

## Top 10 Cruises in 2011 - Best New Domestic Itinerary

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Seattle-based American Safari Cruises is known for their luxury small ship adventure cruises in Alaska and Baja California, and this fall they add Hawaii to their roster of destinations, with 7- and 10-night island-hopping yacht adventures scheduled from October through May. In a chain of islands usually dominated by large mainstream cruise companies, American Safari Cruises offers a tempting alternative as the first unstructured intra-island yacht cruising option in Hawaii.

The intimate, 36-guest *Safari Explorer* provides the personalized experience and flexible itineraries that only a small ship can, offering easy access to Hawaii's off-the-beaten-path ports, secluded beaches, and hidden coves. While aboard the ship, expect such luxury details as a wine bar and a spa area with hot tub and sauna; each of the 18 staterooms features heated tile floors in the bathroom, real windows (no portholes), and access to the outdoor promenade.

Both the 7-night Hawaiian Seascapes and the 10-night Hawaiian Traditional Shores cruise the islands of Maui, Molokai, Lanai, and the Big Island, with the longer tour offering expanded opportunities for wildlife viewing and experiencing local culture. On both cruises, expect featured excursions and activities (all included in the rate) like whale-watching, hiking to ancient Hawaiian ruins, night snorkeling, kayaking, enjoying a private Hawaiian Pa'ina (feast), exploring cliff-lined bays, and relaxing on volcanic black-sand beaches. Optional activities, such as scuba diving, helicopter tours, and golfing, are also available at select locations for an additional fee. The *Safari Explorer's* crew includes two professional naturalists to help you get the most from your wildlife viewing and a massage therapist who provides complimentary onboard massages (one per passenger). From \$4,995/person for 7-night cruise, including all beverages, water sports and boating equipment, shore excursions, airport transfers, taxes and fees, and massage (gratuities not included); embarks weekly from October 2011 through May 2012; [www.americansafaricruises.com](http://www.americansafaricruises.com).

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