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Hawaii: Maui Sea Turtle Marine Conservation™

Journey to tropical Hawaii, where you'll learn to protect its abundant ocean life and discover that traditional Hawaiian culture is very much alive today.

OVERVIEW

On this program you will explore a side of Hawaii that most will never see, as you work to preserve some of the world's most threatened wildlife. The island of Maui is home to five of the world's seven species of sea turtle, most of which are classified as endangered. Poachers, habitat destruction, and climate change have threatened the "honu" (the Hawaiian name for sea turtle) as well as other ocean creatures that rely on the delicate marine ecosystem for survival. Learn all about these creatures as you help to restore their home and pave the way for future generations.

10-DAY PROGRAM

JUN 21 – JUN 30, 2022

JUL 03 – JUL 12, 2022

JUL 18 – JUL 27, 2022

JUL 30 – AUG 08, 2022

Tuition: \$5,599

Service Hours: 20

Language Hours: 0

Max Group Size: 20

Age Range: 14-18

Student-to-Staff Ratio: 8-to-1

Airport: OGG

HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Visit Haleakala National Park, home to the world's largest dormant volcano
- ★ Snorkel and sail in the clear waters of the Pacific
- ★ Learn to hula dance and attend a traditional luau
- ★ Protect endangered sea turtles where they nest through participating in data collection, tracking methods and habitat restoration alongside biologists
- ★ Journey along the iconic Road to Hana and take in the sights along the way

***No passport required for U.S. citizens.**

SPOTLIGHT ON COMMUNITY SERVICE

On Maui, marine conservation is the name of the game. Sea turtles in particular are threatened as their habitat is depleted. Green turtle populations are being impacted by events such as the 2018 hurricane that washed out the most important nesting beach for this species in the entire archipelago. Participate in beach and marine debris cleanups and employ more technologically advanced tracking methods as you assist with an underwater visual census. Other restoration projects will protect sea turtle habitat and may include tree planting, community education, or restoring facilities.

SAMPLE ITINERARY: DAILY BREAKDOWN

Actual schedule and order of activities will vary by program session. The information detailed here is typical for what you can expect to experience; however, service work and activities vary depending upon the needs of our local community partners, various celebrations and customs, as well as the weather and specific needs of the student group.



DAY 1: WELCOME TO HAWAII!

Aloha and welcome to Hawaii! Touch down into Maui Airport (OGG), where staff will be waiting to greet you when you arrive. We'll travel across the island on a coastal road to the Home Base to unpack, rest up, and meet your fellow adventurers. Enjoy your first meal as a group and get to know your Mentors and local staff. Let's take in a gorgeous Hawaiian sunset on our first night together and get prepared for the days to come!

DAY 2: ORIENTATION, GUEST SPEAKER & BEACH DAY

Today, we'll dive right in with an in-depth orientation. Learn about your new home, go over program objectives, and hear about the community service projects you'll be supporting throughout your program. We'll meet with a local community member to get an introduction to the island of Maui and the communities in particular with which we'll be interacting. We'll consider the needs of the community and sea life and go over expectations for us as volunteers. Throughout the day, we'll also get to know each other better with group activities and meals.

In the afternoon, we'll hit the beach for some fun before our next several days of service. You can lounge on a tropical Maui beach (with plenty of reef-safe sunscreen, of course!), perhaps taking a snorkel set out in the water or maybe even snagging a kayak at our Home Base for a quick paddle. We'll take in another breathtaking Hawaiian sunset before having dinner and meeting in Mentor groups to debrief the day's activities and our weeks to come.

DAY 3: CULTURAL & ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION + SERVICE

Today, we're going to have an incredibly unique opportunity to learn about the culture of Maui and the importance and significance of the relationship between humans and the environment. We'll partner with a local organization that is dedicated to the preservation of Native Hawaiian flora, fauna and customs. During our full day with the partner organization, we're going to learn about the environment and the culture of the Native Hawaiian land and





practices. Service will be based at a cultural reserve, where the root of the organization comes with the betterment of education efforts to impose community resilience. We will support environmental stewardship initiatives at the reserve, such as traditional taro farming or invasive species mitigation. On top of the service work, we will learn about the Hawaiian ahupua'a, the traditional land dividing system in Hawai'i, as well as customs such as hula dancing and lei-making. You may even have a chance to harvest the materials to make your own lei! Truly immerse yourself in Hawaiian culture and service today and soak it all in.

