

Honolulu Museum of Art

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SHANGRI LA CHANGES TOUR TIMES AND ADDS JAPANESE LANGUAGE TOURS

HONOLULU, HAWAII (April 10, 2012)—Beginning May 2, tours to Shangri La, which is owned and supported by the Doris Duke Foundation for Islamic Art, will have new hours. The new tour start times are 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., Wednesdays through Saturdays.

In addition, this center for Islamic arts and cultures now offers one Japanese language tour a month, on the last Friday, at noon. However, the April 27 Japanese language tour begins at 10 a.m.

“We listened to visitors about when they prefer to visit and how they want to spend their time,” says Deborah Pope, executive director of Shangri La. “The new tour schedule presents convenient tour times Wednesday through Saturday and will allow for a more efficient check in process. Visitors will continue to enjoy an hour and half at Shangri La with a guided tour in the public rooms of the main house and portions of the gardens.”

Built in 1937 as the Honolulu home of American heiress and philanthropist Doris Duke (1912-1993), Shangri La was inspired by Duke’s extensive travels in the Middle East and South Asia and reflects architectural traditions from India, Iran, Morocco and Syria. In her will, Duke set in motion plans to open Shangri La to the public as a place for the study of Islamic arts and cultures. Today, Shangri La is one of O’ahu’s most popular visitor destinations, and is open for guided, small group tours and educational programs. In partnership with the Doris Duke Foundation for Islamic Art, the Honolulu Museum of Art serves as the orientation center for Shangri La tours.

Tours are \$25 per person, and \$20 for Hawai’i residents. Advance reservations are strongly recommended. Ticket purchases can be made by calling 1-866-DUKE-TIX.

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Honolulu Museum of Art
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Entrance on Kinau Street

Full English tour schedule, Wednesdays through Saturdays:

9:00 am	Check in at Honolulu Museum of Art
9:15 am	Bus departs
9:30 am	Bus arrives at Shangri La, tour begins
11:00 am	Tour ends, bus leaves Shangri La back to Honolulu Museum of Art
11:15 am	Bus returns to Honolulu Museum of Art
10:30 am	Check in at Honolulu Museum of Art
10:45 am	Bus departs
11:00 am	Bus arrives at Shangri La, tour begins
12:30 pm	Tour ends, bus leaves Shangri La back to Honolulu Museum of Art
12:45 pm	Bus returns to Honolulu Museum of Art
1:30 pm	Check in at Honolulu Museum of Art
1:45 pm	Bus departs
2:00 pm	Bus arrives at Shangri La, tour begins
3:30 pm	Tour ends, bus leaves Shangri La back to Honolulu Museum of Art
3:45 pm	Bus returns to Honolulu Museum of Art

Japanese tour schedule, last Friday of each month:

Noon	Check in at Honolulu Museum of Art
12:15 pm	Bus departs
12:30 pm	Bus arrives at Shangri La, tour begins
2:00 pm	Tour ends, bus leaves Shangri La back to Honolulu Museum of Art
2:15 pm	Bus returns to Honolulu Museum of Art