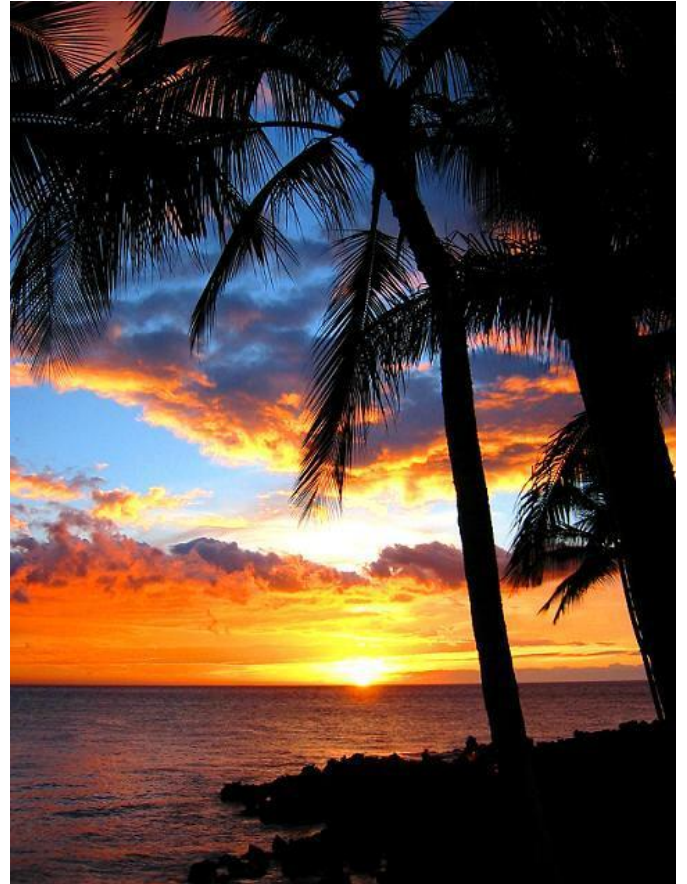




# National Festival of the States OAHU, HAWAI'I

**A unique musical opportunity for performance ensembles**



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**Music Celebrations International**  
Concert Tours with Integrity

# AN EXCLUSIVE CONCERT SERIES FESTIVAL

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!



It's no doubt that the Hawaiian culture has left an indelible mark in history. From the skilful, 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 Polynesian Cultural Center or next to the U.S.S. Missouri. 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!

A director said this about his recent tour to Hawai'i:

*"Awesome trip! Whatever you pay your Hawaiian crew is not enough. By far the best trip we've ever had. Hawai'i aside, I've never worked with a group more organized and prepared as MCI's staff. They made sure I enjoyed myself and I did. Amazing trip and I will do it again. Thanks for doing such a great job!"*



# SAMPLE TOUR

5 Nights / 6 Days

## DAY ONE – ALOHA AND WELCOME TO HAWAII

Arrive at Honolulu International Airport where you will be greeted with a Traditional Flower Lei. Luggage will be collect and we depart for our Waikiki Hotel. Tonight we will have a Poolside Pizza Party with your local Tour Manager. This will include an informative briefing to go over hotel rules, local area shopping and safety.

## DAY TWO – WIKI WACKY IN WAIKIKI

Full American Breakfast at the hotel. Today you will say Aloha as you set sail on a Barefoot Beach Catamaran Cruise. You will board a 40-foot sailing catamaran right on the beach in Waikiki, sail out past Diamond Head listening to jamming tunes as waves splash the decks. Head back to the hotel for some free time. You have the day to enjoy a sailing adventure, surf lesson or sit back and relax having some fun in the Hawaiian sun. Tonight is your chance to get Wiki Wacky in Waikiki. You'll be separated into teams with chaperones, given a treasure map, a clue sheet and a dinner allowance. Now it's off to scavenger Waikiki to be the ultimate race team.

## DAY THREE – PRIDE OF THE U.S.A.

Full American 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." Now that you have seen the cause for the United States of America entering WWII, grab your bag lunch and go see the end. Eat our lunch under large Indian Banyan Trees with a spectacular view of one of our country's famous war ships, the USS Battleship Missouri. *Performance of patriotic tunes on the deck of the "Mighty Mo" as part of the National Festival of the States.* After your performance, enjoy touring this enormous ship and walk on the surrender deck where General MacArthur signed the treaty to end WWII in Tokyo Bay. Depart for the hotel with a short drive through 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. Depart for the world's largest outdoor shopping mall. You will have plenty of time to explore the shops. *Performance at Center Stage as part of the National Festival of the States.* Then you will go to "RUN WITH FOREST" at the Bubba Gump Shrimp Company for dinner.

## DAY FOUR – BEAUTY OF THE ISLANDS

Full American Breakfast at the hotel. Today you're off to see the beauty of the islands. Your Eastern Shores Island Tour will start around Diamond Head, 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. We'll make a stop at Hilo Hattie's, "The Store of Hawaii." Arriving back at your hotel you'll have some time to grab lunch on your own and spend some time having fun in the Hawaiian Sun. Ready to do the Hula? Tonight we are going to an Authentic Hawaiian Luau where you will be doing the hula, enjoying traditional Hawaiian foods, music, entertainment and gracious island hospitality.

