

# MPD Tour America, Inc.

Dear Traveler and Host Family: PLEASE READ ALL FOLLOWING INFORMATION!

We know you are looking forward to your wonderful Hawaiian tour. This is a spectacular trip where you'll experience all Hawaii has to offer. You will begin each day from your beautiful hotel in the famous Waikiki Beach along with other SMG students from around the world. You will tour the island of Oahu, visit the USS Arizona Memorial in Pearl Harbor, the beaches of the North Shore and climb a real volcano. Enjoy fun in the sun while snorkeling at a state park, sailing on a catamaran and soaking up the rays on Waikiki. We just hope you are ready for a trip of a life time, Aloha!

Your MPD Tour America tour guides and chaperones from SMG will be on duty from the time we greet you at the airport on arrival day until the day we transfer you from the hotel to the airport for your return home to your host family. We have an airport service meeting you and along with our staff holding up signs and bringing you to the hotel via transportation shuttles sharing with other students and chaperones.

The hotel you will be lodging at for 7 nights for Hawaii # 3 trip is:

***OHANA WAIKIKI WEST.***

2330 KUHIO AVE.

HONOLULU, HAWAII 96815

Telephone #: 808-922-5022

This hotel is located in Waikiki Beach and is approximately 9 miles from Honolulu Airport. This hotel has nearby shopping, pool access, restaurants etc.

## **BRIEF ITINERARY**

- Day One:** Arrivals get to know you activities. .
- Day Two:** A full day begins with an Island Circle Tour by motorcoach.  
Visit: Dole Plantation, Macadamia Nut Farm, North Shore Beaches, Turtle Bay Beach, Pali Lookout, downtown Honolulu Iolani Palace.
- Day Three:** Hiking Diamond/Shopping/Pizza Party Waikiki Beach.
- Day Four:** Pearl Harbor, Arizona Memorial, Catamaran in Waikiki Beach.
- Day Five:** Beach Free Time/Authentic Hawaiian Luau
- Day Six:** Snorkeling Hanuauma Bay.
- Day Seven:** Beach Time/ Farewell Dinner & Dance Party.
- Day Eight:** Time to say good-bye to all the new friends and memories made.

### ***WEATHER INFORMATION:***

Temperature averages 82 degrees Fahrenheit. In February sometimes rain showers, but rarely.

### ***WHAT DO I BRING?***

- The trip is for 8 days and casual dress, so you don't need a lot. Limit your luggage to one carry-on **or** backpack and one large suitcase. Also, check with your individual airline carrier about luggage restrictions.
- **BRING A SWIMSUIT & A BEACH TOWEL** – at hotel they provide towels free of charge to bring to pool area.
- **BRING** light jacket or sweater. – nights are a little cooler and ocean breezes so you might want to bring a sweater in case!
- Comfortable shoes and flip flops or sandals are a must. We suggest not bringing any new shoes.
- Please do not bring lots of jewelry or other expensive items. Please consider Travel Checks instead of cash; they can be replaced if lost or stolen. You are responsible for taking care of your own property. Watch your possessions in the airports as well.
- You will need enough money for airport snacks, (\$5-8) for lunches a day and for shopping for souvenirs etc.
- Bring a camera (a few disposables are fine) average student uses 5-6 rolls film or 4 -5 disposable cameras.  
**FILM SHOULD BE IN CARRY-ON LUGGAGE – NEVER PUT IN CHECKED IN LUGGAGE.**
- **You will *NEED* your HEALTH INSURANCE CARD AND ID.**
- You will need a phone card or lots of change if you plan on calling home. We know most of you have cell phones but it is also good to have a phone card too! Pack your cell phone charger in your carry-on luggage if you have one.

