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Oahu Travel Guide

Oahu Locals to use for Hiking, Yoga, and Surf Lessons!

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Many people get hurt and some die hiking on Oahu. If you plan to hike challenging terrain, do so with a local expert. Leena and her partner have lots of experience and can help determine the right hike for your level. Book online at their site or DM them on Insta!

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Oahu, Hawaii - The Island

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Oahu, Hawaii - Do & See

The breathtaking island of Oahu offers an endless array of activities and sights. While relaxing on the beaches or braving the surf will always be Hawaiian specialties, culture and adventure should also be on the bucket-list: celebrate Polynesian culture at a luau, get a dose of modern culture in Honolulu or admire the mesmerizing natural reserve wildlife.



Honolulu

Hawaii's capital, its largest city and the center of commerce, history, and entertainment, is a true metropolis with Polynesian flavor. Although visitors might prefer to laze on the beautiful beaches or to explore the natural wonders of the island, a visit to The Big Pineapple, as it is known, should not be passed up, as you do not want to miss the dining options, the student scene, the historical sights, or the cultural delights.



Iolani Palace

364 South King Street, Honolulu
+1 808 586 0352

Iolani Palace is the only official royal residence in the United States. The last king of Hawaii was David Kalakaua, who ruled the kingdom in the late nineteenth century. Hawaii became an American territory in 1900 and, almost 60 years later, was declared the 50th American state.



Waikiki

The two-mile stretch of beach south of central Honolulu is the island's main resort area and, thus, one of the biggest draws for tourists who flock here for laid-back vibes, gentle surf, dining, entertainment, nightlife and shopping. Lying in the shadow of the Diamond Head makes not only stunning views but also an easy access to one of Hawaii's most famous landmarks.



World War II Valor in the Pacific

1 Arizona Memorial Place, Honolulu
+1 877 444 6777

The United States naval base at Pearl Harbor was surprised by a Japanese military strike on the morning of December 7, 1941: all eight U.S. Navy battleships were damaged, more than 2,000 Americans lost their lives, and this very attack led to the American involvement in World War II. Today, a memorial reminds of those who died in the assault, while two museums and outdoor exhibits present the historical happenings and their backgrounds. The visitor centre in general also features exhibits and interpretive programs for other Pacific National Parks: Kalaupapa National Historical Park on the island of Molokai, American Memorial Park in Saipan, and War in the Pacific National Historical Park in Guam.



Diamond Head State Monument

+1 808 587 0300

Hawaii's most famous landmark, the Diamond Head, is a volcanic crater with a 360-degree view over the island, and its name comes from English sailors who thought that its calcite crystals were pure diamonds. The scenic hike up to the summit, taking the so-called stairway to heaven, will not be soon forgotten, and so it happens to the views from atop.



Waikiki Aquarium

2777 Kalakaua Avenue, Honolulu
+1 808 923 9741

The Waikiki Aquarium, located right on the shores and run by the nearby university, attempts to recreate diverse tropical Pacific reef habitats to function as home to a number of aquatic species, including some rare fish species from the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands and the moon jellyfish.



Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve

100 Hanauma Bay Road, Honolulu
+1 808 396 4229

Hanauma Bay is a marine nature reserve set in a stunning bay and consequently one of the best snorkeling sites in Oahu. As this reserve is dedicated to protecting the marine life in the bay, visitors are most encouraged to promote this endeavor.



Polynesian Cultural Center

55-370 Kamehameha Highway, Honolulu
+1 800 367 7060

Sample a traditional Hawaiian luau feast and learn about Polynesian island culture at the Polynesian Cultural Center. The luau has been an opportunity for Hawaiians to celebrate the good things in life with friends and family for generations, so the bright and festive luau clothes turn any frown upside down.



Surfing

2586 Kalakaua Avenue, Honolulu
+1 808 924 7778

People from all over the world dream of catching waves on the shores of Hawaii, and a trip to the islands would not be complete without this adventure. Once upon a time, surfing was a sport reserved for royalty, but today, thankfully just about anybody can take lessons and, thus, experience the thrill of the ocean up close — try out Hans Hedemann Surf School.



Whale & Dolphin Watching

85-371 Farrington Highway, Waianae
+1 808 306 7273

Experience the gracefulness and the beauty of aquatic mammals and sea turtles with this unique tour where you'll get a chance to encounter dolphins, whales, and turtles. Wild Side Specialty Tours offers personal and high quality tours with many different options.



Honolulu Zoo

151 Kapahulu Avenue, Honolulu
+1 808 971 7171

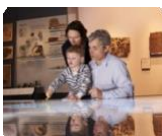
The Honolulu Zoo is home to over 900 different animals from the tropics, including Komodo Dragons, orangutans, elephants, primates, and a variety of African mammals. Distributed on 42 acres of tropical greenery, the aviary is especially charming, as visitors can here admire a variety of native Hawaiian birds, including the nene and 'apapane.



