HAWAIIAN Stars

JANUARY 27–FEBRUARY 4, 2013

WORLD-CLASS OBSERVATORIES & NATURAL WONDERS
With Jeremy Kasdin, Professor of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering

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Dear Princetonian,

STARGAZERS HAVE LONG FLOCKED TO HAWAII'S VOLCANIC MOUNTAINTOPS TO PROBE THE HEAVENS: the skies are dark, the air is clean, the weather is good, and the equatorial location is an important astronomical reference point. Accompanied by Princeton Professor Jeremy Kasdin, lead investigator of Princeton’s Terrestrial Planet Finder group, enjoy special access to a variety of Hawaii’s observatories and research facilities, including the Mauna Kea Observatory Complex on the Big Island and Project Pan-STARRS at the summit of Haleakala on Maui, where an array of astronomical cameras, telescopes, and computing facilities searches the sky for new asteroids, comets, variable stars, and other celestial objects. Also visit the Imiloa Museum’s fascinating exhibitions relating to the history of astronomy in Hawaii.

This program also provides plenty of time to explore the many natural wonders of Hawaii. Learn about the islands’ teeming tropical marine life on a whale-watching cruise during the humpback whale migration and a tour of the Maui Ocean Center. Observe the ongoing forces that continue to shape the islands during a volcanologist-led excursion to Kilauea volcano. Enjoy easy walks to view thundering waterfalls and unspoiled panoramas as you search for forest birds with local naturalists and diverse endemic plants such as Silversword and Sandalwood. From the skies above to the ocean depths, Hawaii is a magical place to marvel at the wonders of planet earth.

Contact the Princeton Journeys team today at (609) 258-8686 or journeys@princeton.edu to reserve your space on this fascinating exploration of Hawaii’s natural and celestial wonders.

Sincerely,

Leslie J. Rowley S95
Executive Director, Princeton Journeys
Office of the Alumni Association
Princeton University

Make a reservation online today at http://alumni.princeton.edu/journeys

Marvel at the lava fields in Volcanoes National Park and keep an eye out for the rare ‘I‘iwi bird (above).
**Sunday, January 27**

**Home ● Kahului, Maui ● Makena**

Fly to Kahului, Maui, and transfer to the Makena Beach & Golf Resort at the base of Haleakala. Enjoy an evening welcome orientation and dinner.

**MAKENA BEACH & GOLF RESORT (R,D)**

**Monday, January 28**

**Ma‘akena, Maui**

Join a whale-watching cruise along the shoreline of Maui with the Pacific Whale Foundation to observe humpback whales that migrate from Alaska to Hawaii each winter. Also enjoy a private tour of the Maui Ocean Center, a three-acre tropical reef aquarium and marine science center with thousands of marine species that can be viewed in living coral reefs.

**MAKENA BEACH & GOLF RESORT (B,L)**

**Tuesday, January 29**

**Ma‘akena**

Those interested can participate in an optional morning bike ride 6,500 feet down to the base of Haleakala before joining a group tour of Haleakala National Park with a local naturalist. Search for a diversity of native birds and endemic plants such as Silversword and Sandalwood. At the summit, visit Project Pan-STARRS (Panoramic Survey Telescope and Rapid Response System).

**MAKENA BEACH & GOLF RESORT (B,D)**

**Wednesday, January 30**

**Volcanoes National Park, Hawaii**

Fly from Maui to Hilo on the Big Island of Hawaii. During a curator-guided tour of the Imiloa Museum, explore exhibits relating to Hawaiian astronomy and watch a planetarium show about the night skies from the perspective of a native Hawaiian. Drive from sea level to Volcanoes National Park at 5,000 feet, observing the dramatic change in botanic and volcanic scenery.

**KILAUEA LODGE (B,L,D)**

**Thursday, January 31**

**Volcanoes National Park**

Accompanied by a local volcanologist, explore Volcanoes National Park, including Steaming Bluff, Hawaiian Volcano Observatory, Jaggar Museum, Halemaumau “fire pit,” and Thurston Lava Tube. Descend the Chain of Craters Road, noting the pioneer plants colonizing the huge lava-draped mountainsides.

**KILAUEA LODGE (B,L)**

**Friday, February 1**

**Waikoloa**

Drive from Volcano Village to the scenic Kona coast with a stop at a black sand beach to observe green sea turtles. Enjoy a traditional Hawaiian lunch at the Manago Hotel overlooking Kealakekua Bay. Check in at the Waikoloa Beach Marriott Resort, perched atop an old lava flow with ancient petroglyphs on the property.

