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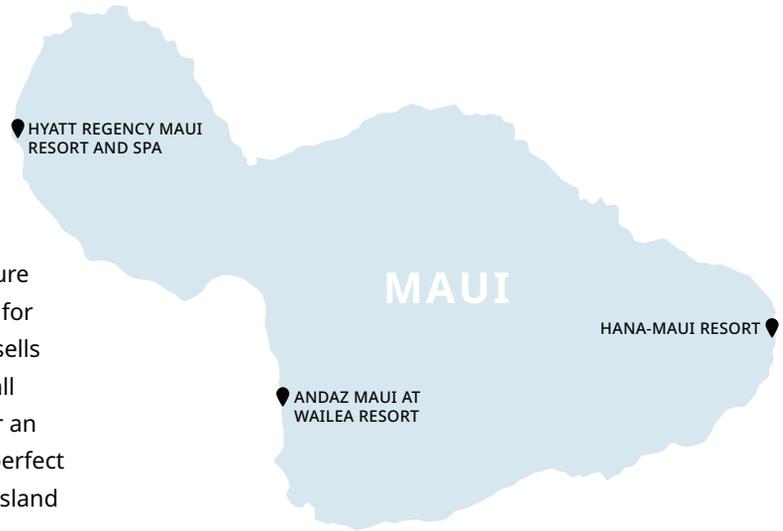
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Skim along the windward side of O'ahu on Kamehameha Scenic Highway or explore other Hawaiian routes, where cool ocean breezes blow against delicate sandy beaches. Rocky cliffs dive deep into the shining blue waters as nearby palms feather the shoreline. Capture the perfect Hawaiian-beach postcard image on these awesome drives.





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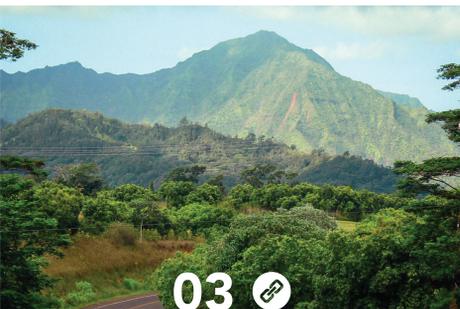
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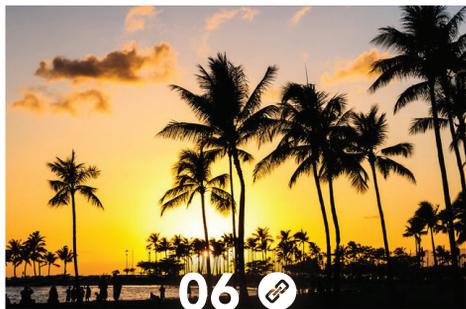
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### WAIMEA CANYON SCENIC DRIVE

19.1 miles: 0 hours, 44 minutes

A deep gorge with crimson rock walls, lush vegetation and soaring waterfalls, Waimea Canyon has been called "Grand Canyon of the Pacific."

02

### AKONI PULE SCENIC HIGHWAY

27.2 miles: 0 hours, 40 minutes

Follow this picturesque 27-mile route and you'll be treated to breathtaking views of electric green forests, sapphire waters, sandy stretches and rugged sea cliffs.

03

### KUHIO SCENIC HIGHWAY

88 miles: 2 hours, 33 minutes

Navigating the sometimes narrow, meandering Kuhio Highway, attention is easily drawn from the road to breathtaking views of green mountains, lush valleys and turquoise waters.

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### KALANIANAOLE SCENIC HIGHWAY

7 miles: 0 hours, 11 minutes

The southeastern coast of Oahu highlights every type of natural wonder known to the island, including mountains, craters, parks and beaches, with azure waters.

05

### MAMALAHOA SCENIC HIGHWAY

38.7 miles: 0 hours, 50 minutes

In Kailua-Kona, stop at a coffee shop for a cup of famed Kona coffee. The highway climbs from sea level to nearly 2,500 feet as you enter wide-open cattle country.

06

### KAMEHAMEHA SCENIC HIGHWAY

12.8 miles: 0 hours, 23 minutes

The dramatic vistas encompass an expansive ocean view, complete with spraying surf, inviting sandy beaches and tropical mountains.

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**As you feast on *kalua* pig and *poi*, an ocean breeze tickles the orchid that garnishes your cocktail. On the stage before you, beautiful women adorned in ti-leaf skirts and fragrant *lei* sway seductively to the melody of a plucking *‘ukulele*. Entranced and relaxed, you bite into a juicy pineapple and enjoy the show.**

But things here weren't always so easygoing. For ancient Hawaiians, the *hula* was a hallowed ritual. Performers danced for *hula* goddesses Laka and Hi'iaika, offering to the deities the sacred *lei* worn in the dance. Each move had to be performed impeccably—the slightest mistake could be punishable by death.

And still there are other gods to appease. Assuming natural forms, they reign in a state steeped in mythical allusion, serving as explanations for the wondrous geologic features that make up Hawai'i's island paradise.

Meet Pele, volcano goddess, who came to Hawai'i Island in search of a suitable home. She found Kīlauea, now considered part of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Aila'au, the fire god who originally held court at Kīlauea, so feared Pele's powers that he fled.

Local lore says that Pele still resides in Halema'uma'u, a depression within Kīlauea Caldera. And she makes her presence known—with spitting fire and thick, rolling lava. Quite possibly the longest temper tantrum in history, Pele's wrath has caused steady eruptions of Kīlauea since 1983.

# Hawai'i the State

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The demigod Māui stalked the sun from Haleakalā's crest; at 10,023 feet, the dormant, lunar-like "House of the Sun" is definitely a high point on the island of Maui. Goddess Hina complained that the sun slept late and sped across the sky to make up time, leaving little daylight for her chores. Her son Māui captured the sun with a coconut-fiber rope and only consented to its release with the agreement that it would travel more slowly.

The result is nearly 13 hours of daylight in summer to enjoy Maui's grasslands, green valleys and teal waters that lap black volcanic sand. And the sun's morning stretch across the summit of Haleakalā's sunken crater—a watercolor canvas in warm golds and oranges—is an unforgettable sight.

## The Rainbow Connection

While visiting the islands you'll come across countless rainbows. The colorful arches, which grace lush gorges, plummeting waterfalls and the Honolulu skyline, are provided courtesy of the goddess Ānuenuē.

Legend holds that in a valley on Kaua'i, a resident tossed a brightly colored cloth into the pool at



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Nāmōlokama Falls. The colors spread into a magnificent rainbow, and the goddess emerged from an underwater prison, grateful to the villager for freeing her to roam the islands. To this day she continues her wanderings, bestowing a multihued blessing on the landscape.

In Hilo, Hawai'i, you may have the chance to meet Ānuenue firsthand. She frequents 'Akaka Falls and Waiānuenue (also known as Rainbow Falls), where evidence of her polychrome wand gleams amid the splash of tumbling water.

## Recreation

From the ocean floor to volcanic peaks, Hawai'i is an inviting land of extremes. Warm azure water and pristine natural wonders are the calling cards of this compact tropical paradise.

Marine Life Conservation Districts off O'ahu, Hawai'i, Lāna'i and Maui are perfect playgrounds for underwater exploration and photography. Kealakekua Bay, the largest district at 315 acres, is nestled along the western coast of Hawai'i Island near Captain Cook Monument. Crystal-clear water, depths to 120 feet and diverse species make it a favorite stop on the scuba diving circuit.

O'ahu's public beaches welcome walk-ons and walk-ins, including snorkelers. Hānauma Bay, in Honolulu, has a sandy-bottomed reef that extends about 100 yards offshore. During low tide at Pūpūkea Beach Park, north of Hale'iwa, the kids can snorkel in tide pools at Shark's Cove. Don't let the cove's name scare you away—shark sightings are no more prevalent here than at any other inlet.

Surfers find swell action on O'ahu's North Shore, where the big ones roll in. Waikīkī Beach, on the other hand (and the other side of the island), beckons the novice rider with its gentler waves. Those who dare to meet the crests without a board can attempt bodysurfing at Po'ipū Beach on Kaua'i. World-class windsurfing off Ho'okipa, east of Kahului, is a Maui specialty.

An island's hiking trails often provide the only access to deep rain forests, volcanic craters or steep ocean-side cliffs. Always check weather conditions, including information about tides and waves, before camping or hiking.

The challenging 11-mile Kalalau Trail, on Kaua'i's Nāpali Coast, begins at Ke'e Beach near Hā'ena and follows the coastline along a footpath cut in the

1800s—rising over towering cliffs, dipping into five valleys and spilling onto deserted beaches.

For a sweeping panorama of O'ahu, make the three-quarter-mile trek to the top of Diamond Head, in southeast Honolulu. Contact the Division of State Parks for trail guides and hiking permits.

Bicycle paths thread across some 65 miles of O'ahu's Ko'olau and Wai'anae ranges. Take in the extended views from the ridges, being careful not to pedal off the path: Erosion caused by tire ruts is an environmental concern here and on all the islands.

Hawai'i Island offers bicyclists the ultimate pedaling and sightseeing combo—a ride along Crater Rim Drive with views of the Kīlauea Caldera in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park; the visitor center is a good place to start.

Hawai'i has verdant golf courses bordering rugged coastlines, lush fairways in jewellike mountain settings and year-round golfing weather. For information about the state's golf courses, contact the Hawai'i Visitors and Convention Bureau.

Waiānuenue (Rainbow Falls), Hilo / © iStockphoto.com / KarenMassier



## GOOD FACTS TO KNOW

### ABOUT THE STATE

**POPULATION:** 1,455,271.

**AREA:** 10,932 square miles; ranks 43rd.

**CAPITAL:** Honolulu.

**HIGHEST POINT:** 13,796 ft., Mauna Kea, Island of Hawai'i.

**LOWEST POINT:** Sea level, Pacific Ocean.

**TIME ZONE(S):** Hawai'i-Aleutian. The state observes standard time all year. When daylight saving time is observed on the mainland, an additional hour is added to the time difference between the two, making Hawai'i 3 hours behind the West Coast and 6 hours behind the East Coast.

### REGULATIONS

**TEEN DRIVING LAWS:** No more than one passenger under age 18 is permitted unless accompanied by a parent who is a licensed driver. Household members are exempt. Driving is not permitted 11 p.m.-5 a.m. unless with a parent. The minimum age for an unrestricted driver's license is 17. For more information, phone (808) 587-2150.

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Day, Nov. 11 • Election Day, Nov. (1st Tues. following 1st Mon.) • Thanksgiving, Nov. (4th Thurs.) • Christmas, Dec. 25.

**STATEWIDE EVENTS:** Wesak Day, May 23 • Bodhi Day, Dec. (Sun. nearest Dec. 7) • Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop's Birthday, Dec. 19.

### MONEY

**TAXES:** Hawai'i has a general excise tax of 4 percent (4.712 percent in Honolulu and Oahu). There also is a 10.25 percent Transient Accommodations Tax on lodgings for stays of less than 180 consecutive days.

### VISITOR INFORMATION

**INFORMATION CENTERS:** Information is available Mon.-Fri. 8-4:30, except holidays, at the Hawai'i Visitors and Convention Bureau, 2270 Kalākaua Ave., Suite 801, Honolulu, HI 96815. Phone (808) 923-1811.

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#### FISHING AND HUNTING REGULATIONS:

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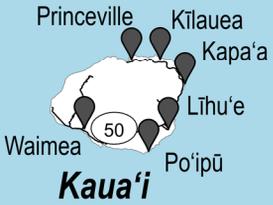
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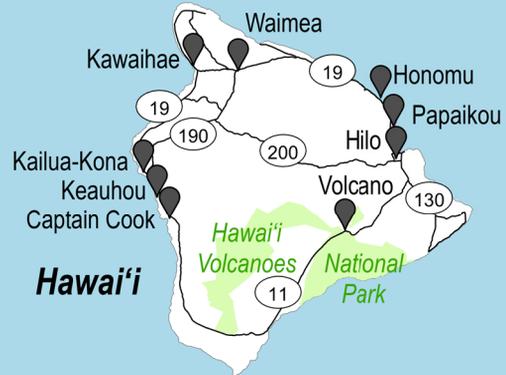
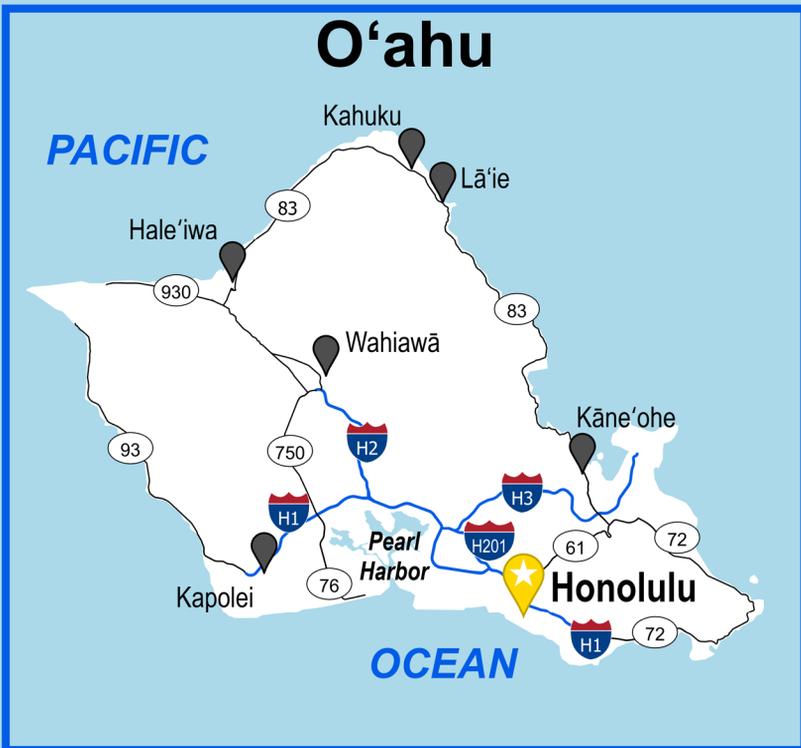
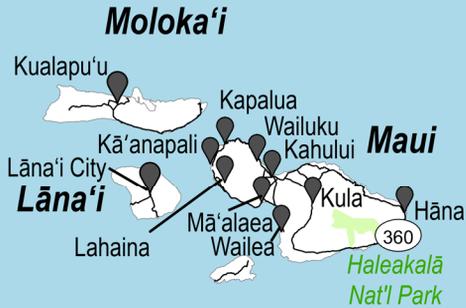
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## NATIONAL PARKS (See place listings.)

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**Hawai'i Volcanoes** 333,086 acres.

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**Ahupua'a O Kahana** 5,229 acres n. of Kahana on SR 83. Bodsurfing, hunting.

**Hā'ena** 66 acres near Hā'ena at the west end of SR 560. Snorkeling.

**Hāpuna Beach** 62 acres 2 mi. s. of Kawaihae on SR 19. Bodsurfing, snorkeling.

**Ka'ena Point** 779 acres in Mokulē'ia off SR 930. Surfing only for experts. No drinking water.

**Kōke'e** 4,345 acres 15 mi. n. of Kekaha on SR 550. Hunting.

**MacKenzie** 13 acres 9 mi. n.e. of Kaimu on SR 137. No drinking water.

**Mālaekahāna** 110 acres 1 mi. n. of Lā'ie off SR 83. Bodsurfing, kayaking, stand-up paddleboarding, surfing.

**Nāpali Coast** 6,175 acres 5 mi. from Hānalei Landing. Hunting, kayaking.

**Polihale** 38 acres 5 mi. n. of Mānā.

**Sand Island** 140 acres on Sand Island off SR 92 in Honolulu. Surfing.

**Wai'ānapanapa** 122 acres 2.5 mi. n.w. of Hāna via SR 360, then .5 mi. n. on Wai'ānapanapa Rd.



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## OTHER

<b>Hookena</b> 3 acres 1 mi. s. of Hookena, then 2 mi. w. off SR 11. Kayaking, snorkeling.													
<b>James Kealoha</b> 3 acres in Hilo off CR 137/370. Snorkeling, surfing.													
<b>Kahalu'u Beach</b> 4 acres 5 mi. s. of Kailua-Kona on Ali'i Dr. at Milepost 5. Snorkeling, surfing.													
<b>Leleiwi</b> 2 acres in Hilo off Kalaniana'ole St. Bodyboarding, scuba diving, snorkeling, surfing.													
<b>Māhukona</b> 3 acres just n. of Māhukona on SR 270. Snorkeling.													
<b>Miloli'i</b> 1 acre in Miloli'i off SR 11.													
<b>Onekahakaha</b> 11 acres in Hilo, 3 mi. e. off Kalaniana'ole St. (SR 19). Snorkeling.													
<b>Spencer Beach</b> 13 acres 1 mi. s. of Kawaihae off SR 270. Snorkeling.													
<b>Wahikuli Wayside</b> 8 acres 2.5 mi. n. of Lahaina. Bodysurfing, snorkeling.													



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Of all the states in the United States, Hawai'i is perhaps the most individual. Different cultures, races, religions, philosophies and lifestyles not only coexist but also blend. While this is an important part of Hawai'i's appeal, it is the setting that lures millions of vacationers every year. It offers scenery that ranges from tangled jungles to mist-shrouded peaks to sunny beaches. Flowers, palm trees, exotic food and drink—all the accoutrements of the tropics—are present in abundance. There are few who can resist the friendly, welcoming call of *aloha*.

### How to Get There

#### By Air

Direct service to Hawai'i is available on regularly scheduled flights from the U.S. West Coast and from most

major cities across the country. Consult your local AAA club for complete information about flight schedules and rates.

#### By Water

Several cruise lines offer cruises to Hawai'i from various West Coast ports, including Los Angeles and San Diego. Your local AAA club can provide more information.

### Weather and Clothing

The semitropical climate of Hawai'i is so equable that the language of the islands has no word for weather. Except in the mountains, temperatures vary little throughout the year. Highs usually range from the mid-70s to the mid-80s; lows fluctuate from the mid-60s to the low 70s. Bring lightweight clothes, a sweater or jacket for the evening, a scarf to combat the trade winds, rainwear and, of course, a bathing suit. The mountaintops of Haleakalā on Maui and Mauna Kea and Mauna Loa on Hawai'i are cold year-round; pack accordingly.

Informality is the rule for day and evening dress. Day-time garb runs the gamut of casual attire—shorts and sandals, shirts and slacks, dresses and bathing suits. The relaxed attitude carries over into evening. Men have their choice of island-made *aloha* shirts while women may opt for a *mu'umu'u*—long or short, flowing or fitted—which may be worn anywhere.

**Note:** While the constant breeze might prevent you from feeling the sun's heat, lying on the beach all day can cause serious sunburn and sun poisoning. An effective sunscreen lotion should be part of every beach wardrobe. Look for one that has ingredient(s) to protect against UVA rays and has a high sun protection factor (SPF) against UVB rays.

### Import Limitations

Hawai'i enforces a quarantine inspection upon arrival. Importation of fresh fruit, live plants and flowers, plant products and certain meat and food products from the mainland is strictly controlled.

Unless you plan to stay in the islands for 6 months or longer, pets are best left at home. Dogs and cats must undergo a quarantine of up to 120 days for which you pay entry and daily fees. Some dogs and cats may be eligible for the 5-Day-Or-Less quarantine and airport release program; additional fees apply. Information about fruit and animal quarantines may be obtained from the Hawai'i Department of Agriculture in Honolulu.

### Shopping

Typical Hawaiian keepsakes include bowls, trays, compartmented servers and decorative objects of rich brown



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monkeypod or *koa* woods. Other popular island-made souvenirs include such items as perfume, colorful jewelry of seeds or rare black and pink coral, *lauhala* (woven leaf) items, liquors and liqueurs from such plants as ti or passion fruit, jellies and preserves, macadamia nuts, ceramics and *'ukulele*.

Hawai'i's garment industry produces colorful sportswear and *aloha* shirts, beachwear and island outfits such as *holokū*, *holomū* and *mu'umu'u* for women. Recordings of Hawaiian music, both traditional and contemporary, often are not available on the mainland. Remember that many shops are closed nights and often weekends; only in such urban areas as Waikīkī can you expect extended hours. *For information about shopping on O'ahu, see Shopping p. 86.*

## How to See the Islands

Guided sightseeing tours of varying duration are available on the major islands. Modes of transportation include buses, vans, limousines or private vehicles. Arrangements can be made at hotel tour desks and at the AAA Hawai'i office in Honolulu.

### By Air

Numerous airplane and helicopter tours are available. Fares depend upon the duration of the flight, the destination and fuel charges. See individual attraction listings throughout the book. While not all of Hawai'i's air tours are listed, those shown are representative of the choices available. Helicopters tend to offer better views of volcanoes because unlike airplanes, they are often able to hover over the sites. Due to decompression-related sickness, it is recommended that passengers wait 12 to 24 hours after scuba diving before flying; the amount of time is dependent on particular dive factors.

### By Land

While a prearranged guided tour can provide a comprehensive introduction to the islands, there is no better way to explore than by private vehicle. The most developed islands have the greatest proportion of paved highways; even so, roads in Hawai'i tend to be less well-marked than those on the mainland. Obtain a current AAA Hawai'i map and acquaint yourself with the route before starting out.

Facilities for rental cars are numerous. Agencies are available at airports on Hawai'i, Kaua'i, Maui and O'ahu, in addition to off-airport locations, especially in Honolulu. Hertz offers discounts to AAA members. Lists of rental agencies are available through hotel information desks. Reservations are recommended to secure lower rates. Be sure you fully understand the terms of the rental contract

before you sign it. Full coverage insurance, personal accident insurance and personal effects coverage are available for additional fees. All rental rates are subject to local taxes and surcharges.

**Note:** Read the section of the rental contract regarding limits of public liability and property damage insurance carefully; only a few companies provide extended coverage.

**Island of Hawai'i:** A charge is levied for rentals not returned to the original pickup point. Hertz offices are in Hilo, (808) 935-2898; and Kona, (808) 329-3566.

**Island of Kaua'i:** A Hertz office is in Līhu'e, (808) 245-3356.

**Island of Maui:** Hertz offices are in Kahului, (808) 893-5200; and Lahaina, (808) 661-4368.

**Island of O'ahu:** Hertz offices are in Honolulu, (808) 529-6800; and Waikīkī, (808) 971-3535.

### By Water

There are numerous opportunities for seeing Hawai'i by water. Typical craft include catamarans, trimarans, ketches, yachts, sloops, diesel-powered cruisers and even submarines.

Boat tours vary from narrated sightseeing cruises to moonlight sails to interisland trips. Tours range from 1 hour to 2 days, but most trips are half a day or less. Some provide opportunities for swimming, snorkeling, scuba diving, fishing, picnicking or whale watching (in season) and might include cocktails, snacks, meals, entertainment or dancing.

Most trips depart from the docks at the islands' harbors, but some companies operate directly from the beaches in front of a few large hotels. Reservations are required. Most fares include pickup service or minibus transfers to and from departure points.

While it is impossible to list all the boat tours and cruises in Hawai'i, those shown throughout the book are representative of the choices available. For information about complete listings and reservations on any island, contact AAA Hawai'i, the offices of the Hawai'i Visitors and Convention Bureau or the activity desk at your hotel. Local publications found in hotel lobbies also are good sources of information.

## Interisland Travel

### By Air

Catching a plane to another island is as common to islanders as catching a bus or train is to those on the mainland. Due to decompression-related sickness, it is recommended that passengers wait 12 to 24 hours after scuba diving before flying; the amount of time is dependent on particular dive factors.



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Hawaiian, Island Air and Mokulele airlines offer fast and extensive service. One-way flights range in duration from 20 minutes to about an hour. Hawaiian Airlines does not accept cash for in-flight purchases. For additional information, including luggage restrictions, contact Hawaiian Airlines, (800) 367-5320; Island Air, (800) 652-6541; or Mokulele Airlines, (808) 495-4188 or (866) 260-7070. AAA Hawai'i also provides information and reservations about interisland transportation and fly/drive packages.

### By Water

Ferry service between Maui and Lāna'i is available aboard Expeditions' Maui-Lāna'i Ferry; the trip takes about 45 minutes. A one-way trip is \$30; \$20 (ages 2-11). Phone (800) 695-2624.

### Returning to the Mainland

Remember that due to decompression-related sickness, it is recommended that passengers wait 12 to 24 hours after scuba diving before flying; the amount of time is dependent on particular dive factors.

Rice straw products are strictly forbidden entry into the continental United States. Also prohibited are many agricultural products such as corn, sugarcane, fresh fruit and related plants, as these could harbor diseases that might infect plants on the mainland. Department of Agriculture officials inspect all outgoing baggage. Inspections may be done either at interisland flight terminals or at the main airport. Allow ample time for this procedure. Some common items that visitors may mail or take home with them include fresh flowers, *lei*, seashells, pineapples, coconuts, certain seed *lei* and seed jewelry.



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# Island of Hawai'i



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**K**īlauea volcano's fiery red lava streams down ocean cliffs. A group of scuba divers watches an underwater ballet performed by massive manta rays. Tourists and locals alike tan their hides on a sun-splashed Kona beach. Hikers in a pristine rain forest admire a postcard-perfect waterfall. At sunset, atop 13,796-foot-high Mauna Kea volcano, photographers aim at pink clouds for their winning vacation shot.

The "Big Island" of Hawai'i has it all. And your biggest headache won't spring from one-too-many mai tais, but rather from planning on how to see it all in one trip. It's not going to happen; this place measures a whopping

4,028 square miles (larger than all the other islands combined). So, slow your roll, and for at least a portion of your stay, let Hawai'i happen to you. Who knows what will lead you to that gorgeous beach absent of people, a surprise sea turtle sighting or that flawless cup of Kona coffee?

Of course, some pre-trip planning is essential, and the first question a Hawai'i Island novice asks is "Where should I stay?" A vast majority of visitors choose hotels and condos on the island's western (leeward) coast, also known as the Kona coast. Why? You can almost always count on warm, sunny weather and the beaches are the island's best. Toss in Hawai'i's main air hub (Kona International Airport), plus the restaurants and shops of the



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Kailua-Kona area, and *voilà*—you’ve got tourist central.

On Hawaii’s eastern (windward) coast sits laid-back Hilo, the island’s capital city and one of the rainiest spots in the country (an average of 130 inches falls each year). The upside of all that sogginess is a lush mosaic of brilliant green rain forests, tumbling waterfalls and verdant valleys. This is the tropical island paradise of your daydreams, and even if you don’t stay here (a vacation rainout is a very real possibility), a day trip is a must.

In the bucket list department, Kīlauea volcano has been erupting intermittently since 1983. If you’re lucky and the Hawaiian volcano goddess Pele is cooperating, the sight of blistering hot magma pouring from the earth is one you’ll never forget. Should volcanic fireworks elude you, don’t dismiss Hawaii Volcanoes National Park entirely. This beautiful, fascinating park warrants at least 1 full day of exploration.

Sitting atop the “Hawaii hot spot,” the volcanic source of the entire island chain, Hawaii Island is the state’s youngest, feistiest star. It broke the ocean surface about a million years ago and has grown at a steady clip ever since. Five major volcanoes comprise the island. The three oldest and northernmost volcanoes are Kohala (extinct), Hualālai (dormant) and Mauna Kea (dormant). The latter’s sometimes snowcapped peak is home to astronomical observatories equipped with seriously powerful telescopes.

Busy making Hawaii Island even bigger are newcomers Mauna Loa (the most massive mountain on the planet) and Kīlauea, which are within Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. Since 1983, Kīlauea lava flows have added more than 500 acres of new land to the island’s southeast coast. Hawaii was a tad smaller around A.D. 500, when people from the far-flung Marquesas Islands first paddled their canoes onto the Hawaii Island shores. Little is known about these mysterious first settlers. About A.D. 1000, voyagers from Tahiti crashed the party and established the ancient Hawaiian culture we read about in history books. Later, Hawaii was the birthplace of King Kamehameha the Great, who would go on to conquer and unify the other islands before dying peacefully in Kailua-Kona in 1819.

Forty years prior, another legendary figure met his maker on Hawaii. Only British explorer Capt. James Cook’s arrival at the pearly gates wasn’t nearly as pleasant. In 1779, natives clubbed and stabbed Cook to death in a fight over a stolen rowboat. Ironically, the site of this ugly scene, Kealahou Bay, is arguably the most beautiful snorkeling spot in the state.

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Full-day island and volcano excursions are available through Gray Line; phone (808) 833-3000 or (888) 206-4531.

### CAPTAIN COOK

One of the largest of the Kona coffee belt towns, Captain Cook sits high above the Pacific along SR 11 in the South Kona district. If you’re staying in the Kailua-Kona or Kohala areas, you’ll drive through Captain Cook on your way to Hawaii Island’s southern beaches and/or Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. Of course, for Kona coffee connoisseurs the Captain Cook area is a destination in its own right, worthy of at least a half day.

Kona coffee, grown in a 20-mile-long zone from Hōlualoa above Kailua on the north to the Kēōkea area on the south, is among the world’s highest-priced java. And with good reason. Kona beans (called “cherries”) produce some of the smoothest coffee you’ll ever taste. Farms dot the slopes from 1,000 to 2,000 feet above sea level. The climate, with its usual afternoon cloudiness, and the rich volcanic soil make growing conditions ideal.

Roadside farms and shops (along SR 11) sell locally grown coffee and usually offer free tastings; a few of the bigger operations offer guided tours. The Royal Kona Coffee Center south of Milepost 107 is a worthwhile stop. Between mileposts 110 and 111, take the turnoff for Nāpo’opo’o Road (on the ocean side of the highway) and you’ll find a few coffee farms along the road. Just north of Captain Cook in the town of Kealahou is the excellent Greenwell Farms; phone (808) 326-7820.

As for the heart of Captain Cook itself, you’ll find historic wooden buildings (including the circa-1917 Manago Hotel) that conjure “old Hawaii,” plus roadside eateries, a few touristy shops, a couple of gas stations and a modern supermarket.

Kealahou Bay, an outstanding snorkeling spot a mile below town, was the site of British explorer Capt. James Cook’s death on Feb. 14, 1779. The Captain Cook Monument which marks the spot where native Hawaiians killed him is on the north side of the bay.



**KONA COFFEE LIVING HISTORY FARM** is on SR 11 across from Milepost 110. Self-guiding tours of this 7-acre farm feature interpreters in period clothing demonstrating what life was like for the Japanese coffee farmers who lived and worked on the land during the early 20th century. Visitors can walk among the coffee trees, meet baby donkey Melea and watch how farmers used to mill and dry their world-famous coffee. At the original 1920s farmhouse, guests might find the homemaker starting a fire to cook rice for the farmer's lunch. Various artifacts and machinery also are on the grounds.

**Note:** Good walking shoes are required due to uneven paths that include slight hills and rocks. **Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (808) 323-3222.

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Elevations in the park range from sea level at Hōlei Sea Arch to 13,677 ft. at Mauna Loa. Refer to AAA maps for additional elevation information.

Hawaii Volcanoes National Park is 29 miles southwest of Hilo and 96 miles east of Kailua via SR 11. Established in 1916 (back when Hawaii was a U.S. territory), the park is one of the planet's most geologically active areas and is home to two of the five volcanoes that comprise the island of Hawaii: Kīlauea and Mauna Loa. Most Hawaii Island vacationers spend a hurried day at the park (it's a long drive from the Kona coast resorts), but if you're on the island for a week or more, it's well worth staying a night or two at Volcano House (the park's only hotel) or somewhere in the nearby village of Volcano.