Byodo-In Temple

47-200 Kahekili Highway, Kaneohe
+1 808 239 9844

Ring the 5-foot and 3-ton brass bell for good luck, feed droves of eager carp, ducks and swans in the garden's pond, or just relax in the ambiance of the Byodo-In Temple. However, make sure to visit the 2-ton carved wooden statue of the Buddha sitting placidly inside the replica Temple, hearkening 11th century Uji, Japan.



Bishop Museum

1525 Bernice Street, Honolulu
+1 808 847 3511

The Bishop Museum provides excellent exhibits of Hawaiian and Polynesian culture, including Hawaiian artifacts and royal family heirlooms. The museum was founded in 1889 in honor of the royal Kamehameha family and it is definitely one of the must sees when visiting Honolulu.



Chinatown Cultural Plaza

100 North Beretania Street, Honolulu
+1 808 521 4934

The sprawling Cultural Plaza in Chinatown is a shopping square surrounding a courtyard that hosts an incense-enveloped shrine and the Moongate stage for holiday performances. Near the canal, you will meet local members of the community who play cards and mah-jong.



Dole Plantation

64-1550 Kamehameha Highway, Wahiawa
+1 808 621 8408

The days of pineapple plantations were pivotal for the economic success of Hawaii, and visitors are now given the chance to explore this rich history. At Dole Plantation, exhibits will tell you more about this far-reaching market, while a gift shop, a snack concession, educational displays and the world's largest maze will serve your entertainment.



Foster Botanical Gardens

180 North Vineyard Boulevard, Honolulu
+1 808 768 7135

For peace and relaxation away from the bustle of tourist areas, head to the Foster Botanical Gardens and walk among a variety of placating bromeliads, orchids and other tropical plants. Many of the trees are still in residence from 1853, when Queen Kalama leased a portion of her land.



Kaiwi Shoreline Trail

Kaiwi State Scenic Shoreline Park, Honolulu

This 1-mile hike at Kaiwi State Scenic Shoreline Park takes visitors over beautiful hills to the historic Makapu'u lighthouse, and it always provides places for having a break and for admiring the breathtaking scenery. During the winter months, it is possible to view humpback whales during their long migrations.



Shangri La

4055 Papu Circle, Honolulu
+1 808 734 1941

This beautiful former home of Doris Duke is now a museum housing the Foundation for Islamic Art, which promotes the study and understanding of Islamic arts and cultures. Book a guided tour for exploring the five acre complex with the house itself, a playhouse, a pool, courtyards, terraces, gardens, and water feature. Access to Shangri La is by reservation or business appointment only.



Green World Coffee Farm

71-101 North Kamehameha Highway, Wahiawa
+1 808 622 2326

On this 7-acre farm, 2,000 arabica coffee trees grow out of green beans from all over the Hawaiian islands. While free samples of at least 5 varieties of coffee are always available in the store, and you can also enjoy a fresh cup at the espresso bar. However, do not forget to go on a self-guided tour to learn more about the production on the farm itself.



Lyon Arboretum

3860 Manoa Road, Honolulu
+1 808 988 0456

The Harold L. Lyon Arboretum is 200-acre of real nature rather than a cosmetically designed and landscaped garden. On the trails winding through this impressive scenery, you can find some of the most representative Hawaiian plants and trees, such as breadfruit and sugarcane, so do go here for a lovely and relaxing stroll.



Oahu, Hawaii - Dining

The cuisine of Oahu has naturally been influenced by its surroundings – seafood, therefore, plays a large part in the local cuisine, complemented by excellent roast meats (the traditional kalua pork should not be missed), as well as by daring Asian influences. Dishes are served with a wide range of fresh fruits and vegetables including the local root vegetable taro, which is usually mashed to turn poi, a staple in the Hawaiian cuisine.





Chef Chai

1009 Kapiolani Boulevard, Honolulu

+1 808 585 0011

Chef Chai is claimed as one of Hawaii's top Hawaii Regional Cuisine chefs, and his menu fuses fresh Hawaii ingredients with flavors from Asia in order to celebrate Oahu's cultural diversity. Chai's restaurants have been praised and recommended by Bon Appetite, Brides, Sunset, Cooking Light, Travel & Leisure, Gourmet Magazine, and many more, so do have a try and discover its flavors for yourself.



Tangö Contemporary Cafe

1288 Ala Moana Boulevard, Suite 120

+1 808 593 7288

Finnish chef Göran Streng nods to his heritage with a clean and trendy setting in his cafe, where you can enjoy a clever and eclectic cuisine blending Scandinavian, Asian, Hawaiian and American classics. Featuring fresh, natural, and house-made ingredients, you can savor excellent dishes all day long since they are open for breakfast, brunch, lunch and dinner.



Buzz's Steakhouse

413 Kawaihoa Road, Kailua

+1 808 261 4661

Tiki style steakhouse featuring a surf 'n' turf menu and a variety of cocktails. Buzz's just happens to be former U.S. President Barack Obama favorite eatery whenever he is in Hawaii, so come see for yourself what the "buzz" is all about.



Tanaka of Tokyo West

1450 Ala Moana Boulevard, Honolulu

+1 808 945 3443

Situated in the Ala Moana Center, Tanaka is a Japanese restaurant serving a wonderful array of seafood and steak. Here, your chosen meal is artistically prepared on your table-top grill. A few examples of what's on the menu are lobster tails, scallops, Black Angus sirloin, King salmon, and teriyaki chicken.



