



AUTHENTIC HAWAII

January 17th - 22nd, 2017

Featuring Assistant Professor Sarah Hörst



Dear Alumni and Friends:

You are invited to join Assistant Professor Sarah Hörst and fellow Johns Hopkins alumni and friends to experience a most amazing exploration of Hawai'i's Big Island with an exclusive stay at a private historic mansion located on Reed's Island in historic Hilo.

This grand Victorian home, known as the *Thomas Guard House*, is located where the Hawaiian Royals used to reside. Built in 1916 by the banker Thomas Guard, the house is a stunning example of neo-classical architecture. The property has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places and has hosted famous guests such as George Lucas during the production of *Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark*, which was shot in the nearby rainforest.

Visiting Hilo's historic downtown is like stepping back in time. Explore museums, shops, galleries, and restaurants while mingling with the friendly and diverse residents.

Learn about the geology of the island and visit Volcanoes National Park. For a well-rounded experience, we will journey to the summit of Mauna Kea and partake in a specially arranged tour of the Subaru Observatory, as well as visit academic institutions working to advance scientific understanding and preserve the rich heritage of the area.

This insider's exploration of the Big Island is perfectly timed to help you escape from the winter weather. This enchanting setting will create memories for a lifetime!

Best regards,

Marguerite Jones

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Director of Alumni Relations



Waipio Valley



Torch Ginger, Hawaiian Tropical Botanical Gardens



Sea Turtle

JOHNS HOPKINS STUDY LEADER



Sarah Hörst is Assistant Professor of Earth and Planetary Sciences at Johns Hopkins where she is working to understand the formation and composition of planetary atmospheric hazes. Sarah studied Planetary Science as an undergrad at the California Institute of Technology in 2004. After graduating Caltech, she worked at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory analyzing images of Saturn from the Imaging Science Subsystem (ISS) on the Cassini spacecraft. In 2011, she received her PhD from the University of Arizona. Her primary research interest is atmospheric chemistry. She is particularly interested in the complex organic chemistry occurring in the atmosphere of Titan. She is also interested in complex organics elsewhere in the solar system (and the universe!), whether they are produced in an atmosphere or on a surface.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Experience the Delights of a Well-Crafted Itinerary

- Travel with JHU Assistant Professor Sarah Hörst, who will provide the educational program in Hawaii.
- Enjoy daily breakfasts served on the lanai where you can view wild birds amidst the lush garden
- Marvel at the dramatic landscape and black sand beaches of **Waipio Valley**
- See the amazing lava glowing against the dark night sky at Hawai'i **Volcanoes National Park**
- Meet the scientists at the Subaru Telescope for a private behind the scenes tour of the observatory on the **Summit of Mauna Kea** (14,000 ft) as you gaze upon the unobstructed sky
- Be astounded by the thousands of tropical plant species thriving at the Hawaiian **Tropical Botanical Gardens**
- Enjoy two **Hawaiian dinner banquets** at Thomas Guard House, prepared by a local chef with produce grown in his personal garden
- Visit the University of Hawai'i at Hilo's **'Imiloa Astronomy Center and Planetarium** for an insightful interpretation of the astronomy being conducted on the summit of Mauna Kea
- Enjoy a private performance of **traditional Hawaiian music and dance** by Hawaiian natives and cultural experts, Manu Josiah and Leilehua Yuen





AUTHENTIC HAWAII ITINERARY

January 17 • Arrive in Hilo & Lili'uokalani Gardens

Arrive at the Hilo Airport on the Big Island of Hawai'i. Meet your guide and transfer to Reed's Island, where you will spend five nights at an exclusive house, surrounded by tropical rainforests, waterfalls, rivers, and gorgeous gardens. The epitome of exclusivity and comfort, Reed's Island will be your home away from home for the duration of the tour.

In the early evening, take an optional walk through the peaceful Lili'uokalani Gardens, named after Hawai'i's last reigning monarch, Queen Lili'uokalani. Located on Hilo's Banyan Drive, this authentic Japanese garden was dedicated in 1917 as a tribute to Hawai'i's first Japanese immigrants, who worked in the island's sugar cane fields. This beautifully landscaped park features arching red bridges over fishponds, rock gardens, pagodas, Japanese stone lanterns, and a teahouse. Views of Hilo Bay and Moku Ola (Coconut Island) enhance this remarkable landscape.

Following the garden tour, join your fellow travelers at an optional dinner at the elegant Hilo Bay Café, featuring stunning bay views and fine contemporary American, Hawaiian and Japanese cuisines.

January 18 • 'Akaka Falls, Honoli'i Beach & Carlsmith Beach Park, Welcome Dinner

Enjoy breakfast, served daily on the open veranda, or lanai, of the Thomas Guard House.

Tour 'Akaka Falls State Park, 14 miles north along the Hamakua Coast. Visit two gorgeous waterfalls on a pleasant 0.4-mile uphill hike that takes you through a lush rainforest filled with wild orchids, bamboo groves, and draping ferns.