What could warrant spending so much precious time away from the beach? For starters, Kīlauea (at an elevation of 4,091 feet) has been in almost constant eruption along its east rift zone since 1983. Spectacular outbursts with sky-high lava fountains and raging rivers of liquid rock are rare, but even seeing the volcano's normal activity (slowly oozing surface flows) may well be the highlight of your trip. That's assuming Kīlauea is cooperating during your visit. The volcano can go months at a time with no visible lava flows.

Mauna Loa, which stands at 13,677 feet above sea level, is the world's most massive active volcano, with an estimated volume of 19,000 cubic miles. Though Mauna Loa hasn't erupted since 1984, it's still an impressive sight and a magnet for hard-core hikers who come to tackle the 19-mile one-way summit trail.

Hawaiian volcanoes are not the pointy conical variety you remember from science class (think Mount Fuji).

These are shield volcanoes—massive, broad mounds that typically don't erupt in the mammoth explosions commonly associated with volcanism.

The lava in Hawaii flows easily and tends to build smooth mountains with shallow summit depressions known as calderas. In the heart of the park, much of the sightseeing and hiking you do will be in and around the main Kīlauea Caldera. On the floor of the caldera's western side, a lava lake roils inside the Halema'uma'u Crater, mythical home of the Hawaiian volcano goddess, Pele. It has been decades since the park service allowed visitors to stand on the rim of the crater and peer into this cauldron of magma. However, even at a distance Halema'uma'u puts on quite a show. By day, you'll see volcanic gas and smoke pour into the sky. At night the fuming crater glows a fiery, ominous red and can be viewed from Kīlauea Overlook and Waldron Ledge.

In addition to volcanoes, the park has steam vents, walk-through lava tube, caldera overlooks, craters, cinder cones, ancient petroglyphs, lava trees, coastal rock arch and outstanding hiking trails through native rain forests.

## General Information and Activities

The park is open daily 24 hours. From the Kailua-Kona area, one-way drive time to the park is about 2.5 hours. Drive time from Hilo averages 45 minutes. Crater Rim Drive, the park's main road, encircles the summit of Kīlauea Caldera. Chain of Craters Road intersects with Crater Rim Drive and winds to the coastal areas. All vehicles are restricted to designated roadways; speed limits are posted. There are no car repair facilities within 21 miles of the park, but gas and oil are available 2 miles from Kīlauea Visitor Center in the village of Volcano (from SR 11, take the turnoff for Old Volcano Road). **Note:** The national park site is culturally significant and should be treated with respect.

When hunger strikes, you'll find a restaurant, lounge and prepackaged deli fare (sandwiches and salads) for sale within the park at the Volcano House hotel gift shop near Kīlauea Visitor Center. Just outside the park in the village of Volcano are a handful of eateries (very busy at lunch time) and inns, plus a pair of general stores selling snacks and drinks.

Marked trails crisscross the park and lead to the summit of Mauna Loa and the coastal area of Kīlauea. Back-country camping permits and information about hiking and trail conditions are available at the Visitor Emergency Operations Center, a short drive from Kīlauea Visitor Center (see *attraction listing*). The park contains several picnic grounds, but fires are permitted only in specified areas. Hunting and trapping are prohibited. See *Recreation Areas Chart*.



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Temperatures are noticeably cooler at higher elevations, and morning and afternoon showers occur frequently. A jacket or sweater and a light raincoat or umbrella are recommended.

**ADMISSION** (valid for 7 consecutive days) to Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park is \$30 (per private vehicle); \$25 (per motorcyclist); \$15 (per pedestrian or bicyclist). A Hawai'i Tri-park Annual Pass (which also includes Haleakalā National Park and Pu'uuhonua o Hōnaunau National Historical Park) is \$55.

**PETS** must be leashed and attended. They are not allowed on trails on Hilina Pali Road, in Kulanaokuaiki Campground or in the backcountry.

**COLLECTING** rocks and plants, and disturbing archeological sites is prohibited.

**ADDRESS** inquiries to the Park Superintendent, Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, P.O. Box 52, Hawai'i National Park, HI 96718-0052. Phone (808) 985-6000 for recorded information and information about lava flow activity.

### INSIDER INFO:

#### Kīlauea Lava Lowdown

"Where do I see lava?" The answer can get complicated, depending on Kīlauea volcano's current activity.

It's been several years since visitors could drive to the end of Chain of Craters Road (within Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park) and witness lava pouring into the Pacific. Today, the action is happening in two locations: on Kīlauea's east rift zone at Pu'u 'Ō'ō vent and at its summit from Halema'uma'u Crater. The Pu'u 'Ō'ō flows are outside the park in a forest reserve, are off-limits to the public, and are currently threatening the town of Pāhoā. The Halema'uma'u eruption is characterized by a lava lake deep within the crater, and while no surface flows are visible here, the reflective glow on the lava during dark hours draws thousands of visitors a day.

The best views of Halema'uma'u Crater are from an observation area at the site of the former Jaggar Museum on Crater Rim Drive. The most convenient place to view volcanic activity is from inside the Volcano House hotel along Crater Rim Trail. For bird's-eye lava views, hop aboard a sightseeing helicopter flight lifting off from nearby Hilo International Airport. Prices are steep, but this is the only way you'll see the beating heart of the fuming Pu'u 'Ō'ō vent.

Whatever you choose, a bucket-list experience awaits.

**CHAIN OF CRATERS ROAD**, within Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, extends 19 mi. from Crater Rim Dr. at 4,091-foot Kīlauea Summit and ends at a 2003 lava flow. You'll see ancient petroglyphs at the end of the three-quarter-mile Pu'u Loa (Hill of Long Life) Trail; in order to help preserve them, visitors may not disturb them or take rubbings. The road skirts spatter cones, pit craters and recent lava flows as it descends the summit of Kīlauea toward the sea. Mauna Ulu, a large lava shield created by eruptions 1969-74, is visible from an overlook. At the end of the road, where pavement meets the Pacific, you're treated to an excellent view of the 60-foot-tall Hōlei Sea Arch.

**Note:** Chain of Craters Road dead ends where it's buried by lava from varied flows. Visit the Kīlauea Visitor Center (*see attraction listing*) to check conditions before starting the drive. Restrooms are available, and Volcano House operates a small snack bar at the end of the road. **Phone:** (808) 985-6000 for recorded park information and information about lava flow activity.

**CRATER RIM DRIVE** makes an 11-mi. circuit around Kīlauea Caldera within Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park past lava flows, rain forests and craters.

The half-mile, paved Devastation Trail leads through a pumice- and spatter-covered landscape. Thurston Lava Tube was formed when the surface of a lava stream hardened and the molten rock inside flowed away, leaving a tunnel that can be explored for about 500 feet. The parking lot for the 4-mile Kīlauea Iki Trail, one of the park's most popular hikes, is a few minutes' drive southeast of Kīlauea Visitor Center.

Heading west from the visitor center, pull over at the Steam Vents, where rainwater that has seeped into the ground and been heated by hot volcanic rock rises as steam. Across the road, plug your nose for the rotten egg odor of the Sulphur Banks. Along a short, easy boardwalk trail (accessible from either the Steam Vents parking area or the visitor center), volcanic gases spew from the earth amid a landscape painted in colorful sulfur crystals.

Atop 4,078-foot Uwēkahuna Bluff is Hawaiian Volcano Observatory, one of several permanent volcano observatories in the United States; no visitors are allowed inside the observatory.

**Note:** Visit the Kīlauea Visitor Center (*see attraction listing*) to check conditions before starting the drive.

**Phone:** (808) 985-6000 for recorded park information and information about lava flow activity.

**Kīlauea Iki Trail** begins at the Kīlauea Iki parking lot on Crater Rim Drive, just s.e. of Kīlauea Visitor Center within Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. The 4-mile loop trail winds through a lovely fern and 'ōhi'a rain forest before



descending some 400 feet to the barren floor of Kīlauea Iki Crater. Crossing the crater floor, keep an eye peeled for steam escaping from cracks in the ground (Kīlauea Iki last erupted in 1959). Save for the 400-foot climb back up to the trailhead, this is an easy-to-moderate trek that'll take around 2.5 hours.

**Note:** Hikers should expect wet and windy conditions and steep, rocky terrain. Water, snacks, rain gear and sun protection are recommended. **Phone:** (808) 985-6000.

**Thurston Lava Tube** is on the east side of Crater Rim Dr. within Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. From the parking area (often crowded with tour buses), you'll embark on an easy 15- to 20-minute self-guiding walk along a loop trail that starts in the *ōhi'a* forest and continues through this impressive cave-like lava tube. Restrooms and drinking fountains are available at the trailhead. **Phone:** (808) 985-6000 for recorded park information and information about lava flow activity.

**KĪLAUEA VISITOR CENTER**, on Crater Rim Dr. within Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, is the park headquarters and provides literature and displays describing the park and its natural and cultural resources. Displays depict volcanic land formations as well as the plants, animals and people of the volcanic region. A 25-minute film featuring the biology, geology and cultural history of the park is shown on the hour 9-4. An eruption update video is shown on the half-hour.

Park rangers are available to provide eruption updates and answer questions. Detailed hiking trail guide booklets may be purchased in the gift shop. Free ranger-guided activities are posted daily at 9.

**Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (808) 985-6000.

**KĪLAUEA VOLCANO** may be reached by SR 11 within Hawaii Volcanoes National Park and explored by car and on foot. Kīlauea is so broad and low-profile, unlike your typical cone-shaped volcano, that oftentimes you'll overhear bewildered visitors ask park rangers, "Where's the volcano?" The answer: "You're standing on it." A shield volcano, 4,091-foot-high Kīlauea is crowned by a 400-foot-deep, 3-mile-wide depression known as a caldera. Within Kīlauea Caldera is the Halema'uma'u Crater, the volcano's main vent. May 2018 marked the second explosive Halema'uma'u eruption since 1924.

The lava flows, which you see pictured on countless tourist brochures, began in 1983 and originated on the volcano's east rift zone at a separate vent named Pu'u 'Ō'ō, but the flows stopped after the latest Kīlauea eruption in 2018. The cinder/spatter cone straddles the national park's remote eastern boundary; your best bet for viewing Pu'u 'Ō'ō up close is from a sightseeing helicopter flight. Over the past 30-plus years, lava has buried more

than 180 buildings (including the entire town of Kalapana) under 30-plus feet of hardened magma and added more than 500 acres of new coastal land to Hawaii.

Looking back over Kīlauea's last century of volcanic activity, one spectacular event that must be cited is the 1959 Kīlauea Iki eruption. This was a whopper, with lava fountains shooting as high as 1,900 feet (nearly 450 feet higher than the Empire State Building). Today, you can hike the now-cooled Kīlauea Iki Crater from Crater Rim Drive (*see attraction listing*).

Looking forward, there's a new Hawaiian island on the way. About 22 miles south of Kīlauea, and roughly 3,000 feet below sea level, the erupting, submarine Lō'ihī volcano is expected to see the light of day in about 50,000 years. Make your reservations now for the inevitable Lō'ihī Resort, Spa and Golf Club.

**Note:** Access to the volcano may be restricted at times due to volcanic activity, and roads are subject to closure due to high fire danger or air-quality concerns. **Phone:** (808) 985-6000 for recorded park information and information about lava flow activity.

**KĪPUKAPUAULU** is on Mauna Loa Rd. within Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. A *kīpuka* is an island of older soil and vegetation surrounded by more recent lava flows. A 1.2-mile trail loops through this old-growth forest. **Phone:** (808) 985-6000 for recorded park information and information about lava flow activity.

**MAUNA LOA**, adjoining Kīlauea to the west and reached via Mauna Loa Rd. within Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, is the world's most massive volcano. The summit rises about 56,000 feet above its base (located beneath the floor of the Pacific Ocean) and stands 13,677 feet above sea level. This enormous mountain was built by innumerable lava flows. In the last century, Mauna Loa erupted on an average of once every 3.75 years. The summit is reachable on foot; it is a 19-mile one-way hike from the end of Mauna Loa Road and is typically a 2-day ascent.

One of the more voluminous flows in recent history began in 1950. Very liquid lava escaped from a fissure 13 miles long and reached the sea in less than 3 hours, having advanced at a speed of approximately 3.75 miles an hour. This massive eruption amounted to about 600 million cubic yards of lava, enough to pave a four-lane highway 4.5 times around the world.

With the exception of a brief eruption in July 1975, Mauna Loa waited 34 years before generating another major eruption. On March 25, 1984, Mauna Loa began a 22-day eruption that sent lava flows down its northeast flank from a vent at the 9,400-foot level. The two longest flows extended about 16 miles from the vent. This eruption coincided with yet another eruption of Kīlauea, the



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first time both volcanoes had erupted simultaneously in 65 years.

**Phone:** (808) 985-6000 for recorded park information and information about lava flow activity.

**MAUNA LOA ROAD** branches off SR 11 opposite Kīlauea Caldera within Hawaii Volcanoes National Park and reaches an elevation of 6,600 feet. A short turnoff leads to molds of trees formed when lava made a shell around the trunks. A trail at the end of the road passes through mountain parkland and, above 10,000 feet, enters barren lava fields to the summit of Mauna Loa. The trail, one of the island's more difficult hikes, may be closed due to high winds or deep snow. Always check with rangers about current conditions.

Shelters at the 10,000-foot level at Red Hill and near the summit are available by permit on a first-come, first-served basis no more than 24 hours ahead of time. The road may be closed due to high winds or fire danger. The ascent of Mauna Loa can take its toll on the unprepared hiker in the form of severe sunburn, dehydration and acute mountain sickness. **Hikers are required to register at the park's Visitor Emergency Operations Center before starting out for the summit.**

**Phone:** (808) 985-6000 for recorded park information and information about lava flow activity.

**VOLCANO ART CENTER GALLERY**, next to the Kīlauea Visitor Center within Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, features fine arts and crafts by Hawaii artists. Also offered are performances and workshops in Hawaiian culture as well as visual and literary arts. **Phone:** (808) 967-7565.

## HILO

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The Hawaii Island capital, this beautiful town on the shore of crescent-shaped Hilo Bay sits on the island's eastern side. With its lush tropical surroundings, historic charm, laid-back rhythms and close proximity to Hawaii Volcanoes National Park (about 30 miles away), Hilo would presumably be a tourist hot spot brimming with resorts and condos. Not so. And the reason can be summed up in one soggy word: rain. It falls here in abundance (about 130 inches per year), and most visitors unwilling to chance a vacation rainout stick to the sunny Kona coast instead.

Even if you don't stay in town, it's well worth spending at least 1 day (preferably 2) exploring Hilo, the Hāmākua Coast to the north, and the Puna area to the south. You'll find a few modern hotels along the Hilo waterfront, as well as smaller motels and B&Bs scattered around town.

One-way drive time from Kailua-Kona is roughly 2 hours. Hilo International Airport handles flights to the city. Cruise ships doing the Hawaii circuit dock 2 miles south of the historic downtown area; take a taxi (\$12 to \$16) or ask your ship's shore excursion desk about shuttle transportation.

Along downtown's Kamehameha Avenue, colorful historic buildings house souvenir shops, boutiques, jewelers, galleries and restaurants. The area is easily doable on foot, and a bit of exploration will undoubtedly turn up some shopping gems. In the fine art department, check out Dreams of Paradise Gallery (308 Kamehameha Ave. #106), which deals in exceptional works by local painters, sculptors and photographers.

For unique *aloha* shirts and island wear for women, look no further than the ever-popular Sig Zane (122 Kamehameha Ave., next to the Pacific Tsunami Museum). All of the clothing is designed by Zane, quality is high, and so are the prices. Basically Books (1672 Kamehameha Ave.) is the go-to spot for Hawaii-related books and maps, including USGS topographic maps for the entire state.

The must-do Hilo Farmers Market takes place daily beginning at 7 a.m. at the corner of Mamo Street and Kamehameha Avenue. The so-called "big days" are Wednesday and Saturday, when the market hosts more than 200 local farmers, florists and crafts dealers and opens an hour earlier. On all market days, the event usually winds down around 4 p.m.

Forgot your toothbrush? Lack a rain jacket? If you need everyday essentials, south of the airport along SR 11 are supermarkets and big-box retailers like Target and Walmart.

Back at the waterfront, outrigger canoes glide across glassy Hilo Bay (protected by a breakwater). Locals and tourists alike stroll along Banyan Drive (the location of Hilo's major hotels), a shady, curving lane lined with more than 50 stately banyan trees. The leafy behemoths were planted in the 1930s, '40s and '50s by visiting celebrities, politicians and other famous folk, and each tree is named for the person who planted it. At the foot of each banyan you'll see wooden signs bearing names like Cecil B. DeMille, Amelia Earhart, Franklin Roosevelt, Babe Ruth, Louis Armstrong and Richard Nixon. Also along Banyan Drive you'll find the pretty Lili'uokalani Gardens (*see attraction listing*).

On the north side of town flows the Wailuku River. From the historic downtown area, drive west on Waiānuenue Avenue through residential neighborhoods to see the Boiling Pots pools and Waiānuenue (Rainbow Falls), both of which are in the river's upper reaches (*see attraction listings*).

Hilo's plentiful rainfall creates ideal agricultural conditions. In addition to sustaining papaya and macadamia



nut orchards, the area has become the center of Hawaii's orchid industry. Akatsuka Orchid Gardens, about 24 miles south in the village of Volcano, produces many types of orchids and other tropical plants and flowers.

In early or mid-April the  Merrie Monarch Festival, held at the Edith Kanaka'ole Tennis Stadium and the Afook-Chinen Civic Auditorium, celebrates Hawaiian culture with craft shows, concerts, a parade, a *hula* competition and more.

**Island of Hawaii Visitors Bureau East Hawaii Office:** 101 Aupuni St., Suite 238, Hilo, HI 96720. **Phone:** (808) 961-5797 or (800) 648-2441.

 **'IMILOA ASTRONOMY CENTER OF HAWAII** is at 600 'Imiloa Pl. in Science & Technology Park on the University of Hawaii's Hilo campus. The relationship between Hawaiian culture and the universe is showcased through a variety of displays and interactive exhibits, which are written in both English and Hawaiian. The landscaped grounds feature 70 plant varieties either native to the area or brought here by early Polynesians.

Visitors can learn about *hula*, voyaging canoes and the Hawaiian language renaissance as well as the work being done by scientists at Mauna Kea's observatories. The Hawaiian creation chant and the Big Bang Theory, two different but surprisingly similar views about the origins of life, are explored in a theater presentation and with a simulated ascent of Mauna Kea. A planetarium, video presentations and a virtual 3-D space tour also are included.

**Time:** Allow 2 hours minimum. **Phone:** (808) 932-8901.

 **LYMAN MUSEUM AND MISSION HOUSE** is at 276 Haili St. The Mission House, completed in 1839, was built for David and Sarah Lyman, a missionary family from New England. The house—reputedly the oldest wood-frame structure on Hawaii Island—was built with support timbers from local forests and puddle-glass windowpanes. Visitors on a guided tour can view the house's period furnishings, wallpaper and décor.

Next door, the Lyman Museum is a modern museum building built in 1972. Exhibits cover Hawaii's natural and cultural history. Within the Earth Heritage Gallery are seashell, gem and mineral collections as well as displays about volcanology and Hawaii's habitats. A special gallery features changing exhibits.

**Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (808) 935-5021.



**MOKUPĀPAPA: DISCOVERY CENTER FOR HAWAII'S REMOTE CORAL REEFS** is at 76 Kamehameha Ave. Displays, wall panels, interactive exhibits and a three-sided

saltwater aquarium showcase the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands, which extend 1,200 miles beyond Kauai and now comprise Papahānāmokuākea Marine National Monument. Visitors can learn about the animals inhabiting these reefs and tiny islands, as well as the islands' cultural importance and long human history. **Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (808) 933-8180.

**NANI MAU GARDENS** is at 421 Makalika St. The meticulously maintained 20-acre garden is home to a number of native and exotic flowers and plants, including orchids, rare palms and tropical fruits. There's also a Japanese-style bell tower. **Time:** Allow 2 hours minimum. **Phone:** (808) 959-3500. 

 **PACIFIC TSUNAMI MUSEUM** is at 130 Kamehameha Ave. Educating visitors about the history, science and danger of tsunamis, the museum features exhibits, videos and photographs pertaining to tsunami activity in the Pacific Basin and around the world. Tsunami survivors share their personal stories, and visitors learn how to handle this type of catastrophe should one occur.

Of particular interest are the exhibits about the tsunamis that ravaged Hilo in 1946 and 1960. **Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (808) 935-0926. 

**PANA'EWA RAINFOREST ZOO & GARDENS** is s. of Hilo International Airport at jct. SR 11 and Mamaki St. at 800 Stainback Hwy. This 12-acre natural rain forest zoo is home to 80 animal species, including spider monkeys, two-toed sloths, tigers, iguanas and Swainson's toucans. A petting zoo and playground also are featured. **Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (808) 959-9233. 

**SAFARI HELICOPTER TOURS** departs from Hilo International Airport's commuter terminal; follow the airport access road off SR 11. Passengers on the 45-minute Volcano Safari Tour hear two-way communication with the pilot via noise-canceling headsets as they view current Kīlauea volcanic activity and destruction from previous lava flows. The 50- to 55-minute Deluxe Volcano & Coastline Safari Tour includes the same spectacular views plus views of the waterfalls northwest of Hilo.

**Note:** Due to decompression-related sickness, it is recommended that passengers wait 12-24 hours after scuba diving before flying; the amount of time is dependent on particular dive factors. Ask about possible policies regarding minimum wait time between scuba diving and flying; weight restrictions; weather, cancellation and refund policies; and the minimum and maximum number of passengers for flights. All small aircraft may encounter turbulence.

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## HONOMU



**'AKAKA FALLS STATE PARK** is 3.6 mi. s.w. at the end of 'Akaka Falls Rd. (SR 220). In a lush, deep gorge, one of the state's most impressive waterfalls plunges 442 feet into Kolekole Stream. To reach 'Akaka Falls you'll walk a .4-mile paved loop trail that winds, dips and climbs through a sublime rain forest filled with gurgling streams, tropical plants, bamboo thickets and massive banyan trees.

The main attraction, free-falling 'Akaka Falls, is most dramatic after a good rainstorm, and at 442 feet, the falls

are twice the height of Niagara Falls. The best time for photography is late morning. At a leisurely pace, the entire loop trail will take about 45 minutes. If you're short on time or it's pouring rain (common in the Hilo area), make a left at the trailhead and walk about 800 feet directly to the 'Akaka overlook. An interpretive kiosk at the trailhead features information about the walk, plants and birds, and cultural history.

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## KAILUA-KONA

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On the island's sunny leeward coast, Kailua-Kona has everything you'd expect to find in a tourist hub: restaurants, shops, tour operators and lodgings galore. At first glance, Kailua-Kona appears to be all souvenir hula dolls, condo complexes and expensive tropical cocktails, but this seaside town played an important role in Hawai'i's past and offers some interesting historical sites as well.

About 15 minutes north of town, Kona International Airport receives daily flights from Honolulu and the mainland. Cruise ship passengers disembark at the town's convenient Kailua Pier. The downtown shopping/dining area has a couple of pay parking lots (rates are steep) as well as tough-to-find street parking (watch for posted time limits). Downtown is doable in a half-day. But if you're staying nearby, you'll undoubtedly return to dine at the restaurants.

The heart of town is a roughly .75-mile stretch of Ali'i Drive, between the Kailua Bay seawall and the Coconut Grove Marketplace (at the intersection of Kahakai Road). A good place to start your downtown walkabout is the seaside Kona Inn Shopping Village (75-5744 Ali'i Dr.), where you'll browse more than 50 specialty shops with items ranging from souvenirs and beachwear to jewelry and fine art.

Nearby are many more shops and open-air eateries, plus the historic Hulihe'e Palace building and Moku'aikaua Church (see *attraction listings*). South on Ali'i Drive, the shopping/dining area around the Coconut Grove Marketplace has a more modern look and feel. And on most nights you'll groove to live street musicians playing their hearts out for tips.

**Note:** As you motor along narrow Ali'i Drive, be aware that mornings and afternoons are clogged with roadside joggers. Both pedestrians and motorists alike make all sorts of crazy, unpredictable maneuvers. In other words, pay attention.

Local beaches can't measure up to the idyllic strands along the Kohala Coast or some of the less popular but equally beautiful south island beaches. That said, Kailua-Kona's often-packed Kahalu'u Beach Park (see *attraction listing and Recreation Areas Chart*) boasts some of the best snorkeling on the island; scarce parking makes pre-noon arrival a necessity. When the surf's way up, La'aloa

Beach Park (aka Magic Sands Beach, White Sands Beach and Disappearing Sands Beach) draws daredevil surfers and bodyboarders.

In his old age, Kamehameha I spent much time in Kailua-Kona, a favorite spot of Hawaiian royalty. Ahu'ena Heiau (see *attraction listing*), near the Kailua Pier, was the seat of government in the early 19th century.

Nowadays, in many ways, this old town is the epitome of garish tourism. Condos on every corner. Chain restaurants transported from Middle America. And enough tacky, made-in-China knickknacks to make your head spin. Yet you can't help but fall a little bit in love with this Hawai'i classic, despite the 21st century.

In March, craft beer enthusiasts flock to the Courtyard by Marriott King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel for the Kona Brewers Festival. This celebration of suds also features food vendors and live entertainment. The Ironman World Championship, held annually in October, consists of a 2.4-mile ocean swim, a 112-mile bicycle race and a 26.2-mile run. The swim event begins and ends at the Kailua Pier, the bicycle route goes along the Kona coast, and the marathon uses part of the same highway as the bicycle race and concludes on Ali'i Drive in Kailua-Kona.

**AHU'ENA HEIAU**, on the grounds of the Courtyard by Marriott King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel near the Kailua Pier, is a temple reconstructed 1812-13 by King Kamehameha the Great. The king lived and conducted government business here until his death in 1819. Visitors may tour the grounds but not enter the temple. *Lū'au* are held at the site.

**Note:** *Heiau* are culturally significant and should be treated with respect. **Phone:** (808) 329-2911, or (866) 482-9775 for *lū'au* reservations.

**ATLANTIS ADVENTURES: ATLANTIS SUBMARINES KONA** departs from Kailua-Kona Pier. The company offers narrated underwater voyages during which passengers can see exotic fish, a natural reef and marine animals through large viewing portholes. Including the trip to and from the dive site, the tour lasts about an hour. Whale-watch trips are offered December through April; exact dates depend on seasonal migratory patterns.

**Time:** Allow 2 hours minimum. **Phone:** (800) 381-0237.

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**BIG ISLAND AIR** departs from the commuter terminal at Kona International Airport at 73-103 U'u St. Premier Island tours of Hawaii Island last 1.5 hours and include such sights as towering sea cliffs, black sand beaches, knife-edge ridges, rain forests, valleys, waterfalls, Kilauea volcano and the mountains of Kohala. Pilots provide narration about the land's geography, history, myths and legends. Stereo headsets are provided. A 1.5- to 2-hour Twilight tour also is offered.

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**Phone:** (808) 329-4868. 

**BODY GLOVE OCEAN ADVENTURES** departs from the Kailua Pier at jct. Palani Rd. and Ali'i Dr.; transportation from Waikoloa resorts is available for a fee. Outing options include snorkeling trips, historical cruises to Kealakekua Bay and Captain Cook Monument, and seasonal whale-watch tours.

The whale-watch tours last 2.5 hours, and morning snorkeling trips last 4.5 hours. Refreshments are provided on whale-watch tours; snorkeling cruises include a continental breakfast and a barbecue lunch. A cash bar is available. A meal and entertainment are provided on the 3-hour historical cruise.

**Phone:** (808) 326-7122 or (800) 551-8911.

**HAWAII FOREST & TRAIL** has various departure points. An interpretive guide leads each of the 15 available 2.5-hour to full-day ecotours. Guests are provided with necessary special gear. Snacks and beverages are provided on shorter trips; full-day trips feature either breakfast and lunch or only dinner. Tour size generally is 4 persons minimum, 10-12 persons maximum. Private and custom tours also are available.

Inquire about weather and refund policies. **Phone:** (808) 331-8505 or (800) 464-1993. 

**HULIHE'E PALACE**, 75-5718 Ali'i Dr., was built in 1838 and served as home to the Hawaiian monarchy. Today the Daughters of Hawaii operates and maintains the site as a museum, which houses a collection of artifacts and personal memorabilia of Hawaiian royalty.

**Phone:** (808) 329-1877. 

**KAHALU'U BEACH PARK** is 5 mi. s. on Ali'i Dr. at Milepost 5. The beach, with an offshore reef, is known for good snorkeling conditions with a large variety of fish in the area. *See Recreation Areas Chart.* **Note:** When there is high surf, rip currents are present. Lifeguards usually are on duty; verify their presence before heading into the water. The beach is somewhat rocky. **Phone:** (808) 323-4322.  

**OCEAN RIDER** is 1 mi. s. of Kona International Airport at 73-4388 Ilikai Pl., via the Natural Energy Lab road. Conducted by a professional environmental interpreter, this educational tour examines the enchanting world of the seahorse where the male gets pregnant, pair-bonds for life and gives birth to hundreds of babies within minutes. Guests will see seahorses from all over the world including New York, Australia and the Philippines, and they can even feed and hold a seahorse. Children 3 and under can take part in an interactive tide pool treasure hunt.

**Time:** Allow 1 hour, 30 minutes minimum. **Phone:** (808) 329-6840.

**VOYAGERS OF THE PACIFIC** is at the Royal Kona Resort, 75-5852 Ali'i Dr. After being greeted with a shell *lei*, you can grab a drink, find a seat and listen to live Hawaiian tunes. At sunset, a conch shell is blown and everyone is invited to gather around the *imu* (underground oven) to watch the ceremonial uncovering of the roasted pig. You'll then enjoy a buffet of traditional Hawaiian foods while festively costumed dancers and musicians put on a spectacular Polynesian stage show.

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**KALOKO-HONOKŌHAU NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK**

About 3 miles north of Kailua-Kona on SR 19, Kaloko-Honokōhau National Historical Park has three entrances: the first off Kealahake Pkwy., the second near the visitor center and the third on a road called Ala Nui Kaloko. The 1,160-acre park offers a glimpse into the lives of Hawaiian settlers prior to their exposure to Western civilization. Though the area is comprised mostly of infertile lava coastline, settlers managed to thrive off of the available natural resources. They raised and harvested fish, often exchanging their catches for breadfruit, paper mulberry and taro—all products of upland residents. Two impressively designed fish ponds and a fish trap have been preserved. Other archeological features include temple and house platforms, stone walls and a corral. Petroglyphs also can be seen throughout the area.

Blanketed with white coral sand and boasting a *heiau* (temple) at one end, Honokōhau Beach can be accessed via a trail near the visitor center. **Note:** *Heiau* are culturally significant and should be treated with respect.

Among the park's wildlife are sea turtles and Hawaiian monk seals. The Kaloko Fish Pond is home to Hawaiian coots and stilts; during the winter the Aimakapa Fish Pond hosts various migratory birds. The park is ideal for hiking, fishing and snorkeling. Camping is prohibited.

Address inquiries to Kaloko-Honokōhau National Historical Park, 73-4786 Kānalani St. #14, Kailua-Kona, HI 96740.