DAY 4: SURF, SAIL & SNORKEL

It's adventure time! And where better to adventure in Hawaii than out in the Pacific Ocean? We're going to have an epic day of island adventure and partake in all sorts of water-based fun. We'll start the day with a surf lesson, where you'll have a land lesson and safety briefing with an experienced surf instructor before attempting to ride the waves.



After a snack and a little rest time, we'll head out on a catamaran to take in the island of Maui from the water. Take a dip in the stunningly blue ocean to see what marine wildlife you can find as you snorkel and swim. Perhaps you'll find some sea turtles in their natural habitat and be able to prepare some questions for the service partner tomorrow. Take some time to relax and enjoy sailing off the coast of Maui.

In the evening we'll spend some time on GLA's Leadership Curriculum: what does it mean to be a leader? What have we learned from the local leaders we've encountered on the program thus far? What are you passionate about and how can you step up as a leader to pursue that cause?

DAYS 5-7: SEA TURTLE CONSERVATION SERVICE PROJECTS + CORAL REEF MANAGEMENT



Time to dive in (literally-- some of our service is ocean-based!) to our volunteer projects. Work with an incredible Maui-based conservation organization -- the Maui Ocean Conservation Marine Institute (MOCMI for short) -- on a variety of initiatives that support the island's sea turtle population. Snorkel along the shore to monitor sea turtles and check the health of the coral reefs that are just offshore as you assist biologists in monitoring population trends.



Learn how the biologists at MOCMI track sea turtles to gauge the health of their habitat, daily patterns and trends in their populations, and the vital role coral reefs play in the marine ecosystem. You'll also support coral reef restoration projects that focus on artificial reef creation and management.

The experts at MOCMI can also fill you in on conservation projects taking place across Maui and the various issues that face sea turtles and other marine wildlife, including human activity and interference. (Hint: sea turtles can confuse street lights with moonlight!)

We may also help with sea turtle habitat restoration projects and beach clean-ups. Learn about the response and rescue protocols for stranded sea turtles and spend ample time observing these gentle sea creatures in their natural habitat.



DAY 8: ROAD TO HANA EXPEDITION

Maui's Road to Hana is a 52-mile stretch of highway along Maui's west and northern coast. It boasts some of the most gorgeous views on the island, including hidden beaches, lush forests, and green valleys. Stop along the way to explore breathtaking waterfalls hidden in the tropical rainforest. We'll also take a stop to visit the National Tropical Botanical Garden and learn about the preservation and history of plant species important to Hawaii. You'll also have a chance to see what is believed to be the largest man-made structure in Polynesia.

Grab a sweet and colorful shave ice with all the fixins to keep you cool before heading back to the Home Base.



DAY 9: HALEAKALA NATIONAL PARK & LUAU

Today, we'll take a drive up to Haleakalā National Park, home to Haleakalā Crater, a dormant volcano that formed 75% of Maui. We'll learn about the history of the park and its formation, and then have a picnic lunch overlooking the volcano.

After you're rested and fed, hike down into the crater for a one-of-a-kind hiking experience! You'll often end up hiking through the clouds, giving a mesmerizing effect of otherworldliness. We'll hike back out of the crater before heading to the top vantage point of the park to watch the sunset. We also may see some wildlife along the way. (Fun fact: More endangered species live within this park's boundaries than in any other U.S. National Park!)



Later, once we've showered and packed, we'll celebrate our newfound friendships and the work we've completed -- Hawaiian style! Enjoy a traditional show of hula dancers, fire dancers, and ukulele music as we attend the quintessential Hawaiian experience -- a traditional luau. Feast on traditional Hawaii cooking such as Kalua pig, poi, and fresh fruits while you take in the incredible storytelling, music and dance of the performers.

DAY 10: DEPARTURE

It's time to say *aloha* again (which also means "goodbye!"). Enjoy your last Hawaiian breakfast and head to the airport to begin your journey back. At the airport, GLA staff will help you check in for your flight and see you off on your trip home.



TRAVELING TO HAWAII

GLA HOME BASE | Our Home Base for this program will be an ecolodge, cozy gender-segregated lodging that emphasizes sustainable living. Students have the unique experience of learning from hosts about local ecosystems and living close to nature.

FOOD | On the day-to-day, meals are healthy and balanced and will consist primarily of typical American fare (sandwiches, salads, pastas, chicken, etc.) We will also have the opportunity to sample more traditional Hawaiian cuisine and local produce.

