

Aloha from Hawaii

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The Aloha H3 would like to extend an invitation
for hashers around the world to join us for our

25th Anniversary Celebration

See all the details at

<http://hawaii.gotothefash.net/ah3-25th.html>

The main event of the celebration will be a 7 day cruise with Norwegian Cruise Lines from 15-22 Oct 2016, sailing from Oahu, with port calls on Maui, Hawaii (the Big Island), and Kauai, before returning to Oahu. There will be hash runs and various other related events on each island, as well as a few hash events before and after the cruise on the island of Oahu.

In general terms, the Hawaiian Islands Chain consists of numerous volcanic islands that extend nearly 5000 miles (8000 Kms) across the middle of the Pacific Ocean, and were formed as the Pacific Plate passed over a single hotspot that has produced up to 100 individual volcanos, many are below sea level, dating back 65 million years. The eight islands that make up The Hawaii Islands (pictured below) are the most recent, and they formed just over the past 5 million years and extend approximately 500 miles (800 Kms). The following information is provided to help orient our visitors to the islands we will visit.



Oahu: The cruise will set sail from the port of Honolulu on Oahu “the Gathering Place,” and is the home of Waikiki, Diamond Head, Pearl Harbor, and infamous waves of the North Shore that support many annual surfing competitions. There are numerous other attractions on Oahu, as well as the capitol city of Honolulu. Oahu was actually formed by two major volcanos (Waianae and Koolau), and several minor (including Punch Bowl, Diamond Head, and Koko Head) which erupted and eventually merged between 2.5 and 3.8 million years ago. If you take a close look at the island of Oahu, you can clearly see the round bulge of Waianae to the west, and the long jagged line of the Koolau to the east, and how they are merged along the central plains that stretch from Haleiwa to Pearl Harbor.

Maui: The first port call will be in Kahului along the central north coastline of Maui, and this will be an overnight stay. Maui is the second largest and second most populated island, and gets the second highest number of tourists each year. Boasting the best whale watching and best beaches, Maui is home to nightlife in Lahaina, the remote town of Hana on the east coast, and the majestic Mount Haleakala that rises two miles into the sky. Much like Oahu, Maui was also formed by the merger of two volcanos (West Maui and Haleakala) and was formed between 750,000 and 1.3 million years ago. During the cruise, hashers will get a superb hash trail, followed by a trip to the Maui Brewing Company for a tour and some most anticipated libations.



Hawaii: Known as “The Big Island” to the locals (kama’aina), Hawaii is bigger than all the other islands combined. During the cruise we will have two port calls, one in Hilo on the east coast, and the next in Kailua-Kona on the west coast. Hilo is a major agricultural center, and has many historical sites. Hilo is just 30 miles from Volcanoes National Park which is home to the only currently erupting volcano, Mount Kilauea. Kona is more for the beach goers, and also has great opportunities for snorkeling and scuba diving. As the newest island in the chain, the Big Island has been forming over the past 400,000 years, and is made up of 3 volcanoes; Loihi which has been inactive since 1996, Mauna Loa which has been inactive since 1984 but is potentially building for a future eruption, and Kilauea which has been actively erupting since 1983.

Kauai: The oldest island in the state of Hawaii, Kauai is known as the “Garden Isle” due to lush vegetation and tropical rainforests. We will make port in Nawiliwili Harbor in the city of Lihue on the south east coast and enjoy an overnight stay before returning to Oahu. Amongst the many waterfalls, cliffs, and valleys, Kauai is home to the amazing Waimea Canyon, also known as the “Grand Canyon of the Pacific” which rivals its namesake in Arizona in size, but surpasses it in sheer beauty. Kauai dates back 5 million years and was formed by the Kauai Volcano. If there is enough interest we can run two hash trails on this island, or everyone can take advantage of the extra time for sightseeing and relaxing.

The Full Itinerary of the cruise (15-22 Oct):

Day	Cruise Ports	Arrive	Depart
Sat	Honolulu, Oahu (EMBARK)	---	7:00 pm
Sun	Kahului, Maui (Overnight)	8:00 am	---
Mon	Kahului, Maui	---	6:00 pm
Tue	Hilo, Hawaii	8:00 am	6:00 pm
Wed	Kona, Hawaii	7:00 am	5:30 pm
Thu	Nawiliwili, Kauai (Overnight)	10:00 am	---
Fri	Nawiliwili, Kauai	---	2:00 pm
Sat	Honolulu, Oahu	7:00 am	

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