The park is open daily year-round. The Ala Nui Kaloko gate is open daily 8-5. The visitor center and adjacent parking area are open daily 8:30-4. Free. Phone (808) 326-9057.

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Pacific Rim Sushi Fine Dining. **Address:** 72-100 Ka'upulehu Dr 96740.

## KAWAIHAE

With an average annual rainfall of less than 10 inches, this tiny port town at the north end of the Kohala resort area is perhaps Hawai'i Island's driest spot. Protected by a breakwater, the small harbor is home to a handful of fishing and scuba outfitters as well as a sprinkling of shops and restaurants. There's not exactly a *ton* of tourist interest here, though history buffs, take note: Kawaihae was the seat of the Kingdom of Hawai'i for a short time in the 1700s and was the home of King Kamehameha I for a

brief period. If this piques your interest, check out the Pu'ukoholā Heiau National Historic Site (*see attraction listing*).

What you're *really* here for are the beaches south of town—a few of them among the prettiest and most frequented along the Kohala Coast. Touting typically calm waters and a full host of facilities (bathrooms, showers, picnic tables and lifeguard stations), the northernmost strand, Spencer Beach Park (the access road is off SR



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270 between mileposts 2 and 3) is popular with local families (see *Recreation Areas Chart*). A gorgeous, sandy crescent, Mauna Kea Beach lies just south (the access road is off SR 19 at Milepost 68) and is the stuff of glossy coffee-table books. Snorkeling is very good around the rocks to the left. The limited parking situation can be a headache; arrive early.

At SR 19's Milepost 69, take the turnoff for always-busy Hāpuna Beach (see *Recreation Areas Chart*). No parking nightmares here; the lot can accommodate a few hundred cars. This broad, picturesque, half-mile-long golden sand beach has it all: shady picnic areas, snack bars, plenty of elbow room on the shore, rows of tanned hides and fun bodyboarding when the surf's up. For a bit less bustle at an equally beautiful beach, try Waialea Bay (from SR 19, take the turnoff for Puakō Road and follow signs). This is a wonderful beach with a series of sandy, scalloped coves. Snorkeling is decent around the offshore rocks in the middle of the bay, and there's a small rock arch at Waialea's northern end.

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**SEA QUEST RAFTING & SNORKELING ADVENTURES**

departs Keauhou Bay and offers five different snorkeling adventures. The 3-hour afternoon Captain Cook Exclusive takes passengers to snorkel at Kealakekua Bay, site of the Captain Cook Monument, and allows for exploration of sea caves and lava tubes as well as observation of dolphins and whales; snacks are included. The 4-hour Deluxe Morning Adventure includes additional snorkeling at Hōnaunau Bay, and the 5-hour Expedition South Kona outing includes lunch and yet another snorkeling site. The 1.5-hour nighttime Manta Ray tour includes snorkeling with manta rays; snacks are included. Snorkeling gear, instructions and flotation devices are provided on all three trips.

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PAPAIKOU



**HAWAII TROPICAL BOTANICAL GARDEN** is at 27-717 Old Māmalahoa Hwy. Tickets are purchased at the visitor center; access is through a wrought iron gate across the street. On Hawaii Island's lush windward coast, this botanic garden is one of the finest on the islands. Hand-built by Dan Lutkenhouse, an ex-trucker from San Francisco, Calif., the 17-acre Eden boasts more

than 2,000 species of tropical plants, trees and flowers, including an impressive collection of orchids.

A 1.25-mile network of paved paths winds through the garden, where highlights include a serene palm jungle, a koi-filled lily pond, a macaw aviary, monkeypod trees and the lovely, three-tiered Onomea Falls. The grand finale is an overlook of rugged, wave-lashed Onomea Bay.

**Time:** Allow 2 hours minimum. **Phone:** (808) 964-5233.



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**PU'UHONUA O HŌNAUNAU NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK**

Off SR 160, 22 miles south of Kailua-Kona, Pu'uhonua o Hōnaunau, meaning “Place of Refuge of Hōnaunau,” is a fun site to explore and as a bonus offers a good Hawaiian history lesson. Established in the 15th century, this is a place modern-day jailbirds wish was still around. The coastal compound was one of Hawai'i Island's six sacred spots that provided sanctuary to commoners who broke *kapu* (religious law). If they could successfully flee to the safety of the *pu'uhonua*, the offenders would be absolved by a priest and could then return to a “new” life.

The *pu'uhonua* also provided a safe haven to women, children, the infirm and the elderly seeking protection in time of battle.

You'll begin the park's easy .5-mile self-guiding walking tour at the visitor center, where you're given a handy map/guide. A cellphone tour also is offered. From here you immediately enter the sacred *wahi pana* (legendary place) through the Royal Grounds. With pretty Hōnaunau Bay to your right and swaying coconut palms all around, it's a lovely setting. Along the path you'll see *hale* (houses), *hālau* (open-ended structures) and *heiau* (temples), as well as a cove that served as a royal canoe landing.

The Royal Grounds (the area reserved for chiefs and their people) and the *pu'uhonua* are separated by a 1,000-foot-long, 12-foot-high and 17-foot-wide stone Great Wall. At the bay end of the impressive Great Wall, *ki'i* (carved wooden statues representing Hawaiian gods) surround the thatched Hale o Keawe temple, which was originally a mausoleum once containing the bones of 23

*ali'i* (chiefs). These bones were believed to possess *mana* (divine or supernatural power) and protect the *pu'uhonua*.

On the sanctuary side of the Great Wall you'll pass stone *heiau*, coastal tide pools and a fishpond before returning to the visitor center. If you have time, after hopping back in the car, drive to the far end of the parking lot and turn onto the dirt road that's just left of the visitor center. In a few minutes you'll reach the park's picnic area—a series of tables (with barbecue grills) along the coastline. If you've come in late afternoon, it's a beautiful, tranquil spot to watch the sun sink into the Pacific.

Visitors also can hike 2 miles round-trip on the 1871 Trail to view Ki'ilae Village, which includes abandoned house sites, agricultural features, animal pens and salt vats; a flier is available at the visitor center.

The visitor center has restrooms, a gift shop, a few exhibits and rangers on duty to answer questions. Orientation talks are presented daily at 10:30, 1:30 and 2:30 (also most Wed. at 11) when staff is available.

**Note:** Camping is prohibited. *Heiau* are culturally significant and should be treated with respect. Allow 1 hour minimum. One-way drive time from Kailua-Kona is about 40 minutes.

Address inquiries to the Park Superintendent, Pu'uhonua o Hōnaunau National Historical Park, P.O. Box 129, Hōnaunau, HI 96726.

The 421-acre park is open daily 7 a.m.-dusk. The visitor center is open daily 8:30-4:30.

A 7-day pass is \$20 per private vehicle; \$15 per motorcyclist; \$10 per pedestrian or bicyclist; free (ages 0-15). A Hawai'i Tri-park Annual Pass (which includes Haleakalā National Park and Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park) is \$55. Phone (808) 328-2288 or (808) 328-2326.

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A resort area on the western side of Hawai'i Island, Waikoloa is known for its beaches and golf courses.

The  Great Waikoloa 'Ukulele Festival, held in March at Waikoloa Beach Resort, features performances by 'ukulele players from around the world. 'Ukulele lessons and giveaways add to the fun.

**SAVE** **DOLPHIN QUEST HAWAI'I**, at the Hilton Waikoloa Village, 425 Waikoloa Beach Dr., offers a variety of fun and educational programs that allow visitors of all ages to interact with Atlantic bottlenose dolphins. Programs are

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**Note:** Visitors should have their parking tickets validated at Dolphin Quest Hawai'i. Swimsuits and towels are required. Life jackets are provided. Showers are available. Participants may not use a camera during the program, but non-participants may take photos from behind the roped-off area. Inquire about cancellation policies. **Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (808) 886-2875 or (800) 248-3316.  

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**WAIMEA**

Waimea, also called Kamuela to distinguish it from the town of Waimea on Kaua'i, is on the Waimea Plateau. The surrounding region is primarily ranching country.

Two scenic roads lead northwest to Hāwī. SR 270 skirts the coast; SR 250 winds through the Kohala Mountains.

Six miles south, Saddle Road (SR 200) leaves the Māmalahoa Highway and traverses the high pass between Mauna Kea and Mauna Loa. The road has sharp curves and occasional heavy fog, so check conditions locally before starting out.

Guests can dance the *hula* and sample the traditional foods of the islands at the Mauna Kea Hawaiian Lū'au at



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Mauna Kea Resort's Mauna Kea Beach Hotel on Tuesday and Friday evenings; phone (808) 882-5707.

In February the 🍷 Waimea Cherry Blossom Heritage Festival imbues the island with the heritage of Japan. Celebrants come together for a heritage fair, pageant and coronation ball, as well as demonstrations of the tea ceremony and the Japanese art of flower arranging.

**Island of Hawai'i Visitors Bureau West Hawai'i Office:** 68-1330 Mauna Lani Dr., Suite 109A, Kohala Coast, HI 96743. **Phone:** (808) 885-1655.

**ANNA RANCH HERITAGE CENTER** is at 65-1480 Kawaihae Rd. Named for late owner and beloved community leader Anna Lindsey Perry-Fiske, the property offers a peek into the lives of an early 20th-century ranching family. Visitors can take a self-guiding grounds tour and watch a blacksmith and an artist at work.

The circa 1910 ranch house, which may be seen only on a guided tour, is furnished in period and contains *koa* wood furniture, family photographs and collections of saddles, millinery and fine china. **Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (808) 885-4426. **GT**



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# Island of Kauaʻi



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**T**he popular name for Kauaʻi (ka-WA-ee) is “The Garden Isle” due to its lush vegetation and agricultural bounty. Its complete ancient name was *Kauaʻi-a-mano-ka-la-ni-po*, “the fountainhead of many waters from on high and bubbling up from below.” Fourth-largest and northernmost of the major Hawaiian Islands, Kauaʻi was the first to be free of volcanic activity.

Historically, Kauaʻi is believed to be the first populated island of the group, with the *Menehune* being the first known settlers. Legend has given these diminutive people many elfin characteristics and supernatural powers. They were supposedly stocky and muscular and 2

to 3 feet tall with unusually large abdomens. Their engineering feats, such as Menehune Ditch near Waimea, were probably the result of industriousness, cooperative working habits and population size, which some estimates place at nearly a half million at one time. The decline and final disappearance of the *Menehune* is still the subject of much speculation.

Kauaʻi’s distance from the other islands was its saving grace during Kamehameha the Great’s conquest of the islands—he never reached it. Possibly foreseeing the inevitable, the king of Kauaʻi reluctantly gave Kamehameha the island and its satellite Niʻihau in 1810.

The remains of an 1817 Russian fort overlooking Waimea Bay are indicative of 19th-century interest in the

Sandwich Islands. Christianity arrived somewhat later: Missions were founded at Hānalei and Kōloa in the mid-1800s. It is said that a Union vessel hid in the Wailua River from the Confederate ship *Shenandoah*, which had been dispatched to destroy the northern Pacific whaling fleet.

The first successful sugar plantation in Hawai'i, established at Kōloa in 1835, foreshadowed an economic trend that has continued to the present. Tourism ranks first among the island's industries, with sugar, coffee, beef, papaya and other exotic fruit also important. Kaua'i has the state's only remaining commercial taro fields. High technology and the Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) round out Kaua'i's economic base. A 3,400-acre former sugar plantation is now the largest American coffee plantation; a visitor center welcomes guests. Together these products support the island's population of about 65,000.

About 6 million years ago a single volcano broke the surface of the sea, building upon itself in successive eruptions until it covered 552 square miles. All that remains of the ancient cone is 5,148-foot Mount Wai'ale'ale. Moisture-laden northeasterly winds buffet the island most of the year and are funneled up the slopes in such a way that they dump more than 460 inches of rain a year on Wai'ale'ale. Over time, these torrents have eroded gorges up to 3,000 feet deep. The island's interior is largely inaccessible; the Nāpali Coast and the Alaka'i Swamp have effectively thwarted attempts to encircle it with a modern road system.

The primary resort areas are Princeville to the north, the Wailua coconut coast in the east and Po'ipū on the south coast. In general, the north coast beaches are best for swimming in summer and surfing in winter; the south coast beaches reverse this rule. The most popular

safe beaches are Po'ipū, Hānalei Pier, Hā'ena and Kapapaki at Līhu'e.

**Despite their beauty, many Kaua'i beaches are unsafe because of powerful undertows or tricky currents; always inquire before venturing into the water.**

Off the western coast of Kaua'i lie the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands, which together make up Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument. This marine sanctuary covers an archipelago 1,200 miles long and 100 miles wide. The area is home to more than 7,000 species, including seabirds, marine mammals and fish, and at least a quarter of these are not found anywhere else. **Note:** The sanctuary is not accessible to the public.

Gray Line offers tours of Wailua River, Waimea Canyon and surrounding areas; phone (808) 833-3000 or (888) 206-4531.

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## KAPA'A

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At the north end of Kaua'i's Coconut Coast, Kapa'a is the island's largest city. It evolved from a string of fishing villages and 1913-1960 it was an important pineapple-canning center. The architecture in Kapa'a's central district, surrounding the junction of SR 56 and CR 581, reflects its role as a plantation town.



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## KĪLAUEA

Off the coast of Kīlauea, porpoises, sea turtles, Hawaiian monk seals and humpback whales often are spotted within 100 yards of shore during the winter and spring.

St. Sylvester's Roman Catholic Church, off SR 56, employs unusual architectural styles. The octagonal church, which seats 350, is made of lava rock and wood; its design is similar to that of a theater in the round. The interior frescoes are by noted WPA muralist Jean Charlot, whose works adorn public buildings on the mainland and in Mexico City; phone (808) 822-7900.

**KĪLAUEA LIGHTHOUSE AND KĪLAUEA POINT NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE** is off Kolo Rd. at the end of Kīlauea Lighthouse Rd. The 52-foot lighthouse was built in 1913 and was in use until 1976. A visitor center showcases the structure's history and lighthouse keepers. The

wildlife refuge is home to the Laysan albatross, frigate birds and red-footed boobies. **Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (808) 828-1413.



**NA 'ĀINA KAI BOTANICAL GARDENS AND SCULPTURE PARK** is on SR 56 between mileposts 21 and 22 at 4101 Wailapa Rd.; go .5 mi. e. on Wailapa Rd. to the visitor center entrance. This once-private 240-acre estate is a marvelous tapestry of gardens and wild areas sprinkled with more than 230 representational and sometimes whimsical bronze sculptures.

Notable features include a three-quarter-acre lagoon with waterfall; a mock orange picture maze in which unexpected flowers, topiaries and sculptures delight the wanderer; an international desert garden; a plantation of hardwood trees; an Ahupua'a; a Navajo Compound; an Athabaskan Fishing Village; and a children's garden. The



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gardens may be viewed on guided tours, which are led by knowledgeable guides and range from 90 minutes to 5 hours, depending on the tour. Self-guided tours are permitted for limited hours, phone ahead.

Picnicking is not permitted. **Time:** Allow 2 hours minimum. **Phone:** (808) 828-0525. **(GT)**

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Kōloa blossomed after the first sugar mill on the island was erected in 1835. Its port, Kōloa Landing, rivaled Honolulu and Lahaina as a storage depot for whaling ships. The sugar mill no longer exists, and Kōloa, with its false-front buildings, seems a remnant from another time.

**ALLERTON GARDEN**, 4425 Lāwai Rd., 2.5 mi. w. of Spouting Horn, once was part of the private estate of a Chicago businessman. Before that, it was a retreat for Hawai'i's Queen Emma. All tours include a 15-minute bus ride into the garden. Daily tours include a mildly paced 1-mile walk among tropical foliage, fountains, waterfalls and statuary. A Sunset Allerton Estate Tour also is offered.

The 3.5-hour Discovery Tour offers a behind-the-scenes look at conservation and research projects, Allerton Garden's riparian area and McBryde Garden's (*see attraction listing*) rain forest trail and waterfall.

Visitors should wear comfortable walking shoes and bring mosquito repellent, rain or sun protection and bottled water. Camera tripods are not permitted. Allow 2 hours, 30 minutes minimum for the guided tour. **Phone:** (808) 742-2623. **(GT)**

**MCBRYDE GARDEN** is at 4425 Lāwai Rd. A 15-minute bus ride transports visitors to the tropical garden for a 1-mile self-guiding tour. The garden features an extensive collection of native and Polynesian plants, including spice plants, orchids and rare palms. Highlights include the Biodiversity Trail, a stream and the Canoe Garden.

The 3.5-hour guided Discovery Tour offers a behind-the-scenes look at conservation and research projects, McBryde Garden's rain forest trail and waterfall and Allerton Garden's (*see attraction listing*) riparian area.

Guests should wear comfortable walking shoes and bring mosquito repellent, rain or sun protection and water. **Phone:** (808) 742-2623. **(GT)**



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### LĪHU'E

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County seat of Kaua'i and the neighbor island of Ni'ihau (not open to visitors), Līhu'e also is a cultural and business center. The 872-acre Līhu'e Airport lies about 1.5 miles east.

A number of 19th-century buildings along Rice Street, the main thoroughfare, house stores and offices. The Grove Farm museum, on Nāwiliwili Road, was acquired by George N. Wilcox in 1864 and depicts life on an old sugar plantation. Tours of the plantation home, buildings and grounds are available by appointment up to 3 months in advance; phone (808) 245-3202.

**Kaua'i Visitors Bureau:** 4334 Rice St., Suite 101, Līhu'e, HI 96766. **Phone:** (808) 245-3971 or (800) 262-1400.

**KILOHANA PLANTATION** is at 3-2087 Kaumuali'i Hwy. The 105-acre historic plantation and estate boasts a restored 16,000-square-foot Tudor-style mansion, gardens, fruit orchards and animal pastures. A 40-minute train tour on the 2.5-mile Kaua'i Plantation Railway allows visitors to explore island agriculture and feed the livestock.

On a 4-hour combination train-walk tour of Kahuna Nui Valley, participants learn about indigenous plants, eat lunch, and pick and taste fruit right off the trees. The Lū'au Kalamaku features an open bar, a Hawaiian buffet and a theatrical production about the Tahitians' migration to Hawaii. The Plantation Owner's Evening includes dinner at Gaylord's, the manor house restaurant, followed by VIP seating at Lū'au Kalamaku.

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**SAFARI HELICOPTER TOURS** departs from Līhu'e Heliport. Check-in is at 3225 Akahi St. Passengers on the 50- to 60-minute Deluxe Waterfall Safari Tour hear narration,

music and two-way communication with the pilot via noise-canceling headsets as they glimpse numerous waterfalls, Mount Wai'ale'ale, Waimea Canyon and the Nāpali Coast. The 60-minute Canyon Landing Safari tour includes the same spectacular views plus a 40-minute stop at a private botanical preserve where indigenous plants are being sustained.

**Note:** Due to decompression-related sickness, it is recommended that passengers wait 12-24 hours after scuba diving before flying; the amount of time is dependent on particular dive factors. Ask about possible policies regarding minimum wait time between scuba diving and flying; weight restrictions; weather, cancellation and refund policies; and the minimum and maximum number of passengers for flights. All small aircraft may encounter turbulence.

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**SUNSHINE HELICOPTERS** departs from 3416 Rice St. #203. Narrated tours lasting between 40 and 55 minutes reveal some of the island's most scenic views, including Waimea Canyon, Wailua Falls, Mount Wailaleale and the Nāpali Coast. **Note:** Due to decompression-related sickness, it is recommended that passengers wait 12-24 hours after scuba diving before flying; the amount of time is dependent on particular dive factors. Ask about possible policies regarding minimum wait time between scuba diving and flying; weight restrictions; weather, cancellation and refund policies; and the minimum and maximum number of passengers for flights. All small aircraft may encounter turbulence.

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Resort Hotel. **Address:** 3610 Rice St 96766. **Location:** Oceanfront. **Facility:** Facing Kalapaki Beach, this impressive resort showcases exceptional landscaping, the guest rooms reflect up-to-date comfort with all the expected amenities and upscale bathrooms. It features the largest single-level pool in Hawaii. 356 units. 10 stories, interior corridors. **Parking:** on-site (fee) and valet. **Terms:** check-in 4 pm. **Amenities:** safes. **Dining:** 4 restaurants. **Pool:** heated outdoor. **Activities:** hot tub, beach on-site, cabanas, snorkeling, recreation programs, lawn sports, exercise room, spa. **Guest Services:** coin laundry, area transportation.

**PO'IPŪ**

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Po'ipū, the beach area east of Kōloa Landing, is a popular resort and recreation center. The half-mile coastal

Māhā'ulepū Heritage Trail affords breathtaking views of the Makawehi Lithified Cliffs; hikers should use caution and watch their footing.



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Resort Hotel. **Address:** 1571 Poipu Rd 96756. **Location:** Oceanfront. **Facility:** The resort's luxurious setting on the island's dry side includes a lagoon-style pool and tropically landscaped grounds. Spacious guest rooms feature a large lanai and tasteful appointments. 605 units. 6 stories, interior corridors. **Parking:** on-site (fee) and valet. **Terms:** check-in 4 pm. **Amenities:** safes. **Dining:** 4 restaurants, also, Tidepools, see separate listing, entertainment. **Pool:** heated outdoor. **Activities:** hot tub, beach on-site, cabanas, regulation golf, tennis, recreation programs, bicycles, exercise room, spa. **Guest Services:** complimentary and valet laundry, boarding pass kiosk, rental car service, area transportation.



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Resort Hotel. **Address:** 2251 Poipu Rd 96756. **Location:** Oceanfront. **Facility:** Quality materials and distinctive service are notable at this resort. Most rooms offer an ocean view. Enjoy a stand-up paddle session or a surf lesson, as well as complimentary arrival wine. 121 units. 2-3 stories, interior corridors. **Parking:** valet only. **Terms:** check-in 4 pm. **Amenities:** safes. **Dining:** red salt, see separate listing. **Pool:** heated outdoor. **Activities:** hot tub, scuba diving, snorkeling, recreation programs, exercise room, spa. **Guest Services:** coin laundry.



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Resort Hotel. **Address:** 2641 Poipu Rd 96756. **Facility:** This very attractive property features residential-style accommodations and three resort pools. Set on 21 acres, the location provides convenient access to Poipu Beach and restaurants. 306 units, some two bedrooms, three bedrooms, efficiencies and kitchens. 4 stories, exterior corridors. **Parking:** on-site (fee). **Terms:** check-in 4 pm. **Amenities:** safes. **Pool:** outdoor, heated outdoor. **Activities:** hot tub, cabanas, snorkeling, recreation programs, lawn sports, exercise room, spa. **Guest Services:** complimentary laundry.



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Hawaiian Seafood Fine Dining. **Address:** 2251 Poipu Rd 96756.

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Pacific Rim Casual Dining. **Address:** 1571 Poipu Rd 96756.

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**PRINCEVILLE BOTANICAL GARDENS & CHOCOLATE**

**TOUR** is at 3840 Ahonui Pl. Three-hour guided tours include a walk through gardens, groves and a chocolate or-

chard; a dark-chocolate tasting; and an explanation of the history, harvesting and production of chocolate.

**Note:** Tours take place rain or shine; comfortable clothing and footwear are recommended. **Time:** Allow 3 hours minimum. **Phone:** (808) 634-5505. **GT**



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**WAILUA**

At the mouth of the Wailua River, Wailua is at the northern edge of a growing resort center that lines the east-central coast. Wailua Falls is southwest of Wailua on SR 583.

Wailua Beach extends from 1 block south of jct. SRs 56 and 580 to .5 miles north along SR 56 at the mouth of the river. **Note:** Swimming is not recommended. The water is treacherous in rough weather. The beach is open daily 24 hours. Marina hours vary; phone ahead. Phone (808) 245-3564 for the marine forecast.

Lydgate Beach Park, off SR 56 on Leho Dr., offers a protected swimming area that has been set off from the surrounding dangerous currents and waves with rocks.

**SMITH'S TROPICAL PARADISE** is in the marina area of Wailua River State Park, following signs. Thirty acres of tropical plants, lagoons and a variety of fruit orchards as well as exotic peacocks and other birds are featured. **Time:** Allow 2 hours minimum. **Phone:** (808) 821-6895.

**WAIMEA**

Once the Polynesian capital of Kaua'i, Waimea was the site of Capt. James Cook's first landing in the islands in 1778. The settlement later became a favorite harbor and a main provisioning port for early whalers and traders. Commemorating the arrival of Capt. Cook, February's **Waimea Town Celebration** features live entertainment, food and crafts vendors, cultural and sporting events, *lei* and *'ukulele* contests and a rodeo.

South of town are the remains of an 1817 Russian fort. Menehune Ditch, once an aqueduct covering 25 miles along the Waimea River, is said to have been built overnight by the *Menehune*—legendary small people. Visitors can view the 2-foot-high portion of one ditch wall from a location on Menehune Road.

The area from Waimea through Kekaha and Mānā to the Nāpali Cliffs is a hot, dry but fertile plain. Irrigated mainly by mountain water, it produces abundant sugarcane crops. Beyond Mānā private dirt roads run through the cane fields.



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The Nāpali Cliffs—sheer cliffs and deep valleys—extend to the water and are accessible only by sea or by foot via the challenging Kalalau Trail. Two beaches with small boat access provide camping and fishing.

 **WAIMEA CANYON STATE PARK** is 15 mi. on SR 550 adjoining Kōke'e State Park (see attraction listing). The Pu'u Hinahina Lookout provides views of Ni'ihau Island and is the trailhead for the popular Canyon Trail. The serpentine lower portion of the highway—

Waimea Canyon Drive—requires cautious driving. A short nature trail, the Iliau Nature Loop, can be found between mile markers 8 and 9 on SR 550. No drinking water is available. **Phone:** (808) 274-3444. 

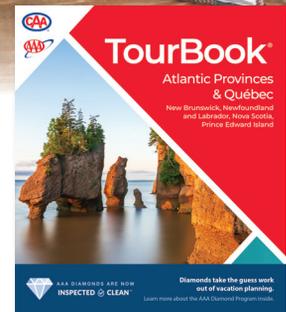
**Canyon Lookout**, at the 3,400-foot level in Waimea Canyon State Park, affords the best view of the 10-mile series of gorges cut into Alaka'i Plateau. Wild goats can be seen on the cliffs. The deep, brilliantly hued gorges are aptly referred to as the “Grand Canyon of the Pacific.” **Phone:** (808) 274-3444.



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# Island of Lānaʻi



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**K**idney-shaped Lānaʻi is 18 miles long and 13 miles wide. Its reef-fringed north coast lies 9 miles south of Molokaʻi; 8 miles of water separate its eastern shore from Maui. The volcanic fires that built it have long been quenched, leaving 3,370-foot Mount Lānaʻihale on the eastern part of the island as a quiet remnant. Abandoned pineapple fields and dry grassland occupy the mostly rolling and open western region.

Lānaʻi always has been the least visited of the major islands. One legend holds that for 1,000 years evil spirits occupied the deserted area, then called “The Forbidden Island.” Finally the spirits were foiled by a young Hawaiian prince who outwitted them and drove them out.

Today, Lānaʻi’s breathtaking views of Molokaʻi and Maui and its highland ridges covered with patches of wild thimbleberries and Hawaiian gardenias beckon visitors who want to glimpse a paradise untainted by man.



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Nearly all of Lāna'i's 3,500 residents live in Lāna'i City. With minimal development and only 30 miles of paved roads, the island is an off-the-beaten-track treasure. Axis deer, feral goats, pronghorn antelope and mouflon as well as pheasants, quail and turkeys are common sights.

### HULOPO'E AND MĀNELE BAYS

On opposite flanks of a small promontory on the south coast, Hulopo'e Bay and Mānele Bay are approximately 9 miles south of Lāna'i City (*see place listing*) via paved SR 440. Both attractive county parks, they are the recreational focus of Lāna'i. Hulopo'e's white sand beach, the only protected strand on the island, is a favorite place for swimming and bodysurfing.

Under water, the fragile coral and filtered light attract divers. Pu'u Pehe, or Sweetheart Rock, punctuates the sea just off the tip of the peninsula. Just outside Mānele Bay are the Cathedrals. These caverns, accessible only by boat, feature dramatic coral spires rising almost to the water's surface from a depth of 70 feet. The first and second cathedrals are approximately 100 feet long and about two stories tall. Several varieties of fish, shrimp and coral thrive here. Occasionally turtles and spinner dolphins can be seen. **Note:** The coral should not be damaged or removed.

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A "company town," Lāna'i City lies almost at the center of the island at the foot of Mount Lāna'ihale. This comfortably cool setting is flanked by towering Norfolk pine trees.

All island roads radiate from Lāna'i City. Area hotels provide regular shuttle service around the island, but many of the best sites can be reached only by four-wheel-drive vehicles. For information about rental cars phone (808) 565-7227; maps, up-to-date information about trail conditions and suggested itineraries also are available. Do not attempt to leave paved roads on Lāna'i in any vehicle other than one equipped with four-wheel drive. Because all sites are remote, make sure you have sufficient food and beverage with you.

Scenic Kuamalapau Harbor, about 7.5 miles west of town via SR 440, is Lāna'i's main commercial seaport. The fishing is terrific here, and so are the views. Access to the harbor is limited, however, and there are no nearby facilities.

**LĀNA'I CULTURE & HERITAGE CENTER** is at 730 Lāna'i Ave. The center has a wealth of artifacts, photos, documents, memorabilia and well-done exhibits that focus on the settlement of the island, the plantation and ranching eras, and the people who contributed to the island's growth. **Time:** Allow 30 minutes minimum. **Phone:** (808) 565-7177.



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## SHIPWRECK BEACH

Over the centuries, trade winds through the Pailolo Channel between Molokaʻi and Maui, as well as currents and coral reefs, have made Shipwreck Beach—also known as Kaiolohia—the graveyard of many ships. A decommissioned World War II concrete-and-steel Liberty Ship oil tanker mournfully looms over Lānaʻi reef, on

which it was intentionally grounded as an economical means of disposal. **The roads to the east and west of the beach are extremely rough and require a four-wheel-drive vehicle.**

Shipwreck Beach is considered an excellent place for beachcombing and shore fishing. **Strong currents make swimming in the area extremely hazardous.**



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# Island of Maui



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**The second largest of all the Hawaiian Islands, the beautiful island of Maui boasts some of the best beaches in the state. It also draws adventurers to its rugged Hana Highway for the ultimate jungle road trip, and to its towering Haleakalā Crater for spectacular views in every direction. Locals often say “*Maui nō ka ‘oi,*” which means “Maui is the best.” You might come to this realization, too, when you visit the island of Maui.**

Perhaps Maui’s beautiful beaches are the draw for you. West Maui and south Maui—the two major resort areas on the island—boast miles of sandy beachfront perfect for sunbathing and snorkeling just off the coast. Some of

the better stretches of sand include Kaanapali Beach in Kaanapali (with views of neighboring islands Molokai and Lanai across the channel); Kapalua Bay Beach in Kapalua; Kanaha Beach Park in Kahului (just a mile from Kahului Airport); and the golden beaches of Wailea (with luxury shopping and some of Maui’s finest resorts and golf courses nearby). To see some of Maui’s famous black sand beaches, venture to Waianapanapa State Park and the more secluded Hana Bay Beach near Hana in east Maui.

A magnet for snorkelers and surfers is the crystal-clear water of Honolua Bay on the northwest coast, where you’re likely to spot sea turtles and other marine life.



