

Accommodation Examples:

- 3 nights - Sheraton Princess Kaiulani, Honolulu
 - 2 nights - Kona Sheraton Resort & Spa at Keauhou or Royal Kona Resort, Kona Area
 - 3 nights - Royal Lahaina, Kaanapali Area
- Final accommodation will be advised 90 days prior to departure.*

Not Included:

- Airline baggage fees (estimate \$35-40 per checked bag)
- Travel insurance, please ask us
- Personal expenses
- Meals and beverages other than mentioned in the tour program
- Entrances to sites other than mentioned
- Gratuities to local tour guides and drivers (estimate a total of \$8 per day)
- Professional fee, \$50 per person, due at time of registration
- Anything not mentioned in the inclusions

Forwarding registration and deposit signifies that you agree to the terms and conditions found at WomenoftheMidwest.com/journeys.

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