Experience a Hawaii that few visitors have the opportunity to get to know. Stay at a privately owned grand Victorian mansion in Hilo’s Reed’s Island, where the island’s royalty once made their homes. Surrounded by lush greenery and a private waterfall, the tranquility and relaxation of “island-life” is epitomized here.

From the dramatic volcanic landscape to the vibrant flora and fauna, the scenic beauty of Hawaii is undeniably impressive.

Learn about the rich cultural heritage that thrives here today and how locals are preserving their legacies for the generations to come.
You are invited to explore Hawaii’s Big Island and stay at the private home of Charlotte and her late husband Howard Dewar, founders of China Advocates. 27 years ago in Beijing, Charlotte and Howard met on the campus of Peking University where Charlotte was a young English teacher and Howard, a student of classical Chinese. They started a cultural and educational travel company in San Francisco focusing on travel to China, and have lived and traveled between the two countries for three decades. Their love affair with Hawaii’s Big Island started when they discovered this beautiful historic mansion on Reed’s Island, an exclusive neighborhood with fine architecture and gardens near downtown Hilo. During your time here, you will experience the best and most authentic parts of Hilo and the Big Island that Charlotte and Howard so enjoyed.

Reed’s Island, the location of the historic Victorian home, is where native Hawaiian royals used to reside. The British banker Thomas Guard built this grand house in 1916 in the Victorian plantation style with Greek revival pillars, a large lanais (porch) and spacious rooms. It has been placed on the National Registry of Historic Places. Hollywood director George Lucas stayed here when shooting Indiana Jones in the jungle outside of Hilo. Surrounded by tropical vegetation and wildlife, you will wake up to the songs of the tropical kingdom, so alive and refreshing. Hilo rain is magical, from soft and warm to dramatic and powerful. The volcano river runs by the rear garden with waterfalls rushing down
the steep cliff. Large tropical plants cover the cliff side, creating a lush green panoramic canvas. The tranquility of nature and the splendor of this historic home create the ideal sanctuary for practicing yoga, Taiji, and meditation, some of Charlotte and Howard’s favorite pastimes.

Surrounded by the Pacific Ocean, the Big Island is purified daily by soft trade winds and fresh mountain rains. The air and ocean are clean, and most of the natural environment has been protected. It is amazing to watch people’s behavior change when they visit Hawaii. From the moment you step off the airplane and breathe in the sweet fragrance of plumeria to swimming in the azure ocean where sand and salt remove needless worries, Hawaii delivers a renewing calm, allowing you to connect with the mana (divine power) of the Big Island.

Descend in time to historic Hilo and explore the historical museums, magical waterfalls, authentic shops, galleries and restaurants. This charming coastal city by the bay known for its friendliness and diversity of residents receive nearly 130 inches of rain annually making it one of the wettest cities on the planet. Combine all the rain with some sunshine and rich volcanic soil and you have the makings of a tropical wonderland.

Famous for growing exceptional orchids and other tropical vegetation, Hilo has several botanical gardens to marvel at nature’s beauties. Take a stroll down Banyan Drive near the Hilo Intl Airport where celebrities including Babe Ruth, President Roosevelt & King George V all planted banyan tree saplings beginning in 1933. They have grown into a wonderful canopy providing welcoming shade on a sunny afternoon.

Spend a day at Volcanoes National Park and experience the Heartbeat of the volcanic landscape. Witness a volcanic eruption, and be reminded that our planet is an ever-changing environment whose basic processes are destruction and creation.

For people who want to spend extra time at the beach, Kona has famed gold & white sand beaches and world-class resorts, golf and spas. Pre- and post-tours to Kona can be arranged independently or through our office.
February 14 • Arrival Day - Hilo or Kona
Arrive at Kona or Hilo Airport on the Big Island of Hawaii. Transfer to beautiful Reed’s Island, to the private home of Charlotte Xu and her late husband Howard Dewar. You will spend five nights at this exclusive grand mansion surrounded by tropical rainforests, waterfalls, rivers carved by volcanoes, and beautiful gardens. The property has significant meaning to Hilo and local communities, and has been placed on the National Registry for Historic Places. Charlotte and Howard dedicated much of their time here to yoga, Taiji, meditation, and other contemplative pursuits, and consequently a sense of tranquility fills this elegant house. The epitome of exclusivity and comfort, this will be your home away from home for the next six days.

