

Need to Know: Hawaiian Islands



E Komo Mai! (Welcome!)

Throughout your journey, you'll go up-close to the natural wonders and culture of the Hawaiian Islands—some of the most treasured islands in the world. Our enthusiastic crew will enrich you with knowledge and immerse you in fun.

Below, you'll find important travel information and details about your expedition vessel that will help with your trip preparation. At any time during your adventure, direct questions to your captain or expedition leader.

Important Travel Information

IDENTIFICATION

Submit Identification & Emergency Contact information for each traveler to our office via the Online Guest Forms available on our [Guest Portal at UnCruise.com/guest-forms](https://www.uncruise.com/guest-forms).

Passports / Visas

All guests need legal government-issued photo ID or a valid passport to board the vessel. Passport and visa requirements are dependent on your travel destinations and nationality.

Most countries require that your passport be valid 6 months beyond your arrival into that country. It is your responsibility to verify entry requirements. Failure to do so could result in denial of entry into that country.

U.S. Citizens or permanent residents: If traveling exclusively inside U.S. borders, a passport or visa is not required.

Other Nationalities: Passports are required to enter the U.S. Check with your local embassy or your travel destination's consulate to confirm visa requirements and obtain the proper visa.

Homeland Security

Laws and procedures in effect for all passengers boarding SOLAS vessels (Safety of Life at Sea) are:

- No one is allowed on board the vessels without prior permission or checking-in with the captain.
- Untagged luggage will be searched; any luggage is subject to search. Please properly tag all luggage and carry-on bags.

Boarding Vouchers

We pride ourselves on being intimate and small enough to make your trip as easy and worry-free as possible. Therefore, vouchers for services are not necessary. Your name will appear on transfer and boarding manifests.

Delays & Emergency Contacts

In case of travel delays to the ship, contact our Seattle office during business hours (6:00-6:00 PT/Monday-Friday; 7:00-4:00 PT/Saturday) at 888-862-8881. After hours, call: 872-704-0690.

Family/friends can use these numbers for emergencies requiring you to be contacted during your voyage. Our Seattle staff will relay a message to the ship or our land operators.

Medical

If you have a physical disability, require on-going or frequent medical attention, or take special medications complete the Medical Needs section of your Online Guest Forms: [UnCruise.com/guest-forms](https://www.uncruise.com/guest-forms).

While crew members are trained in first aid, there isn't a doctor on board. Your ship is equipped with emergency first-aid supplies. Any emergency beyond the capability of the crew will be handled by motoring and/or air services to the nearest medical facility. Any costs for emergency evacuations or service are the responsibility of the traveler.

Seasickness

In the event of high winds or some open water crossings, you may experience seasickness. The seasickness medication provided on board is not recommended for children.

Luggage

It is your responsibility to check directly with your airline and departing airports for current regulations concerning prohibited items, luggage allowances, overweight baggage and other airline charges.

UnCruise Adventures representatives will handle and transfer your luggage once you arrive for embarkation. However, baggage handling services may be unavailable within restricted areas of airports, so it is a good rule not to pack more than you can carry or wheel yourself.

Transfers

Roundtrip group transfers between airport/hospitality area/ship are included on embarkation and disembarkation days.

Recommendations

Make photocopies of important documents, including passports, or save photos of documents on your smartphone/camera. Keep copies separate from originals. Keep essential items with you in your carry-on bags while traveling.

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Life on Board

Cruising Philosophy

Our intimate size gives us access to secluded passages, coves, and wilderness areas—allowing for spontaneity and the ability to take advantage of opportunities as they arise. A day's schedule may change when wildlife or adventure opportunities present themselves. Your captain and expedition leader will keep you informed throughout the cruise.

Activities

Throughout your voyage, activities such as naturalist led hiking, kayaking, snorkeling, paddle boarding, and small skiff excursions are available at activity levels ranging from beginner to intermediate. You should be able to comfortably walk distances of at least 1/2-mile at a time. A certain amount of agility is necessary when boarding your ship, kayaks, motorized skiffs, or hiking over exposed vegetation and rocks on trails. All activity equipment is provided.

