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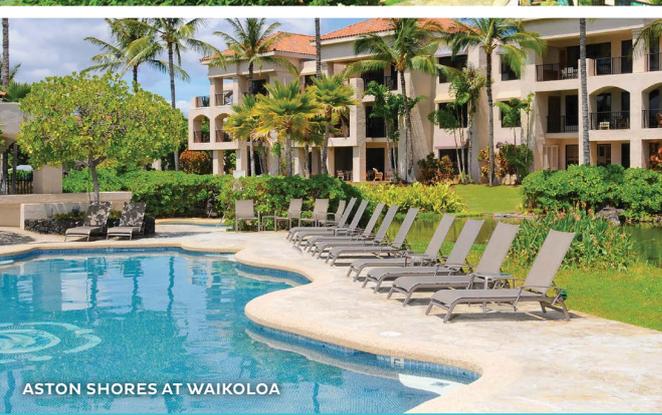
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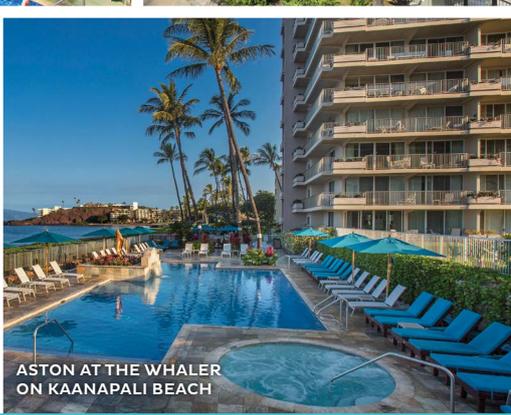
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A STATE OF WONDER

ONE DESTINATION, COUNTLESS EXPERIENCES TO BE DISCOVERED

With such a diverse range of offerings across the Hawaiian Islands, is it any wonder visitors return to Hawai'i time and time again? Here are ten great reasons to holiday in the *Aloha* state.

1. BEAUTIFUL BEACHES

Think of Hawai'i and one of the first images that comes to mind is a white sand beach lined with palm trees at sunset. The islands are ringed with gorgeous stretches of sand bordered by turquoise water that cries out for activities such as surfing, stand-up paddleboarding and outrigger canoeing. Whether it's people watching on iconic Waikiki Beach, seeing the world's best surfers in action on the famous Banzai Pipeline surf break at 'Ehukai Beach on O'ahu's North Shore or swimming in a secluded cove on one of the lesser-visited islands, you're sure to find one that suits you.



2. HAWAIIAN CULTURE

Hawai'i is well-known for its unique traditions and customs which have been passed down from generation to generation since the first inhabitants arrived from Polynesia as early as 400BC. Join in the fun by taking part in a *lei*-making, *'ukulele* or *hula* dancing class, and attend a *lū'au* – a traditional Hawaiian party, feast and cultural performance.

3. SHOPPING

For many people, the biggest drawcard for Hawai'i is the shopping. Refresh your wardrobe at bargain-filled factory outlets in Honolulu, indulge at international designer stores and peruse charming boutiques in quiet villages and market stalls selling one-of-a-kind products.

4. FOOD

Hawai'i's multicultural population and focus on fresh, sustainable produce has increasingly seen it become known as a foodie destination. Wander around farmers' markets and visit working farms

to find high-quality coffee, chocolate and cheese, discover local specialties in roadside food trucks and splash out at acclaimed fine dining restaurants helmed by some of America's most-awarded celebrity chefs.

5. FAMILY-FRIENDLY

A strong sense of *'ohana* (family) is at the heart of Hawaiian culture, and this philosophy influences the way Hawai'i looks after its younger visitors. *Keiki* (children) are warmly welcomed everywhere, with a multitude of free and low-cost attractions, great value kids' menus and kids' clubs bursting with fun and educational activities.

6. HISTORY

History lovers will find themselves spoiled for choice, with the chance to learn about the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor at the naval base and visit fascinating museums, cultural centres and sacred sites showcasing the islands' more than 2,000 years of human occupation.



7. NATURE AND WILDLIFE

From night dives with manta rays to spotting humpback whales breaching during their annual migration on a boat cruise and snorkelling with wild dolphins, there's plenty of opportunities for close encounters with wildlife. Even a swim at the beach could see you sharing the waters with a friendly Hawaiian green sea turtle, known as *honu*.

8. FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

Why not time your visit to coincide with one of the countless festivals and events that take place across the Hawaiian Islands each year? There's always a great vibe during cultural, food and film festivals and sporting events such as surfing contests, marathons and ironman championships.

9. ADVENTURE

There's no shortage of activities for those who have a hankering for adventure. Feel the adrenalin pumping as you fly over one of the world's most active volcanoes on a scenic helicopter flight or walk around the rim of a crater, go ziplining over a rainforest canopy

at speeds of up to 60km an hour or hike through magnificent canyons and valleys.

10. RESPONSIBLE TOURISM

The Hawaiian Islands have complex and fragile ecosystems that are easily affected by outside influences, and Hawai'i Tourism Authority is passionate about sustainable tourism. It donates to programs that perpetuate Hawaiian culture, protect natural resources and showcase community events. Travellers interested in eco-tourism experiences can choose from a range of farm and agricultural tours across the islands and visit botanical gardens.



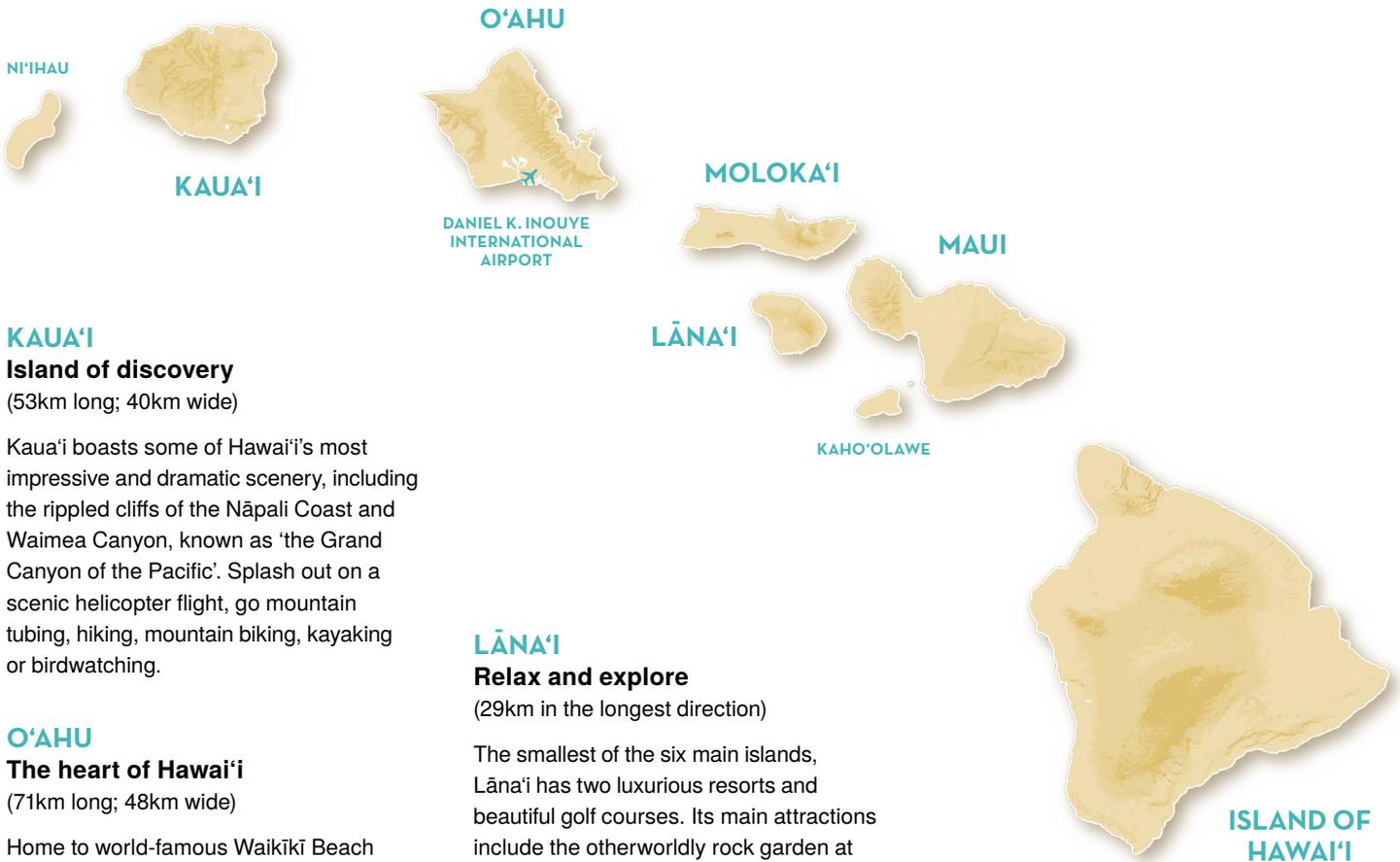
Left: A surfer on Maui.
 Image: Hawai'i Tourism Authority/Brooke Dombroski
Top: Traditional entertainment during a lu'au at Hyatt Regency Maui Resort and Spa.
Above: A crew member playing a 'ukulele on a boat tour.
 Image: Hawai'i Tourism Authority/Heather Goodman
Below: A whale on the coast of Lāna'i.
 Image: Hawai'i Tourism Authority/Joe West



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DISTINCTIVE ISLANDS

Hawai'i's six main islands each have their own character and provide very different experiences. Travellers from Australia and New Zealand fly into Daniel K. Inouye International Airport in Honolulu on the main island, O'ahu. From there you can fly to the other Hawaiian Islands – it's worth visiting at least one other island while you're there. Ferry services operate between Maui and Lana'i.



KAUAI'
Island of discovery
 (53km long; 40km wide)

Kauai boasts some of Hawai'i's most impressive and dramatic scenery, including the rippled cliffs of the Nāpali Coast and Waimea Canyon, known as 'the Grand Canyon of the Pacific'. Splash out on a scenic helicopter flight, go mountain tubing, hiking, mountain biking, kayaking or birdwatching.

O'AHU
The heart of Hawai'i
 (71km long; 48km wide)

Home to world-famous Waikiki Beach and its countless shops and restaurants, O'ahu is the place to start your Hawaiian holiday. Hire a car and get out and explore the island and its many attractions, including Pearl Harbor and the North Shore, while you're there.

MOLOKA'I
Experience old-style Hawai'i
 (61km long; 16km wide)

The island is unspoiled and unhurried, with 45km of spectacular reef along the southern shoreline.

LĀNA'I
Relax and explore
 (29km in the longest direction)

The smallest of the six main islands, Lāna'i has two luxurious resorts and beautiful golf courses. Its main attractions include the otherworldly rock garden at Keahiakawelo and the iconic Pu'u Pehe ('Sweetheart Rock').

MAUI
Beaches and quaint villages
 (77km long; 42km wide)

Known for its laid-back beach vibe, Maui is a mecca for surfers, hippies and honeymooners. Stroll through colourful towns dotted with art galleries, surf shops and cafes; explore its volcanic landscapes hiking and snorkelling and soak up spectacular sunsets with a cocktail in hand.

ISLAND OF HAWAI'I
Embrace adventure
 (150km long; 122km wide)

Also known as The Big Island, head to Island of Hawai'i to see lava flowing from active volcanoes, snorkel with manta rays, go stargazing, visit coffee plantations and see Captain Cook's final resting place.



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EMBRACE THE 'ALOHA SPIRIT'

Hawai'i has a unique culture and visitors across the islands are warmly welcomed with the 'Spirit of Aloha' – a reference to their attitude of friendly acceptance that embodies a deep respect for others and the natural environment.



THE FLOWER LEI

The giving of a flower *lei* is one of Hawai'i's best-known customs. The act is synonymous with friendship and hospitality. While modern *lei* are made of fresh flowers, the ancient Hawaiians used feathers and shells. But when given to pregnant women, *lei*'s should be left open in the shape of an upside down U. Hawaiian superstition notes to not wrap anything around a pregnant woman's neck as it symbolises the umbilical cord of the unborn baby.

Try a free *lei*-making class at:

- Royal Hawaiian Center, O'ahu. Visit royalhawaiiancenter.com/info/culturalprogramming
- Whalers Village, Maui. Visit whalersvillage.com
- Volcano Art Center, Island of Hawai'i. Visit volcanoartcenter.org
- International Market Place, O'ahu. Visit shopinternationalmarketplace.com

DANCE

The *hula* is another Hawaiian cultural icon, preserving important stories and traditions. The ancient form of the *hula* (*Hula kahiko*) is accompanied by dramatic chants and percussion. Modern *hula* (*Hula 'auana*) is more colourful, with guitars or '*ukuleles* providing the rhythm.

Try a free *hula* lesson at:

- Royal Hawaiian Center, O'ahu. Visit royalhawaiiancenter.com/info/culturalprogramming
- Volcano Art Center, Island of Hawai'i. Visit volcanoartcenter.org
- Lahaina Cannery Mall, Maui. Visit lahainacannerymall.com



Top: *Lei*-making at an event at The Steeple House at Kapalua on Maui.

Right: Dancers on Island of Hawai'i. Image: Hawai'i Tourism Authority/Tor Johnson



MUSIC

Music has long been an important part of Hawaiian culture. Expect to hear variations of Hawaiian music that are as diverse as the islands' mix of cultures – everything from rock 'n' roll to jazz and a Hawaiian form of reggae known as 'Jawaiian'.

Brought to Hawai'i by Portuguese immigrants in the late 19th century, the 'ukulele is a fundamental part of the musical landscape, not simply on stage but also at family picnics and on the beach. The slack key guitar, which refers to the 'slackened' or loosened tuning technique that reflects the relaxed local culture, is another Hawaiian music staple.

Try a free 'ukulele lesson at:

- Royal Hawaiian Center, O'ahu.
Visit royalhawaiiancenter.com/info/culturalprogramming
- The 'Ukulele Store,
Waikiki Beach Walk, O'ahu.
Visit outrigger.com

A woman playing a 'ukulele at Paradise Cove on O'ahu.

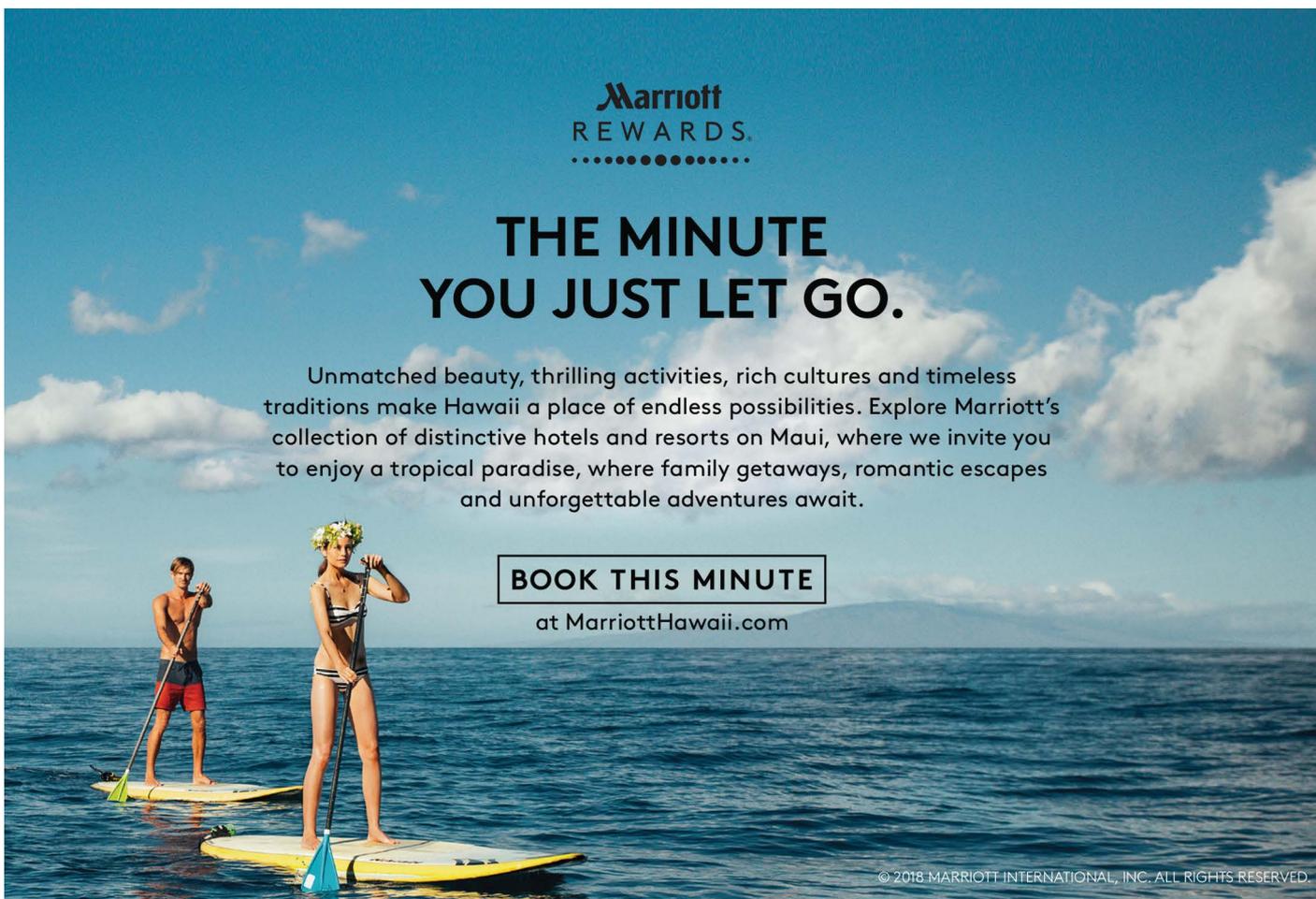
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HEAD INTO HISTORY

Hawai'i became the USA's 50th state in 1959, but its history goes back much further. More than 2,000 years ago Polynesians from the Marquesas Islands near Tahiti sailed more than 3,200km in canoes, using the stars to guide them. They landed on the largest and southernmost of the Hawaiian Islands, Island of Hawai'i. Settlers from Tahiti arrived a few hundred years later, bringing their beliefs in gods and demigods. Below are some important dates in Hawai'i's more recent history, and attractions that help Hawaiian heritage come to life.



Petroglyphs carved into stone by Native Hawaiians centuries ago on Island of Hawai'i. Image: Hawai'i Tourism Authority/Tor Johnson

Pu'uuhonua O Hōnaunau Historical Park (Island of Hawai'i) –

Wander a sacred sanctuary and the site of the original seat of Hawaiian royalty. Visit [nps.gov/puho](https://www.nps.gov/puho)



Pu'uuhonua National Historical Park. Image: Hawai'i Tourism Authority/Mahesh Thapa

Visit Honolulu's **Bishop Museum** to see the collection of Hawaiian objects and royal family heirlooms of the Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop and other objects, documents and photographs about Hawaiian and other Pacific Island cultures. Visit [bishopmuseum.org/exhibits](https://www.bishopmuseum.org/exhibits)

Take a bus or hire car to visit the **Dole Plantation** in central O'ahu and learn about Hawai'i's plantation history and ride the vintage Pineapple Express train. Visit [dole-plantation.com](https://www.dole-plantation.com)



The maze at Dole Plantation on O'ahu.

1778

Captain James Cook lands at Waimea Bay, Kaua'i

1779

Cook is killed in Kealahou Bay, Island of Hawai'i

Head for the beautiful **Kealahou Bay marine preserve** on Island of Hawai'i to see the monument in honour of Captain Cook. Visit [fair-wind.com](https://www.fair-wind.com)



Snorkelling near the Captain Cook monument on Island of Hawai'i. Image: Angela Saurine

1810

Kamehameha unites warring factions into one royal kingdom

1820

Protestant missionaries arrive and Hawai'i becomes a port for seamen, traders and whalers

1900's

Sugar and pineapple plantations fuel Hawai'i's economy, attracting Japanese, Chinese, Filipino and Portuguese workers

1898

Hawai'i becomes a territory of the United States

Visit the **Polynesian Cultural Center** on O'ahu to learn about the rich heritage of the Pacific Islands, dine like royalty at a Polynesian *lū'au* and enjoy the spectacular evening show, *Hā: Breath of Life*. Visit [polynesia.com](https://www.polynesia.com)

1940

Increased US military presence during WWII

1941

On December 7 the Japanese launch a surprise attack on Pearl Harbor, O'ahu

1945

On September 2 Japan signs an unconditional surrender on the USS Battleship *Missouri*, which rests in Pearl Harbor today

1959

Hawai'i becomes the 50th state of the USA.

Around 30 minutes' drive from Waikīkī, **Pearl Harbor** is a 'must-see' attraction on O'ahu. It consists of five historic sites honouring the 1941 Japanese attack during World War II, with battleship memorials and an aviation and submarine museum. Visit [nps.gov/valr](https://www.nps.gov/valr)

NATURAL AND CULTURAL ATTRACTIONS

The Hawaiian Islands abound with fascinating heritage sites that are considered sacred to the Hawaiian people.



Saurine Pu'uhonuā O Hōnaunau National Historical Park on Island of Hawai'i. Image: Dan Avila

O'AHU

Bishop Museum, Honolulu

The premier museum of the Pacific region, with millions of historical and cultural artefacts, documents and photos. \$

Lē'ahi (Diamond Head) State Monument

Hike to the top of Hawai'i's most recognised landmark for panoramic views. \$ 🚶 🏠 🌿

'Iolani Palace State Monument

The only official state residence of royalty in the United States. \$

Makapu'u Point Lighthouse Trail, Kaiwi State Scenic Shoreline

A scenic 1.6km hike on the eastern end of O'ahu, offering views of the windward coast and opportunities to spot seabirds and migrating humpback whales in season (December – May). \$ 🚶

National Memorial of the Pacific

The national cemetery at Punchbowl Crater in Honolulu honours men and women who have given their lives in the service of the United States Armed Forces.

Nu'uuanu Pali Lookout

Discover impressive views from the 365m tall *pali* (cliffs). \$ FOR CARS

Queen Emma Summer Palace

(Hānaiakamālama) The summer retreat of King Kamehameha IV's wife is now a museum of royal memorabilia. \$

Pearl Harbor Visit the five historic sites located in this National Historic Landmark and World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument. \$

MAUI

Haleakalā National Park From the coast to the 3,055m summit of Maui's highest peak, this park is home to diverse ecosystems and endangered species.

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MOLOKA'I

Kalaupapa Lookout at Pālā'au State Park

The lookout provides a scenic view of a former leper colony. 🚶

LĀNA'I

Kaunolū Village At this sacred place see the remains of Halulu *heiau* (temple), petroglyphs and 'Kahekili's Leap', where warriors demonstrated bravery by diving 18m into the ocean. Be respectful. 🚶

ISLAND OF HAWAI'I

'Akaka Falls State Park

Enjoy a scenic self-guided walk to Kahuna Falls and 'Akaka Falls. \$ 🚶

Kealahou Bay State Historical Park

The Captain Cook Monument across the bay honours Captain James Cook, the first westerner to visit Island of Hawai'i in 1779.

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Lapakahi State Historical Park

Take a self-guided tour through the partially restored 600-year-old settlement. 🚶

Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park

Hawai'i's only UNESCO World Heritage-site is home to two of the world's most active volcanoes, Mauna Loa and Kīlauea.

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Kaloko-Honokōhau National

Historical Park This early settlement has *ki'i pōhaku* (petroglyphs), fishponds and a *heiau* (temple). 🚶 🏠

Pu'uhonuā O Hōnaunau National

Historical Park A former refuge for Hawaiians seeking absolution after breaking *kapu* (cultural laws). \$ 🚶 🌿 🏠

Pu'ukoholā Heiau National Historic Site

This temple played a significant role in the unification of the Hawaiian Islands. 🚶 🏠

KAUAI

Kīlauea Lighthouse, Kīlauea Point

National Wildlife Refuge Built in 1913, the lighthouse offers amazing views. The refuge is also known for birdlife. \$ 🏠

Waimea Canyon State Park

The Pacific's largest canyon, which stretches for 22km, is a geological wonder.