## DAY FIVE – PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE ISLANDS

Full American 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 where you will experience a spectacular panoramic view. You will then head down to the beach with the Happy Hawaiians to learn the history and culture of the hula motions that tell the story of the songs. Gather together tonight and say Aloha at a Beach BBQ with Hawaiian flare. We will also announce the winner of the Wiki Wacky Scavenger Hunt with an Authentic Hawaiian Trophy.

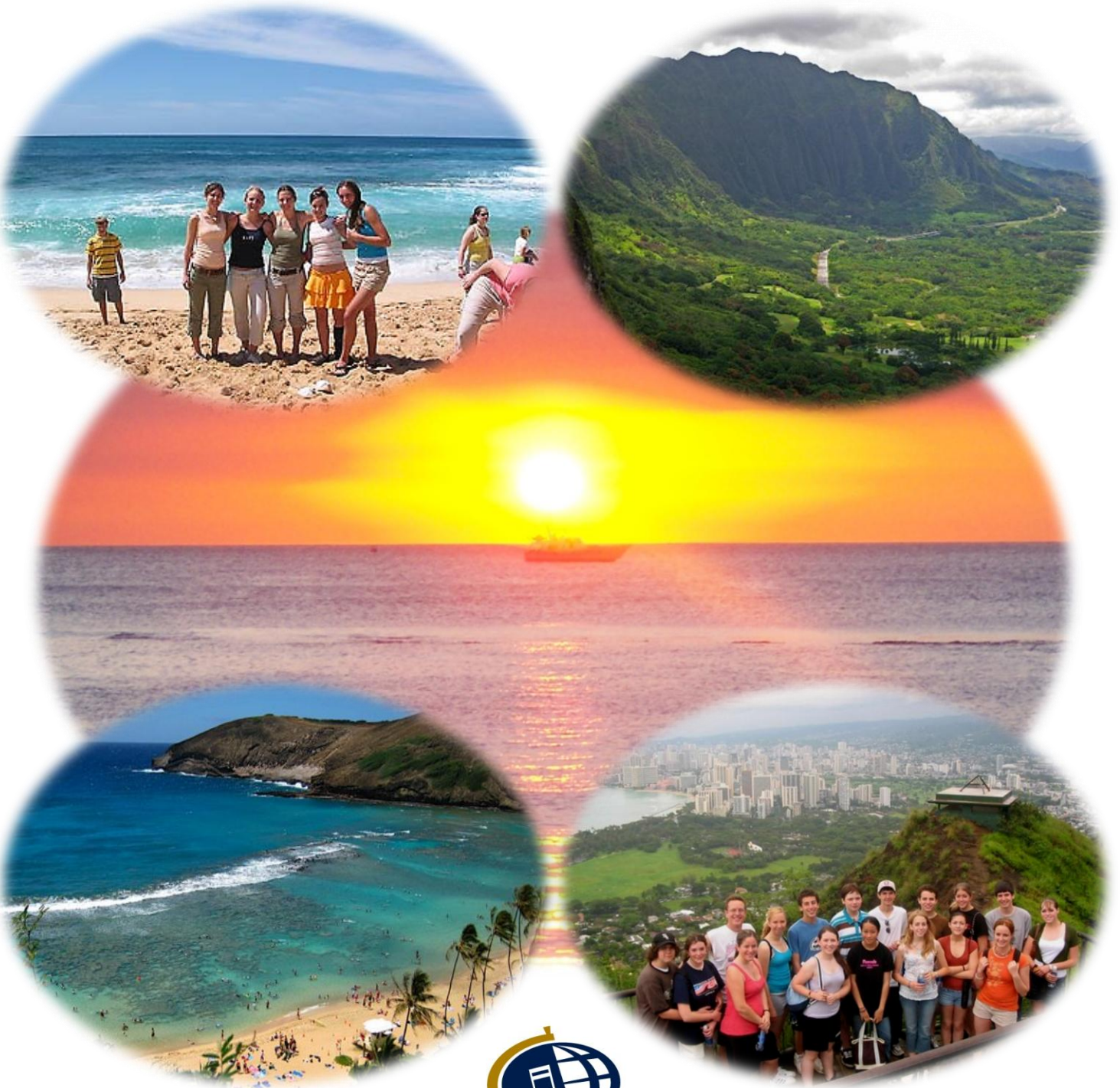
## DAY SIX – ALOHA AND GOODBYE

Full American Breakfast at the hotel. Today is departure day. We bid you Aloha and a Big Mahalo for visiting the islands, hope you have a safe journey home and take some of the Mana (Hawaiian Spirit) with you.

*This is a very flexible itinerary. Five-day and seven-day options are available. Except for confirmed appointments and performances, the places of interest and the sequence of sightseeing might be changed if necessary or desirable. In the event of an unavoidable conflict in the performance and the sightseeing schedule, the concert schedule will prevail, and it may be necessary to exclude some sightseeing activities.*



# SEE YOU AT THE BEACH!



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