

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
December 12	December 13	December 14	December 15	December 16
10:00am depart 11:30 FastPark&Relax 11:45 check in 12:30 Eastside Pies 1:45 pm DL 986 3 hr 28 min Seats 28 D/E A320 3:13 LAX 1 hr 47 min Sandwich/Screening 5:00 DL 443 5 hr 52 min Seats 36 D/E 757-300 Snack 8:52 arrive Honolulu 9:30 Pick up Hertz 10:00 Hotel Pacific Marina Inn Airport Hotel 2628 Waiwai Loop Honolulu, HI 96819 +18088361131	8:00 Original Pancake House 9:00 Bishop Museum 1525 Bernice St 11:30 The Byodo-In Temple 200 Kahekili Highway Kaneohe, HI 96744 Kahaluu Park 12:30 Punchbowl Crater 2177 Puowaina Dr, 1:30 Barefoot Beach Café 4:00 Mānoa Falls Trail Manoa Rd. and Wa`akaua St. Paradise Lot parking 6:35 Christine's Diner 7:30 Safeway	7:30 Ke'ehi Lagoon Park 8:45 Koa Pancake house 9:30 Times Supermarket 9:45 Pearl Harbor 12:30 Diamond Head 4303 Diamond Head 1:30 Barefoot Beach Café 3:00 Waikiki Beach shopping 3:45 Aliiolani Hale/ Supreme Court King Kamehameha Iolani Palace Kekuanaoa Building 5:30 Turkey Dinner Gas up Expedition	5:15 am depart 5:30 Drop off car 6:00 check in 8:00 am DL 368 5 hr 30 min Seats 28 B/C 757-300 3:30 pm LAX 2 hr 50 min Fresh Bros. Pizza 6:30 DL 1044 2 hr 55 min Seats 25 B/C A320 11:15 Arrive Austin 11:45 Pick up car	1:00am home

All of our pictures are available at <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10159548252309450&type=3>

<https://www.bishopmuseum.org/> Bishop Museum

<https://byodo-in.com/> Byodo-in Temple

<http://www.hawaii-vacation-fun.com/punchbowl-crater.html> Punchbowl Crater

<https://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/nmcp.asp> Cemetery of the Pacific

<https://hawaiitrails.hawaii.gov/trails/#/trail/manoa-falls-trail/225> Manoa Falls

<https://www.nps.gov/perl/planyourvisit/index.htm> Pearl Harbor

<https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/dsp/parks/oahu/diamond-head-state-monument/> Diamond Head

Preparation items

Delta round trip for 2 #415.60

Hertz \$195.66

Pacific Marina Airport Hotel \$351.96

Bishop Museum \$46.90

USS Arizona \$3.00

FastPark and Relax, reservations, and use points to pay

travel.hawaii.gov prescreening, upload vaccination records, flight numbers, hotel reservations

Sunday, December 12

10:00am depart

11:30 FastPark&Relax, shuttle driver tip \$2.00

11:45 check in

12:30 pm Eastside Pies \$12.99

1:45 pm

DL 986 3 hr 28 min

Seats 28 D/E A320

3:13

LAX 1 hr 47 min

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if on time, your arrival and departure gates will be right next to each other, so we only had to go from gate 22 to gate 23

Sandwiches \$17.98

Hawaii entry Screening

5:00 DL 443 5 hr 52 min

Seats 36 D/E 757-300

8:52 arrive Honolulu

9:30 Pick up Hertz White Ford Expedition

10:00 Hotel Resort Fee \$44.85

Pacific Marina Inn Airport Hotel

2628 Waiwai Loop

Honolulu, HI 96819

+18088361131



Monday, December 13

8:00 Original Pancake House \$31.86

Pancakes, eggs, corned beef hash, Portuguese sausage



9:00 Bishop Museum \$5.00 parking

1525 Bernice St





Bishop Museum, Celebrate the extraordinary history, culture, and environment of Hawai'i and the Pacific





11:30 The Byodo-In Temple \$8.00

200 Kahekili Highway Kaneohe, HI 96744

Souvenirs \$12.53

The Byodo-In Temple is located at the foot of the Ko'olau Mountains in Valley of the Temples Memorial Park. It was established on June 7, 1968, to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the first Japanese immigrants to Hawaii. The Byodo-In Temple in O'ahu is a smaller-scale replica of the over 950-year-old Byodo-in Temple, a United Nations World Heritage Site in Uji, Japan.