Divers can see up to 150 feet underwater around Molo-kini, an inactive sunken volcanic crater 3 miles off Maui's south coast that's one of the best offshore places for diving and snorkeling.

As for other wildlife you'll see around the island, Maui's whale watching season typically lasts from mid-December to mid-April. You're likely to spot humpback whales right off the coast in west Maui and south Maui during the winter, as thousands of humpbacks migrate from Alaska to Hawaii to breed and raise their young in the warm Hawaiian waters.

Trade water views for land exploration and go off the beaten path in east Maui and the inland Upcountry. Watching the sunrise or sunset from the top of Haleakalā in Haleakalā National Park is an experience you won't soon forget—and one you'll want to bundle up for. Temperatures at the summit of the 10,023-foot-high dormant volcano often plunge to below freezing before dawn and at dusk.

The high-altitude slopes of Haleakalā form an area known as Maui's Upcountry. A land of rolling hills, grassy ranches and old *paniolo* (Hawaiian cowboy) towns, the Upcountry invites visitors to tour its wineries and goat, dairy and lavender farms.

To see the lush jungles, waterfalls and bamboo forests of Maui, you'll want to spend a day driving the legendary  Hana Highway, also known as the Road to Hana. The scenic drive follows the rugged northern coast from Kahului to Hana, with hundreds of curves and numerous one-lane bridges along the way.

East Maui isn't the only place on the island with lush forest scenery. The 7-mile-wide isthmus connecting Haleakalā in the east with the mountains in the west forms the valley that gives Maui the nickname "The Valley Isle." Hike on a paved trail through Iao Valley Monument park to reach the Iao Needle, one of the island's most famous landforms. The rock formation is blanketed with vegetation and rises more than 1,200 feet above the forest floor—taller than the Eiffel Tower.

West Maui's dramatic backdrop, Mauna Kahalewai (the summit is 5,788-foot Pu'u Kukui), is the older of the two volcanoes that formed the island.

If it's history you're into, visit the old whaling port of Lahaina in west Maui. Once the capital of Kamehameha the Great's Hawaiian kingdom, Lahaina is now the west side's go-to spot for tourist-centered dining, shopping and nightlife. It's also where you'll get an introduction to Hawaiian history and culture at the  Old Lahaina Luau.

**Note:** At time of publication Lahaina Harbor is currently closed with no scheduled reopening date; phone ahead before visiting.

With so many things to do on Maui, the only question that remains is when to visit. The wettest months occur November to March. The busiest months on Maui are in the summer, when families flock to the island's balmy beaches and calm waters for swimming and scuba diving. In winter, the draw is whale watching season and ideal surfing conditions on the north coast. The spring and fall shoulder seasons offer fewer crowds and more chances for deals at Maui resorts.

Whatever your reason for visiting, after spending time on the island of Maui, you'll see why The Valley Isle has it all.



## HALEAKALĀ NATIONAL PARK

Elevations in the park range from sea level at 'Ohe'o to 10,023 ft. at the summit of Pu'u 'ula'ula. Refer to AAA maps for additional elevation information.

From Kahului, follow SRs 36, 37, 377 and 378 sequentially to the park headquarters on SR 378. The 27-mile drive through plantations and ranch land (watch for stray cattle) reaches an elevation of 7,000 feet at the headquarters.

Called "the House of the Sun," the park encompasses the summit of Haleakalā, Kīpahulu Valley and the 'Ohe'o area near Hāna. The dormant Haleakalā is on the upper slopes and makes up all of east Maui. Although many refer to the feature at the top of Haleakalā as a "crater," it is actually a valley formed by erosion. The reddish hues of cinder cones and black lava flows characterize the scenic landscape.

Among the park's wildlife is the state bird, the rare *nēnē* (Hawaiian goose), which was reintroduced to the island in 1962 and might be seen around the eastern section of the erosional valley and near park headquarters. Native plants include the unusual *'āhinahina* (silversword).

Visibility varies during the day but is sometimes best before mid-morning, when the valley usually is free of clouds, and in the late afternoon and evening. Cloudy conditions prevail during midday but frequently improve for short periods, permitting at least partial views of the valley. Mornings are best for viewing Kaho'olawe, Lāna'i and west Maui. Weather permitting, afternoons offer the best conditions for photographing the area.



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Drivers returning downhill from the summit should brake carefully, drive in low gear to prevent brake failure and stay within speed limits to avoid accidents.

Weather changes rapidly at high elevations on Haleakalā. Temperatures usually range between 35 and 70 degrees Fahrenheit but can be below freezing at any time of the year when the wind chill factor is taken into account. Intense sunlight, thick clouds, heavy rain and high winds are possible daily. **Note:** If it is raining anywhere on the island, watch for flash floods. Hikers and swimmers should evacuate an area immediately when streams appear to swell; flash floods rise quickly, creating hazardous conditions. Do not cross ropes or railings. Check at park visitor centers for weather and stream conditions prior to entry.

**Note:** Gasoline and food are not available. **Rental car contracts prohibit driving beyond the 'Ohe'o Gulch on Pi'ilani Hwy. (CR 31). West of Kīpahulu this road is not recommended for travel, particularly in wet weather. The road is narrow and has sharp curves; a four-wheel-drive vehicle may be necessary after heavy rains.** Allow 3 hours minimum. Phone (808) 944-3756 for the Maui weather forecast.

### General Information and Activities

The park grounds are open daily 24 hours, except during extreme weather conditions. Park Headquarters Visitor Center is open daily 8-3:45.

SR 378 continues past the Park Headquarters Visitor Center 10 miles to the visitor center on the western rim of Haleakalā valley and climbs to the summit. There are 30 miles of well-marked hiking and horseback riding trails in the valley area; there are no roads other than SR 378. The trails are rough in spots, and since the temperature on Haleakalā averages 30 degrees cooler than at sea level, hikers should dress accordingly. High elevations might pose a problem to those with heart, high blood pressure or respiratory conditions.

Several operators offer guided horseback trips into the valley.

Haleakalā Visitor Center, 10 miles past headquarters on the western rim of the valley, has exhibits and interpretive panels pertaining to geology and natural and cultural history. The center is open daily dawn-3. Nature talks are given daily. The Pu'u 'ula'ula (Red Hill) shelter/overlook on the summit offers views of the neighboring islands and is open daily 24 hours. *See Recreation Areas Chart.*

**ADMISSION** (valid for 3 days) to Haleakalā National Park is \$30 (per private vehicle); \$25 (per motorcyclist); \$15

(per pedestrian or bicyclist). A Hawai'i Tri-park Annual Pass (which also includes Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park and Pu'uhonua o Hōnaunau National Historical Park) is \$55.

**ADDRESS** inquiries to the Superintendent, Haleakalā National Park, P.O. Box 369, Makawao, HI 96768; phone (808) 572-4400.

**HALEAKALĀ SUMMIT DISTRICT** covers a major portion of Haleakalā National Park. Haleakalā is an enormous volcano 10,023 feet above sea level. Streams eroded deep valleys into its flanks during a long period of volcanic inactivity. Subsequent lava flows spread over the valley floors and formed a new floor, which is punctuated with cinder cones up to 900 feet high. The most recent volcanic activity was 200-400 years ago at a low elevation near Wailea.

**Note:** Visitors who wish to enter the Summit District between 3 a.m. and 7 a.m. must make a sunrise reservation (valid for 3 days). The reservation holder must be present and show a photo ID. Reservations can be made up to 60 days in advance at recreation.gov.

**Phone:** (808) 572-4400.

**Kalahaku Overlook**, 2 mi. below the Haleakalā Visitor Center in Haleakalā National Park, is at an elevation of 9,324 feet and affords panoramas of the valley's cinder cones. Protected by a rock wall, some rare 'āhinahina (silverswords) grow just below the parking area. **Phone:** (808) 572-4400.

**Kawilinau**, near the valley's center in Haleakalā National Park, is 65 feet deep and may be observed from the rim. The head of the Sliding Sands Trail is at Haleakalā Visitor Center on the valley rim. This difficult trail begins with a steep descent to the crater floor. The trail skirts, but does not enter, the pit. **Note:** Wear sturdy shoes and carry sufficient water. Free trail maps are available at all visitor centers.

**Phone:** (808) 572-4400.

**Leleiwi Overlook** is 6 mi. above the Park Headquarters Visitor Center in Haleakalā National Park and can be reached after a short walk from the Leleiwi parking lot. At an elevation of 8,840 feet, the overlook offers an almost surreal view of the valley. In late afternoon it is possible on rare occasions to see "The Specter of the Brôcken," a phenomenon in which a person's shadow is projected onto the heavy cloud layer in the valley; the image is encircled by a rainbow. It is named for Mt. Brôcken in Germany, where the phenomenon also occurs.

**Phone:** (808) 572-4400.



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**The Silversword Loop**, accessed by a 4.7-mi. hike from the park road on the Halemau'u Trail in Haleakalā National Park, encircles an area covered with unique *‘āhinahina* (silverswords). The spheres of silvery dagger-shaped leaves are endemic to higher elevations on Haleakalā Volcano. When in full bloom during summer, they can attain a height of 6 feet. Silverswords also can be seen near the Park Headquarters Visitor Center and at the summit.

Allow 6-8 hours for the 9.4-mile round-trip hike. Free trail maps are available at all visitor centers. **Phone:** (808) 572-4400.

**HOSMER GROVE**, just northwest of Park Headquarters Visitor Center in Haleakalā National Park, was the site of an experimental planting of temperate-climate trees around 1910. A half-mile nature trail points out the differences between introduced vegetation and rare native plants. This also is an excellent area for bird-watching.

**Phone:** (808) 572-4400.

**KĪPAHULU DISTRICT** is 10 mi. s. of Hāna on CR 31 in Haleakalā National Park. This verdant landscape offers streamside trails and immersion in the east Maui coast's rain forest. The region receives more than 300 inches of rain annually. When weather permits, swimming in the cool lower pools of 'Ohe'o Gulch (*see Hāna Highway attraction listing p. 58*) is popular. This series of terraced rocky pools, descending to the shoreline and strung together by cascades, is officially called the Pools of 'Ohe'o. It also is known by its more exotic nickname, "the Seven Sacred Pools."

To reach the pools, follow the easy half-mile Kuloa Loop Trail, which begins near the visitor center parking lot. Pīpīwai Trail crosses CR 31, travels up the gulch and follows the south side of the Pīpīwai Stream, leading to an overlook of Makahiku Falls. From there, another 1.5-mile uphill trek across the countryside and through a serene bamboo forest leads to 400-foot-high Waimoku Falls. This is widely considered Maui's premier rain forest hike.

**Note:** If it is raining anywhere on the island, watch for flash floods. Hikers and swimmers should evacuate an area immediately when streams appear to swell; flash floods rise quickly, creating hazardous conditions. Do not cross ropes or railings. Check at park visitor centers for weather and stream conditions prior to entry. Gas, food, lodging and potable water are not available. **Rental car contracts prohibit driving beyond the 'Ohe'o Gulch on Pi'ilani Hwy. (CR 31). West of Kīpahulu this road is not recommended for travel, particularly in wet weather. The road is narrow and has sharp curves; a**

**four-wheel-drive vehicle may be necessary after heavy rains.**

**Phone:** (808) 248-7375.

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## HĀNA

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Hāna is rich in legend and history. It was built on an ancient battleground where chiefs from the island of Hawai'i attempted to wrest control from Maui warriors. Helio's Grave, 8 miles south, commemorates the 19th-century chieftain who converted more than 4,000 islanders to Catholicism.

Kamehameha's favored wife, Ka'ahumanu, was born in a cave at the foot of Ka'uiki Hill, a cinder cone formed during one of Maui's most recent volcanic eruptions. The cave is marked by a plaque near the lighthouse and can be seen from a short trail that begins at Hāna Bay's pier and ends at scenic Red Sand Beach. Blanketed with burnt-red cinder from Ka'uiki Hill, this remote pocket beach is a popular clothing-optional spot. **Note:** The trail to the beach is steep and slippery, and no lifeguards are available; visitors should exercise caution. State law officially prohibits nudity on public beaches.

Before World War II Hāna was a busy sugar port. After the war, cane fields gave way to pasture for beef cattle and the town developed into a trade center for surrounding ranches.

Established in 1910, the Hasegawa General Store in the center of town is one of few stores of its type remaining in the islands. Wananalua Congregational Church was built in 1838 of lava rock held together by a cement of pulverized coral rock. The 119-acre Hāna Airport is about 3 miles northwest of town.

Below Hāna, CR 31 follows the coast to the 'Ohe'o Gulch in Haleakalā National Park (*see Hāna Highway attraction listing*). **Rental car contracts prohibit driving beyond the 'Ohe'o Gulch on Pi'ilani Hwy. (CR 31). West of Kīpahulu this road is not recommended for travel, particularly in wet weather. The road is narrow and has sharp curves; a four-wheel-drive vehicle may be necessary after heavy rains.** Washouts may be encountered between Kīpahulu and 'Ulupalakua Ranch during the rainy seasons.



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**HĀNA HIGHWAY** (SRs 36 and 360) runs from Kahului to Hāna. This road winds through brushy ravines, bamboo forests, hamlets and fishing settlements, past gorges and waterfalls. Visitors can view Twin Falls (past Milepost 2) at Ho'olawa Bridge, Painted Bark Eucalyptus Trees (Milepost 7), and Ke'anae Arboretum (past Milepost 16), which features hiking trails and picnic tables. Lookouts at Ke'anae (Milepost 17) and Wailua (past Milepost 19) peninsulas offer panoramas of taro fields.

**Note:** No gasoline is available between Pā'ia and Hāna. Although the entire road is paved and well-marked, the first 30 miles from Kahului cover a narrow section with 600 curves and 54 one-lane bridges. The approximate one-way driving time between Kahului and Hāna is 3.5 hours; the round trip takes a full day. Beyond Hāna is the 'Ohe'o Gulch with its terraced rock-bound pools cascading into the ocean. The paved road to the pools is narrow, winding and bumpy; the pavement ends 2.5 miles past the pools and a gravel road continues 16 miles (a 90-minute drive). **Rental car contracts prohibit driving beyond 'Ohe'o on Pi'ilani Hwy. (CR 31). West of Kīpahulu this road is not recommended for travel, particularly in wet weather. The road is narrow and**

**has sharp curves; a four-wheel-drive vehicle may be necessary after heavy rains.**

**Kahanu Garden** is just past Milepost 31 on Hāna Hwy., then 1.5 mi. n. to 650 Ula'ino Rd. Plants from the Pacific Islands are featured on 122 acres. The garden is said to have the largest known collection of breadfruit cultivars, a chief South Pacific food source. Pi'ilanihale Heiau also is on the grounds. **Note:** *Heiau* are culturally significant and should be treated with respect. **Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (808) 248-8912. **GT**

**Kaumahina State Wayside**, just past Milepost 12 on Hāna Hwy., offers coastline views of Honomanū Bay and the Ke'anae Peninsula. The 7.8-acre forested area contains some flamboyant plants. No drinking water is available. **FA**

**Pua'a Ka'a State Wayside**, .6 mi. past Milepost 22 on Hāna Hwy., is a mountain area with a small waterfall and a natural pool. No drinking water is available. **FA**

**Wailua Valley Lookout**, .9 mi. past Milepost 18 on Hāna Hwy., has a sweeping vista of the fertile peninsula with its green flat lands of taro and banana groves. No drinking water is available.



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story, exterior corridors. **Parking:** on-site (fee). **Terms:** check-in 4 pm. **Amenities:** safes.

**Pool:** heated outdoor. **Activities:** tennis, recreation programs, bicycles, exercise room, spa. **Guest Services:** complimentary laundry, area transportation. Affiliated with Destination Hotels.



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Kā'anapali is part of the resort area that lines the wide 4-mile-long curve of Kā'anapali Beach, one of the better beaches on the island. No lifeguards are available. The north end of the beach is sandier and has fewer reefs. Nāpili Bay is north along SR 30. Moloka'i and Lāna'i are visible across the intervening channels.

Information and reservations for local cruises, tours, fishing charters and other activities are available from Beach Activities of Maui on Kā'anapali Beach. Beachfront hotels offer snorkel equipment rental.

**Shopping:** Whalers Village, off SR 30 in the Kā'anapali Beach Resort area, is a large complex of shops, children's play areas and dining spots with open-air displays reflecting Maui's whaling era; phone (808) 661-4567.

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Hawaiian Fusion Casual Dining. **Address:** 130 Kai Malina Pkwy 96761.

## KAHULUI

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Kahului is the island's main seaport and site of its only airport capable of handling jet traffic. A modern commercial city with residential areas, schools and shopping centers, it abuts Wailuku (*see place listing p. 73*). All interisland freight passes through Kahului's protected harbor, where large freighters take aboard sugar, pineapples and other cargo to ship to the mainland. About 3 miles east of town is the 1,391-acre Kahului Airport.

Hāna Highway (SRs 36 and 360) is a 52-mile winding road between Kahului and Hāna. Numerous waterfalls, hidden trails and fern-lined pools border the narrow road (*see attraction listing p. 58*).

**Shopping:** Maui Mall, 70 E. Ka'ahumanu Ave., offers more than 45 shops and eateries.

**AIR MAUI HELICOPTER TOURS**, at Kahului Heliport, Hangar 110, offers several narrated tours over the islands of Maui and Molokai. Passengers may glimpse waterfalls, rain forests and valleys as well as the West Maui Mountains and Haleakalā Crater. A doors-off option is available. Tours last between 30 and 75 minutes. The 75-minute tour includes a touchdown at a private landing location.

**Note:** Due to decompression-related sickness, it is recommended that passengers wait 12-24 hours after scuba diving before flying; the amount of time is dependent on particular dive factors. Ask about possible policies regarding minimum wait time between scuba diving and flying; weight restrictions; weather, cancellation and refund policies; and the minimum and maximum number of passengers for flights. All small aircraft may encounter turbulence.

**Phone:** (808) 877-7005 or (877) 238-4942. 

**BLUE HAWAIIAN HELICOPTERS** departs from Kahului Heliport. Helicopter tours range from 30 minutes to 2 hours

and provide views of Maui's mountains, valleys, rain forests, waterfalls and cliffs. Moloka'i can be seen on one of the tours. Passengers hear music, two-way communication with the pilot, and the pilot's narration via noise-canceling headsets.

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**Phone:** (808) 871-8844, or (800) 745-2583 from the mainland. 

**KANAHĀ BEACH PARK** is .2 mi. n. of Kahului Airport. Calm, protected, warm waters and light onshore winds make this beach a popular windsurfing and fishing spot. **Phone:** (808) 270-7389. 

**SUNSHINE HELICOPTERS**, departing from Kahului Heliport, Hangar 107, offers narrated helicopter tours of the Maui coastline, Haleakalā's vast moonlike crater, the Hāna rain forest, the 'Ohe'o Gulch and coastline waterfalls. Tours last between 40 and 70 minutes.

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**VOLCANO AIR TOURS** departs Kahului Airport Commuter Airlines Terminal. These 2-hour tours aboard nine-passenger, twin-engine airplanes fly over the spectacular scenery of Maui and Hawai'i Island. Some of the many dramatic sights are lava flows in an active volcano area on Hawai'i Island and cascading waterfalls. All seats are window seats.

**Note:** Due to decompression-related sickness, it is recommended that passengers wait 12-24 hours after scuba diving before flying; the amount of time is dependent on particular dive factors. Ask about possible policies regarding minimum wait time between scuba diving and

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Hotel. **Address:** 100 W Kaahumanu Ave 96732.

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**HONOLUA-MOKULĒ'IA BAY MARINE LIFE CONSERVATION DISTRICT** is off SR 30, just past Milepost 32.

The district is composed of twin horseshoe-shaped bays separated by a rocky point. Mokulē'ia Bay, which is not visible from the road, is accessible via the concrete steps near the parking area. A favorite among snorkelers, the bay is relatively small with a sandy pocket beach. On the west side, a small stream empties into the ocean.

Less than a mile east of Mokulē'ia Bay on SR 30 is a dirt trail that leads to the slightly larger Honolua Bay. The beach is covered in a jumble of smooth, rounded boulders, and an intermittent stream drains into the sea. Snorkelers

can spot coral, sea turtles and a variety of fish. **Note:** Swimming is not recommended at either beach during the winter months when high surf is common. Parking is available only along the highway. **Time:** Allow 2 hours minimum. **Phone:** (808) 243-5294.

**KAPALUA BAY BEACH** is off SR 30, then about 1 mi. n.w. on Office Rd. and about .9 mi. w. on Lower Honoap'ilani Hwy. This is a quiet beach with dependably calm surf and decent underwater scenery at the far north end of the bay near the rocky point. Restrooms and outdoor showers are located near the parking lot.

**VOLCANO AIR TOURS** departs Kapalua West Maui Airport, located on Akahahele St. near Lahaina. These 2-hour, 15-minute tours aboard nine-passenger, twin-engine



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airplanes fly over the spectacular scenery of Maui and Hawai'i Island. Some of the many dramatic sights are lava flows in an active volcano area on Hawai'i Island and cascading waterfalls. All seats are window seats.

**Note:** Due to decompression-related sickness, it is recommended that passengers wait 12-24 hours after scuba diving before flying; the amount of time is dependent on

particular dive factors. Ask about possible policies regarding minimum wait time between scuba diving and flying; weight restrictions; weather, cancellation and refund policies; and the minimum and maximum number of passengers for flights. All small aircraft may encounter turbulence.

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Resort Condominium. **Address:** One Bay Dr 96761.  
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## WHERE TO EAT

 BANYAN TREE 808/665-7089



Hawaiian Fine Dining. **Address:** One Ritz-Carlton Dr 96761.

## KĪHEI

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On Mā'alaea Bay, at the north end of the swath of white sand beach that outlines Maui's southwestern coast, Kīhei is the more affordable half of the south Maui resort area; the ritzy Wailea neighborhood is down the road. South Kīhei Drive is the town's main commercial thoroughfare. The nightlife here is surpassed only by the scene up in Lahaina.

Kīhei also is the location of the state's only known Canadian-style totem pole—a monument to George Vancouver, who supposedly landed here in the early 19th century. Nearby Mai Poina 'Oe la'u Beach Park is a popular spot for whale watching December through April.

Kealia Pond National Wildlife Refuge, on SR 311 north of Kīhei, protects a 691-acre saltwater wetland, one of the few remaining in Hawai'i. The refuge is home to endangered native water birds, and hosts migratory ducks and



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shorebirds August through April. It provides habitat for Hawaiian stilts, coots and herons, and the adjacent Kealia Beach is a nesting ground for the endangered hawksbill turtle. Visitors should view the turtles from afar and not disturb them.

Within the refuge is the 2,200-foot-long Kealia Coastal Boardwalk, which offers in-depth learning opportunities via observation and interpretive exhibits; phone (808) 875-1582.



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Vacation Rental Condominium. **Address:** 2960 S Kihei Rd 96753. **Location:** Oceanfront. **Facility:** Set on an expansive beach with great snorkeling, this complex offers fully equipped condos; many with large lanais and ocean views. Standard hotel-style rooms lack the lanai and view. 58 units, some condominiums. 8 stories, exterior corridors. **Amenities:** safes. **Pool:** heated outdoor. **Activities:** beach on-site, snorkeling, bicycles, exercise room. **Guest Services:** coin laundry. *(See ad p. 67.)*



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Hotel. **Address:** 2259 S Kihei Rd 96753.

## KULA

A belt of land ranging between 2,000 and 4,000 feet on the broad western slope of Haleakalā forms the distinct Maui Upcountry district. Highway 37 connects a string of up-country towns from Pukalani to 'Ulupalakua Ranch. Chinese and Portuguese immigrants settled here in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, establishing small farms on the fertile soils. The Kula district produces much of Hawai'i's fresh vegetables, including carrots, cauliflower, cabbage, lettuce, tomatoes and onions.

Kula is renowned for its flowers, especially carnations, chrysanthemums and the exotic protea. The University of Hawai'i's Maui Agricultural Research Center, off Copp Road on Mauna Place, is a noted protea research and development facility. The first plants were imported from Australia in 1965. Today there are more than 60 nurseries raising protea. The research center's grounds are open to the public; restrooms are not available. Phone (808) 878-1213.

**ALI'I KULA LAVENDER** is just e. off SR 37 (Kula Hwy.) on SR 377 (Kekaulike Ave.), then .5 mi. e. to 1100 Waipoli Rd. (On Waipoli Rd., pass the cattle guard and follow signs to parking area.) The garden includes more than 45 lavender varieties. Tours introduce visitors to lavender and products that can be made from it.

**Note:** The tour route traverses uneven ground, a hillside and gravel paths. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended. The garden is located at a 4,000-foot elevation; the temperature is likely to be cooler here than in other island areas.

**Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (808) 878-3004.



**HOLY GHOST MISSION** is e. of SR 37 (Kula Hwy.) at 4300 Lower Kula Rd. This octagonal church, built 1894-95 by Father James Beissel and his largely Portuguese parishioners, features an ornate hand-carved wooden altar and stations of the cross built in Austria and installed in 1897. **Phone:** (808) 878-1261.



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**KULA BOTANICAL GARDEN**, on SR 377 (Kekaulike Ave.) just n. of Waipoli Rd., has paved paths that wind through 8 acres of tropical and semitropical plantings and alongside a stream and koi pond. The reception center provides excellent views of the island. **Phone:** (808) 878-1715. 

**O'O FARM** is at 651 Waipoli Rd. On a 3-hour tour of this 8.5-acre farm, visitors learn about organic and biodynamic agricultural practices and are given the opportunity to harvest their own fruits and vegetables. The farm features its own full-time chef, who prepares and serves a gourmet lunch and breakfast using the gathered items, and freshly roasted coffee is offered. Visitors are welcome to bring their own alcoholic beverages.

**Note:** Comfortable walking shoes, a light jacket and sun protection are recommended. **Phone:** (808) 667-4341.



## LAHAINA

On the northwest coast 22 miles from Wailuku (*see place listing p. 73*), Lahaina was once the whaling capital of the mid-Pacific. The warm waters are a haven for humpback whales, which come from the Arctic to mate and bear their young off the coasts of Maui, Moloka'i and Lāna'i. From December through May the whales, now protected from hunters, can be seen swimming and leaping.

The town name, which means “cruel sun,” comes from a description by a Hawaiian chief with a balding pate who was trekking across the mountain slopes behind the village. Today Lahaina bustles with tourists who come to browse the countless souvenir shops, clothing boutiques and art galleries lining Front Street, the town's main drag. Lahaina also boasts the highest concentration of restaurants and bars on the island. Street parking is scarce, but there are several pay lots in the area; watch for signs along Front Street.

The fertile land and abundant freshwater springs so appealed to Kamehameha the Great that he established his capital on Maui after his conquest of the islands. Hawai'i's first constitution was drafted in Lahaina in 1840. The 1859 courthouse near the harbor, built with coral and lava blocks taken from the ruins of Kamehameha III's rarely used palace, was declared the finest government building in the islands at the time.

Lahaina Restoration Foundation is an organization devoted to “preserve and protect the physical, historical and cultural legacies of Lahaina, and honor the era of the Hawaiian Monarchy.” **Note:** Due to the Aug. 2023 wildfires,

phone (808) 661-3262 before visiting historical sites such as Hale Pa'ahao (Stuck-in-Irons House), a wooden jailhouse; 1834 Baldwin Home Museum; 1828 Wainee Church, once said to be the oldest stone church on the islands; and Lahainaluna High School, which contained Hale Pai, a coral-block print shop where the first Hawaiian-language newspaper was printed; the school was considered the oldest secondary school in the United States west of the Rocky Mountains.

**Lahaina Visitor Center:** 648 Wharf St., Lahaina, HI 96761. **Phone:** (808) 667-9175 or (888) 310-1117.

**Note:** At time of publication Lahaina Visitor Center is temporarily closed due to the Aug. 2023 wildfire; call ahead for updates before visiting.

**Self-guiding tours:** The Lahaina Historic Trail (Ala Mo'olelo O Lahaina) consists of 62 historic sites, 30 bronze interpretive signs along Front Street, 10 interpretive plaques on buildings and the remains of the Lahaina Walking Tour numbered signs. Maps are available at the visitor center in the Old Lahaina Courthouse at 648 Wharf St. A descriptive brochure can be obtained from the Baldwin Home at the corner of Front and Dickenson streets.

**Note:** Due to the Aug. 2023 wildfires tours are suspended; call ahead for updates before visiting.

**ATLANTIS ADVENTURES: ATLANTIS SUBMARINES MAUI** departs from Lahaina Harbor (Slip 18). Check-in is at the Pioneer Inn on Front St. The company offers 1-hour narrated underwater voyages during which passengers can see exotic fish, a sunken Carthaginian ship and marine animals through large portholes. Whale-watch trips also are offered December through April; exact cruise dates are dependent on seasonal whale migratory patterns. **Note:** At time of publication, Atlantis Adventures: *Atlantis* Submarines Maui is temporarily closed due to the Aug. 2023 wildfires. Call ahead for updates before visiting. **Time:** Allow 2 hours minimum. **Phone:** (800) 381-0237.

**THE LAHAINA CRUISE CO.**, which departs from Lahaina Harbor, offers whale-watch trips. The 2-hour excursions include narration by a trained naturalist. Snorkeling cruises to Lāna'i (June-November), ferry service and day excursions to Moloka'i, and sunset dinner and cocktail cruises also are offered. **Note:** At time of publication, cruises are postponed at Lahaina Harbor per the U.S. Coast Guard due to the Aug. 2023 wildfires. Please call ahead for updates before visiting. **Phone:** (808) 661-6165.





**OLD LAHAINA LŪ'AU**, 1251 Front St. in Lahaina Cannery Mall, offers visitors an introduction to Hawaiian history and culture through traditional food, music and dance. The site provides a view of the ocean at sunset.

The evening begins with Hawaiian music and demonstrations by islanders of traditional island arts and crafts. The focus is then moved toward the edge of the ocean where a pig is removed from the *imu*, an underground oven. The feast includes a variety of traditional Hawaiian cuisine. The evening is concluded with a production that showcases the history of Hawaiians. The story begins with the early Polynesian migration to the Hawaiian Islands, and the progression of *hula* from ancient times to the present is featured.

**Time:** Allow 3 hours minimum. **Phone:** (808) 667-1998 or (800) 248-5828.

## MĀ'ALAEA

Mā'alaea has been an important small boat harbor since the early 1950s. Its docks host numerous charter fishing and sightseeing operators. Mā'alaea Beach, accessible at several spots along SR 310, curves 3 miles east to Kihei. Typical afternoon breezes make this a popular wind-surfing area.



**MAUI OCEAN CENTER, THE HAWAIIAN AQUARIUM**, 192 Mā'alaea Rd. (SR 30) at Mā'alaea Harbor, is a state-of-the-art aquarium. Living coral, colorful tropical reef fish, large open-ocean fish, sharks, green sea turtles, stingrays, eels and sea jellies are some of the indigenous marine life displayed. An acrylic tunnel takes visitors through a 750,000-gallon exhibit, giving the illusion of being under the sea.

The Marine Mammal Discovery Center features interpretive stations as well as displays about humpback whales, monk seals and dolphins. Presentations by ocean naturalists are given throughout the day.

