



Newsletter

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Enjoy your summer

We hope you will have some time to relax and **enjoy your summer** while continuing to prepare for what promises to be an experience of a lifetime in Hawaii. Behind the scenes, our team will be actively engaged **making the important arrangements** necessary for a memorable and meaningful experience.



Ask us about
helping you with
Group Airfare
to Hawaii



Fundraising Idea

A Hawaiian-themed **Luau fundraiser** is a wonderful way to build excitement for your upcoming tour while sharing the Spirit of Aloha with your community. This type of event offers an excellent opportunity to bring people together, and **celebrate Hawaiian culture** in a fun and meaningful way, while raising funds for your trip. A traditional Luau can include great food, island-themed entertainment, music, decorations, and activities for families and supporters. It is also a meaningful opportunity to recognize and honor local veterans. **Another creative fundraising idea** could be hosting a community movie night featuring Pearl Harbor. Pair the event with refreshments, historical displays, or a presentation about your upcoming program to create both an educational and fundraising opportunity. Events like these not only help support travel expenses but also allow participants to share the purpose and meaning of their journey with family, friends, and the broader community.



A Performance of a Lifetime

The Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade Ceremony will be highlighted by a **combined Pearl Harbor Massed Band and Choir** performance alongside the **Marine Forces Pacific Band**. Choirs will kick off the parade with a rousing performance of the National Anthem. The Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade will process along Kalākaua Avenue in Waikiki, in front of tens of thousands of spectators from around the world. **The parade route will be continuous, with no scheduled stops** along the way, allowing groups to maintain the energy and flow of the procession. At the conclusion of the parade, participants will place their instruments in your assigned box truck before **enjoying a delicious island picnic dinner**, while taking in a **special performance by the Marine Forces Pacific Band**. The evening will conclude with an **awards ceremony** recognizing our participants.

Pearl Harbor Experience

One of the **highlights of your Hawaii experience** will be a visit to **historic Pearl Harbor**, where you will stand on the very grounds where our nation and the world was forever changed. The attack on Pearl Harbor on **December 7, 1941**, propelled the United States into World War II and remains one of the most **defining moments in American history**. Your visit will include time at the USS Arizona Memorial Visitor Center and museum grounds, where you will explore exhibits and reflect on the legacy of those who lost their lives during the attack. **Please note that our program will not include the ferry ride to the USS Arizona Memorial**, as ticket availability varies daily and wait times may impact the overall schedule. For many visitors, the most meaningful experience is found while touring the grounds and viewing the Arizona Memorial from the shoreline. If visiting the memorial by ferry is especially important to you, advance tickets may be secured independently through the National Park Service website, subject to availability.



You will also visit the historic **USS Missouri**, the legendary battleship where the formal surrender ending World War II was signed in 1945. Participants may choose to present **an optional 20-minute performance** on the Dock before enjoying a self-guided tour of the ship and its exhibits. This experience offers a powerful opportunity to reflect on the events that shaped history while honoring the courage and sacrifice of those who served.



Traveling with your instruments



Musical instruments are **typically checked with your regular airline baggage**. Depending on the size and airline policies, oversized baggage fees may apply, and these charges will vary by carrier. While this may require an additional fee, checking instruments remains the safest and most practical method of transportation. Upon arrival in Hawaii, **our team will meet your group with a dedicated box truck and driver** to ensure your instruments are transported and cared for throughout your stay. Instruments will be securely handled, stored, and delivered to each performance venue on schedule, allowing participants to focus on enjoying the experience and performing at their best.

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