

# TRAVEL

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## Pearl Harbor attack survivors are sought

Are you a survivor of Pearl Harbor? Were you there when the Japanese planes dropped their bombs on the fleet of ships based in Hawaii on Dec. 7, 1941? Are you a relative of one of the 2,403 service men and women killed in Hawaii on that day, the day that the United States became an official part of World War II?

If you can answer yes to any of those questions, you will want to know about the preparations being made for the 50th anniversary commemoration of Pearl Harbor in December 1991. The commemoration will begin on Wednesday, Dec. 4, and will culminate with special services aboard the USS Arizona Memorial on the morning of Dec. 7.

Pearl Harbor survivors, and the families of those who died there on that day, will be the special guests throughout the week's events. They will be given the first seats on the shuttle boat that runs to the Memorial Dec. 7, even if that means that you and I must stay behind.

The USS Arizona Memorial is operated by the National Park Service in conjunction with the U.S. Navy. The memorial structure spans the sunken battleship U.S.S. Arizona. A shuttle boat runs regularly between the memorial and the shore-side Visitor Center.

The center is off the Kamehameha Highway, State Highway 59. Visitors typically start arriving early in the morning to avoid lineups, because they are allowed into the center in groups, identified by the number of tickets given out over a particular period of time.

A National Park Service Ranger gives a brief talk before leading visitors into the theater for a documentary film on the Pearl Harbor attack. You will see the Japanese planes launch their surprise attack at 7:55 a.m., and the 1,760-pound armor-piercing bomb that hit when the Arizona exploded at 8:10 a.m.

The Oklahoma rolled over after the torpedoes hit. The California and the West Virginia sank at their moorings. The Utah capsized. The Maryland, Pennsylvania and Tennessee were damaged. The Nevada was the only battleship that got away intact. Groups then board the shuttle operated by the U.S. Navy for the short run to the memorial.

The white curved sides of the memorial actually form a grave marker for the servicemen who died defending the U.S. Arizona on that December Sunday in 1941. The assembly area, open to views of the sea, contains a wall listing the names of the 1,777 sailors and Marines killed aboard the battleship.

As a special tribute to the ship and its lost crew, the navy permits the American flag to fly daily from the flagpole attached to the severed mainmast of the sunken ship.

If you are a survivor of Pearl Harbor, there are people who want to hear from you. Contact Joe Niemitz at the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, 3346 Manoa Road, Honolulu, Hawaii, 96822 or telephone (808) 988-2025.

Please contact me as well. We are planning a story about Pearl Harbor in the fall and would like to include survivors and their families. Send a postcard to 20000 Springbrook, Suite 2002, Farmington Hills, Mich. 48336.

**MACINKAW**  
The weekend of Aug. 23-25 will be a busy one in Mackinaw City, with two festivals. The 2nd Annual Corvette Crossroads Auto Show is scheduled with a parade of cars on Friday night, an auto show on Saturday and a sunset cruise on Saturday night.

Some of the men who built the Mackinac Bridge will be on hand for The International Ironworkers Festival, starting at noon on Saturday. They will demonstrate their skills, and compete against one another, in rivet throw-



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## Taking a little R&R in Hawaii

By Christina Zarobe  
special writer

Hawaii is not just for honeymooners and family vacations anymore. Strategically located between Asia and the U.S. mainland, this island paradise has attracted a new type of tourist — the business traveler.

As U.S. corporations have increased their business trade with Japan, Korea, Taiwan and other Asian countries, Hawaii has become a common stopover between East and West.

The layover may be only for a day or two, but a weary business traveler can still get a taste of the rich Hawaiian and Polynesian culture as well as some much needed rest and relaxation. An island stop breaks up what can be as long as 15 hours of flying time from the Midwest to Asia.

The key to a Hawaiian mini-vacation is knowing in advance what you want to see and how long and how complicated the excursion will be. By applying the same business practices used in the financial world — research and a bit of time management — a stopover can offer nearly as much as a full vacation.