In the late afternoon, walk the peaceful Liliuokalani Gardens named after Hawaii’s last reigning monarch, Queen Liliuokalani. Located on Hilo’s Banyan Drive, this authentic, 30-acre Japanese garden was dedicated in 1917 as a tribute to Hawaii’s first Japanese immigrants who worked in the Hawaii Island 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 the beautiful landscape.

The evening is free and dinner is on your own. If you like, head over to the elegant Hilo Bay Café across the garden. With stunning bay-front views, as land merges into sea, the chef prepares fine contemporary American bistro, Hawaiian, & Japanese cuisines. (meals aloft)

February 15 • Imiloa Astronomy Center - Hilo
After a gourmet breakfast at the House, visit the world-famous Imiloa Astronomy Center at the University of Hawaii five minutes away. Host of groundbreaking astronomical research and 13 of the largest and most advanced telescopes in the world, the summit of Mauna Kea, Imiloa, is a place where Hawaii’s cultural traditions, its legacy of exploration, and the wonders of astronomy come together. Tour the facilities with a scientist and learn the ongoing scientific and cultural research at the center. Watch a show at the Planetarium on Mauna Kea summit astronomical exploration.

Visit the beautiful new facilities of the College of Hawaiian Language. Meet the lively director, Keiki, for an introduction of Hawaiian Cultural and Language Preservation. Meet the bright students who are learning native Hawaiian language and culture here, and witness their great pride and joy in their heritage.

Lunch is at the award winning Café Pesto in downtown Hilo with a colorful menu of
locally grown organic greens, freshly caught fish and delicious pasta and pizza.

In the afternoon, tour historic downtown Hilo, Hawaii Island’s biggest small town featuring centuries-old wooden storefronts (many of which are on the National Register of Historic Places) housing a variety of sophisticated galleries, shops, restaurants and cultural sites. Start your walk on Kamehameha Avenue facing beautiful Hilo Bay and discover a variety of local shops, restaurants and attractions including the modern aloha wear at Sig Zane Design, the neo-classical Palace Theatre built in 1925, and the bustling Hilo Farmers Market. You’ll also find a variety of art galleries featuring paintings, woodwork, glasswork and jewelry from artists with a unique island point of view.

The Pacific Tsunami Museum chronicles the cataclysmic natural disasters of 1946 and 1960 forcing Hilo to rebuild further inland using parkland as a buffer. The Lyman Mission House & Museum features a historic house built in 1839 by American Christian missionaries.

In the evening, enjoy a home cooked dinner at the House (b,d)

**You may enjoy a massage by local therapist at our Spa Room before or after dinner.**

February 16 • Akaka Falls, Waipio Valley
After breakfast, tour Akaka Falls State Park, 14 miles away along the northeastern Hamakua Coast. Visit two gorgeous waterfalls on one short hike. The pleasant 0.4-mile uphill hike will take you through a lush rainforest filled with wild orchids, bamboo groves and draping ferns.

Following the paved footpath is a 100-foot Kahuna Falls. Continue to follow the loop around the bend, you’ll discover towering Akaka Falls which plummets 442-feet into a stream-eroded gorge. Beautiful Akaka Falls is
perhaps Hawaii Island’s most famous waterfall. Easily accessible, this hike takes less than an hour.

Drive to Waipio Valley (45-minute ride), a dramatic landscape one mile across and over five-miles deep, and surrounded by cliffs up to 2000-feet high. This is the childhood home of King Kamehameha I, and an important center for political and religious life in Hawaii.

Waipio Valley was once the home of thousands of Native Hawaiians. Today, there are less than 100 residents living amongst the waterfalls, taro fields and rivers permeating the valley. Hawaii Island’s tallest waterfall, Hiilawe Falls cascades down 1,300 feet in the back of Waipio.

Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. The rest of the afternoon is free.

There is an optional tour to the Mauna Kea Summit Observatories departing at 4:00pm from the House.

