

Discover Botanical HAWAII

April 1-11, 2019

A Pacific Horticulture Tour



We invite you to join us as we explore the botanical wonders of Hawaii, with leadership by an excellent Hawaii naturalist and a botanical expert.

Botanically, Hawaii is one of the most unique locations in the world! It is famous for its subtropical weather, mild ocean breezes, Polynesian culture, and diverse evolution of the native flora and fauna.

The Hawaiian archipelago has existed for tens of millions of years and was colonized by wind blown seeds and insects, migrating birds, and floating vegetation washing on shore. From these random beginnings the natural world was created. It is beautiful, unique, and a true paradise.

Hawaii offers the inquisitive traveler many opportunities to see native flora and fauna in the national and state

parks, and forest preserves. Botanic gardens, arboretums, and estates focus in part on preserving native species and, in some cases, endangered species propagation. The gardens also are wonderful places to see tropical trees, bushes, and flowers from all over the world.

On this botanical adventure, we will explore the finest botanical gardens on the islands of Oahu, the Big Island of Hawaii, and the Garden Island of Kauai, plus the geological wonders and native Hawaiian trees, plants, and birds at Hawaii Volcano National Park, and majestic Waimea Canyon and Kokee State Park. From the brilliant red i'iwi bird to the Koa and Kukui trees, Hawaii is a natural gem just waiting to be discovered!

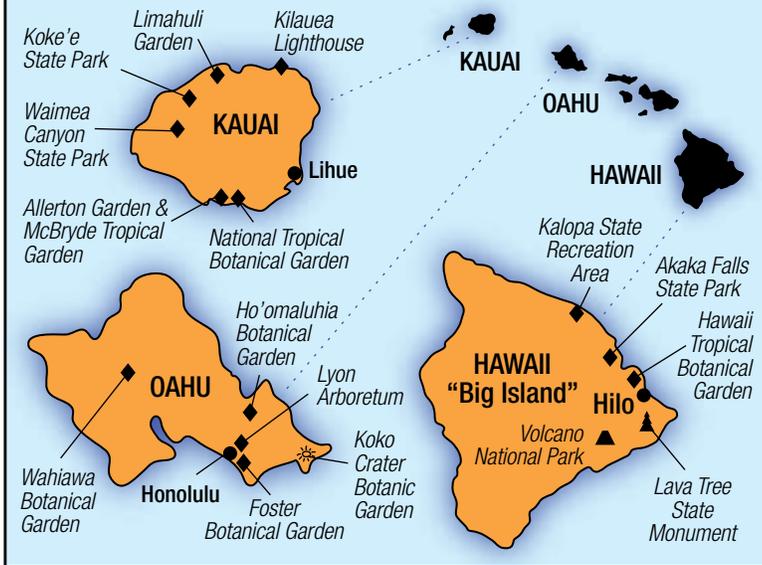
Come join us for lifelong memories of the wonders of these splendid islands!

Linda McKendry

*Linda McKendry,
Pacific Horticulture Tours*



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LEADERSHIP

Leading this expedition will be a talented naturalist, **John Stallman**, and a tropical botanical expert, **Norman Bezona**. John Stallman has worked as an interpretive ranger at Hawaii Volcano National Park, and has a B.S. degree in biology. He is very knowledgeable about the volcanic heritage of the Hawaiian Islands, its birdlife, and plant life.

Dr. Norman Bezona is an expert on tropical horticulture. He graduated from the University of Hawaii, College of Tropical Agriculture and has worked with macadamia, coffee, citrus, guava, avocado, and ornamentals in Hawaii. He recently retired as a Professor Emeritus at the University of Hawaii. Norman established the Kona Cloud Forest Sanctuary, and is the Hawaii Director for the International Palm Society and advisor to the Hawaii Chapter of the American Bamboo Society.

John and Norman are experienced Hawaii trip leaders and look forward to showing you the botanical wonders of Hawaii.



ITINERARY

Day 1 Los Angeles or San Francisco to Honolulu

Depart Los Angeles, San Francisco or other gateway cities on Hawaiian Air or other carriers to Honolulu, arriving by 2 - 3 pm. Meet your expedition leaders and transfer to the *Aston Waikiki Beach Hotel* (4 nights). Welcome dinner.



