

About Hawaii Theatre

When it opened in 1922, beautiful Hawaii Theatre was the premier place in downtown Honolulu for vaudeville, plays, musicals and silent films. By 1984 it had fallen into disrepair, and had closed its doors. The Hawaii Theatre Center, a nonprofit corporation, formed in 1986 to save Hawaii Theatre from the wrecking ball. In May 1996, the Hawaii Theatre reopened as a 1400-seat, multi-purpose, state-of-the art performance center. The Hawaii Theatre was recognized as the 'Outstanding Historic Theatre in America' in 2005 by the League of Historic American Theatres and, in 2006, was awarded an Honor Award by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Today it is listed on both the State and National Registers of Historic Places.



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Chinatown Tour

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Tour Description

Immerse yourself in Chinatown, where Honolulu's past and present come together in a vibrant experience of a very special place.

Explore this part of Honolulu where Chinese – along with more recent immigrant groups – have shaped the place we know as Chinatown.

You'll begin this two hour tour in the historic Hawaii Theatre with an orientation to the Theatre and to the Chinatown Historic District. From there, you'll set off on foot to explore the rich cultural mosaic of Chinatown. On your walking tour, you'll visit sites that represent the breadth of Chinatown today, and you will also have free time to shop, eat, or to simply enjoy Chinatown's ambiance.

Wear light clothing, comfortable walking shoes, and sunscreen. Chinatown is a geographically compact area, and the terrain is flat, so this is not a physically demanding tour. Nonetheless, you will be walking for more than an hour.

**To arrange a tour please phone
808-791-1314
or email:
chinatowntours@hawaiitheatre.com**

Explore Fascinating Chinatown

Chinatown is among the most exciting and dynamic neighborhoods on O`ahu. Explore historic Chinatown in downtown Honolulu and experience the unique blend of Asian, Pacific, and Western influences.

Hawaii Theatre

Begin your tour in the beautifully restored, national award-winning Hawaii Theatre.

Chinatown Historic District

Discover the architectural and cultural attributes that put the Chinatown District onto the National Register of Historic Places.

Arts District

Visit the Honolulu Culture and Arts District, where more than 25 arts-related businesses, and some of Honolulu's trendiest nightclubs and restaurants coexist in buildings built at the turn of the 20th century.

Markets

Experience historic Oahu Market (built 1904) and other markets featuring exotic fruits, fish, and vegetables. Get a glimpse into Chinatown's continuing role as a gateway to Hawaii's newest immigrants, including Chinese, Vietnamese, Japanese, Filipino, Laotian, and Korean.

Lei Stands

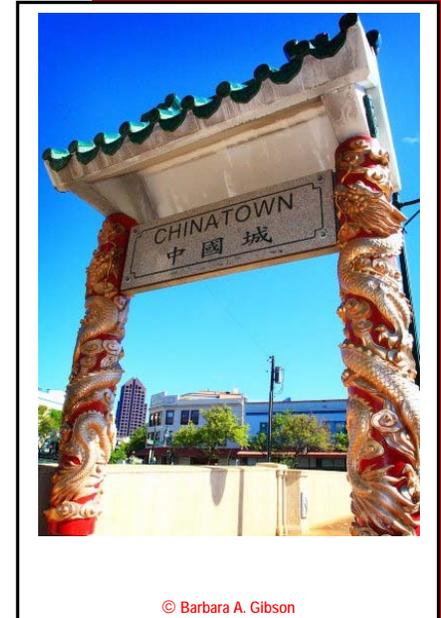
See (and smell) bountiful lei. Chinatown is known by residents for the best lei stands in the Islands, unparalleled for beauty and variety.

Maximum group size: 11 persons per guide.

Please note than many area merchants accept only cash.

Mahalo!

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