Follow the paved footpath to the 100-foot Kahuna Falls. Continue to follow the loop around the bend, where you'll discover towering 'Akaka Falls, dropping 442 feet into a stream-eroded gorge. Beautiful 'Akaka Falls is perhaps the Big Island's most famous waterfall.

Visit Honoli'i Beach. Popular among the local surfing crowd, Honoli'i beach is a mix of black sand, coral rubble, rocks and beach glass.

Return to Hilo for lunch at a local restaurant. Visit Carlsmith Beach Park with a black sand beach and beautiful views of Hilo Bay and Mauna Kea. Watch locals swim and surf. Take an optional swim, conditions permitting, and look for honu, or Hawaiian green sea turtles swimming around!

Return to the Thomas Guard House for a home-cooked dinner, prepared by our local Hawaiian chef featuring fresh farm-to-table delicacies. (B,L,D)

January 19 • 'Imiloa Astronomy Center & Subaru Telescope on the Mauna Kea Summit

In the morning, visit the world-famous 'Imiloa Astronomy Center, a public science center dedicated to sharing and interpreting the astronomy conducted on the Mauna Kea summit. 'Imiloa presents the astronomy atop Mauna Kea within the framework of native Hawaiian traditions of navigation and exploration. Tour the facilities and learn about the ongoing scientific and cultural research within the context of the



Liliuokalani Gardens

community. Watch a show at the world's first 3D digital dome in the planetarium and stroll through gardens that feature native and Polynesian-introduced plant life.

Afterwards, you will be escorted to the Mauna Kea Summit for a private tour of the Subaru Telescope where you will meet with scientists who are working on cutting edge astronomical research. Enjoy a picnic-style lunch and dinner at the Mauna Kea Visitors Center and watch the sunset from the top of the world's highest volcano and view the Hawaiian skies with a local interpretive naturalist. **Please Note: The Mauna Kea excursion is a high-altitude activity, where you will spend several hours between 9,000-14,000 ft. Because of the altitude and the quick ascent from sea level, this tour is not recommend for those with respiratory, circulatory or heart conditions, who are pregnant or in poor health, or for those who have scuba dived in the previous 24 hours. Please consult your physician to be sure you are fit for this excursion. Although not a hiking tour, you should also be able to walk on uneven or rocky terrain.** (B,L,D)

January 20 • Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park

Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park encompasses two active volcanoes: Kilauea, one of the world's most active volcanoes, and Mauna Loa, the world's

most massive volcano. In recognition of the need to preserve Hawai'i's outstanding natural environment, in 1980, Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park was designated as an International Biosphere Reserve, and in 1987, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The park gives scientists insight into the birth of the Hawaiian Islands and is the location of ongoing studies into the processes of volcanism.

Spend the day experiencing the dramatic volcanic landscapes and rare flora and fauna. Take an easy one-mile walk through Kīpuka Puaulu, or Bird Park, to look for native birds and koa trees. Stop at the Kīlauea Visitor's Center and the Jaggar Museum, built on the edge of the Kīlauea Cauldera, for a breath taking panoramic view of the Halema'uma'u Crater. With its robust plume of volcanic gas, Halema'uma'u is a constant and dramatic reminder of the molten rock churning in a lava lake beneath the crater floor. After sunset, Halema'uma'u continues to thrill visitors with a vivid glow that illuminates the clouds.

Take an optional four-mile hike of the Kīlauea Iki trail – the most beautiful hike in the park! The lush crater is an invigorating and intimate way to experience the volcanic terrain and ecology. Or opt for a scenic drive along the Chain of Craters Road, stopping at various scenic locations to view wildlife and the beautiful surroundings. Dine on a



Halema'uma'u Vent, Volcanoes National Park

picnic lunch of local specialties and tropical fruit. Watch the sunset near the crater and marvel at the lava's glow. Then Settle in for a dinner overlooking the crater. (B,L,D)

January 21 • Waipio Valley, Tropical Botanical Garden, Cultural Performance, & Farewell Banquet

This morning, drive to Waipi'o Valley, the childhood home of King Kamehameha I, and an important center for political and religious life in Hawai'i. Though Waipi'o Valley was once the home of thousands of Native Hawaiians, today fewer than 100 residents live among the waterfalls, taro fields, and rivers permeating the valley. Stop at the lookout for breathtaking views of the valley, cerulean, ocean, local villages and the farms that Native Hawaiians have cultivated for centuries. Immerse yourself in the dramatic landscape, with cliffs thousands of feet high and the Big Island's tallest waterfall, Hi'ilawe Falls, which cascades down 1,300 feet to the valley floor.

Continue onto Kalōpā Natural Forest State Park for short walk through Native Hawaiian rain forest, followed by a delicious picnic lunch.

