



# AUTHENTIC HAWAII

WITH AN EXCLUSIVE STAY AT A PRIVATE HISTORIC MANSION

November 8-13, 2015



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Hula Dancers



Torch Ginger, Hawaiian Tropical Botanical Gardens



Sea Turtle

## Spend 6 days Exploring The Big Island's Natural Beauty and Significant Sites

### AUTHENTIC HAWAII

Experience a Hawaii that few visitors have the opportunity to get to know. Stay at a privately owned grand Victorian mansion in Hilo's Reed's Island. Surrounded by lush greenery and a private waterfall, the tranquility and relaxation of "island-life" is epitomized here.

From the dramatic volcanic landscape to the vibrant flora and fauna, the scenic beauty of Hawaii is undeniably impressive. Learn about the rich cultural heritage that thrives here today and how locals are preserving their legacies for the generations to come.

Surrounded by tropical vegetation and wildlife, you will wake up to the songs of the tropical kingdom, so alive and refreshing. Hilo rain is magical, from soft and warm to dramatic and powerful. The tranquility of nature and the splendor of *Hilo House* create the ideal sanctuary for relaxation of the body and mind.

The Big Island, surrounded by the Pacific Ocean, is purified daily by soft trade winds and fresh mountain rains. The air and ocean are clean, and most of the natural environment has been protected. It is amazing to watch people's behavior change when they visit Hawaii. From the moment you step off the airplane and breathe in the sweet fragrance of plumeria to swimming in the azure ocean where sand and salt remove needless worries, Hawaii delivers a renewing calm, allowing you to connect with the mana (divine power) of the Big Island.





Aerial View of Big Island

Dear University of Chicago Alumni and Friends,

Join us on an amazing exploration of Hawaii's Big Island with an exclusive stay at a private Victorian mansion located on Reed's Island in historic Hilo.

The grand Victorian home, known as *Hilo House*, is located in the area where native Hawaiian royals used to reside. Built in 1916 by British banker, Thomas Guard, who favored the Victorian plantation style with Greek revival pillars, large lanai (front porch) and spacious rooms; *Hilo House* is a stunning example of the Big Island's colonial architecture. The property has been placed on the National Registry of Historic Places and Hollywood director George Lucas stayed here when shooting *Indiana Jones* in the jungle outside Hilo.

Descend in time to historic Hilo and explore the historical museums, magical waterfalls, authentic shops, galleries and restaurants. This charming coastal city by the bay is known for its friendliness and diversity of residents. Hilo receives nearly 130 inches of rain annually, making it one of the wettest cities on the planet. Combine all the rain with some sunshine and rich volcanic soil and you have the makings of a tropical wonderland. For a well-rounded experience we will also visit academic institutions and cultural organizations working to advance scientific understanding and preserve the rich heritage of the area.

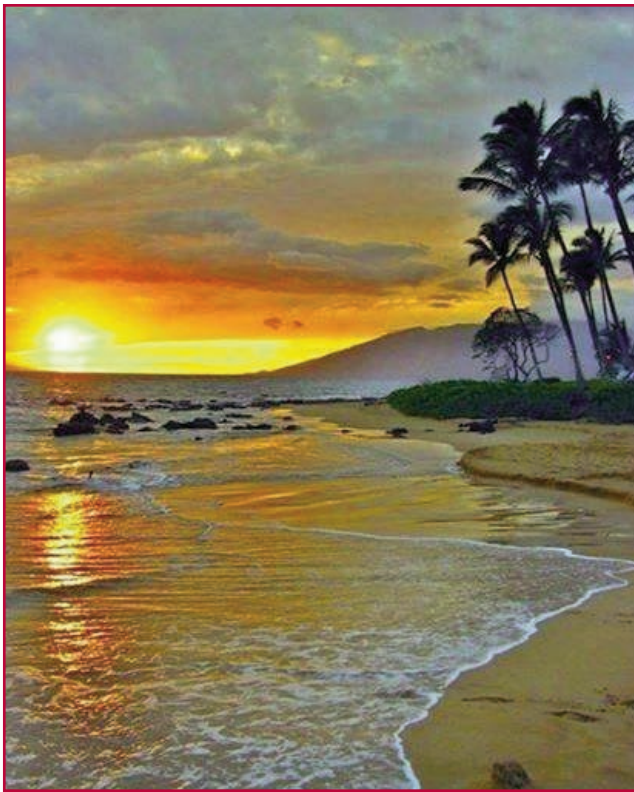
Charlotte Xu Dewar, the owner of this exquisite property and China Advocates, has been assisting alumni associations with insider's cultural tours to China for almost three decades. As seasonal residents of the Big Island for the past 10 years, Charlotte and her late husband Howard, discovered many outstanding sites and activities in their community and around the island. This unique tour is a special opportunity to explore the wonderful sites scouted by Charlotte and Howard and experience authentic island-life from a resident's perspective.