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WELCOME ABOARD

Cruising is a great way to visit several Hawaiian Islands in one holiday - and best of all you only need to unpack once!



Norwegian Cruise Lines ship Pride of America cruising the Nāpali Coast of Kaua'i.

OUR LOVE AFFAIR WITH CRUISING

Cruising began in Hawai'i in the early 1900s when a freight company that shipped sugar from the islands started offering trips to passengers. Australians and New Zealanders have embraced cruising like no other market, enticed by its affordability, the chance to visit multiple destinations in one trip and the myriad activities offered both on board and off. According to the Cruise Lines International Association, the Australasian cruise industry is one of the fastest growing markets in the world, and the trend is forecast to continue.

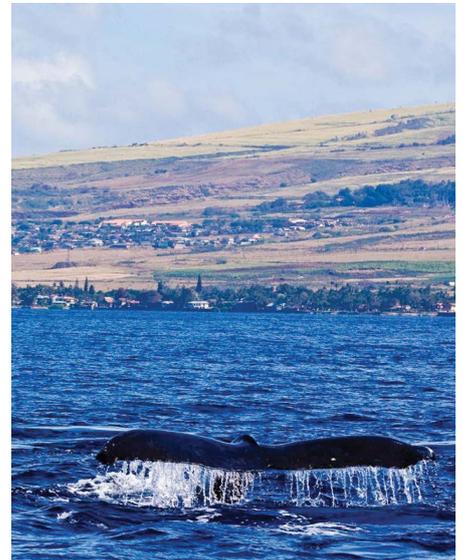
WHICH CRUISE TO CHOOSE?

The South Pacific is by far the most popular destination for Australian and New Zealand cruisers, with companies including Princess Cruises, Holland America Line, Celebrity Cruises, Carnival Cruise Lines and Norwegian Cruise Lines among the companies cruising to Hawai'i. The latter's Pride of America is the only ship that offers a round-trip itinerary of the Hawaiian Islands, starting and finishing in Honolulu.

As an alternative, UnCruise Adventures has a seven-night tour sailing to four Hawaiian Islands on a 36-person yacht.

ADVANTAGES OF CRUISING

- Meals are included in the 'all-inclusive' price
- Kids' and teens' clubs keep the younger members of the family entertained
- Great vantage points for whale-watching (December-May) and viewing the less accessible scenic highlights such as the dramatic Nāpali Coast of Kaua'i
- Fantastic shore excursions
- Some cruise ships offer multi-island Hawaiian itineraries in which you arrive in a new port each morning, allowing for a full day of island exploration, tours, car hire and shopping.



A cruise is great for whale watching. Image: Hawai'i Tourism Authority/Tor Johnson

Cruising tips

- Keep your luggage to a minimum
- Take a jacket or jumper for the evenings
- If you're on a ship with multiple restaurants, make your reservations early
- Do plenty of research before you go to decide what activities you want to do in each port
- Gambling on ships is prohibited in Hawai'i so the onboard casino will be closed.

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Waikiki Shore
Waikiki Grand Hotel

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Hilo Hawaiian Hotel
Hali'i Kai at Waikoloa
Kona Reef
Kona Bali Kai
Kanaloa at Kona

KAUAI

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& Beach Bungalows
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A FRESH FOOD FUSION

Hawai'i Regional Cuisine is a culinary movement created by a group of 12 chefs in 1991 which blends the islands' many multicultural food influences, flavours and cooking styles with local ingredients.



Filet mignon with locally grown vegetables and seasoning served at Gannon's Restaurant on Maui.

Mālama 'Āina (caring for the land) is a belief that's deeply rooted in Hawaiian culture. In the days of Hawaiian chiefs, land was divided into *ahupua'a* (mini eco-systems) and each parcel was a self-contained land management system in which farmland, fresh water and ocean resources were carefully maintained. Today, the renewed interest in sustainable agriculture is yielding delicious surprises throughout the state.

Hawai'i Regional Cuisine takes advantage of the freshest island ingredients, including cattle raised on the pastures of Island of Hawai'i, tropical fruit and vegetables grown from rich, volcanic soil on Maui and fresh fish from local waters.

You can experience the concept at award-winning restaurants throughout the islands, with high-profile chefs including Alan Wong, Roy Yamaguchi and Peter Merriman still serving up delicious dishes at their various nosheries.

Here are some restaurants where you can experience Hawai'i Regional Cuisine:



Roy's butterfish from Roy's Waikoloa Bar & Grill on Island of Hawai'i.



Eating House 1849 by Roy Yamaguchi on Kaua'i.



Alan Wong's Honolulu. Image: Olivier Koning

O'AHU

- Alan Wong's Honolulu
- Chef Chai
- Merriman's Honolulu
- Monkeypod Kitchen by Merriman Ko Olina
- Roy's Beach House at Turtle Bay Resort
- Roy's Hawaii Kai, Ko Olina or Waikīkī.

MAUI

- Gannon's Restaurant
- Hali'imaile General Store
- Mala Ocean Tavern
- Merriman's Kapalua
- Monkeypod Kitchen by Merriman Wailea or Kā'anapali
- Roy's Kaanapali Resort.

ISLAND OF HAWAII'

- Merriman's Waimea
- Roy's Waikoloa
- Sam Choy's Kai Lanai.

KAUA'I

- Eating House 1849 by Roy Yamaguchi
- JO2 Restaurant
- Merriman's Fish House Po'ipū.

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FEAST ON TRADITIONAL DISHES

Indulge in a variety of cuisines and comfort meals across the Hawaiian Islands.



Wailua shave ice food truck on Kaua'i. Image: Hawai'i Tourism Authority/Heather Goodman

With many of Hawai'i's residents descendants of immigrants who came to work the islands' sugar cane and pineapple plantations in the 19th and early 20th centuries, the state has an interesting mix of cuisine. Discover enticing and creative variations on traditional American, Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, Korean, Polynesian and Portuguese dishes across the Hawaiian Islands.

Food trucks are also extremely popular in Hawai'i, especially on the island of O'ahu. Labourers, surfers and tourists alike queue to take advantage of the fresh, affordable and tasty meals available from four-wheeled eateries.

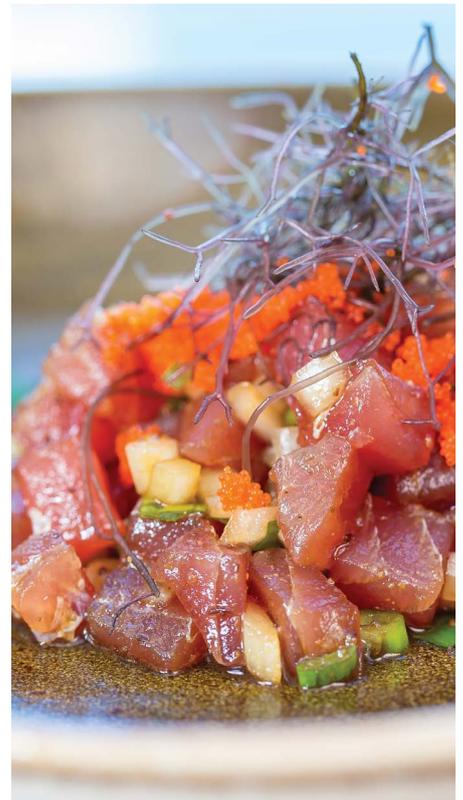
A visit to O'ahu's North Shore to check out the shrimp trucks there is a must on any itinerary. The oldest and most well-known is Giovanni's, which serves shrimp scampi from a graffiti-covered white truck in Kahuku. It also has a second truck in Hale'iwa. Other mobile kitchens offer everything from Mexican tacos to Korean BBQ and Hawaiian comfort food.



Saimin is a popular local dish. Image: Hawai'i Tourism Authority/Tor Johnson



Leonard's Bakery in Honolulu is known for its malasadas. Image: Hawai'i Tourism Authority/Daeja Fallas



Ahi poke from Roy's Waikoloa Bar & Grill on Island of Hawai'i. Image: Roy's Hawai'i



Top: Halo halo and shave ice. Image: Island of Hawai'i Visitors Bureau/@HungryHipsters



Loco Moco served at Shorefyre at International Market Place.

HERE ARE SOME LOCAL DISHES YOU MUST TRY DURING YOUR STAY:

- *Haupia* – A coconut milk-based Hawaiian dessert
- *Loco moco* – Invented to satisfy the hunger pangs of surfers, this high-carb, high-protein hit consists of steamed rice topped with a hamburger patty, fried egg and gravy
- *Lomilomi* salmon (pronounced 'low-me') – A Hawaiian dish that comprises salted diced salmon with tomatoes, crushed ice and spring onions
- *Malasada* – A delicious hot, sweet Portuguese doughnut.
- *Poke* (pronounced 'po-kay') – A raw fish salad usually featuring *ahi* (yellowfin tuna), flavoured with soy sauce, sesame oil, *kukui* nut and seaweed
- *Poi* – A Hawaiian staple made from the taro plant. *Poi* is produced by mashing cooked taro and adding water to achieve a paste. It's definitely an acquired taste!
- *Pūpū* (appetisers) – A wide range of creative platters are available, from *poke* (raw fish salad) to sushi
- *Saimin* (pronounced 'sigh-min') – These thin noodles are often served with spring onion, shrimp, kamaboko (fish cake) or sliced char siu (Chinese roast pork)
- *Shave ice* – Finely shaved snow cones in exotic flavours, with a choice of ice-cream or azuki (red) beans underneath.

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Cycling along the shore at sunset. Image: The Kahala Resort

TOP THINGS TO DO ON O'AHU

There's so many activities on offer on O'ahu, the biggest challenge will be fitting everything in.



Hakipu'u Valley at Kualoa Private Nature Reserve.

PEARL HARBOR

Visit the resting place of 1,177 sailors killed on the *USS Arizona* during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor during World War II in 1941. Hawai'i's most-visited attraction encompasses the *USS Arizona* Memorial, the *Battleship Missouri* Memorial, *Bowfin Submarine* Museum, Pacific Aviation Museum and *USS Oklahoma* Memorial. While general admission is free, it's best to book a tour with your travel agent or online via recreation.gov before you leave home. Tickets are available up to two months before your visit.

WATER SPORTS

Whether you are a beginner or a pro, O'ahu is a wonderful destination for water sports including surfing, stand-up paddleboarding (SUP), kayaking, outrigger canoeing, sailing, snorkelling, scuba diving and even SUP yoga.

SHOPPING

Shopping is undoubtedly one of Honolulu's biggest attractions, with everything from bargain factory outlets to designer boutiques. Popular precincts include

Waikale Premium Outlets and malls such as the International Market Place, Ala Moana Center and the Royal Hawaiian Center. Head to T Galleria to stock up on duty free goods and visit the elegant Waikiki Beach Walk and Luxury Row at 2100 Kalakaua Ave.

HIKE LĒ'ĀHI (DIAMOND HEAD)

For panoramic views over Waikīkī and O'ahu's southern shore, hike to the top of *Lē'āhi* (Diamond Head) – a 230m-high extinct volcanic crater and National Natural Landmark.

KUALOA PRIVATE NATURE RESERVE

See where Sam Neill ran from dinosaurs in *Jurassic Park*, Godzilla's footprints, the bones from *King Kong: Skull Island* and filming locations from *Lost* and other movies and TV shows on a tour of this 1600ha working cattle ranch at Kāne'ohe. You can also do ATV tours, food tours, cruises, horse riding and ziplining. Shuttle transportation is available from Waikīkī hotels when you book a multi-tour package.

NORTH SHORE

A trip to the North Shore is a must. Grab lunch from a shrimp truck before trying a refreshing shave ice dessert flavoured with tropical local ingredients including pineapple, coconut cream and mango. Wander through the surf town Hale'iwa and watch champion surfers in action at Banzai Pipeline at 'Ehukai Beach in winter.

FAMILY-FRIENDLY ATTRACTIONS

There are plenty of family-friendly places to keep the littlies amused on O'ahu, including Honolulu Zoo, Waikīkī Aquarium, Wet'n'Wild Hawai'i, Sea Life Park, Dole Plantation and Bishop Museum. The Polynesian Cultural Center, an hour's drive from Waikīkī on the North Shore, showcases the people, culture, arts and crafts of Polynesia with island villages and an evening show.

FIRST FRIDAY

Galleries, boutiques, cafes and restaurants come alive with free entertainment in Downtown Honolulu and Chinatown from 5pm-9pm on the first Friday of each month.



DRIVING TIMES

From Waikiki to:

Lē'ahi (Diamond Head)	10 mins
Downtown Honolulu	15 mins
'Iolani Palace	15 mins
Chinatown	15 mins
Nu'uano Pali Lookout	25 mins
Honolulu Airport	30 mins
Pearl Harbor	30 mins
Sea Life Park	40 mins
Waimea (northern O'ahu)	1 hr



WHERE TO STAY

From affordable hotels to luxury resorts, there's plenty of choice on O'ahu:

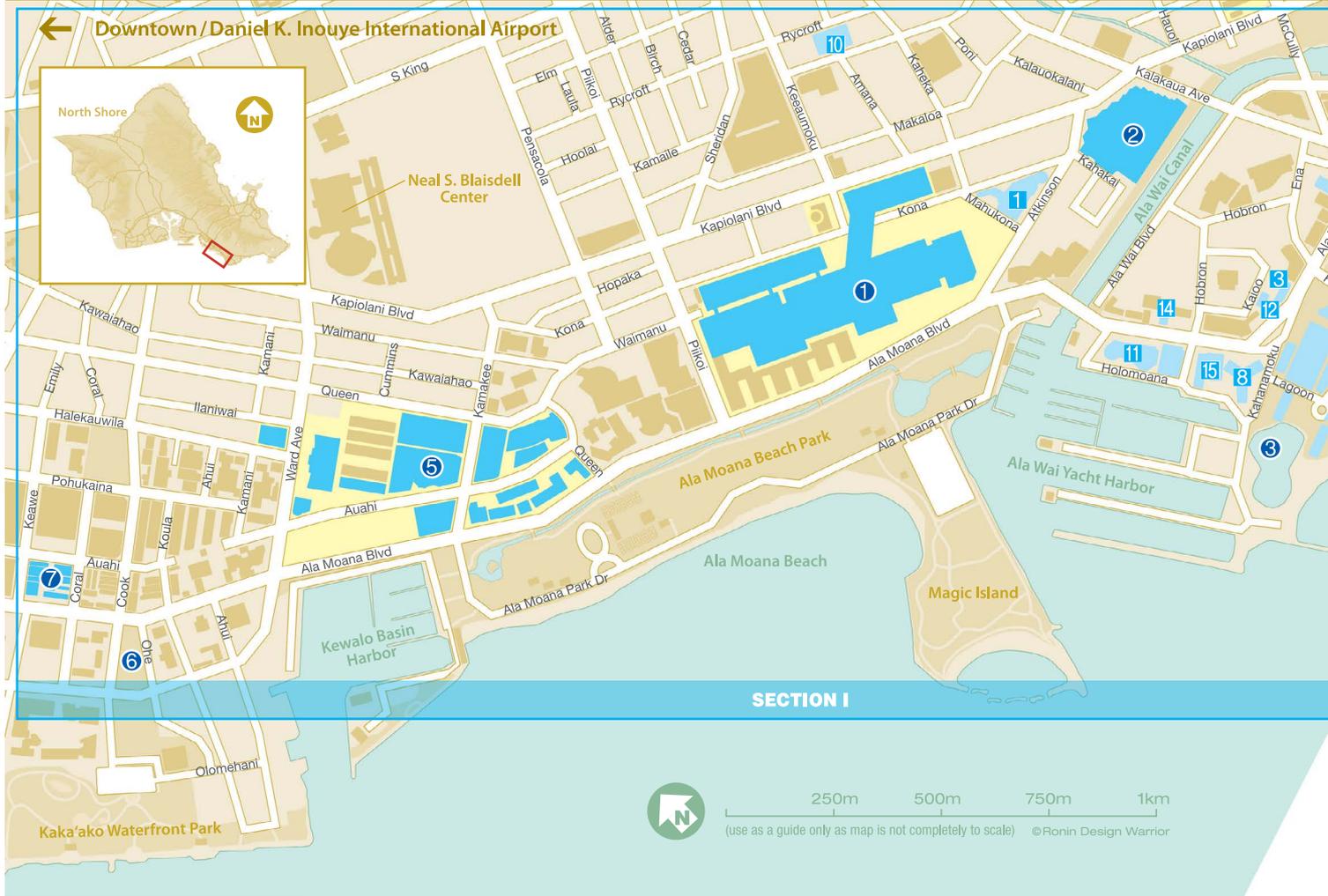
- **Waikiki** – A large concentration of hotels, many on the beach with ocean views
- **East Honolulu** – The five-star Kahala Hotel and Resort is around 10 minutes' drive from Waikiki
- **North Shore** – A quieter option, including Turtle Bay Resort
- **Leeward Coast** (south west near Ko Olina) – A luxurious resort area amidst quiet country towns and off-the-beaten-track beaches
- **Windward Coast** (south east) – Stay here for scenic coastal beauty



FAVOURITE ACTIVITIES

- Art galleries and museums
- Festivals and events
- Golf
- Hiking
- Kayaking
- Nightlife
- Outrigger canoeing
- Sailing
- Scuba diving
- Shopping
- Sightseeing
- Snorkelling
- Spa treatments
- Surfing
- Stand-up paddleboarding.

Map of Waikī and major shopping centres



SECTION I.

From Ala Moana Center / Ala Moana Hotel to Saratoga Road

ACCOMMODATIONS

- 1 Ala Moana Hotel
- 2 Ambassador Hotel Waikiki
- 3 Aqua Palms Waikiki
- 4 DoubleTree by Hilton Alana - Waikiki Beach
- 5 Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort
- 6 Holiday Inn® Express Honolulu-Waikiki
- 7 Hotel La Croix Waikiki
- 8 Ilikai Hotel & Luxury Suites
- 9 Luana Waikiki Hotel & Suites
- 10 Pagoda Hotel
- 11 Prince Waikiki
- 12 Ramada Plaza by Wyndham Waikiki

- 13 Ritz Carlton Residences, Waikiki Beach
- 14 The Equus
- 15 THE MODERN Honolulu

POINTS OF INTEREST

- 1 Ala Moana Center
- 2 Hawai'i Convention Center
- 3 Duke Kahanamoku Lagoon
- 4 US Army Museum of Hawai'i
- 5 Ward Village
- 6 Eat The Street Hawaii
- 7 SALT at our Kaka'ako

SECTION II.

From Saratoga Road to Lewers Street

ACCOMMODATIONS

- 1 Aqua Oasis
- 2 Castle Waikiki Shore & Waikiki Shore by Outrigger®
- 3 Coconut Waikiki Hotel
- 4 Embassy Suites - Waikiki Beach Walk®
- 5 Halekulani Hotel
- 6 Halepuna Waikiki by Halekulani
- 7 Hokulani Waikiki by Hilton Grand Vacations Club®
- 8 Outrigger Reef Waikiki Beach Resort
- 9 Regency on Beachwalk Waikiki by Outrigger®
- 10 The Polynesian Residences
- 11 The Surfjack Hotel & Swim Club

- 12 Trump International Hotel Waikiki

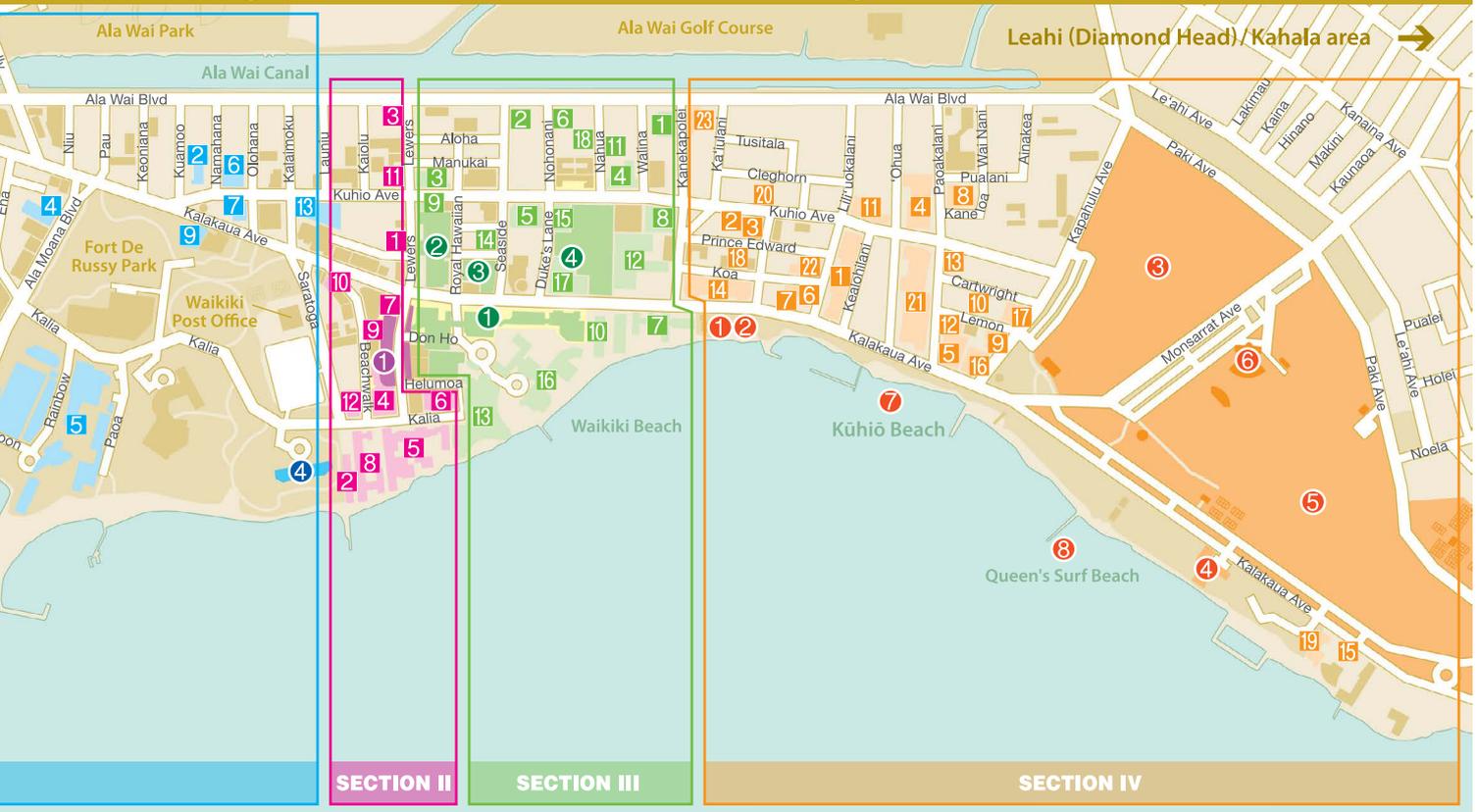
POINTS OF INTEREST

- 1 Waikiki Beach Walk®

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Waikiki map current as of January 2019



SECTION III.

From Royal Hawaiian Center to Moana Surfrider, A Westin Resort & Spa

ACCOMMODATIONS

- 1 Aqua Aloha Surf Waikiki
- 2 Aqua Skyline at Island Colony
- 3 Courtyard by Marriott Waikiki Beach
- 4 Hilton Garden Inn Waikiki Beach
- 5 Hyatt Centric Waikiki Beach
- 6 Ilima Hotel
- 7 Moana Surfrider, A Westin Resort & Spa
- 8 OHANA® Waikiki East by Outrigger®
- 9 OHANA® Waikiki Malia by Outrigger®
- 10 Outrigger Waikiki Beach Resort
- 11 Pearl Hotel Waikiki
- 12 Sheraton Princess Kaiulani
- 13 Sheraton Waikiki
- 14 Shoreline Hotel Waikiki
- 15 The Laylow
- 16 The Royal Hawaiian, a Luxury Collection Resort
- 17 Waikiki Beachcomber by Outrigger®
- 18 White Sands Hotel

POINTS OF INTEREST

- 1 Royal Hawaiian Center
- 2 T Galleria by DFS
- 3 Waikiki Shopping Plaza
- 4 International Market Place

SECTION IV.

