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by Jan Ross, Social Media Director, The Travel Authority

"Hawaii is not a state of mind, but a state of grace."

- Paul Theroux

I just made two trips to Hawaii and if you are interested in a trip there, you may want to check back here the next few months as I write in detail about each of the islands. The first time, I traveled to Hawaii with Classic Vacations and if you want a truly luxurious trip anywhere, I suggest Classic. They provide the most wonderful luxury vacations in truly fabulous locations and The Royal Hawaiian in Oahu was no exception.

You will have a choice of hundreds of hotels when you visit Oahu and many will be special in their own way. But none will have the history, splendor or quirky uniqueness of The Royal Hawaiian, A Luxury Collection Resort. And no other hotel will be quite as pink. The Royal Hawaiian has been pink for its entire life, which began back in 1927 when it was constructed on a beautiful stretch of Waikiki beach with a view of the clear Pacific Ocean, the looming Diamond Head Mountain and crater and its own lush, tropical gardens. Designed in a Spanish-Moorish style popularized by the Hollywood movies of the time, it was completely renovated in 2009 so each room now has new furnishings, flat-screen LCD TVs with premium channels, high-speed Internet and compact refrigerators. All without sacrificing the unique character of The Royal Hawaiian, which makes it a quiet and relaxing oasis in the middle of busy Waikiki.

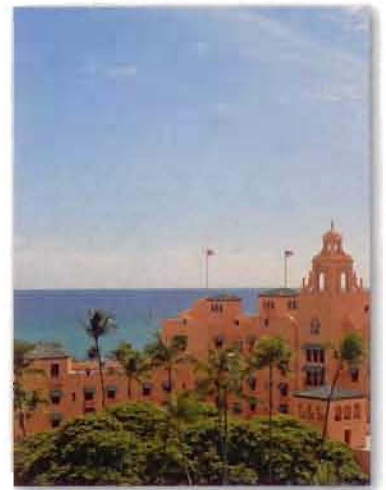
Everything at The Royal Hawaiian is special, from the friendly Ambassadors who meet you in the lovely, open-air lobby and place a traditional kukui nut lei over your head to welcome you to

the property to the gorgeous and intricately carved wooden doors to each guest room and suite. When you open that door, you will see plates of fresh fruits and a freshly baked loaf of banana bread, garnished with that wonderful local pineapple. Now, what other hotel bakes a fresh loaf of bread for each guest room?

The Royal Hawaiian is literally steps from the ocean. When I was ready for a little beach time, it took me about five minutes to get from my room to a beach chair. If you decide you want to be a little more active than I was, you can choose from parasailing to catamaran cruises to surfing lessons to snorkeling – pretty much any water activity your heart desires. If you want to dust the sand off your toes, you can also lounge by one of the beautiful pools on the property. The Royal Beach Tower pool is a good choice for adults, featuring a fabulous stone pool deck with plenty of cushioned lounge chairs and deck umbrellas – a necessity when you consider that tropical Hawaii sun.

The Helumoa Playground is a better choice for families with kids since it is a huge pool area with two swimming pools, a large water slide, two big whirlpools and an interactive fountain area for water play. There's even a pool hut where you can borrow beach towels and purchase inflatable pool toys and that sun block you forgot to pack.

There is also a fitness center and a spa which offers any sort of pampering you can imagine. After your day in the sun and an afternoon of pampering, you should head to the Monday night dinner show which takes place on a staging area in the grass right beside the Pacific Ocean. Watch the sun set by Diamond Head and experience an incredible performance – one of the best I have ever seen. The Aha Aina feast is not a traditional luau but recreates an ancient celebration with food, songs, stories, hula and the Hawaiian culture. The hotel is located on traditionally sacred Hawaiian ground and this show honors



that history while telling the story of the hotel. With delicious food and a totally engrossing story, this is an experience you should not miss.

Not only is the location of this hotel right by the ocean a plus, it is also conveniently located right in the middle of downtown Waikiki. Head out the front door of the hotel through the quiet plaza, walk for five minutes and you are in the middle of some of the best shopping and restaurants with the most delicious food in the world.

Perfect location and perfect ambience, The Royal Hawaiian, A Luxury Collection Resort is the perfect place to stay while you are vacationing on the beautiful island of Oahu!

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