Please join us on this insider's exploration of the Big Island. Since space is limited be sure to get your reservation in today! This enchanting setting will create memories for a lifetime, you will not want to miss them!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kate Heilman".

Kate Heilman  
Associate Director, Travel and Education  
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Big Island Sunset

## AUTHENTIC HAWAII ITINERARY

### November 8 • **Arrival Day - Hilo**

Arrive at Hilo Airport on the Big Island of Hawaii. Transfer to beautiful Reed's Island, to the private home of Charlotte Xu and her late husband Howard Dewar. You will spend five nights at this exclusive grand mansion surrounded by tropical rainforests, waterfalls, rivers carved by volcanoes, and beautiful gardens. The property has significant meaning to Hilo and local communities, and has been placed on the National Registry for Historic Places. Charlotte and Howard dedicated much of their time here to yoga, Taiji, meditation, and other contemplative pursuits, and consequently a sense of tranquility fills this elegant house. The epitome of exclusivity and comfort, this will be your home away from home for the next six days.

In the late afternoon, walk the peaceful

Liliuokalani Gardens named after Hawaii's last reigning monarch, Queen Liliuokalani. Located on Hilo's Banyan Drive, this authentic, 30-acre Japanese garden was dedicated in 1917 as a tribute to Hawaii's first Japanese immigrants who worked in the Hawaii Island sugar cane fields. This beautifully landscaped park features arching red bridges over fishponds, rock gardens, pagodas, Japanese stone lanterns and a teahouse. Views of Hilo Bay and Moku Ola (Coconut Island) enhance the beautiful landscape.

The evening is free and dinner is on your own. If you like, head over to the elegant Hilo Bay Café across the garden. With stunning bay-front views, as land merges into sea, the chef prepares fine contemporary American bistro, Hawaiian, & Japanese cuisines. (meals aloft)

### November 9 • **Imiloa Astronomy Center - Hilo**

After breakfast at the House, visit the world-famous Imiloa Astronomy Center, host of groundbreaking astronomical research. Imiloa is in close collaboration with the scientists at the Mauna Kea observatory, home of 13 of the largest and most advanced telescopes in the world. Tour the facilities with a scientist and learn the on-going scientific and cultural research at the center. Watch a show at the Planetarium on Mauna Kea summit astronomical exploration.

Meet the lively director of the College of Hawaiian Language, for an introduction to their Hawaiian Cultural and Language Preservation program. The program is being tested as a template to restore and preserve indigenous language.

Lunch is at the award winning Café Pesto in downtown Hilo with a colorful menu of locally grown organic greens, freshly caught fish and delicious pasta and pizza.





Liliuokalani Gardens

In the afternoon, tour historic downtown Hilo, Hawaii Island's biggest small town featuring centuries-old wooden storefronts (many of which are on the National Register of Historic Places) housing a variety of sophisticated galleries, shops, restaurants and cultural sites. Start your walk on Kamehameha Avenue facing beautiful Hilo Bay and discover a variety of local shops, restaurants and attractions including the modern aloha wear at Sig Zane Design, the neo-classical Palace Theatre built in 1925, and the bustling Hilo Farmers Market. You'll also find a variety of art galleries featuring paintings, woodwork, glasswork and jewelry from artists with a unique island point of view.

The Pacific Tsunami Museum chronicles the cataclysmic natural disasters of 1946 and 1960 forcing Hilo to rebuild further inland using parkland as a buffer. The Lyman Mission House & Museum features a historic

house built in 1839 by American Christian missionaries.

In the evening, enjoy a home cooked dinner at *Hilo House* (b,d)

*You may enjoy a massage by local therapist before or after dinner.*

November 10 • **Akaka Falls, Waipio Valley**

After breakfast, tour Akaka Falls State Park, 14 miles away along the northeastern Hamakua Coast. Visit two gorgeous waterfalls on one short hike. The pleasant 0.4 mile uphill hike will take you through a lush rainforest filled with wild orchids, bamboo groves and draping ferns.

Follow the paved footpath to the 100 foot Kahuna Falls. Continue to follow the loop around the bend, and you'll discover towering Akaka Falls which plummets 442 feet into a stream-eroded gorge. Beautiful Akaka Falls is perhaps Hawaii Island's most



Halema'uma'u Vent, Volcanoes National Park

famous waterfall. Easily accessible, this hike takes less than an hour.