From Moana Surfrider, A Westin Resort & Spa to Waikiki Aquarium

ACCOMMODATIONS

- 1 'Alohilani Resort Waikiki Beach
- 2 Aqua Bamboo Waikiki
- 3 Aqua Pacific Monarch
- 4 Aston at the Waikiki Banyan
- 5 Aston Waikiki Beach Hotel
- 6 Aston Waikiki Beach Tower
- 7 Aston Waikiki Circle Hotel
- 8 Aston Waikiki Sunset
- 9 Castle Waikiki Grand Hotel
- 10 Ewa Hotel Waikiki
- 11 Hilton Waikiki Beach
- 12 Hotel Renew
- 13 Hyatt Place Waikiki Beach
- 14 Hyatt Regency Waikiki Resort & Spa
- 15 Lotus Honolulu at Diamond Head
- 16 Park Shore Waikiki
- 17 Queen Kapi'olani Hotel
- 18 Stay Hotel Waikiki
- 19 The New Otani Kaimana Beach Hotel
- 20 Vive Hotel Waikiki

- 21 Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort & Spa
- 22 Waikiki Resort Hotel
- 23 Waikiki Sand Villa Hotel

POINTS OF INTEREST

- 1 The Healing Stones of Kapaemahu
- 2 Duke Kahanamoku Statue and Hula Mound
- 3 Honolulu Zoo
- 4 Waikiki Aquarium
- 5 Kapi'olani Park
- 6 Waikiki Shell
- 7 Kūhiō Beach
- 8 Queen's Surf Beach

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WHAT'S NEW



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ELECTRIC BIKES

Pedego Electric Bikes Waikiki is a new locally-owned business which offers rentals and tours. Bikes include cruisers, fat bikes that you can ride on sand and mountain bikes. Tours include the Diamond Head Hike and Kahala Excursion and the E-Bike Waikīkī and Beyond Tour.

NATURE TOURS

Hawaii Forest & Trail has expanded to O'ahu and launched a series of outdoor adventures that connect visitors to nature. The Farm to Forest tour includes leading edge community-based agriculture, a paddock-to-plate lunch and hiking the uplands of Wai'anae. The family-friendly Honolulu Heights tour includes hiking *Lē'ahi* (Diamond Head) with an expert guide, a local-style picnic breakfast, following the footsteps of King Kamehameha's warriors to the Nu'uano Pali lookout and a visit to the Lyon Arboretum. Or, track native and exotic

species such as the endangered Hawaiian monk seal and green sea turtles on the Birds and Wildlife tour.

QUEEN KAPI'OLANI REFURBISHMENT

The landmark Queen Kapi'olani Hotel has revealed a US\$35 million upgrade. Named after Hawai'i's queen from 1874 to 1891, the hotel was built in the mid-1960s on lands previously reserved for royalty, where Diamond Head National Monument meets Waikīkī Beach. It has 315 guestrooms, including 36 suites, with views over Kapi'olani Park, Waikīkī Beach and *Lē'ahi* (Diamond Head) and a refreshed al fresco restaurant on the third floor, DECK, which offers modern American cuisine with a Hawaiian twist in a shareable style, as well as craft cocktails.

The renovation embraces the 19-storey hotel's heritage with a retro-chic style while incorporating modern enhancements

that meet the needs of today's travellers, including a state-of-the-art fitness centre and a large third-floor *lanai* (outdoor deck) with a bar, lounge and pool.

All rooms in the full-service, four-star hotel have views over the ocean from large new windows and balconies. They are decorated with coastal colour palettes and furniture hand-selected by local design firm Philpotts Interiors. It also has an on-site surf school.

The hotel's open-air lobby has several retail outlets, including Knots Coffee Roasters, which offers coffee by day and wines and small-batch local beers at night. Local artists were commissioned to create exclusive pieces to decorate the lobby and common areas.

NORTH SHORE TRANSPORTATION

Holo Hale'iwa is a new tour service that provides narrated round-trip transportation from Waikīkī to Hale'iwa on the North Shore.

There guests can explore the famous town with its charming boutiques, surf shops and eateries and visit the beach.

OUTRIGGER REVAMP

Waikiki Beachcomber by Outrigger is set to unveil a US\$35 million refurbishment in early 2019. All guestrooms, the lobby, pool deck and the exterior of the 498-room hotel in Kalakaua Ave have been modernised, as well as the addition of a new meeting space. Outrigger collaborated with local artists including surf photographer Zak Noyle on the decor. It includes Hawaiian tapa designs, carved-wood insertions and intricate rope art. The hotel is located steps from the beach and next to the International Market Place and houses Maui Brewing Co. and Hawaii Aroma Café. The Beachcomber was built in 1970 and is known for its showroom where legendary Hawaiian entertainers performed frequently – including the late Don Ho, who often sang his quintessential tune *Tiny Bubbles*.

ATV ADVENTURE

North Shore EcoTours has a new off-road adventure. Guests on Pua'a Kāne - Wild Boar Off-Road Expedition will explore rainforest valleys and scenic mountain ridges in rugged ex-military Pinzgauer ATVs. These



A refurbished room at Waikiki Beachcomber by Outrigger. Image: Brent Shiratori

small, interactive tours take place on private conservation land.

SHOREFYRE OPENS AT INTERNATIONAL MARKET PLACE

Casual dining restaurant ShoreFyre Fresh Grill & Bar has opened on the third floor of the International Market Place in Waikiki. It will serve the same menu of Hawaiian-Pacific fusion comfort food as its sister restaurant in Koa Ave, including its famous 50/50 Burger. It will be open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, with live music in the

evenings. Dishes include loco moco, garlic prawns, Koa chicken and fresh Ahi poke.

WHITE SANDS HOTEL RELAUNCH

After undergoing a full restoration to its original 1960s glory, the White Sands Hotel is relaunching in February. One of Waikiki's only remaining walk-up hotels, it has a pool courtyard with a bar, a hot tub and a menu featuring retro items by Honolulu's much-loved Fête restaurant.



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FOOD TROLLEY ROUTE

The International Market Place has partnered with Waikiki Trolley to launch the trolley's first new line in six years. The Honolulu Dining Express runs daily starting at the International Market Place's Bus Depot. Before jumping on the trolley, guests can enjoy *pau hana* (after work) specials at the centre's chef-driven restaurants on the third-level Grand Lanai, followed by a tasting tour of other local favourites around Waikiki and Kapahulu Ave, including Side Street Inn, Leonard's Bakery, Haili's Hawaiian Foods and Rainbow Drive-In.

NEW TOWER AT THE RITZ

The Ritz-Carlton Residences, Waikiki Beach has opened its 38-storey Diamond Head Tower, marking the completion of the resort. The resort now offers 245 suites across two towers - the largest number of luxury hotel suites on the island. The new tower's eighth-floor pool is the highest in Waikiki and has private cabanas equipped with SMART televisions, fridges and day beds.

The tower sits beside the 307-residence 'Ewa Tower, which opened in 2016. Both were designed by Guerin Glass Architects, who were inspired by Hawaii's natural elements, using a *mauka* (mountain) to *makai* (sea) philosophy. The front reflects the ocean and sky while the back reflects the mountains and Honolulu's urban metropolis. A three-dimensional, modern interpretation of traditional Hawaiian *kapa* (bark cloth) design covers the first three floors of each tower.

All rooms and suites face the ocean with floor-to-ceiling windows, furnished terraces, kitchens with premium appliances and in-residence washing machines and dryers. Guests can choose from studios and one, two, three and four-bedroom suites.

The resort is located next to the Luxury



Cabanas at Outrigger Reef Waikiki Beach Resort.

Row shopping precinct, five minutes' walk to Waikiki Beach. Guests can dine on seasonal, local ingredients at The Market, enjoy casual dining with a gourmet twist at Dean & DeLuca and enjoy dishes by a sushi chef from Tokyo at Sushi Sho. In 2019, the resort will also open a new eatery at the Diamond Head Tower pool deck, along with a gourmet market on the ground level which will be a new Island Country Market concept.

LUXURY CABANAS AT OUTRIGGER REEF WAIKIKI BEACH RESORT

Outrigger Reef Waikiki Beach Resort has upgraded its pool area, with inviting new cabanas, an updated food menu and Hawaiian music and storytelling. Each poolside cabana is named with inspiration from the Art of Wayfinding - a foundational framework provided by the star compass for Polynesian Voyaging that is divided into 32 houses, each bearing on the horizon where a celestial body resides. This Hawaiian tradition is reflected at the pool welcome desk, named Ho'okipa Hale, and the

hydration station dubbed Hale Haka, which serves fruit-infused water. The cabanas include an outdoor couch, two chaises, two outdoor chairs, a cooler, a snack basket, two reusable beverage containers, local and luxury magazines, and reef safe sunscreen.

NEW FOODIE TOUR

Blue Hawaii Private and Photo Tours has added a food and sightseeing tour. Guests will eat pastries, visit the fruit farm where the honey cream pineapple was created, or have a chocolate tasting, and enjoy a Hawaiian plate lunch and sample some shave ice.

MEXICAN EATERY

The Street Food Hall, by Michael Mina at International Market Place recently opened Mi Almita Cantina, featuring fresh coastal Mexican by James Beard award-winning chef Hugo Ortega and Michael Mina. The restaurant includes an open-air dining room with a margarita bar. Every Tuesday the Cantina offers US\$2 tacos and frozen margaritas from 11am to 10pm.

HOTEL REVAMP

The Waikiki Parc Hotel has been renamed Halepuna Waikiki by Halekulani after undergoing a US\$60 million overhaul. The renamed property has 288 one- to two-bedroom suites, a new full-service restaurant, an eighth-floor pool deck and bar, fitness centre and hospitality lounge. The new lobby will feature custom light fixtures, vaulted ceilings and artwork in partnership with the Honolulu Museum of Art.

Ritz Carlton Residences has unveiled its Diamond Head Tower.



EATING OUT

Grab a casual bite by the beach or dine in style at one of Waikiki's fine dining restaurants.



Bill's Hawaii in Honolulu. Image: Mikkel Vang

ALAN WONG'S HONOLULU

Chef Alan Wong – one of the co-founders of Hawai'i Regional Cuisine – experiments with new flavours and ideas at his flagship King St restaurant with a menu inspired by the diverse ethnic cultures and freshly farmed ingredients of the Hawaiian Islands.

BILL'S HAWAII

Australian chef Bill Granger's Beach Walk restaurant and bar is perched on the second floor with large skylights bathing the area in sunshine. The menu is a fusion of Vietnamese, Japanese and Indigenous cuisines, with a bit of Brooklyn and Portland thrown in, plus pizzas and all the bills classics, including a full Aussie breakfast and ricotta hotcakes.

CHEF MAVRO

French-born chef George Mavrothalassitis blends influences from his native Provence with flavours from the Hawaiian Islands at his fine dining restaurant on the corner of South King and McCully St in Honolulu. Lobster, wagyu beef, free range local chicken, island fish and upcountry vegetables are among the most popular offerings.

DUKE'S WAIKIKI

This vibrant beachfront eatery at Outrigger Waikiki Beach Resort, named after water sports pioneer Duke Kahanamoku, is known for its barefoot bar, tiki vibe and umbrella drinks.

HALEIWA JOE'S SEAFOOD GRILL

Founded by three friends, this North Shore noshery has surf memorabilia on the walls and a menu with a distinct Hawaiian flavour. It also has an open-air venue at Haiku Gardens on the windward side of O'ahu in a valley with its own tropical garden, koi pond and views of the Ko'olau mountain range.

HOKU'S RESTAURANT

Innovative fusion fare which melds Hawaiian, Asian and Mediterranean flavours sees this eatery at the Kahala Hotel and Resort consistently ranked one of Hawai'i's best restaurants, as popular with locals as it is with tourists.

LEONARD'S BAKERY

A Hawaiian institution since the 1950s, a visit to one of the outlets in Honolulu or Waikale Center at Waipahu for malasadas (Portuguese doughnuts) is a must.

LILIHAKA BAKERY NIMITZ

Another great bakery in Honolulu best known for its buttery, creamy coco puffs.

MOKU KITCHEN

In Waikiki's trendiest new mixed-use area, SALT at Our Kaka'ako, chef Peter Merriman's paddock-to-plate restaurant has one of Hawai'i's first keg wine systems, a wood fired pizza oven, expo rotisserie roaster and 36 craft beers on tap.

MATSUMOTO SHAVE ICE

A Hawaiian institution, Matsumoto has been serving tropical shave ice at Hale'iwa on the North Shore since the 1950s. Flavours include coconut, watermelon and piña colada.

NOBU HONOLULU

This chic noshery in Ward Village's Waiea Tower serves Japanese-Peruvian fusion cuisine by celebrity chef Nobuyuki Matsuhisa. Signature dishes include Black Cod Miso and Yellowtail Sashimi with Jalapeño.

ROY'S WAIKIKI

Dine inside, on the balcony or at the sushi bar at this Waikiki Beach Walk eatery opened by Hawai'i Regional Cuisine co-founder Roy Yamaguchi 20 years ago.

SENI

One of Chinatown's hip new restaurants. Dine on the a la carte menu in the main dining room or try the multi-course tasting menu at the Chef's Counter.

TOMMY BAHAMA RESTAURANT AND BAR

This restaurant above a Tommy Bahama retail store in Waikiki has a living wall featuring tropical Hawaiian plants and a rooftop lounge with a sand patio and fire pits. Dine on tropical flavours, from the signature coconut shrimp to tuna tacos and pineapple crème brûlée.

BEST BEACHES REVEALED

From protected family-friendly coves to the island's biggest waves, there is a beach for everyone on O'ahu.



The view over Waikiki Beach and Lē'ahi (Diamond Head). Image: Hawai'i Tourism Authority/Tor Johnson

SOUTH SHORE

Waikiki

One of the best places for beginners to try surfing and canoe paddling, Waikiki comprises a few beaches including Fort DeRussy, Waikiki Beach, Kūhiō and Queen's Surf Beach.

Ala Moana Beach Park & Magic Island

West of Waikiki, this protected stretch of sand is perfect for families.

NORTH SHORE

Sunset Beach

This 3km-long beach is considered the longest stretch of rideable surf in the world. For surf professionals only in winter due to big waves.

'Ehukai Beach

See some of the world's best surfers in action at this famous beach, which is home to the famous Banzai Pipeline surf break. The Vans Triple Crown of Surfing competition is also held here in November and December.

Kāwela Bay

One of the most secluded beaches on the North Shore, Kāwela Bay near Turtle Bay Resort is a beautiful place to snorkel and relax.

Waimea Bay

Avoid this beach in winter, but in summer the swells subside for great swimming and snorkelling.

LEEWARD (WEST) COAST

Ko Olina Resort & Marina

Discover family-friendly lagoons created for Ko Olina Resort, which is home to Marriott's Ko Olina Beach Club, the Disney resort Aulani and Four Seasons Resort O'ahu.

Makaha Beach

This beach is great for swimming, bodyboarding and surfing in summer, but is only suitable for experienced surfers in winter.

Yokohama Bay

A fantastic spot to sunbathe, watch surfers and spot dolphins.

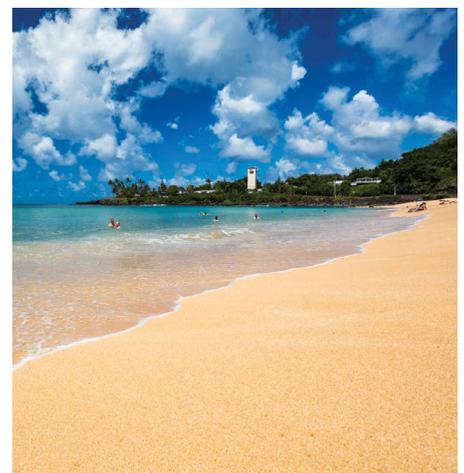
WINDWARD (EAST) COAST BEACHES

Makapu'u Beach

A popular beach for experienced bodyboarders.

Kualoa Regional Park

This narrow, shallow beach has a large park and beautiful views to Mokoli'i Island.



Waimea Bay. Image: Hawai'i Tourism Authority/Tor Johnson

SHOPPING

Factory outlets, designer boutiques, flea markets – there are plenty of places on O‘ahu to indulge in retail therapy.



Shopping at Royal Grove in Royal Hawaiian Center.

HONOLULU

Royal Hawaiian Center

Spanning three blocks on the beach-side of Waikiki’s main street, Kalakaua Ave, the Royal Hawaiian Center has more than 110 shops and restaurants across four levels. These include luxury and lifestyle retailers such as Cartier, OMEGA Boutique, Kate Spade New York and Tory Burch. You’ll also find art and craft stores and some of Hawaii’s best surf shops. Hawaiian performance and arts are an important part of the mall’s mission, with complimentary classes in *lei*-making, quilting, *hula* and playing the *‘ukulele* offered on weekdays, and live entertainment from Tuesday to Saturday at 6pm. The centre is open daily from 10am to 10pm and free WiFi is available on the second and third floors.



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Ala Moana Center Ewa Wing. Image: Ala Moana Center

International Market Place

This Waikīkī mall is home to more than 70 stores, including Saks Fifth Avenue, Abercrombie & Fitch, Banana Republic, Honolulu Cookie Co., Kona Coffee Purveyors, Pandora, Seafolly Australia, Sunglass Hut and Swarovski. The Market Place has free Wi-Fi and a 700-space car park with valet parking and electric vehicle charging stations.

Ala Moana Center

The world's largest open-air shopping centre has more than 350 outlets, including over 100 eateries. They include stores that can only be found in Hawai'i, franchises of American brands like Coach, Banana Republic and Abercrombie & Fitch, and luxury international brands such as Louis Vuitton, Gucci, Chanel, Prada, Hermès, Tiffany & Co., and Bvlgari. There are also four department stores – Bloomingdale's, Neiman Marcus, Nordstrom and Macy's, where tourists receive a discount.

New stores opened in the past year include Target, Saks Off Fifth and Ross Dress For Less. It also has a new children's play area

and Lucky Strike Social offering bowls, arcade games and live music.

The Pink Line Trolley runs to the centre from 15 pick-up locations in Waikīkī every 10 minutes and costs US\$2 each way. It's advisable to have the exact fare ready. Alternatively, take TheBus numbers 8, 19, 20, 23, 24 or 42.

Aloha Stadium Swap Meet and Marketplace

Around 20 minutes' drive from Waikīkī, Hawai'i's largest outdoor flea market has more than 400 vendors selling clothes, arts and craft, souvenirs and local delicacies. TheBus offers a service there from Honolulu. The swap meet runs on Wednesday from 6.30am to 3pm and Saturday from 8am to 3pm. Entry costs US\$1, with children under 11 free. The marketplace is also open Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday from 8am to 3pm.

T Galleria by DFS

Enjoy duty-free shopping at this luxury retail outlet on Royal Hawaiian Ave in the heart of Waikīkī. A wide range of high-end items are available, including clothes, beauty

products, perfume, watches, jewellery, wine and spirits. Stores include Burberry, Bvlgari, Cartier, Coach, Dior, Emporio Armani, Ermenegildo Zegna, kate spade new york, Loewe, Marc Jacobs, Michael Kors, Prada, Ralph Lauren, Salvatore Ferragamo, Swarovski and Tom Ford.

Waikiki Beach Walk

This two-level open-air shopping centre has more than 40 retail stores, a large selection of eateries and an outdoor plaza where live performances are held. Retailers include local favourites Mana Hawai'i, Aloha Army, Roy's Waikiki and national stores such as Quiksilver and Yard House.

Chinatown

On the western side of Honolulu's financial district, Chinatown's historic buildings are home to an assortment of shops, boutiques, herbalists, lei makers, antique dealers, temples, bars and restaurants. Explore the bustling Maunakea Marketplace and O'ahu Market before stopping for lunch at one of the eateries, which serve everything from Chinese dumplings to Vietnamese, Malaysian, Cuban and French fare.

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Kahala Mall

This enclosed mall has more than 90 shops and restaurants, including retail giants such as Macy's, Longs Drugs and Banana Republic, as well as boutiques selling apparel, jewellery and specialty foods. There's also a cinema that screens a mix of Hollywood blockbusters and acclaimed arthouse, independent and foreign films. The mall is 10 to 15-minutes drive from Waikīkī, or take TheBus (number 22) or the Green Line Waikīkī Trolley.

Ward Village

A few minutes' drive from Waikīkī, Ward Village is a shopping, dining and entertainment destination comprising five pedestrian-friendly retail complexes. It has more than 135 stores, some of which are unique to the centre, 40 eateries, and a 16-screen entertainment complex. Brands include Bed Bath and Beyond, Famous Footwear, Nordstrom Rack, Pier 1 Imports, Ross Dress for Less and TJ Maxx.

Koko Marina Shopping Center

This charming neighbourhood in south-east O'ahu has more than 70 outlets, including a variety of watersports stores, boutiques, specialty and gift shops, technology stores, cinemas and waterfront restaurants (including the popular Kona Brewing Co.). It's a 20-minute drive from Waikīkī.

SOUTH-WEST O'AHU

Waikele Center

Across the road from Waikele Premium Outlets, Waikele Center is an open-air shopping complex featuring Brooks



Goo's Plantation Store at the Polynesian Cultural Center.

Brothers outlet stores, GAP, Kmart, Lowe's Home Improvement, UFC Gym, Office Max and Old Navy. There are also several restaurants including Chili's Grill & Bar, Starbucks and Genki Sushi. A trolley car takes shoppers between the centre and Waikele Premium Outlets.

Waikele Premium Outlets

Around 45 minutes' drive from Waikīkī, Waikele Premium Outlets is the only outlet complex on the island, offering brand name products at hugely-discounted prices. They include Swarovski, Hugo Boss, Vera Bradley, Emporio Armani, Armani Jeans, Armani Exchange, Adidas, Banana Republic, Calvin Klein, Coach, Guess, kate spade new york, LeSportsac, Michael Kors, Polo Ralph Lauren, Saks Off 5th, Tommy Bahama, Tommy Hilfiger and True Religion Brand Jeans. Roberts Hawaii and Enoa Tours operate shuttle services for a reasonable fee, or take TheBus number 42

to Waipahu Transit Center, then transfer to bus 433.

NORTH SHORE

Hale'iwa Store Lots

This quaint plantation-inspired shopping village has a collection of stores that draw inspiration from the area's charm, history and surf culture. They include Matsumoto Shave Ice, the beachy boutique Guava Shop and Malibu Shirts. There are also two galleries – GREENROOM Hawai'i and Clark Little Photography, which showcases the work of the world-renowned ocean photographer (also a North Shore local).

Hukilau Marketplace

The Hukilau Marketplace in the not-for-profit Polynesian Cultural Center is a great place to buy specialty Hawaiian goods, including arts and crafts, homewares, 'ukuleles and jewellery. It employs students from neighbouring Brigham Young University. Entry and parking is free, but a fee is required to visit the centre's Polynesian villages.



Getting around:

O'ahu's public transport services are efficient, affordable and frequent, especially around Waikīkī and Honolulu. You can reach many of these shopping outlets via TheBus and the Waikiki Trolley.

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Hukilau Marketplace at the Polynesian Cultural Center.





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FIREWORKS

Enjoy the spectacular fireworks in front of Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort every Friday night at 7.45pm from September to April and 8pm from May to August.

HONOLULU BOTANICAL GARDENS

The Honolulu Botanical Gardens encompasses five separate gardens located across the island, four of which are free. While entry to Foster Garden costs \$5 for visitors, Ho'omaluhia, Wahiawa, Lili'uokalani and Koko Crater Botanical Gardens do not charge.

The 162ha Ho'omaluhia Botanical Gardens at Kāne'ohe, around half an hour from Waikiki, is a lovely place to spend a few hours. It features endangered tropical

plants, a large lake, picnic facilities and a network of walking trails. Lili'uokalani is a city park in Honolulu which was once a favoured picnic ground for the last reigning monarch of Hawai'i, Queen Lili'uokalani, while the 24ha Koko Crater Botanical Gardens, on the eastern side of the island, is known for its cacti and African plants. The 11ha Wahiawa is a tropical wonderland showcasing native Hawaiian plants.

They are open from 9am to 4pm daily (except Christmas Day and New Year's Day).

