

Geology Prof. **Richard D. Little** (d/b/a Earth View LLC)

invites you to join our 2018 **FANTASTIC LANDSCAPES** of **HAWAII** tour



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OCEAN-FRONT LODGINGS! *Only 10 participants,*

Reserve now -- Only a few spaces left.

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HANAUMA BAY, OAHU -- A 30,000-yr-old eroded volcanic crater with coral reefs.

This is the BEST 2-WEEK HAWAII TOUR! 3 Hawaiian Islands with OUTSTANDING Ocean-Front / View LODGINGS.

Hawaii is the Greatest Show On Earth!

It has the biggest mountains in the world: beginning 15,000 feet down at the ocean floor and ending 14,000 feet above sea level! (And after this trip, you will be able to say that you swam half way up the world's highest peak!) The volcanoes of Hawaii illustrate several types of volcanoes: shield, cinder, and the smaller spatter cones. There are old eroded, extinct volcanoes, and also world's most active volcano -- Kilauea, on the big island of Hawaii, where we will, hopefully, witness the sublime splendor and primeval power of molten rock flowing across the landscape and perhaps into the ocean. The beauty of the new volcanic rocks plus mountain and coastal landscapes is truly breathtaking. Add to this the diversity of ecosystems, from rainforests fed by the moisture dropped by the Trade Winds to desert environments on the lee sides of the islands. And underwater are whales plus coral reefs with fish of every imaginable color. Your experienced geologist-educator-author-tour guide, Prof. Richard Little, will help you understand the Earth's secrets hidden in the hills, valleys and beaches as we fly, drive, walk, and swim through these FANTASTIC LANDSCAPES.

This is surely the trip of a lifetime! Discover the value and fun of our small-group adventures and join us for a truly unique and inspiring vacation – learning experience.

The ITINERARY (briefly)

Day 1. Honolulu Flight Arrival day. Lodging at **Waikiki Beach**, ocean view [Hilton's Prince Kuhio] **Day 2.** Free Day in Waikiki! Stroll the sand of this world-famous strand... sail, surf, snorkel, swim, shop....
Day 3 **USS Arizona Memorial** at Pearl Harbor, along with the USS Missouri. Very moving and unforgettable..
Day 4. Morning flight to **MAUI** Our lodgings are at beautiful Kaanapali's spectacular beachfront & reef location. Lodging: beachfront Royal Lahaina Resort. *Incredible sunsets with beach and palms at your doorstep.*
Day 5. Many Maui adventures: the old whaling port of Lahaina. Come with me & swim with turtles and reef fish along the isolated shore of a wonderful, small bay surrounded by cliffs and pineapple fields....or explore on your own.
Day 6. **Haleakala Volcano Day.** Today we will drive to the top of this 10,000 foot high dormant volcano for incredible views and short hikes. Sublime! See the unique-to-Maui Silversword plant, too. **Day 7** Final West Maui activities: Whale watching, Sailing, Beach Explorations, or do-it-yourself plans. **Day 8. HANA.** Today, it's a journey on the famous Hana Road to the rainforest side of Maui, a spectacular, remote paradise. Lodging at Hana Kai condos, on a beautiful bay with black sand beach. **Day 9.** Hana explorations: beautiful (wow!) The "Seven Pools", waterfalls and bamboo forest (a 3 hour hike [optional]), remote coast views. An amazing and little visited National Park, part of Haleakala. With us it will be indeed "Little visited". **Day 10.** Depart for **Hilo** on the Big Island of Hawaii with lodging at the Banyan Drive Hilo Hawaiian Hotel, overlooking historic and scenic Hilo Bay. **Days 11 & 12.** Explore the Hilo area's coastal, volcanic, botanic, and cultural sites. Helicopter option to view the eruption. **Day 13.** Enter **Volcanoes National Park** with lodging at historic **Volcano House** on the rim of **Kilauea Crater**, a magnificent caldera, one of the wonders of the world. There are absolutely breathtaking views are right out your room's window, and maybe some rainbows, too. At night: see the stars in the darkest sky on the planet. **Days 14 & 15.** Explore the Volcano Days -- We will drive across the scenic volcanic landscape to the shoreline, site of recent eruptions. We will seek out Pele's Hair amongst impressive volcanic landforms! We walk on new lava, both pahoehoe and aa, plus an optional evening hike to the vent will be arranged (*depending on accessibility*) to give you the full impact of this colorful and rare volcanic experience. There are many hiking options here and we will discuss what is best for you. **Day 16.** Final day's activities and departure from Hilo airport. (note: your flight probably arrives home on day 17)

OTHER QUESTIONS

Who goes on these “Fantastic Landscapes” Tours? Everybody!teachers, retirees, families with older kids, etc. We’ve had hundreds of happy participants from teens to mid-80’s. Typically, 90% of our tour members have been one or more previous tours!

