



Incredible Adventures & SPECOPS present a

RADICAL SABBATICAL

8 days/7 nights in Hawaii on the islands of Maui and Oahu

Day 1 - Arrival

Welcome to Maui! Your first day in paradise is reserved for pure rest and relaxation – enjoy it while you can. After a personal pick-up at the airport, you and the **SPECOPS** guide will bond through an intellectually stimulating conversation on your way to a comfortable Bed & Breakfast where the remainder of the day is spent lounging poolside and walking the beautiful beaches of Maui. If you are “geographically challenged,” be careful of the questions you ask. For example, when you're sitting at the bar in your Admit Nothing T-shirt boldly sipping a fu-fu drink, don't look across the water at Lanai and ask “Excuse me, is that Japan?”

Day 2 – Chopper Flight, Surfing, Kayaking, Whale Watching (when in season)



Bright and early a **SPECOPS** guide leads the Group to the heliport, which is the exfiltration point for an exhilarating flight/airborne tour to Hana, a sleepy little community nestled between pristine, tropical landscapes and the rugged Pacific Ocean. Upon arrival, another **SPECOPS** guide meets the Group and leads us to the oceanfront or garden view cottages. Once checked-in, he provides an in-depth orientation of the itinerary. The Special Forces instructor is not only a great host, but also a highly experienced surfer, lifeguard, medic, boat handler and survival instructor.

The morning and afternoon is spent learning about ocean currents, tides, wave dynamics and marine condition evaluation techniques. You'll then hit the surf on your choice of boogie board or surfboard for some practical application and radical surfing! Inexperienced surfers start on smaller waves and progress to larger ones every day while in Hana. Even if you've never surfed before, by trip's end you'll qualify as a "grommet" or fledgling surfer. If you have surfed, then this is your chance to surf with and learn from a true Hawaiian big-wave surfer!

Because surfing builds up an insane appetite, we make sure an assortment of fabulous Hawaiian grub is available for lunch. But don't get too fat and lazy, because after lunch there's a kayak class, and then we hit the surf for a second time cruising for whales and dolphins. After a scrumptious dinner, the remainder of the evening is reserved for rest and relaxation, walking the beach and getting to know your fellow adventurers and **SPECOPS** guides.

Day 3 – Survival Trekking©

Rise and shine, because it's time for an introduction to Jungle Survival. You're still going to be on mainland time, so in the wee hours of the morning the **SPECOPS** instructor provides an introduction to Jungle Survival teaching the psychology of survival and packing and preparing for remote location excursions.

After breakfast the Group musters for a **Survival Trek©** which takes us through the beautiful and untamed jungles of Hana. During the trek we'll instruct you on food procurement and preparation, water procurement and purification, field-expedient shelter and fire building, and signaling techniques.

In the evening, if you are not drop-dead tired, you can join your instructor for some evening surfing or fishing, or simply choose to relax on the beach and enjoy the sunset; after all, it is a vacation.



Day 4 – SCUBA

Come day four you'll be mentally prepared for SCUBA diving. After all the challenges already faced and your familiarity with the ocean, scuba will come easy. If you are a seasoned (and we mean very experienced) certified diver and carrying your logbook, we take you spear fishing or diving scuba first thing in the morning! If you have less than 20 logged dives in the past three years you will join our regular class. This will still be an exciting dive in an area seldom seen by divers. Your instructor will teach the fundamentals of diving, or give you a refresher, and teach you how to interact with the Hawaii marine environment using scuba gear. After training and practice in the shallows, he'll escort the Group into waters 20-30 feet deep. We'll photograph the experience with super-high quality under-water Nikonos camera equipment. After a succulent lunch it's free time; after all, it is a vacation.

Day 5 –Power Hang Gliding, Chopper flight, Celestial Navigation

Time to head to the Power Hang-Glide zone. One of the few times the **SPECOPS** guides and instructors step aside, is to allow the experienced and certified Glide instructors to take over. But, if you think that playing bird off the side of a mountain is a little too much adrenaline, it's okay, we've got friends standing by with horses.

