GEEO ITINERARY

HAWAII’S BIG ISLAND and KAUAI – Summer

Day 1: Kapa‘a Arrive at any time.

Arrive at any time. Aloha! Welcome to Hawaii. There are no planned activities today, so check into the hotel and spend some time exploring Kauai. We typically have a group meeting at the hotel around 6:00 p.m. Upon arrival at the hotel, please check the notice board for information about the group meeting. During the group meeting, the leader will outline the trip itinerary and answer questions.

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Day 3: Kapa‘a/Hilo (B, D) Fly from Kauai to the Big Island. Stop by ‘Akaka Falls to stretch your legs, before continuing to our lodge at Kulaniapia Falls.

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Day 6: Kailua-Kona (B) Today is a day at leisure in Kona, and for good reason — Kona is the adventure capital of the Big Island, so there’s something to suit everyone here. Opt to go diving, snorkeling, horseback riding, ziplining, or head out to visit a seahorse farm. Tonight, join the group for a final farewell to
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Day 7: Kailua-Kona (B) Depart at any time.

Depart at any time. Want more adventure? Book two or more GEEO trips in the same year and receive a discount! GEEO will give you 10% off of the lesser value program(s) (up to 3 programs). If you don't see a program that interests you that pairs with this trip, but still would like to extend your time abroad, let us know. We will work with you to find a non-teacher trip from our tour operator’s much larger catalog. Even better, if you are an educator, we can offer still offer you a discounted price on the trip you choose!