



Legacy Journey to Hawai‘i

Immerse yourself in Hawai‘i’s natural splendor during an unforgettable journey to one of the most ecologically diverse places on Earth. Our trip to three of Hawai‘i’s eight main islands—Hawai‘i, Maui and Kaua‘i—reaches beyond beautiful sunsets and turquoise waters to their unique flora and fauna, which are deeply rooted in Hawaiian culture.

From Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park on the Big Island to the ridges and reefs of Maui to Waimea Canyon, Kaua‘i’s “Grand Canyon of the Pacific,” travelers will share an exceptional experience.



Photos: Sunset Wash Bowls, Kona, HI © Cora Hiranaka/TNC Photo Contest 2021; An ‘Amakihi, or Honeycreeper, Perched on a Kōlī Flower, Waikamoi Preserve, Maui, HI © Eric Nishibayashi

Legacy Journey Highlights

- Watch for humpback whales that have migrated from Alaska to breed in the warm waters of the ‘Au‘au Channel off the coast of Maui.
- Look to the treetops during a visit to Waikamoi Preserve, a rainforest that harbors endemic birds, including the critically endangered ‘ākohekohe, or crested honeycreeper, and kiwikiu, or Maui parrotbill, found only on Maui.
- Trek through a landscape shaped by the heat of the Earth at Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park, where you may also observe active eruptions and flowing lava.



Conservation Highlight: Kīholo Preserve

The royal fishpond at Kīholo stands as a testament to Native Hawaiian ingenuity—a highly refined aquaculture system that provided a sustainable supply of fish to the surrounding community for centuries. In Hawai‘i, fishpond estuaries function as a vital interface between land and coastal waters, providing habitat for native flora and fauna above and below their sheltered waters. At Kīholo, between three and five million gallons of submarine groundwater flows through the fishponds into coastal waters each day, boosting the productivity of nearshore coral reefs and reef fisheries.

TNC works in close partnership with community group Hui Aloha Kīholo to restore productivity to Kīholo Preserve. With help from expert dry-stack masons and more than 6,000 volunteers, we rebuilt the pond’s traditional rock walls and removed invasive trees and weeds that encroached on the pond and clogged waterways. After fencing critical access points to keep out feral goats, we began restoring native vegetation using seedlings grown in an on-site nursery. Together with our partners, we continue to monitor the effects of these efforts on water quantity and quality as well as fish abundance, diversity, and recruitment.

Photo: Palm Trees Reflected in a Fishpond,
Kīholo Preserve, HI © Christine Shepard 2016

Itinerary Overview

DAY 1

Saturday, March 21

Welcome to Hawai‘i! Upon arrival at Kona Airport, transfer to our hotel for the evening, the Marriott Courtyard King Kamehameha, before enjoying a welcome dinner and trip orientation onsite.

Overnight at Marriott Courtyard King Kamehameha Hotel
Meals Included: Dinner

DAY 2

Sunday, March 22

After enjoying an early breakfast at our hotel, we’ll depart for Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Following the southern route, stop at Punalu‘u Black Sand Beach along the way, a favorite place for endangered honu (green sea turtles) to spend time in the sun.

Upon arrival at Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park, enjoy lunch at The Rim Restaurant at the historic Volcano House. After lunch, explore the National Park with an expert guide. We will stop at several locations based on the day’s conditions.

At 4:30 p.m., depart Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park to return to our hotel. We will have dinner as a group either at the hotel or a local restaurant this evening.

Overnight at Marriott Courtyard King Kamehameha Hotel
Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

DAY 3

Monday, March 23

After breakfast onsite at our hotel, depart for TNC’s Kīholo Preserve, a part of a coastal area once coveted by Hawaiian chiefs for its fisheries, fishponds and anchialine pools. Meet with local staff as you learn about this incredible location and its ecological significance. After a boxed lunch onsite, travel to a local coffee farm for an inside look at the history, farming and processing of coffee. Enjoy a sample of award-winning 100% Kona Coffee before returning to our hotel.

We will enjoy dinner together this evening at a local restaurant.

Overnight at Marriott Courtyard King Kamehameha Hotel
Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

DAY 4

Tuesday, March 24

Bid farewell to the Big Island as we transfer to Kona International Airport for our interisland flight to Maui. Upon arrival, we will transfer to our lodging for the next couple of evenings, Outrigger Ka’anapali Beach Hotel, before having lunch at a local restaurant.

After lunch, we’ll depart for a whale watching excursion in the ‘Au‘au Channel between Maui and Lāna‘i with Pacific Whale Foundation, pioneers in whale research. A naturalist from Pacific Whale Foundation will accompany us and provide an in-depth look at Hawai‘i’s unique ocean ecology. After our time on the water, return to the hotel before enjoying dinner together.