The Mauna Kea Observatories are an independent collection of astronomical research facilities located on the summit of Mauna Kea at almost 14,000 feet high. The location is ideal for astronomical viewing because of its dark skies, towering position above most of the water vapor in the atmosphere, clean air, good weather and an almost equatorial location. It is an optimal location for submillimeter, infrared and optical observations. A dinner box is provided. (b & I, dinner box for the summit tour)

**Because of the high altitude, please consult your physician to make sure you are fit for this tour.**

February 17 • Hawaii Volcanoes National Park

Hawaii 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. The park gives scientists insight into the birth of the Hawaiian Island and ongoing studies into the processes of volcanism. Experience the dramatic volcanic landscapes
and rare flora and fauna found here. In recognition of its outstanding natural values, Hawaii Volcanoes National Park was designated as an International Biosphere Reserve in 1980 and a World Heritage Site in 1987. The best and closest place to observe a volcanic eruption is from Jaggar Museum overlook, and other vantage points at the summit of Kilauea that provide views of Halema’uma’u Crater.

During daylight, the robust plume of volcanic gas 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 and the plume as it billows into the night sky.

An optional 4 miles hike of Kealau Ikki trail through the crater and lush plants is invigorating for an intimate experience of the volcanic terrain and ecology.

A box lunch with fruit and sandwiches is provided. Enjoy Dinner at the Thai Restaurant at the Volcano Village. This family owned establishment serves delicious Thai cuisine. Afterwards watch the volcano glow at night near the crater (b,l,d)

February 18 • Hawaiian Tropical Botanical Garden
IThe morning is free for personal exploration. You may take a yoga class, enjoy a massage at the house or visit the farmer’s market.

In the afternoon, tour the famous "Garden in a Valley on the Ocean" located on the lush Hamakua Coast’s 4 Mile Scenic Drive. The Hawaii Tropical Botanical Garden is a museum of living plants that attracts photographers, gardeners, botanists, scientists, and nature lovers from around the world. The Garden’s collection of tropical plants is international in scope. Over 2,000 species, representing more than 125 families and 750 genera, are found in this one-of-a-kind garden.

The 40-acre valley is a natural greenhouse, protected from buffeting tradewinds and blessed with fertile volcanic soil. Throughout this garden valley, nature trails meander through a true tropical rainforest, crossing bubbling streams, passing several beautiful waterfalls and exciting ocean vistas along the rugged Pacific coast.

Return to Hilo and enjoy a walk on Richardson Beach by the Bay, with miles of rocky seawalls and parks where you’ll find locals swimming, diving, surfing, fishing and picnicking.

In the evening, enjoy a special farewell at the House, where a delectable Hawaiian banquet accompanied by lively Hawaiian musicians and hula dancers will make for the perfect end to your authentic Hawaiian experience. (b,d)

February 19 • Depart Hilo or Kona
Depart from Hilo or Kona Airport or start your post-tour extension. (b)
Faculty Leader

Suzan Edwards is the L. Clarke Seelye Professor of Astronomy at Smith and Chair of the Five College Astronomy Department. She joined the Smith faculty in 1980, arriving in Northampton just after receiving her PhD in Astronomy at the University of Hawai‘i Manoa. As a graduate student in Hawai‘i she spent considerable time on the summit of Mauna Kea, using the telescopes there for her research on young stars, and also travelling extensively in the Hawaiian Islands, where she studied traditional Hawaiian language, chant and dance, reveling in the outdoor beauty of Hawaii as an avid bodysurfer, hiker, and scuba diver. To this day, she maintains close ties to Hawaii, continuing to use the newest telescopes of the Mauna Kea Observatories for her research on the formation of stars and planetary systems. At Smith she teaches a wide range of astronomy classes, ranging from topics with a wide appeal, such as The Sky and Time: The Astronomical Roots of Timekeeping to specialized courses in astrophysics for astronomy majors. Suzan has also co-led a year-long faculty/student seminar at Smith’s Kahn Liberal Arts Institute on the topic Placing Space. She is active on national committees run by NASA, the National Science Foundation, and the National Academy of Sciences, as well as Smith committees, including the Committee on Tenure and Promotion and the Advisory Committee on Faculty Appointments.

