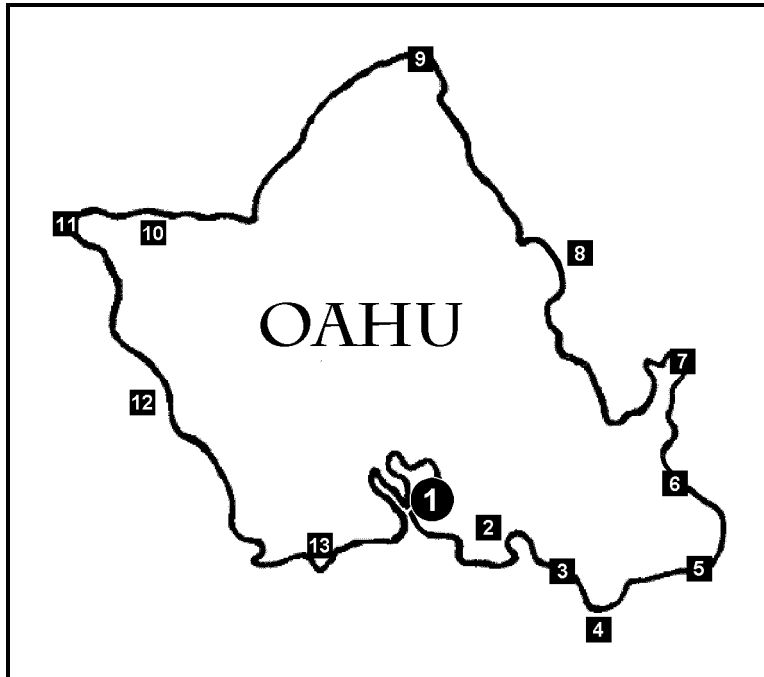


Oahu, Hawaii Air Tour, FS2002



Aloha! ... and welcome to the DC-3 Airways Gourmet-Luncheon Air Tour of Oahu Island, Hawaii. On arrival at Ford Island field by launch our Hawaiian flight attendant will greet you with a lei of fresh orchids. Shortly after take-off Chef Lau will serve you a choice of Hawaiian or Continental Cuisine accompanied with the finest red and white wines.

The menu varies on each trip and the sights from the air are always beautiful so come back often for this 50-minute narrated tour. You'll see the beauty of Oahu like few other tourists do.

Our Flight:

1. Ford Island Field ... Established in 1919 by the Army as Luke Field, it was the first airstrip in Hawaii. The Navy took full control in 1935 and now operates this diminutive airport in the center of Pearl Harbor with its single 4000 ft runway. A good friend of DC-3 Airways, you may occasionally see the Admiral in the right seat of N1776.

2. Honolulu ... The capital of Hawaii. A vibrant city with restaurants, attractions, shopping, museums, and night-life for all. Don't miss Chinatown in the heart of the city.

3. Waikiki Beach ... Most tourists come to Hawaii for three reasons; Waikiki, Waikiki, and Waikiki. There you'll find some of the finest hotels in the world plus snorkeling, sailing, surfing and boogie boarding for a great vacation, winter or summer. Temperature is a near-constant 77° F, 25° C all year round. Bring plenty of sun-screen lotion.

4. Diamond Head Volcanic Crater ... One of the after-effects of the volcanic eruptions that created the Hawaiian Islands was Diamond Head Volcano. It juts 761 ft (232 m) into the sky four miles east of Waikiki Beach. It got its name because 19th century sailors mistook calcite crystals weathering out of the volcanic rocks for diamonds.

5. Koko Head Crater ... An ancient cinder-cone volcano. This is a bold, 640 ft (195 m) high promontory with a steep seaward side.

6. Bellows Air Force Base ... Built in 1917, expanded to five runways after the start of WWII, it was deactivated in 1958. Bellows has the distinction of being the site of the first POW captured after America's entry into World War II when a Japanese midget submarine grounded on a reef just offshore on 8 Dec 1941.

7. Makapuu Head ... is the easternmost part of Oahu, about 2 mi east of Kaneohe Bay MCAF. It is a bold, barren, rocky headland 647 ft (197 m) high that is the landfall for vessels inbound from the mainland United States. A shelf at 395 ft supports Makapuu Lighthouse, built in 1909 and still operational today. Its light can be seen for 28 miles. This famous lighthouse is not in the FS scenery database.

8. Koolau Mountains ... We are now on the windward side of Oahu with the Koolau Mountain Range to our left. These tropical Mountains stretch from the northern tip of Oahu to the southern tip. The highest elevation in this range is 3150 ft (960 m). Japanese aircraft approached Pearl Harbor over these mountains in their attack of 1941.

9. North Shore ... Surf's Up!! Way up ... as high as 50 ft in the winter. Land at Kahuku Airport, Rwy 29. Disembark passengers to waiting limousines which will take them to Waimea Bay Beach Park featuring the largest rideable waves in the entire world. Watch experienced surfers ride the enormous waves. Downright dangerous water for the inexperienced ... Definitely not for the novice with a Styrofoam boogie board.

10. Dillingham Airfield ... Restricted to single-engine aircraft and light twins. You'll want to return here before leaving Oahu for a ride in a fully restored, open-cockpit Stearman N2S bi-plane. This Boeing aircraft was the primary trainer for US military pilots in the early days of WWII. Suit up in leather helmet and goggles for their most popular flight, a historic tour over Pearl Harbor, retracing one of the bombing routes used by the Japanese on December 7, 1941.

11. Kaena Point ... Oahu's most western tip ... and where the waves can reach 50 ft in the winter with spray flying as high as 100 ft. The roar of the surf drowns out normal conversation. A refuge for marine life maybe today we'll see either a pod of spinner Dolphin or a Whale spanking the water with its tail. We'll be down to an altitude of 1000 ft.

12. Oahu's West Shore ... to John Rodgers Field ... with the lush beauty of Hawaii to our left and the Waianae mountain range a bit farther away.

13. John Rodgers Field ... at 1000 ft for Ford Island Field, the end of a magnificent tour. Avoid overflight of refineries west of airport, gaseous exhaust plumes and flames may rise to 267 ft AGL without warning.

14. Land at Ford Island Field ... A Luxury launch and limousines will return you to your hotel.