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Join fellow Harvard alumni on an exploration of Hawaii’s Big Island with an exclusive stay at a private historic mansion located in Hilo.

This grand home, known as the Thomas Guard House, is located in the community of Reed’s Island, where the Hawaiian royals used to reside. Built in 1916 by British banker Thomas Guard, the house is a stunning example of neo-classical architecture. The property has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places and has hosted some famous guests—including George Lucas during the production of *Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark*, which was shot in the nearby rain forest.

Visiting Hilo’s historic downtown is like stepping back in time. Explore the museums, shops, galleries, and restaurants; and mingle with the friendly and diverse residents.

Take daily excursions to experience the area’s natural wonders—magical waterfalls, lush gardens, and dramatic volcanic landscapes.

For a well-rounded experience, you will also visit academic institutions and organizations working to advance scientific understanding and preserve the rich heritage of the area.

This insider’s exploration of the Big Island is perfectly timed to help you escape from the winter weather. Space is limited, so be sure to get your reservation in today. This enchanting setting will create memories for a lifetime!

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MARCH 1, TUESDAY
ARRIVE Hilo
Arrive at Hilo Airport on the Big Island of Hawaii. You will be met by one of your guides and transferred to beautiful Reed’s Island, to the Thomas Guard House. You will spend five nights at this exclusive historic mansion surrounded by tropical rainforests, waterfalls, rivers carved by volcanoes, and gorgeous gardens. The epitome of exclusivity and comfort, the Thomas Guard House will be your home away from home for the next six days.

In the late afternoon, walk through the peaceful Liliuokalani Gardens, named after Hawaii’s last reigning monarch, Queen Liliuokalani. Located on Hilo’s Banyan Drive, this authentic Japanese garden was dedicated in 1917 as a tribute to Hawaii’s first Japanese immigrants, who worked in the island’s sugar cane fields. This beautifully landscaped park features arching red bridges over fishponds, rock gardens, pagodas, Japanese stone lanterns, and a teahouse. Views of Hilo Bay and Moku Ola (Coconut Island) enhance this remarkable landscape.

In the evening, relax at the Thomas Guard House or enjoy fine dining with your fellow housemates at the elegant Hilo Bay Café, featuring fresh farm-to-table delicacies prepared by a local Hawaiian chef. (B,D—boxed dinner)

MARCH 2, WEDNESDAY
AKAKA FALLS, RICHARDSON BEACH & MAUNA KEA SUMMIT OBSERVATORY
Enjoy the daily breakfast served at the Thomas Guard House on the open veranda, or lanai. After breakfast, tour Akaka Falls State Park, 14 miles north along the Hamakua Coast. Visit two gorgeous waterfalls on a pleasant 0.4-mile uphill hike that takes you through a lush rainforest filled with wild orchids, bamboo groves, and draping ferns.

Follow the paved footpath to the 100-foot Kahuna Falls. Continue to follow the loop around the bend, where you’ll discover towering Akaka Falls, dropping 442 feet into a stream-eroded gorge. Beautiful Akaka Falls is perhaps Hawaii Island’s most famous waterfall. Easily accessible, this hike takes less than an hour.

Visit Hakalau Beach with its old mill and beautiful beach park. An impressive metal bridge was built here in 1940s to connect the main loop on the Big Island.

Return to downtown Hilo for lunch at Café Pesto, which offers a colorful menu of locally grown organic greens, freshly caught fish, and delicious pastas and pizzas. Afterward, tour Richardson Beach on the Four Miles Drive to experience its rocky seawalls and parks where locals swim, dive, surf, and fish.

In the afternoon, depart for a tour of the Mauna Kea Observatories. The observatories are an independent collection of astronomical research facilities located on the summit of Mauna Kea, home to 13 of the largest and most advanced telescopes in the world. At almost 14,000 feet, the location is ideal for astronomical viewing because of its dark skies, towering position above most of the water vapor in the atmosphere, clean air, good weather, and an almost equatorial location. Please consult your physician to be sure you are fit for this excursion. (B,L,D—boxed dinner)

MARCH 3, THURSDAY
IMILOA ASTRONOMY CENTER & Hilo’s Historic Downtown
In the morning, visit the world-famous Imiloa Astronomy Center, a public science center dedicated to sharing and interpreting the astronomy conducted on the summit of Mauna Kea. Imiloa presents the astronomy atop Mauna Kea within the framework of native Hawaiian traditions of navigation and exploration. Tour the facilities and learn about the ongoing scientific and cultural research within the context of the community. Watch a show at the world’s first 3-D digital dome in the planetarium and stroll through gardens featuring native and Polynesian-introduced plant life.

Visit the College of Hawaiian Language for an introduction to its Hawaiian Cultural and Language Preservation program. The program is being tested as a template to restore and preserve indigenous language.

In the afternoon, tour Hilo’s historic downtown, Hawaii Island’s biggest small town featuring century-old wooden storefronts housing a variety of sophisticated galleries, shops, restaurants, and cultural sites. Start your walk on Kamehameha Avenue facing beautiful Hilo Bay and discover the variety of shops, restaurants, and attractions. The Pacific Tsunami Museum chronicles the catastrophic natural disasters of 1946 and 1960 that forced Hilo to rebuild farther inland using parkland as a buffer.

