WAIKIKI GUIDEBOOK





# WELCOME

Welcome to Vive Waikiki! We are very thrilled to welcome you to our beautiful island! With our small ohana (family), we strive to make your stay and experience on the island to be one that is comfortable, enjoyable and memorable.

There's a special kind of energy here on Oahu. Whether you're hiking rugged mountain trails, snorkeling crystal-clear bays, savoring delectable Hawaiian cuisine or finding the best buys at unique shopping destinations, you can feel the pulse of the island everywhere you go.

Just steps from Vive Waikiki, discover the best Oahu activities, yours for the choosing. Learn to surf, get to know sea turtles, or catch an unforgettable sunset from a rooftop bar. No matter how you want to spend your days and nights, the island delivers endless ways to create unforgettable memories around every corner. From beautiful beaches, majestic mountains, delicious local kine grinds, arts and culture, to shopping, Oahu has it all. The question is:

WHAT ADVENTURE AWAITS YOU?







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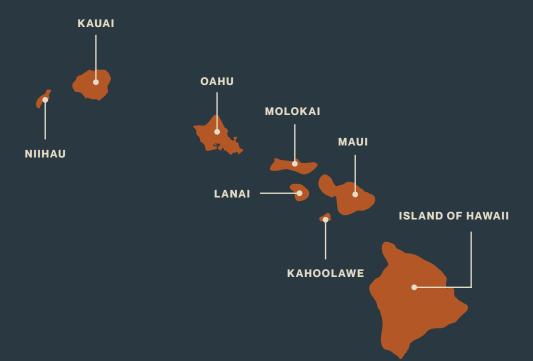
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# WELCOME TO HAWAII

Hawaii is the 50th state and the most recent (1959) to have joined the United States. It is the only state that is located outside North America and is the only one composed entirely of islands. The Hawaiian Islands is an archipelago consisting of eight major island. Don't forget that we are on Oahu.

The eight major Hawaiian Islands in order from Northwest to Southeast is: Niihau, Kauai, Oahu, Molokai, Lanai, Kahoolawe, Maui, and the Island of Hawaii.



# NIIHAU

The Forbidden Isle. An island that is off-limits to all except for relatives of the island owners, navy personnel and government officials, hence the name.

# KAUAI

The Garden Isle. 97% of the land consists of undeveloped mountain ranges and rainforests. Lush and green.

# OAHU

The Gathering Place. Home to 80% (about 1 million, 2020 census) of Hawaii's population and the most commonly visited island for tourists. Oahu is a nice balance of tropical paradise and urban city.

# MOLOKAI

The Friendly Isle. With no street lights or fast food restaurants, it's a laid back lifestyle that makes the locals the friendliest. Also a popular hunting location for deer and boars alike.

# LANAI

The Pineapple Isle. Known for its island wide plantations. At one point, producing about 75% of the world's pineapples.

# **KAHOOLAWE**

The Target Isle. Used as a training ground in WWII. The state prohibits the public from visiting.

# MAUI

The Valley Isle. Its nickname is due to the large isthmus between its northwestern and southwestern volcanoes and the many valleys carved into both mountains.

# **ISLAND OF HAWAII**

The Big Island. Largest of the eight major islands. In 2018, making world news with the large eruption of Kilauea Volcano and the 2022 Mauna Loa eruption.

# WEATHER MOAHU

There is never a bad time to visit Oahu. Here we generally have very consistent temperatures without any opposite extremes, global warming tends to disagree.

The average high temperatures ranges from low to upper 80s Fahrenheit (26°C) with the summer months (June, July, August) being the hottest. However, temperature and humidity combined can make the heat index feel like the 90°F (32°C)! Evening and winter temperatures tend to range from mid to upper 60s (15°C) Fahrenheit.

**LEEWARD COAST** 



**NORTH SHORE** 

However, you will come upon days of passing showers even in the summer. There are also many winter seasons where it's nothing but beautiful sunshine.

August and September are the most common months for hurricane season.

WINDWARD COAST

HONOLULU

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**CENTRAL OAHU** 

# LOCALL LAWS

As with any place you travel, it's important to be wary of the local laws. The last place you want to be on vacation is in jail. Being aware and respectful of local laws will keep your vacation trouble-free.



# **SMOKING LAWS**

Smoking is prohibited in all enclosed or partially enclosed areas open to the public including airports, public transportation facilities, aquariums, galleries, libraries, and areas generally used by the general public. It is also prohibited at all city and state parks on Oahu including Waikiki Beach. It is against the law to smoke within 20 feet of entrances to stores, restaurants, bars and other workplaces.



# **DRINKING LAWS**

Many are puzzled when it comes to some of these laws so let's get you in the loop.

- Bartenders are not allowed to serve you a drink if you already have one in your hand
- Must be 21 years of age to purchase and/or consume alcohol
- Most retail stores will stop selling alcohol at 12pm midnight
- Bars and restaurants stop serving alcohol at 2am
- Clubs or establishments that have a cabaret license can serve till 4am
- There are also many booze cruises to enjoy having a drink in the ocean or even a romantic sunset cruise! Just don't fall into the ocean intoxicated.

# **DRIVING LAWS**

- Drinking and driving makes a deadly combination, one of many deadly combinations.
- Electronic devices in your hand while driving is illegal, \$250 fine. Ouch or "owie" we say.
- All occupants of the vehicle must wear a seatbelt, \$102 fine, goodbye dinner plans
- Driving with a blood alcohol content of 0.08 or higher is illegal, straight to jail amongst other potential fines. "What seems to be the officer, problem?"
- Vehicles must be insured and drivers must have a valid driving document.
- Driving while on certain legal prescriptions and illegal substances is illegal, straight to jail amongst other fines. Enjoy the patrol car experience in the back seat.
- Drivers must yield to pedestrians in a crosswalk. Turning while they are still halfway into the crosswalk closer to you is illegal.

# **MISC. LAWS**

Below are some helpful laws that may surprise you.

- Plastic bags are banned. Grocery stores, retail outlets and convenience store will provide paper bags.
- Department of Agriculture can confiscate fruits, plants, and critters.
- Turtles, whales and monks seals are protected creatures. Touching, disturbing and harming them can result in prison time and up to a \$25,000 fine. Also, a lot of public shame on social media platforms.
- No texting and talking while crossing the street, even in marked crosswalks or suffer a potential \$35 fine for the first offence. No joke here.

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No car no problem. With Oahu being the most populated island, there are various transportation options available. So sit back and relax but don't be a backseat driver.

Honolulu is by far the most populated and developed city, home to approximately 400k people. The population on the island of Oahu is approximately a million people.

# CAR

While having a car is extremely convenient to access many locations, it is not absolutely necessary as public transit on Oahu works well. Our reception desk is happy to reserve a car for you so stop on by. Vive only offers valet parking for a nominal fee that is lower than almost every hotel in Waikiki. Parking is a hot commodity in bustling Waikiki and other workplaces.

# **TAXICAB**

Taxi and cabs are very readily available in Honolulu and most cities. As you venture towards the North Shore and Ewa regions, they will not be as prevalent. An approximate cost from the Daniel K. Inouye International Airport to Vive Waikiki is about \$50-\$60. Smart phones are helpful but it's always good practice to have a cab company's phone number, especially if you have a dumb phone. Feel free to ask the Front Desk for assistance.

# UBER/LYFT

Aside from taxicabs, Uber and Lyft are usually a more cost effective option. These are convenient, inexpensive and safe taxi service operated by private drivers. This service requires a phone app and credit card to utilize the service. Depending on demand and supply, occasionally an Uber/Lyft option is more costly than a taxi/cab when going to the airport.

Uber/Lyft\* operates island wide with majority in the Honolulu area. They can also do pick-ups and drop offs at Daniel K. Inouye International Airport.

\*Vive Waikiki has no affiliation with Uber/Lyft and users should use it at their own risk\*

# **PUBLIC BUS**

The public bus system on Oahu is called "TheBus" and covers the entire island of Oahu. However, less frequent out of the city. Some approximations with time and distance are as followed:

- Waikiki to Downtown Honolulu: 30 minutes. 4 miles
- Waikiki to Kailua: 1.5 hours. 14.5 miles
- Waikiki to Honolulu Airport: 1 to 1.25 hours, 10 miles
- Waikiki to Haleiwa (North Shore): 2.5 hours, 34 miles

It should be noted that these are approximations and various factors including traffic can delay these times.

The Bus is cash or Holo card and the cost for a one way fare is \$3, no change given.

For added convenience, download "DaBus2" app to see live GPS locations.

Holo Cards are available for purchase for \$2 at most ABC stores. Funds are put on the card via credit/debit cards online. Aside from not needing to have exact change, some additional perks with the Holo card:

- 2.5 hr unlimited transfer. If you board the bus within 2.5 hours of getting off, there is no charge.
- \$7.50 day cap. Once you spend \$7.50 in a day, the future fares are of no charge. \$1.25 for senior fare (cash only) upon boarding and must present Medicare/ID.

Take the bus if you are "all buss up" or too drunk too drive. Please note that rates are subject to change.

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# MOTORCYCLES/SCOOTERS

Vroom! Vroom! From Ducati's to Harleys to scooters (150cc+), whichever your heart pleases, you can find it in Waikiki. Let the wind blow in your face, feel the warmth of the sun, and enjoy the pain of getting sunburnt without even knowing. Hawaii doesn't require a helmet if you are over the age of 18. Safety glasses, goggles, or face shields is required if the motorcycle doesn't have a windshield. Operating a motorcycle or scooter does require a motorcycle license and insurance. The laws of driving also apply to motorcycles. Stoppies, wheelies, burning out and racing is a big no-no despite the cool factor.