ART WALK

The Ala Moana Center is home to a collection of public art by local and international artists. Sculptures are spread throughout the open-air shopping centre's Ewa Wing and Diamond Head Wing.

CULTURAL CLASSES

The Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center has an excellent cultural program, with free classes Monday to Saturday and live entertainment Tuesday to Saturday. Join expert *kumu* (teachers) in *lei*-making, Hawaiian quilting, hula, *'ukulele*-playing and *lomilomi* (Hawaiian massage). Visit royalhawaiiancenter.com/culturalprogramming for times.

FIRST FRIDAY

Time your visit to coincide with the first Friday of the month and head to Downtown Honolulu and Chinatown, where local artists and artisans share their work during a festive evening from 5pm to 9pm. From paintings to cultural exhibitions, you'll see a diverse sampling of Hawai'i's burgeoning artistic talent, as well as free entertainment. Museums, cafes, restaurants and stores are also open late.

KOALOHA 'UKULELE FACTORY

Take a free tour of this factory in Honolulu with a passionate guide and learn about 'ukulele's are handcrafted from wood from mango trees and acacia. Tours are held from Monday to Friday at 1pm. No reservations necessary.

SECOND SATURDAY

Discover the cultural and culinary richness of Downtown, from Capitol District to Chinatown, on the second Saturday of each month, with a wide range of mouth-watering food stalls and artistic works on show.

MUSIC IN THE PARK

Enjoy free Sunday afternoon performances by the Royal Hawaiian Band at Kapi'olani Park. The park, which is opposite Honolulu Zoo, is on the east end of Waikiki before you reach Diamond Head. It has 100-year-old trees, picnic areas, a 4.8km jogging track, aerobic exercise stations, soccer fields, grassy areas and tennis courts.

ALA MOANA BEACH PARK

This beachfront park, just a few minutes' drive from Waikiki, is a wonderful place for



Take a free tour of KoAloha Ukulele Factory.

a long picnic lunch and a swim at the calm, protected beach.

HONOLULU FISH AUCTION

Based on the famous Tokyo fish auction in Japan, this lively event has been running since 1952 and is the only fresh tuna auction of its kind in the United States. In most parts of the world, fish are sold to wholesalers

who generally control pricing. But the United Fishing Agency in Honolulu operates on a different business model, which ensures individual fishermen receive fair prices. In return, buyers representing retailers, wholesalers and restaurants gain access to the freshest fish. Tourists who wish to see the action need to book an escorted tour. Visit hawaii-seafood.org/auctiontour



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WEATHER

Weather can vary across O'ahu. It is generally drier on the leeward (west) side and wetter on the windward (east) coast. O'ahu experiences two seasons. In winter (November to April), temperatures range from 21°C to 29°C. In summer, it can reach up to 33°C. It's often cooler in the evenings, so pack a jacket and long pants.

TRANSPORT

O'ahu has a comprehensive public transport network incorporating TheBus and Waikiki Trolley. They're great value and efficient. Hire cars are also available at the airport, selected hotels and several other locations. Resort, shopping centre and airport shuttles also operate between key points, and guided tours and taxis are plentiful, however most taxis only accept cash. Rideshare services Uber and Lyft also operate.

The Waikiki Trolley.
Image: Hawai'i Tourism Authority/Tor Johnson

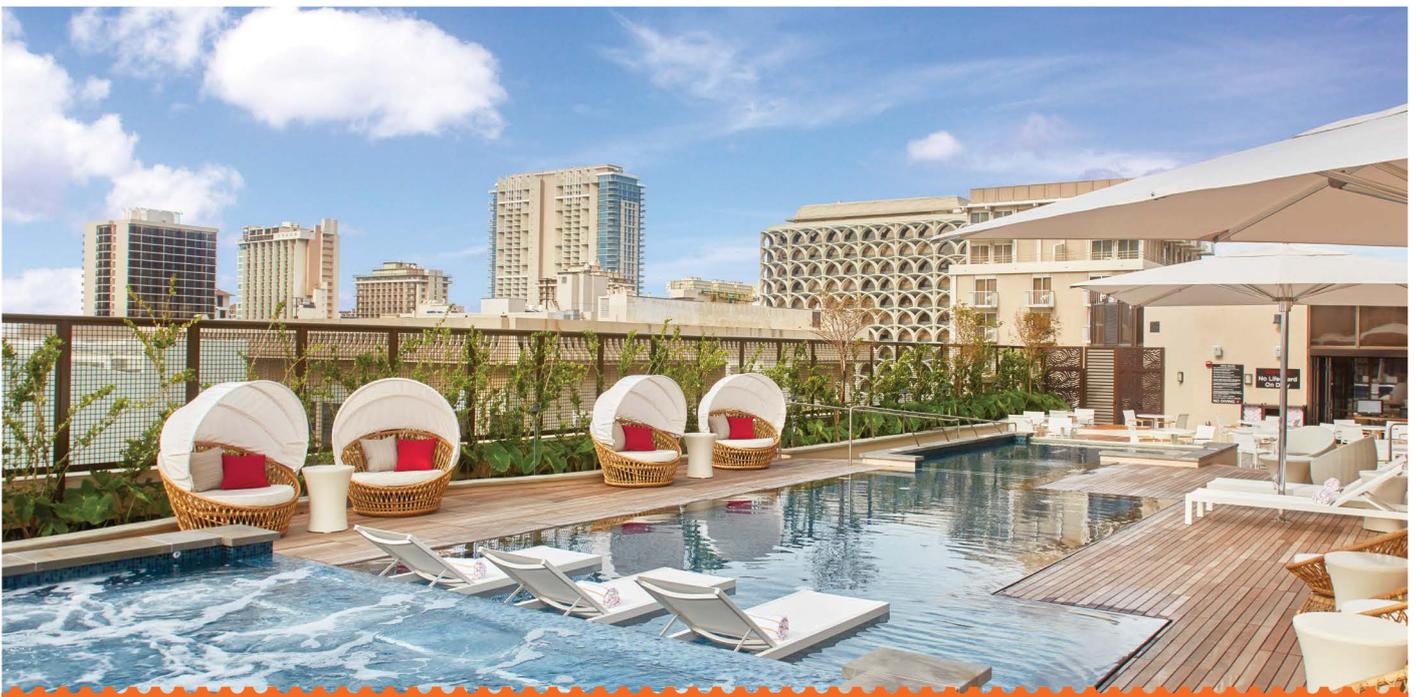
THEBUS

Visitors to O'ahu can buy passes for TheBus, which is reasonably priced and has an extensive bus network with routes to popular attractions. Adult fares cost US\$2.75 one-way and US\$5.50 for a one-day pass. Ask the driver for the one-day Pass before placing your money in the farebox. It is valid from 12am until 2.59am the following day for up to 27 hours of unlimited rides. All buses are wheelchair accessible.

Tips for riding TheBus:

- Step up to the bus stop sign and signal the driver that you wish to be picked up
- Make sure you have the exact fare as change is not available
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- Visit hea.thebus.org for real time arrival times
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- **Red Line** – Discover Honolulu's cultural, architectural and artistic past. Key stops include 'Iolani Palace, Chinatown, Ward Village and Ala Moana Center
- **Green Line** – See attractions and scenic spots around Lē'ahi (Diamond Head), including The Honolulu Zoo, Waikiki Aquarium, Kahala Mall and KCC Farmer's Market on Saturdays
- **Pink Line** – Travels to shopping hotspots including the Ala Moana Center, T Galleria by DFS, Royal Hawaiian Center, Waikiki Beach Walk and Hilton Hawaiian Village
- **Purple Line** – Takes riders to Pearl Harbor
- **The Honolulu Dining Express** – This new dining route starts at the International Market Place and takes you to eateries favoured by the locals.

One, four and seven-day passes are available and can be bought online,



Stay safe in the surf. Image: Dan Avila

from your hotel concierge/tours desk, at the Royal Hawaiian Center or the Ala Moana Center.

Visit waikikitrolley.com

TOURS

Tours can be organised through your travel agent prior to departure or via hotel tour desks. Many activities can be booked directly with operators who are set up in key tourist locations across the island, and online.

SURF SAFETY

Hawai'i is home to some of the most beautiful beaches in the world. They are also among the most dangerous because of large waves and strong currents. The

Hawaiian Lifeguard Association's Hawai'i Beach Safety website provides up-to-date information on which beaches are recommended, temporarily closed due to dangerous conditions, patrolled by lifeguards and have active alerts.

During winter, waves along the North Shore can swell up to 9m or more. These conditions are for experienced surfers only. You can still stroll along the sand at Waimea Bay, 'Ehukai Beach (Banzai Pipeline) and Sunset Beach, but leave the surfing to the pros.

From May to September the waves subside, creating a more tranquil atmosphere for swimming and surfing.

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Meet the locals and try Hawaiian cuisine at colourful farmers' markets and food truck rallies held in car parks, schools and shopping centres across the island.



People shopping at Kapiolani Community College Farmers' Market. Image: Hawai'i Tourism Authority/Dana Edmunds

WAIKĪKĪ

KCC Farmers' Market

Browse, taste and buy fresh fruit and vegetables, flowers, aqua cultured seafood, baked goods, hand-made pasta, local honey and coffee at the largest farmers' market on the island. It's held at Kapi'olani Community College, across the road from the entrance to Diamond Head State Monument, every Saturday from 7.30am to 11am. A smaller version is also held Tuesday from 4pm to 7pm.

Mahiku Farmers' Market

Find a collection of fresh products from local farmers, growers, artisans, and food purveyors at this market at King's Village Shopping Center in Kaiulani Ave every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 4pm to 9pm.

Hyatt Regency Waikiki Farmers' Market

Stock up on artisanal foods and crafts every Tuesday and Thursday from 4pm to 8pm. You can also buy Hyatt homemade Hula Meli Honey and specialty Hawaiian coffee at the SHOR hostess stand from 5.30am to 11am daily.

HONOLULU

Eat the Street Hawai'i

This food truck rally held at Kaka'ako Waterfront Park, usually on Friday nights, features more than 40 stalls plus live music. They also hold a Sunset Bazaar other nights. Check their Facebook page for upcoming events [facebook.com/EatTheStreetHawaii/](https://www.facebook.com/EatTheStreetHawaii/)

Honolulu Farmers' Market

Sliders, Indian curries, crepes, fruit pies

and handmade ice-cream are among the delights you may find at this market, usually held on the front lawn of the Blaisdell Concert Hall performing arts centre on the corner of Ward Ave and King St every Wednesday from 4pm to 7pm.

Kaka'ako Farmers' Market

Live music adds to the atmosphere at this market, previously held in the Ward Warehouse car park, at 1050 Ala Moana Boulevard in the hip Kaka'ako neighbourhood every Saturday from 8am to 12pm.

Farmers' Market at Ala Moana Center

Find more than 30 local vendors selling an array of Hawai'i-grown produce, artisan breads, baked goods and more at this new market at the Ala Moana Center shopping complex every Sunday from 9am to 12pm.

NORTH SHORE

North Shore Country Market

You may bump into a pro surfer at this market created to promote a healthy and sustainable relationship between local consumers and producers held across the street from 'Ehukai Beach Park (Banzai Pipeline) at Sunset Elementary School in Hale'iwa on Saturdays from 8am to 2pm.

WINDWARD O'AHU

Kailua Town Farmers' Market

Try fresh pastries and sip locally-grown coffee at the open-air cafe as you listen to live music at this market held in Kailua Elementary School every Sunday from 8.30am to 12pm.

Windward Mall Farmers' Market

Find honey, tropical jams, Thai curries, smoked fish and slipper lobster tails at this market inside Windward Mall at Kane'ohe each Wednesday from 2.30pm to 7pm and Sunday from 9.45am to 2pm. You'll find it on the upper level of Center Court and the Macy's Wing until February 21. It will then relocate to the lower level, with a few vendors remaining on the upper level.



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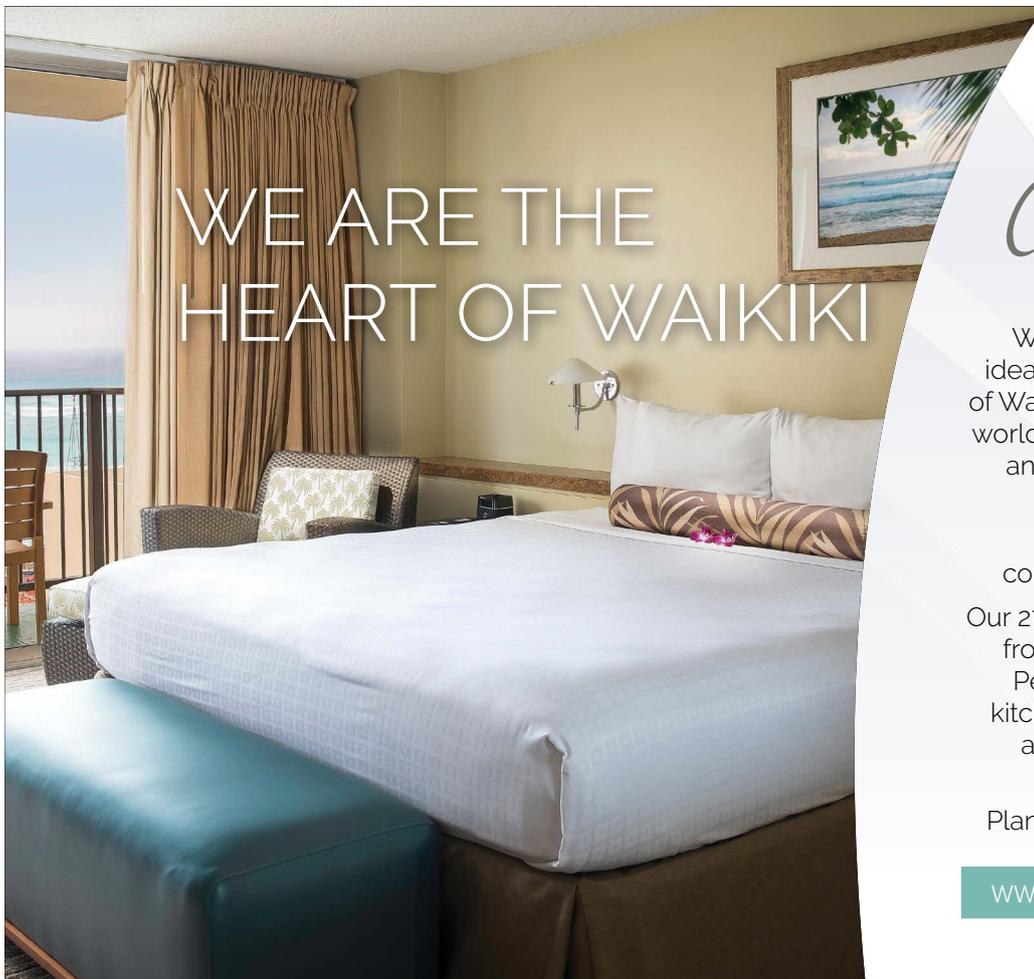

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MAIN ATTRACTIONS

The Pearl Harbor Visitor Center includes two free museums that tell the story of the attack and the war. The ticketed *USS Arizona* Memorial tour is also free, and includes a National Park Service movie about the historic event and the boat ride to the sunken battleship. The tour is approximately 75 minutes long and is open to all ages. While you could not disembark at the *USS Arizona* memorial at the time of publication due to safety concerns, you can still do a boat tour to the area around it and repairs were expected to be carried out by March 2019.

TICKETS

There are 1,300 free walk-in tickets available daily on a first-come, first-served basis at the Pearl Harbor Historic Sites counter in the courtyard of the visitor centre. It opens at 7am and it's best to arrive early,

or to buy tickets online before your trip. Bookings are available via the website two months in advance, or for next day tickets. Visit recreation.gov

VISITOR INFORMATION

Bags, including handbags, must be left in the staffed secure baggage storage area near the car park outside the visitor centre. Storage costs US\$5 per item.

Small items such as wallets, cameras, phones and water can be taken through the gates, but it's best to leave your passport and other valuables in your hotel safe.

GETTING THERE

Honolulu public transit buses run regularly from Waikiki to the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center. The #20 and #42 bus will drop you right outside. Fares cost: US\$2.75 for adults and US\$1.25 for children under 17 (one way).

Visit thebus.org. Or hop on the Waikiki Trolley purple line. Visit waikikitrolley.com

TOURS

Several companies also offer organised tours of the site, including the services

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PEARL HARBOR'S 5 HISTORIC SITES



A family exploring Pearl Harbor. Image: Hawai'i Tourism Authority/Tor Johnson

BATTLESHIP MISSOURI MEMORIAL

General MacArthur accepted the unconditional Japanese surrender that ended WWII on September 2, 1945 on the Surrender Deck of the *USS Battleship Missouri*. Now located at Pearl Harbor's historic Battleship Row, the 'Mighty Mo' is a living museum, with exhibits spanning three wars and five decades of service. Explore the decks, three football fields long and twenty storeys tall, and take a tour of the restricted areas.

PACIFIC AVIATION MUSEUM

Located within former WWII aeroplane hangars on Ford Island, the Pacific Aviation Museum features interactive simulators and displays showcasing the stories behind authentic WWII fighter planes.

USS OKLAHOMA MEMORIAL

Dedicated on December 7, 2007, the *USS Oklahoma* Memorial honours the 429 crewmen who lost their lives on this warship in the Pearl Harbor attack.

Approximately nine torpedoes hit the vessel, capsizing the battleship in only twelve minutes. Some crewmen were trapped below deck but were rescued two days later. This memorial is also on Ford Island and is open to the public.

USS BOWFIN SUBMARINE MUSEUM & PARK

The *USS Bowfin* was stationed in Australia and was one of the most decorated submarines during World War II. Today, visitors can explore the Submarine Museum 'History of Undersea Warfare' exhibit and then tour inside the *USS Bowfin*. Don't miss the claustrophobic sleeping quarters.

USS ARIZONA MEMORIAL

At 8.06 am on December 7, 1941, the *USS Arizona* was hit by an 800kg armour-piercing bomb that sank the massive battleship in nine minutes, killing 1,177 crewmen. Today, you can visit the *USS Arizona* Memorial – built over the sunken hull of the battleship – to learn about the attack and pay your respects to the brave soldiers who fell that day.

USS Arizona Memorial tours run every 15 minutes from 7.30am to 3pm. The 75-minute ticketed tour is free and includes a movie on the attack on Pearl Harbor and a short boat ride to the memorial. While you could not disembark at the *USS Arizona* memorial at the time of publication due to safety concerns, you can still do a boat tour to the area around it and repairs were expected to be carried out by March 2019.

Map of The Pearl Harbor

Ford Island Free Shuttle

ROUTE: Visitor Center → Battleship → Pacific Aviation → Visitor Center

- Leaves every 10 minutes
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- Shuttle is Free if Battleship or Pacific Aviation tour is purchased

Legend:

- 1** Pearl Harbor Memorial Theaters
- 2** Attack Museum
- 3** Road to War Museum
- 4** Owl-ize
- 5** USS Bowfin Submarine Museum
- 6** USS Bowfin Submarine
- 7** USS Parche Conning Tower
- A** Arizona Tours
- M** Museum Store
- N** National Park Service
- P** Parking
- S** Snack Shop
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- Restrooms**

Pearl Harbor Visitor Center
World War II Valor in The Pacific National Monument

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NORTH SHORE

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A surfer checking out the waves at The Point on O'ahu North Shore. Image: Turtle Bay Resort

BEACHES

The North Shore's legendary winter waves have long made it a surfing mecca. The Vans Triple Crown of Surfing – considered the Super Bowl of surfing – is held every year in November and December at Waimea Bay, Hale'iwa Beach and 'Ehukai Beach (Banzai Pipeline). But you can watch pro surfers in action any time from November to February, when waves reach up to 9m or more. While it can be quite dangerous and best left to the experts at that time of year, from May to September the waves subside, creating a more tranquil atmosphere for surfing, swimming and sunbathing.

EATING AND DRINKING

A visit to the family-run Matsumoto's Shave Ice, which has been operating at Hale'iwa since 1951, is a must. The tropical icy dessert flavours include lychee, pineapple, peach, mango and papaya. The North Shore is also known for its shrimp trucks. The most famous is Giovanni's, which began operating out of a converted bread van in 1953. The truck has been parked

on the Kamehameha Hwy in Kahuku since 1996, with another opening on the edge of what was then an overgrown, swampy field in Hale'iwa the following year.

WAIMEA VALLEY

Just across from Waimea Bay sits a beautiful botanical garden which is home to cultural and historically significant archaeological sites dating back more than 600 years.

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Hale'iwa Shave Ice on O'ahu's North Shore. Image: Turtle Bay Resort



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POLYNESIAN CULTURAL CENTER

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Polynesian Cultural Centre. Image: Pixabay

The Polynesian Cultural Center is the only tourist attraction of its kind in the world and has welcomed more than 40 million visitors from around the globe since it opened in 1963. A range of hands-on activities showcase the people, culture, arts and crafts of Polynesia. The centre features several island villages in a beautifully landscaped setting. The villages represent Hawai'i, Samoa, Tahiti, Tonga, Fiji, and Aotearoa (New Zealand), and there are also exhibits for Rapa Nui (Easter Island) and the Marquesas Islands. A man-made freshwater lagoon winds throughout the centre and cultural presentations and activities are offered throughout the day.

EAT AND DRINK

The renovated Gateway restaurant is one of the largest enclosed restaurants on O'ahu. It has a grand dining hall with seating for

more than 1,000 people and offers two bountiful buffet spreads. The award-winning Ali'i Lū'au takes guests on a nostalgic trip back in time. Experience the royalty of Hawai'i while enjoying traditional Hawaiian *lū'au* food and entertainment, cultural demonstrations, and service in a lovely tropical setting.

ENTERTAINMENT

Performed every night except Sunday, *Hā: Breath of Life* is a critically-acclaimed story of passion ignited by fire, song and dance. The world's largest Polynesian revue features more than 100 performers, special effects, animation and original songs and choreography.

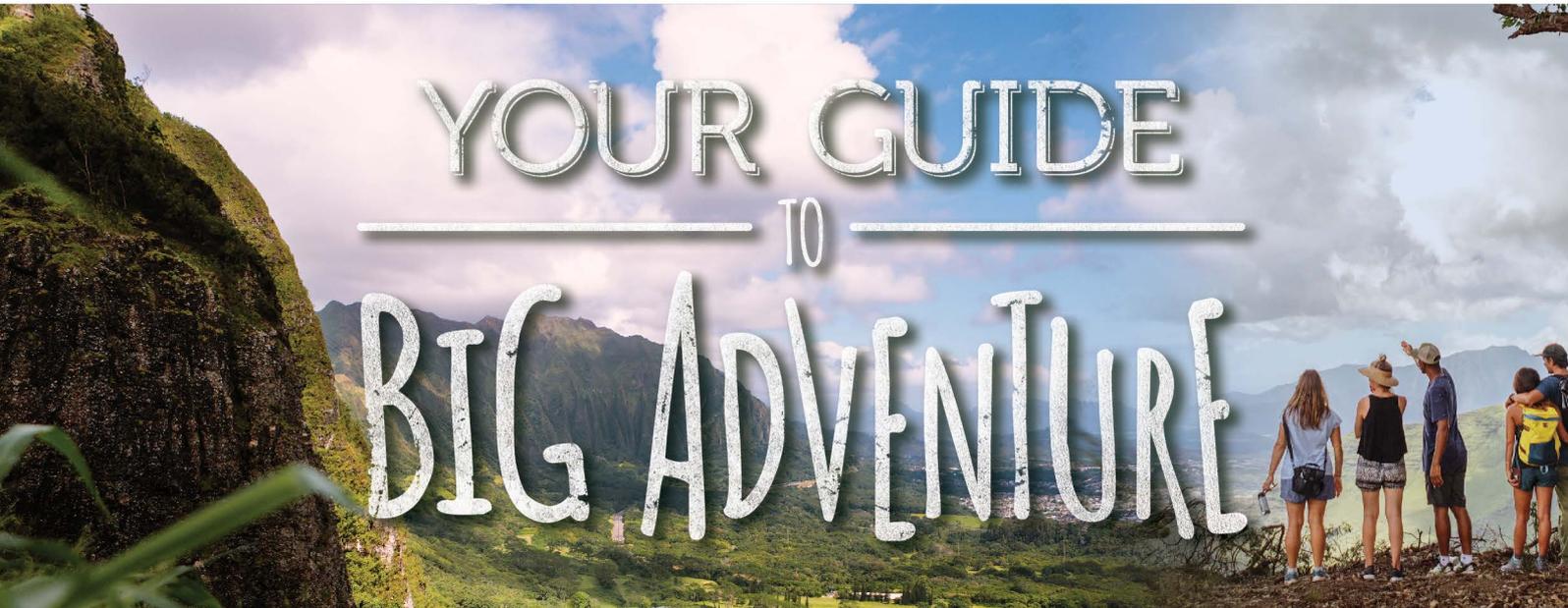
The US\$3 million show brings the performance into the audience and utilises the latest technology.