Little Village Noodle House

1113 Smith Street, Honolulu

+1 808 545 3008

This 'little house' is a trendy restaurant serving delicious home-cooked Chinese dishes. While its history began way back in the 70s when the owners arrived in Honolulu, straight from China, it still pleases both regulars and newcomers day by day, with fresh food and great service.



Arancino

255 Beach Walk, Honolulu

+1 808 923 5557

Arancino is an upscale Italian restaurant serving different typical dishes accompanied with great wines. As cheese, meat, and pasta get imported all the way from Italy, all the dishes get that specific taste, and they are as authentic as Italian food far away from its source can possibly be.



Helena's Hawaiian Food

1240 North School Street, Honolulu

+1 808 845 8044

Helena's is a renowned Honolulu diner serving home-cooked specialties such as smoked short ribs pipikaula-style and squid luau. While being a local favorite for more than 60 years, the restaurant and its chef Helen Kwock Chock received the James Beard Award back in 2000. The restaurant is now run by her grandson, Craig Katsuyoshi.



Olive Tree Cafe

4614 Kilauea Avenue, Honolulu
+1 808 737 0303

The Olive Tree is a self-serve Greek restaurant offering taramasalata, falafel, and souvlaki. As it is BYOB (=bring your own booze) without any corkage fee, this will relieve your budget but increase your Hawaii experience.



Kai Market

2255 Kalakaua Avenue, Honolulu
+1 808 921 4600

A regional "farm-to-table" menu and international flavors is what you can expect from Sheraton's Kai Market, as you will find everything from a prime rib carving station to Chinese-style steamed fish and clams in a ginger-black-bean sauce. Daily open-air luau-style shows take place here as well.



La Mer

2199 Kalia Road, Honolulu
+1 808 923 2311

La Mer is arguably the most beautiful dining facility in Oahu, as both art deco and haute-French cuisine reins in evenings of romance. Choose from three prix-fixe options and just enjoy an evening full of elegance and ocean views.



Opal Thai

1030 Smith Street, Suite 6
+1 808 381 8091

This small restaurant started off as a food truck but had to expand in order to keep up with its ever-growing band of loyal customers. While serving delicious Thai food – tom kha soup, green curry, and drunken noodles – the owners are friendly, and they love to help customers pick the right dish based on the client's flavor preferences.



The Pig & the Lady

83 North King Street, Honolulu
+1 808 585 8255

Mixing Vietnamese tradition with island flavors, this restaurant acts as both an unassuming noodle house for the busy lunch crowd by day and a fine dining experience at night. Dishes are daring and flavorful, and they include combinations such as pork chop marinated in spiced guava leaves, and the desserts are equally innovative and delicious.



Akasaka

1646 Kona Street B, Honolulu
+1 808 942 4466

Hawaii's Japanese heritage gets evident, once again, in this tiny sushi bar. While its location might not be the most inviting, the sushi, sashimi, butterfish and other grilled specialties served here most certainly are.



Cholo's Homestyle Mexican

66-250 Kamehameha Highway, Honolulu
+1 808 637 3059

Hawaii's multicultural heritage does not only include Asian and Polynesian influences, and this Mexican restaurant gives visitors that other side of the Hawaiian melting pot, offering all the fixings you would expect: tacos, fajitas, burritos, enchiladas and much more. Also, the fish tacos are made with the freshest catch, and the margaritas with the juiciest mangoes.



Hank's Haute Dog

324 Coral Street, Honolulu
+1 808 532 4265

At this beloved restaurant, Chicago-style hot dogs undergo all kinds of transformations, as local and international sausages and toppings are combined in order to create unique and explosive flavors. Try the wild boar sausage with cran-apple relish or the Hawaiian with Portuguese sausage, mango mustard and pineapple relish.



Kua Aina Sandwich

66-160 Kamehameha Highway, Honolulu
+1 808 637 6067

A favorite among locals and tourists since its opening in 1975, Kua Aina, serves huge and immensely savory hand-formed burgers. From bacon to cheese, to avocado and, of course, Hawaiian pineapple, everything can be added, so this is a treat which should not be missed.



Sorabol

805 Keeaumoku Street, Honolulu
+1 808 947 3113

Sorabol is the largest Korean restaurant in the city, lending to a vast menu of Korean cuisine and sushi favorites. Head here for experiencing both tasteful Korean dishes and an authentic atmosphere.



Pho To Chau

1007 River Street, Honolulu
+1 808 533 4549

Specialized in pho noodle soup, Pho To Chau will always be the default Vietnamese restaurant of Oahu, as they were the pioneer Vietnamese venue on the island. While you will find legions of loyal customers during the week, it also attracts newcomers each day, so do expect long lines. However, it is worth the wait.

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Oahu, Hawaii - Cafes

Coffee culture is on the rise in Oahu, and skilled baristas can whip up special coffees for any taste. So, sit down and savour a coffee while also enjoying the most spectacular atmospheres. Let the gentle sea breeze caress your face, while the fragrance of the colourful flowers soothe your soul, and the views of the Pacific Ocean tantalise your imagination.