Parking is a nominal fee for motorcycles.

# **BICYCLES**

Reduce your carbon imprint and get exercise at the same time, a win-win! From road bikes to beach cruisers and electric bikes, there are many bicycle rentals nearby. Bicycling is an extremely fun way to explore Honolulu and cycle alongside some of Oahu's most beautiful beaches.

Bicycle parking is free at the hotel. Helpful tip, no matter where you are, lock your bike up as theft happens from time to time. Also, it is illegal to ride your bicycle on the sidewalk in Waikiki and Downtown in particular so be careful and read all signage.

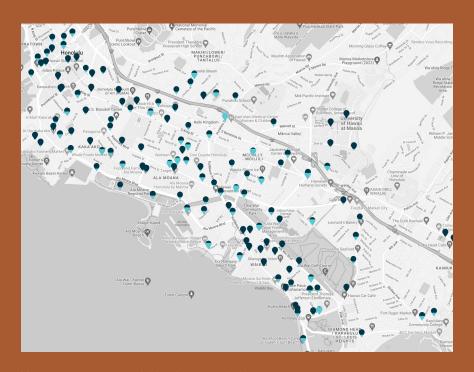


# **MOPEDS**

While not as fast or stylish, mopeds are a very convenient way to explorer around Honolulu. Because they are only 50cc, it's best to stay in Honolulu. There are many moped rental shops in Waikiki. Mopeds only require a valid driver's license and the helmet law is the same as motorcycles. If your moped is struggling to go up a hill, be courteous and ride on the side of the road so vehicles can safely pass by. Please don't be annoying and honk your horn for no reason with your entourage. Parking is a small nominal fee for mopeds.

# **BIKESHARE**

As of 2017, there is a new transportation system called Biki Bikes by Bikeshare in Honolulu. Bikeshare benefits residents and visitors by providing a low cost, convenient, zero emissions transportation system that is healthy for users and the environment. With 1000 bicycles and over 100 stations situated in various locations in Honolulu, you will see these blue vibrant bicycles and stations all over the place. Borrow and return bikes at any stations to customize your adventure!



Various options are available, please see below:

- Single ride: \$4.50 for every 30 minutes
- 24 hr plan: \$12 for unlimited number of 30 minute trips
- Explorer plan: \$30 for 300 minutes to use whenever and however A refundable deposit is also processed

A credit card is required at the bike station to utilize the Biki bikes. Cash is not accepted.

For more information, please visit https://gobiki.org/. You can also download their app which shows all the stations and inventory at each bike station.

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# HAWAIIAIV CULTURE

# WE'RE NOT ALL HAWAIIANS

Cultural sensitivity is important everywhere you travel. This tends to be confusing to travelers and visitors alike, but if you get this right, you'll come off as more respectful. The term "Hawaiian" is only used to refer to people of Hawaiian descent. They comprise just under 10% of the state's population. All others who were born on the islands are generally referred to as "locals." Hawaii, particularly Oahu, consist of people of various mix of races and ethnicities hence being referred as the "Gathering Place."

# YOU'RE ON ISLAND TIME, CALM THE ROAD RAGE

Beeeeep! Beeeeep! Most drivers here take their time and are very courteous to runners and bicyclists who share the road with them. Why rush? Enjoy the view of the ocean and greenery. Roll down your window and take in the cool air. Traffic back at home will still be there when you get back. Slow down and let the island time wash over you.

# WE'RE THE ONLY STATE THAT CELEBRATES HOLIDAYS DEDICATED TO ROYALTY

Cheeeeehoo (similar to "whooohoo") no work or school today! Hawaii celebrates Prince Kuhio Day on March 26 to honor the man who worked to preserve Native Hawaiian culture and practices until his death in 1922.

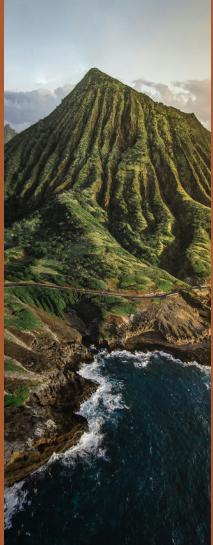
On June 11, Hawaii celebrates Kamehameha Day to honor the monarch who first unified the islands and became Hawaii's first king. So if you're traveling on these days, look out for festivals, canoe races, and lots of cookouts at the beach.

# PIDGIN- HAWAII'S CREOLE LANGUAGE

"Ho brah where you stay?" in English translate to "Hi, where are you?" Although English and Hawaiian are the official languages, pidgin is used by many locals in everyday casual conversation and you may hear some phrases used in ads, radio or TV. It's been influenced by the languages of the many immigrants to Hawaii, including Portuguese, Cantonese, Japanese, Tagalog, and Korean.

Unless you're in a situation where locals are good-naturedly trying to teach you some phrases, sometimes it's best to not speak pidgin as it can come off as condescending or mocking. Stick to the common Hawaiian words, such as aloha (hello/goodbye) and mahalo (thank you), if you're getting tired of plain-old English.





# HAWAII AND ALOHA

Aloha Nui Loa – "Very much love." Hawaii has its own unique culture and way of life. Aloha is a way of life that Hawaii locals live every day – an attitude that is friendly, welcoming and compassionate. Those who live with aloha share this with friends, family and visitors alike and it's one of the things that makes Hawaii so special.

# HUGS AND KISSES

The Hawaiian culture has a large sense of family (ohana); a handshake is given in the form of a hug. Amongst locals, men and women may also get a kiss on the cheek with the hug greeting so don't be surprised. Men, if you are not familiar with this, not the best pick-up move, might end up with a bad smack on the face instead of a good one.

# RESPECTING THE LAND

Malama Ka Aina – Respecting the Land. Hawaii is home to many native plants and animals. We must work together in spreading awareness to visitors about caring for the land we live on to protect and sustain life.



You may occasionally notice signs by the beach or other parks that say kapu. This means it's a sacred site, perhaps an ancient burial ground or meeting place for royalty. To the outsider, these places may not look special, they may even just look like piles of rocks by the side of the road. However, kapu places have special meaning and significance to native Hawaiians. When you see these signs, be respectful and don't tread on the ground, take souvenirs, or leave any garbage.

# LAVA ROCKS

Unless you are in need of bad luck, don't take lava rocks. Myths has it that taking these rocks will bring misfortune from Pele, the goddess of fire and volcanoes. Tourist take them all the time and later ship them back after having misfortune and reading about them. Last thing you need is a deity breathing down your neck.

# TRASH AND RECYCLING

Hi-5 to respecting the land! Since 2005, Hawaii has a recycling program, Hi-5, to help keep the land clean and reduce litter in the community. Consumers are charged 6 cents per plastic/glass bottle and 5 cents of it is a redeemable deposit which consumers get back when they return the containers to redemption centers.

You will see also see green trash bin receptacles here and there around Hawaii, place bottles and cans into these bins.

Please do not throw cigarette butts and trash alike on the ground or on the sand as they end up in many streams and beaches.



# AGRICULTURE AND SPECIES

With Hawaii being a tropical island, it is a fertile place that sustains many different types of agriculture. There has been an introduction of many invasive species that have contributed in harming the native ecosystem.

Please do not bring foreign species into the ecosystem whether it be plants, insects, animals, or fungi as they could potentially destroy the precious environment.

# RESPECTING THE PEOPLE

Auwe! – An exclamation of wonder, of surprise, of fear, and so forth. Respecting the land is just as important as respecting the people. There are many locals that are not fond of tourist because of the lack of cultural respect. Be exceptionally mindful of people's homes, gardens and cultural differences.

It is the kuleana (responsibility) of visitors and residents alike in protecting the Aina (land). Leave this place in a better state it was before you. Mahalo.

VIVE WAIKIKI



"Those customers didn't leave any tip for me, unnnnnbelievable!" Not that kind of tips. Below are some helpful tips and insights that you will find handy during your travels to Hawaii.

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# **ISLAND HOPPING**

Our 8 islands offer a very unique experience aside from Oahu. These other islands only takes about 15-45 minutes to reach by plane. There are also day tours that some companies offer. There used to be a ferry, but due to environmental reasons, it has been discountinued, it's been done but now it's done.

# **VALUABLES**

On the beach or driving around, do not leave valuables in your cars or on the beach. Belongings often get stolen on beaches and cars get broken into, especially when valuables are visible. Even if it's in the trunk, it's recommended to take it with you as it's not that difficult to spot out a rental car. Exercise common sense.

# DON'T SWIM ALONE

Never swim alone, visitors end up drowning all the time. The ocean is not one to be underestimated unless you're an avid swimmer like Michael Phelps. Always obey the ocean safety signs as even experienced swimmers and surfers have been injured or killed in the waters of Hawaii. When in doubt, don't go out.

# **EARLY MORNING HOURS**

Considered one of the safest destinations in the world, one should still be weary of their surroundings. Be particularly aware of your environment during the hours of 12am - 4am, usually the hours in which crime tends to occur.

# BEACHES

With a few exceptions to accommodate the federal government, all beaches in Hawaii are open to the public. Some beach parks and parks do have closing times so they are not all 24 hours. Heed the signs.

# **OCEAN SAFETY**

Jelly fish and Portuguese man o' war are actually quite common on Oahu beaches. The name says it all, man and war. You do not want to get stung by either of these because oh man, it stings. You will often see signs indicating these types of dangers so also heed these signs.

