

HAWAII CRUISE

January 2026


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Pride of America in Honolulu

A 7-day cruise among the Hawaiian Islands on Norwegian's Pride of America

By late January, many people are longing to get away from snow in the Interior or rain at the Coast. Some head to Mexican beaches or other warm places. How about a cruise in Hawaii? Many cruises leave from the mainland and take 5 or 6 days at sea to reach Hawaii. Norwegian Cruise Lines has registered their ship *Pride of America* in the USA, so they are able to offer this week-long cruise leaving from Honolulu. The cruise features 5 ports on 4 of the Hawaiian islands: Honolulu on Oahu, Kahului on Maui, Hilo and Kona on Hawaii, and Nawiliwili on Kauai. The ship stays overnight in Kahului and Nawiliwili, giving you extra time to explore these areas and enjoy services on shore. Prior to the cruise, we stay 5 nights in Waikiki close to the beach. Come to Hawaii and escape from the Canadian winter.



CRUISE TOUR



ACTIVITY LEVEL

▶ Departure from:

- ❶ **BC Interior:** January 25, 2026 - 15 days
- ❷ **Vancouver Island:** January 25, 2026 - 15 days
- ❸ **Lower Mainland:** January 26, 2026 - 13 days

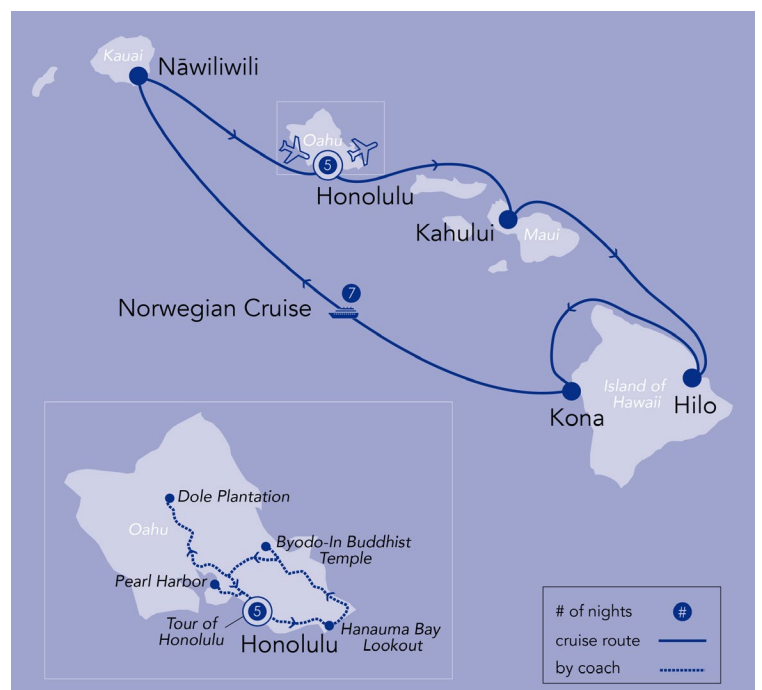
▶ Fares per person

- ❹ from **\$9,490** double/twin, **\$14,800** single*
*Pricing details for all departures provided on page 2.

▶ Early Booking Bonus

- \$300** discount on first 12 seats; **\$150** on next 8.

▶ Earn 139 Experience Points



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Your specific departure point will be confirmed at time of booking. Passengers travelling from the BC Interior, Vancouver Island & Lower Mainland regions will begin the tour as follows:

I BC Interior: We depart on Sunday, January 25 and drive to Vancouver where we overnight at the airport. We fly to Honolulu the following day. We fly from Honolulu to Vancouver on Saturday, February 7 and overnight at the airport once more. We travel home on Sunday, February 8. Transportation is provided from your pickup point on the day of departure and back when we return.

V Vancouver Island: We depart on Sunday, January 25 and travel to Vancouver where we overnight at the airport. We fly to Honolulu the following day. We fly from Honolulu to Vancouver on Saturday, February 7 and overnight at the airport once more. We travel home on Sunday, February 8.

Departure from Victoria: Depending on the number of people booked and coach size, home pickups may be offered in the Greater Victoria Area. The decision is made about 2 weeks before departure and you will be contacted about your pickup point and time.

Departure from Up-Island: There is an additional cost to fly from and to Nanaimo or Comox Airport. Transportation to/from Nanaimo or Comox Airport is not provided. Please note that while we always prioritize convenient connections for our clients, sometimes it is not possible given the airline schedule and availability. You will be contacted regarding your schedule after final payment. Please request departure from Nanaimo or Comox at the time of booking.