The Bell House, called kanetsuki-do, contains a five foot high, three ton brass bell, called bon-sho (sacred bell), cast in Osaka, Japan, from a mixture of bronze and tin, by permission of the government of Japan. It closely resembles the bell

hanging in an identical Bell House at the Uji Byodo-In. The original is said to be more than 900 years old and to have come from India. It is revered for its distinctive shape, and the tone of the bell sounds a message of deep calm and peace, cleansing the mind of evil and temptation.

The resonant sound of the bon-sho creates an atmosphere of tranquility for meditation that travels for some distance. A soft wooden log called the “shu-moku” is used to strike the bell.

The bell is customarily rung before one enters the temple to spread the eternal teachings of Buddha. Ringing the bell will purify the mind of evil spirits and temptation. It is said that ringing this bell will bring you happiness, blessings, and a long life. It is customarily rung before entering the temple.

The Byodo-In Temple is home to Amida, a golden Buddha unique to the entire world.

The Buddha is thought to be the largest figure carved outside of Japan. Towering more than 9 feet, the immense figure is an original work of art carved by the famous Japanese sculptor, Masuzo Inui. When the carving was completed, it was covered with cloth and painted with three applications of gold lacquer. Gold leaf was later applied over the lacquer finish. Around the Buddha are 52 smaller sculptures depicting Bodhisattvas (enlightened beings) floating on clouds, dancing, and playing musical instruments. The hall and all the artistry it reflects are regarded as representing the essence of the culture of the Fujiwara aristocracy.

The Hall is popularly known as Hoo-do, or the Phoenix Hall, because a pair of the legendary birds of good omen and of Chinese origin is seen perched on both ends of the roof with their wings spread and ready to fly away. The hall containing two wings reflects stability as well as artistic beauty.

Kahaluu Park



12:30 Punchbowl Crater/ Cemetery of the Pacific, 2177 Puowaina Dr,



1:30 Barefoot Beach Café
Fish and Chips, water, \$43.36



4:00 Mānoa Falls Trail, Manoa Rd. and Wa`akaua St.
Paradise Lot parking \$7.00

<https://hawaiitrails.hawaii.gov/trails/#/trail/manoa-falls-trail/225> Mānoa Falls Trail TRAIL IS OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK - SUNUP TO SUNDOWN. The beginning of the trail goes through a shipping container bridge into a big open lush field used as a location for many movies. The trail continues past the field, then crosses over a natural wood footbridge through a grove of Eucalyptus trees. Shortly you will get to a freshwater pool. From this point the trail is not as improved and developed. The 0.8-mile trail ascends through a lush rainforest that eventually transitions into Bamboo. There is a low lying rest area on the with benches, and tree arch throne. Continue up ascending gravel terrace steps until you round the corner that reveals the water fall from a distance. There is one more short section of terrace steps that leads up to a nice flat section of trail that gently takes all the way to small section of cement steps. Ascend up the steps and now you are at the falls viewing area. On your left is a bench and viewing are is straight ahead.

E komo mai!



