

Hawaiian Islands Adventure Cruise Tour Featuring 7-day Sailing Aboard NCL's Pride of America March 17<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (14 Days)

*Tentative Tour Itinerary* 



and providing a professional and well-organized tour!

Aloha and welcome aboard our 11<sup>th</sup> annual 14-Day Hawaiian Islands Explorer Cruise Tour! This cruise tour is a favourite of ours and we are happy to offer this in 2025. Sail with us on Norwegian Cruise Lines' Pride of America for an unforgettably beautiful adventure around the Hawaiian Islands. With a stop in Maui (Overnight!), two stops on the Big Island (Hilo & Kona), Kauai (overnight), and back to Oahu, this cruise has you covered for the best Hawaii has to offer. Premium accommodations pre & postcruise stays in Honolulu, a beautiful ship and beautiful scenery, this is sure to be another wonderful Collins Tours experience! Your tour manager looks forward to meeting you

Sincerely, Greg Collins – President & CEO

# Day 1 - Monday, Mar 17 - Flight: Canada to Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii

- Please see your individual flight itineraries attached to this tour itinerary.
- Meet your tour manager at Toronto International Airport. All group flights are from local departure cities direct to Toronto or Montreal, with connecting service to Vancouver and Honolulu International. Please NOTE: all passengers are 1<sup>st</sup> checked piece of luggage (up to maximum of 50lbs) is included in your tour package. Additional fees apply for overweight bags. Carry-on luggage is free, with a maximum weight of 22lbs per bag. Visit <u>www.aircanada.com</u> for more details on luggage fees. Luggage payment is paid directly to Air Canada. Fees are charged on both outbound & return flights.
- Please refer to your Hawaii group letter for meeting your tour manager. Once in Vancouver, be sure to

have your **\*valid passport** for U.S. Customs & Immigration. For all flights, be aware of rules concerning any liquids or gels you want to take on board. Do not pack prescription medication, jewelry, or travel documents in your checked baggage.

- Once in Honolulu, collect your individual group tagged baggage from the carousel, your tour manager will direct local representatives to load it on our coach (bag handling fee included).
- Board the coach for your complimentary transfer to our hotel, the 5 Star Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort & Spa.



- Enjoy your drive into Waikiki one of the most famous beach areas in the world!
- Our hotel is located on Waikiki Beach and was fully renovated in 2020 for a total of 120 million!

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• Your tour manager will handle group check-in; have your bag sent to your room, and hand out your room card key for your deluxe 5 Star accommodations!

# Day 2 - Monday, Mar 18 - Oahu - Pearl Harbor USS Arizona Memorial (B)

- Enjoy your complimentary buffet breakfast this morning before stepping aboard our coach as we head for the Nu'uanu Pali lookout for a photo opportunity of this sacred ground. Next, we visit Pearl Harbor and a self-guided tour of the USS Arizona Memorial (subject to availability if not an alternative such as USS Bowfin will be provided at Pearl Harbor - **price included**). Experience with actual video footage of the Pearl Harbour Invasion December 7, 1941. This footage paints an evocative picture of the attack and aftermath.
- You will also have time for a light lunch or snack (not included) during this time before returning back to our 5-star hotel the Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort & Spa.



• The remainder of the afternoon, dinner and evening are on your own at your expense.

# Day 3 - Wednesday, Mar 19 - Oahu Free Day (B, Group Welcome Dinner)

- Enjoy your complimentary buffet breakfast this morning before exploring Waikiki area on your own! Perhaps a day at the beach, the Honolulu Zoo or the Aquarium is right for you!
- Free day.
- Tonight, meet your fellow group members for our welcome to Hawaii Group Dinner complete with a glass of wine or beer with your premium meal.

# Day 4 - Thursday, Mar 20 - Guided sightseeing Tour - Historic Honolulu and North Shore Beaches. (B, Welcome to Hawaii Cocktail Reception)



• Enjoy your complimentary full buffet this morning.

Meet the coach this morning for our informative professionally guided tour of Honolulu, Waikiki area and North Side of the island. Enjoy Honolulu's historic district, for an unobstructed view of 'Iolani Palace, the State Capitol, the King Kamehameha Statue. We then will make our way to Dole Plantation with guided tour aboard the Pineapple Express Train (included), photo opportunities at North Shore beaches (e.g., Sunset Beach, and Waimea Bay) where we hope to see surfers in those 30-foot swells!
We will arrive back at the hotel late this afternoon

leaving you with time to relax before our Collins Tours "Welcome to Hawaii Cocktail Reception" this evening. This is a great event to help us all get to know each other a little better.