Drive to Waipio Valley (45-minute ride), a dramatic landscape one mile across and over five miles deep, and surrounded by cliffs up to 2000 feet high. This is the childhood home of King Kamehameha I, and an important center for political and religious life in Hawaii.

Waipio Valley was once the home of thousands of Native Hawaiians. Today, there are less than 100 residents living amongst the waterfalls, taro fields and rivers permeating the valley. Hawaii Island's tallest waterfall, Hiilawe Falls cascades down 1,300 feet in the back of Waipio.

Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant.

In the afternoon, tour the Mauna Kea Observatories, an independent collection of astronomical research facilities located on the summit of Mauna Kea at almost 14,000 feet. The location is ideal for astronomical viewing because of its dark skies, towering position

above most of the water vapor in the atmosphere, clean air, good weather and an almost equatorial location. It is an optimal location for submillimeter, infrared and optical observations. (b & l, dinner box for the summit tour).

*Because of the high altitude, please consult your physician to make sure you are fit for this tour.*

November 11 • **Hawaii Volcanoes National Park**  
Hawaii Volcanoes National Park encompasses two active volcanoes: Kilauea, one of the world's most active volcanoes; and Mauna Loa, the world's most massive volcano. The park gives scientists insight into the birth of the Hawaiian Island and ongoing studies into the processes of volcanism. Experience the dramatic volcanic landscapes and rare flora and fauna found here. In recognition of its outstanding natural values, Hawaii Volcanoes National Park was designated as an International Biosphere



Reserve in 1980 and a World Heritage Site in 1987. The best and closest place to observe a volcanic eruption is from Jaggar Museum overlook, and other vantage points at the summit of Kilauea that provide views of Halema'uma'u Crater.

During daylight, the robust plume of volcanic gas is a constant and dramatic reminder of the molten rock churning in a lava lake beneath the crater floor. After sunset, Halema'uma'u continues to thrill visitors with a vivid glow that illuminates the clouds and the plume as it billows into the night sky.

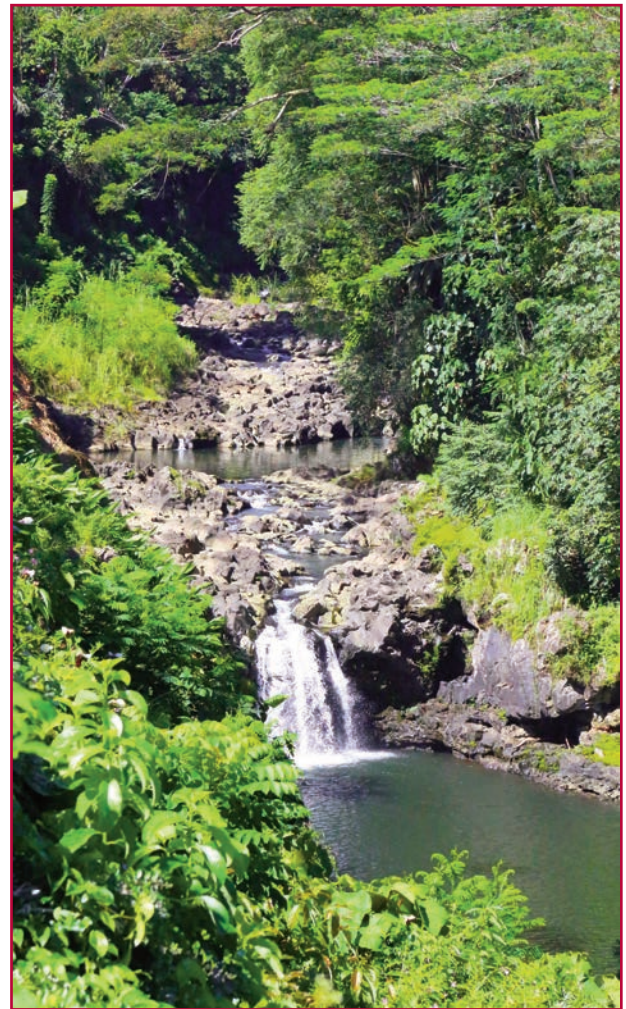
An optional 4 miles hike of Kilauea Iki trail through the crater and lush plants is invigorating for an intimate experience of the volcanic terrain and ecology.

A box lunch with fruit and sandwiches is provided. Enjoy Dinner at the Thai Restaurant at the Volcano Village. This family-owned establishment serves delicious Thai cuisine. Afterwards watch the volcano glow at night near the crater (b,l,d)

November 12 • **Hawaiian Tropical Botanical Garden**  
The morning is free for personal exploration. You enjoy a massage or visit the farmer's market.

