

# Port Description

## Oahu/Honolulu, Hawaii



- Dock:** Crystal Symphony will be docked at Pier 10-11, opposite the Aloha Tower.
- Distance to town:** Downtown Honolulu and Waikiki Beach are approximately 15 to 20 minutes by car.
- Shuttle Bus:** A complimentary shuttle bus will be available in Honolulu. The shuttle service will be operating approximately every 20 to 30 minutes between Crystal Symphony and the Ala Moana shopping center. Please check the daily *Reflections* for an updated shuttle schedule.
- Taxis:** Taxis are available outside the terminal building and are metered.
- Currency:** The local currency is the United States Dollar. Credit Cards are widely accepted.
- Shopping:** The best shopping complex in Honolulu is Ala Moana Shopping Center. A large variety of souvenir shops, boutiques and open markets are to be found in Waikiki.
- Local Crystal Cruises' Port Representative:** Waldron Norton Lilly Ltd. Tel.: (808) 545 2466 105.



"Aloha" and welcome to Oahu, Hawaii's great "gathering place". Asian- and American-influenced cultures combine to create a lifestyle where the tropical tempos of Polynesia prevail and the aloha spirit pervades every aspect of the culture. Honolulu and Oahu are the center of island life and boast sandy beaches, endearing smiles and exotic tropical flowers. Nearby, elegant resorts and towering high-rises line the gentle curve of Waikiki Beach. In the distance, majestic Diamond Head Crater lies on the horizon beyond Crystal Symphony. The choices are many. Relive the historic events of Pearl Harbor, explore tropical rainforests or witness the creation of island culinary magic.

### **Iolani Palace**

A Hawaiian national treasure and the only official state residence of royalty in the United States, Iolani Palace was the official residence of the Hawaiian Kingdom's last two monarchs, King Kalakaua, who built the Palace in 1882, and his sister and successor, Queen Lili'uokalani. During the monarchy period, the Palace was the center of social and political activity in the Kingdom of Hawaii. In 1893, this building was designated as the capital, first for the republic, then for the territory and later for the state of Hawaii. Iolani Palace became very popular to many house holds worldwide as it was the set for Jack Lord's office in the television series Hawaii Five-O.

*Located on King Street, Iolani Palace is closed on the day of call.*

### **Punchbowl National Memorial**

From Punchbowl you are gazing at history everywhere you look. You may see the lively stretch of Waikiki beach and its hotels, the great expansion of Honolulu downtown area and the tall peak of Diamond Head. In the crater is the National Cemetery of the Pacific, know by the Hawaiians as Puowaina, the "hill of sacrifice". This old crater floor is now a velvety green resting place for over 25,000 victims of three American wars; World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War.

*Located on Puowaina Street.*

### **Pearl Harbor**

The USS Arizona was one of seven battle ships tied up along "Battleship Row" on the southeast shore of Ford Island when the first wave of the Japanese attack began. The USS Bowfin submarine and the Missouri Battle ship Memorial are also located in this harbor. Pearl Harbor and the USS Arizona Memorial remain top tourist destinations in Hawaii with over 1,500,000 visitors annually. The addition to the Battleship Missouri, the 1999 opening of the USS Missouri Memorial has further enhanced the importance of this historic area. The optimum time of the day to visit the Memorial is early in the morning. Due to the popularity of this site, crowding and lines can be anticipated.

*Located in Pearl Harbor. The Arizona Memorial is open daily from 7:00am to 5:00pm. Guests should expect wait times of up to two hours to view the short documentary film and board the shuttle launch out to the Arizona memorial.*

### **Aloha Tower**

The top-floor observation deck of the Aloha Tower offers sweeping views of Honolulu's big commercial harbor and downtown area. Built in 1926, the 10 storey Aloha Tower is a Honolulu landmark. For years it was the city's tallest building. The Aloha Tower presides over a large open shopping complex filled with bars and restaurants.

*Located right next to where the ship is docked.*

### **Beaches**

The south shore coastline is known for its many family beaches like Ala Moana Beach - also, the state's principal and renowned tourism "mecca," Waikiki. Activities like snorkeling, tide pooling, swimming, and any general ocean recreation are all popular on the South Shore. This shore is a good place to learn and improve your aquatic skills. The north shore coastline is blessed with pristine white sand beaches, is known for its world-class surfing, body boarding, and body surfing and the spectacular sunsets at Sunset Beach.

*Please note that listed attractions are independent and opening hours are subject to change.*

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