• Dinner this evening is on your own and is your expense. You have many choices within walking distance from your hotel or perhaps one of the hotel restaurants will be best for you.

# Day 5 – Friday, Mar 21– Oahu Free Day (B) \*\*Optional Luau

• Enjoy your complimentary buffet breakfast this morning before exploring the Waikiki area on your own! Perhaps a day at the beach, the Honolulu Zoo or the Aquarium is right for you!



• This evening is a special optional event which is a traditional Luau evening at your hotel. Complete with authentic Hawaiian entertainment, refreshments, and buffet dinner this is a must see! Everything that makes renowned Waikiki a unique and exciting place is celebrated at Pā'ina Waikīkī! A unique dinner party lū'au setting where the vibrant stories of Waikiki's legendary eras come to life through festive mele (songs), hula and the highest caliber of Polynesian performing arts (Price TBA). Please advise at time of booking since event sells out annually. Meet your group this afternoon at your hotel.

- Return to the hotel and enjoy time relaxing or exploring on your own.
- Dinner is on your own this evening if not attending Luau.

# Day 6 - Saturday, Mar 22 - Embarkation on NCL Pride of America (B, L, D)

- After another buffet breakfast **(included)** meet your tour manager and group members for a visit to the Diamon Head Crater for a visit to see this top tourist attraction and take in some of the best views of Waikiki!
- Time to embark on the second phase of this magical journey... your Hawaiian Island Cruise aboard the NCL *Pride of America*.
- Your tour manager will provide you direction on where to check in with the cruise line and your bag will be sent to your stateroom **(fee**
- **included)**. All cabins will be pre-checked in before arriving for convenience, all part of the Signature service at Collins Tours & Consulting Ltd.
- Please note all cabins will not be ready until 3:00 pm or later. Your luggage will be delivered to outside your statement this afternoon. Once on board the ship you are free to use all open facilities and get to your know ship.
- Be sure to make your way onto the deck for the official cast-off!



### Day 7 - Sunday, Mar 23 - Maui (B, L, Cocktail Reception, Group D) \*\*Best of Maui Optional Shore Excursion

#### \*\* Ship docks overnight in Maui

Dock in Kahului, Maui.

• Meet your tour manager at the Pink Champagne Bar this morning for our **\*\* Best of Maui OPTIONAL Collins Tours private shore excursion\*\***, a definite highlight of the trip **(PRICE TBA, taxes included)**!



- Tonight, meet your tour manager for your **private group cocktail reception** on board the NCL *Pride of America*, including dry snacks, wine, beer, and mixed cocktails. Following is our group dinner in one of the ship's dining rooms **(included)**. Spend the evening getting reacquainted and talking about our plans for tomorrow!
- Overnight in port provides a special evening with amazing views of the Maui coastline!
- Refer to the ship's itinerary for entertainment on board your floating hotel.

# Day 8 - Monday, Mar 24 - Maui (B, L, D)

- Rise and shine for your second day on Maui! Today is a free day for you to enjoy this beautiful island on your own.
- Tonight, enjoy dinner on your own and included in your package while dining in one of the specialty dining rooms or the complimentary dinning options on board the Pride of America!

# Day 9 – Tuesday, Mar 25 – Hilo (B, L, D) <mark>\*\*Collins Tours Optional Shore</mark> Excursion

- Welcome to Hilo, on the Big Island and home to an active volcano!
- Take advantage of Collins Tours' second optional 6.5-hour shore excursion (PRICE TBA, taxed included). Today we explore:
  - **Mauna Loa Macadamia Nut Factory** World's largest processor of macadamia nuts, Hawaii's favorite!
  - **Kilauea Visitor's Center** Educate yourself on the island's amazing bird, insect, and plant species along with facts and information from leading volcanologists.