**Phone:** (808) 270-7000. 

**PACIFIC WHALE FOUNDATION** tours depart from Mā'alaea Harbor; check-in is at the Mā'alaea Harbor Shops (across from Maui Ocean Center) on Mā'alaea Rd. (SR 30). Whale-watch tours offer the opportunity to see humpback whales that migrate here in winter and spring. Throughout the tours marine naturalists describe whale behavior to passengers. Underwater hydrophones provide an opportunity to listen to the whales' songs. Dolphin watches, snorkeling tours to Molokini and Lāna'i, stargazing cruises and sunset dinner cruises also are available.



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**Time:** Allow 2 hours minimum. **Phone:** (808) 249-8811 or (800) 942-5311. 

## MOLOKINI ISLAND

A popular snorkeling and diving spot, Molokini is an inactive sunken volcanic cinder cone 3 miles off Maui's south shore. The horseshoe-shaped islet is a designated marine-life preserve that embraces a tropical ecosystem complete with colorful fish, eels and turtles. The south side of Molokini provides divers a nearly vertical wall while the protected interior offers a safe location for snorkeling. Molokini, designated a State Marine Life and Bird Conservation District, is nearly barren except for some vegetation and the ever-present bird population. Landing on this small island is prohibited.

Morning and afternoon snorkel and dive charters depart from Lahaina Harbor and the Mā'alaea Harbor loading dock. Powerboat rentals are available in harbor areas. **Note:** Very strong currents between Maui and Molokini make it very dangerous to attempt to kayak to the island.

## PU'UNĒNĒ

**ALEXANDER & BALDWIN SUGAR MUSEUM** is 1.5 mi. s. of Kahului via Mokulele Hwy. (SR 311), to 3957 Hansen Rd. Next to the 1902 Pu'unēnē Mill, the museum documents the history and heritage of the sugar industry and the multiethnic plantation lifestyle that it engendered on Maui. Its six rooms showcase the importance of geography, water, labor and plantation life. Artifacts, photos, scale models and mill equipment are displayed.

**Time:** Allow 30 minutes minimum. **Phone:** (808) 871-8058.

## WAILEA

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On Maui's southwest shore, the long, gradual lower slopes of Haleakalā meet the sea. In the late 19th century this coastline was part of the sprawling Makee Ranch, raising sugar cane and cattle. Today, Wailea (meaning "water of Lea," the Hawaiian goddess of canoe makers) is one of the world's more exclusive resort enclaves, a planned community cushioned in manicured landscaping.

Wailea's 2-mile shoreline features five pocket beaches of golden sand framed by dark lava rock. All beaches are open to the public. The Wailea Point Coastal Trail leads

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north from Polo Beach (off Kaukahi St.) to Mōkapu Beach. Interpretive signs identify the coastal flora. Views extend across the sea to Molokini, Kaho'olawe and Lāna'i. Whales are often seen December through April.

Wailea's three golf courses are legendary, ranking among the best in the country. Tennis is another popular sport. The Wailea Tennis Club boasts a 1,000-seat stadium. Other recreational activities include swimming, snorkeling, scuba diving, sailing, windsurfing and kayaking. Wailea's major resorts also have full spa facilities.

The 📺 Maui Film Festival at Wailea, held in June, features film premieres, celebrity appearances and Hawaiian food and dance.

**Shopping:** The Shops at Wailea, 3750 Wailea Alanui Dr., offers more than 70 stores, boutiques, galleries and restaurants. The complex, set amid landscaped courtyards, reflects 19th-century territorial architecture. Shops include Banana Republic, Gap, Louis Vuitton and Tiffany & Co. Most shops are open daily 9:30-9. Phone (808) 891-6770.

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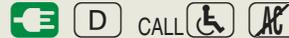


Seafood Steak Fine Dining. **Address:** 4100 Wailea Alanui Dr 96753.

 **THE RESTAURANT AT HOTEL WAILEA** 808/879-2224



Continental Fine Dining. **Expert Advice:** Local and fresh island-sourced ingredients are blended into creative dishes, such as gazpacho and Kona kanpachi with manila clams. Enjoy incredible sunsets coupled with al fresco dining and informative, top-notch servers. A three-course menu is offered along with additional options of plates to share prior to your meal. **Features:** full bar, patio dining. **Reservations:** required. **Address:** 555 Kaukahi St 96753. **Parking:** on-site and valet.



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Pacific Rim Fine Dining. **Address:** 3900 Wailea Alanui Dr 96753.

## WAILUKU

In 1824, 9 years before the first missionaries set foot in Wailuku, a Chinese man named Hungtai built a sugar mill. The industry took hold, and 124 years later the dominant company, Hawai'i Commercial & Sugar Co., sold three-bedroom houses in neighboring Kahului (*see place listing p. 63*) to its employees for \$7,250. Thus was born the dual community of Wailuku-Kahului.

Because their common boundary is indistinguishable, the two cities at the northern shore of the isthmus are sometimes referred to as Maui's twin cities. The older of the two and the county seat, Wailuku is on the slopes of the mountains overlooking the harbor.

Displays relating to the history of Haleki'i Heiau and Pi-hana Heiau (temples) are north of Wailuku above Paukūkalo Bridge. **Note:** *Heiau* are culturally significant and should be treated with respect.

**Maui Visitors and Convention Bureau:** 1727 Wili Pa Loop, Wailuku, HI 96793. **Phone:** (800) 525-6284.

**ĪAO VALLEY** is at the end of winding Īao Valley Rd. In this densely forested cul-de-sac, whose walls are almost a mile high, Kamehameha I trapped and destroyed the defending army of the Maui king. A sign and changing profile indicate rock formations in the shape of past dignitaries. The valley is within West Maui Forest Reserve, which encompasses most of the island's western peninsula. Bring mosquito repellent. Restrooms are available; drinking water is not. **Phone:** (808) 984-8109.

**Īao Needle**, in Īao Valley State Monument, is a rock formation blanketed with vegetation and rising more than 1,200 feet above the floor of Īao Valley. A shelter and botanical garden are found along the paved .6-mile path. Bring mosquito repellent. **Phone:** (808) 984-8109.



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**Kepaniwai Park**, 870 Īao Valley Rd., contains the Heritage Gardens, a group of pavilions built as tributes to the ethnic groups who settled the island. Bring mosquito repellent. **Phone:** (808) 270-7230. 

**PRIDE OF MAUI** departs from the main loading dock at 101 Mā'alaea Boat Harbor Rd., off SR 30. A 5-hour morning snorkeling cruise aboard this 65-foot catamaran takes passengers to Molokini and then to Turtle Reef, where green sea turtles often nest. A light breakfast and a

barbecue lunch are provided. The boat has restrooms, heated freshwater showers and a glass-bottom slide. Whale-watch, sunset and afternoon snorkeling cruises also are offered.

Visitors must park in the designated parking area behind the aquarium. Sunscreen and a towel are recommended. Scuba gear, snuba gear and camera rentals are available. **Phone:** (808) 242-0955 or (877) 867-7433.



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# Island of Moloka'i



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**O**n Moloka'i's north shore, velvety green sea cliffs plunge into the wild blue Pacific. On the island's lush east side, a one-lane road, devoid of traffic, climbs past sweeping coastal vistas, then snakes through misty rain forest on its way to the waterfall-laced Hālawā Valley. Moloka'i's arid western region is rife with picture-perfect beaches, and it's not uncommon to find them deserted at 2 p.m. on a Sunday.

The island's unspoiled beauty is astonishing. Even more amazing is the fact that tiny Moloka'i, clearly visible

from neighboring Maui, has failed to register on most tourists' radar. Talk to any local and they'll tell you that's exactly how they like it.

"The Friendly Isle" is just that—a place where everyone seemingly knows everyone and greets one another with hugs and a hearty "Aloha" in the cramped isles of the Friendly Market Center, one of the few grocery stores on the island. Reports of tourists being greeted with "stink eye" are largely myth. The people of Moloka'i are warm and welcoming, so long as you haven't come to buy oceanfront property or break ground on a new mega resort.



## 76 ISLAND OF MOLOKA'I — KALAUPAPA NHP, ISLAND OF MOLOKA'I

In Hawai'i, Moloka'i's anti-development attitude is legendary. In 2008 the Moloka'i Ranch company, the island's largest private land owner and operator of The Lodge at Moloka'i Ranch, lost a long battle to develop luxury homes at pristine Lā'au Point—land held sacred by island residents, 50 percent of whom claim native Hawaiian ancestry. Defeated, frustrated and in a reported financial hole, Moloka'i Ranch closed the existing lodge, leaving the island with only one traditional hotel.

Moloka'i's human history stretches back to the mid-seventh century when settlers from the Marquesas Islands landed on the shores of Hālawā Bay. Over the next 1,200 years the population ebbed and flowed. From the 1860s through the 1940s, Moloka'i saw an influx of leprosy patients who'd been banished to the island's remote Kalaupapa Peninsula (also called Mākanalua Peninsula), now a National Historical Park. In the early 20th century the rise of the pineapple industry triggered a financial boom that lasted well into the 1970s. Today the economy is supported primarily by agriculture, hunting, fishing and tourism.

Moloka'i, the legendary child of the goddess Hina and the god of creation Wakea, is 260 square miles of dramatic topographic contrasts. Rolling rangelands, windswept beach dunes and rocky shoreline coves characterize the west side. Many of Moloka'i's 7,500 inhabitants live in the center of the island, home to ranches, small residential communities and the main town of Kaunakakai. The often rainy eastern half is a verdant mosaic of valleys, soaring cliffs, waterfalls and mountains—topped by 4,961-foot Kamakou Peak.

Accommodations are limited to a handful of condominium rental resorts, a sprinkling of B&Bs and the Hotel Moloka'i. Island eateries are generally good but not exactly abundant. And if it's sizzling nightlife you're after, you'll need to swim to Maui. Moloka'i has no traffic lights, no canned *aloha* and none of the crass commercialism that plagues the other islands. In short, it's paradise, "Old Hawai'i" style.

### KALAUPAPA NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

Kalaupapa settlement and Kalaupapa National Historical Park are on Kalaupapa Peninsula (also called Mākanalua Peninsula), which juts from the center of Moloka'i's north coast. The peninsula is a low tongue of lava separated from the rest of the island—and the world—by a 1,660-foot bluff and an arc of heavy breakers.

Because of its isolation, Kalaupapa became a place of exile for those afflicted with leprosy (now called Hansen's

disease) in 1866. At that time, the disease was spreading throughout the Hawaiian islands, and a colony of the afflicted was established at Kalaupapa in an attempt to contain the disease.

In 1873 Belgian Catholic priest Joseph de Veuster, known as Father Damien, arrived at the settlement. Instead of staying 3 months as he had intended, he spent the remaining 16 years of his life here, establishing order and ministering to the inhabitants.

Father Damien died of Hansen's disease in 1889, but his example brought many new workers to the settlement. Called the Martyr of Moloka'i, Father Damien left an indelible impression that extended far beyond the shores of his adopted island home. In October 2009 he received the Catholic Church's highest honor when Pope Benedict XVI formally declared him a saint. More than 500 Hawai'i residents traveled to the Vatican for the canonization ceremony in St. Peter's Square, capping a 33-year road to sainthood.

Among those who followed Father Damien to Moloka'i was Mother Marianne, who, along with a group of nuns, ministered to girls and young women until her own death in 1918. Pope Benedict recognized her works in 2005 when he beatified her and raised her to the title of Blessed Marianne. She was canonized in 2012.

The introduction of sulfone drugs in the 1940s arrested many cases and eventually eliminated contagion. There have been no new admissions to Kalaupapa since 1969, and those who stay in the community do so only because it is their home. The state has guaranteed their tenancy for life. With the residents' approval, the peninsula and an adjacent portion of the Waikolu watershed became a National Historical Park in 1980.

Getting to the settlement can be half the experience since the only access is by commercial air, walking or muleback tours. Tours include Judd Park, Kalaupapa village and the site of the original settlement, Kalawao. At the latter is St. Philomena's Church, repaired and expanded by Father Damien, and a spectacular view of the rugged northeast coast. Moloka'i Lighthouse, near the tip of the peninsula, sends its powerful beacon far out to sea.

Air service is provided by Makani Kai Air, (808) 834-5813 or (877) 255-8532; phone for departure details. Ground access is provided by Kalaupapa Mule Tour; phone (808) 567-6088. A combination mule ride and guided tour is available, as are combination packages with air fare from other islands. Damien Tours offers guided tours of Kalaupapa; phone (808) 567-6171.

A permit from the Department of Health is required to visit Kalaupapa. Visitors' selected commercial tour company will handle the permit arrangements for all day trips. Overnight trips are not permitted unless visitors personally



know a resident who is willing to sponsor them and apply for their permit. Visitors must be at least 16 years old. Park open daily. Commercial tours operate Mon.-Sat.; closed Jan. 1, Thanksgiving and Christmas. For more information phone Kalaupapa National Historical Park, (808) 567-6802.

### KUALAPU‘U

The reservoir just west of the community is the terminus of the Moloka‘i Irrigation Project, which brings, via aqueduct and a 5-mile-long tunnel through the mountains, water from the rain-soaked Waikolu Valley to the dry central plain.

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# Island of O‘ahu



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**O‘ahu is nicknamed “The Gathering Place,” and the name is apt. In addition to its residents—nearly 70 percent of the population of all of the islands combined—a million visitors a year land on O‘ahu, then proceed to explore the other islands. To many, O‘ahu is Hawai‘i. Hawai‘i’s capital, Honolulu, with its commerce, industry and celebrated Waikīkī resort beach, is the heart of both the island and the state.**

Honolulu is a true melting pot of people; Polynesian, Chinese, Japanese, European and native ancestry all are represented in an array of shopping, entertainment

and cuisine. While the city looks to the future, it celebrates Hawai‘i’s past with cultural, historical and educational attractions.

Yet O‘ahu offers more than just a booming metropolis. Other aspects of the island—wide-open spaces, spectacular vistas and uncrowded beaches—are found “over the *pali*,” which encompasses the windward coast, along the deserted stretches of wild-surf beach on the north coast and among the quiet fields of the central plateau. The pace of life in these regions is more leisurely. Many islanders enjoy the best of both worlds, residing on the windward side and commuting to work in Honolulu.



O'ahu covers 597 square miles and comprises two parallel mountain ranges: the older Wai'anae on the west coast and the younger Ko'olau along the windward shore. Flowing lava from the Ko'olau eventually reached the eroded Wai'anae slopes, linking the ridges into a single isle. The highest peak on the island is 4,046-foot Ka'ala Peak in the Wai'anae; 3,150-foot Pu'u Kona-huanui tops the Ko'olau. Pineapples flourish on the intervening plateau, the fertile, well-watered Leilehua Plain.

There was little evidence of O'ahu's importance during the early years of exploration. Capt. James Cook spotted the island during his first voyage (1778), but O'ahu remained undisturbed until Kamehameha I, in the process of conquering the archipelago, invaded it in 1795. The king's trade with the outside world brought attention to Honolulu Harbor, which now handles millions of tons of freight a year. Deep Pearl Harbor, similarly important for military reasons, is the hub of a group of military installations that compose almost 25 percent of O'ahu's acreage.

Commercial, governmental and military jobs are the primary economic force. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard installations employ thousands, and federal expenditure ranks first as a source of the island's—and the state's—revenue. Tourism is a close second. Although the pineapple industry began on O'ahu, it is small and relatively unimportant economically.

Recreationally, O'ahu has become synonymous with surfing. Movies, television, popular music and more have brought the Banzai Pipeline, Sunset Beach, Waimea Bay and other legendary North Shore spots into living rooms across the nation and beyond. World-class surfing and bodysurfing championships are held at Mākaha and other beaches. While these are only for professionals, there are plenty of places where less proficient surfers can perfect their skills. Windsurfing also is popular.

Gray Line offers a variety of sightseeing tours departing from Waikīkī; phone (808) 833-3000 or (888) 206-4531.

## HALE'IWA

• Part of Honolulu area— see p. 80

Midway along O'ahu's North Shore, Hale'iwa (meaning home of the frigate bird) dates to 1832 when Protestant

missionaries established the area's first church. After Queen Lili'uokalani donated a seven-dial clock in 1892, it was known as the Queen Lili'uokalani church. The clock remains, but the present church structure was built in 1961.

The O'ahu Railroad arrived in the 1890s and the island's first hotel was built here in 1899. Hale'iwa's harbor on Waialua Bay offers deep-sea fishing charters. Quaint, eclectic shops, boutiques and galleries line Kamehameha Avenue, the town's main street.

**WAIMEA VALLEY** is at 59-864 Kamehameha Hwy., across from Waimea Bay. This 1,875-acre historical nature park re-creates ancient Hawaiian culture. A paved .75-mile-long pathway traverses the valley and leads to Waimea Falls. If you can't or don't want to make the walk, you can opt for a one-way or round-trip shuttle ride.

Off the main path are 35 themed gardens featuring 5,000-plus different plants from Hawai'i and other parts of the world. Hale O Lono Heiau, a sacred outdoor place of worship built between 1470 and 1700 and dedicated to the Hawaiian god Lono, also is on the grounds.

You can participate in activities like coconut-frond weaving, *lei*-making, *hula* lessons, storytelling and cultural hikes and learn how to play ancient Hawaiian games. You can also take a dip in a 30-foot-deep natural pool at the base of Waimea Falls (weather permitting). Flotation devices are available for rent, and there's a changing facility.

**Note:** Visitors are prohibited from smoking; picking and eating fruit, nuts and seeds; drinking from the stream; feeding and approaching the peacocks; and swimming anywhere other than in the Waimea Falls pool. Visitors may enter the pool only after asking permission from the lifeguard and should not swim if they have wounds or open sores. Pets (except service dogs) are not permitted. *Heiau* are culturally significant and should be treated with respect. Closed-toe shoes, insect repellent and sunscreen are recommended. Restrooms are available in the visitor center; portable toilets are available elsewhere. Snacks are available at the visitor center and at Waimea Falls.

**Time:** Allow 3 hours minimum. **Phone:** (808) 638-7766.



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## Then & Now

Mix Boston, Las Vegas, Manila, Singapore and Tokyo, put the combination in a natural setting straight out of a painting by Paul Gauguin, add the scent of ginger flowers and the rush of freeway traffic, and you have Honolulu. Capital of Hawai'i and O'ahu's largest city, it is a fascinating combination of East and West, frenetic and laid-back, old and futuristic.

In the Hawaiian language, Honolulu means “sheltered bay.” The harbor—negotiated by freighters, luxury liners and even a sampan fishing fleet—remains at the heart of old downtown. And Honolulu's Waikiki neighborhood, a surfer's paradise, is among the largest resort destinations in the Pacific.

Centuries before the first lodging, the Moana Surfrider, was built in Waikiki in 1901, Kamehameha the Great, the *ali'i* (chief) of the island of Hawai'i, landed at Maunaloa Bay. Intent on conquering and unifying all of the islands, Kamehameha achieved his goal in 1810. Under his careful watch, a trade network between Hawai'i and Asia, carried out by sea-hardy Westerners, emerged.

Kamehameha I died in 1819, the same year whaling ships hailing from New England began utilizing the southeastern O'ahu settlement as a way station. As taverns and brothels proliferated near the waterfront, Christian missionaries set on ending the “heathen” ways of the Hawaiians began arriving in Honolulu.

Eventually, the religious leaders' influence with the Hawaiian monarchy pushed the whalers out. Honolulu became the permanent seat of government in 1845, and from that point a new Hawai'i surfaced—centered on a then-booming sugar industry—with many of the missionaries' business-minded sons among the wealthiest and most powerful residents. Brought in to work on the sugar (and later, pineapple) plantations, Chinese, Japanese, Portuguese, Puerto Rican, Korean and Filipino laborers settled here, further contributing to the varied cultural heritage of Hawai'i.

Present-day Honolulu stretches along the narrow coastal plain between eastward Koko Head and the military reservations at Pearl Harbor, where the “date which

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### ABOUT THE CITY

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### MONEY

**SALES TAX:** Hawai'i has an excise tax of 4 percent (4.712 percent in Honolulu) on most goods and services. Honolulu has a lodging tax of 10.25 percent; rental cars are subject to state tax and a road tax of approximately \$5 per day.

### WHOM TO CALL

**EMERGENCY:** 911

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**HOSPITALS:** Kaiser Permanente-Moanalua Medical Center & Clinic, (808) 432-0000 • The Queen's Medical Center, (808) 691-1000 • Straub Medical Center, (808) 522-4000.

### VISITOR INFORMATION

**Hawai'i Visitors and Convention Bureau:** 2270 Kalākaua Ave., Suite 801, Honolulu, HI 96815. **Phone:** (808) 923-1811 or (800) 464-2924.

The bureau offers visitor information, brochures and maps Mon.-Fri. 8-4:30, except holidays.

*Spotlight* and *This Week* magazines print tourism-oriented information that is helpful to visitors looking for fun things to do. These free publications are available at most concierge desks and in magazine racks along the street.

### TRANSPORTATION

**AIR TRAVEL:** Busy Daniel K. Inouye International Airport (HNL) is *the* gateway to the state. Just across Keehi Lagoon

off H-1, next to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, the airport is served by most domestic and many foreign passenger carriers, as well as interisland and commuter lines.

Cab fare from the airport to Waikīkī is \$40-\$45; limousines average about \$175.

**RENTAL CARS:** Hertz, (800) 654-3080, offers discounts to AAA members and has several area locations: the airport, (808) 837-7100; Kahala Hotel & Resort, (808) 735-8983; Hyatt Regency Waikīkī Beach Resort & Spa, (808) 971-3535; Imperial Hotel, (808) 922-3331; and Pagoda Hotel, (808) 942-5626.



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Prices may be calculated from a base fare of \$3.50 with an additional charge of 45c per additional eighth of a mile. There may be an additional charge of \$5 per oversize item (e.g., surfboard or bicycle).

**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION:** "TheBus" offers transportation around the island. The base fare is \$2.75; \$1.25 (ages 6-17); \$1 (ages 65+ and the physically impaired). Exact change is required. A 1-day pass, which provides unlimited rides, is \$5.50 and may be purchased from the bus operator. Phone (808) 848-5555 for route and schedule information. A free time schedule usually is available at the headquarters, at libraries or at any City Hall. Guides for sightseeing via TheBus are sold at most area stores, but visitors should phone ahead to verify information.

will live in infamy" occurred on Dec. 7, 1941. Vestiges of the missionary era can be seen downtown, while the Chinatown district, which for a time recalled the bawdiness of Honolulu's whaling years in its now-defunct red-light district, creates an exotic atmosphere with open-air *lei* stands and herb shops.

Honolulu fuses the spirit of the Hawaiian people with tastes, ideals and styles borrowed from Asia, Europe and North America. While watching a dazzling sunset at a beachside restaurant or bar, you may listen to the sweet murmur of a *'ukulele*, a Hawaiian instrument derived from

the Portuguese *braginha*. And it's easy to taste the abundance of ethnic influences in the city's restaurant scene.

Even the two capitol buildings on the island contrast with and synthesize the essence of their periods in a uniquely Hawaiian way. Marvel over Iolani Palace, the only example of American Florentine architecture in the world, before admiring its 20th-century replacement, the Hawai'i State Capitol, which showcases many of the Hawaiian Islands' striking natural aspects. Situated between the two structures is a statue of the beloved Queen Lili'uokalani, the kingdom's last reigning monarch.



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## Must Do: AAA Editor's Picks

- Brave the crowds on narrow, 2-mile-long **Waikīkī Beach** and spread a towel on your little sliver of sand in preparation for catching some serious rays. Watch surfers catching the waves and place a lei on the statue of Duke Kahanamoku, the Honolulu native who popularized the sport in the early 20th century.
- A must-see for every Hawaii vacation is Pearl Harbor. Stand on the deck of the  **USS Arizona Memorial** (1 Arizona Memorial Pl.) and reflect upon the events of Dec. 7, 1941, when Japanese bombers sank the ship, killing 1,177 sailors and propelling the United States into World War II. Recall other important aspects of that war at two nearby monuments: The  **Battleship Missouri Memorial** (63 Cowpens St.) preserves the “Mighty Mo,” on whose deck Japan signed the treaty ending the war, and the  **USS Bowfin Submarine Museum & Park** (11 Arizona Memorial Dr.) honors the “silent service” and the crews who served valiantly on those underwater vessels.
- Suit up with fins, a mask and a snorkel—all of which you can rent on the cheap from nearby vendors—and



Waikīkī Beach / © iStockphoto.com / LanaCanada

swim with colorful tropical fish in **Hānauma Bay**; the shallow waters are especially appealing to newbie snorkelers.

- Lace up your sneakers (or hiking boots) and trek to the 761-foot summit of **Diamond Head State Monument** (Diamond Head Rd. & 18th Ave.), where you'll be treated to spectacular 360-degree vistas of Waikīkī. The hike is very steep and you'll need to bring water and sun protection, but the breathtaking views make the effort worthwhile.
- Play a round at **Ko Olina Golf Club** (92-1220 Aliinui Dr.) in Kapolei, a scenic course distinguished by its 12th hole, features a drive-through waterfall just below the elevated tee box; the challenging 18-hole course ranks high on many “best of” golfing lists.
- Marvel at the surfers at **Waimea Bay**, who fearlessly take on waves that can reach heights of up to 30 feet. The waves are most pronounced in winter; in summer the water is much calmer and the beach is great for swimming and sunbathing.
- Taste unusual foods at nearby restaurants and browse the open-air **Aloha Stadium Swap Meet & Marketplace** (99-500 Salt Lake Blvd.). On the grounds of Aloha Stadium on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday, more than 400 vendors gather to sell an array of eclectic goods.
- Follow the **Mānoa Falls Trail** (3737 Manoa Rd.), an easy 1.6-mile round-trip hike that traces Waihī Stream and winds through a bamboo forest and a verdant rain forest en route to the scenic falls. Choose your footwear carefully, as the trail can be muddy and rocky.
- Haggle for bargains in **Chinatown**, where you can find beautiful calligraphy, pungent spices, gold jewelry, handmade *lei* and many places to eat. See what's fresh at a produce, fish or meat market; find colorful trinkets in a souvenir shop; satiate your sweet tooth at a bakery; or treat yourself to some dim sum as you immerse yourself in the cultural traditions of not just China but also Vietnam, Japan, Korea, the Philippines, Thailand and Laos.
- Scan the impressive panorama of the windward side of O'ahu from the **Nu'uānu Pali State Wayside**—just be sure to hold on tight to your belongings. On exceptionally windy days the trade winds are so strong you can actually lean against them.

## Honolulu 1-day Itinerary

AAA editors suggest these activities for a great short vacation experience. Those staying in the area for a longer visit can access a 3-day itinerary at [AAA.com/TripCanvas](http://AAA.com/TripCanvas).



## Morning

- Pay homage to the 3,581 Americans killed or wounded at **Pearl Harbor** on Dec. 7, 1941, when the Japanese launched a surprise assault on the U.S. naval base and its Pacific Fleet. After the early morning strike, a dozen U.S. ships were either sunk or beached and more than 300 U.S. aircraft had either suffered damages or been destroyed.
- Whether you choose to drive or take TheBus to Pearl Harbor, arrive early—some 5,000 tourists visit the area daily. Several sites present artifacts from the battle, while interpretive programs and multimedia displays and films document the “Day of Infamy.” Just offshore is the striking  **USS Arizona Memorial** (1 Arizona Memorial Pl.); the white linear structure traverses the final resting place for most of the 1,177 crew members who perished after a devastating bomb hit the battleship. At the  **Battleship Missouri Memorial** (63 Cowpens St.) you walk the decks of the “Mighty Mo,” where, in 1945, Japanese representatives signed a surrender agreement ending World War II. Visit the  **USS Bowfin Submarine Museum & Park** (11 Arizona Memorial Dr.) to see what life was like for the 80 men stationed on this vessel, launched exactly a year after the Pearl Harbor attack. The park also encompasses a waterfront memorial to World War II’s fallen submariners.

## Afternoon

- Head to **Nico’s Pier 38** (1129 N. Nimitz Hwy.), a low-key, waterfront eatery where you can savor a hearty, skillfully prepared meal for less than you might expect thanks to the restaurant’s proximity to a fish auction. (It’s right next door, so whether you come for breakfast or lunch, Nico’s is likely to be packed with ravenous auction workers and fishermen.) Hailing from Lyon, France, chef Nico Chaize serves up such Hawaiian staples as the plate lunch, infusing dishes typical to the locale with a dash of French gusto. For an afternoon visit, there’s no better choice than the furikake pan-seared ahi, though chef Chaize’s juicy, hand-packed double cheeseburger is hard to pass up, even at a place known for its fresh seafood.
- Explore downtown Honolulu, where cultural and historic sites are clustered together amid gleaming skyscrapers and tall palm trees. Walk through the **Cathedral of Our Lady of Peace** (1184 Bishop St.) to admire its vibrant stained-glass windows; or browse the metalwork, oil paintings and crafts displayed at the **Hawai’i State Art Museum (HiSAM)** (250 S. Hotel St.). Then, tour **Iolani Palace** (364 S. King St.), the country’s only official royal residence. After being

deposed by those in support of Hawai’i’s annexation by the United States, Queen Lili’uokalani, the last reigning monarch of the Kingdom of Hawai’i, was imprisoned there in 1893. An accomplished musician and songwriter, she composed about 165 songs while confined within an austere room on the second floor of this otherwise opulent palace. Today a bronze statue of the revered ruler stands between the palace and another architectural gem, the  **Hawai’i State Capitol** (415 Beretania St.).

## Evening

- Leave the flip-flops behind and indulge yourself in paradise. The top-notch chefs at **Bali Oceanfront, La Mer** and **Orchids** will ensure you’re well-fed on your vacation, preparing such dishes as hot and sour eggplant ravioli, steamed Manila clams and Kobe-style beef with bordelaise sauce. No matter



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where you choose to dine, book early, and, of course, request a table with a view. Refined elegance and heavenly Waikīkī scenery await you at Bali, a AAA Four Diamond restaurant inside the oceanfront **Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikīkī Beach Resort** (2005 Kalia Rd.). La Mer, a AAA Five Diamond restaurant, and the Four Diamond Orchids present arresting seascapes at the **Halekulani** (2199 Kalia Rd.) hotel. Enjoy a cup of pressed Kona coffee with dessert in one of the chic lodging's distinctive dining rooms, then move to the Lewers Lounge for cocktails and classic tunes.

## Top Picks for Kids

### Under 13

- Ever met a bleeding-heart dove? How about a prehensile-tailed skink? These fascinating critters are



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among the 900-plus species that call **Honolulu Zoo** (151 Kapahulu Ave.) home. You can see giraffes, rhinos and zebras in the African Savanna exhibit and get up close and personal with barnyard animals in the petting area during your vacation.

- At **Hawai'i Children's Discovery Center** (111 'Ohe St.) kids find fun things to do as they explore science and culture through role-playing and, well, just *playing*. They can crawl through a digestive system, be a veterinarian, enjoy tea and dim sum in Chinese garb and fly an airplane—all in one day.
- If you happen to be in town on a weekend from late May to late June, head to Aloha Stadium (99-500 Salt Lake Blvd.) for some good old-fashioned fun at the **50th State Fair**. Try your luck at the games; nosh on cotton candy, funnel cakes and fried Twinkies (just steer clear of the spinning Super Sizzler afterward); and ooh and ahh at the amazing European-style circus acts.

### Teens

- Though it's steep, the trail from the crater interior to the 761-foot-high summit of **Diamond Head State Monument** (Diamond Head Rd. & 18th Ave.) is only .8 miles long, and the reward—a breathtaking 360-degree view encompassing Honolulu and the Pacific—is worth every step.

