

Weather & Destination Specific Information

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Time Zone: Hawaii is on Aleutian Time and does not recognize Daylight Saving Time. From the first weekend in November to the second weekend in March, Hawaii is five hours behind the Eastern Time Zone. From the second weekend in March to the first weekend in November, Hawaii is six hours behind the Eastern Time Zone.

Weather: Average High/Low

	Average Temperature
Hawaiian Islands	84 °F /68 °F

Throughout the year sunrise is normally between 6-7 AM with sunset between 6-7 PM.

ABC Convenience Stores: ABC Stores offer a large selection of items and multiple locations. Featuring everything from beach towels and sun care products, to groceries and local specialties, this iconic Hawaiian retail chain has several stores conveniently located within easy walking distance of our Oahu hotel property.

Agricultural Inspection: Restrictions on the movement of fruits, plants, and other items to the mainland are enforced to prevent the spread of plant insects and diseases. Guests go through Agricultural Inspection prior to leaving Hawaii. Inspection stations for checked luggage are located in front of the airline check-in counters. All checked luggage must have an agricultural seal prior to check-in. Carry-on articles will be inspected near the departure gates.

Hawaiian Driver-Guide: Holiday Vacations has arranged for a Hawaiian driver-guide service to provide transportation, cultural insights, and local information of the places you will be visiting. As part of your Holiday Vacations tour, Hawaiian driver-guide gratuities have been included for you.

Packing Tips: While on tour, casual clothing is appropriate, but you may consider packing one outfit that is a little dressier than your everyday casual wear for the luau. It is recommended that you pack comfortable clothing and good walking shoes. Since the weather is always changing, you may want to dress in layers and bring a light sweater or jacket and a small umbrella. If possible, leave your valuables (such as jewelry) at home.

Additional Luggage: One piece of checked luggage per person will be handled for you at hotels while you are on tour. Additional bags are subject to an extra charge of \$20 per bag, per hotel or cruise stay, and must be approved before departure due to limited space. If no space is available, you are responsible for arrangements for your extra bag(s) from location to location at your expense. Please call our office to make arrangements for any additional pieces of luggage. Note that most airlines also charge passengers for a second piece of checked luggage.

Sunscreen: Reef-safe sunscreen is required in Hawaii.

CRUISE DETAILS

Packing: Pack a travel alarm clock; most cruise cabins do not have clocks. An extension cord is also a helpful item to pack.

Medical – Pregnancy: Norwegian Cruise Line will make every effort to accommodate a pregnant woman, provided she will not reach the 24th week of pregnancy prior to the end of the cruise. Please forward a medical certificate establishing your due date to the Holiday Vacations office prior to your cruise.

Medical – C-PAP: Distilled water may be provided onboard for use with a CPAP machine with advance notice. Please notify Holiday Vacations as soon as possible. Charges may apply. It is recommended to bring an extension cord in the event outlets are not conveniently located.

Shipboard Clothing: While aboard the cruise ship, casual attire is appropriate during the day. Low-heeled, rubber-soled shoes are recommended while on deck. When at port, comfortable walking shoes are suggested. The ship's daily newsletter will indicate the type of suggested evening wear. Norwegian Cruise Line offers Freestyle cruising, giving you more freedom with evening attire. In the evening, resort casual is always appropriate. Resort casual can be defined as casual shirts, slacks, nice jeans, dresses, and skirts.

Shipboard Internet Access: Please see the Free at Sea flyer for information about complimentary internet on your cruise or visit NCL.com. All Norwegian Cruise Line ships are equipped with 24-hour internet cafés. Wi-Fi is also available. There are also additional packages available for purchase.

Shipboard Cell Phone Usage: It may be possible to use your cell phone while at sea. Please contact your cell phone carrier to verify that your cell phone will be able to roam and discuss your individual pricing/roaming plan.

Shipboard Phones: From the Norwegian Cruise Line ship, it is possible to phone and fax anywhere in the world. Rates are posted in your stateroom and your shipboard account will be billed for any outgoing calls. Your relatives and friends may contact you aboard the cruise ship by calling 1-888-NCSHIPS (1-888-627-4477). They will need to have a credit card, the ship name, and your name available when making the call. American Express, MasterCard, Visa, and Discover are accepted.

Shipboard Money: Norwegian Cruise Line ships sail with the tradition of a “cashless society.” Simply provide the front desk with your credit card at the beginning of your voyage, sign for your purchases, then settle your shipboard account with one convenient transaction at the end. The day prior to disembarkation, an itemized statement will be delivered to your stateroom. Please review this statement thoroughly and request any adjustments as necessary before disembarkation. Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover credit cards are accepted on Norwegian Cruise Line to settle your account. These credit cards are also generally accepted while in most of our ports on shore excursions. Personal checks drawn on U.S. banks, traveler’s checks, and debit cards are also acceptable payment forms onboard NCL with the proper approval and identification. If using cash for your onboard account, a deposit will be required.

Shipboard Gratuities: It is the practice of Norwegian Cruise Line to add your Cabin Steward and Dining Staff gratuities to your shipboard account at a rate of \$20 per person, per day plus an additional 4.275% service charge GET Tax imposed by Hawaii which is their version of sales tax.* This charge can be paid ahead of time if you wish. Should the service received either exceed or fail to meet your expectations, you may request to adjust this amount at the end of your cruise. Gratuities for the Hawaii Beverage Package and Included Specialty Dining offered through the Free at Sea program are your responsibility. The charge will be billed to you before sailing and included on your final invoice. Gratuities for purchased beverages (outside the Hawaii Beverage Package) are not included in this daily charge.

*A 20% gratuity is automatically added to any beverage charges, specialty dining, and spa/salon services, so it is not necessary to leave an additional tip unless you are so inclined.

Safety Aboard Ship: Once on the ship, there will be a mandatory lifeboat drill. All guests are required to attend this drill to learn what to do in case of an emergency. For this drill, you will report to your muster station. Your muster station number or letter can be found on your guest key card. Crew members will be available to direct you to the correct muster station. Attendance will be taken, so be sure to check in once you arrive at your muster station. For your safety, life vests are located in your stateroom and various areas throughout the ship.

Ship Tenders: This itinerary includes ports of call that require the use of tenders to get to shore. Tendering takes place when no pier facilities are available or when the water is too shallow for ships to get closer to shore. Vessels drop anchor a short distance away and use small boats, called tenders, to shuttle passengers to dry land.