

# Corning Painted Post High School Choir

## National Festival of the States in Hawaii

Custom Tour (7 nights/8 days + travel)

### Day 1

#### Departure flight/Island of Hawaii (D)

Depart via scheduled air service to Hawaii

Arrive at Kona International Airport, and be greeted with a traditional flower lei

Afternoon orientation tour of the Island

Enjoy a welcome dinner pizza party with your local tour director who will go over schedule, directions, and shopping

### Day 2

#### Island of Hawaii (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Take a morning excursion to the Kona Cloud Forest Sanctuary for a 3 hour hiking tour. The group will discover what a Tropical Cloud Forest really is; how it benefits the ecosystem and the story of its development on the slopes of Hualalai. This experience will include the amazing ferns, palms, flowers, and hundreds of exotic and native species of birds

Lunch, on own

Enjoy an afternoon tour and in-depth look at one of the many coffee plantations/farms on the Big Island. During these tours you are shown around the plantation to see the growing coffee in the field. Then you are taken through the processes that are needed to go from a growing coffee bean to a cup of coffee (drying, processing, and roasting). This tour will end with a tasting of the coffee.

Next visit Pu'uhonua O Hōnaunau, the "place of refuge" - a part of ancient Hawaii where breaking the law was punishable by death. This visit will offer an in depth look at the grounds of this National Historic Park

*Corning Painted Post High School Concert Performance at Pu'uhonua O Hōnaunau as part of the National Festival of the States in Hawaii*

Evening dinner included at a local restaurant

Enjoy a nighttime hands on astronomy workshop including details of stars, planets, and constellations. View all these sights through an 18 inch telescope with presentation commentary throughout

### Day 3

#### Island of Hawaii (B,L,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Take a stop at Punalu'u Black Sand Beach and learn how the beach was formed by hot lava entering the ocean, exploding and latter cooling to form basalt black sand. There will also be time to explore the volcanic reef and see endangered Hawksbill and Green Sea Turtles basking in the sun.

Next enter Volcanoes National Park and head directly to the Thurston Lava Tube. The tube is located in the middle of a giant tropical hapu'u fern forest. Explore the 300ft. cavern where lava flowed thousands of years ago and use a flash light to go even deeper where light disappears. After there will be a mile long hike on Devastation Trail and learn about the two types of lava found in Hawaii

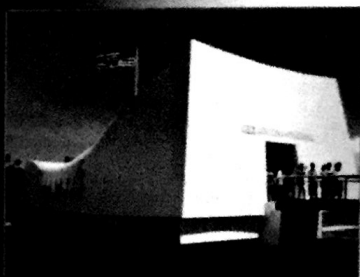
Deli style lunch at the visitors center while viewing a large typographical map of the big island and learning of the tectonic plates and Ring of Fire



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Continue after lunch to visit the steam vents and the Jagger Museum which where live seismographs record live earthquakes below. The day will conclude with a lava lake at Halemaumau Crater and a stop at Rainbow Falls  
Evening local style dinner



#### Day 4 Island of Hawaii (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning at leisure

Depart for Keahou Bay and board the Fairwinds Snorkel Cruise to Historic Kealakekua Bay where Hawaii was first discovered by Captain Cook in 1777. Explore lava tubes, see sea turtles, spinner dolphins and possibly a humpback whale or two. On board and you have use of snorkel equipment, water toys, floating trampoline, water slide and dive platform.

Lunch, on own

Afternoon at leisure

Evening Dinner

#### Day 5 Island of Hawaii/Oahu (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel and checkout

Depart for Kona International Airport for flight to the city of Honolulu

Arrive in Honolulu and take a trip to Hawaii's most famous landmark Diamond Head. Hike the 763 feet summit of the extinct volcano offering an amazing panoramic view of Oahu

Lunch, on own

Take the afternoon to learn surfing or sit back in the sand on Waikiki, the world's most famous beach

Evening exploration with a treasure hunt. With chaperones, split into teams with a treasure map, clue sheet, and dinner allowance to explore Waikiki

#### Day 6 Oahu (B,L,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Depart for Pearl Harbor to see the USS Arizona Memorial. This will be an opportunity to learn about December 7, 1941 "The Day of Infamy"

Deli style lunch during a presentation by World War 2 historian

*Corning Painted Post High School Concert Performance at Pearl Harbor as part of the National Festival of the States in Hawaii*

Take part in a flag folding ceremony witnessing firsthand how each of the folds in the flag have a significant meaning

Enjoy an afternoon narrated city tour, driving through The National Cemetery of the Pacific, Washington Place which is the Governor's Mansion, the State Capitol Building, Iolani Palace and the King Kamehameha Statue

*Corning Painted Post High School Concert Performance at the Ala Moana Center Stage or the Royal Hawaiian Center as part of the National Festival of the States in Hawaii*

Evening dinner at Japanese steakhouse

#### Day 7 Oahu (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Depart for Polynesian Cultural Center, you will take an adventure into the cultures of Polynesia as you visit the seven villages that represent the islands.

Enjoy the shows at a leisurely pace during the day and don't forget to stop and catch an IMAX Movie of your choice.



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Lunch, on own

Afternoon at leisure

Gather together for an all you can eat Luau and Polynesian feast at the Ali'i Luau Grounds. Everyone will be greeted with flower lei and enjoy traditional Hawaiian song, chants and of course the famous Hula Dancing. Menu Includes: Kalua Pork, Poi (the purple stuff), Lomi Lomi Salmon, Teriyaki Chicken, Fresh local Fish, full salad and fruit bar and all you can drink soda.

Return to your hotel for overnight

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**Day 8**

**Oahu/Return flight**

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Breakfast at the hotel

Today is free for additionally arranged touring, excursions, activities and beach time. Your tour manager can provide directions, guidance and assist with booking for activities as you need

Lunch, on own

Transfer to airport for your return flight

Return flight home to New York

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**Day 9**

Arrival in New York

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