# HOMELESSNESS

Homeless has raised an alarming concern in the past few years. The Honolulu City Council is constantly taking action by introducing new bills, shelters and programs to alleviate this difficult challenge. While many homeless folks will keep to themselves and generally not ask for money, some naturally will. It is to your discretion, however, do keep yourself safe with whatever action you choose.

# **ALMIGHTY SUN**

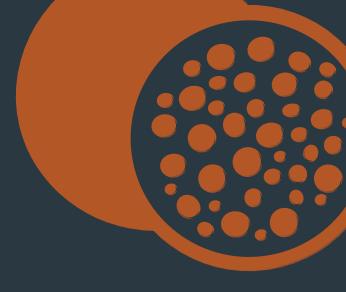
Del Sol, not the car made by Honda but rather the powerful sun. For those not accustomed to being in the sun, it is highly suggested to always wear sun block so you don't look like a cooked crustacean. On cloudy days, it may feel cool but actually the suns UV rays can still cause sun burn on your skin. Heed our warning!

# SURFING

"Ho brah go home!" If you hear this while surfing, try to be courteous to the fellow local that is saying that to you. Some locals are not very friendly to noobie surfers as they often can get in the way of catching waves. If you are going to go surfing at popular spots filled with locals, either don't be an amateur and/or just be aware of your surroundings to not be in the way of others.

# CHOOSE YOUR ADVENTURE

Alright, let's move on to the fun stuff! Whether you are a foodie, an outdoor adventurer, history buff or shopaholic or maybe just a beach bum, Oahu has it all!



# **FOOD LOVERS**

Turn to the next page and start salivating.

# **OUTDOOR ADVENTURES**

We know you're trying to cut the calories so we suggest moving on to page 46.

# ART, CULTURE AND HISTORY LOVERS

We all know history repeats itself so let's get a head start from others and move to page 60.

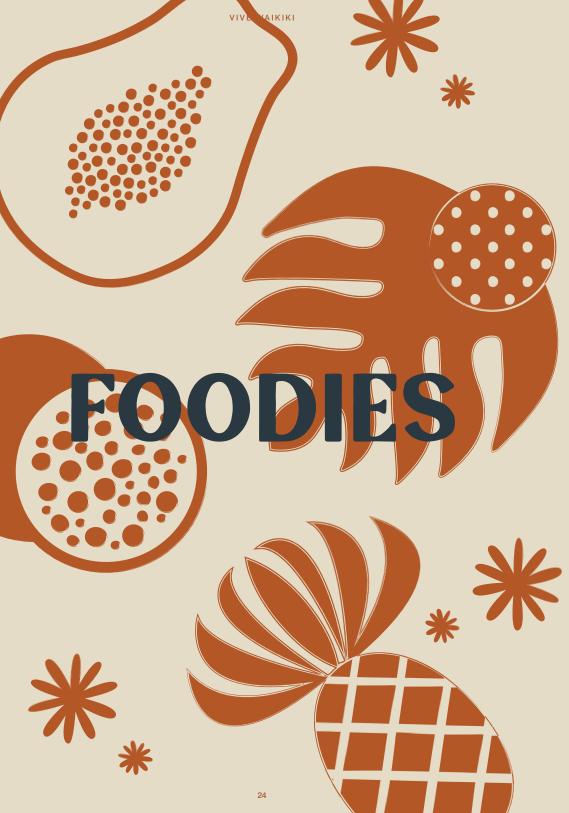
# SHOPAHOLICS

Deals go quick and obviously you want the latest in fashion before others right, go to page 62.

If you are looking for some free general activities to do, turn to page 64.

Rainy day activities turn to page 67.

Recommended one and 2 day suggested tours, please go to page 68.



# TREATS & SNACKS

"Eh braddah we go get some grindz" interpreted to English basically means "Hey, let's go get something to eat." This section will start off with some local favorite snacks and treats followed by entrée type foods, each of which will be accompanied by popular eateries.

Some of the "must try" are listed below.

# **POKE**

Say it together with me "po-kay" not "po-kee" or worse "poke." Poke means to "cut" in Hawaiian. While originally it is marinated ahi (tuna) that is diced into bite size cubes, it generally now applies to various other fish and seafood products including salmon, octopus, scallops, etc. The perfection will come in the way it's seasoned, whether it be soy sauce, sesame seeds, furikake, oyster sauce, scallions, etc. the combinations and choices are endless!

# Waikiki Market

2nd floor of the Lilia Waikiki

Waikiki's only full-service grocery store serves fantastic poke just steps away. 7 days a week, 6a-10pm.

# **Ono Seafood**

747 Kapahulu Ave, Honolulu, HI

Located 1.6 miles away from Vive. Relatively close and very popular. Spicy ahi and shoyu ahi is a suggestion to get you started. Tue-Sat 9am-6pn, Sun/Mon closed

FYI, they have a small parking lot. Also since you're in that area, stop by Waiola Shave Ice and, Leonards (malasadas) mentioned next.

# **Foodland**

2939 Harding Ave, Honolulu, HI

Located 1.7 miles away from Vive. A local supermarket but has excellent choices of poke in the deli department. Very popular with locals. They also offer poke bowls, poke over hot steaming rice. Daily 5am-1am but the deli is generally 8am-8pm. The good stuff runs out early so don't go too late.

Tip: Tell them "I like sample brah" and they will let you try some of them.

While there are many poke shops, "not all poke is created equal" and the above three are somewhat close and excellent choices!

# **DRIED FISH/MEATS**

Dried and often smoked, these lean and tasty meats make for a great protein snack. Most commonly you will see dried Aku, Skipjack Tuna, but there are so many others such as Bluefin and Yellowfin tuna, octopus and so much more. Very similar to beef jerky as you can imagine. Usually sold by weight in the deli counter. You can also find these at the aforementioned places.

# **SHAVE ICE**

Please don't call them snow cones, you'll only embarrass yourself. As you can imagine, shave ice is literally shaved ice usually in a cup or bowl and is topped with your choice of various syrups. But on top of that you can add ice cream, mochi balls, condensed milk, azuki beans, candy and so much more. Like poke, not all shave ice is created equal. Buggah sweet on a hot sunny day!

# Waiola Shave Ice

3113 Mokihana St, Honolulu, HI
While the original location is on Waiola
Street, the Mokihana location is quite
close at 1.4 miles away from Vive. While
you could walk there, we recommend
taking the bus. You will also find many
delicious local snacks here. Sat - Sun:
10am-6pm. M - Th: 11am - 5:30pm. Totally
worth trying as its very good, trust us.

# **Matsumoto Shave Ice**

66-087 Kamehameha Hwy, Haleiwa, HI Located on the north shore of Oahu, this place is extremely popular with lines often being quite long. Matsumoto has been around since 1951 and therefore has its name established. Daily 9am - 6pm.

Read on as if you are at Waiola Shave Ice, you have to stop by for Malasadas one block over.





# LI HING MUI

A Cantonese salty fried plum. It has a strong, distinctive flavor of sweet, sour and salty. While it didn't necessarily originate in Oahu, it is very popular and you will definitely see it around. While it comes in a seed form as well, what's common is the powder form and is typically sprinkled on apples, oranges, pineapples, rims of cocktail drinks, in cocktail drinks themselves, gummy candies, dried mango, mochi crunch and so much more! We have this powder available at our continental breakfast, give it a try.

# **Crack Seed Store**

1156 Koko Head Ave. Honolulu. HI

Located about 2.3 miles from Vive in a town called Kaimuki, this little store is very popular amongst locals and has been around for years. If you are looking at venturing to try local flavors and looking for snacks to take home, stop by this store. There is way too many varieties to try. Daily 9:30am - 6pm

P.S. Get the Icee with the li hing sauce and ice cream, a winner, however if you don't like it, it's not our fault.

# ARARE (MOCHI CRUNCH)

You will see this occasionally in Asian stores in the continental U.S., however it's quite a popular snack down here. Arare is a bite size Japanese rice cracker flavored with soy sauce. There are various sizes, colors, and flavors. The Norimaki (nori means seaweed), seaweed wrapped arare is a good one along with, you guessed it, li hing mui arare. While you can find them in almost every convenience store here in Oahu, there are specialty stores and taste differs by brand.

# Wholesale Unlimited

4210 Waialae Ave. Honolulu. HI

Located 3.2 miles from Vive near Kahala Mall, this is just a short bus ride away. From local chips, snacks, nuts, arare, jams, they have it all.

# **SPAM MUSUBI**

No we're not talking about spam mail, we're talking about yummy SPAM, a canned meat product from Hormel (company) made mainly of ham. This is a very popular snack and lunch food here in Hawaii which is simply a slice of grilled spam on top of rice and wrapped together with nori (seaweed). It's so popular there is actually an event called the SPAM Jam in Waikiki every year!

There are so many different types of SPAM from Hormel, less sodium SPAM, bacon flavor, hickory smoke, garlic, cheese, hot and spicy and so forth. So every SPAM musubi varies from place to place. How and what they use to marinate and cook the SPAM adds the unique flavor! You can find these at your local convenience stores with the small mom and pop shops having the best ones or you can go across the street.

**IYASUME MUSUBI CAFE** 2427 Kuhio Ave, Honolulu, HI Located just across the street from Vive Hotel, this place specializes in various musubis, SPAM musubis, Japanese bento (lunch box) and other Japanese cuisine. A very convenient place to grab a quick bite! Daily 6:30am – 9pm.