L Lower Mainland:

Departure from Vancouver: We depart on Monday, January 26 and fly from Vancouver to Honolulu. We fly from Honolulu to Vancouver on Saturday, February 7 and travel home. Home pickup for clients in the Greater Vancouver Area may be arranged at the time of booking.

Departure from Abbotsford or Chilliwack: Pickup and drop off is by the main coach. Please refer to the BC Interior pricing and dates.

FARES PER PERSON

	Departure Point	Balcony BA	Notes
I	BC Interior	\$9,695 double/twin \$15,195 single	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please add 0.4% GST. • Other cruise categories including suites may be available. • See deck plans on Norwegian Cruise Line's website. • There is an additional cost to fly from/ to Nanaimo or Comox to join this tour.
V	Vancouver Island	\$9,845 double/twin \$15,345 single	
L	Lower Mainland	\$9,490 double/twin \$14,800 single	

WHAT'S INCLUDED

▶ Meals

- ① **28 total:** 12 breakfasts, 9 lunches, 7 dinners
- ② **26 total:** 12 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 7 dinners

▶ Transportation

- Transportation to/from Vancouver Airport from the BC Interior, Greater Victoria, or Greater Vancouver Area
- Flight from Vancouver to Honolulu & return
- Current air transport taxes & fuel surcharges
- 1 checked bag per person
- Transfer from Honolulu Airport to hotel
- Transfer from hotel to cruise terminal
- 7 days cruising on the *Pride of America*

▶ Accommodation

- ① ② 7 nights of hotel accommodation & taxes
- ③ 5 nights of hotel accommodation & taxes
 - 7 days & nights on board *Pride of America*
 - Port charges & cruise taxes
 - Luggage handling at hotels & ship

▶ Knowledgeable Wells Gray tour director

▶ Key Highlights

- Tour to Pearl Harbor
- Pearl Harbor museums
- USS Arizona Memorial
- Tour on island of Oahu
- Byodo-In Buddhist Temple
- Dole Plantation
- US\$100 per stateroom shipboard credit
- Entertainment & other services on the ship
- Beverage package on ship with gratuities
- 3 specialty restaurant dinners on ship with gratuities (balcony bookings only)
- US\$50 per stateroom credit per shore excursion
- 150 minutes of free internet use
- Driving tour of Honolulu highlights
- Drive through Punchbowl National Cemetery

Attractions are subject to change. Please see Tour Policies for more information.

▶ Guides & Gratuities

- Cruise gratuities
- Gratuities to drivers for 3 tours on Oahu

Activity Level 2



Moderate Activity: As a traveller you like a variety of activities and walking up to 2 km with breaks such as a guided walking tour is very doable for you without assistance.

You can stand for prolonged periods, negotiate a variety of terrain such as moderate hills comfortably, and can climb two flights of stairs without assistance. At airports and cruise terminals, you must handle your own luggage and often walk long distances. At Kona, you board the ship's tenders to go ashore. Choose shore excursions at the cruise ports based on your abilities. There is lots of walking on the ship, depending on the location of your stateroom.

You may bring a cane, walking poles, or walker to support your mobility. However, please take into consideration that you will be required to handle your own luggage in all cruise terminals, airports, and at hotels where luggage handling is not available. The coaches cannot carry a scooter or motorized wheelchair. The tour director and drivers have many responsibilities, so please do not expect them, or your fellow travellers, to provide ongoing assistance. If you are not capable of keeping up with the group or require frequent assistance, the tour director may stop you from participating in some activities or some days of the tour. In extreme situations, you may be required to leave the tour and travel home at your own expense; travel insurance will probably not cover you.



Tour Size 40

This tour can accommodate 40 participants.



ITINERARY

Sunday, January 25

Passengers from the BC Interior and Vancouver Island travel to Vancouver Airport and stay overnight at the Fairmont Hotel, conveniently located above the USA departures.

Meals included: ① Lunch

Accommodation: ① ② Fairmont YVR Hotel

Monday, January 26

Passengers from Vancouver join us at the airport. Our flight from Vancouver to Honolulu takes about 6½ hours. Hawaii time is two hours earlier than Pacific Time.

Welcome to Hawaii. A transfer is provided from the airport to the Outrigger Beachcomber Hotel in Waikiki where we stay five nights. This hotel has a superb location on Kalakaua Avenue surrounded by shops and restaurants, and across from the bustling **International Marketplace**. All rooms have a balcony with ocean view (partial or full), coffee and tea, and Wi-Fi. Hotel amenities include an outdoor pool, hot tub, and fitness centre. Maui Brewing Company is the hotel restaurant, but there are dozens of restaurants within a few blocks. A breakfast buffet is included each day at nearby Duke's. The hotel is a block from **Waikiki Beach** with a convenient walkway from Kalakaua Avenue to access the sand and ocean.