Learn to cook like a Polynesian. Image: Polynesian Cultural Center

FAMILY FUN

The Polynesian Cultural Center's Keiki Passport includes spaces for children to collect stamps from each island village to show that they completed the games or activities, as well as spaces to write down the greetings for each island. It also has a schedule of the day's activities, a fun illustration and the name of each island's games or activities to help them remember when they return home.



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WEST O'AHU

With new resorts and attractions opening on a regular basis, and more in the pipeline, the booming area of West O'ahu is increasingly emerging as an alternative to Waikīkī. Known as O'ahu's 'second city', the master-planned community of Kapolei is around 50 minutes' drive from Waikīkī and 25 minutes from Daniel K. Inouye International Airport. A further 20 minutes down the road, Ko Olina is home to Aulani, A Disney Resort and Spa; Four Seasons Resort Oahu and Marriott's Ko Olina Beach Club.



WEST O'AHU

There's so much going on in this up-and-coming region it's hard to keep up. Here are some of its major drawcards.



A man blowing a conch shell at Paradise Cove on O'ahu.

SHOPPING

Ka Makana Alii shopping centre at Kapolei has more than 100 shops and restaurants and an eight-screen movie theatre. Stores include Rip Curl, Victoria's Secret, Sunglass Hut, Old Navy and Macy's. It's also 15 minutes' drive away from the Waikale Premium Outlets. The Honolulu Rail Project, which is scheduled for completion in 2025, will run from Kapolei to the Ala Moana Center in Honolulu.

ATTRACTIONS

Families will find no shortage of things to do in West O'ahu. Top of the list is the Paradise Cove Luau, in which guests are greeted with a 'shower of flowers' that fall from the trees above before helping pull fish nets onto the beach to the sound of the conch shell and Hawaiian chanting. They will then witness the process of traditional underground cooking in an *imu* ceremony, followed by a feast of traditional dishes.

Wet'n'Wild Hawaii has more than 25 rides and attractions spread over 12ha, including a wave pool and interactive children's area, while Coral Crater Adventure Park has an adventure tower and climbing wall, and offers ATV tours and ziplining. K1 Speed Indoor Go Kart Racing is also fantastic for adrenaline junkies.

Hawaii's first 'deluxe' movie theatre Regal

Kapolei Commons 12, with electric-reclining seats, also opened in 2016.

Kids can feed more than 20 animals and learn how to be a farmer at Naked Cow Dairy Farm and Creamery at Waianae, which also has cheese-making classes. You can also go whale watching during the season, from December to May, and swim with wild dolphins and turtles with Wild Side Specialty Tours, which operates out of Waianae Boat Harbour.

Adults can follow in the footsteps of champion golfers including Greg Norman and Annika Sorenstam at Kapolei Golf Club. Designed by architect Ted Robinson, the 77ha course is set on a former sugar plantation and hosted the PGA Tour's Pacific Links Championship from 2012 to 2014.

Hawaii Forest & Trail has also expanded to O'ahu and launched a series of outdoor adventures that connect visitors to nature.

WHERE TO STAY

Ko Olina is known for its three resorts – a Four Seasons, the Disney-inspired Aulani resort and Marriott's Ko Olina Beach Club. Between a nature preserve and four lagoons, the five-star Four Seasons Resort Oahu at Ko Olina has five restaurants, three pools (including a family pool), a spa, tennis courts and a gym. The family-friendly

Aulani, A Disney Resort & Spa has two restaurants, three lounges and several quick-service outlets. There's a kids' club called Aunty's Beach House and a Painted Sky Teen Spa, an extensive entertainment program, including Mo'olelo Fireside Stories with Moana, plus pools with waterslides, splash zones and appearances by Disney characters.

Atlantis, which has ocean-themed resorts in Dubai and the Bahamas, also plans to build its first US resort at Ko Olina. The US\$2 billion project will include more than 1,300 hotel rooms and luxury residences, an aquarium, wedding chapel and water park.

Kapolei is also home to the 175-room Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton Oahu Kapolei and the 180-suite Embassy Suites by Hilton Oahu Kapolei, which lies on 1.2ha site within the Leihano mixed-use development. Owned by Kapolei Hotel Partners and managed by Western States Lodging, it has studio and two-room suites (some with balconies with ocean views).

Daily cooked-to-order breakfast and Wi-Fi is included, as well as a shuttle service to Ko Olina Beach and Lagoons and White Plains Beach. It also has a gym, an outdoor pool, whirlpool, a poolside bar, lounge and a restaurant, Sprigs Grille.

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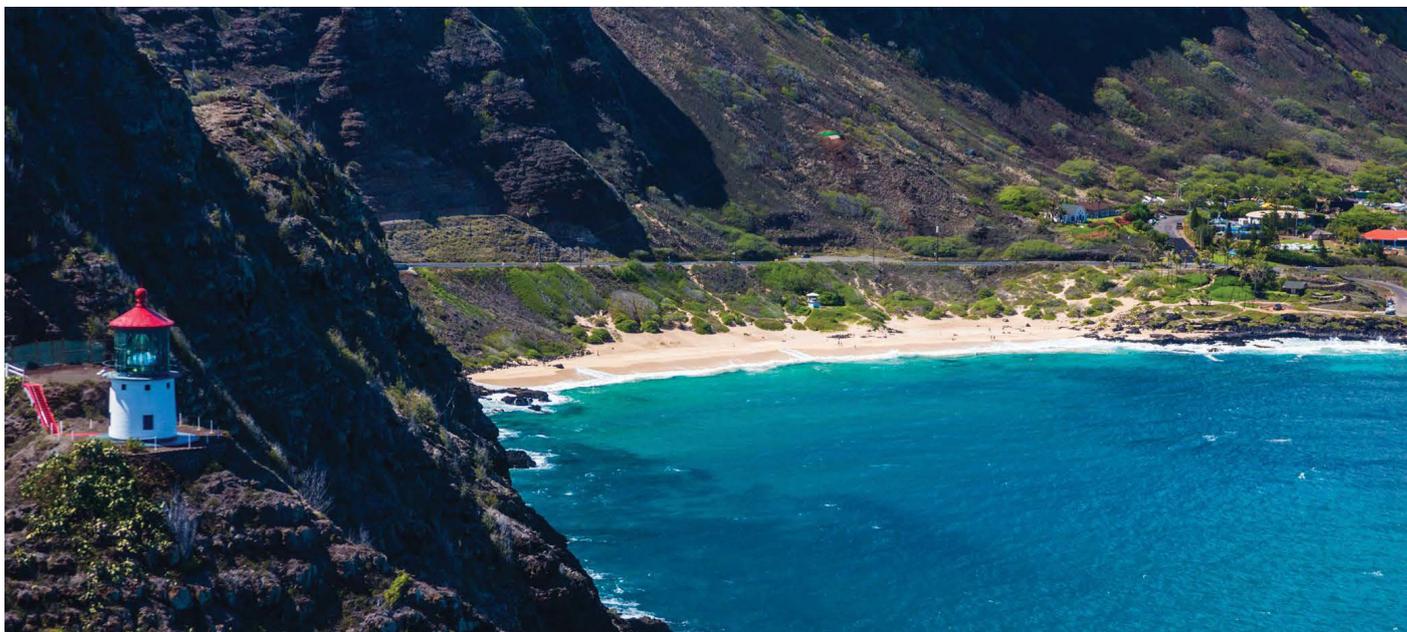
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Makapu'u Point and Lighthouse. Image: Hawai'i Tourism Authority/Tor Johnson



START

HĀLONA BLOWHOLE AND HĀLONA BEACH COVE

Head east of Waikīkī on the Kalaniana'ole Hwy for around half an hour to Hālonā Blowhole – a lava tube that can shoot water up to nine metres into the air at high tide. Comply with warning signs and remain behind barriers. Neighbouring Hālonā Cove was the site of the famous scene where Deborah Kerr and Burt Lancaster roll in the surf in the Academy Award-winning 1953 film *From Here to Eternity*, and also featured in *50 First Dates*, starring Drew Barrymore and Adam Sandler.

MAKAPU'U POINT & LIGHTHOUSE

Five minutes further up the road you'll find Makapu'u Point and Lighthouse. The most easterly point on O'ahu, it is considered to have the island's best bodysurfing. Hike to the top of Makapu'u sea cliff to spot humpback whales during the season, from December to May.

BYODO-IN TEMPLE

Make your way along Kāne'ōhe Bay Dr and onto the Kahekili Hwy to Byodo-In Temple. At the base of the 610m-high Ko'olau Range, this replica of a 900-year-old Buddhist temple in Kyoto, Japan was built in memory of the first Japanese immigrants to O'ahu, who worked on sugar plantations. Enter at the Valley of the Temples Memorial Park.



Nuuanu Pali Lookout, Oahu. Image: Hawai'i Tourism Authority/Blake Bronstad

KUALOA RANCH PRIVATE NATURE RESERVE

Continue north on the Kahekili Hwy, which becomes Kamehameha Hwy, until you get to Kualoa Ranch Private Nature Reserve, which is one of the most sacred sites on O'ahu and listed on the National Register of Historical Places. Visit Kualoa Ranch Private Nature Reserve, which has been operating since 1850, to have lunch, go horse riding or do a movie site tour. The ranch also offers ATV tours, ziplining, boat tours and a food tour.

NU'UANU PALI LOOKOUT

Head back towards Honolulu along the Kamehameha Hwy and Pali Hwy. Stop at Nu'uuanu Pali Lookout, which has magnificent views of the sheer Ko'olau cliffs. Perched more than 900m above sea level, it's the site of the battle of Nu'uuanu, where in 1795 King Kamehameha I won the war that finally united the islands south of O'ahu under one rule.



FINISH

MAUI

THE VALLEY ISLE

With lush volcanic peaks and valleys, a laid-back beach vibe and colourful towns filled with art galleries, surf shops and cafes, it's no wonder Maui is the second-most visited of the Hawaiian Islands. From hiking to the summit of Haleakalā Crater to see the lunar-like landscape to spotting humpback whales during their annual migration and viewing a blazing sunset from a luxury resort with a cocktail in hand, a visit to Maui is sure to be filled with magical moments. Visit go.hawaii.com/islands/maui



Molokini Crater. Image: Hawai'i Tourism Authority/Tor Johnson

TOP THINGS TO DO ON MAUI

Soak up the vibe as you explore this island's natural wonders and charming villages.



Enjoy a tasting at the Old Jail at MauiWine.

SNORKELLING AT MOLOKINI CRATER

Book a boat tour from Mā'alaea or Lāhainā to go snorkelling at the extinct Molokini Crater – a small, crescent-shaped island and protected marine reserve – off Maui's South Coast. You may even get to snorkel with turtles or manta rays at other sites on the tour.

SUNRISE AT HALEAKALĀ CRATER

Watching the sunrise over this dormant shield volcano in Haleakalā National Park is nothing short of spectacular. In 2018, the number of tour companies permitted to bring vehicle-based tour groups was reduced from 16 to four to lessen the impact on the environment. Reservations are also required for visitors in rental cars from 3am to 7am and can be made online up to 60 days before. The cost is US\$1.50 per car, excluding the national park entrance fee. To book visit recreation.gov

EXPLORE UPCOUNTRY

Try pineapple wine and other handcrafted drops at an exclusive tasting in a stone cottage that was once a jail cell at Maui's only winery, MauiWine at 'Ulupalakua Ranch; learn how cheese is made at the award-winning Surfing Goat Dairy and stroll among

the perfumed purple flowers at Ali'i Kula Lavender Farm and admire the view as you enjoy scones with lavender tea or lemonade on the deck of the cafe before stocking up on lavender soap, candles and honey.

O'O FARM

This experience takes the paddock-to-plate concept to a whole new level. Guests wander around the farm with a guide and help pick salad before enjoying a feast served by the farmers cooked on an outdoor oven in an open-sided hut with a vine-covered corrugated iron roof.

FIRST FRIDAYS

Friday night is a great time to visit Maui's historic small towns, when you can meet artists in galleries, enjoy live music and dine from food trucks. They are held at Wailuku on the first Friday of the month, Lāhainā on the second, Makawao on the third, Kīhei on the fourth and Lāna'i on the fifth.

GO WHALE WATCHING

The clear, calm shallow waters off West and South Maui are perfect for whale watching, with several operators offering boat tours from Lāhainā Harbor during the season, from December to May.

ROAD TO HĀNA SCENIC DRIVE

Take your time driving along the coast from Kahului to Hāna on the Hāna Hwy. With more than 600 bends and nearly 60 bridges, the route takes you past beautiful rainforests, majestic waterfalls and pools.

STROLL THROUGH PĀ'IA

Wander among the colourful, rustic storefronts in the former plantation town of Pā'ia, on Maui's North Coast. Make sure you stop at Paia Fish Market Restaurant to try one of its famous fish burgers.

ISLAND HOP

Catch a ferry from Lāhainā to Lāna'i for the day to explore Hulopo'e Bay, a marine and conservation sanctuary district, the culturally sensitive site Keahiakawelo and the remote Kaiolohia Beach, which has several shipwrecks along its shallow, rocky channel.

HIT THE BEACH

Maui has 190km of coastline and more than 45km of beaches, some of which have been voted the best in the world. Hire a surfboard and hit the waves, go swimming or just lie back and relax.



DRIVING TIMES

From Kahului Airport (OGG) to:

Wailuku	10 mins
Kīhei	20 mins
Wailea	30 mins
Mā'alaea	35 mins
Mākena	40 mins
Lāhainā	45 mins
Kā'anapali	50 mins
Kapalua	1 hr
Hāna	2 hrs, 30 mins

From Kā'anapali to:

Lāhainā	10 mins
Mā'alaea	30 mins
Kīhei	45 mins
Wailea	55 mins
Haleakalā (summit)	2 hrs, 30 mins

From Kīhei to:

Mā'alaea	20 mins
Lāhainā	45 mins
Haleakalā (summit)	2 hrs
Hāna	3 hrs



WHERE TO STAY

Accommodation is concentrated in three regions:

- **West Maui** – Stay at a resort or villa at Kapalua; at an affordable, family-friendly resort on the beautiful beach at Kā'anapali, which is a few minutes' shuttle bus ride away from the shops and restaurants at historic Lāhainā, or at a hotel in town
- **South Maui** – Kīhei, Mākena and Wailea have more high-end hotels and resorts, and a quieter vibe
- **East Maui** – Drive the scenic Road to Hāna to take in the sights and spend a night or more at one of the town's small hotels, B&Bs or rental apartments.



FAVOURITE ACTIVITIES

- Golf
- Hiking
- Horse riding
- Scenic drives
- Scuba diving
- Snorkelling
- Spa treatments
- Surfing
- Farm tours
- Whale watching (December to May)
- Windsurfing.



Take a sunset cruise with Sail Trilogy. Image: Trilogy Excursions, Maui-Lana'i

WHAT'S NEW



Honua Kai Resort & Spa.

OUTRIGGER ACQUIRES HONUA KAI

Outrigger Hotels and Resorts has bought Honua Kai Resort & Spa from Alterra Mountain Company. The 15ha oceanfront condo resort on Kā'anapali North Beach has luxurious studio, one, two and three-bedroom suites with gourmet kitchens and large balconies, a full-service concierge, Ho'ola Spa, Duke's Beach House restaurant and Aina Gourmet Market Café. There are also plans to add 72 luxury townhouses in 2020. Honua Kai Resort & Spa is now the largest Maui property in the Hawaii Vacation Condos by Outrigger portfolio.

NEW WHALE EXHIBIT

A new interactive whale exhibit is opening at Maui Ocean Center in February. The Humpbacks of Hawaii Exhibit & Sphere is the first of its kind in the state and brings visitors eye to eye with humpback whales in their realm.

SUNDAY MARKET

A new Sunday market featuring food trucks, live entertainment and activities highlighting

Hawaiian cultural traditions and practices has launched in the carpark at Kahului Shopping Center. Held from 4pm to 8pm each Sunday, it has more than 30 vendors, including crafters, artisans and food purveyors.

CHOCOLATE FACTORY TO OPEN

Maui Kuia Estate Chocolate Factory is set to open in spring, offering those with a sweet tooth the chance to taste premium chocolate made from cacao grown in the Maui *ahupua'a* (land section) of Ku'ia, as well as Ecuador, Brazil and Costa Rica. The solar-powered facility will have a retail store and a bar for chocolate tastings, and also offer house-made ice-cream, pastries, chocolate drinks, desserts, a chef's table and a second-floor, open-air pavilion. Maui Kuia is one of the first Maui businesses created to donate 100 per cent of its net profits to Maui charities and non-profit organizations.

CENTRAL CAR RENTAL AT AIRPORT

A new Consolidated Rental Car Facility (CONRAC) consolidating all rental car

companies servicing Kahului Airport is set to open in May. It will have nearly 3,800 parking spots for travellers, as well as another 700 for staff. A solar-powered electric tram will replace shuttle buses to transport passengers to and from the airport, with stops at the check-in area and baggage claim.

CELEBRITY CHEF LAUNCHES RESTAURANT

Top Chef star Sheldon Simeon has opened Lineage restaurant at the Shops at Wailea. It serves food inspired by Sheldon's Filipino heritage and growing up on the Big Island, using his family recipes and some of those of his kitchen staff. Produce is sourced locally where possible, including items from Oprah Winfrey's farms and O'koa Farms. Mobile carts built by Sheldon's father - a former welder - move throughout the restaurant offering guests dim-sum style appetizers, or *pupus*, including pickled Hawaiian fruit, boiled peanuts and Kim Chee Dip served with Hilo-based Maebo "one-ton" chips from Sheldon's childhood. Other dishes include Pork n Peas, Garden Poke and Guri-Guri - a cross between sherbet and ice-cream

popular in Maui. The restaurant's interior design was inspired by the jungle-like landscapes surrounding Hilo, where Sheldon grew up, and guests can dine indoors, on the patio outside, or at the bar.

GOURMET MARKETPLACE AT THE FAIRMONT

A new gourmet marketplace, Makana Market and Café, has opened at the Fairmont Kea Lani in Wailea. The café serves Maui- and Island of Hawai'i-grown-and-roasted coffees, including nitro cold-brew coffees, espresso and pour-over drinks, as well as matcha and Lot 35 tea blends. It also has a menu of island fare, including house-crafted pastries, sandwiches, salads, pizzas, smoothies and acai bowls, as well as a *poke* bar highlighting locally-caught fish. The market will also sell gifts.

LEARN ABOUT WHALES

Kaanapali Alii Resort has a new activity in which guests can learn about whales. Dirk Younkerman, a marine biologist and naturalist from Gemini Sailing Charters, will answer questions about the behaviour

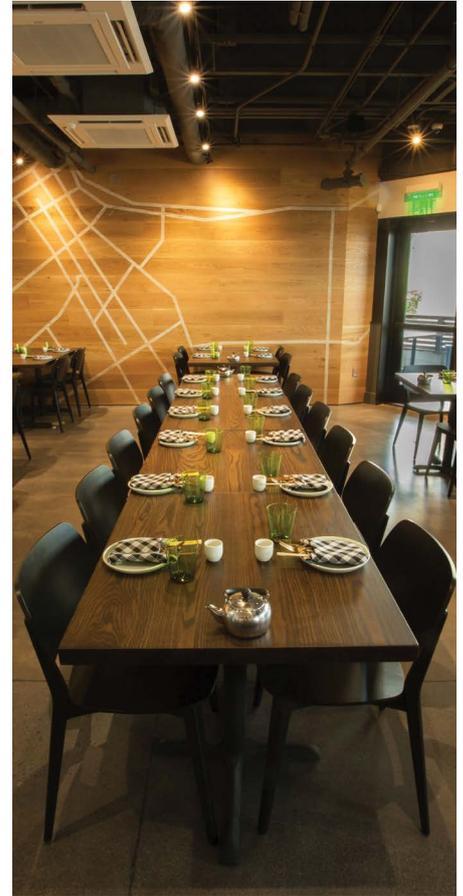
of humpback whales in waters offshore of the resort, such as why they breach and slap their tails. Learn About the Whales will take place at 8.30am Fridays in the resort's oceanfront pavilion.

IN-RESIDENCE COOKING CLASSES

Montage Kapalua Bay has begun offering private, in-house cooking classes for guests staying in its newly redesigned two- and three-bedroom residences. Classes can include everything from the traditional and modern styles of assembling a *poke* dish to the mixology of tropical blends or baking the dessert of your choice.

MAUI TRUCK TOURS

Explore Maui from the back of an open-air vehicle with Maui Truck Tours. The custom-made truck is green with hot pink bench seats with seat belts, a canopy providing partial shade from the sun, a stereo system and slide out rear ladder to get on and off. Its tour includes Twin Falls on the Road to Hāna for a swim, Ho'okipa Beach Park and the town of Pā'ia.



The interior of Lineage.

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EATING OUT

Maui has an abundance of restaurants with a focus on fresh island produce and seafood. Here are some of the best.



The Mill House Restaurant at Maui Tropical Plantation.

MILL HOUSE RESTAURANT AND BAR

Dine on innovative, farm-driven fare at this sophisticated restaurant in a picturesque setting at Maui Tropical Plantation in Wailuku.

PACIFIC'O ON THE BEACH

Soak up the view at Pacific'O on the Beach, which offers a contemporary farm-to-table menu at Lāhainā.

CHARLEY'S RESTAURANT AND SALOON

If you're lucky you might catch Pā'ia local and country music singer Willie Nelson giving an impromptu performance at this Maui institution, which has been operating since the late 1960s.

PINEAPPLE GRILL

Overlooking the golf course at Kapalua Resort, this award-winning restaurant has a sustainable menu featuring a range of burgers, salads, pasta, seafood and food from the grill.

MAUI BREWING CO.

Try beers including Big Swell IPA, Bikini Blonde Lager and Pineapple Mana wheat beer at Maui Brewing Co.'s two venues on the island. It has 32 beers on tap at its Kihei tasting room, located in a contemporary building in an industrial and technology park. It has different food trucks depending on the day of the week, a sunny terrace and live music. Or dine on a menu with a focus on fresh, local ingredients (even the sauce and mustard are handmade) at its brewpub at Kahana Gateway Center in Lāhainā.

SARENTO'S ON THE BEACH

With views towards the islands of Molokini, Lāna'i and Kaho'olawe at Kihei, the open-air fine dining restaurant Sarento's on the Beach serves up seafood, steaks and homemade pasta with a Mediterranean flair.

GANNON'S RESTAURANT

A celebration of chef Beverly Gannon's classic dishes, as well as contemporary meals inspired by the fresh local ingredients of Hawai'i, in an open-air setting.

MAMA'S FISH HOUSE RESTAURANT & INN

This fine dining restaurant in Pā'ia prides itself on showcasing fresh Polynesian cuisine, with an everchanging menu that lists the name of the fisherman and where their catch was caught.

HUMUHUMUNUKUNUKUAPUA'A RESTAURANT

Named after Hawai'i's state fish, this Polynesian thatch-roof restaurant lies on a lagoon at Grand Wailea. Its chef Michael Lofaro was named Chef of the Year in the 2016 Maui No Ka 'Oi Aipono Awards in recognition of his seasonal cuisine with Polynesian and Hawaiian influences. For a special experience book Table 70, which sits over the water at the end of a wooden walkway.

HULA GRILL

This casual beachside eatery at Whalers Village in Kā'anapali has live music and a menu that includes fish tacos, lobster and scallop potstickers and coconut seafood chowder.