Heavenly Island Lifestyle

342 Seaside Avenue, Honolulu

+1 808 923 1100

Farm-to-table cafe serving Hawaiian dishes made with local and organic produce in a colorful island setting. Very popular breakfast and brunch spot.



Hiking Hawaii Cafe

1956 Ala Moana Boulevard, Honolulu

+1 808 445 1717

Located underneath the Doubletree Alana Hotel, this cafe is kind of a hidden gem of Waikiki. Serving fresh and healthy fare at a laid back and friendly atmosphere, this is a great place to start your day before hitting the great outdoors. On their menu, you'll also find non-dairy drinks as well as vegan snacks.



Tea at 1024

1024 Nuuanu Avenue, Honolulu

+1 808 521 959 6

For a unique tea experience, head to Tea at 1024. Once voted Best Afternoon Tea in Hawaii, this quaint little tea shop offers you the perfect English tea experience with a Hawaiian touch. While they prepare your tea, why not go all out and choose a hat and a feather boa for delighting in the quirky and fun atmosphere?



Veranda at the Beachhouse

2365 Kalakaua Avenue, Honolulu

+1 808 921 4600

As Veranda is located at the Moana Surfrider hotel, this cafe is surrounded by elegant Victorian architecture right by the shores of Waikiki. Sit back and enjoy breakfast, lunch or the classic afternoon tea under the shade of an imposing Banyan tree, and your day could not have started any better.



Island Vintage Coffee

2301 Kalakaua Ave, Honolulu

+1 808 926 5662

Island Vintage Coffee Company carries 100% gourmet Kona coffee, so they only feature the finest coffee beans chosen from volcanic soils of Hawaii. While having a coffee is almost mandatory, trying their tasty poke and açai bowls as well as their sandwiches will also enrich your stay (and day).



Barefoot Beach Cafe

2699 Kalakaua Avenue, Honolulu
+1 808 924 2233

Barefoot Beach is a safe bet for breakfast, especially when it comes to thinking of your budget. However, do also head here for lunch and dinner. Located right at the beach, they do not only serve great menus but also a wonderful atmosphere, hold up by tiki torches after nightfall.



Honolulu Coffee at Moana Surfrider

2365 Kalakaua Avenue, Honolulu
+1 808 922 3111

Located at the Moana Surfrider Resort & Spa in Waikiki Beach, the Surfrider Cafe is a trendy breakfast and lunch spot. They serve healthy dishes at its beachfront location, and you will find a variety of specialty coffees, island fruit bowls, salads, freshly prepared lunch dishes and sandwiches on the menu.



Sugoi Bento & Catering

1286 Kalani Street, B-106
+1 808 841 7984

Sugoi Bento is a breakfast-and-lunch Japanese diner known for their fast service, delicious food and big portions, so make sure you're hungry when you walk in here. Although their atmosphere does invite you to stay, do (also) build your own bento (=take-out portion) and don't leave without trying their famous crispy and tender garlic chicken, you will not be disappointed.



Cinnamon's

315 Uluniu Street, Kailua
+1 808 261 8724

Specialized in breakfast and brunch foods, the dishes here strive to be fresh and free from chemicals, preservatives and additives, providing wholesome and balanced meals. Although its name implicates sweet treats, you will also find savory dishes on their menu.



Oahu, Hawaii - Bars & Nightlife

After soaking up the sun or pounding the surf all day long, it is time for hitting the town and trying the famous Mai Tai cocktail – dive in, kick back, and enjoy the 'aloha' vibe. If the Mai Tai's have hit their mark and your feet begin to dance, then head out to one of Honolulu's many clubs or experience the Hawaiian culture by catching a show or by devouring a luau buffet.



Polynesian Cultural Center Luau

55-370 Kamehameha Highway, Laie
+1 800 367 7060

The Polynesian Cultural Center hosts an amazing luau and buffet six nights a week, and it also offers a show entitled "Ha: Breath of Life." As this luau and the show are widely considered to be one of the most authentic experiences visitors can have of Hawaiian tradition and culture, make sure you do not miss it.



Chief's Luau Admission

You can't leave Hawaii without enjoying an authentic luau. And this one on Oahu promises to give you and your family an experience to be remembered for years to come.

Immerse yourself in island culture as you watch a Polynesian show, learn headband weaving, or take a hula dance lesson. Then, indulge in a Hawaiian feast, including pineapple-glazed chicken and kalua pork.



Mai Tai Bar

1450 Ala Moana Boulevard, Suite 3247
+1 808 947 2900

If you're looking for a place to start into the night (and maybe stay), stop by this award-winning rooftop bar. When night falls, you get to enjoy island-style live music while sipping cocktails like Cucumber Melon Crush, Mango Mai Tai, and Mandarin Sweet Tea Cooler.



Duke's Waikiki

2335 Kalakaua Avenue, Honolulu
+1 808 922 2268

This lively beachfront bar serves in the memory of Duke Kahanamoku who was the legendary Waikiki surfer, winning Olympic medals in swimming and introducing surfing to Australia and New Zealand. Head here for some drinks and for learning more about this legend.



