

Hawai'i is more than swaying palms and frangipani leis. Stay at The Pink Palace on the Waikiki Beachfront. Experience Kauai ... one of my favourite holiday spots.

*Graham Ross*

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## TROPICAL GARDENS OF HAWAII



4 - 12 AUGUST 2025

Aloha and welcome to Hawaii. Spend time on two islands, Oahu and Kauai. Oahu is a melting pot of culture, the 'heart of Hawaii', a bustling metropolis of cultural highlights. Then it's a short flight to Kauai, the oldest and most beautiful of Hawaii's main islands. Peter, Paul and Mary will agree!

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## ITINERARY

### DAY 1 MON 4 AUG HOME TO HAWAII (D)

Meet your tour leader Graham Ross at the departure gate at Sydney Airport for your flight to Honolulu. On arrival visit Forster Botanic Garden in the heart of Honolulu. This living museum features a wonderful collection of tropical plants. Check in to the Royal Hawaiian Hotel, known as The Pink Palace, our luxurious hotel for the next four nights. Welcome Dinner included tonight.

#### Royal Hawaiian Hotel Honolulu

### DAY 2 TUE 4 AUG MANOA HERITAGE CENTRE (B)

Step back in time this morning to explore this Native Hawaiian garden with endemic and indigenous plants. Continue to Lili'uokalani Botanic Garden, once the property of Queen Lili'uokalani, the last reigning monarch of Hawai'i. Last stop is Koto Crater Botanic Garden with its dryland collection of the Honolulu Botanic Gardens.

#### Royal Hawaiian Hotel Honolulu

### DAY 3 WED 6 AUG QUEEN EMMA'S PALACE (B)

Step back into the 19th century this morning with a visit to Queen Emma's Summer Palace, which is now managed by the Daughters of Hawaii. Membership of the Daughters is open to any woman who is directly descended from a person who lived in Hawaii prior to 1880, with no restrictions to race. A guided visit through the charming Hawaiian-Victorian palace, and the garden. The afternoon is free.

#### Royal Hawaiian Hotel Honolulu

### DAY 4 THU 7 AUG PEARL HARBOUR NATIONAL MEMORIAL (B)

USS Arizona Memorial is a place of sombre beauty and quiet reflection, the final resting place of 900 sailors and Marines. Visit two world-class museums. Watch a film about the attack. Take a US Navy vessel to the memorial built over the USS Arizona. Free afternoon.

#### Royal Hawaiian Hotel Honolulu

### DAY 5 FRI 8 AUG HONOLULU TO KUAUI (B)

We take a morning flight to Kauai, where Allerton Gardens will be our first stop. This was Queen Emma's garden estate. She named it 'Lawai Kai' which means 'Garden by the Sea', and carefully introduced exotic species into the natural landscape, including bougainvillea and Morton Bay fig. Between 1938 and 1989 Robert and John Allerton introduced more plants from around the world, along with garden features, such as water channels, cascades, pools and waterfalls, latticed pavilions and European sculpture. It's eclectic in design and dazzling in botanical diversity. On Kauai's South Shore we'll see the Spouting Horn blowhole. Check in to our hotel, the Grand Hyatt Kauai Resort and Spa, on the beach at Poipu.

#### Grand Hyatt Kauai Resort and Spa, Poipu

### DAY 6 SAT 9 AUG HANALEI AND LIMAHLI GARDEN (B)

Hanalei is our destination today, on Kauai's scenic north shore. Explore the town and the famous pier on Hanalei Bay, with view of the taro farms from the lookout. Limahuli Garden and Preserve

is nearby, set in a lush tropical valley and surrounded by towering peaks. The American Horticultural Society selected Limahuli as the best natural botanical garden in the USA. See lava rock terraces built by Limahuli's early inhabitants. Learn more about taro, and about the native plants of Hawaii including the 'canoe plants' brought to the islands by voyaging Polynesians, and the flowers and fruits introduced during Hawaii's plantation era.

#### Grand Hyatt Kauai Resort and Spa, Poipu

### DAY 7 SUN 10 AUG WAIMEA CANYON STATE PARK (B/D)

You'll recognise scenes from Jurassic Park when we visit Waimea Canyon on the western side of Kauai this morning. This is the largest canyon in the Pacific and it's a dramatic sight. Lines in the canyon walls depict the volcanic eruptions and lava flows that have occurred over the centuries. The elevation makes the air 10-15 degrees cooler than in the valley and by afternoon much of the mountain is shrouded in cloud. The afternoon is free to relax and have a swim. Farewell Dinner in the resort restaurant!

#### Grand Hyatt Kauai Resort and Spa, Poipu

### DAY 8 MON 11 AUG KUAUI TO HONOLULU TO SYDNEY

Say aloha to Kauai – after breakfast we fly back to Honolulu and on to Sydney.

### DAY 9 TUE 12 AUG HOME

Arrive home.

## DETAILS

- Tour escorted by Graham Ross
- Internal flight included from Honolulu to Kauai return
- Air-conditioned motorcoach
- Luxury accommodation - 7 nights
- Breakfast daily, 2 Dinners
- Entrance fees to all gardens and sightseeing including Forster Botanical Gardens, Lyon Arboretum, Koko Crater Botanical Garden, USS Arizona Memorial, Queen Emma's Summer Palace, Allerton Garden, Waimea Canyon State Park, Limahuli Garden.

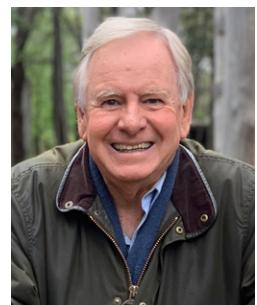
## PRICE

- Twin Share inc. air \$14,395 pp
- Twin Share land only \$12,995 pp
- Single Supplement \$4,695
- All prices in Australian dollars. Prices based on minimum 15 passengers.
- Land only includes internal flights.
- Refer to Ross Garden Tours standard terms and conditions.

## DISCOUNTS

- Earlybird \$250 - Pay by 6/4/25
- Previous Traveller \$100
- Garden Clinic Member \$50

## TOUR LEADER



### GRAHAM ROSS

Graham is a teacher and broadcaster with a passion for plants, horticulture, cultural landscape and history. He first visited Hawaii in the 50's and loves the culture, people and the gardens.

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