

HNL DESTINATION GUIDE '23

NEED GRADWEEK ON-SITE ASSISTANCE?

Do not hesitate to reach-out to GradWeek Staff, we are here to help! **If you have an issue or a situation during your trip, you must contact on-site staff so we can assist you** while at the destination. Do not hesitate to **call or text**. If you cannot contact us yourself, have a friend call or text. GradWeek staff are available to help you on-site 24/7. We have staff housed at every hotel where we have students staying and staff are present at all GradWeek-sponsored events. You may also visit the **GradWeek Hospitality Desk, located near the lobby (business hours 8am-5pm) of your student hotel.**

ON-SITE 24-HOUR GRADWEEK STAFF NUMBER: PROVIDED UPON ARRIVAL ONLY

NEED TO CALL HOME?

Upon arriving we strongly encourage that you take a minute and call home. We often get calls from parents saying they have not heard from their son or daughter. To avoid unnecessary calls and worrying, take few minutes and call or message your parent(s) to let them know you made it to Hawaii safely. The easiest way to call home is from your cell phone. This will help you avoid costly hotel surcharges the hotel will charge when you call from your room. Don't forget to provide them with your room number at the hotel. The time zone in Hawaii is HST.

NEED MEDICAL ATTENTION?

GradWeek staff members are not doctors and thus will not make any judgment calls on whether or not medical attention is necessary for any reason. This decision is entirely up to the traveler and his or her parents. If you are in doubt as to whether medical attention is needed, we strongly recommend you contact your parent(s) and/or guardian(s) and ask for advice. If you are in need of medical attention and it is a non-emergency, you can locate a GradWeek Staff member for directions to the nearest medical facility. If you cannot find a GradWeek Staff member, simply go to your hotel's front desk for assistance or call the number above. If it is an emergency, dial 911 and have your friend notify a GradWeek Staff Member. Please Note: If you need medical care - You will be required to pay the hospital for services and you must keep all of your medical receipts and file a claim with the insurance company upon your return home for reimbursement.

HELPFUL SAFETY & TRAVEL TIPS

- **Hydration – DRINK PLENTY OF WATER!!** – After many hours of travel, combined with laying in the sun and lack of sleep, it's critical that you stay hydrated. Be sure to drink lots of water during your trip. You'll feel better, be less susceptible to illness, and you have an overall better experience!
- **The Buddy System** – We highly recommend the buddy system. Please stay out in groups, especially when going back to your hotel at night. Always remember that there is safety in numbers! If you leave the hotel or an event, also tell a friend where you are going and when you plan to return.
- **Uber/Lyft/Taxis** – Your hotel is within walking distance of most events, shops, and food. However, the taxis run all day and night. Taxis will cost anywhere from \$5-\$15 depending on where you want to go. You can take up to four people in a standard taxicab. We strongly recommend that no one rides alone in a taxi or ride service, especially at night. Uber and Lyft is another transportation option that is readily available, easy, and inexpensive.
- **Drugs & Alcohol** – Just say NO! DRUG POSSESSION AND USE IS ILLEGAL. Do not buy, sell, or use drugs anywhere. You will be kicked out of your hotel and will most likely end up in jail; all at your own expense. **The legal drinking age in Hawaii is 21 years of age.** All hotels in Hawaii have strict enforcement policies for underage drinking. If you are caught with alcohol in your room the entire room will be evicted at your expense and the police will be notified. In short, DON'T DRINK!!
- **Hotel/Room Damage** – **You and your roommates are all responsible for paying any and all damage to your room.** This also includes any extensive cleaning due to stains, smoking, liquid spills etc. Take care of your room!!! Upon arriving to your room make sure you and your roommates take 5 minutes to check your room and report any damages to the room if any so that you are not charged for it when you check out. Please walk down to the Front Desk and report any damages immediately. Do not let strangers into your room. Keep your doors locked at all times, including any balcony sliders. Also, please respect your roommates' space.

