

Exploring Hawaii's Big Island

Kona, Hawaii

October 25 - November 2, 2008 (Saturday - Sunday)

The Island of Hawai'i is sometimes called the Orchid Isle or the Volcano Isle, but to its residents it's always "the Big Island of Hawaii." Not only is it bigger than all of the other Hawaiian Islands combined, its weather, geology and natural history are astounding in their diversity. In fact, 11 of the world's 13 climatic zones are found on the island. Combine this with a rich human history and it quickly becomes apparent that the major problem is trying to fit in everything worth doing in less than a month. Since we don't have a month, we have designed this itinerary as an introduction to the fascinating variety of everything to be found here, combining hiking, kayaking, snorkeling, swimming, and sightseeing. During our nine days here we'll hike into a volcano crater, watch dolphins and sea turtles, visit white, black and green sand beaches, gaze at the sun setting over the Pacific Ocean, and learn about the Big Island's history, while still taking some time just to relax and enjoy our surroundings.

This trip is for any woman who enjoys being outdoors and being active, and wants to see the Big Island. Our guides are experienced hikers, kayakers, and travelers who love to teach as much as they love to be active. No previous experience is required and while our trip will be quite active, there will also be opportunities to just sit and relax. If you're looking for a trip to Hawaii but want something a little more active than lying on the beach, then this is the trip for you.

Our trip officially starts at 5 p.m. on October 25th in Kona. We will possibly have 2 airport pick-ups depending on arrival times, and women who are flying in significantly earlier or later can take a taxi into town. Once we're all gathered we'll meet for introductions, have a trip orientation, and share a welcome dinner. The next day we'll visit two off the beaten path beaches for swimming and snorkeling, and enjoy a luau that evening. The next day we're off for the Waipio Valley, quite possibly the most stunning area on the Island. With a choice between hiking and horseback riding in the valley, you'll get a close up view of this cleft in the earth. We'll spend that night in the funky town of Honoka'a at the equally funky and charming Hotel Honoka'a. Continuing down the very green and wet west side, we'll make stops at Akaka Falls and the Hawaiian Tropical Botanical Garden on our way to Volcano National Park. Kilauea, the world's most active volcano, has been erupting for twenty-five years. While close up views of flowing lava are not currently available (although that can always change), there is lots to see and do here: steam vents, lava tubes, ranger walks, a local art gallery, and a sunset picnic will help us experience the many facets of this amazing place. Our last three days are back on the Kona side, with our home base in a vacation rental at Kealahou Bay. We'll snorkel and kayak, visit the City of Refuge, and learn all about coffee and chocolate production. On November 2nd, we will pack up and return to Kona, stopping at an exotic animal sanctuary on the way. We will share a final lunch together, have time for some last minute shopping and then deliver you to the airport by 5 pm (final times will depend on flight schedules). If you plan to fly out earlier, please check with us before making your reservations.

To reserve a place on this adventure, please send your deposit of \$300 or the full trip fee of \$1950 (deduct \$50 if you register by 6/25/08) to our office, or call to register by phone. The trip fee includes eight nights lodging in hotels, motels, and vacation homes, experienced guides, meals from dinner on Saturday through lunch the following Sunday, transportation during the trip, snorkeling equipment, and all activities on the itinerary. The trip fee doesn't include transportation to Kona, guide gratuities, any activity not on the itinerary, or alcoholic beverages. Three months prior to the trip, we'll send you a complete confirmation packet including a detailed packing list, and bibliography (this information will also be available for download from our website). Please call us with any questions you might have; we'd be delighted to welcome you to the beauty of a vacation in Hawaii.

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