Day 2 Wahiawa & Foster Botanical Gardens

Our introduction to the botanical world of Hawaii will begin today at Wahiawa Botanic Garden with an introduction to the tropical rainforests of Hawaii, with epiphytes, tall tree ferns, orchids, and large aroids, including native Hawaiian plants and

trees. In the afternoon visit Foster Botanic Garden, established in 1853, with massive trees from around the world and an extensive Hawaiian portion. The orchid garden is the biggest in the islands. L

Day 3 Native Forests of Koko Crater & Lyon Arboretum

This morning we will walk the trail at Koko Crater Botanic Garden, established 60 years ago in an extinct volcanic crater to display the dry vegetation surrounding Honolulu. See *Ohi'a*, *Metrosideros sp.*, *Hala*, *Pandanus sp.*, *wiliwili*, *Erythrina sandwicensis*, *hau*, *Hibiscus tiliaceus*, and many bushes and flowers. In the afternoon drive inland to the Lyon Arboretum and Botanic Garden. This location gets more rainfall so the tropical rainforest is taller. The native collections are diverse along with introduced palms, heliconias, gingers, aroids, bromeliads, and spices from all over the world. L

Day 4 Ho'omaluhia Botanical Garden

Depart for the Ho'omaluhia Botanical Garden in Kane'ohe. The garden is situated at the base of



the majestic Ko'olau Mountains, with emphasis on Polynesian plants and palms. There are also extensive native Hawaiian plants and ethnobotanical exhibits. This afternoon, we will visit private gardens around the city. L

Day 5 Fly to Hilo on the Big Island

This morning, we will fly from Honolulu to Hilo on the Big Island of Hawaii. Upon arrival we'll see Akaka Falls which plummets 422 feet into a stream-eroded gorge. We'll then visit the Hawaii Tropical Botanical Garden.

This garden is a nature preserve and sanctuary with a living seed bank and a study center for plants and trees of the tropical world. We'll walk the Heliconia Trail, Banyan Canyon, and explore Bromeliad Hill to see and photograph the native and introduced trees, bushes, and flowers. *Hilo Hawaiian Hotel (3 nights)*. L

Day 6 Native Forests & Lava Flows at Hawaii Volcano National Park

Today, we'll explore the geologic and botanical wonders at Hawaii Volcano National Park. We'll drive on the open portion of the Crater Rim Road, and will stop at the Volcano Museum. See Halemaumau Crater, continuously active since 2007, and Kilauea Iki Crater. In the afternoon, we'll walk at Thurson Lava Tube and on the Tree Fern trail. The forest of *Ohi'a lehua*, *Metrosideros*

collina, is the dominate tree in the forest. Look for *Koa* and *Kukui*, trees with many understory berry producers, ferns, and epiphytes. We'll also walk in an island of native vegetation at the "kipukapuauulu," a remnant forest surrounded by lava fields. L



Day 7 Kalopa State Recreation Area & Lava Tree State Monument

We'll have a quick stop at Rainbow Falls this morning to see the cascading water in the morning light. We'll then walk trails through Kalopa



State Recreation Area to look at the native trees, bushes, and flowers. The trails are well maintained and offer many species of native plants. Visit Lava

Tree State Park which has the best examples of lava that rapidly flowed through a forest leaving hardened lava molds in its wake. Walk the nearly flat trail through a forest of *Ohi'a lehua*, *Metrosideros collina*, with a thick understory of ferns, *ohelo*, *Vaccinium sp.*, *Coprosma sp.*, and many others plants. L

Day 8 Fly to Kauai & National Tropical Botanic Garden

This morning we will fly to Kauai, arriving about midday. Transfer to the *Aston Islander on the Beach Hotel* (3 nights) on the south coast. In the afternoon begin the tour of the National Tropical Botanic Garden, former site of Queen Emma and King Kamehameha IV's garden home. It is now the site of the Allerton Garden, a landscape architecture masterpiece named one of the '50 Places of a Lifetime.' Allerton Garden is part garden, part art exhibit and entirely unique. Visitors are guided through expertly crafted garden rooms that feature exotic plants, sculptures, and water features. The Allerton Garden also has a rich history as a Hollywood film location



for many notable movies and TV shows. See the towering roots of the famous Moreton Bay fig trees featured in blockbusters like

Jurassic Park and Pirates of the Caribbean.