In the afternoon, tour the famous "Garden in a Valley on the Ocean" located on the lush Hamakua Coast's 4 Mile Scenic Drive. The Hawaii Tropical Botanical Garden is a museum of living plants that attracts photographers, gardeners, botanists, scientists, and nature lovers from around the world. The Garden's collection of tropical plants is international in scope. Over 2,000 species, representing more than 125 families and 750 genera, are found in this one-of-a-kind garden.

The 40-acre valley is a natural greenhouse, with fertile volcanic soil, and natural protection from tradewinds. Throughout this garden valley, nature trails meander through a true tropical rainforest, crossing bubbling streams, passing



The Private Waterfall at *Hilo House*

several beautiful waterfalls and exciting ocean vistas along the rugged Pacific coast.

Return to Hilo and enjoy a walk on Richardson Beach by the Bay, with miles of rocky seawalls and parks where you'll find locals swimming, diving, surfing, fishing and picnicking.

In the evening, enjoy a special farewell at *Hilo House*, where a delectable Hawaiian banquet accompanied by lively Hawaiian musicians and hula dancers will make for the perfect end to your authentic Hawaiian experience. (b,d)

November 13 • **Depart Hilo**

Depart from Hilo (please note check-out time at *Hilo House* is 10:30 am). (b)

## FACULTY LEADER

**Edward W. “Rocky” Kolb** is the dean of the Division of the Physical Sciences and the Arthur Holly Compton Distinguished Service Professor in the Department of Astronomy and Astrophysics and the College at the University of Chicago as well as a member of the Enrico Fermi Institute and the Kavli Institute for Cosmological Physics. The founding head of the Fermilab Theoretical Astrophysics Group and founding director of the Femilab Center for Particle Astrophysics, Kolb is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the American Physical Society and the recipient of numerous teaching awards. Kolb’s research in the application of elementary particle physics to the very early universe was recognized with the 2010 Dannie Heineman Prize for Astrophysics, awarded by the American Astronomical Society and the American Institute of Physics. His book *The Early Universe*, coauthored with Michael Turner, is the standard textbook on particle physics and cosmology.



## DETAILS ON ACCOMMODATIONS



### PRIVATE SUITES

The two private suites in the mansion have king and queen beds, respectively. Both suites offer gorgeous waterfall views, sitting areas, desks, and private ensuite bathrooms.



### DELUXE ROOMS

The three deluxe rooms in the mansion have queen beds, a sitting area, a desk, and private bathrooms.



### ALOHA ROOMS

The two aloha rooms in the mansion have queen and twin beds, respectively with a shared bathroom, and day beds for additional seating. These rooms are perfect for a family or friends traveling together.







Howard Dewar and Charlotte Xu, founders of China Advocates



Relax in the light-filled and inviting living room



The open and spacious dining room



Enjoy the songs of the tropical kingdom outside your front door from the Lanai



Veranda with desk and art studio area



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### **Pricing**

***Tour quotation, per passenger, based upon double occupancy:***

<b>Deluxe Room - 3 available</b>	<b>\$2,990</b>	
	Single Supplement	\$990
<b>Private Suite - 2 available</b>	<b>\$3,290</b>	
	Single Supplement	\$1,390
<b>Aloha Room - 2 available</b>	<b>\$2,690</b>	
	Single Supplement	\$890

***\*\*Total 7 rooms that can accommodate up to 14 people.***

***US domestic or international air may be purchased via Airtreks, a ticket consolidator in SF.***

Main tour prices are quoted for a group of at least 8 paying passengers.

#### **Included:**

- All group sight-seeing, cultural activities, entrance fees and meals listed on tour
- Private evening excursion to Mauna Kea Observatory
- Double occupancy accommodations in a private mansion on Reed's Island in Hilo
- Local guides/drivers
- Gratuities to local guides/drivers on the main tour
- Tour manager/property manager in Hilo

#### **Not included:**

- Trip cancellation, lost baggage, or medical insurance
- Meals not listed on tour
- Wine, liquor and other items of a personal nature
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**days prior to departure, no refund is made.**

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*Itinerary is subject to modification.*

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## Tour Reservation Form

University of Chicago Alumni Association Program

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Enclosed is a deposit for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$700 per person) to hold \_\_\_\_\_ place(s).

Please make checks payable to *China Advocates*. Final payment is due August 10, 2015.

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**Accommodations:** ☐ Single

☐ I need assistance in securing a roommate

☐ Double

(I understand that if a roommate cannot be secured for me, I agree to pay the single supplement fee(s).)

**Rooming Request:** ☐ Private Suite

☐ Deluxe Room

☐ Aloha Room

I/We understand that, by signing below, I/we acknowledge that the Responsibilities and Conditions section of this brochure has been read and accepted.

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