



PEARL HARBOR HISTORIC SITES

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Historic Sites Launch ‘Passport to Pearl Harbor’

Pearl Harbor, Hawaii (Dec. 1, 2011) — A partnership of Pearl Harbor memorials and museums has launched a new, two-day ticket option that will help visitors fully experience several distinct historic sites in the area, a feat visitors would be hard pressed to accomplish within a single day.

Currently available at the Pearl Harbor Visitors Center ticket window, the “Passport to Pearl Harbor” provides two-day access to all primary Pearl Harbor historic sites — a \$115 value — for just \$65 per adult and \$35 per child. Passport holders can return to Pearl Harbor within seven days of their initial visit at no additional charge. A photo ID must be presented with the non-transferrable voucher.

The Passport to Pearl Harbor includes:

- The Official Pearl Harbor 90 minute Audio Tour for the USS Arizona Memorial;
- USS Bowfin Submarine Museum and Park museum admission and submarine audio tour;
- Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor admission; and
- Battleship Missouri Memorial admission and the choice of four tours.

The Official Pearl Harbor Audio Tour guides and educates the visitor through 28 locations at the new Pearl Harbor Visitor Center, its two world-class museums and the USS Arizona Memorial. This 90-minute audio tour features the voices of actress Jamie Lee Curtis, National Park Service historians and Pearl Harbor survivors. The new audio tour is available in seven languages: English, French, German, Spanish, Korean, Mandarin and Japanese.

About the Pearl Harbor Historic Sites

Welcoming more than 1.5 million visitors each year, Pearl Harbor includes several independent memorials and museums — some under the purview of the National Park Service and others operated by private, nonprofit organizations. Together, and in partnership with Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, they carry forth the legacies of several of our nation’s most treasured icons, enduring tributes to the valor and sacrifices of our veterans during a time when the future of our nation and the world truly hung in the balance.

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**WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument
(USS Arizona, USS Oklahoma and USS Utah Memorials)**

The USS Arizona, USS Oklahoma and USS Utah Memorials are operated and maintained by the National Park Service as part of the recently designed WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument. The three ships’ memorials honor and commemorate all members of the U.S. Armed Forces and civilians who gave their lives to their country during the attack on the island of Oahu and Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. Visitors to the USS Arizona Memorial take a Navy launch to the memorial between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. The USS Oklahoma Memorial is located on Ford Island next to the Battleship Missouri and can be accessed via the Battleship Missouri Memorial shuttle bus. Access to the USS Utah Memorial is limited to those with military IDs. The Pearl Harbor Visitor Center is open daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission and parking is free. For more information, call the National Park Service at (808) 422-300 or Pacific Historic Parks at 808-954-8777, or visit www.nps.gov/valr or www.PacificHistoricParks.org.

USS Bowfin Submarine Museum and Park

Adjacent to the Pearl Harbor Visitors Center, the USS Bowfin Submarine Museum and Park, operated as a private, non-profit organization, is dedicated to the sacrifice of more than 3,500 submarine personnel lost in World War II. This gallant band of brothers, comprising less than 2 percent of the U.S. Navy, sank more than 5.5 million tons of enemy ships, while sustaining losses of 52 submarines that remain on Eternal Patrol. The USS Bowfin Submarine Museum and Park is open daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (808) 423-1341 or visit www.bowfin.org.

Battleship Missouri Memorial

The battleship USS Missouri (BB-63) completed an astounding career spanning five decades and three wars — World War II, Korea and Operation Desert Storm — and is best known as the site of Japan’s WWII surrender, which brought history’s most devastating war to a close. Recently returned from dry docking, the 887-foot, 45,000-ton “Mighty Mo” is open for visitors as the Battleship Missouri Memorial, operated as a private, non-profit organization on historic Ford Island in Pearl Harbor. The Battleship Missouri Memorial is open daily from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., or from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. during summer months (June, July and August). For more information or to reserve a tour, call (toll-free) 1-877-MIGHTYMO (1-877-644-4896) or visit www.ussmissouri.org.

Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor

Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor, a private, non-profit organization, occupies the WWII hangars and control tower on Ford Island that still bear the scars as our nation’s first aviation battlefield. Giving visitors a front-row seat to the Pacific Theater and presenting 28 aircraft and their stories, the museum was named “one of the Top Ten Aviation Attractions” by TripAdvisor®. Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (808) 441-1000 or visit www.PacificAviationMuseum.org. Tickets and a free flight simulator coupon are available online.

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