We will also visit the McBryde Tropical Garden which has the largest collection of native Hawaiian flora in the world. L

Day 9 Limahuli Garden & Preserve & Kilauea Lighthouse

Depart for the Limahuli Gardens on the north shore of Kauai, home to dozens of endangered plants and birds. The Garden was selected by the American Horticultural Society as the best garden in the U.S. for having demonstrated the best environmental practices of water, soil, and rare plant conservation. We'll walk the green pathways to discover native species as well as traditional Hawaiian agriculture.

In the afternoon, we'll stop at the picturesque Kilauea Lighthouse. It is a conservation success in getting Laysan albatross to nest and protect the red-footed boobies and other seabirds. With a predatory exclusion fence both the seabirds and native plants are reproducing well. The ocean view is spectacular and will offer dramatic photographs. L



Day 10 Waimea State Park and Canyon

We will depart for Waimea State Park and the famous Canyon. The Waimea Canyon is about 10 miles long and 3,000 feet deep with nearly horizontal bands of lava showing the succession of flows that built the island. The scenic canyon will offer high elevation plants and *Acacia koa*. We'll have lunch at the small museum. Koke'e State Park is gateway to the Alakai Swamp and the Na Pali coast viewpoint. The dramatic Na Pali coast is seen from about 4,000 feet, after a short walk.

With its hundred or more inches of rain each year, the native forest is thick with *ohi'a lehua*, *Metrosideros*, *pukiawe*, *Styphelia tameiameia*, *iliahi*, *sandalwood*, *Santalum sp.*, and the many trunked koa, *Acacia koa*. We'll celebrate our Hawaiian botanical adventure this evening at a Hawaiian luau! L,D

Day 11 Kauai to Honolulu & Home

We'll depart on flights to Honolulu & home today.

RESPONSIBILITY

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Yes! I/we want to join the **Discover Botanical Hawaii Expedition, April 1-11, 2019**, offered by the **Pacific Horticulture Society** in association with **Betchart Expeditions Inc.** Please reserve ___ space(s). As a deposit, I/we enclose a check for \$_____ (\$1,000 per person) payable to Betchart Expeditions Inc. Trust Account.

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Membership in Pacific Horticulture Society: ___ Yes ___ No

Accommodations Preference:

___ Twin ___ Single Twin Share: ___ with a friend or
___ Nonsmoker ___ Smoker ___ assign a roommate

Signature _____ Date _____

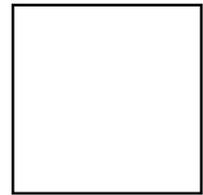
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COSTS & CONDITIONS

Trip Fee: \$4,345 per person from Honolulu plus in-tour air fare of \$495 per person. Flights from LAX or SFO are approximately \$795 per person.

Expedition Fee Includes: Group airport transfers; transport by 15-passenger vans or motorcoach; accommodations twin share in first class hotels; lunches Day 2 - 10, 2 dinners; group entrance fees; leadership, administration.

Expedition Fee Does Not Include: Air fare to Hawaii or in-tour air fare (quoted separately); independent transfers; breakfasts and most dinners; phone calls, snacks, alcoholic beverages; gratuities to leaders; trip cancellation insurance; baggage handling; and other personal expenses.

What to Expect: This expedition is planned for travel enthusiasts who would like to explore the botanical and natural wonders of Hawaii, with leadership by an excellent Hawaii naturalist and a botanical expert. The expedition is a wonderful botanical journey of discovery to superb botanic gardens, natural areas, and Hawaii Volcano National Park.

Meet local botanists and explore reserves on the dry side and wet side of the islands. See spectacular Waimea Canyon, and the Na Pali Coast. The trip is planned for travelers with an appetite for adventure, learning, and discovery with a botanical slant! (No smoking in vehicles, during lectures, or meals please.)

Air Fare & Airline Ticketing: Air fare quoted is an estimate for flights to Honolulu from Los Angeles or San Francisco. Please book your flights directly with the airlines to arrive between 2 and 3 pm on April 1st. In tour flights are ticketed by Betchart Expeditions Inc. and all passengers fly as a group.

For air questions, please contact Taunya (800) 252 4910.

Accommodations: Are in first class hotels. If you do not have a roommate or we cannot provide one, you must pay the \$995 extra cost of single accommodations.

Reservations, Deposits, & Payments: Please mail a deposit of \$1,000 per person with the completed reservation form to:

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The balance is due 60 days before departure.

Questions?

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