

WAIPIO VALLEY & HAMAKUA COAST TOUR



Explore Waipio Valley and the lush and gorgeous Hamakua Coast and waterfalls on the east side of the Big Island on this full day of fun and exciting adventure. Departing from Kona and Kohala Coast resorts, you will visit some of the most beautiful valleys and waterfalls in Hawaii and see rare and exotic plants and wildlife that can only be found on the Big Island. On this guided small group tour, you will learn the rich history, cultures, folklore, geography, and much more from our knowledgeable certified local guide.

We begin our tour as we pass serene Waimea town and Parker Ranch before switching to a four-wheel drive van to descend into majestic Waipio Valley. As we traverse shallow river streams and pass by taro fields surrounded by native flora and fauna, our guide will share the stories and legends of this special place while you marvel at Hawaii Island's tallest waterfall, Hiilawe Falls, which cascades down 1300 feet in the back of the valley. You may visit the picturesque mile long black sand beach before we head back up to Waipio Valley lookout for the stunning views. Around noon, you will be treated with Malasadas (Portuguese doughnut) and a Loco Moco (local Hawaiian meal consisting of a bowl of rice /meat covered in gravy with fried egg on the top) for lunch at Tex Drive In.

In the afternoon, we continue the drive down the scenic Hamakua Coast and visit Laupahoehoe Point where you can find rocky shorelines, tide pools and dramatic sea cliffs. In addition, you will discover towering Akaka Falls, which plummets 442 feet into a stream-eroded gorge. In Hilo, you will visit famous Rainbow Falls and a giant banyan tree! If time permits, we will stop at Hilo Farmer's market for you to experience the local culture. The adventure ends with the return to Kona or Kohala Coast resorts via Saddle Road nestled between the world's tallest sea mountain, Mauna Kea, and world's most massive mountain Mauna Loa.

General Information

Pick Up Location and Time: Tour departs daily except Sundays. Pickup from major resorts and hotels in Kona and Kohala between 7 am to 7:30 am, return to Kona around 5:30 pm and Kohala resort around 5 pm.

What to Bring and Wear: Wear comfortable clothing in layers as temperatures vary from warm to cool. Covered walking shoes are required.

Group Size: Tours are limited to a maximum of 12 people

Tour Vehicles: Mercedes Sprinter Van or Minivan, Waipio Valley use four-wheel drive Ford van.

Tour Difficulty: Easy hiking over medium distances, not recommended for child under 10

Time at each stop: Between 30-40 minutes at most attractions, and around 2 hours inside Waipio Valley.

Included in the Tour: Lunch at Tex Drive in, beverages, snacks, and umbrellas.

This tour is approximately 10 hours long;

ADULT: \$172.00

CHILD: \$151.00