**WAIKOLOA BEACH MARRIOTT RESORT (B,L)**
**PROGRAM RATES**

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**AIRFARE**

Airfare from home to Maui and return from the Big Island is not included. The on-tour flight from Maui to Hilo is included in the program cost.

**PROGRAM RATES INCLUDE**

Educational program by Princeton lecturer and local experts  
- All accommodations and meals as outlined in the itinerary (B=breakfast, L=lunch, R=reception, D=dinner)  
- All ground transportation and on-tour flight within program itinerary unless otherwise indicated  
- All excursions as specified in the itinerary  
- Entrance fees, airport and hotel taxes, and gratuities to housekeeping, porters, escorts, drivers, and guides  
- Welcome and farewell wine receptions  
- Water on motorcoaches  
- Group arrival and departure transfers  
- Baggage handling for one checked piece and one carry-on piece per person  
- Complete packet of pre-departure information including educational materials  
- Professional tour manager

**WHAT TO EXPECT**

January and February are cool months. Clear, warm days alternate with showery episodes. Temperatures range from the 60s to the 80s, depending on elevation, and precipitation varies greatly even at similar elevations. This is a moderately active program that involves extended periods of walking on uneven terrain. Participants should be fit and in active good health.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**PROGRAM RATES DO NOT INCLUDE**

Airfare to and from Hawaii  
- Medical expenses and immunizations  
- Arrival and departure transfers/baggage handling for those traveling independently of the designated schedule  
- Optional excursions or deviations from the scheduled tour  
- Excess baggage charges  
- Trip cancellation/baggage insurance  
- Meals not specified in the itinerary; food and beverages not part of the included meal

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**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

**Waikoloa**

Board four-wheel-drive vehicles for the ascent to the Observatory Complex at the 13,796-foot summit of Mauna Kea. Enjoy a private guided tour of one of the telescopes and stargaze through powerful 11-foot Celestron Schmidt-Cassegrain telescopes at the Visitor Information Station.  

**WAIKOLOA BEACH MARRIOTT RESORT (B,D)**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3**

**Waikoloa**

Enjoy a backcountry excursion in the heart of the Kohala countryside. Explore the extraordinary natural beauty on an easy walk that includes a series of waterfalls and magnificent views. This evening, celebrate the adventure at a festive farewell dinner.  

**WAIKOLOA BEACH MARRIOTT RESORT (B,L,R,D)**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4**

**Waikoloa  •  Kona  •  Home**

Transfer to the airport in Kona for your flights home. (B)

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**The summit of Mauna Kea is almost halfway out of the Earth’s atmosphere and provides one of the clearest views of the skies on the planet.**
INSURANCE
As a service to its travelers, the Office of the Alumni Association of Princeton University automatically provides all travelers basic medical coverage under a group travel insurance policy. It is highly recommended that you supplement this basic protection with your own additional coverage, as well as trip cancellation/interruption or baggage coverage. Information on additional insurance is available and will be mailed upon receipt of your reservation.

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To reserve space, return the completed reservation form with your $1,000 per person deposit to: Princeton Journeys, John Maclean House, P.O. Box 291, Princeton, NJ 08542-0291 or fax to (609) 258-5561. Balance of payment is due October 30, 2012. We accept personal checks, payable to Criterion Travel, as well as VISA, MasterCard, and American Express. Reservations will be processed in order of receipt.

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Enclosed is my check for $ _________($1,000 per person), to reserve ________ place(s) on the Princeton Journeys program Hawaiian Stars.

OR
Charge the deposit to my credit card: VISA / MC / AMEX (circle one)

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For more information, contact the Princeton Journeys staff at: journeys@princeton.edu or (609) 258-8686.
Highlights

Enjoy special access at some of Hawaii’s renowned OBSERVATORIES on the summits of Mauna Kea and Haleakala.

Relax in three of the diverse environments that comprise Hawaii—TWO PREMIER RESORTS set on white sand beaches and a mountain lodge just outside Volcanoes National Park.

Experience Hawaii’s unique natural history, including a WHALE-WATCHING cruise during the migration season for humpback whales and an excursion to the ongoing volcanic activity of KILAUEA VOLCANO.

Explore Hawaii’s NATIONAL PARKS, hiking trails, and rainforests with local naturalist guides.