Hawaiian BBQ Chicken and rice \$24.60



Cookies and Pop tarts \$7.32

Tuesday, December 14

Rain



8:00 Koa Pancake house

Banana pancakes, eggs, spam, coffee \$21.10



9:30 Times Supermarket

Bananas \$.97

9:45 Pearl Harbor

Movie

Museum

views of the Missouri and Arizona



12:30 Diamond Head State Park

4303 Diamond Head

Entry and hiking fee \$20

<https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/dsp/parks/oahu/diamond-head-state-monument/>





POINTS OF INTEREST ON THE TRAIL

- 1 The elevation at the trailhead on the crater floor is about 200 feet (61 m).
- 2 The former pistol ranges consist of earthen berms that are visible from the concrete path.
- 3 The trail conforms to the 1908 alignment with switchbacks up the steep interior slope.
- 4 Concrete Landing/Lookout. This concrete foundation held a winch and cable to lift materials from the crater floor to this point.
- 5 Steep stairway of 74 concrete steps leads into the first narrow tunnel.
- 6 Tunnel is lighted and 225 feet long.
- 7 Second stairway consisting of 99 steep steps with overhead beams to place camouflaging.
- 8 At the top of the stairs is the entry to the lowest level of the Fire Control Station with observation equipment for Fort DeRussy at Waikiki.
- 9 The lighted spiral staircase accessed the 4 levels of the Fire Control Station. Go up the 52 stairs to the third level where the mounts for the observation equipment are still present.
- 10 Exit to the exterior of the crater through slits once covered with metal shutters. Note the rock and concrete that camouflage the outside.
- 11 The 54 metal stairs were installed in the 1970s and replaced the ladder to the summit.
- 12 The elevation of the crater summit and the uppermost level of the Fire Control Station is 761 feet (232 m).
- 13 From the summit, follow the trail along the rim and take the 82 metal steps down to the lower trail. This trail loops back to the tunnel.
- 14 Bunkers along the crater rim were built in 1915. Area closed - emergency helicopter landing.
- 15 Lookout provides sweeping views of southeastern O'ahu coastline towards Koko Head and the offshore islands of Moloka'i, Lana'i and Maui.
- 16 Rest stop offers views of the crater before heading back down through the tunnel.

HISTORIC TRAIL TO THE SUMMIT

The trail to the summit of Lē'ahi was built in 1908 as part of the U.S. Army Coastal Artillery defense system. Entering the crater from Fort Ruger, through the Kapahulu Tunnel, the trail scaled the steep interior western slopes of the crater to the summit. The dirt trail with numerous switchbacks was designed for mule and foot traffic. The mules hauled materials on this trail for the construction of Fire Control Station Diamond Head located at the summit. Other materials were hoisted from the crater floor by a winch and cable to a midway point along the trail. The Kahala Tunnel was built in the 1940s and is the public entrance today.

HIKING THE TRAIL

From the trailhead to the summit of Diamond Head Crater, you will hike 0.8 mile (1.3 km) one way and climb 560 feet (171 m) from the crater floor. The trail follows an uneven and steep terrain requiring caution and appropriate footwear. Portions of the trail involve steep stairways - take your time. Other portions of the trail go through a long tunnel which is lighted. Allow 1.5 to 2 hours for a safe and leisurely round-trip hike.

After exiting the tunnel, turn right and take the 99 steps into the Fire Control Station up to the summit. To avoid congestion, take the loop trail along the rim and interior slope back to the tunnel.



1:30 Barefoot Beach Café

Loco Moco (Rice, beef, gravy and fried egg \$38.54



3:00 Waikiki Beach

shopping \$10.00

3:45 Aliiolani Hale, seat if the Supreme Court

King Kamehameha statue



Iolani Palace



Kekuanaoa Building, former Territorial offices

5:30 Turkey Dinner \$30.74



Gas up Expedition \$26.12

Move car

Wednesday, December 15

5:15 am depart

5:30 Drop off car

6:00 check in

8:00 am

DL 368 5 hr 30 min

Seats 28 B/C 757-300

3:30 pm

LAX 2 hr 50 min

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Fresh Bros. Pizza \$31.50

Snacks \$10.68

6:30

DL 1044 2 hr 55 min

Seats 25 B/C A320

11:15 Arrive Austin

11:45 Pick up car, Shuttle driver tip \$1.00

Thursday, December 16

1:00am arrive home

\$1,408.73 total