Nextdoor

43 North Hotel Street, Honolulu
+1 808 200 4470

Nextdoor is a underground and funky club located in vibrant Chinatown playing an eclectic range of music, from dance over electro to reggae. As this club also features local and international talents, you may even discover new trends here.



Hulas Bar & Lei Stand

134 Kapahulu Avenue, Honolulu
+1 808 923 0669

Hula's is Hawaii's oldest and best-known gay-friendly nightspot. Enjoy the view of Diamond Head and Waikiki beach during the day and head over to the dance floor during the night for some drag shows, male dancers and songs from past patrons including Elton John, Adam Lambert and Dolly Parton.



Boardriders Bar & Grill

201 Hamakua Drive, Suite A
+1 808 261 4600

Designed as a cool and laid-back surfers' bar, this venue includes a pool table, dartboards, plenty of large TVs for watching sports, and of course, delicious and refreshing drinks. However, the main attraction here is the live music every Friday and Saturday, and the performers are usually local bands playing rock or reggae.



The Dragon Upstairs

1038 Nuuanu Avenue, Honolulu
+1 808 526 1411

Small and cozy bar just above Hank's Cafe offering live jazz music, a laid back atmosphere and great service. A good place to relax after a long day in the sun. Also, as it is located in the heart of Chinatown, many food options are nearby.



Wai'olu Ocean Cuisine

223 Saratoga Road, Honolulu
+1 808 683 7456

Boasting breathtaking sunset views and a sophisticated vibe, the Wai'olu Ocean View Lounge at the Trump International Hotel is one of the spiffiest places in town. World class cuisine, live music and good drinks, including the World's Best Mai Tai are sure to make your night even more special.



Genius Lounge Sake Bar & Restaurant

346 Lewers Street, Honolulu
+1 808 626 5362

The intimate and candle-lit ambiance at Genius Lounge is sophisticated but laid-back and, as it is very inviting, regularly attracts locals and tourists alike. Their menu offers a wide selection of cocktails and sake, as well as Japanese-inspired dishes and Hawaiian fare.



Oahu, Hawaii - Shopping

If you are looking for souvenirs or just a little self-indulgent shopping therapy, then Honolulu has everything you could possibly desire. From the bustle of the marketplace to the refined shopping experience of the designer boutique, Honolulu caters to all and everything. However, local shops tend to specialize in designer and vintage items and knickknacks, making Oahu a perfect place to shop for unique gifts.



Luxury Row

2100 Kalakaua Avenue, Honolulu
+1 808 922 2246

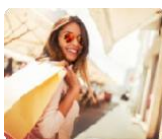
Luxury Row brings the latest high fashion and luxury items to the island of Oahu. Offering luxury brands including Chanel, Coach, Tiffany & Co, Yves Saint Laurent, Bottega Veneta, Gucci, and Hugo Boss. As the center is located in the heart of the Waikiki beach resort and urban retail district, you probably do not even have to travel far.



Hilo Hattie

1450 Ala Moana Boulevard, Suite 1254
+1 808 973 3266

Hilo Hattie at the Moana shopping center is Honolulu's best destination for Hawaiian fashion, gifts, souvenirs, home and beach accessories, beauty products, gourmet foods and stunning island jewelry. In fact, you can get almost everything here, so this is where tourists in the know go to get that Hawaiian shirt that visitors simply have to take back home.



Ala Moana Center

1450 Ala Moana Boulevard, Honolulu
+1 808 955 951 7

Ala Moana is the world's largest open-air shopping mall, hosting over 240 stores and 60 restaurants in the 50-acre complex and, thus, an impressive blend of international, national, and local boutiques. Gucci, Louis Vuitton, Christian Dior, and Armani are some of the brands located on site but you can also experience many more.



Aloha Tower Marketplace

1 Aloha Tower Drive, Honolulu
+1 808 544 1453

The Aloha Tower Marketplace is a lively waterfront market featuring restaurants, entertainment venues, shops, and kiosks. Go here for experiencing a vibrant and colorful shopping experience and take home some souvenirs.



Tin Can Mailman

1026 Nuuanu Avenue, Suite 1A
+1 808 524 3009

Tin Can Mailman is a vintage shop in Chinatown, full of Hawaiiiana and memorabilia, from postcards, books and pinup girls to clothes and jewelry. Browsing through the huge selection of items is like turning back time to see a Hawaii from long ago that indeed knows how to compete with the current one.



T-Galleria

330 Royal Hawaiian Avenue, Honolulu
+1 808 931 2700

Three level shopping center offering good deals on high-end designer brands. For handbags, cosmetics, clothes and many more duty-free goods, head to T-Galleria in Waikiki.



Global Village

539 Kailua Road, Suite 104
+1 808 262 8183

At this beloved boutique, the eclectic selection of apparel and handcrafted one-of-a-kind jewelry, fashion, gifts and accessories from around the globe regularly changes and, thus, always stays exciting. The family-run business supports local designers and manufacturers, as well as green businesses, therefore it became a real local's favorite.



