

Harbor History For The Whole Family



The sobering experience that is a visit to Pearl Harbor is suitable for all ages—and was an unexpected trip highlight for *Travel Today's* junior reporters, who were captivated by an overview movie of the event, amazed by the oil still bubbling up from the Arizona and in awe of Herb, the Hawaiian Pearl Harbor veteran they met (pictured).

Families with older children may want to spend all day visiting the various museums, exhibits and attractions around Pearl Harbour. At the same

time, with a bit of planning those with little time, or younger children, can be in and out in around two hours (the Arizona experience is 75mins).

Tickets to the Navy-operated ferry ride over to the Arizona memorial are free. However, they're in hot demand, so urge clients to get there really early or book on-line the day before, to avoid about a three-hour plus wait time for the ferry over.

There's plenty to see and do at the Pearl Harbor Historic Site exhibits, which are free—but the trip over to the Arizona memorial (which sits above where the ship sunk and visitors can see the oil bubbling to the surface) adds another dimension to the experience, especially for children.

... Tickets

Tickets to the Arizona are available on-line. If they are sold out for the dates clients want to visit, more tickets are released 24-hours before. In addition another 1300 tickets are available daily, but allocated on a first-come, first-serve basis. To book tickets, [CLICK HERE](#)

... No Bags

An important tip for those heading over to the Arizona is that no bags are permitted on the ferry ride over to the memorial—and it is enforced. There is a bag storage area for USD3 per bag.

Walking Back In Time

For parents looking to add a little cultural insight into Waikiki, there are free guided historical walking tours offered Mon-Sat 0900-1100. There's two tours, the Kalia Tour, which leaves from the second floor of the Kalia Tower at the Hilton Hawaiian Village; and the Queen's Tour which leaves from the info kiosk at the cnr of Kapahulu and Kalakaua Aves. See waikikihistorictrail.org



Have Faith

Surfing and Waikiki go hand in hand—and an increasing number of holidaying 'groms' are trying their hand at surfing on the gentle Waikiki waves. Faith Surf School (on the beach in front of the Outrigger Waikiki) can be recommended for those with younger, or nervous, beginners. Faith recommends its semi-private and private lessons for those aged 12 and under, priced from USD100 for 90 minutes. Even our timid junior reporter (pictured) was able to stand up on the waves—and earned herself a shave ice from her instructor Cam for her efforts. [CLICK HERE](#)



Hawaiian-style Swashbuckling Family Fun

A new and fun addition to the day cruise market is the Honolulu-based Hawaii Pirate Ship Adventures. Boasting its own misfit pirate crew, the company offers a fun filled 90-min sailings on its Spanish galleon along the Waikiki shoreline. While passengers can do as little or as much as they like, our junior reporters didn't sit down once during the cruise as they raced from firing water cannons, to spotting treasure (and dolphins), engaged in a little swashbuckling (as pictured) and pirate games. There was also a tug of war and snack box lunch—before a battle on the high seas complete with sound effects and a dramatic musical score. Tickets are USD64, adults and USD54 children aged three-12. For older pirates there's also night cruise options. For details, see hawaiipirateship.com



Shopping Bribes?

Shopping may not be the favourite pastime of younger travellers. For parents looking to extend their shopping time at Ala Moana Center, there's a number of stores offering entertainment for kids. Children can make their own creations at the Lego store or watch a movie at the Disney store. Or Jungle Fun (on the ground floor) is part shop, part jungle themed entertainment arcade—where kids can shop and play. See alamoanacenter.com

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