CLIMATE | Maui is warm and humid during the summer months, with average high temperatures between 75°F (23.8°C) and 80°F (26.6°C). Nights drop to an average of 60°F (15.5°C). However, the weather can change drastically quickly in different parts of the island, so be prepared for quick and random rain showers, as well as much cooler temperatures at Haleakalā Crater.

LEADERSHIP

Global Leadership Adventures started as an educational institute, so we continue to think and act like educators—not tour operators—as we deliver life-changing programs. We intentionally weave a leadership curriculum into the daily experience on our programs. Through group discussion, meaningful service, workshops, speakers and excursions, staff guide students to reflect on program events through the lens of leadership, and celebrate outstanding examples of leaders they encounter in the local community. Lending this context to the experience creates opportunities for students to dig deep into their vision, purpose and knowledge of themselves and the world.

ABOUT GLOBAL LEADERSHIP ADVENTURES

Global Leadership Adventures was founded in 2003 by Fred Swaniker, a native of Ghana, TED Fellow and educational entrepreneur whose work has been praised by Barack Obama. Born as a global extension of the revolutionary African Leadership Academy, Global Leadership Adventures now operates programs centered around leadership, sustainable community service projects, and meaningful travel across Africa, Asia, Europe or the Americas. Through life-changing adventures, we strive to inspire the next generation to realize their potential to transform the world and their role in it.

GLA HAS BEEN FEATURED IN:

The New York Times

 **USA TODAY**

 **NBC NEWS**

The Boston Globe

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NOTICE ON PROGRAM UPDATES

Every year brings new and exciting opportunities for experiences we can offer students on our programs. While this program is being planned to return in 2022, please note that some activities or details may have changed from previous years, as our program development experts refresh this program for 2022 operations. As such, some activities or details may change between now and the program start date. Please note that references from past participants and previously published information may not accurately reflect every aspect of this program. Refer to the sample itinerary above or to the GLA website for the most up-to-date version of program activities, and please note that further updates may be made between now and the program start date.

POSSIBLE CHANGES TO PROGRAM ACTIVITIES DUE TO COVID-19

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, please note that program activities may change in order to accommodate COVID-19 regulations. In particular, service projects and other activities that typically involve close contact or engagement with members of the local community may be curbed, altered or skipped depending on staff evaluations on the ground and/or at the discretion of our Executive Director and Director of Program Operations & Risk Management. Every effort will be made to provide an exceptional experience on-location, at whatever level of community interaction is deemed safe at the time.

Our Expectations

Be present

Our mission at GLA is “to inspire the next generation to realize their potential to transform the world and their role in it.” To that end, we expect GLA students to maintain high standards of personal behavior and to be open-minded. The culture may be different, sometimes shockingly so. GLA will challenge students as they are expected to work hard and be present physically and mentally for all activities. We also ask students to take a step back from regular use of technology - particularly their smartphones - so as to maximize their engagement with the program and their fellow participants. Students may get hot, dirty and bug-bitten along the way, but their contribution can transform the community. The goal is for each student to return home having had a life-changing experience.

No tolerance

GLA has a no-tolerance policy towards drugs, alcohol, tobacco and disruptive behavior. Those who violate or are suspected of violating this policy will be immediately dismissed from the program at the sole discretion of GLA staff.

Community-Led experiences

GLA makes every effort to offer thoughtfully crafted programs for teens and young adults. Detailed planning and exhaustive communications with partners are indispensable parts of our program development process. However, occasionally service and activities are adjusted from session to session, due to weather, changing needs of our local community partners and/or various cultural celebrations and customs. We expect participants to be open-minded and flexible, willing to embrace the experience when plans change. GLA makes every effort to communicate adjustments to students and families with advance notice. We expect you to be open-minded and flexible.

Mentorship

GLA is not a therapy program. Our staff are highly skilled, professional, caring and fun, but they are not licensed therapists. GLA programs can be physically and emotionally demanding, and applicants should be in good physical and mental health.

We're Here to Help

Contact Us

Want to learn more about Global Leadership Adventures and our available programs? Our Admissions Team has expertise and insights into our slate of program offerings, and we're happy to answer any questions you might have. We have collectively visited or staffed many of our GLA programs around the world, and we have advice to share on everything from getting your travel documents together to what a typical day on a program is like. Call us at 1-858-771-0645 any time during office hours for assistance.

Enroll Now

We encourage you to enroll on your 1st choice program as early as you can! In fact, our most popular programs fill early every year, and many students end up putting off the quick and easy application process only to end up on the waiting list. The best way to ensure that you save your spot is to place your deposit and apply early. You can easily enroll online at www.experiencegla.com/enroll.