KŌ RESTAURANT

Try island family recipes that have been passed down for generations, including Hawaiian, Chinese, Filipino, Portuguese, Korean and Japanese dishes with a modern twist, at this fine dining restaurant at Fairmont Kea Lani.



Humuhumu Bar and Lounge at Grand Wailea on Maui.



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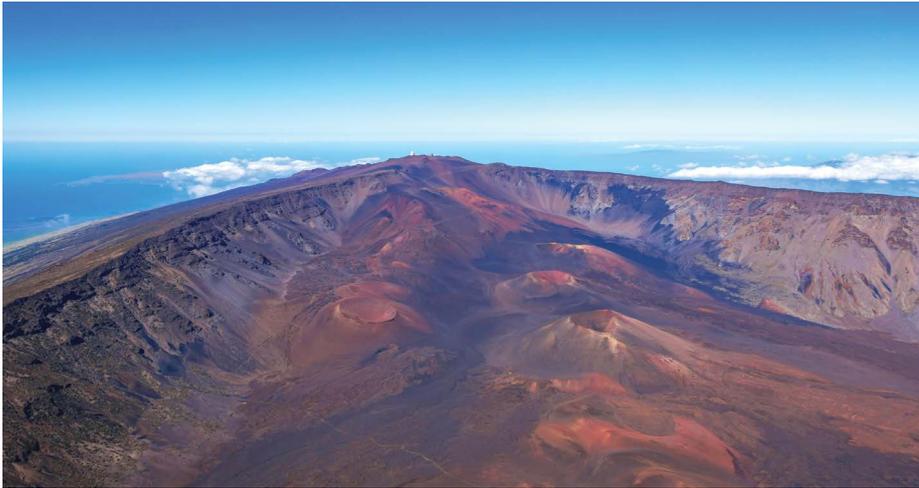


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HALEAKALĀ NATIONAL PARK

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Haleakalā National Park is a great hiking destination. Image: Dan Avila

Visible from almost any point on Maui, the tallest point of the dormant Haleakalā volcano sits at more than 3,000m above sea level. Its name means 'house of the sun'. Legend says the demigod Maui lassoed the sun from its journey across the sky as he stood on the summit, slowing its descent to make the day last longer.

The volcano lies within Haleakalā National Park, which is home to more endangered species than any other park in the National Park Service, including blooming *ahinahina* (silversword) and *nēnē* (Hawaiian goose). There are several ways to experience it.

SUNRISE

Described by American writer Mark Twain as "the most sublime spectacle I have ever witnessed", sunrise is the most popular time to visit the park. Reservations are required for visitors in rental cars from 3am to 7am. Bookings can be made online up to 60 days before and the cost is US\$1.50 per car, excluding the national park entrance fee. Visit recreation.gov

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There are four key viewpoints to watch sunrise – the Pu'u'u'ula'ula or Red Hill summit (3,055m), Haleakalā Visitor Center (2,969m), Kalahaku Overlook (2,842m) and Leleiwi Overlook (2,694m), which is a 10-minute hike from the car park. It's best to arrive at least half an hour before the sun rises. In summer, it can rise as early as 5.38am while in winter it can be as late as 6.55am. It can be up to 17°C cooler at the summit than at sea level at that time of day. Wear long pants, jumpers, jackets, socks and enclosed shoes, and even consider bringing a blanket.

You can also book a guided tour to learn more about the park's geology and Indigenous culture.

HIKING

The summit area of Haleakalā National Park has more than 48km of hiking trails, ranging from 10 minutes to multi-day trips. Trails in this area are strenuous, and you must beware of symptoms of altitude sickness. The warm and humid Kīpahulu area has 4.8km of trails through the lush, green tropical coastal environment. Stop

by a visitor centre before your hike to discuss your plans. Weather can be severe, changeable and unpredictable; water is scarce and seasonal restrictions may apply.

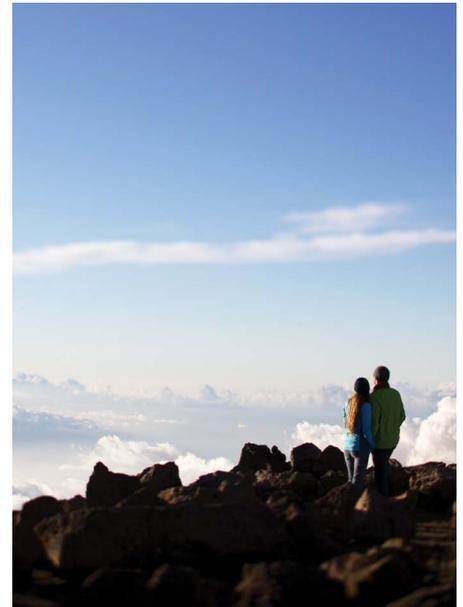
CABINS AND CAMPING

There are two campgrounds in the national park accessible by car. You can stay for up to three nights per month at each.

Kīpahulu campground is near sea level on the wet, east side of the island and can be reached via the Hāna Hwy. It overlooks ocean cliffs and is a short walk from 'Ohe'ō Gulch. Space is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Hosmer Grove is on the way to the summit at 2,134m. Be prepared for rain and cold weather, as temperatures at night can drop to near freezing.

You can also stay at three rustic, historic cabins only accessible by hiking trail which are maintained by the National Park Service. To reach them, you must hike a minimum of 5.9km to Hōlua, 8.9km to Kapalaoa and 15km to Palikū. Cabin permits must be picked up at Headquarters Visitor Center



A couple looking out over the clouds in Haleakalā National Park. Image: Hawai'i Tourism Authority/Max Wanger

between 8am and 3pm on the day you hike in. Photo ID is required and advance reservations are essential. Visit nps.gov

Note: While there are toilet facilities in the park, no food or drink is sold. It's best to bring snacks or pack a picnic.

See plants in Haleakalā National Park. Image: Pixabay



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SHOPPING

Maui's historic towns are filled with treasures.



Makawao Town on Maui. Image: Hawai'i Tourism Authority/Tor Johnson

CENTRAL MAUI

The Queen Ka'ahumanu Center

Maui's only department stores, Sears and Macy's, can be found at this Kahului shopping centre, along with more than 100 other stores and restaurants, from island-style boutiques to national names including American Eagle Outfitters, Pacific Sunwear and Forever 21.

Wailuku Town

Find hip boutiques, authentic Hawaiian artefacts, antiques and ma and pa stores on Market St, Wailuku. On the first Friday of every month, Wailuku First Friday has a great vibe, with food booths, live music and street vendors.

WEST MAUI

Lāhainā

Front St in Lāhainā is lined with colourful shopfronts and American flags. Stores include Tommy Hilfiger, Guess and Calvin Klein, and surf shops Billabong, Quiksilver, Hurley and Rip Curl. There's also Lahaina Cannery Mall and the Old Lahaina Center. Lāhainā Second Friday, on the second Friday of each month, is a great time to visit, with live music, the chance to meet artists

and specials at many restaurants. Shuttles run regularly from Kā'anapali resorts.

Outlets of Maui

Find big savings at brand name stores, including Adidas, Banana Republic, Brooks Brothers, Calvin Klein, Coach, Crocs, GAP, Guess, Hard Rock Cafe, Maika'i Woods Hawai'i, Maui Sunglasses, Michael Kors, Perfumania, The Luggage Factory and Watch Station. There are also great restaurants and free 'ukulele lessons on Tuesday from 11am to midday and 'ukulele concerts every first and third Friday at 5pm.

Whalers Village, Kā'anapali

Step straight off the beach into this shopping complex, with designer boutiques including Louis Vuitton and kate spade new york, surf shops Billabong, Quiksilver, Roxy and Rip Curl plus Hawaiian favourites such as Tommy Bahama, Honolua Surf Co. and Maui Resort Wear.

Maui Mall

Across the road from Kahului Harbor, five minutes from the airport, Maui Mall has boutiques, casual eateries, gift shops and a movie theatre, with free *hula* shows every Sunday at 11am.

SOUTH MAUI

The Shops at Wailea

Gucci, Louis Vuitton, Prada and Tiffany & Co. are among more than 70 stores at this high-end shopping complex. It also has art galleries, Hawaiian favourites and jewellery stores as well as free cultural shows and activities such as wood carving.

UPCOUNTRY

Makawao Town

This former pineapple plantation and *paniolo* (Hawaiian cowboy) town has colourful storefronts filled with clothing boutiques, gift shops, jewellery stores, galleries and wellness centres. People line up outside Komodo Bakery Store for fresh bread every morning. Visit on the third Friday night of the month for discounts and great entertainment at Makawao Third Friday.

Pā'ia

This charming old sugar plantation town established in 1896 has unique boutiques, surf shops, arts and craft galleries and homewares stores.

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SCENIC DRIVE KAHULUI TO HĀNA

Meander along the coast on the famous Hāna Hwy, stopping to hike, swim and picnic en route. It's a long drive, so leave early!



The winding Road to Hāna. Image: Hawai'i Tourism Authority/Tor Johnson

Ali'i Kula Lavender Farm vertical. Image: Angela Saurine



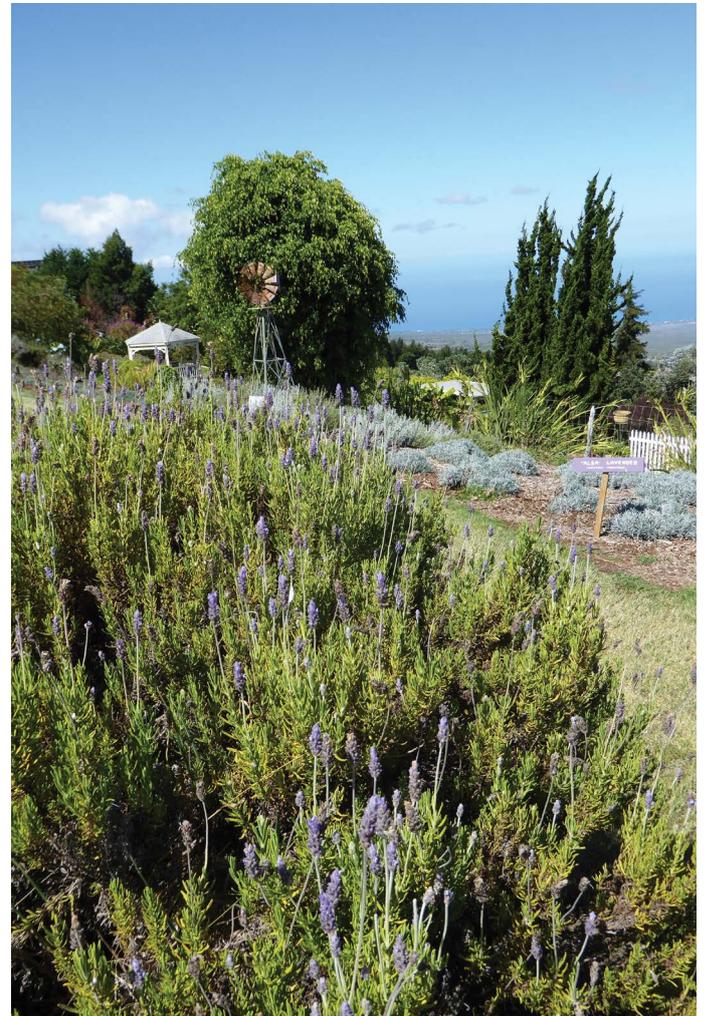
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START

KAHULUI (NORTH) TO HO'OKIPA BEACH PARK

Take Route 36 from Kahului to Ho'okipa Beach Park, which is a wonderful place to swim, sunbathe and picnic in summer. In winter, conditions change dramatically, so stay onshore and watch the pro-windsurfers in action instead. There are often tide pools that children love to wade in, and turtles can usually be seen lazing at the end of the beach near the cliffs.

ROAD TO HĀNA

Continue along the Hāna Hwy (also known as the 'Road to Hāna'). With more than 600 bends and over 60 narrow bridges, only confident drivers should take on this famous route. Take it slow and enjoy the journey.

WAI'ĀNAPANAPA STATE PARK

Along the Hāna Hwy, just past Hāna Airport, Wai'ānapanapa State Park has an ancient coastal hiking trail, caves, stone arches and a black-sand beach. Currents can be strong, so be careful when swimming.

HĀNA

Re-join the Hāna Hwy and drive east for 10 minutes until you reach Hāna. This isolated hamlet has changed little over the past few decades. Pop into the family-owned Hasegawa General Store, which opened in 1910 and has a song written about it. If you like, stay overnight in a hotel or B&B.

HALEAKALĀ NATIONAL PARK

Stop in at the visitor centre on the Kīpahulu side of the national park and go for a hike. There are several trails to choose from, taking you along trickling waterways and through rainforest to see waterfalls and archaeological sites.

HEAD BACK TO KAHULUI

Return via the southern Pi'ilani Hwy (Route 31) and Upcountry Maui, stopping to visit farms in the Kula area, including the Surfing Goat Dairy and Ali'i Kula Lavender Farm.

Make sure you check the terms of your car hire contract before you depart as not all rental companies provide insurance along the southern Pi'ilani Hwy. If not, take the coastal route back.



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HAWAIIAN BY NATURE

Visitors seeking an authentic experience need look no further than Moloka'i, which offers a true glimpse of old-style Hawai'i. With no building taller than a coconut tree and little traffic, life on Moloka'i moves at a slower pace than on the larger islands. A 25-minute flight from Honolulu, the unspoiled island has 45km of spectacular reef, the world's largest sea cliffs and one of Hawai'i's most beautiful white-sand beaches, Papohaku. A high percentage of the population are of native Hawaiian ancestry, continuing to preserve their lifestyle thanks to their love of the land. Visit gohawaii.com/islands/molokai



Moloka'i's Pali Coast. Image: Hawaii Tourism Authority/Tor Johnson



TOP THINGS TO DO ON MOLOKA'I

- Dive with tropical fish on Hawai'i's longest reef along the southern shore
- Visit the Moloka'i Farmers Markets
- Check with the Moloka'i Visitors Association for local events
- See the world's tallest sea cliffs via boat along the North Shore (summer only)
- Explore Hālawā Valley and east of Kaunakakai along the scenic coast
- Hike through Pāla'au State Park.



DRIVING TIMES

From Moloka'i Airport (MKK) to:

Hālawā Valley	2 hrs
Kaunakakai	15 mins
Maunaloa	20 mins

LĀNAʻI

HAWAII'S MOST ENTICING ISLAND

The smallest inhabited island in Hawaiʻi, Lānaʻi is a wonderful place to relax and rejuvenate. Play golf on the Jack Nicklaus-designed Manele Golf Course, built on lava outcroppings beside seaside cliffs, and explore by 4WD. Highlights include the otherworldly rock garden at Keahiakawelo, a culturally sensitive area, the iconic Puʻu Pehe (‘Sweetheart Rock’) and snorkelling at Hulopoʻe Bay Beach. Stay at the luxurious Four Seasons Resort Lānaʻi or the Four Seasons Resort Lanai, Lodge at Koele, a Four Seasons Resort; the historic Hotel Lanai in Lānaʻi City or book a B&B. The island is a 25-minute flight from Honolulu or a one-hour ferry ride from Lāhainā on neighbouring Maui. Visit gohawaii.com/islands/lanai



Beautiful Hulopo'e Bay Beach. Image: Hawai'i Tourism Authority/AJ Feducia

TOP THINGS TO DO ON LĀNAʻI

- Visit one of the world's most fragile eco-systems – the 239ha Kānepuʻu Preserve
- Book a 4WD tour to the lunar-like rock garden at Keahiakawelo, a culturally sensitive area
- Hike the challenging 11km Munro Trail to Lānaʻihale to see superb views across Lānaʻi and neighbouring islands
- Play golf at Four Seasons Resort Lānaʻi
- Snorkel in the calm waters of protected Hulopoʻe Bay (summer only as it can be rough in winter).
- Visit Lanai Cat Sanctuary



DRIVING TIMES

From Lānaʻi Airport (LNY) to:

Lānaʻi City	10 mins
Mānele Bay	25 mins





When Captain Cook arrived in the islands in 1778, the nēnē or Hawaiian goose population was about 25,000. By the mid 1940s, only 50 birds remained. Since then, conservation efforts have brought the numbers back up to about 3,000 birds statewide. Nēnē are still considered to be the rarest goose species in the world.

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ISLAND OF HAWAI'I

HAWAI'I'S ISLAND OF ADVENTURE

Also known as The Big Island, because it is the largest of the Hawaiian Islands, the Island of Hawai'i is nature at its most powerful. Eleven of the world's 13 climates can be found on the island, and it is home to five volcanoes, two of which are active. Often snow-capped, Maunakea is the tallest peak in Hawai'i, with multiple astronomical observatories at the summit. Soar over lava fields and sheer drop waterfalls on a scenic helicopter flight, see Captain Cook's final resting place on a sailing tour and enjoy a mesmerising night snorkel with manta rays. Visit gohawaii.com/islands/hawaii-big-island



A lava field in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park at sunset. Image: Hawai'i Tourism Authority/Tommy Lundberg

TOP THINGS TO DO ON ISLAND OF HAWAI'I

This island is bursting with action-packed activities.



A waterfall at Hilo on Island of Hawai'i. Image: Hawai'i Forest and Trails

SAIL TO KEALAKEKUA BAY

Book a cruise to Kealahou Bay on the Kona Coast, Captain Cook's final resting place, to see the monument dedicated to the famous explorer, swim and snorkel among tropical fish and spot spinner dolphins.

EXPLORE A VOLCANIC LANDSCAPE

Go hiking in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park to see how the landscape has changed following the eruption of Kilauea volcano – the most active in the state – in 2018. Most of the park and its hiking trails have reopened, taking trekkers past steam vents, craters, and through deserts and rainforests. Pick up a map at the visitor centre before you set off. For the latest updates see: www.nps.gov/havo

GO STARGAZING

The tallest sea mountain in the world, Maunakea is also considered one of the best places on the planet to view the night sky. Close to the equator with clear air and minimal light pollution, you can see stars in both the southern and northern hemisphere. The Visitor Information Station has a free stargazing program led by staff and volunteers from 6pm to 10pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, with telescopes on the deck.

SNORKEL OR DIVE WITH MANTA RAYS

Seeing a manta ray glide or somersault in front of you as you are snorkelling or diving is an incredible experience. Several operators on the Kona Coast offer boat tours from Honokohau Harbor, just north of Kailua-Kona, to see the rays, which have wingspans up to 6m-long, each evening.

TAKE A SCENIC HELICOPTER FLIGHT

There's no better way to discover the Island of Hawai'i's dramatic landscapes than on a scenic helicopter flight, so it's worth splashing out while you're there. Several companies offer tours which take you over active volcanoes, waterfalls, lush valleys, canyons and coastal cliffs.

DISCOVER HAWAIIAN HISTORY AND CULTURE

The Pu'uuhonua O Hōnaunau National Historical Park is one of Hawai'i's most sacred historic places. Once the home of royal grounds and a place of refuge for lawbreakers, you can see *ki'i* (wooden images of gods) that guard the temple of Hale o Keawe Heiau, the ruins of an important chief's home and ancient rock ponds where fish were trapped.

PLAY GOLF

With expertly-designed courses overlooking the Pacific Ocean, lush green fairways set against black volcanic rock and greens speckled with palm trees, the Island of Hawai'i is a dream destination for golfers.

VISIT A COFFEE FARM

Coffee lovers should head to Kona to visit plantations where coffee beans are grown in the mineral-rich soil, harvested and processed. Many offer tours and samples to the public, and the 10-day Kona Coffee Cultural Festival is held there each November.

RELEASE YOUR INNER COWBOY

The Island of Hawai'i has a rich cowboy culture, centred in the upcountry pastures of Waimea and North Kohala. While cattle are more likely to be rounded up by ATVs these days, you can still experience the *paniolo* (Hawaiian cowboy) lifestyle and go horse riding at ranches in the area.

EXPLORE HILO

Historic Hilo is home to museums, art galleries and shops. Try to time your visit to be on a Wednesday or Saturday to wander among more than 200 stalls at Hilo Farmers Market, where exotic fruit, jam, jewellery and arts and crafts are sold.



DRIVING TIMES

From Kona International Airport (KOA) to:

'Akaka Falls State Park	2 hrs, 10 mins
Hāpuna Beach Park	30 mins
Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park	3 hrs, 15 mins
Kailua-Kona	15 mins
Kealakekua Bay	45 mins
Keauhou	25 mins
Onizuka Center for Astronomy, Maunakea	2 hrs
Pu'uhonua O Hōnaunau Historical Park	1 hr
Waimea	45 mins
Waipi'o Bay	1 hr, 30 mins

From Hilo International Airport (ITO) to:

'Akaka Falls State Park	30 mins
Hāpuna Beach Park	1 hr, 45 mins
Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park	45 mins
Kailua-Kona	2 hrs, 30 mins
Onizuka Center for Astronomy, Maunakea	1 hr
Pu'uhonua O Hōnaunau Historical Park	3 hrs
Waimea	1 hr, 30 mins
Waipi'o Bay	1 hr, 30 mins



WHERE TO STAY

Choose from hostels, hotels, inns and luxury resorts:

- **Kohala Coast** (North-West) – Home to some of the island's finest resorts and golf courses
- **Kona** (West) – Stay in the Keauhou resort area or historic Kailua village
- **Hilo** (East) & **Puna** (South-East) – Close to Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park
- **Waimea** (Upcountry) – Stay in a hotel, inn or B&B in cowboy country.
- **Volcano Village** – Book a room at Volcano House or in a cabin in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park.

HAWAI'I VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK

If there's one place every visitor to the island should go, this is it.

Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park is home to five volcanoes, including Kīlauea, which is one of the most active on earth. Founded in 1916, the UNESCO World Heritage-listed park is a 45-minute drive south of Hilo and has 241km of hiking trails through volcanic craters, scalded deserts, rainforests and a lava tube, as well as a visitor centre, museum and a hotel.

Kīlauea's eruption in 2018 made headlines around the world, with the landscape in the national park changing dramatically. The summit crater floor sunk 460m after being rocked by thousands of earthquakes and the Kīlauea caldera quadrupled in size as lava drained out of the active vent. Most of the park has since reopened, including the iconic Volcano House, which overlooks Halemaumau Crater, and its restaurant, The Rim. Most of the campgrounds and hiking trails throughout the park have also reopened, however Thurston Lava Tube and sections of the popular Crater Rim Trail were still closed at the time of printing.



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Kīlauea Visitor Center

Begin your visit at Kīlauea Visitor Center, where you can watch a film introducing you to the park, which plays hourly from 9am to 4pm. You can also pick up maps, learn about the park's hikes and get the latest eruption updates

Chain of Craters Rd

South of Crater Rim Dr is Chain of Craters Rd – a 1km drive that ends where a lava flow has literally overtaken the road.

Halema'uma'u Crater

Steam vents plume from this massive crater, which is known as the home of Pele, the volcano goddess.

Pu'u 'Ō'ō Vent

Sometimes lava flows from underground tubes at the Pu'u'Ō'ō Vent and empties dramatically into the ocean. If your timing is right, you can watch this at the end of Chain of Craters Rd, or from the Kalapana viewing site outside the park. You can also book a cruise to see the area and learn more about the recent eruption from the water.

Nāhuku (Thurston Lava Tube)

Walk through a 500-year old lava cave formed when an underground channel of molten lava drained from its cooled walls forming a massive hollow chamber. A tropical rainforest awaits at the end of the tube.

Volcano House Hotel

Overlooking Halema'uma'u Crater, this renovated hotel has been operating since 1846. Mark Twain once stayed here. It has 33 guest rooms, a dining room, lounge, snack bar and a gift shop.

Thomas A. Jaggar Museum

This museum of volcanology, named for the founder of the Hawaiian Volcanoes Observatory, suffered severe structural damage during last year's eruption and was closed at the time of publication.

LATEST INFORMATION

For up-to-date information about eruptions and where lava is flowing visit the National Park Service website at nps.gov/havo/ planyourvisit/lava2.htm and the US Geological Survey website at hvo.wr.usgs.gov



Lava flow in Volcanoes National Park. Image: Island of Hawai'i Visitors Bureau/Paul Zizka

TIPS FOR VISITORS

- Allow plenty of time for your trip. The drive to and from Kona is about three hours each way, so consider staying in the park at Volcano House Hotel, in nearby Volcano Village or in Hilo
- Wear closed-in shoes and long pants and take a jacket
- There are limited facilities in the park, so pack food and water. Also take binoculars, and a torch if you are visiting at night
- Stay on marked routes and follow warning signs. There is a danger of harmful volcanic gases and unstable land in some areas
- Volcanic gases can be dangerous to those with pulmonary disorders such as asthma, so please seek advice from your doctor if you have such a condition and are planning to visit.