### ACAI

Instead of "say cheese", "say Acai." A superfood grown in palm trees in the South American rainforest known for its numerous health benefits and delicious taste. So what's popular here in Oahu is acai bowls, mashed frozen acai berries served as a smoothie with toppings like granola, banana, strawberries, honey and so forth. Super ono (delicious)!

# **Island Vintage Coffee**

Royal Hawaiian Center, Honolulu, HI Located 0.4 miles and about an eight minute walk from Vive, there is no reason to not stop by. Aside from acai bows, they also serve breakfast, lunch sandwiches and poke bowls. We recommend the acai bowl and their shaved ice!

# **MACADAMIA NUTS**

Known as "mac nuts" for short, you will go nuts for these delicious mac nuts! There's roasted, honey roasted, honey sriracha, Maui onion & garlic, cookies and crème, and more. What is extremely popular is the chocolate covered mac nuts which you will see tourist from Asia usually stocking up on these to take home. Delicious, flavorful, and with health benefits, gotta try 'em all! While you can find these at almost every ABC convenience store in Waikiki and at grocery stores, the best priced place generally is Walmart.

# Walmart

700 Keeaumoku St. Honolulu, HI.

Located 1.9 miles from Vive and also just one bus ride, it might be worthwhile to go if you are looking to purchase a bunch. Walmart is a discount department store and will probably have almost anything you are needing at great prices. However, here in Hawaii, we try to promote local businesses as well so shop around!



# TRADITIONAL

"Eh brah, you like beef!?" If you are not ordering food and someone says this to you, it's not good news as this is an invitation to fight. Just kindly say "no tanks" as you run or sprint away. On a serious note, if you no like da beef, dea is also chicken and fish so no worries brah. Hopefully you are catching on to the pidgin at this point.

Oahu has many delicious foods but let's start out with some of the more traditional Hawaiian foods.

# LAU LAU

A native Hawaiian cuisine dish traditionally consisting of pork wrapped inside taro leaves and steamed for hours making the leaves and meat tender. Nowadays, you will come upon chicken, fish, and beef instead of pork lau lau as well. With no stoves back in the days, Hawaiian's created an underground oven with hot rocks and banana leaves which is called an imu. Using particular rocks and vegetation, the imus would help lock in moisture to create mouthwatering delicacies.

# **KALUA PIG**

Oink! Oink! Just like lau lau, kalua pig is cooked in an imu. In fact "kalua" means to "cook in an underground oven," hence kalua pig. Entire pigs are cooked in these imus for hours to make them very tender. They are then pulled apart into small pieces for serving, similar to pulled pork.

In current day, aside from being served on its own, a common dish will be kalua pig with cabbage on rice.

### POI

A staple food in native Hawaiian cuisine. The root of the taro plant (known as kalo) is usually baked or steamed and then pounded and mixed with water to create a pudding like consistency. Poi is a starch and traditionally eaten with two fingers and typically has a purple grayish color.

# LOMI SALMON

A side dish in Hawaiian cuisine that was introduced by early Western sailors. It is fresh tomato and salted salmon salad mixed with onions, chili pepper, all diced and minced together with seasoning.

# SQUID LUAU

A Hawaiian side dish made of cooked luau leaves and squid. Typically served at luaus alongside the other items on here. Green in color and despite its looks, yummy in the tummy.

# CHICKEN LONG RICE

While originating from Chinese immigrants and not exactly a traditional Hawaiian dish, it's definitely a staple for a Hawaiian Luau (feast) and a local fav. This light flavorful dish consists of long rice noodles cooked in chicken broth with garlic, ginger, sugar and topped with scallions.

A popular home cooked meal, many local mamas will make this dish in various ways, some served more as a soup dish while some topped with Chinese parsley and black pepper.

# HAUPIA

While not as easily found, you can find these served at many Hawaiian food restaurants. Haupia is a traditional coconut milk based Hawaiian dessert. It is considered a pudding but the consistency is that of jello. Most commonly you will see this served at luaus, a traditional Hawaiian feast.

The above are the more traditional Hawaiian foods usually served together as they all complement each other. While there are many Hawaiian restaurants, you can find all of these foods at the recommended places below. These are all generally close by so a car isn't absolutely necessary:

# Da Ono Hawaiian Food

726 Kapahulu Ave, Honolulu, HI Located just 1.1 miles away from Vive, this tiny whole in the wall offers traditional Hawaiian food. Poke, kalua pig, lau lau, haupia, they are it all. Mon - Tue: Closed; Wed - Sun: 12pm - 8pm

P.S. This is a rather very small little sit down restaurant. Dinner tends to be busier than lunch.

# **Fort Rutger Market**

3585 Alohea Ave, Honolulu, HI
Located 1.7 miles from Vive, a low key
market in a residential area known for
their Hawaiian & Filipino food and poke.
They have all sort of local treats, try the
boiled peanuts! Mon - Sat: 6am - 6pm.
Sun: 7am - 6pm

# Yama's Fish Market

2332 Young St, Honolulu, HI
Located about 2 miles from Vive, this is another great Hawaiian food take out restaurant. Great selection of various

poke, lau lau, haupia and other traditional Hawaiian foods. Daily 9am-5pm except closed on Mon - Tues.

P.S. This is not a sit down restaurant. Order, take out, and then picnic at the beach or park.

# Helena's Hawaiian Food

1240 N. School St, Honolulu, HI Located about 6 miles away, this is a well known place. Would recommend a reservation and having a car/Uber/Lyft. Tues - Fri: 10am - 7:30pm

# Highway Inn Kaka'ako

680 Ala Moana Blvd, Honolulu, HI Located about 3.5 miles away. Also a well-known restaurant that has won some awards. Located in Kakaako where various new developments and business have recently come up.

Mon - Fri 10:30am - 8pm; Sat - Sat: 9:30am - 3pm

"Ho brah, dat plate lunch brok da mout!" ...that plate lunch was very delicious!





# LOCAL FAVS

"Howzit, can get one Loco Moco wit gravy all ova wit da extra mac salad." That is how we order when we're hungry. Oahu is diverse with many different ethnicities, creating various types of dishes all over the island. Here in Oahu, we have what they call a plate lunch. A typical plate lunch will have two scoops of white rice, macaroni salad and an entrée. Forget the scale, it's vacation! Let's go look for some plate lunch!

# RICE

Unlike the continental United States with their potatoes and bread, you will find white rice to be a staple here on Oahu. From breakfast, to lunch to dinner, you will see it everywhere. It just goes well with, you know, everything.

# LOCO MOCO

Not to be confused with Local Motion, a retail store. Loco Moco consists of white rice topped with a hamburger patty, fried egg and brown gravy. Eggs are usually sunny side up but preference is usually asked when ordering. You can ask for less gravy, "gravy all over", or no gravy.

# **MAC SALAD**

AKA, macaroni salad is usually accompanied with every plate lunch. For those that don't care for macaroni salad, most places will offer a regular green salad or extra rice.

# SAIMIN

A noodle dish developed by different immigrant groups in Hawaii during the plantation era. It is a soup dish with soft wheat egg noodles served in a hot broth usually garnished with green onions, chair siu or spam, and fish cake. Particularly great on a cold chilly night. Light broth makes this a nice treat when under the weather too.

# **HULI CHICKEN**

Glad I didn't forget this one because huli huli chicken is da bomb! Whole chicken is marinated with a sweet huli huli sauce and barbequed over mesquite wood usually on rotating spits. When you see outdoor grill pit with delicious smelling smoke, you probably stumbled upon some huli huli chicken. The chicken is usually sold by half a chicken.

P.S. Not exactly a first date type of food as it gets messy. Best eaten with hands with no shame.

### **CHICKEN KATSU**

Breaded chicken that is deep fried to perfection, cut into smaller bite size pieces and eaten with tonkatsu sauce (Japanese style barbecue sauce). This has been around for decades. In lieu of the tonkatsu sauce you can get, you guessed it, gravy all over. Very popular plate lunch.

# **MIXED PLATE**

Ah the infamous mixed plate, a typical plate lunch for the construction workers. So instead of just one entrée accompanying the rice and mac salad, you will have a mix of entrees. Usually, it will be a mix of teriyaki beef, BBQ chicken, pork cutlet and a battered fish. Varies from place to place, some might have spam and/or sausage as well. Some people ask for gravy all over this one too. A perfect plate to make those gains (adding weight/muscle)!

### SHOYU CHICKEN

Yum yum. Chicken that is slow cooked in a shoyu (soy sauce) based seasoning usually with ginger and onions. Slow cooking makes the chicken absorb the flavors and make it very tender. Topped with... no just kidding. The shoyu chicken plate lunch isn't topped with gravy, nor should you.

# **GARLIC SHRIMP**

Prevalent on North Shore will be many food trucks serving garlic shrimp. You will see this item at plate lunch restaurants as well. Shrimp sautéed in a garlic butter sauce is as simple as it gets. Isn't that just butter, garlic and shrimp? You tell us!

# CHILI

Chili plates are actually quite popular here in Oahu. With the chili will usually come a hot dog aka a chili dog! Dachshunds tend to come to mind.



Alrighty, so where to find these plate lunch places is the next questions. The below is sorted by distance not necessarily by popularity or purely Hawaiian food.



# **Barefoot Beach Café**

2699 Kalakaua Ave, Honolulu, HI Located just .7 miles away from Vive, this family-owned café serves fresh local favorites right on Queen's beach! Nice laid back outdoor spot to hear the waves. Daily 10am - 12am.