In the evening, savor a home-cooked dinner featuring fresh farm-to-table delicacies prepared by a local Hawaiian chef. (B,D)

Before dinner, you may enjoy a Hawaiian lomi lomi massage at the local spa, five minutes from the Thomas Guard House. Advance reservation required.

MARCH 4, FRIDAY
HAWAII VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK
Hawaii Volcanoes National Park encompasses two active volcanoes: Kilauea, one of the world’s most active volcanoes, and Mauna Loa, the world’s most massive volcano. In recognition of the need to preserve
HIGHLIGHTS

• Travel with a Harvard study leader who will provide a rich educational program in Hawaii.

• Visit the beach in Waipio Valley that was recently named one of the 10 most beautiful beaches in the world by Condé Nast Traveller.

• See lava glowing against the dark night sky at Hawai’i Volcanoes National Park.

• View the sunset from above the clouds at the summit of Mauna Kea and learn about the advanced astronomical research taking place on the mountain.

• Visit the University of Hawaii at Hilo’s Imiloa Astronomy Center and Planetarium for an insightful interpretation of the astronomy being conducted on the summit of Mauna Kea.

• Enjoy a private performance of traditional Hawaiian music and dance by the award-winning husband-and-wife team of Manu Josiah and Leilehua Yuen.

Hawaii’s outstanding natural environment, Hawaii Volcanoes National Park was designated as an International Biosphere Reserve in 1980 and a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1987. The park gives scientists insight into the birth of the Hawaiian Island and is the location of ongoing studies into the processes of volcanism. Experience the dramatic volcanic landscapes and rare flora and fauna found here. The best and closest place to observe a volcanic eruption is from Jaggar Museum overlook, and other vantage points at the summit of Kilauea provide views of Halema’uma’u Crater.

During daylight, the robust plume of volcanic gas is a constant and dramatic reminder of the molten rock churning in a lava lake beneath the crater floor. After sunset, Halema’uma’u continues to thrill visitors with a vivid glow that illuminates the clouds and the plume as it billows into the night sky.

An optional four-mile hike of Kilauea Iki trail through the lush crater is an invigorating and intimate way to experience the volcanic terrain and ecology. A box lunch including fruit and sandwiches is provided.

After exploring the park, settle in for a sunset dinner. Then, emerge to watch the volcano glow at night near the crater. (B,L,D)

MARCH 5, SATURDAY
HILO FARMER’S MARKET, WAIPIO VALLEY, TROPICAL BOTANICAL GARDEN

In the morning, tour the bustling Hilo Farmers’ Market. Afterward, drive to Waipio Valley, and immerse yourself in this dramatic landscape surrounded by cliffs thousands of feet high. The valley is the childhood home of King Kamehameha I— and an important center for political and religious life in Hawaii. Waipio Valley was once the home of thousands of Native Hawaiians. Today, fewer than 100 residents live among the waterfalls, taro fields, and rivers permeating the valley. Hawaii Island’s tallest waterfall, Hiilawe Falls, cascades down 1,300 feet in the back of Waipio. Enjoy a picnic lunch on the beach.

In the afternoon, tour the famous Hawaii Tropical Botanical Garden. This 40-acre “garden in a valley on the ocean” situated on the lush Hamakua Coast is a naturally formed greenhouse benefiting from fertile volcanic soil and natural protection from tradewinds. Photographers, gardeners, botanists, scientists, and nature lovers from around the world are drawn to this museum of living plants. Over 2,000 species, representing more than 125 families and 750 genera, are found in this one-of-a-kind garden. Throughout this garden valley, nature trails meander through the tropical rainforest, crossing bubbling streams, passing several beautiful waterfalls, and offering exciting ocean vistas along the rugged Pacific coast.

In the evening, enjoy a special farewell at the Thomas Guard House, where a delectable Hawaiian banquet accompanied by Hawaiian cultural experts, Manu Josiah and Leilehua Yuen, make for the perfect end of your authentic Hawaiian experience. (B,L,D)

MARCH 6, SUNDAY
DEPART HILO

After breakfast, one of your guides will accompany you to the Hilo Airport for your departure. (B)

(Note: Checkout at the Thomas Guard House is at 10:30 a.m.)
GENERAL INFORMATION

TOUR COST INCLUSIONS: Accommodations at the Thomas Guard House; Airport transfers; All meals listed in the itinerary; beer and wine at lunches and dinners; Turn-down and cleaning service for your room; All sightseeing, entertainment, and cultural activities listed in the itinerary; All ground transportation as listed for the tour; local tour guides; Harvard Study Leader; $200,000 emergency medical evacuation insurance; Gratuities to guides and drivers; Preparatory materials.

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THOMAS GUARD HOUSE ACCOMMODATIONS

PRIVATE SUITES

The two private suites in the mansion have king and queen beds, respectively. Both suites offer gorgeous waterfall views, sitting areas, desks, and private ensuite bathrooms.

DELUXE ROOMS

The three deluxe rooms in the mansion have queen beds, a sitting area, a desk, and private bathrooms.

ALOHA ROOMS

The two aloha rooms in the mansion are located on the garden level and have a queen and twin beds, respectively, with a shared bathroom. These rooms are perfect for a family or friends traveling together.

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