- **Hotel Safe Deposit Box** – We strongly recommend that you put all of your valuables in your safe deposit box upon check-in. **THIS INCLUDES CELL PHONES, GO PROS, MONEY, ETC!!!** If a box is not provided to you in your room, you can get one at the front desk. ***Report any missing/stolen items IMMEDIATELY to the HOTEL!** DO NOT leave your valuables out when you are not in the room; always put them away!
- **Checkout/Departure Home** – Airport buses leave on-time so don't be late or you can get left behind! The night before departure travelers will need to pack their bags, and **MUST** clean up their room by picking up all trash (very important); garbage bags are available from the GradWeek Staff or the hotel Front Desk. On the night before of your departure, proceed to Front Desk to settle any incidental balances on your room, such as phone charges, room service, and pay preview movies the night before to avoid long lines at checkout. You must be in the lobby 3 hours prior to your scheduled flight departure time. ***Buses will leave without you!** If your flight is not until late afternoon or evening, hotel checkout is at 11:00AM and you can check your bags at the bell desk. We suggest some last minute shopping.
- **Motorized Water Sports and Mopeds** – We strongly recommend NOT renting mopeds, Jet-skis or other motorized water sport equipment. Moped collisions are a common occurrence and you are responsible for any damages. All equipment is owned locally and any damage to the equipment will be your responsibility. Be careful! Many students have been charged for damage they may not have done. Check the equipment for damage and report it before using.
- **Ocean** – The Ocean has a strong undertow! During the day, please check to see if your hotel has warning flags in front of the beach area. Most hotels will post these flags to let you know the current ocean conditions. Please do not go in the ocean at night regardless of the posted flags. It is extremely dangerous at night!
- **Balconies** – Do not sit on the ledge of your balcony or try and jump balconies from one room to another. Do not sit anything on the railing, it is very easy to fall off your balconies and can cause life threatening injuries!
- **Crossing the Street** – Be sure and look both ways as to avoid being hit by moving vehicles. Looking both ways before crossing the street will insure safety.

COVID-19 SAFETY REMINDERS

CONGRATULATIONS Class of 2023! While COVID is slowly becoming a thing of the past, we still recommend exercising caution during your trip. We want you to have the best week of your life but more importantly, we want you to still be safe! Here's what you need to remember to have a happy and healthy grad trip:

- Wash your hands **OFTEN**, for at least 20 seconds! When soap and water aren't available, use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Masks are recommended and may be required in some establishments.
- Cover coughs and sneezes! If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow and immediately wash your hands.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth.
- If you have a fever, cough or difficulty breathing, seek medical attention and inform a GradWeek staff member **IMMEDIATELY!**
- Regularly clean hard surfaces. This means allowing housekeeping to clean your room DAILY!
- Drink only from your OWN cup. Do NOT share drinks!!
- Relax, be safe, and get ready for the best week of your life!

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READ THE FINE PRINT

Tours and events may only be redeemed with an Action Pac Wristband and the appropriate ticket. You must bring your appropriate ticket to each event to be admitted. Events are subject to change without notice. Please check in your hotel lobby every night for any event changes. Action Pacs are non-refundable and non-transferable.

You will not be reimbursed for any unused portion of the purchased package. You are responsible for your actions on any given tour or event. It is your decision and choice to participate or not to participate in any given tour or event you have purchased. Activities are not mandatory; they are voluntary. Your decision to participate is not actionable against GradWeek. Your actions while on the tour or event are not actionable against GradWeek.

ALL EVENTS & PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

EXCLUSIVE GRADWEEK DISCOUNTS

Flash your GradWeek Wristband to receive discounts at the following restaurants and eateries. Must show wristband and ask for discount prior to ordering!

- **Domino's Pizza @ Hyatt Place Hotel:** 15% OFF regular menu price.
- **Hard Rock Cafe:** 15% OFF regular menu price.
- **Wolfgang Puck Express:** Free soft drink with purchase of any entrée.
- **Blue Ocean Seafood and Steak:** \$2- off on all entrées + free Soft drink.

Star Beach Boys Board Rentals

- **Surfboards:** \$10 for 2 hours or \$20 half day (5 hours).
- **Paddle Boards:** \$20 for 2 hours or \$40 half day (5 hours).
- **Boogie Boards:** \$5 for 2 hours or \$15 all-day.

For additional details, please stop by the GradWeek Hospitality Desk located at the student hotel or ask a GradWeek Staff Member.

GRADWEEK EVENT DESCRIPTIONS

- **Breakfast Suggestion:** Breakfast coupons are valid at Wolfgang Puck Express and Blue Ocean Waikiki. Wolfgang Puck Express is located on the main floor of the Twin Fin Hotel. Blue Ocean is located at 2449 Kuhio Avenue (don't forget your meal coupon!).
- **Explore Waikiki:** Day or Night take some time and explore the famed Kalakaua Avenue! You'll find every store imaginable, discover one of the world's most renowned beaches along with a sunset for the ages, and you can find some great dining options.
- **Pearl Harbor and Swap Meet:** Visit one of Hawaii's top tourist sites. Ask the Staff about transportation times to the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center and Aloha Stadium. Enjoy the various exhibits of the USS Arizona Memorial and historical events surrounding Pearl Harbor. Optional tours are available for a cost. From there, we will then walk over to the Aloha Stadium and experience Hawaii's best-known Swap Meet where you will find great bargains on souvenirs and more! **Please bring \$2 for the Swap Meet entrance fee.**
- **Catamaran Ride:** Take your free Kepoikai Catamaran ride! Simply go to Kalakaua Avenue and make a right and go a couple of blocks to Dukes Waikiki Restaurant. Go onto the beach and look for a large Blue GradWeek flag. Ask your GradWeek Staff for further

directions if needed. Sail times are 9:00 am, 10:30am, 12:00pm, 1:30pm, and 3:00pm. Sailings are on a first-come, first-serve basis, and must show up in person to sail. **For more info call/text (808) 224-4742.**