# Hawaii's Favorite Kitchen

3111 Castle St, Honolulu, HI
Just 0.9 miles away from Vive, this may
not literally be Hawaii's Favorite Kitchen
but they do serve some good plate lunch
fares including huli huli chicken. Daily
10am - 7pm.

# **Rainbows Drive Inn**

726 Kapahulu Ave, Honolulu, HI
Located just 0.9 miles away from
Vive, this all around favorite has been
attracting hungry locals and visitors for
over 50 years. Try their special of the
day! Daily 7am-9pm.

# Zippy's

601 Kapahulu Ave, Honolulu, HI
Located just 1 mile away, Zippys is a
Hawaiian casual dining chain that has
been around for decades. They are
particularly known for their chili which is
also sold for fundraising events. Not the
most amazing but not terrible.

# **Pioneer Saloon**

3046 Monsarrat Ave, Honolulu, HI
Located just 1 mile away. This whole in
the wall offers plate lunches with various
different cultural influences. Fried
chicken, hamburger steak, pork, lamb
they have it all. A short bike ride away.
M-Sun: 11am-8pm.

# Da Ono Hawaiian Food

726 Kapahulu Ave, Honolulu, HI
Located just 1.1 miles away from Vive, is one of the best places to try traditional Hawaiian food. It is the reincarnation of the decades old stand-by, Ono's Hawaiian Food. Try the Kalua Pig and LauLau Plate for a real Hawaiian taste experience. Mon-Sat 10:30am - 9pm. Closed Sundays.

# **South Shore Grill**

3114 Monsarrat Ave, Honolulu, HI Located 1.1 miles away. This place serves great fish tacos, plate lunches, burritos and burgers. Mon - Sat: 10:30am-9pm. Sun: 12pm-9pm.

# Side Street Inn

614 Kapahulu Ave, Honolulu, HI
Located just 1.2 mile away from Vive.
This dine in restaurant is known for their
"comfort food" and especially the famous
pork chops. Quite massive servings. Not
ideal to eat for one person due to the
portions and the family style eating. Daily
4pm - 12am.

# **Diamond Head Market and Grill**

3158 Monsarrat Ave, Honolulu, HI
Located just 1.2 miles away from Vive.
This popular window-serve grill offers amazing plate lunches and gourmet sandwiches. They also have specialty salads, desserts and quite popular for their scones. Daily 7am - 9pm.

# Gina's BBQ

2919 Kapiolani Blvd, Honolulu, HI Located just 1.7 miles away from Vive, this hidden Korean BBQ gem is located in the Foodland shopping center at Market City. They boast gigantic portions and are known for their meat Jun. Daily 10am-10pm.

# Kahai Street Kitchen

946 Coolidge St, Honolulu, HI

Located just 2 miles away from Vive, this is elevated local style comfort food at its best. They offer a unique take on local favorites, as well as one of a kind creations on their extensive and ever expanding menu. Tues - Fri: 10:30am-7:30pm. Sat: 10:30am-2pm. Sun - Mon: closed.

# Fresh Catch

1113 Kapahulu Ave, Honolulu, HI Located 2 miles away from Vive. This deli style restaurant serves poke, seafood, plate lunches, stews and soups. Take out or have a seat to order, grab and eat. Mon-Sat: 10am - 730pm. Sun: 10am -5pm.

# Da Spot Health Food & Juices

2469 S. King St, Honolulu, HI
Located about 2 miles from Vive. This
cafeteria serving style location serves
globally influenced sandwiches, curries,
smoothing and various ethnic foods
including vegetarian choices! They
sometimes have live entertainment as

# Koala Moa

755 N. Nimitz Hwy, Honolulu, HI Located about 5 miles from Vive. This is the place to go for your huli huli chicken! Tues - Sun: 10am - 6pm; Mon: 10am -2nm \*

# Nico's Fish Market

well. Daily 11am - 9:30am.

1129 N. Nimitz Hwy, Honolulu, HI
Located 5.5 miles away from Vive. This
local restaurant is open for breakfast,
lunch and dinner. They serve some of
Oahu's tasty meals. Take out restaurant
with lots of seats to dine inside. They also
have a deli for poke and the alike. MonSat: 6:30am-9pm, Sun: 10am-9pm.



# **MONDAY**

# **Hyatt's Farmers' Market**

Hyatt Regency Waikīkī Beach Resort and Spa 2424 Kalakaua Ave. (Ground Floor) 4–8 pm

# WEDNESDAY

# **Hvatt's Farmers' Market**

Hyatt Regency Waikiki Beach Resort and Spa 2424 Kalakaua Ave. (Ground Floor) 4–8 pm

# Honolulu Farmers' Market

Neil Blaisdell Center 777 Ward Ave. 4pm - 8 pm

# **SATURDAY**

# Kakaako Farmers' Market

919 Ala Moana Blvd. 7:30am - 11 am

# **KCC Farmers' Market**

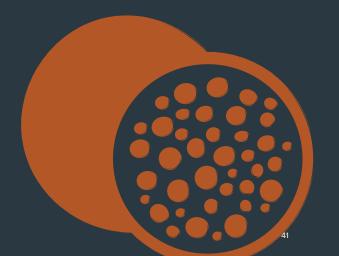
Kapiolani Community College 4303 Diamond Head Rd 7:30am - 11 am

# FARMERS' MARKETS

Farmers' markets is a definite must do if the timing works out well. Hosting local businesses big and small. Aside from just fantastic food, there are lots of options for gifts and snacks to take home. Recommended to go hungry and always best to have cash as not all vendors will accept credit cards, bitcoin, ethereum, dogecoin, etc.

The list below is for locations that are in relative close vicinity to Waikiki.

The Kapiolani College and Kakaako farmers market are more popular ones as it's a larger scale market.





Food trucks are abundant in the north shore region of Oahu, however in the past years, many have been popping up here and there, especially in Waikiki. There are many food trucks that offer great value and a chance to taste the unique flavors of Oahu and a tummy ache. just kidding. Who said you must spend big bucks to eat great food? I think it was my significant other.

Please note that some food truck come and go and hours vary. That being said, some of these below may or may not be still existing, thus is life.

# **Kapuni St. Food Trucks**

Located 40 feet from Vive Hotel and offers hot dogs, tacos, a coffee stand, and ice cream, but check out these options for a twist on the classics. Hula dog is so good, Anthony Bordain featured it on the food network; try a polish sausage or veggie dog in their specially designed mustard, or aioli.

# Blue Ocean Seafood & Steak

Located steps away, we'll point it out. They offer a large selection of plates steak and more. They serve it out a long large blue schoolbus and have some sitting areas outside. Is that a prison bus? Just kidding.

# Mami's Empanadas

2575 Cartwright Rd, Honolulu, Hawaii Located about 15 minutes walking from Vive Hotel, this small standalone Columbian empanada cart offers amazingly fresh pockets of paradise. The sauces, filling, and dough are all made from scratch and don't stress the extra calories as they are air fried!calories as they are air fried!

# **Cartright Rd**

Located about 15 minutes away by foot, this little side street tends to usually have various food trucks. Seems to vary and hard to know who will be operating.

# Ray's Kiawe Broiled Huli Huli Chicken 66-160 Kamehameha Hwy Haleiwa, Hl Located on Oahu's North Shore, their chicken is marinated in a blend of sweet and sour pineapple juice, soy sauce,

brown sugar, garlic and ginger, and perhaps a hint of chili or Siracha sauce. At Ray's, as the name suggests, the huli huli chicken is roasted over kiawe wood, which is the Hawaiian word for mesquite - a great wood for smoking and barbecuing – and it adds some lovely flavor to the chicken.

# **Uncle Woody's BBQ Corn**

56-505 Kamehameha Hwy Kahuku, HI Also located on the North Shore, serves up its famous corn in 3 flavors: Island (butter, sea salt, garlic), Baja (butter, lemon lime juice, Baja seasonings & Parmesan Cheese), & Shoyu (butter & soy sauce).

# TOP 3 MOST FAMOUS NORTH SHORE SHRIMP TRUCKS

Fumi's Shrimp Truck 56-777 Kamehameha Hwy, Kahuku, Hl

Romy's 56781 Kamehameha Hwy, Kahuku, Hl

Giovanni's 66-472 Kamehameha Hwy, Haleiwa, Hl

They all prepare a savory butter garlic sauce for their shrimp. We suggest you try all

# **Pupukea Grill**

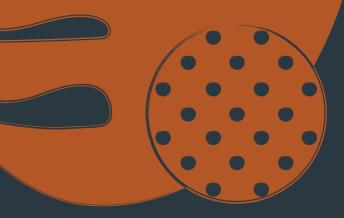
59-680 Kamehameha Hwy Haleiwa, Hl, North Shore

This truck is famous for its spicy poke bowl, teriyaki chicken plate, and its quesadillas (kalua pork or chicken). It is also noted for having a variety of healthy options.



# VEGAN OPTIONS

Vegans and vegetarians, we have not forgotten about you. While choices are more limited (shouldn't be a big surprise), there are still many excellent places! Never fear the Vive guide is here!



# **Down to Earth Organic & Natural**

2525 S. King St, Honolulu, HI

Located 2 miles away from Vive. This grocery store is a health market that carries various organic and vegan items including natural medicine. They have a very delicious deli with hot food items to go including many vegan items. Daily 7am-10pm.

# Whole Food Market

388 Kamakee St Ste 100, Honolulu, HI 4211 Waialae Ave, Honolulu, HI

Located 2.7 & 3.4 miles from Vive. This is a national chain food market but has a full deli and serves various organic foods and medicine, vegan, and hot foods. If you are not familiar with Wholefoods, it's worth checking out. Daily 7am-10pm. Located in Kahala Mall Shopping Center and in Ward Shopping Center.