Overnight at Outrigger Ka’anapali Beach Hotel
Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner



Conservation Highlight: Waikamoi Preserve

TNC established a preserve at Waikamoi to protect the fresh water source for Maui and to provide a sanctuary for endangered plants, birds and hundreds of other native Hawaiian species. The preserve protects part of the 100,000-acre East Maui Watershed on Haleakalā, which provides 60 billion gallons of clean water annually to Maui's residents, businesses and agricultural community. This vast koa-ʻohiʻa forest is the last stronghold for 63 species of rare plants and 12 species of birds, seven of them endangered.

Waikamoi Preserve harbors some of the healthiest native forest in all of Hawaiʻi. TNC protects the native species living there by managing the invasive weeds and animals threatening their survival. On-the-ground land management, in partnership with landowners and communities, is at the heart of what we do. Waikamoi Preserve became a reality in 1983 when the Haleakalā Ranch Company granted a conservation easement to TNC over 5,230 acres. The preserve was expanded in 2014, bringing the total to 8,951 acres and making Waikamoi the largest private nature preserve in the state.

Photo: Exploring the Volcanic Slopes of Waikamoi Preserve, Maui, HI © Ian Shive

Itinerary Overview (cont.)

DAY 5

Wednesday, March 25

After breakfast at our hotel, prepare to depart for a full day at TNC's Waikamoi Preserve, an important sanctuary for hundreds of native Hawaiian plants and animals that make up its high-elevation rainforest and alpine shrubland. Learn about the history of the preserve and TNC's on-the-ground conservation efforts from local staff. We will enjoy boxed lunches onsite or stop by a local restaurant. After a full day, we will return to our hotel.

Enjoy dinner on your own at your leisure this evening and the opportunity to explore the local area.

Overnight at Outrigger Ka'anapali Beach Hotel
Meals Included: Breakfast & Lunch

DAY 6

Thursday, March 26

Say your goodbyes to Maui as we transfer to the airport for our interisland flight to Kauaʻi.

Upon arrival, we'll have lunch together at a local restaurant before departing for Kīlauea Point National Wildlife Refuge, where red-footed boobies nest in trees and Laysan albatrosses on the surface. The refuge was created in 1985 to provide habitat for nesting seabirds, native coastal plants and a reintroduced population of Nene. Its setting on steep cliffs with an iconic lighthouse is stunning.

After a busy day, we will check in to our hotel for the evening, the Hilton Garden Inn Kauaʻi Wailua Bay, before enjoying dinner together at a local restaurant or Waimea Plantation Cottages.

Overnight at Hilton Garden Inn Kauaʻi Wailua Bay
Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

DAY 7

Friday, March 27

After breakfast at our hotel, get ready for our final full day of exploration at Koke'e State Park's Pihea Trail. Kauaʻi once retained the richest native flora and fauna of Hawaiʻi's four large islands, but the past decade has seen a dramatic decline in bird densities due to disease, causing concern for the survival of remaining native bird populations. Today, we explore the edges of their last stronghold.

After enjoying a picnic lunch at Koke'e State Park, we'll continue with our exploration of the area, including a stop for photographs in the soft afternoon light of spectacular Waimea Canyon, where red rock layers blend with green vegetation in a most intriguing way.

Enjoy our final evening together as a group at a local restaurant.

Overnight at Hilton Garden Inn Kauaʻi Wailua Bay
Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

DAY 8

Saturday, March 28

After breakfast, enjoy free time until checkout. Transfer to Lihue Airport for your flight home or wherever your travels take you next!

Meals Included: Breakfast



Trip Cost

Double Occupancy: \$5,875/person

Single Occupancy: \$7,170/person

This trip must have a minimum of 14 travelers and a maximum of 15.

This cost includes:

- Accommodations
- Ground transportation
- All interisland airfare (Hawai'i Island to Maui to Kaua'i)
- 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches & 6 dinners
- Activity entrance fees
- Standard gratuities for hotel porters, bus drivers & restaurants
- Local guide
- 2 TNC hosts

This cost excludes:

- Travel to trip start (Hawai'i Island) and from trip end (Kaua'i)
- Travel insurance
- Incidentals and spa services
- Meals not included in the itinerary
- Alcohol
- Local guide gratuities



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Payment & Cancellation Terms

Written cancellations must be received by Pacific Islands Institute's sales office in order for a cancellation to be valid. Non-appearance for program will result in no refund. Pacific Islands Institute encourages all guests to purchase travel insurance. If you need to cancel, please contact Pacific Islands Institute at june@pac-island.com.

Deposit:

- A deposit of \$500 per person is due at the time of registration.
 - Cancellation 101 days prior to trip start: Deposit is fully refundable.

