

NATIONAL FESTIVAL OF THE STATES IN HAWAII

# 80<sup>th</sup> Pearl Harbor

ANNIVERSARY





# An Exclusive Concert Series



The National Festival of the States is an annual concert series developed by Music Celebrations in various cities throughout the United States. These performance tours are supported by local government offices, community organizations, tourist boards, and the like. Such affiliations offer a more memorable musical, cultural and educational experience for recommended ensembles (both instrumental and vocal) to perform in different venues in the most historic cities and celebrate the founding, history, and institutions of the United States! In 2021, the concert series is part of the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary commemoration of the Pearl Harbor attack that brought the United States into World War II.

It's no doubt that the Hawaiian culture has left an indelible mark in history. From the skillful, innovative ways of Polynesian sea voyaging to the ancient traditions of the Hawaiian ohana (family), we continuously learn from our ancestors. The Hawaiian language is now being taught throughout Hawai'i schools, and the legacy of the Hawaiian monarchy is still revered today. The revitalization of the Hawaiian culture continues to remind that the past clearly defines the present. There are many ways to connect with both contemporary and historical cultural activities throughout each island.

Music Celebrations International will create for your performance ensemble an unforgettable tour that will introduce you to the music and culture of Hawai'i and its Polynesian roots. Amid the beauty of the Islands is incredible history, from King Kamehameha to the memorials of Pearl Harbor. Imagine your performance group performing at the Pearl Harbor Memorial Visitors Center or at the Polynesian Cultural Center. Perhaps you would enjoy a choral or instrumental workshop at the University of Hawai'i or maybe a visit to a local school for a cultural exchange and concert.

The National Festival of the States can make these possible for your performing ensemble! Participating groups are chosen on the basis of recommendation from state and national music educators, governors' and senators' offices and by audition. Selected groups perform in prestigious venues with maximum audience potential.

Whereas our usual Hawaiian performance tours are on the island of Oahu, we can easily create a customized tour that also includes one or more of the other nearby islands.

Everyone should experience Hawai'i - and your band, orchestra, choir or dance troupe can, through the expertise of Music Celebrations International!



# Sample Itinerary

## Day One:

- Arrive at Honolulu International Airport
- Meet your Tour Manager, who will escort you through the duration of your activities
- Transfer to your Waikiki hotel for check-in
- Evening Welcome Pizza Party and overnight

## Day Two:

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Travel out to Oahu's most famous landmark, Diamond Head, and experience the exhilarating climb to the summit. An expert guide will direct you up to the 763 ft. summit for a spectacular panoramic view
- Lunch, on own
- Head back to the hotel for some time at leisure. You have the afternoon to enjoy a sailing adventure, surf lesson or to relax on the beach
- Enjoy a beach BBQ dinner as you listen to Hawaiian Ukulele Music
- Evening scavenger hunt through Waikiki that will provide knowledge of its history and culture. You'll be separated into teams with chaperones (who must participate), given a treasure map, and a clue sheet
- Return to your hotel for overnight

## Day Three:

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Depart for Pearl Harbor and the USS Arizona Memorial. Today you will learn one of our country's most valuable history lessons - how men and women gave their lives on December 7, 1941 "The Day of Infamy"
- Eat lunch under the shade of Monkey Pod Trees. During lunch, you will have an educational presentation by a WWII Historian
- ***Performance at the Pacific Historic Parks Visitor Center as part of the National Festival of the States***
- After your performance gather for an uplifting flag folding ceremony
- Enjoy a panoramic drive including The National Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl), Washington Place which is the Governor's Mansion, the State Capitol Building, Iolani Palace and the King Kamehameha Statue
- ***Performance at Ala Moana Center Stage as part of the National Festival of the States***
- Evening Japanese style dinner. Watch as your Teppanyaki Chef prepares Japanese Steakhouse beef and chicken for you to enjoy
- Return to the hotel for an evening on your own

## Day Four:

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Morning Eastern Shores Island Tour will start around Diamond Head, Hawaii's most famous landmark and into the Beverly Hills of Hawaii, continuing to the Blowhole - where water can spout hundreds of feet in the air - and then to the Pali Lookout, where wind can blow so strong you can almost fly
- Lunch, on own
- Afternoon at leisure for sightseeing, shopping or time at the beach
- Attend an Authentic Hawaiian Luau where you will be doing the hula, enjoying traditional Hawaiian foods, music, and entertainment
- Return to the hotel for overnight

## Day Five:

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Time permitting, morning at leisure for sightseeing, shopping or time to relax on the beach
- Changing rooms and optional tours will be available for this day
- Transfer to the airport for return flight





*My group was thrilled with everything. Loved the Scavenger Hunt and Catamaran ride (saw dozens of dolphins), surfing, treasure hunt, and cultural center. We had the best Tour Manager ever! Bea went out of her way to make our trip enjoyable and care-free. Always there and organized. My group loved her and considered her a friend. Very pleased with the sightseeing. I felt we saw a lot and got a good feel for the culture of the island.*

**Carol Baird, Director  
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*Thank you so much for all your company has done for us with our tour. We had a great trip. You are one of the best companies I have ever worked with. Your company's attention to detail is unrivaled by anyone else. Thank you so much!*

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