It's back on the choppers for a breathtaking ride towards Kula; a rural area poised on the side of majestic Haleakala Volcano. Whether you choose the bird's eye or the horse's eye view of the mountainside, the awe-inspiring beauty of Haleakala or "House of the Sun" will captivate you.

In the evening as the sun is setting, a sky that offers some of the best celestial viewing on the planet will unfold before your very eyes; due to the clarity, governments from across the world have based some of their best telescopes on Haleakala. It's the perfect time for your instructor to introduce you to the age-old tradition of celestial navigation.

Day 6 – Downhill Mountain biking, Haleakala Crater Hike

Don't stay up too late admiring the heavenly (or other) bodies, because at the crack of dawn we're heading to the top of the volcano. From Kula it's only a 1-hour ride up to the peak at 10,034 feet; and the trip back down provides a memory of a lifetime. The "flying" takes place on a specially outfitted mountain bike with disk brakes. Don't be tempted to take-off like the professional racers as this is their home turf and they know every corner and blind spot; this is definitely not a place where you want to lose control. The instructor, along with a professional bike guide, provide all necessary instruction and will escort you down the steep volcano.

If you're like 75 year old Mrs. X who at the starting line saw a group of pros zip by her and asked the guide "Oh my! Mark...are we going to be going that fast?" and whose answer was "Yes ma'am...we are;" then there's no shame in hopping back into the van. By the way, Mark was just kidding; the speed is very controlled. The Haleakala bike guides just have a twisted sense of humor! But hey, it's your vacation, so the Special Forces medic will have his aid bag near by just in case.

Once passed the challenge of the Haleakala bike blast you'll break for lunch at Kula Lodge. They've got great food, but don't go crazy because you are going to head right back up to the top for a really intense and slightly bizarre crater hike. The inside of Haleakala crater is over 19 square miles of dormant cinder cones and cliff-sides that are as close as you can get to being on Mars without leaving the planet. Definitely bring your cameras, a jacket, long-sleeved shirt and long pants for this one.

At the end of the hike after the sun goes down, you'll get a chance to practice your celestial navigation in some of the best training ground in the world. Just stick close to your instructor, so you don't walk off the side of the mountain!



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Day 7 – Jeep Tour and Transfer to Oahu

If your feet are tired after the last few days just kick back and enjoy our next tour. Its a 4X4 jeep tour of one of the oldest and largest ranches on Maui. This is the site used for our jungle survival and land navigation programs. When we return, visit their wine tasting and gift shop!

After an early afternoon transfer to Honolulu we will check into our hotel and spend some time on the beach or do some last minute gift shopping.

Either way, you'll love the graduation luau, which begins at sunset. There will be traditional Hawaiian music and dancing, incredible food, tropical drinks and great company. This luau will have the flavor of **SPECOPS**, because just like everywhere **SPECOPS** operates, we're not just tour guides and instructors, but an integral part of the local population. Expect to meet some of our interesting Hawaiian friends who will bring their own musical instruments for the best luau the island has to offer and where our Group will be the guests of honor. Dance, sing and drink all you want – it's well-deserved and this is your night. Just don't get so loose, that you trip and fall when walking on stage to receive your rightful treasures to include the handsome Certificate of Completion of the most Radical Sabbatical on earth presented by your new **SPECOPS** friends.

Day 8 - AM Skydiving and Departure for home

We head off to the north side of the island of Oahu for your skydiving experience. Now to step into thin air from a beautiful, twin turbo-prop airplane at 12,500 feet! Of course, you'll be strapped to one of the best tandem skydiving instructors in the world. But knowing you're safe doesn't take the incredible thrill out of that first step, or the unbelievable rush of plummeting toward earth. After the chute opens and you reassure yourself that you will indeed live, take some time to look around and enjoy the incredible view of the ocean and the mountains from underneath the safety of your canopy. If you just can't muster the courage to get on the airplane we'll have options available, but skydiving is one ride you don't want to miss!