Gratuities

Recommended gratuities for exceptional service are **\$250 per guest, per week (\$35 per guest, per day)**. Gratuities will be settled along with your boat tab toward the end of your cruise. Personal checks, traveler's checks, cash, or credit cards are accepted. Shipboard credit cannot be used toward gratuities. Gratuities to shoreside tour guides and drivers are not included and are at your discretion.

Meals & Drinks

Meals and premium alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages are included at no additional charge. Charges apply only for super premium wines and spirits. Legal drinking age aboard is 21 years.

Specific mealtimes and daily entrée choices will be announced on board. If you have any food allergies or special diets, complete the Dietary Needs section of your Online Guest Forms: UnCruise.com/guest-forms.

Photography

Crew members photograph guests, activities, and wildlife during the cruise. Some images may later be used in marketing materials. Guests who prefer their image not be used should notify the expedition leader on board at the beginning of the cruise. Guests who give images to onboard team are thereby giving UnCruise Adventures permission to use such images for promotional purposes.

Drones

The use of drones is not allowed from our vessels. We travel in National Parks and remote, protected areas where the use of a drone is prohibited and/or not appropriate.

Smoking / Marijuana

Smoking or vaping is prohibited inside the vessels and is not permitted during shore excursions or on nature trails. Smoking or vaping tobacco products is only allowed on outside aft decks away from doors and windows. Smoking materials are not sold on board and should not be thrown overboard.

While marijuana is legal in many U.S. states for medical or recreational use, federal law supersedes state law. Since marijuana is still a federally controlled substance, it is prohibited aboard all of our vessels, in all destinations. (*Maritime Drug Law Enforcement Act (MDLEA) 46 U.S.C. 70501-70507, prohibiting the illegal transportation of controlled substances by a vessel*)

About Your Vessel

Safari Explorer

145 feet long, 36 feet wide, has 14-15 crew members, up to 36 passengers in 18 cabins.

Cabins

All cabins are well-appointed, comfortable, and keyless. The small size and intimate nature of our ships make it possible to avoid the inconvenience of keys. You can always lock your cabin from within. Cabins offer full bathroom facilities featuring either a Jacuzzi tub/shower or shower configuration. A collection of eco-friendly bath toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, body wash), two terry robes, towels, slippers, hair dryer, and TV/DVD player is provided. Tap water is potable; we provide refillable bottles and water stations.

On our vessels we use marine style toilets. These toilets are designed to receive, retain, and treat sewage. Important to know - the only thing that should go down the marine head is human waste and toilet paper - with no exceptions. Anything other than human waste and toilet paper can cause severe plumbing issues throughout the ship. Only use the toilet paper provided.

Standard 110v electrical outlets can accommodate electric shavers, travel irons, cell phones, laptops, and camera battery chargers. Check all of your equipment to ensure that you have the required chargers, adapters and converters for safe operation at 110v. Please note that at this time internet access is not available on board.

Communications

The *Safari Explorer* is equipped with a modern navigation and communications system including a Global Positioning System (GPS), satellite phone, marine radio, and cellular phone. Guests may make or receive emergency calls on the satellite phone at a rate of \$10.00 per minute—times are rounded up to the next minute and charges must be paid prior to disembarkation. Please be aware that service is often unavailable when using any cell phone or the yacht's satellite phone.

Equipment

The *Safari Explorer* carries inflatable skiffs used for transfers to/from shore. Tandem sea kayaks and paddle boards are available with instruction provided by the crew. An exercise bike, stair stepper or elliptical machine is also available.

Laundry

There are no guest laundry facilities on board.

Public Areas

Your ship has a main salon, dining area, library, sun lounge deck with covered patio, and an open bow for up-close viewing. An assortment of DVDs, magazines, books, and games are available for your use. The bridge is open to guests most of the time.

Special Events

We are happy to assist in celebrating a special event, such as a birthday, honeymoon, or anniversary. Please advise us as far in advance as possible by indicating your occasion on your Online Guest Forms: UnCruise.com/guest-forms.