# **AIRPORT INFORMATION**

## **WHEN DEPARTING FROM YOUR DEPARTURE CITY AIRPORT:**

**PLEASE DOUBLE CHECK IF STUDENT HAS ID WITH THEM BEFORE DEPARTING FOR AIRPORT!**

Please arrive at your departure airport at least 1-1/2 hours before your flight, and allow more time if you are departing from a busy airport, airline, or terminal. Please be aware of restrictions on what you are not allowed in carry-on luggage (sharp items, etc.) All airports require you to check in and get a boarding pass before going through to security check and then onto gate area. **MAKE SURE YOU HAVE YOUR PASSPORT WITH YOU OR ANOTHER PICTURE ID IN CASE YOU NEED IT.**

**WHEN CHECKING IN BAGGAGE - MAKE SURE YOU HAVE A TAG WITH YOUR HOST FAMILY'S NAME, ADDRESS & TELEPHONE NUMBER ON IT! TAKE OFF YOUR NATURAL FAMILY'S TAG INFORMATION AT THIS TIME.**

If you are making connecting flights, when you check in for your first flight, get assigned seats and boarding passes for your whole trip. Check your luggage through to your final destination Honolulu (HNL); also get assigned seats for your return flights, if you don't already have them.

If your flight is cancelled or delayed more than 60 minutes, or if you are transferred to another airline, please call MPD Tour America, Inc. on emergency numbers 1-917-376-7225 and 1-917-691-3097 so we know where and when to meet you. This is an Emergency Contact Number at all times throughout the tour. Do not miss your flight in order to telephone us. We will try and track your flight anyway if this should happen provided you gave us your flight itinerary prior traveling.

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## ARRIVAL IN HONOLULU (HNL)

Please go straight to baggage claim area – this is where staff will be looking for you. Look for our staff wearing “Tee-Shirts” that read:

### “MPD TOUR AMERICA”



We will do our best to meet you at baggage claim area on time, however if other flights are delayed, it throws off our schedule. If you do not see us upon arrival, we are with other students. Please give us time to get there. Staff is all over airport in different terminals and it takes time to get to each terminal for different flight arrival times. We will be looking for you at baggage claim areas – so please stay in this area.

**If your luggage is lost, please let staff know as soon as they meet you so that they can assist in filing a lost luggage claim form if you did not file one already (Claim office is near baggage claim area).**

**Once a student is met we advise them to call the host family and tell them you that you have arrived safely! Atleast 50% will not call. PLEASE REST ASSURED THAT IF YOUR STUDENT DOES NOT SHOW UP WITH THEIR SCHEDULED FLIGHT WE WILL CALL YOU. IF YOU DO NOT HEAR FROM US – THIS MEANS EVERYTHING IS OK.**

**NOTE: ON DEPARTURE DAY FROM EWR TO YOUR HOST FAMILY WE WILL TRANSFER YOU FROM THE HOTEL TO NEWARK AIRPORT AND MAKE SURE FLIGHTS ARE GOING OUT. IF THERE IS A CANCELLATION OR DELAY WE WILL NOTIFY YOUR HOST FAMILY. BUT IF A CANCELLATION OR DELAY IS ON A CONNECTING FLIGHT WE WILL NOT HAVE THIS INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO US SO YOU NEED TO NOTIFY YOUR HOST FAMILY OF CHANGES ONCE YOU FIND OUT IF ANY, BUT ONLY IF YOU HAVE TIME TO CALL THEM – DO NOT MISS A FLIGHT BY MAKING A TELEPHONE CALL!**

### REMINDER OF TRIP RULES!

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There will be a curfew every night. This trip has long days, and many night time activities. We do room checks each night to make sure everyone is in their assigned room, we expect cooperation with these rules.

We expect everyone to abide by all U.S. laws, as well as rules of your host organizations.

We have zero tolerance policy for drugs and alcohol. If drugs or alcohol are found in your room, we will assume the whole room is involved.

We do not discipline students: We send you back to your host families at your own expense and allow your host organization to punish you in any manner they see fit.

This is an English speaking tour. There are many languages and countries represented on this trip, please try to keep this in mind.

This is a group trip, which means that all the activities are geared to the whole group. There are opportunities to shop in little groups, but never alone. We have a policy of having at least 2 or more students together when breaking off from large group for shopping etc.

**SMOKING:** This is a non-smoking trip. If you plan on smoking you will need to bring a copy of your host organization paperwork allowing you to smoke, and we will allow you to smoke as well. No paperwork means no smoking! Also you must abide all smoking laws in Hawaii and in the hotel non-smoking rooms etc.

**Your guides will review further rules for this tour with you when you arrive. Just remember we want to have a safe and fun trip for All!**

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