# **Thuong An Lac**

135 N. King St. Honolulu, HI

Located 5 miles from Vive in Chinatown, this Vietnamese restaurant offers only vegan items and is incredibly delicious. Highly recommended. Open daily from 7am - 3pm.

# Kaimana Farm Café & Deli

845 Kapahulu Ave, Honolulu, HI Located 1.4 miles from Vive. Cute Japanese farm to table café offering all-natural food products grown by local farmers including many gluten free and vegan options. Wed-Mon: 8am-2:30pm

# Leahi Health Kaimuki

3441 Waialae Ave. Honolulu. HI

Located 2.3 miles from Vive. Organic farm to table plant based taco's bowls & smoothies with flavor packed sauces make this spot a treat for anyone. Mon-Sat. 8am-5pm, Sun 10am-3pm

# Simple Joy Vegetarian Cuisine

1145 S King St # B, Honolulu, HI

Located 2.8 miles from Vive is a popular family-owned vegan restaurant that serves a variety of dishes from Italian, American & Asian dishes that are all served vegan at this casual spot. Daily: 1030am-230pm & 5pm-9pm

# **The Other Side Diner**

42 N Hotel St. Honolulu. HI

Located 4.1 miles from Vive. Try a cool retro diner serving burgers, shakes & breakfast with veggie-friendly options & an adjacent full bar. Check their schedule for live music, karaoke night, and the secret record store! Mon-Thurs 11-12am Fri-Sat: 11am-2:30am, Sun: 10am-11pm

# **Govinda's Restaurant**

51 Coelho Way, Honolulu, HI Located 5.4 miles from Vive. Try a vegetarian buffet option and eat under their impressive banyan tree at this Hare Krishna Temple. Mon-Sat: 11am-2pm & 4:30pm-7:30pm





So you've eaten till you can no longer comfortably get up. However, vacation isn't about sleeping mode. Oahu, along with all the Hawaiian Islands have so much to see! Get off your butt and get moving!



# HIKING

What better feeling than having panoramic views of the city and seeing the blue beautiful ocean at the top of the mountain, only to realize now you have to go back down all over, ugh! Or maybe you enjoy going into the lush valleys and getting your feet muddy to reward yourself views of a glistening waterfall, good for you! Never fear, snakes and bears are not here!

Always be prepared on any hikes. Research, ample water, hiking shoes, sunscreen are always recommended.

# DIAMOND HEAD CRATER HIKE

Diamond Head Crater Hike is a popular 1.5 mile round trip hike with 560ft of elevation gain located on an extinct volcano just 2 miles from Vive. Hawaii's most recognized landmark is known for its historic hiking trail, stunning coastal views, and military history. Daily from 6am-6pm. Entrance fee \$5, driving is \$10. Reservations are now required as of 2022.

This is a relatively easy hike for all ages and rewards with a breathtaking 360 view of the ocean and Waikiki.

# **MANOA FALLS**

3860 Manoa Rd, Honolulu, HI

Manoa Falls, just a 23 minute drive from our hotel, is a lush rainforest, with giant ferns, cascading tropical waterfalls, & picturesquestreamsand unique species that can be found nowhere else on Earth. After a 30 minute trek on this clearly marked trail, you will be rewarded with the sight of a 90' drop waterfall. 0.8 miles one way. Being in the valley it is generally a wet hike. Open from 8am-4pm.

This trail actually goes up to the top of the Koolau Mountains and connects with various other ridge trails. That part of the trail is not recommended unless you are a very experienced hiker.

# KOKOHEAD CRATER RAILWAY TRAIL

7491 Kokonani St, Honolulu, HI

Kokohead Crater Railway Trail is a 1.8 mile out and back hike with 990ft of elevation gain, located 11 miles from Vive. This cardio intensive hike boasts beautiful stunning 360 views at the top! Essentially, it is literally like Stair Master as it's an old railroad track used in the military in the past. Sunscreen and water is a must. Excellent spot for a sunrise hike. Open from 4am-11pm. If you can go up in 15 minutes or less, consider yourself an elite athlete!

# MAKAPUU POINT LIGHTHOUSE TRAIL

Makapuu Point Lighthouse provides a moderate 2 mile round trip hike with 500ft of elevation gain on a paved trail just 14 miles from Vive on Oahu's Eastern shore. Expect to see views of the windward coast and offshore islets, which are wildlife sanctuaries for Hawaiian seabirds, as well as the historic red-roofed Makapu'u Lighthouse.

On a clear day, you may even see Moloka'i and Lana'i. This trail is an excellent place to view migrating humpback whales in season (Nov. – May).

The above hikes are rather common and easy to do hikes. Oahu has a plethora of trails some of which are easy and some of which are life threatening. Rescues are very common, almost weekly.

Should you decide to do other hikes, do your research and be sure of your capabilities. Feel free to speak to employees or tour operators to get a better idea. You definitely don't want to foot the bill and end up on the news for a helicopter rescue or even worse on Instagram! #embarrassing



"Hiking hurts my knees!" okay okay we hear you. Oahu has beautiful gardens and botanical gardens to explore at a leisure pace. Botanist and nature lovers, there are

epic adventures for you as well!

# LYON ARBORETUM

3860 Manoa Rd, Honolulu, HI

Located 4.1 miles from Vive is a 0.3 mile loop trail on a 194-acre piece of tropical rainforest featuring 5,000 exotic plants, birds, beautiful wild flowers and is good for all skill levels. Mon-Sat: 8am-4pm & Sun: 9am-3pm

# **FOSTER BOTANICAL GARDEN**

180 N Vineyard Blvd, Honolulu, HI Located 5.5 miles from Vive. This 14 acre garden from 1853 offers unique & tranquil space for tropical plants, orchids & cycad. They have a remarkable palm collection. orchid garden, prehistoric glen, & many exceptional trees. Go at 10:30am daily for a free guided tour of the garden. Mon-Sun 9am-4pm

# **PALILOOKOUT**

Pali Lookout is located 16 miles from Vive and requires a vehicle. It offers panoramic views of the sheer Ko'olau cliffs and lush Windward Coast. Driving up the Pali Highway through tall trees and dense forests to get to the lookout, you'll see the city disappear and the tranquil beauty of Hawaii's natural landscape emerge. The Pali Lookout is a site of deep historical significance. Named "Pali" meaning "cliff" in Hawaiian, the Pali Lookout is the site of the Battle of Nu'uanu, where in 1795 King Kamehameha I won the struggle that finally united Oahu under his rule. This fierce battle claimed hundreds of soldiers' lives, many of which were forced off of the Pali's sheer cliffs. A lookout more than a walk.

# **MOANALUA GARDENS**

2850 Moanalua Rd A, Honolulu, HI Moanalua Gardens is a 24-acre privately owned public park in Honolulu, Hawaii. The park is the site of the Kamehameha

V Cottage which used to be the home of Prince Lot Kapuaiwa, who would later become King Kamehameha V. Have a picnic, meditate, take a nap or just enjoy life and take it all in.

# **HOOMALUHIA BOTANICAL GARDEN**

45-680 Luluku Rd, Kaneohe, HI

Hoomaluhia Botanical Garden is located 16 miles away. One of Oahu's most beautiful and largest botanical gardens at 400 acres. Very common to see on many social media backdrops are the soaring mountains and lined palm trees. Requires a vehicle to get here.

# **WAIMEA VALLEY**

59-864 Kamehameha Hwy, Haleiwa, HI Waimea Valley is located 38 miles away located on the north shore of Oahu. Garden full of luscious plants with a small waterfall at the end. This attraction requires an entry fee, has a gift shop and food options. Must do if in North

# KOKO CRATER BOTANICAL GARDEN

7491 Kokonani St. Honolulu, HI

Koko Crater Botanical Garden is about 11 miles away. Explore a blooming volcanic crater at the driest of Oahu's city-run botanical gardens, which focuses on the cultivation of rare and endangered dryland plants. A big attraction here is the plumeria grove, which erupts in bloom in the summer.

# **KAPIOLANI PARK**

Located a very short distance from the hotel. This large park offer a very nice stroll with large Banyan trees and the ocean. Continue up towards the backside of Diamond Head, up the light house and you will see beautiful views of the Pacific ocean.

# SNORKELING

So you don't like working up a sweat in the tropical forest, it's okay there are many people that don't like hiking. For you folks, we have the ocean, hopefully! While the ocean sparkles and is beautiful, don't underestimate its fury. In fact, while unfortunate, many people drown when snorkeling on a regular basis. It's crucial you know your own limitations and health conditions prior to such activities.

Don't be shame or embarrassed to use a life vest or floatation device. Use sunscreen or before you know it, you will look like a cooked lobster.

# HANAUMA BAY

Hanauma Bay, formed within a volcanic cone, is a protected marine life conservation area famous for some of the best snorkeling on the island. Located about a 30 minute drive from our hotel on the eastern shoreline, the state charges an admission fee to snorkel in this pristine marine ecosystem.

Reservations are required and is a bit challenging to obtain. Tickets must be booked in advance. Feel free to ask the reception staff for details as this attraction is often hard to book.

# **WAIANAE BOAT HARBOR**

Waianae Boat Harbor is the starting point to an epic adventure snorkeling with wild spinner dolphins on Oahu's West coast. Journey and learn the history of the Waianae Coast and about its marine life. Take a guided boat tour and try snorkeling, kayaking, and paddle boarding while having a memorable experience out at sea.