Kahala Mall

4211 Waialae Avenue, Honolulu
+1 808 732 7736

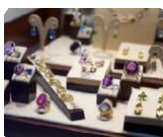
First mall ever built in Hawaii, small in size compared to the other shopping centers, but you'll still find pretty much anything you need and at slightly cheaper prices. From anchor stores to local boutiques, plus a variety of eateries and a movie theater.



Bookends In Kailua

600 Kailua Road, Suite 126
+1 808 261 1996

This independent neighborhood bookstore has a quaint and familiar feel to it. As all the walls are lined with both new and used books, and the large children's section invites families to come and linger for a good while, browsing through the extensive selection is always a great experience here.



North Shore Marketplace

66-250 Kamehameha Highway D203, Haleiwa
+1 808 637 4416

North Shore is an open-air plaza housing art galleries, clothing stores, and a surf museum. Moreover, Jungle Gems is located here, with its precious and semiprecious gemstone jewelry that you do not want to miss out. The Silver Moon Emporium is another local favorite.



Royal Hawaiian Center

2201 Kalakaua Avenue, Honolulu
+1 808 922 2299

The Royal Hawaiian Center composes a three-block radius with more than 100 stores and restaurants, including local stores Aloha Aina Boutique, Honolulu Home Collection, and Koi Boutique. Head here for an authentic shopping and dining experience.



Aloha Stadium Swap Meet & Marketplace

Aloha Stadium, Aiea
+1 808 486 6704

On Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays, the parking lot of the Aloha Stadium becomes a huge marketplace, where vendors push everything from Hawaiian themed clothes, accessories and souvenirs to ethnic food, silk flowers and other decorations. If you're patient and search thoroughly you can come across really unique items.



Waikale Premium Outlets

94-790 Lumiaina Street, Honolulu
+1 808 676 5656

At the Waikale Premium Outlets, you'll find your favorite brands at exclusive prices, this is the place where you can shop till you drop. From clothes and shoes to bags and jewelry. Plus, a few eateries for when you decide to take a break from all the shopping.



Under A Hula Moon

600 Kailua Road, Suite 116
+1 808 261 4252

A quaint little shop selling Hawaiian souvenirs, handcrafted gifts, as well as an eclectic assortment of home decor, clothes, Hawaiian quilts and framed prints.



Waikiki Beach Walk

227 Lewers Street, Honolulu
+1 808 931 3591

At the Beach Walk, 70 locally owned stores and restaurants greet eager shoppers and invite them to purchase one (or more) bargains. From stores like Mahina and Under the Koa Tree to many souvenir shops, everything can be found here. Weekly events also take place at this open-air mall such as concerts, yoga classes and hula performances.



Waikiki Shopping Plaza

2250 Kalakaua Avenue, Honolulu
+1 808 923 1191

For an upscale shopping and dining experience, pay a visit to the Waikiki Shopping Plaza, a six-floor shopping center featuring unique restaurants, exclusive boutiques as well as many famous and well known shops.



Lanikai Bath & Body

Kailua Shopping Center, Kailua
+1 808 262 3260

The products for sale at Lanikai comprise everything for health, hygiene and beauty: from creams, lotions and soaps to bath salts and scrubs. All products are made in Hawaii, using natural ingredients and extracts from all sorts of natural sources, including fruits, nuts and weeds.



Ward Village

1240 Ala Moana Boulevard, Suite 200
+1 808 591 8411

The Ward Village is its own and self-sustaining entertainment and shopping destination. A five-mall complex with more than 130 specialty shops and 40 eateries. In addition, it also hosts 16 screen movie theater, so you can easily spend a whole day here.



Oahu, Hawaii - Do & See

The breathtaking island of Oahu offers an endless array of activities and sights. While relaxing on the beaches or braving the surf will always be Hawaiian specialties, culture and adventure should also be on the bucket-list: celebrate Polynesian culture at a luau, get a dose of modern culture in Honolulu or admire the mesmerizing natural reserve wildlife.



Honolulu

Hawaii's capital, its largest city and the center of commerce, history and entertainment, is a true metropolis with Polynesian flavor. Although visitors might prefer to laze on the beautiful beaches or to explore the natural wonders of the island, a visit to The Big Pineapple, as it is known, should not be passed up, as you do not want to miss the dining options, the student scene, the historical sights or the cultural delights.



'Iolani Palace

364 South King Street, Honolulu
+1 808 586 0352

'Iolani Palace is the only official royal residence in the United States. The last king of Hawaii was David Kalakaua, who ruled the kingdom in the late nineteenth century. Hawaii became an American territory in 1900 and, almost 60 years later, was declared the 50th American state.



Waikiki

The two-mile stretch of beach south of central Honolulu is the island's main resort area and, thus, one of the biggest draws for tourists who flock here for laid-back vibes, gentle surf, dining, entertainment, nightlife and shopping. Lying in the shadow of the Diamond Head makes not only stunning views but also an easy access to one of Hawaii's most famous landmarks.



