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Escape the cold weather!

HAWAII QUILT TOUR

February 24 – March 04, 2012

HAWAII, The Big Island

MAUI, The Valley Isle

OAHU, The Gathering Place

Your tour includes:

- 4 nights at the Royal Kona Resort
- 3 nights at the Ka'anapali Beach Hotel
- 2 nights at the Outrigger Reef on the Beach on Waikiki

Hotels

- Breakfast each morning
- ***4 dinners/luau, as noted in the itinerary
- ALL group tours and activities
- ALL airport transfers in Hawaii
- ALL luggage handling at hotels
- ALL land travel by private motorcoach on the islands
- Group flights within Hawaii (Kona to Maui & Maui to Honolulu)
- Classes in Kona and Maui with all supplies provided
- Trunk show with Sylvia Pippen
- Honolulu City Tour
- Escorted by a professional tour leader
- Lots of fabric shopping...and more!



Aloha!

*Do you get the February doldrums?
We've got a cure!*

*Join us on our tour of paradise, where the air is balmy,
flowers are in full bloom and the atmosphere is truly tropical!*

Your Tour Itinerary:

Feb 24, Fri

To avoid confusion with the name of the entire state, this island of Hawaii is called the **BIG ISLAND**, and what an appropriate name it is. Bigger than all of the other Hawaiian Islands combined, its sheer size can be intimidating. You'll find 11 of the world's 13 climactic zones within this island's shores.

The **ROYAL KONA RESORT** is set on twelve oceanfront acres overlooking Kailua Bay in the heart of historic Kona town. During your four-night stay at the resort, there will time to relax on the decks of the oceanfront, split-level swimming pool or enjoy the private beach and saltwater swimming lagoon.

You may arrange your flight to arrive at **KONA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT** at any time today. Traveling Together will provide you with information on how to make your individual transfer reservation that will get you from the Kona International Airport to the Royal Kona Resort. Should you want to arrive in Kona prior to February 24th, we have rooms available at the cost of \$97 per person for a double room and \$176 for a single, including breakfast and taxes.

Feb 25, Sat

After waking up to a glorious Hawaiian sunrise, you'll enjoy breakfast in the hotel's open-air restaurant, located at the waters edge. Then it's time to meet everyone on the tour before beginning **A DAY FILLED WITH QUILTING ACTIVITIES!**

A big thank you goes to Dawn Castelli of the Aloha Quilters for her guidance in arranging many of the activities during our stay in Kona!

LISA LOUISE ADAMS is a quilter, painter, potter, printmaker, bookmaker, papermaker, jeweler and poet. She lives in the lush rainforest village of Volcano, on the Big Island of Hawaii. Her work has been displayed in numerous invitational and juried exhibitions locally, nationally and internationally for almost twenty years. Lisa has taught at International Quilt Festival in Houston and her work has been featured in several quilt publications. Learn more about Lisa and her accomplishments at <http://www.lisalouiseadams.com/about.htm>
Lisa will be teaching a workshop using traditional English paper-piecing with Hawaiian fabric. All supplies will be provided for this unique project and it will make a great souvenir of your time spent on the Big Island. Lisa has offered to bring some of her collection to show, along with a selection of her work that will be available for purchase.

SYLVIA PIPPEN lives on the Big Island of Hawaii surrounded by the azure Pacific Ocean and a garden full of exuberant tropical fruit and flowers. Having been a gardener most of her life, she considers quilting an extension of her passion for plants and designs quilts. <http://www.sylvia-pippen.com/>

Sylvia will be presenting a trunk show that reflects the beauty and diversity of the islands. In keeping with the polyglot culture of Hawaii, Sylvia likes to mix-up quilt traditions...contemporary sashiko, a Tahitian curved border, traditional Japanese Kamon designs, the symmetry of Hawaiian quilts. After working as a gardener at the National Tropical botanical Garden on Kauai, she turned to teaching and designing patterns and fabric kits full time. Sylvia will have some of her patterns and kits available for sale.

LORETTA (LORI) PASCO is Raintree Hawaii's designer and owner of Quilt Hawaiian.com. After having done handwork all her life, Lori learned Hawaiian quilting. It soon became a passion...and Raintree of Hawaii was born.

