



Planning your Client's Trip to Kalaupapa

Hawaii's Only Two Saints

are from one of Hawaii's most beautiful and remote destinations



There are only two saints in the world that are from the same location and Kalaupapa is the backdrop of the heroic stories of Hawaii's two Catholic saints. Kalaupapa is on the Island of Molokai and is a small peninsula of land surrounded by sheer cliffs that made it the perfect location for the Hawaiian Kingdom to quarantine those unfortunate individuals that had become infected with the Hansen (Leprosy) disease beginning in the 1860s.

Here you will learn how Father Damien De Veuster and Mother Marianne Cope sacrificed themselves and gave up everything when they both made their one way trips to Kalaupapa. These selfless individuals provided comfort and medical assistance to thousands of people of Hawaii that suffered from this horrible disease.

Today leprosy is no longer contagious and the National Park Service operates Kalaupapa National Historical Park. Most of the original buildings and churches have been restored to their original design and your Damien Tour includes fascinating tours to both historic sites of Kalaupapa.



Your Client's Once in a Lifetime Kalaupapa Tour Includes:

- The first stop is at the tiny Kalaupapa store, known as Fuesaina (Samoan for a medicinal plant). In addition to a limited supply of snack foods and beverages, there are a number of historical photos on display and, if proprietor Gloria Marks (Damien Tour owner) is on hand to talk story, an oral history may ensue.
- Guests are then taken to St. Francis Church where they will hear commentary by Pastor Patrick or their guide. They also will be allowed to visit the pier area nearby to appreciate the natural beauty and to hear about the importance of Barge Day, the one day a year when Kalaupapa residents can receive large items and supplies too unwieldy for air transport.
- Your third stop is at the old Kalaupapa Visitor Headquarters, here your clients will hear the stories of how patients and their guest were allowed to meet without any physical contact.
- Next up is the Mother Marianne Cope monument. Although Saint Damien is widely credited with building and preserving a civil way of life for the community's patients, the fact is that most of Damien's work was on the east end of the Kalaupapa Peninsula in Kalawao. It was Mother Marianne who was instrumental in the building of the infrastructure of Kalaupapa itself.



- The next stop is at the Kalaupapa gift store, operated by Pacific Historic Parks. Here, guests can browse an exclusive collection of Kalaupapa books and memorabilia. Proceeds from this retail store go back to the Park and its educational programs.
- The tour bus then heads east towards Kalawao, stopping so that guests may disembark at Makanalua, a high point and natural viewing spot ideal for taking in the sea cliffs and the gorgeous view along the north shore of Molokai.
- On the road to the picnic area, guests will pass by Siloama, the first Christian church to be built at Kalaupapa, as well as St. Philomena, the church built by Saint Damien after his arrival here in 1866. This also is the original settlement on the peninsula for patients. Prior to Damien's arrival, most patients lived in crude shelters in nearby Waipolu Valley.
- One of the prettiest stops on the tour is at the eastern most point of the peninsula in Kalawao. Here, there is a pavilion under the ironwood trees where the group has time to take pictures and have lunch. Then it's back on the bus for the short ride to St. Philomena to visit the church and Saint Damien's grave site.



Start Planning Your Client's Trip!

Be sure to plan early, only a limited amount of visitors are allowed to Kalaupapa each day. You must be at least 16 years of age and have advanced reservations. There are four ways to travel to Kalaupapa.

1. **Hike:** Visitors are invited to hike into Kalaupapa National Historic Park from topside of Molokai. Please be advised that the 3.5 mile trail is extremely steep with uneven surfaces. For permits and information, visit [nps.gov/kala](https://www.nps.gov/kala).
2. **Mule:** For decades, visitors have enjoyed taking the famous Kalaupapa Guided Mule Tour. Lunch permits and admission through Damien Tour are included, visit [muleride.com](https://www.muleride.com) or call 808-567-7550.
3. **Plane:** Makani Kai provides daily flights that connect to Damien Tours. Their Kalaupapa One Day Tours include Waikiki transfers, airfare, permits, tour and lunch. For more information visit [MakaniKai.com](https://www.MakaniKai.com) or call 808-834-5813.
4. **Charter Flights:** Hawaii Expedition & Adventure Company offers charter flights to Kalaupapa from Oahu and Maui. Program includes all permits and the Damien Tour package, for information visit [hawaiiadventurehiking.com](https://www.hawaiiadventurehiking.com) or [fatherdamientours.com](https://www.fatherdamientours.com) call 808-349-3006.