Full Trip Payment:

- Full trip payment is due 100 days prior to trip start.
 - Cancellation 61-100 days prior to trip start: Full trip cost is refundable, less a \$500 per person cancellation fee.
 - Cancellation 31-60 days prior to trip start: 50% of full trip payment is refundable.
 - Cancellation 0-30 days prior to trip start: Full trip cost is non-refundable.

Contact Information

As you plan for your journey with The Nature Conservancy and Pacific Islands Institute, please feel free to reach out with any questions.

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TNC Travel Values

● Access

Travel with renowned Conservancy experts and local partners for an exclusive, on-the-ground experience. You won't just see amazing places, you'll see how you are helping save them.

● Impact

Witness how your commitment to our planet and your passion for conservation are making a difference in the wild places and communities you are impacting.

● Knowledge

Learn how we are applying the latest cutting-edge science to affect global change and drive conservation.

● Inspiration

Immerse yourself in local cultures and awe-inspiring landscapes to foster your own connection to our world.

● Globally Minded

Elevate your understanding of our work by observing first-hand how TNC and our partners act locally and how we turn local results in to global impact by scaling solutions that work.

Photo: Davis Mountain Preserve, TX © Jerod Foster



TNC Traveler Expectations

Group travel with The Nature Conservancy provides our donors with the opportunity to experience, alongside fellow supporters, the places TNC is working collaboratively to advance our conservation mission. Within these curated trips is the chance to engage with a community of active individuals and conservation staff who enjoy teaching and learning about the important conservation work we do and exploring the outdoors.

In order to ensure an enjoyable trip environment that supports learning and enrichment, we need your partnership. We ask that all participants review TNC's Code of Conduct prior to joining a trip. We also encourage you to carefully review all trip information to make an informed decision as to whether travel with TNC and a specific trip's characteristics and activities are right for you. Following the Code is an expectation and responsibility for everyone in the larger TNC community, including our staff, partners, vendors and supporters. To that end, by registering for a TNC trip, you agree to uphold the Code.

While the entire Code of Conduct is important, the tenets that are especially relevant to TNC group travel are:

- respect for each other,
- respect for the world around us, and
- acting with integrity.

The following traveler expectations are intended to provide guidance for how those tenets translate to group travel but are by no means an exhaustive list. By participating in a TNC trip, you make a commitment to act in accordance with the TNC Code of Conduct to your fellow travelers, as well as to TNC staff, partners, community members and vendors. Any violation of or disregard for the Code of Conduct may result in removal from a trip and/or denial of future TNC travel participation.

TNC Traveler Expectations (cont.)

● **Respect all people, places and perspectives.**

Each participant on a trip is an integral part of the travel experience. Demonstrating respect and consideration is imperative not only for nature, local communities and cultures in the places we visit, but also for fellow travelers, staff, partners, community members and vendors. Everyone will bring different goals, backgrounds, experiences and abilities, and it is important that the group respect each individual's perspectives and needs throughout the trip. Sometimes trip participants become lifelong friends, and we encourage the camaraderie and community built through these shared experiences!

● **Harassment in all its forms, including discrimination and microaggressions, is not tolerated.**

There is no place on any TNC travel experience for disrespect to or bullying or intimidation of fellow travelers, TNC staff, partners, community members or vendors. All travelers agree to support an environment free from any behavior that could make an individual feel unsafe or diminish their dignity. If you experience or observe this type of behavior on a trip, please report it to your trip host or guide.

Examples of behavior that will not be tolerated include, but are not limited, to:

- Racial discrimination in any form (jokes, comments and/or actions)
- Verbal abuse of any traveler, staff, partner, community member or vendor
- Actions or statements that exclude or divide people because of their differences or differing perspectives
- Jokes about gender or sexual orientation or that include sexual innuendo
- Discriminatory actions or statements based on gender or sexual orientation
- Unwelcome physical contact or physical intimidation of a sexual nature

● **Act in accordance with the applicable law of the location(s) of the trip.**

Your trip location(s) may have different laws from your home location. You are expected to be aware of and adhere to the trip destination's laws throughout the experience, even when locations change throughout a trip.

● **Employ an attitude of flexibility.**

At times, there may be changes in the itinerary when deemed necessary or advisable for the comfort and well-being of trip members. We appreciate your understanding, flexibility and adaptability in order to make the trip safe and enjoyable for you and everyone else.

TNC and its tour operators reserve the right to deny registration or remove a tour participant from a trip should such person's behavior, health or mental condition impact the safe and equitable operation of the trip.

Thank you for your attention and understanding, and please let a TNC travel representative know if you have any questions in advance of registering at legacyjourneys@tnc.org.