Accommodation: Outrigger Waikiki Beachcomber

Tuesday, January 27

Honolulu is the bustling commercial centre and capital of the Hawaiian Islands, located on the Island of Oahu. Our morning tour focuses on **Pearl Harbor** and the involvement of Hawaii in World War II. We visit several museums, see a short film, and take a boat to the **USS Arizona Memorial** which features prominently in this story. This evening, take a stroll along Kalakaua Avenue and choose one of many restaurants for dinner; Cheesecake Factory is a nearby favourite.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation: Outrigger Waikiki Beachcomber

Wednesday, January 28

This is a free day to enjoy as you wish. Tours on Oahu can be independently booked with a hotel pickup.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation: Outrigger Waikiki Beachcomber

Thursday, January 29

Today's included tour explores part of the **island of Oahu** north of Honolulu. Stops are made at the Blowhole, Hanauma Bay, Pali Lookout, Byodo-In Buddhist Temple, and Dole Plantation.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation: Outrigger Waikiki Beachcomber

Friday, January 30

This is another day at leisure. Take a walk along Waikiki Beach and watch a colourful sunset or enjoy the Friday fireworks.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation: Outrigger Waikiki Beachcomber

ITINERARY continued

Saturday, January 31

A transfer is provided in late morning to the cruise terminal and we board **Pride of America**. An embarkation lunch buffet is served in the Aloha Café. Your stateroom is usually ready around 2 pm. Explore the ship this afternoon. You may want to be on deck or your balcony at 7 pm as we cast off and cruise away from Honolulu. Enjoy your first wonderful dinner on board in one of the two main dining rooms or the five specialty restaurants. Later, take in the entertainment in the Hollywood Theatre or one of the lounges.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: *Pride of America*

Sunday, February 1

Pride of America docks at **Kahului** on the north coast of **Maui**. This is the major shopping centre for Maui residents. The most interesting shore excursion on Maui is to Haleakalā Volcano, ascending 3,055 metres in 37 switchbacks. The summit provides an awesome view and the colourful crater is a photographer's dream. The ship stays docked at Kahului overnight.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: *Pride of America*

Monday, February 2

The ship stays in Kahului all day, sailing this evening.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: *Pride of America*

Tuesday, February 3

The *Pride of America* arrives at **Hilo** on the east coast of **Hawaii, the Big Island**. This is the wet or windward side of the island and has a jungle-like environment. A popular tour here visits several waterfalls such as 135-metre tall Akaka Falls, the Mauna Loa Macadamia Nut Factory, and Richardson Black Sand Beach. In the evening, the ship cruises along the rugged coastline with views of **Kilauea Volcano** which has been erupting regularly since 1983.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: *Pride of America*

Wednesday, February 4

Overnight, we cruise around Hawaii Island and anchor at **Kona** on the west coast and the island's dry side. This is a tender port, meaning that you take a small boat ashore instead of disembarking onto a dock. Do as you wish today – stroll the town or book a shore excursion.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