In the afternoon, tour the famous Hawai'i Tropical Botanical Garden. This 40-acre "garden in

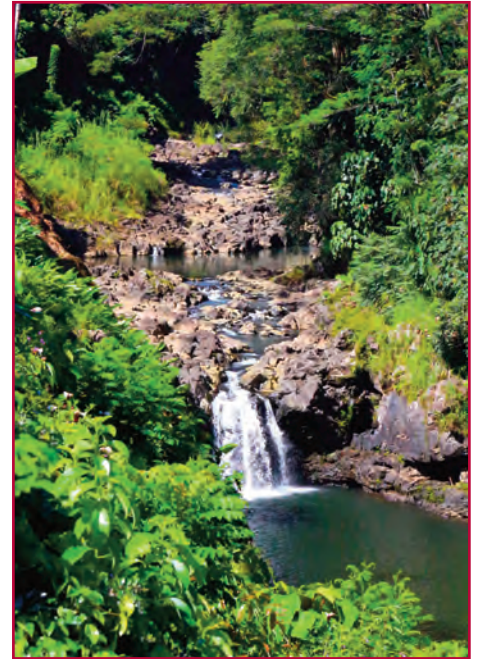
a valley on the ocean", situated on the lush Hamakua Coast, is a naturally formed greenhouse benefiting from fertile volcanic soil and natural protection from trade winds. Photographers, gardeners, botanists, scientists, and nature lovers from around the world are drawn to this museum of living plants. Over 2,000 species, representing more than 125 families and 750 genera, are found in this one-of-a-kind garden. Throughout this garden valley, nature trails meander through the tropical rainforest, crossing bubbling streams, passing several beautiful waterfalls, and offering exciting ocean vistas along the rugged Pacific coast.

This evening at the Thomas Guard House, enjoy a special Hawaiian Cultural & Music Presentation, performed by an award-winning husband and wife team, followed by a special farewell banquet – the perfect end for your authentic Hawaiian experience! (B,L,D)

January 22 • Depart Hilo

After breakfast, one of your guides will accompany you to the Hilo Airport for your departure. Check-out time is 10:30 am. (B)

THOMAS GUARD HOUSE: GROUNDS AND COMMON AREAS



The Private Waterfall at Hilo House



The Lanai (front porch)



THOMAS GUARD HOUSE: ACCOMMODATIONS



PRIVATE SUITES

The two private suites in the house have king and queen beds, respectively. Both suites offer gorgeous waterfall views, sitting areas, desks, and private ensuite bathrooms.



DELUXE ROOMS

The three deluxe rooms in the house have queen beds, a sitting area, a desk, and private bathrooms. The Palm Room, is located on the main level of the house, the other deluxe rooms are located on the upper level.



ALOHA ROOMS*

The two aloha rooms in the house have a queen and two double beds respectively, with a shared bathroom, and day beds for additional seating. These rooms are perfect for a family or friends traveling together.

**Note: Aloha Rooms are located on the garden level.*



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Room Categories:	Private Suite	Deluxe Room	Palm Room	Aloha Room
Main Tour, Land Only, Per Person, Double Occupancy	\$4,345	\$4,245	\$4,145	\$4,045
Single Supplement	\$2,390	\$1,990	\$1,990	\$1,890

Main Tour Includes: • Double occupancy accommodations • Airport transfers for arrivals & departures to/from Hilo airport on group dates • Meals as indicated in itinerary as (B,L,D) • Wine, beer, and liquor for dinners at Thomas Guard house • All sightseeing, entertainment, and activities listed in itinerary • All ground transportation • Local tour guides • China Advocates Hostess / House Manager • Daily housekeeping • Gratuities to local guides, drivers & house staff • Visit to Mauna Kea peak and Subaru Observatory

Not Included: • Airfare to/from the tour • Portage • Meals not listed as included in the tour • Excess baggage charges • Travel insurance • Airport arrival & departure transfers from the Kona Airport or on dates other than the group arrival & departure dates • Wine, beer, liquor (outside of two hosted dinners), and other items of a personal nature • Spa treatments • Optional Activities

Tour Reservation Form

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Enclosed is a deposit for \$ _____ (\$800 per person) to hold _____ place(s).

Please make checks payable to *China Advocates*. Final payment is due October 19, 2016 (Reservations will be accepted after this date if available and accompanied by full payment.)

Name/s _____ Birthdate _____ Class Year _____

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Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Email _____

Primary Phone _____ Alt. Phone _____

Accommodations: ☐ Single (Limited Availability) ☐ Double

Rooming Request: 1st Choice: _____ 2nd Choice: _____ 3rd Choice: _____

Note: A small portion of the cost of your trip supports the Johns Hopkins Alumni Travel Program.

Eligibility: At least one member of the traveling party is required to make a sustaining financial contribution of \$50 or more to the Johns Hopkins Alumni Association within the fiscal year. Please visit alumni.jhu.edu/support.

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