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SHOPPING

From farmers markets to malls, this island has it all.



A couple shopping in Hilo. Image: Hawai'i Tourism Authority/Daeja Fallas

HILO

Downtown Hilo

This historic bayside town is dotted with century-old storefronts housing art galleries, clothing boutiques, sports and adventure stores and gift shops. Highlights include Hawaiian clothing store Sig Zane Designs, Big Island Candies and Aloha Grown. On the first Friday of every month shops stay open late, with live entertainment in many, for Aloha Friday.

Hilo Farmers Market

More than 200 local farmers and craftsmen showcase their produce and wares at this outdoor market on the corner of Mamo St and Kamehameha Ave on Wednesday and Saturday from 6am to 4pm. It's also open – on a smaller scale – other days of the week from 7am to 4pm, with around 30 stalls.

Prince Kuhio Plaza

Stores including Old Navy, Sunglass Hut, American Eagle Outfitters, Hawaiian Island Creations and Jeans Warehouse can be found at this mall in East Puainako St.

KAILUA VILLAGE

This historic oceanfront town on Ali'i Dr is home to one-of-a kind shops and boutiques, art galleries, island crafts and jewellery stores. One Sunday each month the street becomes a pedestrian-only, family-friendly festive marketplace from 1pm to 6pm. For dates visit historickailuavillage.com/kokua-kailua/

THE SHOPS AT MAUNA LANI

A stylish shopping destination with fine art galleries, gift shops and stores including Tommy Bahama and Hawaiian Island Creations. It also has Hawai'i's first and only 4D adventure theatre.

WAIMEA (KAMUELA)

The Parker Ranch Center

Find clothing, accessories and gifts inspired by the *paniolo* (cowboy) culture of the island at the Parker Ranch Store, as well as other shops and casual eateries. An arts and crafts fair is also held here on the first Saturday of each month.

Parker Square

The Gallery of Great Things is the main drawcard for this complex, thanks to its

collection of treasures from throughout the South Pacific, including sculptures, paintings, photographs and jewellery.

Kamuela Farmers Market

Fresh, locally-grown produce, coffee and tea, jam, soap, hand-crafted wooden items and art are accompanied by live music at this market held at the historic Pukalani Stables in Pukalani Rd every Saturday from 7.30am until 1pm. The Paniolo Heritage Museum and the saddle shop at the stables are also open.

WAIKOLOA

Kings' Shops

Brand name stores including Michael Kors, Tiffany & Co. and Tori Richard sit alongside island favourites such as Tommy Bahama, Rix Island Wear and Honolulu Surf Co., fine art galleries, casual eateries and fine dining restaurants at this lakeside mall on the Kohala Coast.

Queens' MarketPlace

A collection of high-end boutiques, galleries and shops as well as a diverse food court and upscale restaurants. It also offers a schedule of free Hawaiian activities and entertainment.

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Head inland to chef Peter Merriman's flagship restaurant, where he pioneered the Hawai'i Regional Cuisine farm-to-table concept.

ISLAND LAVA JAVA

This colourful eatery in a plantation-style building at Coconut Grove Marketplace in Kona is a great place to go for breakfast, with freshly baked cinnamon rolls and pull-aparts, 100 per cent Kona Coffee and views over Kailua Bay.

HILO BAY CAFE

Grab a table on the balcony overlooking the water and dine on contemporary, locally-inspired dishes, artisan sushi, wine, craft beer and cocktails.

SWEET CANE CAFE

Most of the largely organic ingredients served here are sourced from the cafe's family farm or from its network of local farmers. It offers cane juice, cane slushies, cane juice-based smoothies, vegan and gluten-free baked goods, kale chips, sandwiches, salads and soups. All breads and sauces are made in-house.



Pepper crusted Big Island Ahi from Roy's Waikoloa Bar & Grill. Image: Roy's Hawai'i

KILAUEA LODGE RESTAURANT

Just outside Volcanoes National Park in Volcano Village, the character-filled restaurant at Kilauea Lodge has an enticing menu which includes pancakes and French toast for breakfast, a German sausage plate and Reuben sandwiches for lunch and everything from Chicken Tuscany to Duck à l'Orange for dinner. Sunday brunch is a local favourite.

ROY'S WAIKOLOA BAR & GRILL

With views over the Kings' Course fairway and lake at the Kings' Shops at Waikoloa,



The fireplace at Kilauea Lodge Restaurant.

this outlet from acclaimed Hawaiian chef Roy Yamaguchi has an island-inspired, internationally influenced menu.

CAFE PESTO

Known for its wood-fired pizzas, this eatery is a breezy outlet at Hilo Bay. It also serves pasta, salads and creative Hawaiian cuisine inspired by the island's diverse ethnic mix.

KANPAI NOODLES AND SAKE

Japanese noodle soups and sushi can be enjoyed alongside sake at this restaurant, which also has a private karaoke room.



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WHAT'S NEW



The revamped Westin Hapuna Beach Resort.

WESTIN HAPUNA BEACH RESORT REFURBISHMENT

Westin Hapuna Beach Resort has opened after a major renovation. Previously called Hapuna Beach Prince Hotel, it has a new adults-only infinity-edge pool with private cabanas, chaise lounges and pool ledge loungers, 17 new suites, 232 redesigned guestrooms and new interactive check-in pods. There are four places to dine, including Mediterranean-inspired restaurant Meridia, a casual eatery serving Pacific Rim cuisine called Naupaka Beach Grill, an open-air breakfast venue 'Ikena Landing and a barista bar, Piko Coffee + Bar, which serves 100 per cent Kona Coffee. The family pool area has also been refurbished and the Kids Club revamped. The resort and its sister resort Mauna Kea Beach Hotel are on the grounds of the greater Mauna Kea Resort. It is owned and managed by Prince Resorts Hawaii.

ALL-DAY TOUR

KapohoKine Adventures has a new, all-day Hawaii Island Odyssey tour. Guests on the tour, which departs from Kona and South Kohala, visit and enjoy sample treats from Mauna Loa Macadamia Nut Farm and Factory, Big Island Candies and Kona coffee grower Bay View Farms. Scenic sites on the tour include Punaluu Black Sand Beach, 'Akaka Falls State Park, Waipi'o Valley and Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. The tour costs US\$169 per-person, plus tax, and includes roundtrip hotel transportation and park entrance fees.

ANOTHER KONA BREWING CO. BREWERY

Another outlet of Kona Brewing Co. will open at Kailua-Kona in 2019. The new brewery will be just down the street from the original Kona brewery and pub and will be one of the most sustainable breweries in the world. Owners have partnered with Purpose Energy to recycle the organic brewing byproducts to produce electricity, heat and clean water for the brewery.

VIP HELI TOUR

Mauna Kea Resort and Blue Hawaiian Helicopters have partnered to launch Heli VIP: A Helicopter Ride Steps from Your Doorstep experience, offering resort guests on-site helicopter access steps from their hotel rooms. Guests can customize their own experiential helicopter excursion, personalizing it to their preferences. Travellers seeking romance and wellness can seek waterfalls in search of the perfect date or outdoor picnic spot. Those looking



Land beside a waterfall with Blue Hawai'iian helicopters.

for more adventurous activities can hunt for the ideal cave for spelunking or check out the island's volcanoes.

ITALIAN NOSHERY

Hilton Waikoloa Village has opened Nui Italian, serving up what it describes as "a family-friendly approach to Italian cuisine." It has an open-air dining area and *kiawe* wood-fired pizzas handcrafted in full view of guests. The restaurant's head chef, Sicily native Gino Cipriano, crafts the menu's favourites - which include pizza, salad and pasta - using fresh, locally-sourced ingredients.

MAUNA LANI REVAMP

The resort previously known as Mauna Lani Bay Hotel & Bungalows is undergoing a US\$100 million transformation, and will reopen in November as Mauna Lani, Auberge Resorts Collection. It will include the redesign of its 333 guestrooms and public areas, an updated lobby area and a new adults-only pool. The cultural centre where the resort's cultural historian Daniel Akaka Jr. leads storytelling sessions and Hawaiian cultural programming will also be moved closer to the lobby entrance, while the Bay Terrace Restaurant will be remodelled and revamped as a new three-course dining experience. The oceanfront resort is located 25 minutes from Kona Airport on the Kohala Coast, and will be spread across 12ha.



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SCENIC DRIVE

WEST (KONA) TO EAST (HILO)

Explore the island via the northern route, with the option of returning via the southern route.



Drive through Hilo. Image: Hawai'i Tourism Authority/Cameron Brooks



START

KALOKO-HONOKŌHAU NATIONAL HISTORIC PARK

Begin the day travelling north along the Kona-Kohala Coast on the Queen Ka'ahumanu Hwy (Hwy 19) to Kaloko-Honokōhau National Historic Park, located on the *makai* (ocean) side between mile marker 96 and 97. The 470ha national park was established in 1978 to preserve, protect and interpret native Hawaiian culture. It's open from 8.30am until 4pm daily.

PU'UKOHOLĀ HEIAU NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Continue north along the highway for 32km to the intersection of Hwy 19 and Hwy 270. Turn left and continue for 3km to Pu'ukoholā Heiau National Historic Site, which was built by King Kamehameha I (c. 1790) as an offering to the gods in his quest to unite the Hawaiian Islands. It's open daily from 8am until 4.45pm.

WAIMEA

Turn right and backtrack for 3km before heading east on the Māmalahoa Hwy. After 15 minutes you'll arrive in Waimea, known as *paniolo* (Hawaiian cowboy) country and home to several cattle ranches. These include Parker Ranch, which is the largest in Hawai'i at more than 50,000ha.

WAIPI'O VALLEY

Continue east to Honoka'a. Look for the left-turn sign to Waipi'o Valley. The 16km detour will lead you to Waipi'o Valley Lookout, a beautiful photo spot with a black-sand beach below. This fertile valley is 1.6km across, 8km deep and surrounded by cliffs up to 610m high. Guided tours, hikes and horse riding are available. The valley is extremely steep so stay at the lookout unless you have a 4WD.

'AKAKA FALLS STATE PARK

Once back on Hwy 19, continue toward Hilo for 48km to the small town of Honomū (between mile marker 13 and 14), where you'll see the turn-off on the right for 'Akaka Falls State Park. Take the one-hour waterfall loop hike to see 60m-high Kahuna Falls, then the towering 'Akaka Falls plunging 135m from the cliffs.

HILO

Travel 6.5km back to the main highway and continue south to the historic town of Hilo. Stroll down Kamehameha Ave and peruse the shops, art galleries and cafes. Visit the bustling Hilo Farmers Market, which is open seven days a week, with Wednesday and Saturday the most popular market days with more than 200 stallholders.

'IMILOA ASTRONOMY CENTER

A few minutes' drive away via Mohouli St and Komohana St is 'Imiloa Astronomy Center, where the relationship between Hawaiian culture and the universe is showcased through interactive exhibits and daily planetarium shows. It's open from 9am until 5pm Tuesday to Sunday.

HILO OVERNIGHT

Stay overnight in Hilo or return to the Kona side of the island via Kaumana Dr to Saddle Rd (Daniel K Inouye Hwy 200) for a drive across the centre of the island. Allow two hours for the trip.

RETURNING BY THE SOUTHERN ROUTE

Travel from Hilo to Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, Punalu'u Black Sand Beach, the archaeological sites of Pu'uuhonua O Hōnaunau National Historical Park at Hōnaunau Bay and Kealakekua Bay for some wonderful snorkelling and to take a photo of the famous Captain Cook Monument. Stroll the galleries and meet the artists at Hōlualoa in Kona before ending your journey there.



FINISH

KAUA'I

HAWAII'S ISLAND OF DISCOVERY

The northern-most and oldest of the Hawaiian Islands, Kaua'i's lush landscapes have provided the scenic backdrop for more than 60 movies and TV shows, including *The Descendants*, *Jurassic Park*, *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, *George of the Jungle*, *The Thorn Birds* and *Outbreak*. The island is home to more than 40 white-sand beaches, striking cliffs along the 25km-long Nāpali Coast and Waimea Canyon, which is known as the 'Grand Canyon of the Pacific'. Less developed and slower to change than the more visited Hawaiian Islands with a more rural feel, it's a great destination for hiking, tubing, ziplining, kayaking and birdwatching. Visit gohawaii.com/kauai



The 14th hole at Kaua'i Marriott Resort.

TOP THINGS TO DO ON KAUA'I

Escape the hustle and bustle and get back to nature with Kaua'i's beautiful beaches and immersive travel experiences.



A rainbow on Kaua'i. Image: Safari Helicopters

ATV TOUR

Enjoy an off-road adventure and explore Kaua'i's lush rainforests, waterfalls and valleys on a guided ATV tour. Some tours also include movie locations.

HIKE OR BIKE WAIMEA CANYON

Known as the 'Grand Canyon of the Pacific', Waimea Canyon stretches for 22.5km and is 1.6km wide and more than 1km deep. It's a great destination for hiking or mountain biking.

EXPLORE THE NĀPALI COAST

The rugged velvet green cliffs and cascading waterfalls along the 25km-long Nāpali Coast are a truly spectacular sight. See it on a boat tour, scenic helicopter flight or kayaking trip.

GO MOUNTAIN TUBING

Kaua'i is the only place in Hawai'i where you can go mountain tubing. Don a headlamp and float down canals and through tunnels dug by Chinese labourers circa 1870 to bring water from the rainforest to sugar cane fields.

MOVIE LOCATIONS TOUR

Book a tour to see filming locations from

some of the many films and TV shows shot on Kaua'i, including *Tropic Thunder*, *Six Days and Seven Nights*, *South Pacific*, *Pirates of the Caribbean*, *Gilligan's Island* and *The Amazing Race*.

SCENIC HELICOPTER FLIGHT

The best way to get a true appreciation for Kaua'i's dramatic scenery is to indulge on a scenic helicopter flight. Fly over the rippled cliffs of the Nāpali Coast, Waimea Canyon and towering waterfalls – many of which are inaccessible. It's safest to book an early morning tour as weather often closes in in the afternoon.

VISIT BOTANICAL GARDENS

Kaua'i is home to Hawai'i's most beautiful botanical gardens. See the giant Moreton Bay fig trees made famous in *Jurassic Park* at Allerton Gardens, the largest collection of native Hawaiian flora outside the wild at McBryde Gardens, and spot rare flowers and plants at Na'Āina Kai Botanical Gardens.

VISIT KILOHANA PLANTATION

Take a 40-minute train ride around the plantation learning about its history, hike through a rainforest and tour the orchard. Then

partake in a rum tasting and check out the art galleries, boutiques and the pottery shop.

HANAPĒPĒ ART NIGHT

Every Friday night from 5pm to 9pm Hawai'i's 'biggest little town' Hanapēpē, which was the setting for the Disney film *Lilo and Stitch*, comes alive with food trucks and live entertainment. Pop into galleries to meet artisans and buy unique gifts.

BIRDWATCHING

More than 80 species of birds call Kaua'i home, including red-footed boobies, great frigatebirds and Hawai'i's endangered state bird, the *nene* (also known as the Hawaiian goose). Kīlauea Point National Wildlife Refuge is the best place to see them.

EXPLORE MAKAUWAHI CAVE

The largest limestone cave in Kaua'i, Makauwahi Cave is an ancient archaeological site in Po'ipū where the fossils of shells, bones, seeds, leaves and wood have been found. It is a ten minute walk from CJM Country Stables. Free guided tours are held from 10am to 2pm daily and 10am to 4pm Sunday, and at other times on request. Donations are welcome.



DRIVING TIMES

From Lihue Airport (LIH) to:

Anahola	30 mins
Hā'ena	1 hr, 15 mins
Kalāheo	25 mins
Kapa'a	25 mins
Kīlauea	45 mins
Kōloa	25 mins
Po'ipū	30 mins
Princeville	1 hr
Wailua	15 mins
Waimea	45 mins
Waimea Canyon	1 hr, 15 mins



WHERE TO STAY

Choose from one of five main destinations, which each offer a mix of hotels, resorts, apartments and B&Bs:

- **North Shore/Princeville** – a tropical paradise
- **East Side/Kapa'a** – great base for touring north and south
- **Lihue/Kalapaki** – good, central location
- **South Shore/Po'ipū** – excellent beaches and water sport activities
- **West Side** – rich with sugar plantation history.



FAVOURITE ACTIVITIES

- ATV tours
- Boat tours
- Botanic garden tours
- Cycling
- Golf
- Helicopter tours
- Hiking
- Kayaking
- Mountain tubing
- River and ocean kayaking
- Snorkelling and scuba diving
- Spa treatments
- Stand-up paddleboarding
- Ziplining.

WHAT'S NEW

LUXURY RESORT

Guests can stay in oceanfront residences at the Garden Island's newest luxury resort, Timbers Kaua'i at Hōkūala. The resort includes a Jack Nicklaus-designed golf course, a two-tiered infinity-edge oceanfront pool, kids' pool, Hōkūala spa, fitness centre and cultural and adventure activities such as lessons in surfing, outrigger canoeing and stand-up paddleboarding.

FIRST GASTROPUB

Avalon Gastropub has opened at the Kinipopo Shopping Village at Kapa'a, becoming the island's first and only gastropub. The family-owned eatery offers craft beers, cocktails and whiskey, as well as a range of hamburgers, salads and classics such as chicken wings, truffle fries and fried mac and cheese. Nearly everything is made from scratch, from sauces to bitters served at the bar and ice-cream.



A brisket sandwich from Kiawe Roots Grill.

OLD-STYLE BARBECUE RESTAURANT

Husband and wife team Mark and Tricia Ruiz, who previously ran the popular Roots in Culture food truck, have opened Kiawe Roots Grill at The Shops at Kukui'ula in Kōloa. Using simple ingredients and techniques, their food is a fusion of local Hawaiian cuisine and Texan barbecue with modern Asian flavours. Dishes include

Grandpa's Chili Arancini, Jawaiian Jerk Pork Ribs, Dad's Fried Chicken and sides such as Filipino-inspired Calamansi Slaw and Puerto Rican Gandule Rice. It serves brunch all day, and is open for happy hour from 3pm to 5pm and dinner.

CULTURAL TOUR

Holo Holo Charters and National Tropical Botanical Garden have partnered to offer a new tour called *Na Waiwai*, which means treasured values. It will take guests off-the-beaten path on a land and sea adventure, with a private tour of McBryde Garden, an exclusive hula performance and a dinner cruise.

FREE HULA PERFORMANCE

National Tropical Botanical Garden now offers a free hula performance at the South Shore Visitor Center every Thursday from 2pm to 2.45pm. Performances are by artists from the Ka Lei Mokihana O Leina'ala dance school.

SHOPPING

SOUTH SHORE

The Shops at Kukui'ula

This village consists of more than 25 shops, restaurants and galleries, with a weekly culinary market, every Wednesday afternoon and an art walk on the second Saturday night of each month.

Poipū Shopping Village

Enjoy regular free hula shows, knife fire dancing and live drumming in the central courtyard of this mall, which features 22 shops selling clothes, art and gifts plus several casual eateries.

'Ele'ele Shopping Center

Just before Hanapepe town at the entrance of Port Allen Harbor, this centre has a grocery store, hair salon, banks, eateries and stores.

Old Kōloa Town

Restored old plantation buildings have been

converted into unique shops and restaurants in this inviting town.

COCONUT COAST

Kukui Grove Center

Kaua'i's largest shopping mall with more than 55 shops and restaurants, Kukui Grove Center is set amongst the beautiful Ha'upu mountain range at Līhu'e.

Anchor Cove Shopping Center

A small mall near the Nawailiwi Harbor and Līhu'e Airport, a few minutes' walk from Kalapaki Beach.

Kinipopo Shopping Village

A boutique centre in a garden setting just 10 minutes north of Līhu'e Airport, past the Wailua River.

Coconut Marketplace

This open-air shopping village is located in the middle of a coconut grove at Kapa'a.

It has more than 70 shops and eateries, with a farmers' market every Tuesday and Thursday morning and free Hawaiian entertainment.

NORTH SHORE

Ching Young Village

Popular for gifts, this shopping village at Halalei was named after a Chinese immigrant who ran a mercantile store and restaurant on the site in the early 1900s.

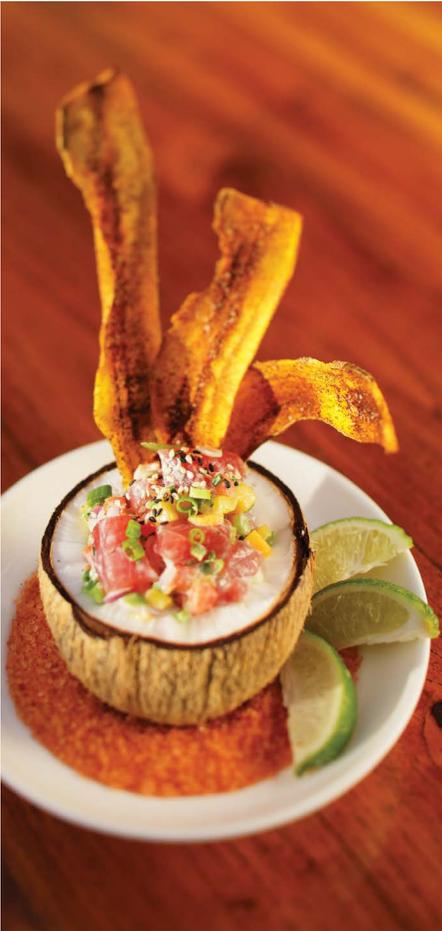
Kong Lung Market Center

Buy everything from locally-made goods such as coconut soap and art to rare vintage consignment clothing and designer evening wear at this charming village at Kīlauea.

Princeville Shopping Center

A collection of shops and restaurants with live entertainment in the food court nightly from 6pm to 8pm.

EATING OUT



Poke served at Gaylord's Restaurant at Kilohana Plantation.

GAYLORD'S RESTAURANT

Dine on a farm-to-table menu in the courtyard of a former plantation house at Gaylord's Restaurant in the historic Kilohana Plantation estate. Bartenders pick fruit from the orchard to go in cocktails, and you can do a Koloa Rum Tasting after your meal.

BAMBOO GRILL AND SUSHI

Head to this eatery in Anchor Cove Shopping Center for its famous pancakes topped with macadamia nut syrup for breakfast and local dishes including homemade white gravy *loco moco*, fried saimin and kalua pork.

DUKE'S KAUAI

Soak up the Hawaiian vibe at this casual restaurant overlooking Kalapaki Beach at the Kauai Marriott Resort. The hula pie is a must for dessert.

BEACH HOUSE RESTAURANT

This oceanfront fine dining restaurant at Kōloa offers innovative and sustainable Pacific Rim cuisine.

TIP TOP MOTEL, CAFÉ & BAKERY

It's worth lining up to try the classic Hawaiian dishes on offer at this affordable, must-visit eatery in Līhu'e. A favourite among locals and regular visitors, it offers *loco moco*, ox tail soup and pancakes. Open until 2pm every day except Monday.

JO2 RESTAURANT

Acclaimed French chef Jean-Marie Josselin's JO2 Restaurant at Kapa'a offers contemporary cuisine made with fresh island ingredients in a modern setting.

BRENNECKE'S BEACH BROILER

Just steps from the sand at Po'ipū, this casual eatery serves steak, seafood, pasta, sandwiches and an assortment of organic

salads at family-friendly prices. The second floor, open-air dining room also has great views over the park and ocean.

MERRIMAN'S FISH HOUSE

Farm-to-table cuisine in a plantation house setting with fantastic views at The Shops at Kukui'ula in Kōloa. There's also a more casual, family-friendly eatery downstairs.

EATING HOUSE 1849 BY ROY YAMAGUCHI

Award-winning chef Roy Yamaguchi combines traditional cuisine with modern fare and a lovely outlook in a gorgeous plantation-style building at The Shops at Kukui'ula in Kōloa.

