

# Overlooking Honolulu

"Aloha" and welcome to Oahu, Hawaii's great gathering place. Asian- and Americaninfluenced cultures combine to create a lifestyle where the tropical tempos of Polynesia prevail and the aloha spirit pervades every aspect of the culture. Honolulu and Oahu are the center of island life and boast sandy beaches, endearing smiles and exotic tropical flowers. Nearby, elegant resorts and towering high-rises line the gentle curve of Waikiki Beach. In the distance, majestic Diamond Head Crater lies on the horizon beyond your Crystal ship. The choices are many. Relive the historic events of Pearl Harbor, explore tropical rainforests or witness the creation of island culinary magic.

# Major Attractions

# A. National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific

- Also known as Punchbowl Cemetery, it serves as a memorial to honor those who served in the US Armed Forces and those who gave their lives in wars.
- Since its dedication in 1949, approximately 53,000 World War I, World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War veterans and their dependents have been interred in the cemetery.

#### B. Iolani Palace

- The palace was the official residence of the royalty and later served as the capitol building until 1969.
- The palace was restored and opened to the public as a museum in 1978.

#### C. Waikiki

- World-famous Waikiki Beach was once the playground for Hawaiian royalty.
- Today, the Waikiki is filled with large resort hotels and hosts numerous events year round, including surf competitions, performances and hula dancing.

#### D. Honolulu Museum of Art

- Founded in 1922, it is the largest museum of its kind on the islands.
- It has one of the largest collections of Asian and Pan-Pacific art in the United States.

#### E. Diamond Head State Monument

 Diamond Head is a defining feature of the view of Waikiki. The volcanic tuff cone is a US State Monument and is a popular tourist destination.

### F. Pearl Harbor

• Pearl Harbor is a US Navy base and the headquarters of the US Pacific Fleet. The attack on Pearl Harbor by Japan on December 7, 1941 brought the US into WWII. • The USS Arizona Memorial is the resting place of 1,102 sailors killed on the battleship during the attack.

Note: Some of the above mentioned sights are also featured in our Crystal Destination Discoveries for Honolulu.

# Geography Information/ History

Honolulu is situated on a narrow plain between the ocean and the Koolau mountain range. The first settlers, Polynesians, came to the Hawaiian Islands fifteen hundred years ago. By the time Westerners came to the islands, the Hawaiian people had developed a highly structured society. Hawaii was a native kingdom throughout most of the 19th century. In 1893 Queen Liliuokalani, the last Hawaiian monarch, was deposed by a group of American businessmen and U.S. Marines, and by 1898 the islands were annexed by the United States. On December 7, 1941, Pearl Harbor was bombed by the Japanese, but it survived to become the most important staging area for the United States in the Pacific during World War II. Hawaii achieved statehood in 1959 and joined the Union as the 50th state with Honolulu as its capital. Today Honolulu is the Aloha state's center of business, culture, and politics.





# Honolulu/Oahu, Hawaii, USA

City Population: Approx. 390,000

Language: English

Currency: US Dollar (USD)

**Docking Location:** Crystal Symphony is scheduled to dock at Aloha Tower Pier #10-11.

Distance to City: The business district is located just opposite the dock 0.5 mile away. Waikiki Beach is approx. 4 miles away.

Shuttle Service: Crystal Symphony will be operating a complimentary shuttle service from the pier to the Ala Moana Shopping Center an approx. 15 min drive from the pier, depending on traffic. Please check *Reflections* on the day for an updated schedule.

Taxis: Taxis are available outside the terminal and are metered.

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