"Hawaiian quilting is a gift from the women of the islands that is appreciated greatly by those who are continuing on in the art. Because it is a living art form, there will always be changes and innovations. We have so many products and fabrics available to us today, and those involved in design work are combining them creatively with the legacy of the traditional quilt. My internet store, Quilt Hawaiian.com is my way of sharing wonderful contemporary Hawaiian quilt designs with the rest of the world." Lori has graciously offered to bring quilt patterns, kits, and some of her artwork to our afternoon event! <http://www.quilthawaiian.com/about.htm>

***Dinner tonight will be at the Royal Kona Resort

Feb 26, Sun

You will have the entire day to enjoy the many activities offered on **THE BIG ISLAND**. Some of the most popular tours include Volcano National Park, helicopter rides over the island, and snorkeling. Peak whale-watching season continues through March, with boat trips that combine sailing and a chance to view the Humpback whales in their natural habitat. If relaxing is more your style, the options are endless!

Feb 27, Mon

We begin our day with a spectacular scenic drive up to the cloud forest on Mount Hualalai, home to the **MOUNTAIN THUNDER COFFEE PLANTATION**. Our tour guide will introduce you to what it takes to make a cup of Premium 100% Kona Coffee, including the showing of Discovery Channel's Mike Rowe as he tours the farm and its facilities from composting to cup. The cloud forest has an elevation of 3000 feet and can be quite cold, so be sure to bring along a sweater or jacket for this morning's outing.

Our next stop is **KIMURA'S**. The following is from Frommer's online review: "This old-fashioned general store is one of those places you'll be glad you found -- a store with spirit and character, plus everything you need and don't need. You'll see Hawaii's finest selection of yardage, enough cookware for a multi-course dinner, aspirin, Shiseido cosmetics, and an eye-popping assortment of buttons, zippers, and quilting materials. Irene Kimura, the family matriarch, who presided over the store for more than 60 years until she passed away, said she quit counting the fabric bolts at 8,000 but estimated there were more than 10,000. Kimura's is the spot for pareu and Hawaiian fabrics, brocades, silks, and offbeat gift items, such as Japanese china and *tabi*, the comfortable cloth footwear."

After time for lunch we'll drive back to Kona for a visit to **QUILT PASSIONS**, a shop specializing in quality batik fabrics and patterns from local designers. *Quilt Sampler* magazine has chosen Quilt Passions as one of the 10 top quilt shops in the country and the shop will be featured in the May issue of the magazine.

Spectacular oceanfront views, a vibrant Hawaiian sunset and the sound of waves lapping against the lava rocks provide a stunning backdrop for a luau tonight at the Royal Kona Resort. A Luau is traditionally a gathering of family and friends for a ***Hawaiian feast. **LAVA, LEGENDS AND LEGACIES POLYNESIAN LUAU** includes a traditional Imu (underground oven) presentation, with music and dance, as the performers pay tribute to the fascinating legends and journeys of the South Pacific and Hawaii.

Feb 28, Tue

We depart Kona this morning for a flight to **MAUI, THE VALLEY ISLE**. You'll see why it got that designation as you come in for a landing at Kahalui Airport.

Fabric shopping is first on our schedule! Not far from the airport is the large, and very well stocked **FABRIC MART OF MAUI** and then we continue on to the Queen Ka'ahumanu Center for a visit to **SEW SPECIAL**. The shop has a large selection of fat quarters, in addition to their other Hawaiian fabrics.

No trip to Maui would be complete without visiting historic **LAHAINA TOWN**. Front Street still retains much of the charm of the old whaling days. You'll find every kind of souvenir, Hawaiian print clothing, art galleries galore, and many shops with kits and items with Hawaiian appliqué. You'll have time to browse in this quaint little village before driving to the Ka'anapali resort area.

The **KA'ANAPALI BEACH HOTEL** has been recognized as the "Most Hawaiian Hotel" by the Waiaha Foundation based on over 100 criteria. The Hawaii Tourism Authority has presented the "He Kuleana Ke Aloha" award to the hotel for demonstrating an ongoing responsibility, commitment and dedication to honoring and perpetuating the Hawaiian culture for generations to come. They are the only hotel to receive either of these honors.