- **Watersport Day (Action Pac):** 15% OFF regular menu price.
- **GradWeek Luau (Action Pac):** This is a must for any tourist in Hawaii! Enjoy great food and an outstanding show with all of the traditional Hawaiian entertainment.
- **Secret Island Beach Day (Action Pac):** Journey with all our grads to Kualoa Ranch where you will board boats & head to Secret Island for a day of fun with kayaking, canoe riding, a trip on the glass bottom boat and more. It is a memorable day of music & beach activities (lunch included). Ask your staff for more details.
- **Aloha Dinner @ Hard Rock or Wolfgang Puck Express:** Enjoy a special GradWeek menu for a great meal on your grad trip. For Hard Rock Cafe, the coupon is valid during restaurant hours of 12pm- 10pm, SUN-THURS and 12pm-11pm, FRI-SAT. Avoid the hours from 6pm-8pm due to long wait times. For Wolfgang, the coupon is valid 11am-2pm and 5pm-9pm (operating hours each day subject to change). **Don't forget your meal coupon!**

2023 HAWAII EVENT SCHEDULE

PLEASE NOTE: All events and times are subject to change without notice. All events are optional, and attendance is not required. Attendance at the event, mode of transportation to and from the event, length of stay at the event are discretion of the traveler. Please check the reader board in your hotel lobby for changes (times and dates), additional events, and activities specific to your arrival date.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
MAY	JUNE	30 WELCOME C/O 2023 DAY: CATAMARAN OR H2O WATER SPORTS AP NIGHT: EXPLORE WAIKIKI	31 MORNING: BREAKFAST DAY: PEARL HARBOR / SWAP MEET OR CATAMARAN, H2O WATER SPORTS AP NIGHT: ALOHA DINNER	1 MORNING: BREAKFAST DAY: SECRET ISLAND AP OR CATAMARAN, H2O WATER SPORTS AP NIGHT: EXPLORE WAIKIKI	2 MORNING: BREAKFAST DAY: SECRET ISLAND AP OR CATAMARAN, H2O WATER SPORTS AP NIGHT: EXPLORE WAIKIKI	3 MORNING: BREAKFAST DAY: PEARL HARBOR / SWAP MEET OR CATAMARAN NIGHT: ALOHA DINNER
4 MORNING: BREAKFAST DAY: CATAMARAN, EXPLORE WAIKIKI NIGHT: EXPLORE WAIKIKI	5 MORNING: BREAKFAST DAY: SECRET ISLAND AP OR CATAMARAN, H2O WATER SPORTS AP NIGHT: EXPLORE WAIKIKI	6 MORNING: BREAKFAST DAY: CATAMARAN OR H2O WATER SPORTS AP NIGHT: ALOHA DINNER	7 MORNING: BREAKFAST DAY: PEARL HARBOR / SWAP MEET OR CATAMARAN, H2O WATER SPORTS AP NIGHT: EXPLORE WAIKIKI	8 MORNING: BREAKFAST DAY: SECRET ISLAND AP OR CATAMARAN, H2O WATER SPORTS AP NIGHT: ALOHA DINNER	9 MORNING: BREAKFAST DAY: CATAMARAN, H2O WATER SPORTS AP NIGHT: EXPLORE WAIKIKI	10 MORNING: BREAKFAST DAY: PEARL HARBOR / SWAP MEET OR CATAMARAN NIGHT: ALOHA DINNER
11 MORNING: BREAKFAST DAY: PEARL HARBOR / SWAP MEET OR CATAMARAN NIGHT: ALOHA DINNER	12 MORNING: BREAKFAST DAY: SECRET ISLAND AP OR CATAMARAN, H2O WATER SPORTS AP NIGHT: EXPLORE WAIKIKI	13 MORNING: BREAKFAST DAY: SECRET ISLAND AP OR CATAMARAN OR H2O WATER SPORTS AP NIGHT: ALOHA DINNER	14 MORNING: BREAKFAST DAY: PEARL HARBOR / SWAP MEET OR CATAMARAN, H2O WATER SPORTS AP NIGHT: EXPLORE WAIKIKI	15 MORNING: BREAKFAST DAY: SECRET ISLAND AP OR CATAMARAN, H2O WATER SPORTS AP NIGHT: ALOHA DINNER	16 MORNING: BREAKFAST DAY: SECRET ISLAND AP OR CATAMARAN, H2O WATER SPORTS AP NIGHT: EXPLORE WAIKIKI	17 MORNING: BREAKFAST DAY: PEARL HARBOR / SWAP MEET OR CATAMARAN NIGHT: ALOHA DINNER
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