# SHARK'S COVE

Shark's Cove is located on Oahu's North Shore, this small rocky bay forms part of Pupukea Beach Park and boasts blue water and an impressive amount of sea life. The bottom is made up of large smooth boulders and coral heads forming small caves and ledges for marine life to hide. The walls of the surrounding

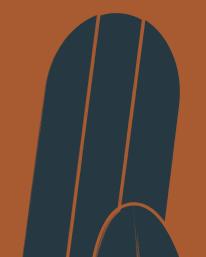
cliffs provide calmer water attracting schooling surface fish. The south side of Sharks Cove is the Pupukea tide pools; a great place to wade and explore.

# **KUILIMA COVE**

Kuilima Cove is enclosed by a natural rock barrier, protecting it from the waves. If the waves are large on the North Shore this spot is a great choice for safety reasons. The water clarity is excellent and the average depth is only about neck deep. The bottom is primarily coral flats scattered with large rocks. Fish abound. It's so calm and clear you're going to swear you're swimming in an aquarium. With all of these great conditions, Kuilima Cove snorkeling is ideal for kids or beginner snorkeling. Located right near Turtle Bay Resort.

# KAHE POINT BEACH PARK

The Kahe Point Beach Park snorkeling area is located on the west side of Oahu, just north of the Ko'Olina Resorts. Kahe Point is nicknamed "Electric Beach" because of the electric power plant located nearby. The electric plant outflows clean warm water through two giant cooling pipes offshore. At the openings of these pipes the water temperature is several degrees warmer than the surrounding ocean. The warm water attracts scores of sea life. Swimming a bit out from shore is required. Not recommended for beginners.



Surfing is one the most popular activities on this island. In fact, in the winter time, the north shore of Oahu hosts the Triple Crown surf event which brings professionals from all across the globe.

SURFING

Waikiki's famous surf breaks, "Canoes" and "Queen's" are among the top breaks for both experienced surfers and newcomers to the sport. It only takes one surf lesson to get you up and riding for adults and kids alike.

# **WAIKIKI BEACH**

Waikiki Beach is the beach fronting our hotel if you walk straight toward the ocean. This two-mile stretch of white sand is one of the busiest and most cosmopolitan spots on Oahu where a plethora of activities geared towards tourists seem to go on all day and most of the night. Whether you are looking forward to surfing, canoe paddling, snorkeling, swimming, boogie boarding, sand combing, catching a golden tan, people watching, or marveling at a few beautiful Waikiki sunsets, it's very easy to have a good time on the different areas of Waikiki Beach. There is also a beautiful Waikiki Beach promenade, available for those who are interested in taking a leisurely stroll to absorb all the action.

# **QUEENS BEACH**

2685 Kalakaua Ave, Honolulu, HI
Beach is a short 10 minute walk from
Vive. It is just east of Waikiki Beach but
much more quiet and relaxing. Queens
Beach has space for you to spread
out and not be right next to someone. It's
also just a short walk away from Barefoot
Beach Cafe which has local plate lunches
and yummy pineapple smoothies.

# **SANDY BEACH**

Sandy Beach is located 11.5 miles from Vive. It is known for its excellent bodyboarding and bodysurfing opportunities due to shore break that breaks very close to the shore, and consistent barrels all along the beach.

# **MAKAPUU BEACH**

Makapuu Beach is located 14 miles from Vive. Makapuu is the extreme eastern end of the Island of Oahu in the Hawaiian Islands, comprising the remnant of a ridge that rises 647 feet above the sea. The cliff at Makapuu Point forms the eastern tip and is the site of a prominent lighthouse.

# **WAIMANALO BEACH**

Waimanalo Beach is located 17 miles from Vive. It has turquoise blue waters, miles of soft powdery sand, a line of Ironwood trees, and an incredible backdrop view of the steep Ko'olau Mountains. Many small parks that offer beach access and more quiet experience.

# **LANIKAI BEACH**

941 Mokulua Dr, Kailua, HI

Lanikai Beach is located 17 miles from Vive. The name Lanikai means "heavenly sea." This small half-mile strip of beach is consistently ranked among the best beaches in the world because of its stunning blue water, gentle waves, and pristine sand. There are no facilities or specified parking so you'll need to find a space somewhere on the neighborhood street. Be mindful as pedestrian access is located between the residential homes.

# **KAILUA BEACH**

526 Kawailoa Rd. Kailua. HI

Kailua Beach is located 18 miles from Vive on the easterly shoreline, right next to Lanikai Beach. The ocean waters are turquoise blue with soft, white powder sand. This beach, unlike Lanikai Beach, hasparking,bathroomfacilities,beach showers, and picnic tables located on the park grounds. It's something worth considering when bringing the whole family out for the day.

# **SUNSET BEACH**

59-104 Kamehameha Hwy, Pupukea, Hl Sunset Beach is located 40 miles from Vive. This beach has one of the few long stretches of sand that you get to drive right next to, traveling along the Kamehameha Highway. It's a great beach to watch big-wave surfers in action during the wintertime. In the summertime, when the waves go flat, it can be a great snorkel spot as well. Its namesake come from being one of the best locations to be while the sun is setting. Vans Triple Crown of Surfing is one of the most exciting and thrilling surf contest to attend on the island. This beach is where the 2nd jewel in the crown can be won.

# **BANZAI PIPELINE**

59-473 Ke Waena Rd. Haleiwa. HI Banzai Pipeline is located 39 miles from Vive on the North Shore. Pipeline is an iconic surf spot that draws locals, pros & spectators with its notorious waves in the winter. Parking is tough, but this place has some of the best surfers around. The waves are big and the current is strong. so it's not a good fit for kids or amateur swimmers. There's some decent shade in the afternoon, so it makes for a great place to watch really good surfers in action. There are a few food trucks in the area too. This break is home to the famous Pipemasters surf contest, the third jewel in the Vans Triple Crown of

# **WAIMEA BAY**

61-31 Kamehameha Hwy, Haleiwa, HI
Waimea Bay is located 37 miles from
Vive on the North Shore. Waimea is
famous for its 30-foot waves in the winter
and is a top place to watch some of the
world's best and bravest surfers. During
summer, the water calms considerably
and is a great destination for swimming,

snorkeling and diving. In honor of legendary waterman Eddie Aikau, The Eddie surf contest, is held at this beach ONLY if wave heights reach a minimum of 20' height. Hawaiian's measure waves from the back meaning these waves have about 40' faces.

# LANIAKEA

61-574 Pohaku Loa Way, Haleiwa, HI
Laniakea aka Turtle Beach is located 35
miles from Vive on the North Shore. The
main attraction here is the green sea
turtles who often times can be seen on
the beach basking in the sun. The parking
area is across the beach on the other
side of the highway and there is little
traffic lights, a regular traffic jam location
because many people are crossing the
road here.

# **MAKAHA BEACH**

84-369 Farrington Hwy, Waianae, HI Makaha Beach is located 38 miles from Vive on the Western shoreline. This beach offers good swimming, bodyboarding and surfing conditions. The swimming is better in the summer months when the ocean is generally calmer here. In the winter months, the surf is often times up and there is a strong shore break and rip currents. This is when Makaha Beach is only suitable for experienced surfers.

# YOKOHAMA BEACH

End of HI-93 Farrington Hwy, Waianae,

Yokohama Beach is located 45 miles from Vive on the west side of the island. Yokohama Bay is pristine beautiful, untouched by development for miles around, and framed by the Waianae Mountain Range in the background. You'll usually find more locals along this area, be respectful and courteous. Homeless is often an issue here.



# OTHER OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Below are some other fun outdoor activities to do. Venture them all especially Kualoa Ranch and the shark cage tour. Don't be a scaredy cat.

# **THE MOKES**

The Mokes or the "Twin Islands" are located about 0.75 miles off Lanikai 18 miles from Vive. Try a guided tour or rent a kayak and paddle out to these impressive oft photographed bird sanctuary's and enjoy sightseeing, snorkeling, and floating in the Queens Bath.

# **KUALOA RANCH**

ATV, Horseback, E-bike, or Zip line through Kualoa Ranch, where Jurassic Park, Lost, Hunger games, 50 First Dates, and so many more movies where filmed. Kualoa is a 4000-acre private nature reserve and working cattle ranch in one of Oahu's most breathtakingly beautiful locations.

# SHARK CAGE TOUR

Get up close and personal with Sharks on the North Shore with a shark-cage tour. Behind the safety of a cage see the beauty and splendor of Hawaii's sharks as they rise from the depths to greet you. Our concierge can recommend a quality tour company for this one-of-a-kind experience.

# KANEOHE BAY

Kaneohe Bay is home to a list of amazing sites. You will find the only barrier reef in the United States here, you probably know Coconut Island or "Moku o Loe" as Gilligan's Island, Chinaman's Hat or "Mokolii" is a popular spot for taking pictures because of its unique shape, and the Sandbar or "Ahu O Laka" is the largest saltwater sandbar in the word. To get to these sights you can kayak or take a leisurely catamaran ride and when you arrive try snorkeling, volleyball, or have lunch.

# **HONOLULU ZOO**

Honolulu Zoo is a short 9 minute walk from our hotel. From pink flamingos to African giraffes, the Honolulu Zoo is home to a little bit of everything from the animal kingdom. Its animal population includes more than 64 reptile, 38 mammal and 160 bird species. The 42-acre facility is organized into three tropical ecological zones: Tropical Rainforests, Pacific Islands and the African Savanna. Among its highlights is a new 1.5-acre Asian tropical elephant exhibit and a petting

# **WAIKIKI AQUARIUM**

Waikiki Aquarium is a short 15 minute walk from our hotel. The exhibits at this aquarium consist of about 3500 marine animals, including seahorses, jelly fish, and a Hawaiian Monk Seal exhibit. All programs are focused on Hawaiian and tropical Pacific aquatic life.