KALAHEO CAFÉ & COFFEE COMPANY

Expect large servings of omelette, sandwiches and traditional dishes made using local ingredients.

KAUAI GRILL

This restaurant at the Princeville Resort Kauai combines ocean views with chef Jean-Georges Vongerichten's beautifully presented French and Asian-influenced cuisine.

LAVA LAVA BEACH CLUB

This 250-seat open-air restaurant and bar at Kauai Shores Hotel on the Coconut Coast has comfortable couches and fire pits with live Hawaiian music and hula performances.

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KAUA'I SCENIC DRIVE LIHU'E TO WAIMEA CANYON

Break up this itinerary over two to three days.



Visit Po'ipū Beach on a road trip. Image: Hawai'i Tourism Authority/Tor Johnson



START

KAUA'I COFFEE COMPANY ESTATE

Begin your day with a caffeine hit at the largest coffee farm in the US. From Līhu'e, head west on Highway 50 before taking Route 540. Take a tour of the property and learn about the journey of a coffee bean from seed to tree to cup.

HANAPĒPĒ

From Route 540, head back to Highway 50 and drive to the town of Hanapēpē. The historic plantation-style buildings of 'Kaua'i's biggest little town' have seen it star in films including *The Thorn Birds* and inspire the model for the Disney movie *Lilo and Stitch*. Wander over the swinging bridge and browse the shops and art galleries.

WAIMEA

Continue west from Hanapēpē to the historic sea port of Waimea, not far from where Captain James Cook landed in Hawai'i in 1778, and see the statue dedicated to him in the centre of town.

WAIMEA CANYON

From Waimea, turn right at Waimea Canyon Dr to take in the kaleidoscopic landscape of colours of the Waimea Canyon. Past the lookout enter Kōke'e State Park, which is a great place to go hiking and spot endemic birds and wildflowers. The end of the road will reveal glimpses of the spectacular Kalalau Valley.

OLD KŌLOA TOWN

Head back to Highway 550, then take routes 50 and 530 to Kōloa, a historic plantation-era town. The gateway to the area is a stretch of Maluhia Rd lined with eucalyptus trees planted a century ago and known as the Tree Tunnel. Kōloa opened Hawai'i's first sugar mill in 1835, leading to a wave of commercial sugar plantations across the islands and opening the door to immigrants who gave the state its multicultural flavour. Meander the Kōloa Heritage Trail, visit the History Center and buy an ice-cream or coffee from Lappert's Hawai'i to enjoy under the shade of the large monkeypod trees.

MCBRYDE AND ALLERTON GARDENS

Drive south via Po'ipū Rd then west on Lawai Rd to the National Tropical Botanical Garden. McBryde Gardens is like a botanical ark of rare and endangered tropical species, while Allerton Gardens features an abundance of native and exotic plants between a stream and the cliffs.

PO'IPŪ BEACH PARK

Head east back along Lawai Rd and Po'ipū Rd and end your day with a swim in the ocean beside this beautiful park. From December to May you might even spot humpback whales. It's also a well-known spot for endangered Hawaiian monk seals (but be sure to keep your distance).



FINISH

FAST FACTS



A Hawaiian Airlines A330 flying over Tunnels Beach on Kaua'i.

GETTING THERE

Hawaiian Airlines, Jetstar and Qantas fly from Australia to Hawai'i. All three offer direct flights from Sydney, with Hawaiian Airlines flying from Brisbane and Jetstar the only airline to fly from Melbourne. Travellers from other states should book domestic flights to connect in Sydney, Brisbane or Melbourne. Each international carrier has a domestic airline partnership which will allow you to check your luggage through from the domestic point of embarkation to Daniel K. Inouye International Airport on the island of O'ahu, where all international flights from Australia and New Zealand to Hawai'i arrive. Air New Zealand and Hawaiian Airlines also fly from Auckland to Honolulu.

Once there, it's easy to travel between the Hawaiian Islands. Hawaiian Airlines has more than 170 inter-island flights per week. Makani Kai Air and Mokulele Airlines also offer flights between the islands.

The five major airports are:

Daniel K. Inouye International Airport (HNL) on O'ahu

Hilo (ITO) and Kona (KOA) on Island of Hawai'i

Kahului (OGG) on Maui

Līhu'e (LIH) on Kaua'i

Smaller airports include:

Kapalua (JHM) and Hāna (HNM) on Maui

Waimea-Kohala (MUE) on Island of Hawai'i

Moloka'i (MKK) and Kalaupapa (LUP) on Moloka'i

Lāna'i (LNY) on Lāna'i

Flight times from Daniel K. Inouye International Airport (HNL), O'ahu to:

Līhu'e Airport (LIH) Kaua'i 30 min

Kahului Airport (OGG) Maui 30 min

Moloka'i Airport (MKK) 25 min

Lāna'i Airport (LNY) 25 min

Hilo International Airport (ITO) Island of Hawai'i 50 min

Kona International Airport (KOA) Island of Hawai'i 45 min

A ferry also operates daily to and from Lāhainā on Maui to Lāna'i (one hour).

VISA REQUIREMENTS

Under the USA's Visa Waiver Program, most Australian and New Zealand holidaymakers are eligible to travel via the 'Electronic System for Travel Authorization' (ESTA) system. They must apply in advance and a fee of US\$14 applies to new applications and renewals. Visit esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta/

Please check the US embassy's Australian or New Zealand websites for the latest information and to ensure you have the right visa. Visit au.usembassy.gov/visas/nonimmigrant-visas or nz.usembassy.gov/visas/nonimmigrant-visas

WHEN TO GO

In summer (May to October), the average daytime temperature at sea level is 29.4°C, while in winter (November to April) it is 25.6°C. At night, temperatures are around 12°C lower. November to March are the wettest months, but the rain tends to be localised with sunny spots usually found somewhere else on each island. During summer showers are less frequent, often lasting only a few minutes.

Peak season is from June to August, during the Hawaiian summer and long summer break for schools/universities in mainland USA. The Christmas and New Year period from mid-December to mid-January is also busy, as well as April and October during the Australian and New Zealand school holidays. It may be harder to find accommodation during these times, so book early.

It's usually easier to find affordable accommodation and flights during shoulder season, from March to May and September to November.

AVERAGE TEMPERATURES ACROSS HAWAII (°C)

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
AVE HIGH	27	27	27	29	29	31	31	32	32	31	29	27
AVE LOW	19	19	20	21	22	23	23	24	23	23	22	22

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GETTING AROUND

- Taxis are available at airports and key tourist spots. Credit cards are not commonly accepted and long cab rides can be costly. Taxis charge around US\$45 for the half-hour drive from Daniel K. Inouye International Airport to Waikīkī
- Rideshare services Uber and Lyft are active in Hawai'i
- Shuttle buses operate between airports and hotels and resorts, and between resorts and nearby shopping precincts in key tourist resorts. Some are free, while others charge a small fee. Check with your hotel concierge for details
- 'TheBus' and Waikiki Trolley are easy, fun and affordable ways to travel around Waikīkī and Honolulu on O'ahu. Visit thebus.org and waikikitrolley.com
- With little to no public transport on other islands, a hire car, or a combination of hire car and tours, is recommended. See below for more information on hire cars
- You can also hire motorcycles, mopeds and bicycles
- A scenic helicopter flight is a great way to see sights such as Waimea Canyon and the Nāpali Coast on Kaua'i, which is inaccessible by land, and Waimanu Valley on the Island of Hawai'i.

HIRE CARS

- Travellers from Australia and New Zealand do not require an international driver's licence as major car hire companies accept licences from both countries. In some cases, drivers will need to be more than 25 years of age and have a major credit card

- It's advisable to book car hire before you leave home
- Rental cars offer real value as they provide the freedom and flexibility to experience what each island offers
- Some car hire companies offer free shuttles for customers picking up vehicles
- Most major roads are well-maintained
- Please 'drive with *Aloha*' – slowly and without using your horn as it's considered rude. Observe speed limits, avoid tailgating and the local rule for single-lane bridges is to yield to on-coming traffic. But if you're the on-coming traffic and there is a queue on the other side, stop and let your neighbours cross
- Remember to drive on the right-hand side of the road.

TIPPING

US standards on tipping apply. Here is a general guide:

- Bar – US\$1 per drink
- Concierge – US\$1 for calling a taxi
- Shuttle – US\$1 per person for a short trip
- Housekeeping – US\$1 per bed per night. Leave the money on the bedside table each morning
- Kids' clubs – US\$15 per day
- Luggage porters – US\$1 per bag
- Room service – 10 to 15 per cent of total bill
- Taxi – 15 per cent of fare
- Tour guides – US\$5 to \$10 per half day per person/couple

- Restaurants – 15 to 20 per cent. A service charge may be automatically added to a bill, especially for parties of six or more. Check your bill before tipping to see if a service charge has already been included
- Cruising – A small gratuity is generally built into the cost of your cruise, which is split between various service departments on board such as housekeeping and food and beverage. At your discretion, you may also like to leave a tip for special service received from housekeepers, waiters, bar staff and kids' club attendants.

BASIC COSTS

- Coffee US\$5
- Beer US\$6
- Club sandwich US\$8
- Glass of wine US\$7
- Soft drink US\$3
- You will also be charged a General Excise Tax (added on at the time of purchase) of 4.166–4.712%

HAWAI'I STATE TAX

Hawai'i does not have a sales tax. Instead a General Excise Tax (GET) applies which varies by island, but is usually around four to five per cent of the price. This tax is not included in the advertised price, it is added on at the time of purchase.

HOTEL ROOM TAX

All visitors are required to pay a Transient Accommodations Tax of 10.25 per cent for their accommodation (hotels, resorts, B&Bs and apartments). This means that accommodation will attract a tax of around 13 or 14 per cent (General Excise Tax plus Transient Accommodation Tax). Some resorts and hotels also charge a daily 'resort fee' from US\$10-US\$40 per room per night.

WEDDINGS

Hawai'i is a wonderful location for a destination wedding. To lawfully marry in Hawai'i, you must obtain a licence from an authorised agent. Applicants must be at least 18 years old and file an official application in person with one of the many licensed agents across the Hawaiian Islands. A fee of US\$60 (plus US\$5 processing charge) applies. Once the licence is issued, there is no waiting period. Visit health.hawaii.gov/vitalrecords/marriage-licenses



A wave at Turtle Bay Resort on O'ahu's North Shore.



A bride and groom after their wedding at The Steeple House on Maui. Image: Wendy Laurel Photography

OTHER ROMANTIC CELEBRATIONS

Hawai'i is also popular for other romantic celebrations, including honeymoons, vow renewal ceremonies and anniversaries. Your local travel agent can help and many Hawaiian hotels and resorts can assist, especially if you're planning a ceremony on-site. Professional wedding co-ordinators are also available. Download our 'Hawai'i Romance Guide' at exploremedia.com.au

VOLUNTOURISM

If you would like to give back while you are on holiday in Hawai'i there are several single or multi-day projects you can sign up to.

- Conservation Connections can link you with organisations including the Blue Planet Foundation, Hawai'i Wildlife Fund and the American Bird Conservancy. Visit conservationconnections.org
- Volunteer on Vacation Hawai'i has programs including helping take care of animals at Leilani Farm Sanctuary, restoring habitats with the Native Hawaiian Plant Society and gardening at Maui Nui Botanic Gardens. Volunteers can earn a five per cent discount on their stay at the Hale Hookipa Inn Maui Bed and Breakfast. Visit volunteer-on-vacation-hawaii.com
- The Nature Conservancy offers opportunities to join hikes or take part in volunteer workdays. Visit nature.org/aboutus/volunteer

CAMPING

Many campsites are available throughout the Hawaiian Islands. Permits and fees are required. For more information visit camping.ehawaii.gov/camping/welcome.html

INTERNET

Many hotels in Hawai'i provide internet or Wi-Fi connectivity for their guests. Check with your hotel regarding charges. Free Wi-Fi is often also available in cafes and restaurants.

AREA CODE FOR HAWAI'I

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MOBILE ROAMING

Check with your mobile phone provider regarding international roaming charges as they can be expensive. Many travellers opt to disable international roaming and data downloading when they are overseas. One way to keep your mobile bill under control while you're away is to buy a pre-paid set-value SIM card prior to departure or on arrival. In both cases, you simply get a temporary number and SIM card to place in your existing handset while you're overseas. Convenience stores across Hawai'i also sell phone cards that you can use to call home.

ELECTRICAL VOLTAGE

Electricity is 115/120 volts at 60 cycles (60 Hz) per second. Purchase a voltage converter if your device does not accept this voltage. The USA uses the 'RJ11' jack.

LEGAL DRINKING AGE

21 years of age. ID is required to enter bars or buy alcoholic drinks. ID is also required when buying alcohol from liquor stores and supermarkets.

ETIQUETTE

- Respect property marked with *kapu* (off limits)
- Remember to *mālama kai* (respect plants and animals)
- Make sure to *mālama 'āina* (respect the land) by staying on trails and not disturbing plants
- Dispose of *opala* (rubbish) properly
- Abide by smoke-free laws which prohibit smoking in enclosed public areas.

COMMON HAWAIIAN WORDS

In the Hawaiian language Aloha not only means 'hello' and 'goodbye' but also 'love', 'affection' and 'compassion'. Here are a few other helpful words:

<i>mahalo</i>	thank you
<i>keiki</i>	child
<i>'ohana</i>	family
<i>pau</i>	finished
<i>lū'au</i>	Hawaiian feast
<i>'ono</i>	delicious
<i>pūpū</i>	appetiser
<i>kōkua</i>	help
<i>wikiwiki</i>	quickly



Makena Beach on Maui. Image: Hawai'i Tourism Authority/Tor Johnson

MAJOR PUBLIC HOLIDAYS IN 2019

New Year's Day	1 Jan
Dr Martin Luther King Jr Day	21 Jan
Presidents' Day	18 Feb
Prince Kūhiō Day	26 Mar
Good Friday	19 Apr
Memorial Day	27 May
King Kamehameha I Day	11 Jun
Independence Day	4 Jul
Statehood Day	16 Aug
Labor Day	2 Sep
Veterans' Day	11 Nov
Thanksgiving	28 Nov
Christmas Day	25 Dec

WATER SAFETY

Hawai'i's ocean is beautiful, but it can also be dangerous. Strong, hidden currents can overpower even experienced swimmers and standing on rocky outcrops can be dangerous due to sudden, powerful rogue waves. Conditions in the water constantly change.



Here are some things to remember:

- Waves come in sets and conditions can be calm for up to 20 minutes between dangerous sets of waves
- Swim only where lifeguards are on duty
- Do not fight a rip current. Instead, keep calm, float, wave for help and go with the current to conserve energy
- Never swim alone
- Know your limits
- If in doubt, don't go out
- Nude bathing and nude sun-bathing are prohibited across Hawai'i.

Hiking safety

Hawai'i is a fantastic destination for hiking, but some trails are for experienced hikers only. Make sure you do your research (degree of difficulty and length), let people know where you're going, carry a mobile phone and water, and always hike with someone else.

Visit dlnr.hawaii.gov/dsp/files/2014/09/HikingSafety.pdf

PROTECTING HAWAII'S NATURE RESERVES

- Brush/clean your boots before entering nature preserves to remove seeds and eggs of invasive pests
- Never stray off a trail. Staying on paths helps to protect native plants. It's also safer because some trails have hidden cliffs
- Take your own water. Water from streams may look clear but could contain bacteria.

Warning signs at Ho'okipa Beach on Maui. Image: Angela Saurine

Sun safety

Apply reef-safe sunscreen often (year-round). Wear sunglasses and a wide-brimmed hat.

General safety tips

- Be as security-conscious as you would be at home. Don't leave valuables unattended or in plain sight in a hire car, on the beach, or in restaurants or lobbies. Lock them in your hotel room or a safe instead
- Take only essential items to the beach and put keys/valuables in a waterproof bag and keep them with you
- Only carry as much cash as you need and leave extra cash and credit cards in the hotel safe.

EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

Visitor Aloha Society of Hawai'i (VASH) was established to assist visitors who have been victims of a crime or other adversities. Hawai'i is among the safest tourist destinations in the world but unfortunately crime against visitors can never be completely prevented.

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2019 HAWAII FESTIVALS & EVENTS

Time your trip to coincide with one of these fun festivals or events.



Men racing in the Queen Liliuokalani Canoe Race on Island of Hawai'i.

JANUARY

Hatsumode, O'ahu

1 January, Honolulu; e-shrine.org

Visit the Japanese shrine at Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha-Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu and be blessed for the New Year and get your head bitten by a Japanese Shishi lion for good luck.

FEBRUARY

Waimea Cherry Blossom Heritage Festival, Island of Hawai'i

2 February, Waimea; facebook.com/Waimea-Cherry-Blossom-Heritage-Festival-195555713803758/

See Church Row Park's historic cherry trees in bloom along with Japanese and multi-cultural performing arts, bonsai and origami demonstrations and traditional tea ceremonies.

Chinese New Year, Maui

8 February, 5pm-9pm, Wo Hing Museum and Cookhouse, Lāhainā; lahainarestoration.org

Celebrate the Lunar New Year with a traditional lion dance, firecrackers and a Shaolin martial arts demonstration. Chinese food will also be available for purchase.

MARCH

Honolulu Festival, O'ahu

8-10 March, Honolulu; honolulufestival.com

This premier cultural event promoting harmony in the Asia-Pacific includes music, dance, art and a parade in Waikīkī.

Big Island International Marathon, Island of Hawai'i

17 March, Hilo; hilomarathon.org

This event includes a full and half-marathon that passes waterfalls, rainforests and sugarcane fields.

The Prince Kūhiō Festival

26 March, Various locations

A series of events, ceremonies and activities to celebrate the birthday of Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole, who founded the first Hawaiian Civic Club in 1918.

APRIL

Ukulele Ohana, Moloka'i

5-9 April, Puu O Hoku Ranch, Kaunakakai; ukeohana.com

Learn to play and compose traditional and contemporary Hawaiian folk music, dance *hula* and talk story during this five-day

community festival.

Merrie Monarch Festival, Island of Hawai'i

21-27 April, Hilo; merriemonarch.com

This week-long festival includes a *hula* competition, arts fair, *hula* shows and a parade.

Chinese Kite Festival, Maui

26-27 April, Wo Hing Museum, Lāhainā; lahainarestoration.org

Watch aerial displays of acrobatic sport kites and kite fighting from Hawaii Kitefliers Association, fly your own and help make a giant kite to be flown the next day.

MAY

Lei Day Celebration, O'ahu

1 May, Kapiolani Park, Honolulu, facebook.com/leidaycelebration

This free event, which coincides with May Day, includes cultural performances, art exhibitions and demonstrations.

World Fireknife Competition, O'ahu

8-11 May, Polynesian Cultural Center, North Shore; worldfireknife.com

Competitors from all over the world come together and compete for the chance to become the World Fireknife Champion.

Lantern Floating Hawai'i, O'ahu

27 May, Ala Moana Beach Park, Honolulu; lanternfloatinghawaii.com

On Memorial Day, tens of thousands of people gather at Ala Moana Beach to honour the fallen and feel a connection with loved ones who have passed.

JUNE

IRONMAN 70.3 Hawai'i, Island of Hawai'i

1 June, Kohala Coast; ap.ironman.com

Swim with sea turtles, ride on the IRONMAN World Championship bike course and run in paradise at this ironman event.

Pan Pacific Festival, O'ahu

7-9 June, Honolulu; pan-pacific-festival.com

This traditional festival includes entertainment, a *hula* festival and a parade.

King Kamehameha Day, Statewide

11 June, Various locations; kamehamehafestival.org

Each year, Hawaiians across the islands unite to take part in cultural festivities and events in commemoration of King Kamehameha.

Maui Film Festival, Maui

12-16 June, Wailea; mauiilmfestival.com

Film screenings, tributes, panels and Hawaiian food.

JULY**Independence Day, Statewide**

4 July, Various locations

See spectacular firework displays at parks and beaches across the islands in celebration of Independence Day.

Kōloa Plantation Days, Kaua'i

19-28 July, Kōloa & Po'ipū; koloaplantationdays.com

The many ethnic groups that came to Hawai'i to work on sugar plantations, and the Hawaiians who welcomed them, are celebrated at this ten-day festival that includes a rodeo, fire dancing, a *'ukulele* competition and a parade.

Prince Lot Hula Festival, O'ahu

20-21 July, Moanalua Gardens, Honolulu; moanaluaagardensfoundation.org

Hawai'i's largest non-competitive *hula* event honours the legacy of Prince Lot Kapuāiwa, who brought the once outlawed dance back to the Moanalua district.

AUGUST**Duke's Oceanfest, O'ahu**

17-25 August, Waikīkī; dukesoceanfest.com

A festival of ocean sports that were close to Duke Kahanamoku's heart, including longboard surfing, swimming, tandem surfing, surf polo, beach volleyball and stand-up paddleboarding.

Queen Liliuokalani Canoe Race, Island of Hawai'i

29 August - 2 September, Kailua-Kona, qlcanoerace.com

The world's largest long distance canoe race has been hosted by Kai Opua Canoe Club since 1929.

SEPTEMBER**The Kaua'i Marathon and Half-Marathon**

1 September, Po'ipū, Kaua'i; thekauaimarathon.com

The annual event will take participants past beaches, volcanic peaks and rainforests as well as through the century-old Tunnel of Trees.

Chinese Moon Festival, Maui

14 September, Wo Hing Museum, Lāhainā; lahainarestoration.org

Pay tribute to the island's harvest with traditional Chinese music, moon cakes, a lantern display, cultural activities including calligraphy and cooking demonstrations.

Aloha Festivals, Statewide

1-29 September, Various locations; alohafestivals.com

This month-long celebration of Hawai'i's music, dance and history aims to perpetuate the islands' unique cultural traditions.

OCTOBER**Hawai'i Food & Wine Festival, O'ahu, Maui and Island of Hawai'i**

5-27 October, Various locations; hawaiiifoodandwinefestival.com

Wine tastings, cooking demonstrations and exclusive dining opportunities with dishes highlighting the state's farmers, fishermen and ranchers.

IRONMAN World Championship, Island of Hawai'i

12 October, Kailua-Kona; ap.ironman.com

More than 2,000 athletes from around the world come together to compete in triathlon's most iconic event.

Maui Marathon and Half-Marathon

13 October, Various starting points, Maui; mauiamarathon.com

The longest consecutively held running event in the state, this course takes in some spectacular scenery.

Festival of Birds, Island of Hawai'i

25-28 October, Kona; birdfesthawaii.org

In its fourth year, this festival will include field trips, workshops and talks by bird experts.

XTERRA World Championships, Maui

27 October, Kapalua; xtterraplanet.com/worlds/

This is the 24th year for the XTERRA World Championship on Maui, the birthplace of off-road triathlon.

NOVEMBER**Hawai'i International Film Festival, various locations**

7-17 O'ahu, 21-24 Island of Hawai'i and Kaua'i; hiff.org

This festival will screen more than 150 features, shorts and documentaries from around the world, with workshops and seminars with top Asian, North American and Pacific filmmakers.

Kona Coffee Cultural Festival, Island of Hawai'i

1-10 November, Kona; konacoffeefest.com

This 10-day festival celebrating Kona's 200-year coffee heritage includes more than 40 events, including farm tours, art exhibitions, quilt shows, a lantern parade and a pageant.

Vans Triple Crown of Surfing, O'ahu

11 November-20 December, North Shore; vanstriplecrownofsurfing.com

See the world's best surfers in action on the world's biggest waves.

Waikīkī Holiday Parade, O'ahu

29 November, Waikīkī; waikikiholidayparade.com

Local bands, marching bands from the mainland and local officials take part in this annual parade from Fort DeRussy to Kapiolani Park commemorating Pearl Harbor survivors and the anniversary of the attack.

DECEMBER**Honolulu Marathon, O'ahu**

8 December, Ala Moana Blvd, Waikīkī; honolulumarathon.org

The fourth largest marathon in the US, this event attracts 30,000 participants each year.

Hawaiian Airlines Diamond Head Classic, O'ahu

Dec 22, 23 and 25 December, Stan Sherif Center, Honolulu; espnevents.com/diamond-head-classic

This eight-team men's college basketball tournament, will feature 12 games over three days.

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