Details on Accommodations

Private Suites
The two private suites in the mansion 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 mansion have queen beds, a sitting area, a desk, and private bathrooms.

Aloha Rooms
The two aloha rooms in the mansion have queen and twin beds, respectively with a shared bathroom, and day beds for additional seating. These rooms are perfect for a family or friends traveling together.
Howard Dewar and Charlotte Xu, founders of China Advocates

The open and spacious dining room is perfect for intimate meals

Relax in the light-filled and inviting living room

Enjoy the songs of the tropical kingdom outside your front door from the Lanai

Veranda with desk and art studio area
Authentic Hawaii
With An Exclusive Stay at a Private Mansion

Rates are per person and do not include airfare:

**Deluxe Room - 3 available**
- with queen bed and private bath: $2,690
- Single Supplement: $990

**Riverview Suite - 2 available**
- with queen or king bed, river and waterfall view and private bath: $2,990
- Single Supplement: $1,390

**Aloha Room - 2 available**
- with queen bed or two twins, and shared bath: $2,390
- Single Supplement: $890

**Total 7 rooms that can accommodate up to 14 people.**

**US domestic or international air may be purchased via Airtreks, a ticket consolidator in San Francisco.**

Main tour prices are quoted for a group of at least travelers.

**Tour Cost Includes:**
- All group sight-seeing, cultural activities, entrance fees and meals listed on tour
- Double occupancy accommodations in a private mansion on Reed’s Island in Hilo
- Local guides/drivers
- Gratuities to local guides/drivers on the main tour
- Tour manager/property manager in Hilo

**Not included:**
- Trip cancellation, lost baggage, or medical insurance
- Meals not listed on tour
- Wine, liquor and other items of a personal nature
- Optional evening excursion to Mauna Kea Observatory
- Spa Treatments
- Domestic U.S. airfare
- Airport transfers for arrival and departure

**Payment**
We require a deposit of $700 per person upon enrollment. The balance is due 90 days before departure by check or wire transfer.

**Cancellation Policy**
Cancelling of the program and tour by an individual or the group will incur the following penalty per person:
- 91 days or more before departure, $500
- 90-46 days before departure, $1,000
- 45-31 days before departure, $2,000
- 30 days or less before departure, No refund
TERMS AND CONDITIONS

RESERVATIONS: Bookings are subject to the terms and conditions mentioned in these sections. By placing a deposit you agree to the terms and conditions listed herein. To confirm your reservation, a deposit of $700 per person is required. Credit card payment is accepted for the deposit only; final balance must be paid by check.

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Cancellation penalties for additional hotel nights, hotel and cruise ship room upgrades, tour extensions, and any special arrangements, are as follows: 50-31 days prior to departure, 25% of cost is retained; 30-0 days prior to departure, no refund is made. No refunds will be given for unused portions of the tour.

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Refunds for unused carrier tickets may be only in accordance with the regulations of the carrier. CST 2064278-40. Registration as a seller of travel does not constitute approval by the State of California. All legal questions will be settled within the jurisdiction of the County of San Francisco, California.

Visa: To obtain a Chinese visa, a passport is required that is valid for at least six months beyond the duration of the tour. Travelers are responsible for their own visas.

Trip cancellation insurance is highly recommended and available. You will receive travel insurance information once you are confirmed on the program.

Itinerary is subject to modification. Prices are subject to change without notice.

Tour Reservation Form

Smith Travel

Authentic Hawaii February 14 - 19, 2015

Enclosed is a deposit for $______________________________ ($700 per person) to hold _____________________ place(s).

Please make checks payable to China Advocates. Final payment is due November 16, 2014.

Name/s ___________________________________________ Birthdate ______________________

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Accommodations: ☐ Single ☐ I need assistance in securing a roommate ☐ Double
☐ Deluxe Room ☐ Aloha Room

I/We understand that, by signing below, I/we acknowledge that the Responsibilities and Conditions section of this brochure has been read and accepted.

Signature ___________________________________________ Date ______________________

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Exp. Date ___________________________ CVV Code ________________ (Credit card payment is for deposit only. Balance must be paid by check)

Signature ___________________________________________ Date ______________________

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