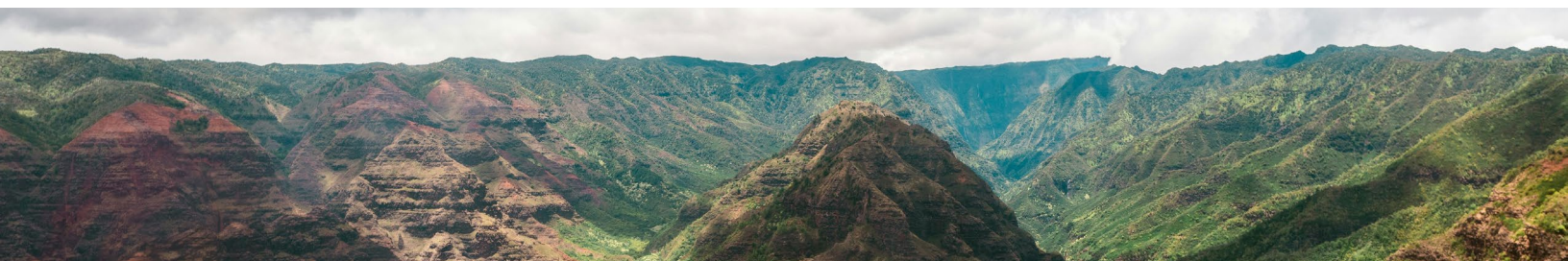
Accommodation: *Pride of America*

Thursday, February 5

Kauai is the westernmost of the five major islands. It is the island where Hawaiians vacation, a circle of steeply rumpled green velvet known for its primeval splendour and nicknamed The Garden Isle. The ship docks at **Nawiliwili Harbor** near Lihue, the largest town. A recommended shore excursion visits awesome Waimea Canyon which is 16 km long, up to 1,000 metres deep, and filled with vivid colours of red and green. The ship stays overnight at the dock.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: *Pride of America*



ITINERARY continued

Friday, February 6

This is a free day to do as you wish while the ship remains in Nawiliwili. Another recommended shore excursion is a boat ride along the Wailua River to the romantic Fern Grotto where several weddings may be held every day. The ship sails this evening. Tonight is our last evening on board *Pride of America* and you may want to reserve an elegant dinner in one of the specialty restaurants.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: *Pride of America*

Saturday, February 7

We arrive back in **Honolulu** and disembark the *Pride of America*. Our coach is waiting and our tour stops at highlights of Honolulu such as the State Capitol Building, Chinatown, Iolani Palace, and Kawaiahau Church. We also drive through **Punchbowl National Cemetery of the Pacific** which honours men and women of the US Armed Forces. There is time for shopping and lunch at Ala Moana Mall. The tour ends at Honolulu Airport, then we fly in mid-afternoon to Vancouver. Passengers from Vancouver travel home, while passengers from the BC Interior and Vancouver Island overnight in Vancouver.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation:   Fairmont YVR Hotel

Sunday, February 8

Passengers from the BC Interior and Vancouver Island travel home.

Meals included:  Lunch

PRIDE OF AMERICA

Pride of America was launched in 2005 and was refurbished in 2025. Carrying 2,180 passengers, she is one of the smaller vessels in the Norwegian fleet of 21 ships. *Pride of America's* gross tonnage is 80,000 and she is 280 metres long with 11 decks and 10 elevators. Facilities include the Hollywood Theatre for live entertainment, 12 bars and lounges, duty-free shops, beauty shop, library, games room, internet access, spa, fitness centre, 2 pools, and 5 hot tubs.

Pride of America is a USA-registered ship which is unusual in the cruise industry. This allows her to operate exclusively in Hawaii, whereas most ships are required, under the Jones Act, to stop at a foreign port during every cruise. There is no casino because of these regulations. She has 927 crew and many are Americans instead of the predominately international staff on other ships.

Pride of America offers 15 places to eat. The complimentary dining rooms include Liberty and Skyline, and Aloha Café is the buffet. The five specialty restaurants are Cagney's Steakhouse, Jefferson's Bistro (French), Moderno (Brazilian), La Cucina (Italian), and Teppanyaki (Asian), each with gourmet menus. Your tour fare includes the extra fee and gratuities for three dinners in these specialty restaurants (balcony bookings

only). You can also dine in the privacy of your stateroom by ordering from the room service menu (extra fee). You can enjoy a different venue for each of your seven dinners on board. You can reserve in advance for specialty restaurants 3 months before sailing, or book as soon as you get on board. You can show up when you are ready for the main restaurants.

Staterooms have television, music, telephone, safe, and bathroom with toilet, sink, and shower or bathtub. A great variety of stage shows is presented in the Hollywood Theatre and Norwegian is known for its extravagant entertainment. Every day has a full schedule of optional activities: dance class, bridge, bingo, shuffleboard, table-tennis, karaoke, board games, and fitness classes.

Your tour fare also includes a beverage package while on the ship – a variety of alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks up to US\$15 each. Gratuities are included. You can order your favourite beverage from your restaurant table or at any lounge. When ordering wine, you can have a glass, but not a bottle.

Other included amenities on board are a US\$100 shipboard credit per stateroom (can be used for any purchases on board), a shore excursion credit of US\$50 per stateroom per tour, and 150 minutes of free internet use.

ROLAND'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Roland and Anne Neave, owners of Wells Gray Tours, travelled on the *Pride of America* in January 2023 and 2020 and have some personal recommendations.

