



PEARL HARBOR HISTORIC SITES

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Now You Can Book Your Entire Pearl Harbor Experience Online

New Service Enables Visitors to Book all Four of the Pearl Harbor Historic Sites

Pearl Harbor, Hawaii (March 6, 2012) — Planning a trip to the Pearl Harbor Historic Sites is now easier than ever thanks to the National Park Service and Recreation.gov. Visitors for the first time can now make reservations for the USS *Arizona* Memorial tour for a \$1.50 non-refundable, convenience fee per ticket.

Recreation.gov, in conjunction with the Pearl Harbor Historic Sites and the National Park Service now offers three Pearl Harbor ticket options – the USS *Arizona* Memorial Tour, the USS *Arizona* Memorial Audio Tour and the new Passport to Pearl Harbor.

“For almost 32 years, tours to the USS *Arizona* Memorial have been offered on a first come, first served basis. This new service will enhance the visitor experience by giving individuals and groups the option to make advance reservations for their visit to Pearl Harbor Historic Sites, saving them time and hassle.” says Paul DePrey, Superintendent, for WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument. “For anyone without access to online booking, visitors can call Recreation.gov toll free at 1-877-444-6777 and a limited number of walk-in tickets will still be available daily.”

The Passport to Pearl Harbor is perfect for those looking to get the entire Pearl Harbor experience for one low price. The Passport provides access to all primary Pearl Harbor historic sites for just \$55 per adult and \$30 per child. For just \$10 more, the Passport holders can upgrade to a Two Day Pass that allows them to return to Pearl Harbor within a seven day period.

“From remembering the attacks of Dec. 7, 1941 at USS *Arizona* Memorial, learning about the nation’s first aviation battlefield at the Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor, boarding the USS *Bowfin* submarine, affectionately nicknamed the Pearl Harbor Avenger, and seeing the spot of Imperial Japan’s unconditional surrender aboard the Battleship *Missouri* Memorial; the Passport to Pearl Harbor is the best way to get the whole story of WWII in the Pacific,” said Michael A. Carr, President and Chief Operating Officer of the Battleship *Missouri* Memorial.

The Passport to Pearl Harbor includes:

- The USS *Arizona* Memorial Audio Tour;
- USS *Bowfin* Submarine Museum and Park museum admission and audio tour;
- Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor admission; and
- Battleship *Missouri* Memorial admission and the choice between four tours.

Upgraded tour options at the Battleship *Missouri* Memorial and Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor are available for an additional fee.

About Recreation.gov

Recreation.gov, part of the Recreation One-Stop E-Gov initiative, offers and provides a single point of access to information about Federal recreational activities and reservations. It provides a comprehensive source of information about thousands of Federal recreation opportunities. Information about recreation opportunities on Federal lands is displayed based on the interests of the customer, not centered on the agency providing the recreation opportunity. Recreation.gov is provided under the National Recreation Reservation Service (NRRS), a Federal interagency program which delivers recreation reservation services for participating partner agencies under a contract administered by the USDA Forest Service.

About the Pearl Harbor Historic Sites

Welcoming approximately 1.7 million visitors each year, the Pearl Harbor attractions include several independent historic sites — some under the purview of the U.S. National Park Service and others operated by private, nonprofit organizations. Together, and in partnership with Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, they carry forth the legacies of some of our nation's most treasured icons. Although Pearl Harbor is one historic destination, there are four distinct sites to visit, each with its own story to tell. Each attraction is as compelling as the next and none that the visitor would want to miss. For more information on the four attractions at Pearl Harbor, visit www.PearlHarborHistoricSites.org.

WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument (USS *Arizona*, USS *Oklahoma* and USS *Utah* Memorials)

The USS *Arizona*, USS *Oklahoma* and USS *Utah* Memorials are operated and maintained by the National Park Service as part of the recently designed WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument. The three ships' memorials honor and commemorate all members of the U.S. Armed Forces and civilians who gave their lives to their country during the attack on the island of Oahu and Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. Visitors to the USS *Arizona* Memorial take a Navy launch to the memorial between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. The USS *Oklahoma* Memorial is located on Ford Island next to the Battleship *Missouri* and can be accessed via the Battleship *Missouri* Memorial shuttle bus. Access to the USS *Utah* Memorial is limited to those with military IDs. The Pearl Harbor Visitor Center is open daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission and parking is free. For more information visit nps.gov/valr, PacificHistoricParks.org or call 808-954-8778.

USS *Bowfin* Submarine Museum and Park

Adjacent to the Pearl Harbor Visitors Center, the USS *Bowfin* Submarine Museum and Park, operated as a private, non-profit organization, is dedicated to the sacrifice of more than 3,500 submarine personnel lost in World War II. This gallant band of brothers, comprising less than 2 percent of the U.S. Navy, sank more than 5.5 million tons of enemy ships, while sustaining losses of 52 submarines that remain on Eternal Patrol. The USS *Bowfin* Submarine Museum and Park is open daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Combined general admission to the submarine and museum is \$10 per adult and \$4 per child 4-12. Military, kamaaina (local resident) and school group pricing is available. For more information, call (808) 423-1341 or visit Bowfin.org.

Battleship *Missouri* Memorial

The battleship USS *Missouri* (BB-63) completed an astounding career spanning five decades and three wars — World War II, Korea and Operation Desert Storm — and is best known as the site of Japan’s WWII surrender, which brought history’s most devastating war to a close. The 887-foot, 45,000-ton “Mighty Mo” is open for visitors as the Battleship *Missouri* Memorial, operated as a private, non-profit organization on historic Ford Island in Pearl Harbor. The Battleship *Missouri* Memorial is open daily from 8 am to 4 pm or from 8 am to 5 pm. during summer months (June, July and August). General admission, which includes choice of a guided tour, is \$22 per adult and \$11 per child 4-12. Military, kamaaina (local resident) and school group pricing is available. For more information or to reserve a tour, call (toll-free) 1-877-MIGHTYMO (1-877-644-4896) or visit USSMissouri.org.

Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor

Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor, a private, non-profit organization, occupies the WWII hangars and control tower on Ford Island that still bear the scars as our nation’s first aviation battlefield. Giving visitors a front-row seat to the Pacific Theater and presenting 28 aircraft and their stories, the museum was named “one of the Top Ten Aviation Attractions” by TripAdvisor®. Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. General admission is \$20 per adult and \$10 per child 4-12. Military, kamaaina (local resident) and school group pricing is available. For more information, call (808) 441-1000 or visit PacificAviationMuseum.org. Tickets and a free flight simulator coupon are available online.

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