World War II Valor in the Pacific

1 Arizona Memorial Place, Honolulu
+1 877 444 6777

The United States naval base at Pearl Harbor was surprised by a Japanese military strike on the morning of December 7, 1941: all eight U.S. Navy battleships were damaged, more than 2,000 Americans lost their lives, and this very attack led to the American involvement in World War II. Today, a memorial reminds of those who died in the assault, while two museums and outdoor exhibits present the historical happenings and their backgrounds. The visitor centre in general also features exhibits and interpretive programs for other Pacific National Parks: Kalaupapa National Historical Park on the island of Molokai, American Memorial Park in Saipan, and War in the Pacific National Historical Park in Guam.



Diamond Head State Monument

+1 808 587 0300

Hawaii's most famous landmark, the Diamond Head, is a volcanic crater with a 360-degree view over the island, and its name comes from English sailors who thought that its calcite crystals were pure diamonds. The scenic hike up to the summit, taking the so-called stairway to heaven, will not be soon forgotten, and so it happens to the views from atop.



Waikiki Aquarium

2777 Kalakaua Avenue, Honolulu
+1 808 923 9741

The Waikiki Aquarium, located right on the shores and run by the nearby university, attempts to recreate diverse tropical Pacific reef habitats to function as home to a number of aquatic species, including some rare fish species from the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands and the moon jellyfish.



Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve

100 Hanauma Bay Road, Honolulu
+1 808 396 4229

Hanauma Bay is a marine nature reserve set in a stunning bay and consequently one of the best snorkeling sites in Oahu. As this reserve is dedicated to protecting the marine life in the bay, visitors are most encouraged to promote this endeavor.



Polynesian Cultural Center

55-370 Kamehameha Highway, Honolulu
+1 800 367 7060

Sample a traditional Hawaiian luau feast and learn about Polynesian island culture at the Polynesian Cultural Center. The luau has been an opportunity for Hawaiians to celebrate the good things in life with friends and family for generations, so the bright and festive luau clothes turn any frown upside down.



Surfing

2586 Kalakaua Avenue, Honolulu
+1 808 924 7778

People from all over the world dream of catching waves on the shores of Hawaii, and a trip to the islands would not be complete without this adventure. Once upon a time, surfing was a sport reserved for royalty, but today, thankfully just about anybody can take lessons and, thus, experience the thrill of the ocean up close — try out Hans Hedemann Surf School.



Whale & Dolphin Watching

85-371 Farrington Highway, Waianae
+1 808 306 7273

Experience the gracefulness and the beauty of aquatic mammals and sea turtles with this unique tour where you'll get a chance to encounter dolphins, whales, and turtles. Wild Side Specialty Tours offers personal and high quality tours with many different options.



Honolulu Zoo

151 Kapahulu Avenue, Honolulu
+1 808 971 7171

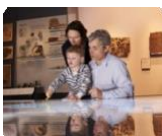
The Honolulu Zoo is home to over 900 different animals from the tropics, including Komodo Dragons, orangutans, elephants, primates, and a variety of African mammals. Distributed on 42 acres of tropical greenery, the aviary is especially charming, as visitors can here admire a variety of native Hawaiian birds, including the nene and 'apapane.



Byodo-In Temple

47-200 Kahekili Highway, Kaneohe
+1 808 239 9844

Ring the 5-foot and 3-ton brass bell for good luck, feed droves of eager carp, ducks and swans in the garden's pond, or just relax in the ambiance of the Byodo-In Temple. However, make sure to visit the 2-ton carved wooden statue of the Buddha sitting placidly inside the replica Temple, hearkening 11th century Uji, Japan.



Bishop Museum

1525 Bernice Street, Honolulu
+1 808 847 3511

The Bishop Museum provides excellent exhibits of Hawaiian and Polynesian culture, including Hawaiian artifacts and royal family heirlooms. The museum was founded in 1889 in honor of the royal Kamehameha family and it is definitely one of the must sees when visiting Honolulu.



Chinatown Cultural Plaza

100 North Beretania Street, Honolulu
+1 808 521 4934

The sprawling Cultural Plaza in Chinatown is a shopping square surrounding a courtyard that hosts an incense-enveloped shrine and the Moongate stage for holiday performances. Near the canal, you will meet local members of the community who play cards and mah-jong.



Dole Plantation

64-1550 Kamehameha Highway, Wahiawa
+1 808 621 8408

The days of pineapple plantations were pivotal for the economic success of Hawaii, and visitors are now given the chance to explore this rich history. At Dole Plantation, exhibits will tell you more about this far-reaching market, while a gift shop, a snack concession, educational displays and the world's largest maze will serve your entertainment.



Foster Botanical Gardens

180 North Vineyard Boulevard, Honolulu
+1 808 768 7135

For peace and relaxation away from the bustle of tourist areas, head to the Foster Botanical Gardens and walk among a variety of placating bromeliads, orchids and other tropical plants. Many of the trees are still in residence from 1853, when Queen Kalama leased a portion of her land.



