



HAWAII PRINCE HOTEL WAIKIKI AND GOLF CLUB

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HAWAII PRINCE HOTEL WAIKIKI & GOLF CLUB—GREAT GOLF, DINING AND LOCATION

Yachts, their sails full of wind, are gliding out on a rosy sea. It is the close of day, a matter of ritual in the Islands, for the sun is about to stage its daily extravaganza, setting into a splash of molten gold, rose and even emerald. Travelers arriving at the clean expanse of glass and marble that is Hawaii Prince Hotel Waikiki & Golf Club are borne in on a flood of color and welcomed with a warmth and hospitality befitting the setting, the moment. They are refreshed by chilled hand towels in the Asian tradition and transported on the wings of the music filling the lobby. Perhaps tea has been ordered, set in the English style with fine china, silver, crisp pink and white linen. There will be finger sandwiches, dainty cakes and feather-light scones with jam and Devonshire cream.

It is this sophisticated and gracious mix of manners; all of it layered with a spirit of aloha, that best defines Hawaii Prince Hotel Waikiki & Golf Club. It draws diplomats, business executives, the yachting set and discriminating travelers who insist on excellence and value.

Set beside the sea, every room at the Prince has floor-to-ceiling windows overlooking the ocean, two yacht clubs, an armada of sleek pleasure boats and a fleet of

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outrigger canoes. The green expanse of Ala Moana Park with its broad trees, little lagoons and golden squiggle of beach lies at the right, along with Magic Island. To the left, Waikiki unfolds, the worlds most dreamed of resort. The Prince stands at the gateway.

Rooms are especially large, only 10 to a floor. With the windows open, gentle flower-scented tradewinds come streaming in, making a luxurious lanai of the entire room. There are 57 suites. All have spacious, meticulously appointed marble bathrooms.

The hotels swimming pool is situated on a breezy deck overlooking the harbor, as if the hotel itself is the finest liner in the fleet. Once supine in the sun, no one need move a muscle. Meals and magazines, Mai Tais and fluffy towels materialize, seemingly at whim.

Fine food is the signature of Hawaii Prince Hotel Waikiki & Golf Club. For dinner there's a choice of award-winning restaurants, each of them favored by a loyal local clientele. The Prince Court is famed for its Contemporary Island Cuisine, a subtle blend of the classic culinary techniques of East and West, prepared with the Island bounty from land and sea. The restaurant's glass walls look out on the harbor and the glorious sunset. The Hakone restaurant is spare and quiet. Here, finest kaiseki, the traditional cuisine of Japan's imperial court, is prepared and opulently served.

The hotel's wine inventory is impressive with a notable cache of the most treasured imported Ports.

Most of the Prince staff have been with the hotel since it opened. They were hired for qualities of heart, wisdom and enthusiasm, and trained in the way of Lokomaikai, of working together for good. They quickly learn a guest's name. They've been known to share fruit from the lychee tree at home, to take young people to their best surfing spots, to wash a car and string a lei. It's immaterial whether the guest is a prime minister or a sales clerk (and both have stayed at the Prince) each receives the same

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warmth, the same degree of professional service. Hawaii Prince Hotel Waikiki & Golf Club has won the coveted AAA Four-Diamond Award every year since it opened.

Business travelers on tight schedules are especially appreciative of such responsiveness. The Prince even has dedicated rooms for such guests, each with its own in-room office equipped with large fully appointed desk, ergonomic chair, computer ports, fax machine and copier. The hotel also has a complete, staffed business center with private computers, conference rooms, and full office equipment. Secretarial and translation services are available.

Because this is an age when image is everything, the Board Room was designed to impress. Meetings of up to 14 people can be held in an atmosphere of quiet elegance, accented with fine hardwoods and marble detailing. There are two other handsomely furnished meeting rooms, which can be partitioned to comfortably seat from 12 to 40 people. All have the latest audio-visual and video equipment available. The Mauna Kea Ballroom can accommodate up to a 1,000 people at a reception or 550 for dinner. Banquets at Hawaii Prince Hotel Waikiki & Golf Club are famous for the excellence of cuisine. It is standard procedure to have a staff large enough to prepare and serve the food as soon as it is cooked. Nothing ever sits on warmer tables. With this kind of setting and service, the hotel has become a most sought-after meeting and banquet facility.

Hawaii Prince Hotel Waikiki & Golf Club is the only oceanfront hotel within a short walk of the new Hawaii Convention Center. The downtown financial centers of Honolulu are only minutes away. Right across the street is Ala Moana Center with its international array of more than a hundred shops including Tiffany, Neiman Marcus, Chanel, Waterford Crystal and Hawaiian specialty shops.

Hawaii Prince Hotel Waikiki & Golf Club is also the only Waikiki hotel with its own golf course. A complimentary private shuttle transports guests to the Hawaii Prince Golf Club at Ewa, approximately

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30 minutes away. There, amid rolling greens and lakes, Oahu's urbanity disappears. The trees and hills hide the homes that are nestled on the lower slopes of the mountains so that what is seen from the greens is lovely beyond imagining. Two mountain ranges rise up as backdrop, the ancient mounded Waianae and the dramatic Koolau. Rare and endangered Hawaiian birds, unbidden, have come to make their homes in a safe new world created by Arnold Palmer. At twilight, golfers may walk the course, quietly enjoying the beauty and the birds as much as the play. Prince guests always have preferred starting times at this popular course. In addition to the three nine-hole courses, which may be played in any combination, there is also a plantation-style clubhouse, tennis courts, fine restaurant, and one of Hawaii's largest pro-shops.

With all its service and amenities, its providential location, its remarkable cuisine, and even its thoughtful staff, the feature of Hawaii Prince Hotel Waikiki that probably lingers longest in memory is the glass, the walls of it inviting Hawaii in, so that when morning comes, every sense awakens to beauty and excitement. The air hums with surf and birds and an exciting city coming to life. The air is piqued with salt and flowers, the lake in Ala Moana Park reflects gently swaying coconut palms. Sleek boats from all over the world rock docilely at their moorings. Beyond the reef, the great waves of the Pacific roll in, scalloped and lacy with foam. Near shore the water is calm, inviting, and along the golden beach, a solitary jogger leaves the first footprints of the day.

It is this dichotomy of moods, the interface of urbanity and warmth that distinguishes Hawaii Prince Hotel Waikiki & Golf Club. It mirrors the cosmopolitan blend of cultures that makes Oahu one of the most astounding islands in any ocean.

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