- **Overlook** Experience the most spectacular view in Volcanoes National Park from high atop this 400-foot crater! Look into the 1959 vent that erupted to a height of 1,900 feet located below the Pu'u Pua'i cinder cone.
- **Steam Vents**: today stand over the Kilauea Steam Vents to have a firsthand view of the natural heat coming from these vents!
- We then make our way to the Hawaiian Chocolate company for a stop to see how the chocolate is made and have a free sample and a free sample of Kona Coffee!
- **Richardson's Black Sand Beach** (\*Time permitting) Stroll the only black sand beach in Hilo, and one of the few on the island. See ancient Hawaiian fishponds and a spectacular view of Mauna Kea volcano.
- Tonight, enjoy dinner on your own and included in your package while dining in one of the specialty dining rooms or the complimentary dining options on board the Pride of America!

# Day 10 - Wednesday, Mar 26 - Kona (B, L, Group D)

- Arrive this morning in the town of Kona, located on the west side of the Big Island.
- Enjoy your day exploring the Kona area. Don't forget to find some of that gourmet coffee for another memorable moment and interesting entry for your travel diary!
- The ship sails, late afternoon so please be back on board before departure.
- Tonight, meet your fellow group members for another Collins Tours group dinner **(included)**. Refer to the ship's activities tonight for another magical evening in the Hawaiian Islands.

# Day 11 - Thursday, Mar 27 - Kauai (B, L, D)\*\*Collins Tours Optional Shore Excursion

### \*\* Ship docks overnight in Nawiliwili

- This morning our ship will dock in Nawiliwili pier in Kauai. Time to explore the island made famous by the Jurassic Park movie series.
- Today Collins Tours offers **another 6-hour private shore excursion** featuring some of the island's natural wonders, such as Waimea Canyon, Queen Victoria's Profile, Old Koloa Town, Spouting Horn Geyser and



Hanepepe Lookout! Meet your tour manager in the Pink Champagne Bar for your locally and professionally guided highlights of Kauai tour **(PRICE TBA, taxed included)**.

• The ship remains in port this evening. Get out and enjoy either shipboard entertainment or local entertainment.

# Day 12 - Friday, Mar 28 - Nawiliwili, Kauai - (B, L, Group D)

- Enjoy Breakfast on the ship before your free morning in Kauai! Enjoy this morning at your leisure, perhaps book a morning shore excursion, or relax at the beach located within walking distance from our ship! The cruise line also offers free shuttle service from the pier to the beach for convenience!
- The ship departs the Island of Kauai at approximately 5:30 pm this afternoon for Honolulu.
- Tonight, enjoy a Collins Tours group dinner in one of the ship's dining rooms **(included)**. Tonight, we will also review our meeting times and procedure for disembarking the ship.
- Refer to ship's itinerary for evening entertainment options.

### Day 13 - Saturday, Mar 29 - Disembark NCL in Honolulu - Canada (B)

- The ship docks back in Honolulu this morning.
- Disembark and step aboard our private coach for a transfer to Honolulu airport. Our flights depart today early afternoon and fly overnight returning home to Canada on Sunday March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025, mid-day.
- Time to bid farewell to all your new friends and begin planning your next Collins Tours getaway!
- Note: Due to time changes and flight duration, you will arrive home March 30<sup>th</sup>. Please keep your flight itinerary on hand. See attached flight schedules for each destination. All passengers will be returned to original gateways. Final flight times are subject to change and are with Air Canada.
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# Day 14 - Sunday Mar 30 - Flights - Arrive in Canada

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- All liquids and gels that you are planning to bring on board an airplane must be 3oz or less and sealed in a Ziploc bag. Once at the security checkpoint, this bag must be removed from your carryon and placed in a bin for TSA screening.
- Prescription medication should be kept in its original container, or the prescription should be carried with you during travel.
- \*\*Visitors to the Arizona Memorial are only allowed to carry wallets, cell phones, and cameras into this high security area. Purses and bags of any kind are not allowed through security. Lockers are available on site for \$3 pp (locker expense not included in tour price). This is the most popular attraction in Hawaii and tickets are in high demand.
- Your hotel in Oahu is the Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort & Spa, 2552 Kalakaua Avenue, Honolulu, HI 96815, Ph: 880-922-6611. While cruising, NCL guests can be contacted from Canada by calling 1-732-335-3280, select ship name & enter your credit card information. \*Amex, MasterCard & Discover Card, only.
- Duty Free Rules: Each person can claim \$800 CAD if outside the country for 7 days or more.
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- Purchase your trip cancellation and health insurance from us.
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