

Hawaiian Break

On our way home from Yap we will stop in Hawaii for 2 nights to take a break from the long flights and all the diving we had to endure.....and have a nice rest while we see the sights, soak up some sun on Waikiki beach and then fly home rested and ready to go back to work. WORK! Yeah, but nice and tan! If you've never been to the Arizona Memorial or the USS Missouri you will want to add that to your list.



Resort Quest Hotel across the street from Waikiki Beach



USS Arizona burning on Dec 7, 1941



USS Arizona Memorial over the ship



USS Missouri in Pearl Harbor

Over 1,000 sailors went down with the Arizona and it is now considered a sacred place for many. The sweeping design of the memorial that was built over the wreck has special significance that you will learn about during your visit. The first stop is the Arizona museum where you can view close up many artifacts of the attack and a large model of the Arizona. As a group you will enter the theatre to view a 22 minute video of the attack with footage never made public. At the end of the video you could hear a pin drop. From there you will board the launch that takes us to the memorial for a 7 minute visit. It is truly a memorable event. And then we can make our way to the spot where it all ended. The USS Missouri. If you've never been on a Big warship it will make you stop and stare. You have no idea how big those 16" guns are until you are standing next to the turret. The most heavily armored warship ever built. The Missouri's armor was beefed up with the idea she would probably be involved in the invasion of Japan and the Navy's recent experience with kamikazee attacks. It proved to be worthwhile when the Missouri survived a kamikazee hit with little damage.



View from one of the rooms



Sunset over Waikiki Beach



Tiki's Bar & Grill at the hotel