- Consider splurging and booking a suite. The ship has 72 suites of different sizes and layouts. Suites get lots of perks such as breakfast and lunch complimentary in Cagney's, priority seating for dinners, reserved seating in the centre section of Hollywood Theatre until 5 minutes before showtime, daily appetizers delivered at 5 pm, fancy chocolates for bedtime, and even a butler for personal service. If you are interested, our office staff can check for available suites and quote the fare.
- Roland and Anne were impressed with the menu, food, and service in Jefferson's Bistro (French restaurant) and La Cucina (Italian restaurant), but your choices will depend on your culinary preferences.



Pride of America Dining

TOUR & CRUISE NOTES

Please book early: Cruises are incredibly popular nowadays. Ships are filling up faster and earlier than they once did, so waiting too long to book usually means "Sorry, wait till next year." Norwegian has confirmed a block of staterooms for this cruise and they are normally held until 90 days before sailing (late October). However, any unsold staterooms can be taken away from us at any time if the ship or even a category fills. This occurs on most of our group cruises, then we must turn away disappointed customers, even though seats are available on the connecting motorcoach. This cruise is especially popular with travellers staying for an extended time in Hawaii. Therefore, please don't delay booking this tour.

Shore excursions: All your shore excursions should be booked when they become available on Norwegian's website www.ncl.com, usually 3 months prior to the cruise. The popular shore excursions fill up early (such as those mentioned in the itinerary), so booking on board is not possible. There is a shortage of drivers on the islands, so extra coaches seldom get added. Your \$100 shipboard credit (per stateroom) can be used to purchase tours of interest and you get a \$50 discount (per stateroom) on each Norwegian shore excursion. Before and after the cruise, three tours are included on Oahu.

Flight seating: We are unable to take requests for window or aisle seating on the planes. The airline will not accept them, as group seating is assigned as a block. If this is important to you, we suggest you take the "No Flight" option with a fare reduction of \$800 and book your own flight which allows seat selection.

Flight delays or cancellations: In the event flights are delayed or cancelled by airlines due to weather or other reasons, there may be additional costs to you. Wells Gray Tours will not pay for hotel rooms and meals during the delay. Most travel insurance policies cover expenses incurred for airline delays.

Deluxe ocean view rooms are reserved at Waikiki. If you request a lower floor room, there is no view.

Food Allergies on cruises: You must notify us no later than at final payment if you have a food allergy. During the pre-cruise and post-cruise touring, some restaurants may not be able to satisfy all food allergies. An allergy causes medical distress, a preference does not. Most food allergies can be handled at meals on the ship, but you need to order 24 hours in advance. For some allergies, please consider bringing your own snacks or food items so you are not dependent on what restaurants are able to serve.

TOUR POLICIES

Payments: A deposit of \$800 per person is requested at time of booking and balance is due September 24, 2025. By paying the deposit, you agree to the [Terms & Conditions](#), Activity Level and Cancellation Policy outlined. Payments can be made by online banking or cheque (1.5% discount on tour fare), or by Visa or Mastercard (\$5,000 limit per person on credit cards).

Early Booking Bonus: Receive a \$300 discount on the first 12 seats and \$150 on the next 8 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after September 24, 2025.

Cancellation Policy: Up to August 22, 2025, the cancellation charge is \$100 per person. From August 23 to September 24, the cancellation charge is \$300 per person. From September 25 to October 24, the cancellation charge is 40% of the tour fare. From October 25 to November 24, the cancellation charge is 80% of the tour fare. After November 24, there is no refund.

Itinerary and Fare Changes: Our many suppliers may notify us about changes to the itinerary prior to departure and sometimes during the tour. We do our best to substitute a similar service if something cancels, but occasionally the only alternative is to provide a refund for the missed activity. Please note that if we are forced to cancel a tour component due to an issue beyond our control, the current penalties still apply if you choose to cancel the entire tour. Fuel surcharges and changes to taxes, currency exchange rates, or other tour costs can occur at any time, therefore Wells Gray Tours reserves the right to increase fares due to such changes up to departure.

Travel Insurance: A Comprehensive Insurance policy is available through Wells Gray Tours and coverage is provided by Travel Guard. Policies purchased at deposit include a waiver of the pre-existing condition clause for medical and cancellation claims, otherwise policies can be purchased no later than at final payment. Medical questionnaire is not needed. Please contact us for details. If you have your own travel insurance, please read the policy carefully to be sure that you are adequately covered for medical, cancellation, interruption, and luggage. Please do not travel to Hawaii without medical insurance as a minimum.

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Experience Points or E-points: This tour earns 139 e-points. Each time you travel on a Wells Gray tour, you earn e-points that are added to your account after the tour returns. One e-point equals \$1. Redeem your earned points on select tours or accumulate enough points to earn a free tour! Redemptions offered until September 24, 2025.

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