Kaiwi Shoreline Trail

Kaiwi State Scenic Shoreline Park, Honolulu

This 1-mile hike at Kaiwi State Scenic Shoreline Park takes visitors over beautiful hills to the historic Makapu'u lighthouse, and it always provides places for having a break and for admiring the breathtaking scenery. During the winter months, it is possible to view humpback whales during their long migrations.



Shangri La

4055 Papu Circle, Honolulu
+1 808 734 1941

This beautiful former home of Doris Duke is now a museum housing the Foundation for Islamic Art, which promotes the study and understanding of Islamic arts and cultures. Book a guided tour for exploring the five acre complex with the house itself, a playhouse, a pool, courtyards, terraces, gardens, and water feature. Access to Shangri La is by reservation or business appointment only.



Green World Coffee Farm

71-101 North Kamehameha Highway, Wahiawa
+1 808 622 2326

On this 7-acre farm, 2,000 arabica coffee trees grow out of green beans from all over the Hawaiian islands. While free samples of at least 5 varieties of coffee are always available in the store, and you can also enjoy a fresh cup at the espresso bar. However, do not forget to go on a self-guided tour to learn more about the production on the farm itself.



Lyon Arboretum

3860 Manoa Road, Honolulu
+1 808 988 0456

The Harold L. Lyon Arboretum is 200-acre of real nature rather than a cosmetically designed and landscaped garden. On the trails winding through this impressive scenery, you can find some of the most representative Hawaiian plants and trees, such as breadfruit and sugarcane, so do go here for a lovely and relaxing stroll.



Oahu, Hawaii - Tourist Information



Passport / Visa

Citizens of the Schengen countries, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan and the Kingdom of Brunei can visit the United States for up to 90 days without applying for a visa (as well as citizens of Andorra, Lichtenstein, Monaco and San Marino). Citizens of these countries must obtain an ESTA (Electronic System for Travel Authorization) before traveling. All other travelers must obtain a visa before visiting the United States. International travelers need a passport that is valid for at least 3 months after the end of their intended trip in order to enter the country.



Best Time to Visit

Oahu has great weather all year round and it is thus considered to be one of Hawaii's best islands. However, the winter from November until March can be more rainy, especially on the island's east coast, so this season can be considered as a less popular one with visitors. While the winter offers best chances for whale watching, the period between May and September is the warmest, and thus tourists' favorite. Do consider travelling in off-season periods, as prices will be lower and both sights and streets less crowded.



Honolulu Airport (HNL)

300 Rodgers Boulevard, Honolulu
+1 808 836 6411

Daniel K. Inouye International Airport in Honolulu is located approximately 2 miles (3 km) from Downtown Honolulu. Bus numbers 19 and 20 run from the airport to Downtown Honolulu and then on to Waikiki from 5 am to 11:45 pm.

Roberts Hawaii Tours and Transportation company operates a shuttle bus from the airport to any hotel in Waikiki, and another option is Oahu Airport Shuttle. There are also a number of taxi services waiting outside the terminal.



Public Transport

330 Royal Hawaiian Avenue, Honolulu
+1 808 593 2822

Waikiki Trolley, the local transport service, has 40 drop off points between Downtown Honolulu, Waikiki, and Hanauma Bay, and they run regularly. You can buy single tickets as well as 1, 4 or 7 day passes, and they will allow you to take every bus and even a ride at Double Deckers.



Motorbike / Bicycle Rental

407 Seaside Avenue, Honolulu
+1 808 924 2736

From Harleys to mountain bikes or whatever suits you best, the Big Kahuna Motorcycle Rentals provides you with all kinds of mobility devices.



Taxi

1251 South King Street, Honolulu
+1 808 531 1333

There are several taxi services operating across the island, and Charley's Taxi is one of the most known. However, there are other ones recommendable as well:

Honolulu Taxi Service
750 Amana Street - Honolulu
+1 808 699 9999

Kailua Coast Taxi
200 Kuulei Road, Kailua
+1 808 261 3755

Other options for lower fares are the rideshare companies Uber and Lyft.



Pharmacy

Waikiki

Oahu offers a huge variety of pharmacies spread across the island, and a central one in Honolulu at Bishop Street. Mind their differing opening hours.

LONGS-CVS Pharmacy

2155 Kalakaua Avenue

+1 808 922-8790

Opening hours: Mon–Sun 8am–11pm



Post Office

United States Postal Service, 1450 Ala Moana Boulevard
+1 800 275 8777

The United States Postal Service (UPSP) mainly operates around Honolulu, and the main office is at Ala Moana Boulevard. However, there are several more and you recognize them by their blue logo. Here, you can get any service from buying stamps to sending packages.

3600 Aolele Street, Honolulu
+1 800 275 8777

Opening hours: Mon–Fri 9am–8pm, Sat 9am–4pm

438 Hobron Lane, Honolulu
+1 800 275 8777

Opening hours: Mon–Fri 10am–1pm / 1:30am–4:30pm, Sat 9am–10:30am



Time Zone

Hawaii is in the Aleutian time zone, and all times are reflected in Aleutian time.



Telephone

Country code: +1
Area code: 808



Electricity

All power sockets in the United States provide a standard voltage of 110–120V with a standard frequency of 60Hz. Plug type A has two flat parallel pins.