### All Ages

- During your trip, immerse yourself in the culture of Hawai'i at a **lū'au**, a family-friendly feast featuring traditional foods like *kalua* pig and *poi* (a taro-root dish) and Polynesian entertainment ranging from the *hula* to the Samoan fire-knife dance. *Lū'au* are offered at various locations, but you can't go wrong with **Germaine's Lū'au** (91-119 Olai St.) or **Paradise Cove Lū'au** (92-1089 Ali'i Nui Dr.) in **Kapolei**.
- What do you get when you cross a false killer whale with an Atlantic bottlenose dolphin? A wholphin, that's what. See this unique hybrid at Waimānalo's **Sea Life Park** (41-202 Kalaniana'ole Hwy.), a watery world inhabited by dolphins, penguins, sea lions, seabirds, stingrays, sharks and sea turtles. Be sure to check the schedule for the always-amusing shows and feedings.
- For a history lesson that won't bore the brood to tears, pay a visit to the **Battleship Missouri Memorial** (63 Cowpens St.), anchored at **Pearl Harbor**. A walk on the decks is an unforgettable experience, and a tour of Mighty Mo's realistically re-created interior makes it easy to imagine what life was like for crew members.



- With its rainbow of reef residents, 🏊‍♀️ **Hānauma Bay Nature Preserve** (100 Hānauma Bay Rd.) is a snorkeler's paradise. Rent some gear and prepare to rub fins with exotic fish that are anything but camera shy. Can't swim? No biggie. The water is so clear you can spot sea creatures from the shoreline. Arrive early, though—water gets cloudy as it gets more crowded.
- Refuel at **Tiki's Grill & Bar** (2570 Kalakaua Ave.) overlooking Waikiki Beach from a huge, third-floor patio. Sample local seafood, choose from a variety of "pupus" (appetizers) and enjoy the sunsets as you listen to live music.
- Gentle waves and lots of lifeguards make **Waikīkī Beach** one of the safest stretches of sand on O'ahu. Families flock here for sailing, swimming, sunbathing and sandcastle-sculpting. If you've never tried surfing before, this is *the* place to start. You can sign up for lessons or rent a board without an instructor.

## Arriving

### By Car

The major approach route to this long, narrow city on the south coast of O'ahu is the H-1 freeway, which begins near Barbers Point Naval Air Station at an interchange with the west-coast Farrington Highway (SR 93). It skirts Pearl Harbor, connecting with the H-2 freeway and the Kamehameha Highway (SR 99) from central O'ahu near Pearl City, and continues toward the capital.

From the vicinity of Aloha Stadium there is a choice between shorter, less-traveled SR 78 and H-1, which offers quick access to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and Daniel K. Inouye International Airport.

From the airport eastbound Nimitz Highway (SR 92) parallels H-1, becoming Ala Moana Boulevard at Honolulu Harbor, then Kalākaua Avenue in the Waikīkī area.

The approach from Koko Head is via SR 72, the Kalani-ana'ole Highway, which blends into the Lunalilo Freeway, as H-1 is called in the immediate vicinity of downtown Honolulu.

Only two roads actually enter Honolulu from "over the *pali*." Pali Highway (SR 61) and Likelike Highway (SR 63) both use tunnels to carry motorists across the Ko'olau Range from the windward (northeastern) coast. They interchange with H-1 at Bishop Street and Kalihi Street, respectively.

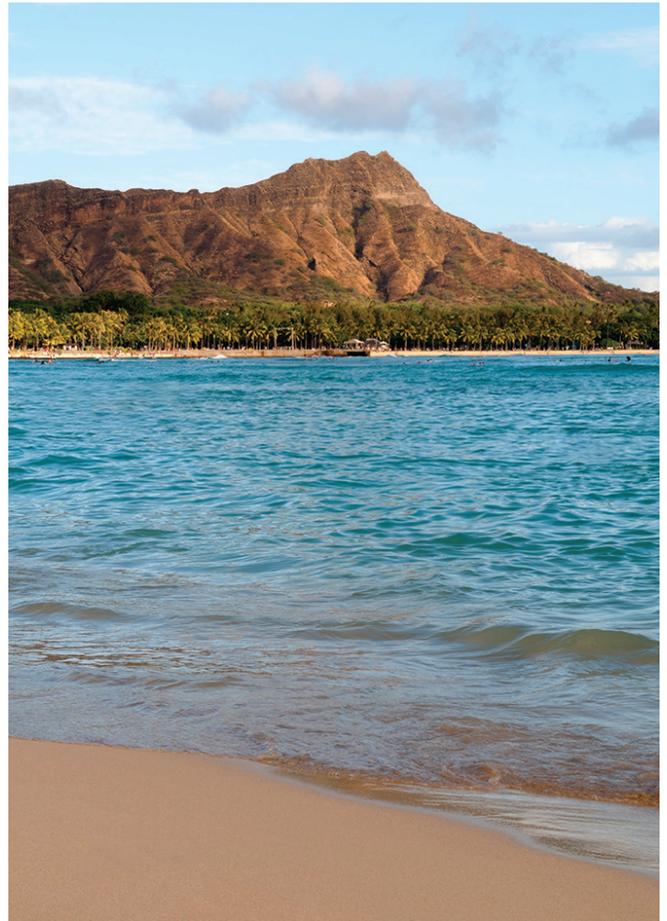
A third highway, H-3, which offers spectacular views of the island's windward side, connects Kailua and Kāne'ōhe to Pearl City via a tunnel.

## Getting Around

Because of the irregular shape of O'ahu, compass directions seem confusing and are seldom used. In their place is an effective method of defining location based on island landmarks. *Ma kai* is toward the sea; *ma uka* is inland or toward the mountains or upland. *'Ewa* is used for toward the west, and "Diamond Head" for toward the east. "Windward" refers to the windward, or northeastern, coast.

Streets follow the dictates of geography. Those running *ma kai-ma uka* are numbered from the ocean toward the mountains. Nu'uanu Avenue divides the "North" and "South" designations used on the main thoroughfares and some parallel streets.

Moving inland, the primary *ma uka-ma kai* thoroughfares in Honolulu proper are Ala Moana Boulevard (SR



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92), Kapi'olani Boulevard, King Street (one-way *diamondhead*), Beretania Street (one-way *'ewa*) and H-1. In the Waikīkī area the main stem is Kalākaua Avenue, running one-way *diamondhead*; Ala Wai Boulevard carries traffic back toward Honolulu. Most intersecting streets are one way in alternating directions.

The downtown speed limit, unless otherwise posted, is 25 mph; on major one-way thoroughfares it's 35 mph. Unless a sign prohibits it, turning right at a red light after coming to a complete stop is legal. Turning left from one one-way street onto another is allowed if specifically signed. Pedestrians always have the right-of-way, particularly at marked crosswalks; however, both pedestrians and drivers should remain alert.

Driving during rush hours, about 6 to 9 a.m. and 3 to 6:30 p.m., should be avoided. Crossing a solid white line

is prohibited—and the law is strictly enforced. Do not honk the horn except in an emergency.

## Parking

In addition to the parking facilities provided by hotels, there are privately operated and municipal parking garages and lots. Rates vary widely with the location, but \$42 a day is not uncommon. There also is some on-street parking, but this might be hard to find, particularly in the vicinity of Ala Moana Center.

## Shopping

Honolulu's several strikingly designed complexes offer shoppers everything from toothpaste to precious black coral, often with music, dance and other entertainment.

**Ala Moana Center**, at 1450 Ala Moana Blvd., is the largest shopping mall in Hawaii. Amid gardens, pools, fountains and sculpture, over 350 stores sell products from the entire Pacific area, and a variety of restaurants satisfy hungry shoppers. The department stores—Bloomingdale's, Macy's, Neiman Marcus and Nordstrom—balance the *haute couture* (think Balenciaga and Escada), as well as other upscale establishments like Fendi, Louis Vuitton and Tiffany & Co.

Across from Kewalo Basin at Ala Moana Boulevard and Ward Avenue, is another Honolulu hallmark, **Ward Village Shops**. Its five contemporary complexes house about 175 specialty stores and restaurants. Ward Entertainment Center boasts a 16-screen movie theater. **Koko Marina Center**, 7192 Kalaniana'ole Hwy. near Hānauma Bay, offers a number of shops and eateries as well as water sports rentals.

**Fort Street** is pedestrian shopping mall downtown that offers an open market on from 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays. Vendors offer fresh fruits and vegetables, specialty food items, gifts, apparel and accessories. Chinese shops and restaurants showcase the multicultural character of Hawai'i at the **Chinatown Cultural Plaza**, 100 N. Beretania St.

One of Honolulu's most recognized landmarks is the centerpiece of the **Aloha Tower Marketplace**, on the waterfront off Ala Moana Boulevard. This 10-story tower, built in 1926, was for decades the tallest building in the city. Residents would line up along the docks and welcome the sailing ships and big steamers with a *hula* dance, music performances and flower *lei*. Today the tower can still be seen from the water, and the observation decks on the top floor provide a scenic view of the Honolulu skyline. The surrounding marketplace includes about 30 shops, dock-side restaurants and other fun things to do. Now part of Hawai'i Pacific University, the mixed-used space also includes student housing.



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In Waikīkī, the most concentrated shopping district is **Kalākaua Avenue**, which extends from downtown Honolulu to the end of Kapi'olani Regional Park. The **Royal Hawaiian Center**, 2201 Kalākaua Ave., has more than 110 shops, restaurants and services. Chanel, Gucci and Saint Laurent Paris are among the retailers along **Luxury Row**, 2100 Kalākaua Ave. There are 150-plus establishments at the **Waikīkī Shopping Plaza**, 2250 Kalākaua Ave.

**International Market Place**, 2330 Kalākaua Ave., is a posh, three-level, open-air shopping and dining destination anchored by Saks Fifth Avenue. The retail center creates a relaxing environment with splashing water falls, shaded walkways and lush tropical foliage.

Other Waikīkī area temptations for those on vacation are the slick, three-level **Pualeilani Atrium Shops** complex at the Hyatt Regency Waikīkī Beach Resort & Spa, 2424 Kalākaua Ave. and **Rainbow Bazaar**, which brings items from Polynesia, Japan and Southeast Asia to the grounds of Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikīkī Beach Resort. Yet more shopping and dining opportunities are found at the nearly 8-acre **Waikīkī Beach Walk** on Lewers Street, which intersects with Kalākaua Avenue.

**Aloha Stadium Swap Meet & Marketplace**, at Aloha Stadium, offers great bargains Wed. and Sat.-Sun. 8-3 (on Sun. the swap meet opens at 6:30; the marketplace opens at normal time). Admission is \$1; free (ages 0-11).

Two large suburban shopping centers are **Kahala Mall**, beyond Diamond Head via H-1 at 4211 Waiālae Ave., and **Pearlridge Center**, at Pearl City via Kamehameha Highway. Kahala's more than 90 specialty shops and eateries are anchored by Macy's. At the Pearlridge, a monorail connects the center's two buildings which house more than 170 stores, restaurants and services that are anchored by Macy's. **Waikēle Premium Outlets**, off H-1 exit 7 in Waipahu, has 50 stores, including Coach, Michael Kors and OshKosh B'gosh.

Most of O'ahu's shopping centers open daily at 9 a.m.; closing times vary.

## Nightlife

Running the gamut from flip-flop-friendly beachfront bars to pulsing dance clubs to classy cocktail lounges, Honolulu's countless nighttime entertainment options satisfy just about any whim.

If a quintessentially Hawaiian nightlife experience is on your wish list, make your way to **Duke's** at OUTRIGGER Waikiki Beach Resort (2335 Kalākaua Ave., Suite 116). The casual open-air restaurant/bar with rustling palms and tiki torches is almost always packed—and for good reason. The views of the ocean and Diamond Head State

Monument are stunning, and the live Hawaiian music can't be beat; phone (808) 922-2268.

If you're looking for a more upscale, intimate Waikīkī nightspot, head to Halekulani hotel's chic, dimly lit **Lewers Lounge** (2199 Kalia Rd.). The plush seating and dark wood paneling help create the perfect ambience for sipping fabulous cocktails and listening to live jazz. A dress code is enforced, so you'll have to leave the shorts and flip-flops behind; phone (844) 288-8022.

You'll also have to dress to impress and fork over some mad cash if you want to party at **Addiction Nightclub** in The Modern, a Hilton Vacation Club (1775 Ala Moana Blvd.). Open Thursday through Saturday, this sleek, high-energy club has velvet ropes, VIP tables, and DJs who keep the house and hip-hop beats going until the wee hours of the morning; phone (808) 943-5800.

Barhopping is a breeze along Hotel Street in Chinatown. At trendy, upbeat **Bar 35** (35 N. Hotel St.), belly up to the bar or sink into a comfy couch and choose from 200-plus concoctions from 20 different countries. Happy hour runs from 4 until 9 Tuesday through Friday and features themed events and DJ and band performances; phone (808) 537-3535.

**The Manifest** (32 N. Hotel St.) is a bookstore-turned-bar with an impressive selection of whiskeys. The high ceilings, exposed brick walls and interesting artwork give the place an artsy, industrial feel. During late-night hours, The Manifest typically trades its laid-back vibe for a club-like one.

During **First Friday Honolulu Art Walk**, held the first Friday of every month, a number of Chinatown watering holes, eateries, galleries and boutiques feature special activities, entertainment and art exhibits.

## Big Events

Dancing, music, crafts and demonstrations at several venues citywide help promote harmony between Hawaiians and people of the Asia-Pacific region during the **Honolulu Festival** in March. The celebration wraps with the Grand Parade, which wends down Kalākaua Avenue. April's **Hawai'i International Film Festival Spring Showcase** presents a menu of independent and foreign films.

In late April, Kalākaua Avenue is packed with Spam lovers during **Waikīkī Spam Jam**, a street festival that celebrates the canned luncheon meat with a cook-off, games and live entertainment. During the **Memorial Day Ceremonies** at the **National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl Cemetery)**, members of the armed forces pay tribute to soldiers who sacrificed their lives for their country.



**Aloha Stadium** welcomes the entertainment, cultural and educational displays, food, games and rides of the **50th State Fair** from late May through early July. Orchids add a splash of color to the agricultural exhibits at this popular event.

The **King Kamehameha Celebration Floral Parade** in early June includes the floral parade, entertainment and parrying in the streets of Waikīkī.

The **Aloha Festivals**—a huge-scale celebration that incorporates parades, *lū'au*, pageants and entertainment on six islands in September—exposes participants to Hawaiian history and traditions, including food, music, dance and art.

If you travel in the fall, a pair of outrigger canoe races—the September **Na Wahine O Ke Kai** for women

and the October **Moloka'i Hoe Outrigger Canoe Championship** for men—challenge rowers to navigate the 40-plus-mile route across the Ka'iwi Channel from Moloka'i to Waikīkī.

In November, the **Hawai'i International Film Festival** screens hundreds of productions, focusing particularly on Asian, Pacific Island and U.S. features, documentaries and videos.

The soul-stirring sounds of taps hang in the air during **Pearl Harbor Day Commemoration** ceremonies on December 7 at the **Pearl Harbor Visitor Center**. Floral offerings, a rifle salute and a wreath presentation also honor those who perished during the attack.

A thrill for the more than 30,000 runners plus the cheering spectators who line the route, the **Honolulu Marathon** covers 26.2 miles on its way to **Kapi'olani Regional Park** on the second Sunday in December.

In late December the **Hawai'i Bowl** pits a Conference USA team against a Mountain West team; the postseason game is held at Aloha Stadium.

## Sports & Rec

**Swimming, surfing, snorkeling** and **sailing** focus, of course, on the beaches, of which **Waikīkī Beach** is primary. Beginning at Kūhiō Beach, just *diamondhead* (east) of Kapahulu Avenue, it runs the length of the peninsula to the Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikīkī Beach Resort.

Waikīkī is one of the safest beaches on the island, with lifeguards overseeing the activities and beachboys coaching surfing or taking passengers out to run the breakers in an outrigger canoe. Surfboards also can be rented without an instructor. Concessions often are connected with the hotel facing that strip of beach.

**Sailing** is a good way to see the island. Sail Blue Hawaii, (808) 347-0235, offers charters, instruction and cruises. Honolulu is also a center for **hang gliding**.

**Scuba diving** and snorkeling are particularly rewarding in O'ahu's clear waters. Equipment can be rented by divers who have a certification card, or instruction can be taken at one of several dive shops. Hawaiian Diving Adventures, (808) 232-3193, offers both scuba diving and snorkeling trips.

**Deep-sea fishing** is excellent, particularly during the marlin and tuna runs in late spring and summer. Boats can be chartered for a full or half-day at **Kewalo Basin** at the foot of Ward Street. One company that offers fishing charters is SportFish Hawai'i, (877) 388-1376.

Foremost among nonaquatic sports in Honolulu is **jogging**. It would seem from the number of entrants in the



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Honolulu Marathon (roughly 30,000) that almost everyone does it. One heavily frequented route encircles **Kapi'olani Regional Park**; you can learn of others by visiting one of the many shops that cater to runners' needs.

**Hiking** also is possible within sight of the city; trails traverse **Round Top Forest Reserve**. Certain trails, particularly those in areas farther from the city, might be frequented by undesirables. Prospective hikers should first obtain information about safety and trail conditions, and trail maps from the Division of Forestry and Wildlife, 1151 Punchbowl St., Room 325, Honolulu, HI 96813; phone (808) 587-0166. Free park information brochures can be obtained from the Division of State Parks, P.O. Box 621, Honolulu, HI 96809; phone (808) 587-0300.

Touring the island on a **bicycle** or taking a short ride through Waikīkī can be a rewarding experience. **Horseback riding** can be enjoyed at **Kualoa Ranch & Private Nature Reserve**, (808) 237-7321.

**Golf** is both pleasant and challenging on O'ahu's numerous courses. While some are open only to club members, others are open to visitors by agreement with their hotel. Of the public courses, **Ala Wai** is the closest and therefore has the longest wait to tee off; **Hawai'i Kai** and **Olomana** also are popular.

College and high school athletes play **baseball, football** and **basketball** in the **Neal S. Blaisdell Center**, the **Aloha Stadium** or The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's **Les Murakami Stadium**. Sports events and schedules appear in the daily newspapers.

## Performing Arts

Although most visitors do not come to Honolulu to attend a play or symphony concert, this destination offers both.

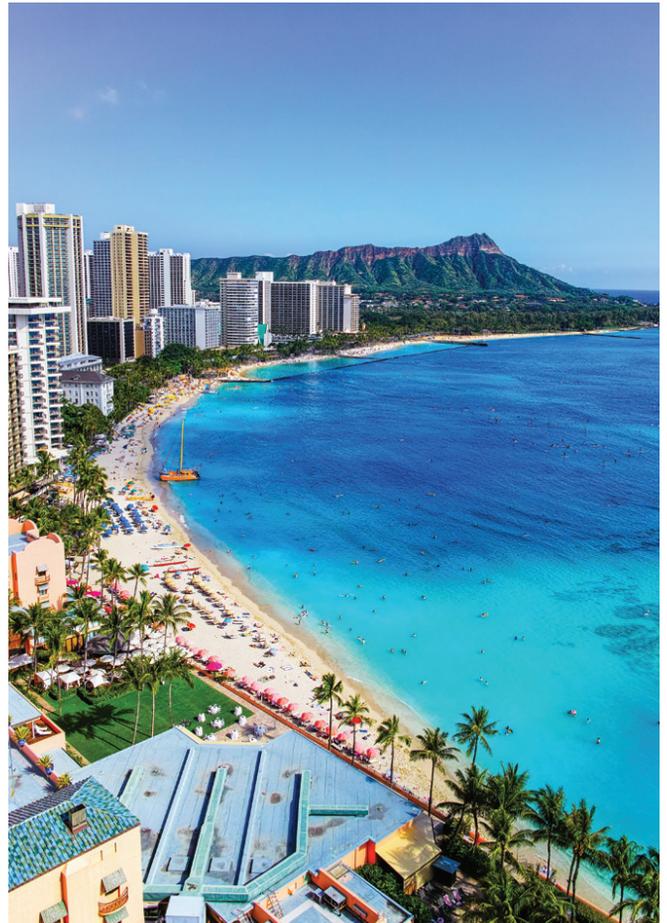
**Hawai'i Performing Arts Company** presents a season of Broadway and off-Broadway plays at **Mānoa Valley Theatre** on E. Mānoa Road; **Diamond Head Theatre**, an established amateur group, does likewise at Makapu'u and Alohea avenues near Diamond Head. The **dance and drama departments of the University of Hawai'i** give productions in **Kennedy Theatre** on the East-West Center campus.

The **Hawai'i Opera Theatre** performs in the concert hall at the **Neal S. Blaisdell Center** at Ward Avenue and King Street; the season runs October through April. Pop stars perform at the Neal S. Blaisdell Center's arena. A bronze sculpture of Elvis Presley adorns the front of the arena, which hosted the music legend's 1973 concert that was aired in more than 40 countries. Films and a concert series are presented at the **Honolulu Museum of Art** (see

*attraction listing p. 90*). Movie houses are found throughout the city; some offer only Chinese and Japanese films.

The daily papers and the calendar section of the monthly magazine *Honolulu* carry comprehensive listings of cultural events, so pick one up at the beginning of your vacation.

Every week the **Urasenke Foundation of Hawai'i** at 245 Saratoga Rd. presents public demonstrations of the traditional **Japanese tea ceremony** known as *Chado*, or the Way of Tea. Rooted in Zen Buddhism, the centuries-old ritual is an important part of Japanese culture. Visitors to the foundation watch a 15-minute video before witnessing this simple yet profound ceremony; admission is by donation and reservations are recommended. Phone (808) 923-3059. Make sure you ask your AAA travel agent about attending.



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## INSIDER INFO: Go O'ahu Pass

The Go O'ahu Pass is an all-access pass offering admission to more than 40 top O'ahu things to do and see during your vacation, including the Pacific Fleet Submarine Museum, Battleship Missouri Memorial at Pearl Harbor, Waimea Valley, Iolani Palace, The Polynesian Cultural Center and a catamaran cruise. There are different passes to suit, whether you want to choose the number of days or attractions to visit. Passes save customers up to 50 percent compared to the combined admission price at the gate. The Go O'ahu pass is available online or by phone (800) 887-9103.



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**BATTLESHIP MISSOURI MEMORIAL**—see Pearl Harbor p. 121.



**BISHOP MUSEUM**, 1525 Bernice St., is Hawai'i's museum of natural and cultural history. Originally built to house the extensive collection of Hawaiian artifacts and royal family heirlooms of Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop, the museum has since expanded to include millions of artifacts, documents and photos about Hawai'i and other Pacific cultures. Daily programs allow visitors to discover more about Hawaiian and Polynesian cultures through live, interactive presentations and exhibit tours. Planetarium shows highlight Polynesian skies and the way in which voyagers navigated using the stars to sail the Pacific. The Science Adventure Center offers interactive experiences related to Hawai'i's unique natural environment, including an audio tour of the lifecycle of volcanoes. **Phone:** (808) 847-3511.



**DOLPHIN QUEST O'AHU**, at The Kahala Hotel & Resort, 5000 Kahala Ave., offers a variety of fun and educational programs that allow visitors of all ages to touch, feed and play with dolphins in the resort's natural lagoons. Programs are led by professional trainers. Photographers stand by to capture highlights of the encounter; photos can be purchased later.

After the program visitors are welcome to hang out at the resort's beach (but they may not use the pool, beach

chairs or cabanas). **Note:** Visitors should park in The Kahala Hotel & Resort's parking lot and have their parking tickets validated at Dolphin Quest O'ahu. Swimsuits and towels are required. Life jackets are provided. Participants may not use a camera during the program, but nonparticipants may take photos from behind the roped-off area. Inquire about cancellation policies. **Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (808) 739-8918 or (800) 248-3316.



**HAWAI'I CHILDREN'S DISCOVERY CENTER** is at 111 'Ohe St.; free parking is available on-site and across the street in the Kaka'ako Waterfront Park parking lot. Designed with kids in mind, this three-story center is comprised of five main exhibit galleries.

Rainforest Adventures immerses families in a tropical rainforest setting in which they learn about conservation and sustainability. Fantastic You! features interactive displays about the human body and a play area for the 5-and-under crowd. Your Town is a pint-size city complete with an auto repair shop, a post office and a bank. You can blow giant bubbles at a mock coral reef and ride in a pretend airplane in the Hawaiian Rainbows gallery and learn about different cultures in the Your Rainbow World gallery.

**Time:** Allow 2 hours minimum. **Phone:** (808) 524-5437.



**HAWAI'I STATE ART MUSEUM (HISAM)** is in the No. 1 Capitol District Building at 250 S. Hotel St. The museum features three galleries and an outdoor sculpture garden that showcase works of art by Aloha State artists. **Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (808) 586-0900.



**HAWAI'I STATE CAPITOL**, 415 S. Beretania St., reflects many Hawaiian elements. The sunken legislative chambers in the 1969 structure rise to an open crown, resembling a volcano. Reflecting pools symbolize the ocean, and fluted concrete columns suggest palm trees. The executive chambers house the governor's and lieutenant governor's offices. Much of the governor's office is paneled in native koa wood, and portraits of past governors adorn the walls.

Brochures for a self-guiding tour may be obtained outside Room 415. **Phone:** (808) 586-0221.



**HONOLULU MUSEUM OF ART**, 900 S. Beretania St. between Victoria St. and Ward Ave., was originally built around the 4,500-piece art collection of founder Anna Rice Cooke. Opening onto a series of lovely garden courts, the museum's galleries now house more than 50,000 works spanning 5,000 years.



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Approximately 18,000 paintings, sculpture, decorative art objects and works on paper comprise the European and American collection. Highlights include Hawaiian quilts and feather capes, Italian Renaissance paintings, and works by such renowned artists as Gauguin, Monet, Picasso, van Gogh and Warhol.

The outstanding Asian collection includes examples of Japanese woodblock prints, Buddhist sculpture, Korean ceramics and Chinese paintings from the Qing and Ming dynasties.

Classes, events, special exhibitions and a theater that presents films and concerts round out the offerings. **Phone:** (808) 532-8700. **GT** **Tl**

**Shangri La** is accessed via shuttle from the Honolulu Museum of Art at 900 S. Beretania St. The former home of philanthropist and art collector Doris Duke, Shangri La was built 1936-38. Set on 5 acres overlooking the Pacific Ocean, the house contains Duke's extensive Islamic art collection, which includes more than 2,500 objects.

**Note:** Tours require climbing several flights of stairs; however, handicap tours are conducted as needed. Tickets are issued for a given date and time and are not refundable.

**Time:** Allow 3 hours minimum. **Phone:** (808) 532-3853, or (866) 385-3849 for reservations. **GT**

**IOLANI PALACE**, S. King and Richards sts., is the only official royal residence in the United States. The structure was completed in 1882 by King Kal a kaua to be a showplace in the Pacific and to demonstrate Hawaii's status as a modern kingdom among the nations of the world. A 1-hour guided tour as well as a self-guiding audio tour are offered; the audio tour is available in English, French, German, Hawaiian, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, Italian and Spanish.

**Note:** During audio and guided tours, children ages 0-4 must be secured in either a front carrier worn by an adult or in a stroller provided by Iolani Palace. **Phone:** (808) 522-0832, or (808) 538-1471 for recorded tour information. **GT**

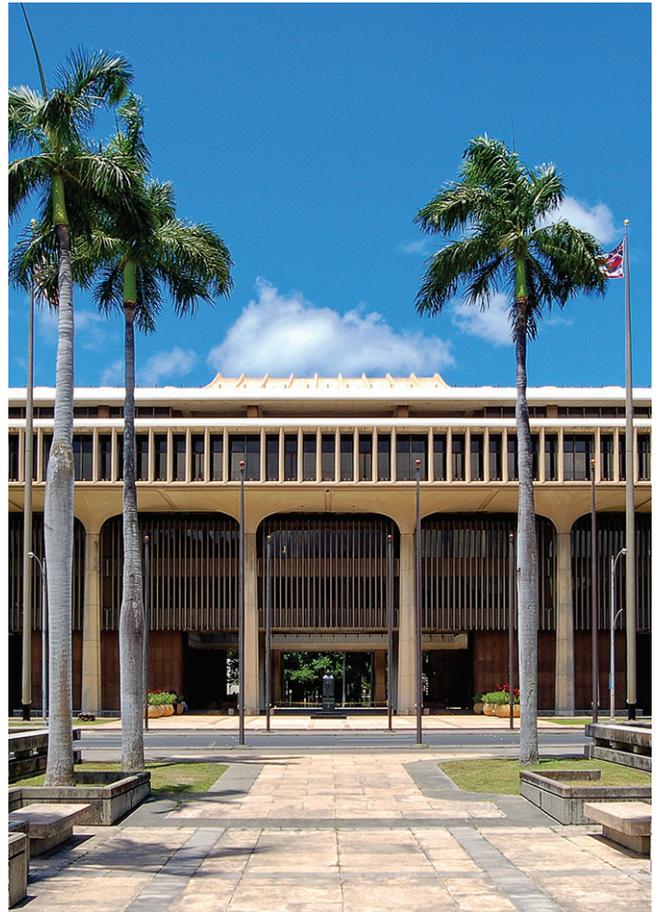
**KOKO HEAD**, on the southeastern tip of O'ahu on SR 72 (Kalaniana'ole Hwy.), embraces about 1,200 acres of rugged lava coastline, scenic Hānauma Bay, and two prominent volcanic landmarks: 642-foot Koko Head and 1,207-foot Koko Crater. A roadside pullout on SR 72 overlooks Hālonā Blowhole, where incoming breakers sometimes create a spouting geyser. **Phone:** (808) 395-3096.



**Hānauma Bay Nature Preserve** is just off SR 72 (Kalaniana'ole Hwy.) at 100 Hānauma Bay Rd., following signs. The preserve is in a remnant of a volcanic crater notched into the shore below Koko Head. The bay is a popular scuba diving, snorkeling, swimming and picnicking spot.

The Marine Education Center houses displays and interactive exhibits relating to the bay's inhabitants and geology. Implements used by the settlers also can be seen. A brief film about preserving the bay and other similar environments is required viewing.

**Note:** The collecting of souvenir coral or any other item is strictly forbidden. Use of the online advance reservation system is strongly recommended. At time of publication no shuttles, tour buses or taxis are allowed; use private vehicle, rental car, Uber or Lyft. The parking lot is first



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come first served and often fills up early; visitors will not be admitted when the lot is full. Snorkeling equipment and locker rentals are available. Weekends tend to be less crowded than weekdays.

**Phone:** (808) 768-6861.  

**Koko Crater Botanical Garden** is off Kealahou St. at 7491 Kokonani St. Plant collections occupy the 60-acre basin floor and include a plumeria grove; cacti and succulents; native Hawaiian, African and dryland palms. A moderate 2-mile loop trail circulates through the collections. **Note:** Bikes, motor vehicles and pets are not permitted in the garden. Walking shoes, sunscreen and water are recommended. Restroom facilities are limited to a portable toilet. The garden terrain is not ADA accessible. **Time:** Allow 1 hour, 30 minutes minimum. **Phone:** (808) 768-7135.