How strenuous is the “hiking”? *If you like “nature walks” you’ll love our outings!* Some people plan more strenuous activities than others, and our daily activities are flexible and geared, as much as possible, *to meet everyone’s goals and abilities.* We usually have several minivans or full-size cars allowing flexible itineraries for the group. **Where do we stay?** We book high quality, medium to small lodgings (usually), in very scenic settings. *You will be up close to the fantastic landscapes you paid to see!* **Who does the driving?** On most of our tours we use rental minivans like the Dodge Caravan, carrying 4 passengers + luggage with volunteer drivers. We buy the maximum liability insurance and have 2-way radios for communication. **I don’t know any geology! Should I go on this tour?** Yes! Do you have an interest in nature? Come and learn how to read the “record in the rocks and landscape, and the history in a grain of sand”. **Where do we eat?** You are on your own for eating. For many lunches we picnic in beautiful settings.

I’m a “single”. Can you find me a roommate? Yes, we will try to link you with others (of same sex). **Who is your tour leader?** Prof. Richard Little, began “Earth View” Tours in 1981 after the eruption of Mt. St. Helens, as a way to have small groups see and appreciate the great wonders of our Earth. In the past 35 years he has planned and guided “Fantastic Landscapes” tours from Alaska to the Caribbean. This will be our 8th Hawaii adventure and *the best Hawaiian itinerary you can find!* Dick (now retired) has taught geology and oceanography at Greenfield Community College since 1969, and also has taught at Deerfield Academy, the Road Scholar program and at Antioch New England Graduate School in Keene. He has degrees from Clark University and the University of Southern California, and is the author of two books and two videos about Connecticut Valley geology. He was inducted into the Mass. Science Educator Hall of Fame. Spouse Suzanne, who loves identifying plants, has degrees in biology & education and clinical social work, and is now retired after working with veterans at the VA Medical Center.

Why this is the Best Two-Week Hawaii Tour:

1. Travel with a geologist to unlock the secrets of rocks and landscapes. Your tour leader has decades of experience with geology, education and travel. He knows the best places! **2. Don’t take the bus or boat!** ...especially in Hawaii. You must get out into the environment to really appreciate the land and wildlife. With our tour, you will have flexibility to stop for that great view and smell the flowers. **3. Go with our small group and get away from the crowd**, but still have a helpful group of friends to share with. **4. The cost is “LOW”** for what you get! We pass the group savings on to you! Check out competing tours, but no one goes where we do and stays where we stay (such as Hana and Volcano House on the Big Is.) **5. Can’t remember what happened on day 3?** You will get a **trip DVD**, edited and with music and narration, free. Plus we have pre- and post-trip meetings to enhance the experience.

THE TOUR INCLUDES

- <> **DELUXE BEACH-FRONT, OCEAN-VIEW LODGINGS** <>
- <> **Hard-to-get rooms at historic VOLCANO HOUSE in VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK as well as in Hana, Maui**<>
- <> **TRANSPORTATION VIA RENTAL Mini-VANS or full-size cars for flexible itineraries** <>
- <> **EXPERIENCED TOUR LEADERS** <> <> **GUIDEBOOK** <>
- <> **PRE- and POST - TRIP MEETINGS** <> <> **SMALL GROUP** <> <> **VIDEO RECORD OF TRIP** <>

What’s not included: **air fare** (mainland and interisland - about \$1100), food, entrance fees, gas, and optional activities. **PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU MUST BOOK THE SAME INTERISLAND FLIGHTS AS OUR GROUP....More details available after making your deposit.**

TO RESERVE YOUR SPACE(S) Send \$100 per person deposit to **EARTH VIEW LLC,**
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Payment schedule: \$100 deposit, fully refundable until June 1, 2017.

\$50 per person fee for cancellation after June 1st.

No refund 60 days or less to trip start.

\$2000 per person payment due September 1st.

Final Payment due November 1st.



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