Each of the ocean view rooms have traditional island décor with a private balcony or lanai. A variety of Hawaiian activities are scheduled daily and every night at sunset the blowing of conch shells signals the beginning of the nightly hula show in the Tiki Courtyard. From 6:00pm you'll enjoy a complimentary performance of Hawaiian music and a hula show. The Ka'anapali Beach Hotel will be our home for the next 3 nights

Feb 29, Wed

Hawaiian appliqué opens a whole new design world for your quilts and today you will have an introductory class in the art of Hawaiian appliqué with an instructor from The Maui Quilt Shop. You will be able to select from one of three **TRADITIONAL HAWAIIAN APPLIQUÉ** patterns and everything you need for a finished 18" x 18" pillow or wall hanging, will be furnished.

The class will not take all day, so you may want to participate in one of the hotel's daily scheduled activities, enjoy the whale-shaped pool, or take a stroll along the beach walkway to the nearby beach cafés and shops at Whaler's Village.

Our group ***dinner this evening will be at the hotel in the Tiki Terrace Restaurant.

Mar 01, Thu

Today is yours to **ENJOY MAUI** at your own pace! Our hotel has a wonderful activities desk where you can reserve any one of the many tours offered on the island. You might like to take the famous Road to Hana, a trip up to Haleakala to watch the sunrise and even arrange to have a bicycle ready for you to ride back down the mountain. You can combine whale watching with a snorkel trip to Molokini, a reef that is actually the tip of an ancient volcano, or you can do a shorter whale-watching boat trip. For a minimal charge you can take a local shuttle to the Ka'anapali Station of the "Sugar Cane Train", a vintage steam locomotive reminiscent of the engines used to haul sugar cane from island fields to the mill at the turn of the century. The train will take you into Lahaina Town if you didn't have enough time on Tuesday to browse through the shops and galleries. Then again, you may want to relax on the beautiful grounds of the hotel and work on one of the quilt projects that you started in class.

Mar 02, Fri

Our morning flight takes us from Maui to **OAHU, "THE GATHERING PLACE"** and home of the famous Waikiki Beach. Although Oahu is the third largest island, it is home to the majority of Hawaii's diverse population with a fusion of East and West cultures rooted in the values and traditions of the native Hawaiian people. This is the island of activity.

The first stop in the bustling city of Honolulu will be **FABRIC MART**. If you haven't found the perfect Hawaiian fabric yet, you will be sure to find it here!

Our coach driver will take us on a **PANORAMIC TOUR OF HONOLULU**, before checking into the Outrigger Reef on the Beach.

The hotel recently underwent a 100-million dollar renovation and is located right on Waikiki Beach, in the heart of the city. **OUTRIGGER REEF ON THE BEACH** is just steps away from the exciting, new Waikiki Beach Walk™ promenade, offering visitors the opportunity to revel in the unique heritage of Hawaii and features an array of world-famous shops and distinguished restaurants. The Outrigger Reef features a spa, swimming pool, whirlpool spa, restaurants, along with offering water activities that include snorkeling, high-speed sailing excursions along the Oahu coast, and outrigger catamarans.

Mar 03, Sat

Today is the time to see what interests you most, in **A CITY WITH MANY CHOICES**. You may want to visit Pearl Harbor and the Arizona Memorial, the Honolulu Zoo, the famous Ala Moana Shopping Mall, or purchase a day pass on the Waikiki Trolley that offers hop-on, hop-off service to over 30 places around the city. Stroll along Kalakaua Avenue with its upscale boutiques and distinctive stores, making a stop at the famous International Market Place.

Our farewell ***dinner this evening will be at the **OUTRIGGER'S OCEAN HOUSE RESTAURANT**. Located oceanfront, this open-air restaurant will be a wonderful way to spend our last evening in Paradise!

Mar 04, Sun

It's time to pack up and return to the mainland. You will be provided information for arranging your transfer to **HONOLULU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT** that allows you to arrange your departure to the mainland at any time today.

Due to the time difference and depending on your flight departure and destination, you may not arrive home until Monday, March 5th.

Tour Price:

\$ 3,199 per person, double occupancy

\$ 967 single supplement

Your tour price includes:

Group flights within Hawaii (Kona to Maui & Maui to Honolulu)

Please note in our Terms and Conditions: When the cost of air is included or group space is offered at an advertised price ~ Due to the possible increase in the cost of airline fuel surcharges and airline taxes, the tour participant is responsible for these increases.

Not included: your air arrangements to and from Hawaii.

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