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**NATIONAL MEMORIAL CEMETERY OF THE PACIFIC (PUNCHBOWL CEMETERY)** is at 2177 Pūowaina Dr.; from the H-1 take exit 21A or 21B and follow signs. The approach road offers an excellent view of the city and harbor. Opened in 1949, the military cemetery contains nearly 40,000 graves arranged in concentric circles on the floor of the crater of an extinct volcano. Aptly, the Punchbowl was once called *Pūowaina*—Hill of Sacrifice.

**Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (808) 532-3720.

**Honolulu Memorial**, 2177 Pūowaina Dr. at National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl Cemetery), encompasses Courts of the Missing that lists the names of 28,778 service personnel missing in action from World War II, Korea and Vietnam. The landscaped memorial also includes a Court of Honor and two galleries with 10-foot war maps. **Phone:** (808) 532-3720.

**NU'UANU PALI STATE WAYSIDE**, 7 mi. n.e. via Pali Hwy. (Hwy. 61), offers a dramatic panorama of windward O'ahu's valleys and coastline. This windy 1,200-foot-high gap, flanked by cliffs that rise 2,000 to 3,000 feet, was the scene of Kamehameha the Great's decisive victory in the conquest of O'ahu in 1795. Winds are usually so intense that visitors can lean against a "wall" created by the current. **Phone:** (808) 587-0300.



**PEARL HARBOR AVIATION MUSEUM**—see Pearl Harbor p. 121.



**USS ARIZONA MEMORIAL**—see Pearl Harbor p. 122.



**USS BOWFIN SUBMARINE MUSEUM & PARK**—see Pearl Harbor p. 122.

**WASHINGTON PLACE** is at 320 S. Beretania St. across from the state capitol. For 55 years this elegant two-and-a-half-story 1847 Greek Revival mansion was home to Queen Lili'uokalani. The queen was arrested here in 1895 on the charge of misprision of treason and subsequently was jailed in Iolani Palace (see attraction listing p. 91) for almost a year.

Twelve of Hawai'i's governors and their families resided within the coral rock- and wood-framed walls of Washington Place from 1922 to 2002.

The galleries on the second floor focus on the queen, the Dominis family and the former resident governors.

**Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (808) 586-0248.



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## Honolulu's Waikīkī Area

**KAPI'OLANI REGIONAL PARK** is at the e. end of Waikīkī, bordered by Kalākaua, Monsarrat and Paki aves. Among the 300-acre park's offerings are recreational facilities, an outdoor bandstand and picnic sites. The Royal Hawaiian Band gives concerts at the bandstand Sun. at 2. **Phone:** (808) 768-4626.

**Honolulu Zoo** is at 151 Kapahulu Ave. at the corner of Kalākaua Ave. in Kapi'olani Regional Park. This 42-acre zoo is home to over 1,000 mammals, birds and reptiles. At the African Savanna exhibits, visitors peer at its jungle inhabitants through foliage, as if in the wild. Other zoo features include children's environmental education programs and a petting zoo.

**Phone:** (808) 971-7171. 

**Queen Kapi'olani Garden** is behind the Honolulu Zoo at Paki and Monsarrat aves. in Kapi'olani Regional Park. Pathways wind among varieties of hibiscus and other tropical flowering plants. *Kahuna* stones guard the blossoms against pickers. In the 14th century Tahitian *kahuna* arrived and offered spiritual healing to Hawaiians. When they returned to Hawai'i they left their powers in stones for healing and health purposes. **Phone:** (808) 768-3003.

**Waikīkī Aquarium**, 2777 Kalākaua Ave. in Kapi'olani Regional Park, was founded in 1904 and showcases more than 2,500 species of Pacific marine life, including chambered corals, giant clams, jellyfish, endangered Hawaiian monk seals, sharks and reef fish.

The Northwestern Hawaiian Islands exhibit features a 4,000-gallon aquarium that is home to Hawaiian morwong, masked and bandit angelfish, crosshatch triggerfish, blackstripe coris and other species indigenous to the string of islands. Visitors can touch sea creatures at an outdoor touchpool; marvel at the coral reef displays; and view a diverse grouping of seahorses, pipefish and sea dragons.

**Note:** On-site parking is limited; 4-hour metered parking is available nearby. **Time:** Allow 1 hour, 30 minutes minimum. **Phone:** (808) 923-9741.

## Sightseeing

### Boat Tours

Cruises and boat tours are available aboard anything from a junk to a catamaran. Some explore the reefs off Waikīkī or visit Pearl Harbor; others offer recreation—chiefly swimming and skin diving—or dinner and dancing and other fun things to do.

**ATLANTIS ADVENTURES: ATLANTIS SUBMARINES WAIKĪKĪ** departs from Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikīkī Beach Resort. The company offers narrated underwater submarine adventures where passengers can see exotic marine life, sunken vessels and various artificial reefs through large viewing portholes.

**Time:** Allow 2 hours minimum. **Phone:** (808) 973-9811 or (800) 381-0237.

**STAR OF HONOLULU**, departing Pier 8 at the Aloha Tower Marketplace, is a 1,500-passenger ship offering a variety of cruises, including a seasonal whale-watch tour with guaranteed sightings. Sunset dinner and holiday cruises also are offered.

**Phone:** (808) 983-7827 or (800) 334-6191.

### Bus, Limousine, Trolley and Van Tours

One of the best ways to get an overview of Honolulu and the rest of O'ahu is on a guided tour scheduled by your AAA travel advisor. Costs vary with the mode of conveyance and itinerary. For example, a van tour will run about \$60 per adult for a half-day trip and \$75 for a full day; a bus tour will cost a little less, a sedan a little more.

One advantage of a smaller vehicle, such as a van or limousine, is that it allows more opportunity for rapport with the driver/guide as you head to your destination.

Waikīkī Trolley offers a coastline tour (Blue Line), a Diamond Head area tour (Green Line), a historic tour (Red Line) and the Ala Moana Shopping Shuttle (Pink Line). Depending upon the trolley tour chosen, riders may get off and board a later trolley all day, enjoying many of the things to do in Honolulu in between. The first trolleys depart between 8:30 and 9 a.m. and the last trolley pickup is between 8 and 10 p.m., depending upon the tour and the day of the week. Trolleys leave every 10 to 40 minutes and run daily. **Phone** (808) 465-5543 for schedule and fare information.

Gray Line offers a variety of sightseeing tours departing from Waikīkī; **phone** (808) 833-3000 or (888) 998-4741.

### Air Tours

**BLUE HAWAIIAN HELICOPTERS** is off H-1 at 99 Kaulele Pl., just s. of Daniel K. Inouye International Airport. The Blue Skies of O'ahu Tour lasts 45 to 50 minutes and provides views of Pearl Harbor, Waikīkī, Diamond Head, Nu'uuanu Valley, Chinaman's Hat, the North Shore and more. Passengers hear music, two-way communication with the pilot, and the pilot's narration via noise-canceling headsets.

**Note:** Due to decompression-related sickness, it is recommended that passengers wait 24 hours after scuba diving before flying; the amount of time is dependent on



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particular dive factors. Ask about possible policies regarding minimum wait time between scuba diving and flying; weight restrictions; weather, cancellation and refund policies; and the minimum and maximum number of passengers for flights. All small aircraft may encounter turbulence.

**Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (808) 831-8800 or (800) 745-2583. 

### Lū'au

A *lū'au* is a Hawaiian picnic featuring traditional food and dance, and a must if you are booking travel packages to Hawaii. The *lū'au* food is cooked in an *imu*, an underground oven, which is formed by *pōhaku* (heating rocks) in a pit in the ground. The pit is lined with fresh leaves,

filled with native vegetables and a prepared pig, then surrounded by heated rocks that also are placed inside the pig. The whole feast is then covered with leaves or canvas and allowed to cook for about 6 hours.

The pork tends to be salty—a nice contrast with the traditional *poi*, the pounded taro-root dish of which there are many variations. Polynesian entertainment adds flavor to the colorful proceedings.

Found at various locations, *lū'au* last about 3-4 hours and are only by reservation. Adult prices generally range from \$75 to \$165, with discounted prices for students and children. One of the more established Honolulu-area *lū'au* is Germaine's Lū'au, (808) 949-6626 or (800) 367-5655 (see attraction listing in *Kapolei* p. 118). Another solid choice is Paradise Cove Lū'au, (808) 842-5911 or (800) 775-2683 (see attraction listing in *Kapolei* p. 119).

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Hotel. **Address:** 410 Atkinson Dr 96814. **Facility:** 1176 units, some efficiencies. 13-36 stories, interior corridors. **Parking:** on-site (fee) and valet. **Amenities:** safes. **Dining:** The Signature Prime Steak & Seafood, see separate listing. **Pool:** outdoor. **Activities:** sauna, steamroom, cabanas, exercise room, spa. **Guest Services:** valet and coin laundry.



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Hotel. **Address:** 2490 Kalakaua Ave 96815. **Facility:** 839 units. 17-39 stories, interior corridors. **Parking:** on-site (fee) and valet. **Amenities:** safes. **Dining:** 3 restaurants, entertainment. **Pool:** heated outdoor. **Activities:** hot tub, tennis, health club, spa. **Guest Services:** valet and coin laundry, rental car service.



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**AAA** AQUA PALMS WAIKIKI **BOOK NOW** 808/947-7256



Hotel. **Address:** 1850 Ala Moana Blvd 96815. **Facility:** 152 units, some kitchens. 12 stories, interior corridors. **Parking:** on-site (fee). **Amenities:** safes. **Pool:** outdoor. **Activities:** limited exercise equipment. **Guest Services:** valet and coin laundry.



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**AAA** ASTON WAIKIKI BEACH TOWER **BOOK NOW** 808/670-3999



Condominium. **Address:** 2470 Kalakaua Ave 96815. **Location:** Across from Waikiki Beach. **Facility:** Each two-bedroom condo is incredibly spacious and features a fully equipped kitchen, two bathrooms, a washer/dryer and a large balcony facing Waikiki Beach. 81 condominiums. 40 stories, interior corridors. **Parking:** on-site (fee) and valet. **Terms:** check-in 4 pm. **Amenities:** safes. **Pool:** heated outdoor. **Activities:** hot tub, exercise room, massage. **Guest Services:** complimentary and valet laundry.



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**AAA** ASTON WAIKIKI CIRCLE HOTEL **BOOK NOW** 808/923-1571



Classic Hotel. **Address:** 2464 Kalakaua Ave 96815. **Location:** Across from Waikiki Beach. **Facility:** Built in 1962, this unique, circular high-rise hotel is located directly across the street from Waikiki Beach. Most of these cozy guest rooms have a balcony. On-site parking is limited. 104 units. 14 stories, interior corridors. **Bath:** shower only. **Parking:** on-site (fee). **Amenities:** safes. **Dining:** Eggs 'n Things - Waikiki Beach Eggspress, see separate listing. **Guest Services:** valet laundry.



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Hotel. **Address:** 400 Royal Hawaiian Ave 96815. **Facility:** 404 units. 3-17 stories, interior/exterior corridors. **Parking:** valet only. **Terms:** check-in 4 pm. **Amenities:** safes. **Pool:** heated outdoor. **Activities:** hot tub, exercise room, massage. **Guest Services:** valet and coin laundry.



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Hotel. **Address:** 1956 Ala Moana Blvd 96815. **Facility:** 317 units. 19 stories, interior corridors. **Parking:** valet only. **Amenities:** safes. **Pool:** heated outdoor. **Activities:** exercise room. **Guest Services:** valet laundry.



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**SAVE** Hotel. **Address:** 201 Beachwalk St 96815.

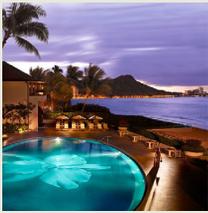
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Condominium. **Address:** 2452 Kalakaua Ave 96815. **Location:** Oceanfront. **Facility:** Each luxurious condo offers a private lanai with soft seating and a hot tub, a full kitchen and luxurious bathrooms with deep soaking tubs and body jets in the shower. There is even a sauna! 9 condominiums. 12 stories, interior corridors. **Parking:** valet only. **Terms:** check-in 4 pm. **Amenities:** video games, safes. **Pool:** heated outdoor. **Activities:** sauna, hot tub, spa. **Guest Services:** complimentary laundry, rental car service, area transportation.



**AAA** HALEKULANI **BOOK NOW** 808/923-2311



Resort Hotel. **Address:** 2199 Kalia Rd 96815. **Location:** Oceanfront. **Facility:** This elegant, Waikiki beachside resort provides a central location near all conveniences. Rooms are recently updated! All rooms with king-size beds are spacious and offer a pull-out sofa. 453 units, some efficiencies. 6-17 stories, interior corridors. **Parking:** on-site (fee) and valet. **Amenities:** safes. **Dining:** La Mer, Orchids, see separate listings, entertainment. **Pool:** heated outdoor. **Activities:** beach on-site, exercise room, spa. **Guest Services:** valet laundry.



**AAA** HALEPUNA WAIKIKI BY HALEKULANI **BOOK NOW** 808/921-7272



Contemporary Hotel. **Address:** 2233 Helumoa Rd 96815. **Facility:** The hotel features casual, light and airy guest rooms with contemporary decor, some with a lanai. 288 units. 23 stories, interior corridors. **Parking:** on-site (fee) and valet. **Amenities:** safes. **Pool:** heated outdoor. **Activities:** hot tub, exercise room. **Guest Services:** valet and coin laundry.



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Hotel. **Address:** 2330 Kuhio Ave 96815. **Facility:** 623 units. 20 stories, interior/exterior corridors. **Parking:** valet only. **Amenities:** safes. **Pool:** outdoor. **Activities:** exercise room. **Guest Services:** valet and coin laundry.



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Condominium. **Address:** 1811 Ala Moana Blvd 96815. **Facility:** Located on the spacious grounds of the Hilton Hawaiian Village, all of this property's one-, two- and three-bedroom units have a private lanai; some with a spectacular ocean view. 331 condominiums, some two and three bedrooms. 39 stories, interior corridors. **Parking:** on-site (fee) and valet. **Terms:** check-in 4 pm. **Amenities:** video games, safes. **Dining:** 2 restaurants, entertainment. **Pool:** outdoor, heated outdoor. **Activities:** hot tub, cabanas, self-propelled boats, recreation programs, kids club, health club, spa. **Guest Services:** complimentary and valet laundry, rental car service.



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Condominium. **Address:** 2181 Kalakaua Ave 96815. **Facility:** In the heart of Waikiki, this property is surrounded by many restaurants and shops. The upscale one-bedroom suites feature modern decor and deep soaking tubs. It's just one block to the beach. 143 condominiums. 15 stories, interior corridors. **Parking:** valet only. **Terms:** check-in 4 pm. **Amenities:** safes. **Pool:** heated outdoor. **Activities:** hot tub, cabanas, exercise room. **Guest Services:** complimentary and valet laundry, rental car service.



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**Resort Condominium. Address:** 2023 Kalia Rd 96815. **Location:** Located in Hilton Hawaiian Village. **Facility:** With modern and chic styling, this lodging boasts a spacious and impressive lobby area complete with water features and picturesque seating options. 411 condominiums, some two and three bedrooms. 38 stories, interior corridors. **Parking:** on-site (fee) and valet. **Terms:** check-in 4 pm. **Amenities:** safes. **Dining:** 2 restaurants, entertainment. **Pool:** outdoor, heated outdoor. **Activities:** hot tub, self-propelled boats, recreation programs, kids club, health club, spa. **Guest Services:** complimentary and valet laundry, boarding pass kiosk, rental car service.



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**Resort Hotel. Address:** 2005 Kalia Rd 96815. **Location:** Oceanfront. **Facility:** Set on 22 acres, this tropical beachfront complex is filled with waterfalls and gardens. Shopping and multiple eateries add to the appeal of this expansive resort with multiple towers. 2860 units. 17-35 stories, interior corridors. **Parking:** on-site (fee) and valet. **Terms:** check-in 4 pm. **Amenities:** video games, safes. **Dining:** 7 restaurants, also, Bali Oceanfront, see separate listing, entertainment. **Pool:** outdoor, heated outdoor. **Activities:** hot tub, beach on-site, cabanas, self-propelled boats, snorkeling, recreation programs, health club, spa. **Guest Services:** valet laundry, boarding pass kiosk, rental car service.



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Hotel. **Address:** 2500 Kuhio Ave 96815. **Facility:** 601 units. 37 stories, interior corridors. **Parking:** valet only. **Amenities:** safes. **Dining:** M.A.C. 24/7 Restaurant + Bar, see separate listing. **Pool:** heated outdoor. **Activities:** hot tub, exercise room. **Guest Services:** valet and coin laundry. *(See ad p. 103.)*



**AAA** HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS WAIKIKI **BOOK NOW** 808/947-2828



Hotel. **Address:** 2058 Kuhio Ave 96815. **Facility:** 596 units. 44 stories, interior corridors. **Parking:** on-site (fee). **Amenities:** safes. **Pool:** outdoor. **Activities:** hot tub, cabanas, game room, lawn sports, exercise room. **Guest Services:** coin laundry.



**AAA** HOTEL RENEW **BOOK NOW** 808/687-7700



Boutique Hotel. **Address:** 129 Paoakalani Ave 96815. **Facility:** This boutique hotel features cozy guest rooms geared more for the business traveler or couples. It is a very short stroll to famous Waikiki Beach. 72 units. 9 stories, interior corridors. **Parking:** valet only. **Amenities:** safes.



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Hotel. **Address:** 349 Seaside Ave 96815. **Facility:** Many different room types, all with upscale bathrooms, grace the floors of this modern hotel. Relax in a cabana or lounge chair after cooling off in the splash pool. 230 units. 22 stories, interior corridors. **Parking:** on-site (fee) and valet. **Amenities:** safes. **Pool:** heated outdoor. **Activities:** hot tub, cabanas, exercise room. **Guest Services:** valet laundry. *(See ad p. 105.)*



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Hotel. **Address:** 175 Paoakalani Ave 96815. **Facility:** 426 units. 14-20 stories, interior corridors. **Parking:** valet only. **Amenities:** safes. **Pool:** heated outdoor. **Activities:** exercise room. **Guest Services:** valet and coin laundry, rental car service. *(See ad p. 106.)*



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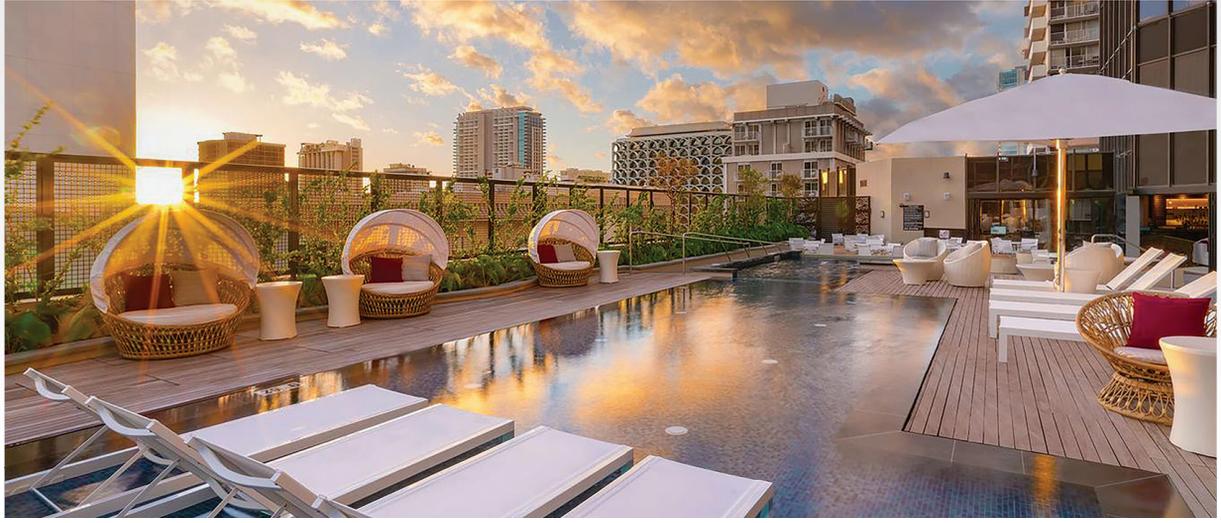
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Hotel. **Address:** 2424 Kalakaua Ave 96815. **Location:** Across from Waikiki Beach. **Facility:** 1230 units, some two bedrooms. 40 stories, interior corridors. **Parking:** on-site (fee) and valet. **Amenities:** safes. **Dining:** 2 restaurants. **Pool:** heated outdoor. **Activities:** hot tub, cabanas, exercise room, spa. **Guest Services:** valet and coin laundry, rental car service.



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Hotel. **Address:** 1777 Ala Moana Blvd 96815. **Facility:** 195 kitchen units, some two bedrooms. 26 stories, interior corridors. **Parking:** on-site (fee) and valet. **Amenities:** safes. **Dining:** 2 restaurants. **Pool:** heated outdoor. **Activities:** exercise room. **Guest Services:** valet and coin laundry.



**AAA** KA LA'I WAIKIKI BEACH, LXR HOTELS & RESORTS **BOOK NOW** 808/693-7777



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**SAVE** Contemporary Hotel. **Address:** 223 Saratoga Rd 96815.

**AAA** THE LAYLOW, AUTOGRAPH COLLECTION **BOOK NOW** 808/922-6600



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Boutique Hotel. **Address:** 2299 Kuhio Ave 96815. **Facility:** This boutique hotel is located just steps from the International Marketplace and only one block from Waikiki Beach. Special touches such as a snack basket and Hawaiian-themed books await in your room. 251 units. 16 stories, interior corridors. **Bath:** shower only. **Parking:** valet only. **Amenities:** safes. **Dining:** Hideout at the Laylow, see separate listing, entertainment. **Pool:** heated outdoor. **Activities:** exercise room. **Guest Services:** valet laundry.



**AAA** LUANA WAIKIKI HOTEL & SUITES **BOOK NOW** 808/955-6000



Hotel. **Address:** 2045 Kalakaua Ave 96815. **Facility:** 146 units, some efficiencies and kitchens. 16 stories, interior corridors. **Parking:** valet only. **Amenities:** safes. **Pool:** heated outdoor. **Activities:** exercise room. **Guest Services:** valet and coin laundry.



**AAA OHANA WAIKIKI EAST BY OUTRIGGER** **BOOK NOW** 808/922-5353



Hotel. **Address:** 150 Kaiulani Ave 96815. **Facility:** 443 units, some two bedrooms and efficiencies. 19 stories, interior corridors. **Parking:** on-site (fee). **Amenities:** safes. **Pool:** outdoor. **Activities:** hot tub, exercise room. **Guest Services:** valet laundry.

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**AAA OUTRIGGER REEF WAIKIKI BEACH RESORT** **BOOK NOW** 808/923-3111



Hotel. **Address:** 2169 Kalia Rd 96815. **Location:** Oceanfront. **Facility:** 658 units, some two bedrooms. 5-18 stories, interior corridors. **Parking:** valet only. **Amenities:** safes. **Dining:** 2 restaurants, entertainment. **Pool:** outdoor. **Activities:** hot tub, beach on-site, cabanas, self-propelled boats, snorkeling, recreation programs, exercise room. **Guest Services:** valet laundry.

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**AAA OUTRIGGER WAIKIKI BEACHCOMBER HOTEL** **BOOK NOW** 808/922-4646



Hotel. **Address:** NE 2300 Kalakaua Ave 96815. **Facility:** 498 units. 25 stories, interior corridors. **Parking:** valet only. **Amenities:** safes. **Dining:** 2 restaurants, entertainment. **Pool:** outdoor. **Activities:** hot tub, exercise room. **Guest Services:** valet and coin laundry.

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**AAA** **OUTRIGGER WAIKIKI BEACH RESORT** **BOOK NOW** 808/923-0711



Hotel. **Address:** 2335 Kalakaua Ave 96815. **Location:** Oceanfront. **Facility:** 524 units. 16 stories, interior corridors. **Parking:** valet only. **Amenities:** safes. **Dining:** Duke's, Hula Grill Waikiki, see separate listings, entertainment. **Pool:** outdoor. **Activities:** beach on-site, recreation programs, exercise room, spa. **Guest Services:** valet and coin laundry.



**AAA** **PRINCE WAIKIKI** **BOOK NOW** 808/956-1111



Hotel. **Address:** 100 Holomoana St 96815. **Facility:** The two modern towers overlook a picturesque yacht harbor. A floor-to-ceiling ocean view is a feature of every spacious room and windows open wide, allowing the warm tropical breezes to flow inside. 563 units, some two bedrooms. 33 stories, interior corridors. **Parking:** on-site (fee) and valet. **Amenities:** safes. **Dining:** 3 restaurants. **Pool:** heated outdoor. **Activities:** hot tub, motor boats, self-propelled boats, regulation golf, recreation programs, bicycles, exercise room, massage. **Guest Services:** valet laundry.



**AAA** **RAMADA PLAZA BY WYNDHAM WAIKIKI** **BOOK NOW** 808/955-1111



Hotel. **Address:** 1830 Ala Moana Blvd 96815.

**AAA** **REGENCY ON BEACHWALK WAIKIKI BY OUTRIGGER** **BOOK NOW** 808/922-3871



Vacation Rental Condominium. **Address:** 255 Beachwalk 96815. **Facility:** These boutique condos have the atmosphere of a private residence and include spacious lanais. Pool privileges are offered at the Outrigger Reef. 38 condominiums. 9 stories, exterior corridors. **Bath:** shower only. **Parking:** on-site (fee). **Amenities:** safes. **Guest Services:** coin laundry.



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Condominium. **Address:** 383 Kalaimoku St 96815. **Facility:** Luxury awaits at this property in the heart of Waikiki. After a day on the silky ocean waters or at the spa, enjoy the upscale guest bathrooms with separate soaking tubs and walk-in showers. 552 condominiums. 38 stories, interior corridors. **Parking:** valet only. **Terms:** check-in 4 pm. **Amenities:** safes. **Dining:** 2 restaurants. **Pool:** heated outdoor. **Activities:** hot tub, cabanas, exercise room, spa. **Guest Services:** complimentary and valet laundry.



**AAA** ROMER WAIKIKI AT THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL **BOOK NOW** 808/941-7777



Hotel. **Address:** 2040 Kuhio Ave 96815. **Facility:** 368 units, some kitchens. 8-19 stories, exterior corridors. **Parking:** valet only. **Amenities:** safes. **Pool:** outdoor. **Activities:** cabanas, bicycles, exercise room. **Guest Services:** coin laundry.



**AAA** SHERATON WAIKIKI RESORT **BOOK NOW** 808/922-4422



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Contemporary Resort Hotel. **Address:** 2255 Kalakaua Ave 96815. **Location:** Oceanfront. **Facility:** The public areas of this oceanfront hotel feature a nice variety of shops, an adult-only infinity pool and a separate pool area with waterslides for children. Check out the sand art in the lobby! 1636 units, some two bedrooms. 31 stories, interior corridors. **Parking:** on-site (fee) and valet. **Amenities:** safes. **Dining:** 2 restaurants, entertainment. **Pool:** outdoor. **Activities:** hot tub, beach on-site, cabanas, snorkeling, recreation programs, kids club, exercise room. **Guest Services:** valet and coin laundry, rental car service.



 SHORELINE HOTEL WAIKIKI **BOOK NOW** 808/931-2444



Boutique Hotel. **Address:** 342 Seaside Ave 96815.

 TWIN FIN WAIKIKI **BOOK NOW** 808/922-2511



Hotel. **Address:** 2570 Kalakaua Ave 96815. **Location:** Across from Waikiki Beach. **Facility:** 645 units. 25 stories, interior/exterior corridors. **Parking:** valet only. **Terms:** check-in 4 pm. **Amenities:** safes. **Dining:** 2 restaurants, entertainment. **Pool:** outdoor. **Activities:** cabanas, recreation programs, exercise room. **Guest Services:** valet laundry, rental car service.



 VIVE HOTEL WAIKIKI **BOOK NOW** 808/687-2000



Boutique Contemporary Hotel. **Address:** 2426 Kuhio Ave 96815.

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Hotel. **Address:** 2552 Kalakaua Ave 96815. **Location:** Across from Waikiki Beach. **Facility:** 1307 units. 4-33 stories, interior corridors. **Parking:** on-site (fee) and valet. **Amenities:** safes. **Dining:** 3 restaurants, entertainment. **Pool:** heated outdoor. **Activities:** hot tub, cabanas, recreation programs, game room, lawn sports, exercise room, spa. **Guest Services:** valet and coin laundry.  
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 **WAIKIKI MALIA** **BOOK NOW** 808/923-7621



Hotel. **Address:** 2211 Kuhio Ave 96815. **Facility:** 327 units, some efficiencies. 10-18 stories, interior/exterior corridors. **Parking:** on-site (fee). **Amenities:** safes. **Pool:** heated outdoor. **Activities:** hot tub, exercise room. **Guest Services:** valet and coin laundry.



**WHERE TO EAT**

 **BALI OCEANFRONT** 808/941-2254



Steak Seafood Fine Dining. **Address:** 2005 Kalia Rd 96815.

 **DUKE'S** 808/922-2268



Hawaiian Fusion Casual Dining. **Address:** 2335 Kalakaua Ave 96815.

 **EGGS 'N THINGS - WAIKIKI BEACH EGGSPRESS** 808/926-3447

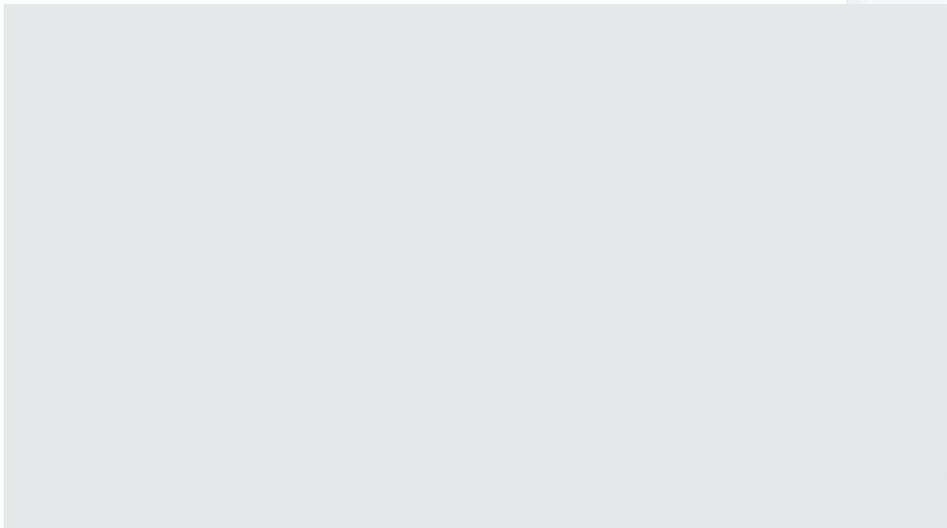


Breakfast Casual Dining. **Address:** 2464 Kalakaua Ave 96815.

 **HULA GRILL WAIKIKI** 808/923-4852



Regional American Casual Dining. **Address:** 2335 Kalakaua Ave 96815.



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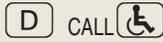
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 **LA MER** 808/923-2311



French Fine Dining. **Expert Advice:** The elegance of the oceanfront open-air dining room affords views of the sunset and the surf below. Provence-style French dishes made with fresh island ingredients show meticulous preparation and presentation. Enjoy an island-inspired cocktail while perusing the sophisticated menu. **Features:** full bar. **Reservations:** required. **Address:** 2199 Kalia Rd 96815. **Parking:** on-site and valet.