Hawaii's cultural scene is constantly evolving as the stream of both visitors and immigrants from the South Pacific and Asia continues, but visiting a few choice sites can be both informative and enjoyable. It can also help you plan a longer stay another time with your family.

Renting a car is the best way to see Oahu, the most populated of the islands and home of the capital, Honolulu. With a map in hand, getting around Oahu is not difficult — remember, you're on an island so don't panic about getting lost.

Midwesterners find convertibles almost irresistible, but remember that

part of the reason Hawaii has such colorful rainbows is because of its frequent, misty rains, known here as "liquid sunshine." They are not storms that will drench your car interior and belongings, but expect things to be dampened.

### ROYAL HAWAII

Iolani Palace, built in 1882, is the only palace in the United States. The official residence of King Kalakaua and Queen Liliuokalani, the last monarchs of this island kingdom before its overthrow in 1893, the palace is conveniently located in downtown Honolulu at King and Richards streets.

Pad around the palace with your guide, wearing cloth slippers that protect the soft wood floors, and you'll receive a concise history of a crucial time in Hawaiian history.

Despite the island's isolated position in the Pacific, King Kalakaua was fond of European luxury. Notice the Bohemian crystal and the Parisian china in the royal dining room. The Hawaiian Koa wood used on the graceful stairway is as rich as the legacy of royalty in the islands.

While the monarchy ended tragically, the \$6 million restoration of the palace gives visitors a sense of the flamboyance of the king's lifestyle. Balls were held in the crimson and gold Throne Room, with guests spilling out onto the lanai that encircles the palace. The king would entertain until dawn along with his guests, who were not allowed to leave before the king.

A couple from Oklahoma City were touring the palace when they recognized a plant stand in the royal bedroom. It was a reproduction, similar to a plant stand they had bought at a flea market back home.

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A statue of Kamehameha stands in front of the Iolani Palace in Honolulu, Hawaii.

## Area residents know off-the-road spots

By Iris Sanderson Jones  
special writer

Bill Putnam of Birmingham has been in Hawaii twice on vacation and once on his honeymoon. Bill and Kathryn celebrated their marriage with a week in the islands in July 1990.

The airlines fly into Honolulu unless you arrange to fly into either Hawaii or Maui. Bill said "I've stayed in all three islands. If you like nightlife, people and traffic, you like Honolulu. There are interesting off-the-beaten track places on the north shore of Oahu."

"My grandmother has a condo on Hawaii, the Big Island, but there is not a lot to do there for the younger crowd. My personal favorite is Maui. That's where we spent our honeymoon."

Bill and Kathryn stayed in the Maui island, \$85 or less for a big room with kitchen facilities three blocks from the water. It was in the

town of Lahaina, not far from Kaanapali, the historic whaling waters of the island.

"It's great to watch the whales come in to give birth to their young in March," Bill said. "You used to be able to go out and pet the whales, but the government stopped that. You can still look at them."

Bill specializes in little off-the-road spots that the tourists don't usually find. "If you take the road west from the airport and go north up the west coast, you drive through a rock. If you park on the other side, you'll find a long rubber rope that local people use to climb down to a very private beach."

"Or take the long curving road that is cut out of the mountain to Hana on the other end of the island. You find one-lane bridges and waterfalls. You can climb the waterfalls and keep going beyond them."

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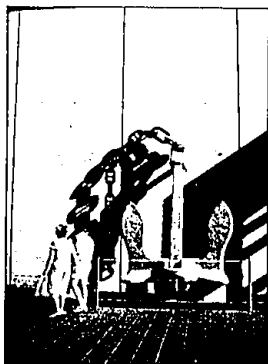


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An anchor from the USS Arizona is displayed at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center.



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Tourists can visit the daily Kodak show free in Kapiolani Park, Waikiki in Honolulu, Hawaii.