By 2 PM you will be off to the airport for your departure home. ***Don't plan your departure until after 5 PM or so that you can get through Agriculture Inspection, security checks and the like.***

It's time for bittersweet goodbyes and promises of reunions as you head to Honolulu Airport for the return home. Don't be too sad; the islands of Hawaii and our **SPECOPS** instructors will welcome you back with aloha when you're hit with the overwhelming urge to get wild once again on another **SPECOPS Incredible Adventure**.

Upcoming Adventure Dates:

June 16-June 23

July 14-21

August 11-18

September 1-8

October 6-13

Pricing

\$3,975.00 single occupancy

\$3,340 double occupancy

Note: Air travel to and from Hawaii is not included. Please contact Incredible Adventures prior to making any flight arrangements.



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Questions & Answers—Radical Sabbatical in Hawaii

- 1. Is the downhill mountain biking dangerous?* It's not as bad as tying bloody fish to your ankles and trying to swim from Molokai to Lanai in shark infested waters, but there have been some really nasty spills that led to impressive road rash.
- 2. I've heard there's no snakes in Hawaii, is this true?* Absolutely! None without legs, anyway. That's the great thing about collecting firewood during Jungle Survival day; you won't have to worry about a pit viper leaving a nasty scar on your face. However, we do have some biting insects - including mosquitoes. Bring your bug juice. If you don't, then you'll just be the sucker that keeps em' away from the rest of us.
- 3. Is the skydiving/tandem jumping safe?* Statistics somewhere probably show that you stand a greater chance of catching lead in a road rage incident on a Los Angeles freeway during rush hour, than doing the pancake boogie while skydiving. Even if there is a malfunction, you and your instructor have a reserve with the rest of your lives to correct it. Legally, we must say "everything is inherently risky."
- 4. Do we get to paddle our kayaks right up to the whales?* Let's see; you weigh somewhere between 90 and 250 pounds; a whale weighs anywhere from about 1 to 60 tons. Ever seen a whale breach? If you're underneath, you'll wind up looking like you pissed off your tandem master on a day when he felt invincible. Actually, whales are gentle creatures and try not to harm you; but have you avoided stepping on every ant in your path? We'll get close if we can, but no closer than 500 feet. When the more sociable ones do decide to visit us, we stay really, really still and in our kayaks.
- 5. Are there sharks?* Not as far as you know - we chased em' all away before your arrival! Well, that's not entirely true. Like every other ocean in the world there are sharks. They are a vital component of the marine eco-system and completely misunderstood. We will educate you on Hawaiian sharks and how to safely share the waters with them. Believe us when we say you are in much, much greater danger from your fellow man than you are from these wonderful, beautiful, and in many cases endangered creatures. Anyway, they say it only feels like a tug.
- 6. Do I have to be in really good physical condition and a total studmuffin to participate?* You don't have to run a 5 minute mile or be able to hump an 80 lb. rucksack over a mountain of loose sand, but due to the nature and intensity of some of the events, you may get a bit of lactic acid build-up and become really sore. We highly recommend that you at least stretch and jog a little for a week or two before the action begins. If you can do neither without becoming sore, then this is probably a good indication that The Radical Sabbatical is a card that you won't want to play.
- 7. Do I get an "Admit Nothing - Deny Everything - Make Counter-Accusations" SPECOPS T-shirt?* Yes. After laying down your deposit, thus securing your place on the Adventure Team of Insanity, we will send you (1) heavy duty, Made in the U.S.A., 100% cotton Admit Nothing T-shirt.
- 8. It sounds like the group will be conducting potentially dangerous activities, what about insurance?* If you do not have trip cancellation/interruption and medical insurance that will pay your medical bills, then we suggest you do find a policy before departure. You may obtain this insurance from your travel professional. If you are going to Scuba dive, then we definitely suggest you contact DAN (Divers Alert Network) about additional insurance.
- 9. Do I have to sign a waiver?* Surely you jest! Indeed you do; especially if you're from the United States. Because, if you're like many Americans, then spilling hot coffee on yourself while driving through McDonald's is grounds for a law suit when returning to the mainland. Expect to sign a lengthy waiver or you'll have to stay at home and watch The Radical Sabbatical on The Travel Channel.



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