 **M.A.C. 24/7 RESTAURANT + BAR** 808/921-5564



Comfort Food Casual Dining. **Address:** 2500 Kuhio Ave 96815.

 **ORCHIDS** 808/923-2311



Regional Italian Fine Dining. **Address:** 2199 Kalia Rd 96815.

 **ROY’S** 808/923-7697



Pacific Rim Fusion Fine Dining. **Address:** 226 Lewers St 96815.

 **THE SIGNATURE PRIME STEAK & SEAFOOD** 808/949-3636



Steak Seafood Fine Dining. **Address:** 410 Atkinson Dr 96814.

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 **AC HOTEL BY MARRIOTT HONOLULU** **BOOK NOW** 808/599-6006



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Hotel. **Address:** 1111 Bishop St 96813. **Facility:** 112 units. 6 stories, interior corridors. **Parking:** on-site and valet. **Amenities:** safes. **Activities:** exercise room. **Guest Services:** valet laundry.



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**AAA** AIRPORT HONOLULU HOTEL **BOOK NOW** 808/836-0661



Hotel. **Address:** 3401 N Nimitz Hwy 96819. **Location:** Next to busy interstate. **Facility:** 307 units. 4 stories, interior corridors. **Parking:** on-site (fee). **Pool:** outdoor. **Activities:** exercise room. **Guest Services:** valet and coin laundry. Affiliated with Outrigger Hotels & Resorts.



**AAA** BEST WESTERN THE PLAZA HOTEL **BOOK NOW** 808/836-3636



Hotel. **Address:** 3253 N Nimitz Hwy 96819. **Location:** Next to busy interstate. **Facility:** 274 units. 2-12 stories, interior/exterior corridors. **Parking:** on-site (fee). **Pool:** outdoor. **Activities:** exercise room. **Guest Services:** valet and coin laundry.



**AAA** THE KAHALA HOTEL & RESORT **BOOK NOW** 808/739-8888



Hotel. **Address:** 5000 Kahala Ave 96816. **Location:** Oceanfront. Located in a quiet residential area. **Facility:** Just minutes from Waikiki Beach, experience tranquil surroundings and understated elegance along with a dolphin lagoon and romantic beachside dining. 338 units. 2-10 stories, interior corridors. **Parking:** on-site (fee) and valet. **Amenities:** safes. **Dining:** Arancino at the Kahala, Hoku's Kahala, see separate listings. **Pool:** heated outdoor. **Activities:** sauna, hot tub, steamroom, beach on-site, snorkeling, recreation programs, bicycles, health club, spa. **Guest Services:** valet laundry.



**AAA** KAIMANA BEACH HOTEL **BOOK NOW** 808/923-1555



Hotel. **Address:** 2863 Kalakaua Ave 96815.

**AAA** LOTUS HONOLULU AT DIAMOND HEAD **BOOK NOW** 808/922-1700



Boutique Contemporary Hotel. **Address:** 2885 Kalakaua Ave 96815. **Location:** Located at Diamond Head end of Waikiki. **Facility:** The rooms at this boutique hotel have some upscale enhancements, including private, spacious lanais with Diamond Head and partial ocean views. 51 units, some two bedrooms and kitchens. 12 stories, exterior corridors. **Parking:** on-site (fee). **Amenities:** safes. **Activities:** bicycles, exercise room. **Guest Services:** complimentary and valet laundry.



**AAA** PARK SHORE WAIKIKI **BOOK NOW** 808/923-0411



Hotel. **Address:** 2586 Kalakaua Ave 96815. **Facility:** 222 units. 14-18 stories, interior/ exterior corridors. **Parking:** valet only. **Amenities:** safes. **Dining:** 2 restaurants. **Pool:** outdoor. **Activities:** cabanas, game room, exercise room. **Guest Services:** coin laundry, rental car service.



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Contemporary Hotel. **Address:** 1390 Kapiolani Blvd 96814. **Location:** Across from Ala Moana Center. **Facility:** This high-rise hotel, dominating the local skyline, offers a range of guest rooms from upscale hotel-style units to spacious residential-style condo units with kitchens. The pool terrace is inviting. 299 units, some two bedrooms, efficiencies, kitchens and condominiums. 39 stories, interior corridors. **Parking:** on-site (fee) and street. **Amenities:** safes. **Pool:** outdoor. **Activities:** sauna, hot tub, steamroom, exercise room, spa. **Guest Services:** valet and coin laundry, area transportation.



 **WAYFINDER WAIKIKI** **BOOK NOW** 808/922-4744



Hotel. **Address:** 2375 Ala Wai Blvd 96815. **Facility:** 228 units, some two bedrooms and efficiencies. 3-14 stories, interior/exterior corridors. **Parking:** valet only. **Amenities:** safes. **Pool:** outdoor. **Activities:** hot tub, lawn sports, exercise room.



**WHERE TO EAT**

 **ARANCINO AT THE KAHALA** 808/380-4400



Italian Fine Dining. **Address:** 5000 Kahala Ave 96816.

 **HAU TREE** 808/921-7066



Pacific Rim Seafood Casual Dining. **Address:** 2863 Kalakaua Ave 96815.

 **HIDEOUT AT THE LAYLOW** 808/628-3060



Hawaiian Fine Dining. **Address:** 2299 Kuhio Ave 96815.

 **HOKU'S KAHALA** 808/739-8760



Pacific Rim Fine Dining. **Address:** 5000 Kahala Ave 96816.

 **MUGEN** 808/377-2247



New International Fine Dining. **Expert Advice:** Set in refined surroundings, Mugen delivers a world-class culinary adventure. The impressive tasting menu integrates Japanese and French influences with the finest global and locally sourced ingredients. Guests will be delighted by extraordinary presentations, tastes and textures. Wine pairings are available and highly recommended for the maximum dining experience. **Features:** full bar. **Reservations:** suggested. **Address:** 2452 Kalakaua Ave 96815. **Parking:** valet and street only.



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At the northern end of O'ahu's windward coast, Kahuku grew around a large sugar mill that operated from 1890 to 1971. The town was at the end of the O'ahu Railway line from Honolulu; train service ended in 1947. The former cane fields north and west of town now produce vegetables and fruit, and aquaculture ponds nurture fish and shrimp. The old Kahuku Sugar Mill is now home to a variety of shops.

**HELE HULI ADVENTURE CENTER**, 57-091 Kamehameha Hwy. on the grounds of Turtle Bay Resort, conducts guided off-road Segway tours. Each 90-minute tour

begins with a 20-minute training session that allows participants to get acquainted with the two-wheeled transportation devices. While following a path that winds along the ocean and through a forest and golf course, riders are treated to gorgeous scenery and interesting narration. Hawaiian monk seals are known to frequent the beach area along the route.

The center offers a variety of other outdoor activities— from hiking, horseback riding and kayaking tours to bicycle and moped rentals.

**Note:** Closed-toe shoes are recommended; high-heeled and platform shoes are not permitted. Portions of the path are bumpy and/or sandy. Participants must be able to stand on a Segway for up to 40 minutes without a break. Snacks are available. **Time:** Allow 2 hours minimum. **Phone:** (808) 293-6024.  

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Resort Hotel. **Address:** 57-091 Kamehameha Hwy 96731. **Location:** Oceanfront. **Facility:** This impressively renovated resort has a

magnificent North Shore oceanfront location on attractive, expansive grounds with a beach, snorkel area and lots of activities at your fingertips! 450 units. 1-6 stories, interior/ exterior corridors. **Parking:** on-site (fee) and valet. **Amenities:** safes. **Dining:** 4 restaurants, entertainment. **Pool:** heated outdoor. **Activities:** hot tub, beach on-site, self-propelled boats, snorkeling, regulation golf, tennis, recreation programs, bicycles, trails, health club, spa. **Guest Services:** valet and coin laundry, rental car service.

**KĀNE'OHE**

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Connected with Honolulu by Likelike Highway (SR 63), Kāne'ohe is a growing residential city on the shore of Kāne'ohe Bay. The southern end of the bay, protected from the strongest winds by the Mōkapu Peninsula, offers sailing and fishing. Beneath the bay off the He'eia area lie coral gardens that can be explored by snorkelers.

Haiku Gardens, 46-336 Haiku Rd., is accessed via a paved walking path that begins at the Haleiwa Joe's restaurant. Exotic plants and flowers, two ponds, an open-air chapel, a gazebo and a mountain backdrop all contribute to the beauty of this tranquil spot; phone (808) 247-0605.

**Shopping:** The more than 110 stores and eateries of Windward Mall, 1 mile north at 46-056 Kamehameha Hwy., include Bath & Body Works and Target.

**BYODO-IN TEMPLE** is at 47-200 Kahekili Hwy. (SR 83), 2.5 mi. n. of SR 63 in Valley of the Temples Memorial Park. Within this private cemetery is a replica of a 10th-century Buddhist temple in Uji, Japan. On the grounds are a 3-ton brass peace bell (said to clear the mind of impurity or bring good luck), a statue of a 9-foot tall Buddha perched atop a lotus flower and hundreds of koi in a reflection pond. Mosquito repellent is recommended. **Phone:** (808) 239-8811.



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**GERMAINE'S LŪ'AU** is at 91-119 Olai St. Transportation to and from Waikīkī hotels is available. Hawaiian *hula* dancers as well as Tahitian, Samoan and Maori dancers provide entertainment at this 3-hour oceanside *lū'au*. Try to arrive when the gates open so you can snag a picnic table close to the stage.

The evening starts with the Opening Ceremony of the Royal Court of Hawai'i, then you'll watch the ceremonial uncovering of the *kalua* pig that will be served. Shortly thereafter, you'll head to the buffet line for all-you-can-eat foods like roasted or *kalua* pig, teriyaki beef, lightly battered fish, boneless grilled chicken and *haupia* (a firm, coconut-flavored pudding). Unlimited soft drinks, coffee and tea are provided. Hibiscus and Plumeria packages offer additional drink options.

Casual clothing, flat shoes and a light jacket are recommended. Allow 1 hour for the drive from Waikīkī. **Time:** Allow 5 hours minimum. **Phone:** (808) 949-6626 or (800) 367-5655.

**PARADISE COVE LŪ'AU** is at 92-1089 Ali'i Nui Dr.; transportation to and from Waikīkī hotels is available for a fee. Guests can choose one of four different *lū'au* experiences: the Hawaiian Lū'au Buffet, the Orchid Lū'au Buffet, the Deluxe Lū'au Package, the Dolphin Snorkel Tour & Lū'au Combo or the Surf Lessons & Lū'au Combo.

Upon arrival you'll be welcomed with a mai tai and a *lei*. During the 4-hour oceanside event you can participate in Hawaiian activities like spear throwing, *lei*-making, outrigger canoe rides and a *hukilau* ceremony (a fishing method involving a big group of people and a big net). Highlights include the ceremonial unveiling of the roasted pig and the Shower of Flowers (in which tree-climbing experts toss flowers from palm trees). Conch shells are blown to call guests to dinner, where entertainment includes *hula* and fire-knife dancing.

**Note:** Casual clothing, flat shoes and a light jacket are recommended. Allow 1 hour for the drive from Waikīkī. Inquire about cancellation policies. **Time:** Allow 6 hours minimum. **Phone:** (808) 842-5911 or (800) 775-2683.

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## LĀ'IE

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In addition to being a locale for summer homes, this windward coast town is the Hawaiian center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The development of about 6,000 acres has been a major church project since 1864.

 **POLYNESIAN CULTURAL CENTER** is on SR 83 next to Brigham Young University. The 42-acre center preserves and shares the heritage of the South Pacific region: Hawai'i, Samoa, Tahiti, Tonga, Fiji and Aotearoa (New Zealand).

While at the Center, guests can visit the various islands and interact with the island's special characteristics and activities such as learning the art of Tahitian spear throwing in the island of Tahiti or playing the Tongan shuffleboard game called lafo in the island of Tonga. Visitors also can enjoy the 15-minute cinematic experience featuring 4-D special effects in "Hawaiian Journey."

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## PEARL HARBOR

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The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on the morning of Dec. 7, 1941, “a date which will live in infamy,” precipitated the entry of the United States into World War II. The attack lasted almost 2 hours and left 2,403 Americans dead and another 1,178 wounded.

Although specialists in Washington had decoded a Japanese message indicating that an attack in the Pacific was imminent, atmospheric difficulties and human error kept the message from being delivered in time. As it became apparent that O’ahu would be caught off guard, the commander of the Japanese squadron signaled the attack to begin. Despite their short-run victory, Japan went on to lose the war.

The loss of life in the attack was substantial, but not all of Japan’s objectives had been met. All but three of the 18 warships damaged during the raid—the *Arizona*, *Utah* and *Oklahoma*—were repaired and returned to duty. The fleet’s three aircraft carriers, away from Pearl Harbor during the attack, were undamaged. The oil-storage tanks, a prime Japanese target, were not destroyed. Pearl Harbor survived and continued to function as a Pacific base of naval operations throughout the war.

The value of the harbor, which is the double estuary of the Pearl River, was recognized in 1840 by U.S. Navy Lt. Charles Wilkes. He discovered that dredging an outlying reef would make Pearl Harbor readily accessible. About 30 years later U.S. Army Col. John M. Schofield recommended that the United States secure harbor rights. This was done in 1873; work began in 1898.

Pearl Harbor has grown dramatically in value and covers more than 10,000 acres of land. Most of the United States Navy commands in the Pacific have headquarters at Pearl Harbor. A naval shipyard, supply center and submarine base are among the harbor’s various facilities.

The Pearl Harbor National Memorial (formerly called the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument), established by presidential proclamation in 2008, consists of nine historic sites in Pearl Harbor, Alaska’s Aleutian Islands and California. Among the five Pearl Harbor sites

are the USS *Arizona* Memorial (see attraction listing), the USS *Utah* Memorial and the USS *Oklahoma* Memorial.

The USS *Utah* Memorial is on Ford Island, about three-quarters of a mile east of the USS *Arizona* Memorial, and is accessible to civilians with a military sponsor. The USS *Oklahoma* Memorial, also on Ford Island, stands near the entrance to the Battleship *Missouri* Memorial (see attraction listing) and may be visited after a tour of the *Missouri*.



**BATTLESHIP MISSOURI MEMORIAL** is located next to the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center off SR 99 on Ford Island. The shuttle bus ride from the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center to the WWII Battleship features stories of the history of Pearl Harbor and Ford Island.

The ship, also known as the “Mighty Mo,” is a veteran of World War II as well as the Korean and Gulf wars. Visitors can explore the decks of this ship launched in 1944 and decommissioned in 1992 and observe its 16-inch guns. Particularly moving is a walk on the Surrender Deck, where, on Sept. 2, 1945, Japan signed the formal “Instrument of Surrender,” officially ending World War II.

**Note:** No bags of any type (except wallets) may be carried on board; bags may be stored for a fee at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center. Tickets are sold at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center. **Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (808) 455-1600. **GT**



**PEARL HARBOR AVIATION MUSEUM** is at 319 Lexington Blvd. in Hangar 37 on Ford Island; shuttle buses provide transportation from the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center. World War II aircraft and artifacts from the Pacific are showcased in a 42,000-square-foot former seaplane hangar that weathered the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Upon arrival visitors step back in time to December 7, 1941, the date of the Pearl Harbor bombing. Film footage shown in a 200-seat theater; a P-40 fighter; a diorama of a Japanese Zero aboard a carrier; an exhibit about a Japanese Zero that crash landed on Ni’ihau; and a damaged civilian plane create an impressive portrait of the momentous event.

Several aircraft displays help re-create other significant World War II happenings. Highlights include a B-25B



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characteristic of those used during the Doolittle Raid; a Guadalcanal diorama featuring a Grumman Wildcat; an SBD Dauntless dive bomber representing the Battle of Midway; and a Stearman N2S-3 training plane flown by President George H.W. Bush.

The Aviator’s Tour explores hangars 37 and 79, in addition to a rebuilt aircraft service unit where planes are restored. Flight simulators let visitors test their own piloting skills.

**Note:** Bags are not permitted on the trolleys. Tickets are sold at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center. **Time:** Allow 1 hour, 30 minutes minimum. **Phone:** (808) 441-1000. 

**PEARL HARBOR VISITOR CENTER**, reached via H-1 w. to *Arizona* Memorial/Stadium exit 15A, then SR 99 to 1 Arizona Memorial Pl., recounts the Dec. 7, 1941, attack and its causes and aftereffects from both an American and a Japanese perspective. The LEED-certified, indoor-outdoor complex serves as the gateway to and ticketing location for the USS *Arizona* Memorial, the USS *Bowfin* Submarine Museum & Park, the Battleship *Missouri* Memorial and the Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum (*see attraction listings*).

Museum galleries feature interactive exhibits, audio-visual displays, artifacts and photos. Highlights include a collection of medals, a salvaged fragment of the USS *Arizona* and a model of the Japanese aircraft carrier *Akagi*. Visitors with USS *Arizona* Memorial tickets can watch a 23-minute documentary in a theater. Outside the buildings are interpretive wayside exhibits; designated areas for oral history presentations and special activities; and Remembrance Circle, which pays homage to those killed during the attack on Pearl Harbor.

The National Park Service conducts a public commemorative ceremony on December 7.

**Note:** Articles that offer concealment, such as fanny packs, purses and camera bags, are prohibited. Lockers are available for a fee (suitcases are not permitted). Pets are not permitted. Arrive early to ensure a parking spot. **Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (808) 422-3399. 

 **USS ARIZONA MEMORIAL** is reached via H-1 w. to *Arizona* Memorial/Stadium exit 15A, then SR 99 to the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center, 1 Arizona Memorial Pl. Part of the Pearl Harbor National Memorial, the offshore memorial is a white concrete and steel structure that spans the 106 by 608 foot hull of the sunken USS *Arizona*. Most of the 1,177 killed on the *Arizona* during the attack on Dec. 7, 1941, are entombed in the sunken hull.

The USS *Arizona* Memorial is divided into three sections: the entry room; the assembly area, which is used

for ceremonies and as a viewing platform; and the shrine room, wherein are engraved the names of those killed aboard the USS *Arizona* during the attack. The ship is visible fore and aft. The 75-minute self-guiding tour includes a short orientation and boat transportation to and from the memorial; a 2.5-hour audio tour also is offered.

**Note:** Shoes and shirt are required. Articles that offer concealment, such as fanny packs, purses and camera bags, are prohibited. Lockers are available for a fee (suitcases are not permitted). It is strongly recommended that visitors make advanced reservations online at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) and includes a non-refundable reservation fee. The first-come first-served ticket distribution has been discontinued. Reservations will be in high demand during peak times. **Time:** Allow 3 hours minimum. **Phone:** (808) 422-3399. 



**USS BOWFIN SUBMARINE MUSEUM & PARK**, next to the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center off SR 99, commemorates those who served in the “silent service.” The park centerpiece is the 1,500-ton USS *Bowfin*, also known as the “Pearl Harbor Avenger.” Launched in 1942, this Balao-class submarine made nine war patrols in the Pacific Ocean during WWII. The Pacific Fleet Submarine Museum traces the history of the submarine force.

A theater in the park shows film footage from World War II and submarine-related videos. Other highlights include a periscope and conning tower viewing facility, a Japanese one-man “suicide submarine” from World War II and a memorial to the 52 U.S. submarines and more than 3,500 crewmen lost during the war.

Tickets are sold at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center and online. **Note:** No bags or purses are allowed on site. Bags may be stored for a \$6-\$10 fee per bag. **Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (808) 423-1341.

## WAHIAWĀ

• **Part of Honolulu area— see p. 80**

Inland on the 1,000-foot Leilehua Plain, Wahiawā is the shopping center for the surrounding villages and for military station personnel. Schofield Barracks and Wheeler Army Airfield are in the area.

**DOLE PLANTATION** is 2.5 mi. n. at 64-1550 Kamehameha Hwy. (SR 99). The plantation features exhibits about the history of pineapple farming techniques and the industry’s impact on Hawai’i’s economy. The Plantation Garden Tour offers a close-up look at tropical crops such as coffee and cacao. The Pineapple Express is a narrated 20-minute, 2.2-mile-long trip on a narrow gauge railroad through fields of growing pineapples, bananas and coffee.



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The Pineapple Garden Maze is situated on more than 3 acres with nearly 2.5 miles of pathways flanked by more than 14,000 tropical plants.

**Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (808) 621-8408.



## WAIPAĀHU

• Part of Honolulu area— see p. 80

Located northwest of Pearl Harbor, Waipahu was the site of the giant O'ahu Sugar Company Mill, the largest sugar processor on the island. Built in 1898, the mill operated until 1995. All that remains is the 170-foot high smokestack, a laboratory and the generator building. The

sugar industry, once king in Hawai'i, has all but disappeared.

**Shopping:** Waikele Premium Outlets, off H-1 exit 7, offers discount shopping in 50 outlets such as Barneys New York and Coach.

**HAWAI'I'S PLANTATION VILLAGE** is at 94-695 Waipahu St.; from H-1 eastbound or westbound take exit 7, go s. on Paiwa St., then w. on Waipahu St. On a 50-acre site below the former O'ahu Sugar Mill, this outdoor museum features 25 restored and replica early 20th-century buildings. Furnishings, artifacts, clothing and artwork reflect the multiethnic plantation workers—Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, Korean, Native Hawaiian, Okinawan, Portuguese and Puerto Rican. A library and photographs document Hawaiian plantation history from 1830s to 1950s.

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## The Hawaiian Language

While English is the universal language of the islands, visitors will find it liberally sprinkled with words and phrases Hawaiian, a dialect of the Polynesian language that contains only 12 letters.

The vowels are as follows: *a* as in among, *e* as in let, *i* as in ring, *o* as in no, *u* as in too. Vowels are pronounced separately, except when they appear as diphthongs, and when marked with a *kahakō* (a line above a vowel) they are longer and always stressed. Diphthongs emphasize the first letter: *ai*, *ae*, *ao*, *au*, *ei*, *eu*, *oi*, *ou*, and *iu*. When vowels are separated by an *ʻokina* (‘), indicating a glottal stop, there is a distinct separation of sound, as in *oh-oh*. For example, *paʻu* is PA-oo.

The consonants *h*, *k*, *l*, *m*, *n*, *p* and *w* have sounds similar to those in English. However, *w* is pronounced like *v* after *i* and *e*, like *w* after *o* and *u*, and like *w* or *v* after *a* or initially—Puʻuwai is POO-oo-VAI.

Another form of speech used in the islands is pidgin—a mixture of English, Hawaiian and other Pacific languages that penetrates, to varying degrees, daily life and interactions. Because it is so much a part of the Hawaiian whole, a few of its words and phrases are included among the Words in Common Use list.

### Place Names

ʻEwa .....	<i>EH-vah</i> .....	angular, crooked
Hāʻena .....	<i>HA-eh-na</i> .....	red-hot
Haleakalā .....	<i>HA-leh-ah-ka-LA</i> .....	house of the sun
Hāmoa .....	<i>Ha-MO-ah</i> .....	possibly interchangeable with “Samoa”
Hāna .....	<i>HA-na</i> .....	alert
Hānalei .....	<i>HA-na-lay</i> .....	lei valley
Hānapēpē .....	<i>HA-na-PAY-PAY</i> .....	crushed bay
Hilo .....	<i>HEE-lo</i> .....	twisted
Honokaʻa .....	<i>HO-no-KA-ah</i> .....	rolling bay
Honolulu .....	<i>HO-no-LOO-loo</i> .....	protected bay
ʻĪao .....	<i>EE-ow</i> .....	toward the dawn
Iwilei .....	<i>EE-weh-LAY</i> .....	collarbone
Kahala .....	<i>Ka-HA-la</i> .....	a screw pine
Kailua .....	<i>Kai-LOO-ah</i> .....	two ocean currents
Kāneʻohe .....	<i>KA-neh-OH-heh</i> .....	slim man
Kealakekua .....	<i>KEH-ala-KEH-kua</i> .....	pathway of the gods
Kīlauea .....	<i>KEE-low-eh-ah</i> .....	spewing volcano eruption
Kōkeʻe .....	<i>Ko-KEH-eh</i> .....	to bend
Koko Head .....	<i>KO-ko</i> .....	blood
Kona .....	<i>KO-na</i> .....	leeward
Lahaina .....	<i>La-HAI-na</i> .....	cruel sun
Lāʻie .....	<i>LA-ee-eh</i> .....	ʻie leaf
Molokaʻi .....	<i>Mo-lo-KA-ee</i> .....	child of the goddess Hina
Nuʻuanu .....	<i>NOO-oo-AH-noo</i> .....	cool height
Oʻahu .....	<i>OH-ah-hoo</i> .....	gathering place
Puna .....	<i>POO-na</i> .....	spring
Punahou .....	<i>POO-na-hoe</i> .....	new spring
Wahiawā .....	<i>WA-he-ah-WA</i> .....	place of noise
Waiʻanae .....	<i>WAI-ah-NAI</i> .....	mullet water
Waikīkī .....	<i>wai-KEE-KEE</i> .....	spouting water

Wailua .....	<i>Wai-LOO-ah</i> .....	two waters
Wailuku .....	<i>Wai-LOO-koo</i> .....	water of destruction
Waimānalo .....	<i>Wai-MA-na-lo</i> .....	potable water
Waimea .....	<i>Wai-MEH-(y)ah</i> .....	reddish water
Wai'oli .....	<i>WAI-oh-lee</i> .....	joyful water

### Words in Common Use

'a'ā .....	<i>AH-ah</i> .....	rough lava
aikāne .....	<i>aye-KA-neh</i> .....	friend
akamai .....	<i>a-ka-MYE</i> .....	clever, smart
ala .....	<i>AH-la</i> .....	road
aloha .....	<i>ah-LOW-ha</i> .....	greeting, love, welcome, farewell
brah .....	<i>BRAH</i> .....	brother, friend, pal (pidgin)
bumby .....	<i>bum-BYE</i> .....	after a while, by and by (pidgin)
da kine .....	<i>da KINE</i> .....	whatchamacallit (pidgin)
'Ewa .....	<i>EH-vah</i> .....	toward the west, generally
hale .....	<i>HA-leh</i> .....	house
haole .....	<i>HOW-lee</i> .....	Caucasian, mainlander
hāpai .....	<i>ha-PAI</i> .....	lift, carry; pregnant
hau'oli .....	<i>HOW-o-lee</i> .....	happy, rejoice
heiau .....	<i>hey-ee-AU</i> .....	temple
holokū .....	<i>HO-lo-KOO</i> .....	a loose, seamed dress
holomū .....	<i>HO-lo-MOO</i> .....	a long fitted dress
honi .....	<i>HO-nee</i> .....	to kiss
ho'omalimali .....	<i>HO-oh-MA-lee-MA-lee</i> .....	to flatter
huhū .....	<i>hoo-HOO</i> .....	angry
hukilau .....	<i>hoo-KEE-lau</i> .....	group fishing
hula .....	<i>HOO-la</i> .....	Polynesian dance
humuhumunukunukuāpua'a .....	<i>HOO-moo-HOO-moo-NOO-koo-NOO-koo-AH-poo-AH-ah</i> .....	a triggerfish
imu .....	<i>EE-moo</i> .....	underground oven
ipo .....	<i>EE-po</i> .....	sweetheart
kai .....	<i>KYE</i> .....	ocean
kālā .....	<i>KA-LA</i> .....	money
kama'āina .....	<i>KA-ma-AH-ee-na</i> .....	Hawai'i resident
kāne .....	<i>KA-neh</i> .....	man
kapu .....	<i>KA-poo</i> .....	taboo, forbidden, keep out
keiki .....	<i>KAY-key</i> .....	child
kōkua .....	<i>KO-KOO-ah</i> .....	help
kuleana .....	<i>koo-leh-AH-nah</i> .....	property
lāna'i .....	<i>LAH-nigh</i> .....	porch
lei .....	<i>lay</i> .....	garland or wreath
lōlō .....	<i>LOH-loh</i> .....	stupid
lū'au .....	<i>LOO-aow</i> .....	taro leaf, feast
mahalo .....	<i>ma-HA-loh</i> .....	thanks
maika'i .....	<i>MY-kah-ee</i> .....	good, fine

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ma kai	<i>mah-KYE</i>	toward the ocean
malihini	<i>mah-lee-HEE-nee</i>	newcomer
ma uka	<i>MAOW-ka</i>	toward the mountains, upland or inland
Menehune	<i>MEN-eh-HOO-ney</i>	3-foot-tall people of Hawaiian legend
moana	<i>moh-AH-nah</i>	ocean
mu'umu'u	<i>MOO-oo-MOO-oo</i>	Mother Hubbard dress
nui	<i>NOO</i>	big, huge, much
ōkolehau	<i>OH-koh-LEH-how</i>	ti root liquor
'ono	<i>OH-no</i>	tastes good
'ōpū	<i>OH-poo</i>	stomach, abdomen
pāhoehoe	<i>PAH-ho-eh-ho-eh</i>	smooth, unbroken lava
pākē	<i>PAH-KE</i>	Chinese
pali	<i>PA-lee</i>	cliff
paniolo	<i>pa-nee-OH-lo</i>	cowboy
pau	<i>pow</i>	finished
pā'ū	<i>PAH-oo</i>	wraparound skirt for riding
pilikia	<i>pee-lee-KEE-ah</i>	trouble
puka	<i>POO-kah</i>	door, hole of any kind
pūpū	<i>POO-poo</i>	appetizer, hors d'oeuvre
pupule	<i>poo-POO-ley</i>	crazy
shaka	<i>SHAH-kah</i>	well done, great, terrific (pidgin)
wahine	<i>wa-HEE-neh</i>	female, girl, woman
wikiwiki	<i>WEE-kee-WEE-kee</i>	fast, quickly

### Phrases and Greetings

Good morning.	<i>Ah-LOW-ha Ka-ka-he-AH-ka.</i>	Aloha kakahiaka.
Good evening.	<i>Ah-LOW-ha AH-hee-AH-hee.</i>	Aloha ahiahi.
How are you?	<i>Pe-HEH-ah OH-eh?</i>	Pehea 'oe?
I am fine.	<i>MY-kye.</i>	Maikai.
Many thanks.	<i>Ma-HA-low AH-noo-ee.</i>	Mahalo ā nui.
What is the trouble?	<i>He-AH-ha Kah Pe-lee-KEY-ah?</i>	Heaha ka pilikia?
No trouble.	<i>Ah-OH-le Pee-lee-KEE-ah.</i>	'A'ole pilikia.
Come here.	<i>HEH-leh MYE.</i>	Hele mai.
Come on in. The house is yours.	<i>KO-mo MYE. NO-oo Kah HAH-leh.</i>	Komo mai. Nou ka hale.
I love you.	<i>Ah-LOW-ha Ah-oo EE-ah OH-ee.</i>	Aloha au ia oe.
Much love	<i>Ah-LOW-ha NOO-ee LOW-ah.</i>	Aloha nui loa.
Happy Birthday.	<i>HOW-O-lee La HA-now.</i>	Hau'oli lāhānau.
Merry Christmas.	<i>MAY-leh Kah-LEE-kee-MA-ka.</i>	Mele Kalikimaka.
Happy New Year.	<i>HOW-OH-lee MA-ka-HEE-kee HO.</i>	Hau'oli Makahiki Hou.
Bottoms up.	<i>Oh-KO-leh Mah-LU-nah.</i>	Okole Maluna.



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