# **DOLE PINEAPPLE PLANTATION**

Dole Pineapple Plantation provides enjoyable activities for the entire family, including the Pineapple Express Train Tour, the Plantation Garden Tour, and the Pineapple Garden Maze. The country store offers a wide variety of Dole Plantation gifts, local favorites, foods and refreshments including the world-famous Dole Whip. Located in the center of the island, 27 miles from Vive, rent a car with us and make this a stop on your trip around the island or reserve a circle island tour with our concierge.

# **WAIKIKI FIREWORKS SHOW**

Each Friday evening the Hilton Hawaiian Village puts on a free firework show on Waikiki Beach. The fireworks show usually begins at 7:45pm (8pm in June, July, and August) and lasts about ten minutes. If you want to see the fireworks from the beach area, there are several great vantage points — around the Hilton Hawaiian Village and at the beach area by Fort Derussy. Anywhere from the Hilton Hawaiian Village and Outrigger Reef on the Beach is great.



# ART CULTURE HISTORY

So you're physically exhausted but mentally crave more. Hawaii has a rich culture and history. Not only that, Oahu being so ethnically diverse has created such a mix of new culture and art.

# HONOLULU MUSEUM OF ART

900 S. Beretania St, Honolulu, HI
Honolulu Museum of Art, located 3 miles
from Vive, has one of the largest single
collections of Asian and Pan-Pacific art
in the United States, and since its official
opening in 1927, its collections have
grown to more than 50,000 works of art.

# **BISHOP MUSEUM**

1525 Bernice St, Honolulu, HI

Bishop Museum is located 6 miles from Vive. Travel back in time at the Bishop Museum and explore everything from the evolution of the Hawaiian Islands, to the ancestral voyage to these island and how Polynesian navigators used the stars to find their way! Tie it all together in Hawaii Hall and meet the Ali'i. Through over 3,900 exhibits hear their stories, experience their trials and triumphs, and embrace the true spirit of these islands.

# **CHINATOWN**

1120 Maunakea St, #200, Honolulu, Hi Chinatown is located 4 miles from Vive. The Maunakea Marketplace is located in the heart of Honolulu's historic Chinatown and features retail stores and an open marketplace offering fresh produce, meats, seafood and poultry. It is a great place to start your tour around the 15 blocks that are Chinatown. It is literally a melting pot of ethnic foods. offering Vietnamese, Thai, Italian, Chinese, Japanese and Filipino food everything from pizza to plate lunches and many other types of quick, authentic, inexpensive ethnic cuisine. Don't miss out on the art, museums, temple, or live shows at the Hawaii Theater. If you want to learn the history of the area and understand the people that bring it to life try a narrated walking tour.

# **DORIS DUKE SHANGRI-LA**

4055 Papu Cir, Honolulu, HI

Doris Duke Shangri-La is located 3 miles from Vive (Guided tours depart from the Honolulu Museum of Art, which operates the tours.) Shangri La is a center for Islamic arts and cultures, offering guided tours, residencies for scholars and artists, and programs with the purpose of improving understanding of the Islamic world. Built in 1937 as the Honolulu home of American heiress and philanthropist Doris Duke (1912-1993), Shangri La was inspired by Duke's extensive travels throughout North Africa, the Middle East. and South Asia and reflects architectural traditions from India, Iran, Morocco and Syria. You can book a tour online through Honolulu Museum of Art's website www. honlulumuseum.org.

# MISSION HOUSE MUSEUMS

553 S King St, Honolulu, HI

Mission House Museums is located 4 miles from Vive. This Historic Site was established in 1923 by the Hawaiian Mission Children's Society, a private, non-profit organization and genealogical society. It consists of three mission houses that served as homes and workplaces for the first Christian missionaries who came here.

# **PEARL HARBOR**

1 Arizona Memorial PI, Honolulu, HI
Pearl Harbor located 12 miles from
Vive, is the largest natural harbor in the
State of Hawaii and the number one
visitor destination on Oahu. Today, Pearl
Harbor remains an active military base,
Headquarters of the Pacific Fleet, and a
National Historic Landmark that's home to
four unique attractions: from the surprise
attack on Pearl Harbor that started it all,

to the surrender of the Japanese on the deck of the mighty Battleship Missouri, these four historic sites together tell the story of the War in the Pacific, commemorating the accomplishments of a previous generation.

# **SALT AT OUR KAKAAKO**

691 Auahi St. Honolulu. HI

SALT is located 3.5 miles from Vive, is a city block driven by passionate chefs, artists and entrepreneurs. From the hottest eateries to one-of-a-kind events, SALT is a local gathering place to eat, shop and have fun.

# **FIRST FRIDAYS**

First Fridays in Chinatown is the place to be if you want to join the hip crowds at the many unique galleries, boutiques, cafes and restaurants that feature exciting art exhibits and free entertainment.

See the main events between 5pm and 9 pm, and stay for the late night parties at some of the trendiest, most popular bars in Honolulu like Bar 35, Manifest, J Dolan's Downbeat Diner.

# **HAWAII WALLS**

Kakaako neighborhood near Auahi St. and Keawe St. about 3.2 miles from Vive. Every February, dozens of artists from across the globe congregate in Kaka'ako to transform the urban neighborhood with murals, exhibits, discussion panels, parties and more. Since the first Pow! Wow! Hawai'i in 2011, Pow! Wow! events have been held in South Korea, Israel, Japan, Taiwan, Guam, California, Massachusetts and Washington, D.C.

# SHOPAHOLICS

"Shop till you drop" she said as her husband shook his head. Okay seriously though, Oahu literally has some of the best shopping available. From Ala Moana, the largest open air mall in the world to Waikele Shopping Outlet, offering exceptional bargains!

We make money to spend money! Please boost our economy, thanks in advance!

# INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE

2330 Kalakaya Ave. Honolylu, HI

International Marketplace is a short 4 minute walk from our hotel. This shopping center features distinctive retailers not found anywhere else on the island and offers customers a diverse mix of over 80 fashion and lifestyle retailers and popular favorites. From Michelinstarred meals to locally-sourced dishes, International Market Place also features chef-driven restaurants and unique to-market eateries.

# **DUKE'S LANE**

Alleyway between Kuhio and Kalakaua Duke's Lane a 6 minute walk from our hotel is an open-air flea market that is great for souvenirs, jewelry, picture frames, wood carvings, bags, t-shirts, etc. You can negotiate for better prices with the vendors if you don't mind the back and forth haggling. The vendors often carry the same items at different prices so poke around before you buy.

# **ROYAL HAWAIIAN CENTER**

2201 Kalakaya Avenue, Honolulu, HI
Royal Hawaiian Center is located .5 miles from Vive this center has more than 150 stores and services in its three-story complex, offering great shopping, dining, and entertainment. Popular shops and restaurants include Kate Spade, Apple, Ferrari, The Cheesecake Factory, P.F. Changs, and more. The center also offers free hula, ukulele, and lei making lessons, as well as live Hawaiian entertainment.

# WAIKIKI BEACHWALK

226 Lewers St. Honolulu, HI

Waikiki Beachwalk, located .7 miles from Vive. It hosts eclectic boutiques with extraordinary, locally made products, nightlife and world-class outdoor entertainment popular with visitors and residents alike. Wyland Galleries, Hawaiian Quilt Collection, and HIMFE are among the most trafficked.

# **LUXURY ROW**

2100 Kalakaua Ave. Honolulu, HI
Luxury Row located .5 miles from Vive.
Luxury Row at 2100 Kalakaua Avenue
offers one of the finest collections of
luxury brands in the world, with more
than 111,000 sq. ft. of international
retailers including Chanel, Gucci, Yves
Saint Laurent, Coach, Moncler, Miu,
and Bottega Veneta. A great spot to
potentially overdraft the bank account.

# **KAHALA MALL**

4211 Waialae Ave, Honolulu, HI
Kahala Mall located 3.5 miles from
Vive. Kahala Mall features over 100
charming local shops, premier retailers
& restaurants including Whole Foods
Market, an 8-plex movie theater, Crepes
No Ka Oi, California Pizza Kitchen, Chili's,
Long's Drug Store, and a Starbucks.

# **ALA MOANA CENTER**

1450 Ala Moana Blvd, Honolulu, HI
Ala Moana Center is 2 miles from Vive.
This open-air shopping center is the largest in the world with more than 290 stores. The Center is recognized as having the flagship stores for most major international, national and local retailers.
Makai Market is the largest international food court in Hawaii and one of the largest in the United States with seating for 1,500 people, offering ethnic cuisines from Thailand, Korea, Japan, China, the Philippines, Hawaii, Mexico, and Italy.

# **WARD CENTER**

1200 Ala Moana Boulevard, Honolulu, HI Experience the vibrant heart of Honolulu at Ward Village, where shopping, dining, and culture converge. Explore a curated selection of boutiques, including local favorites like House of Mana Up,

showcasing Hawai'i-based products. Indulge in diverse culinary offerings, from artisanal donuts at Holey Grail Donuts to authentic Japanese cuisine at Rinka. Immerse yourself in the community's rich culture through local art installations and events. Located just minutes from Waikīkī. Whether you're exploring its open-air spaces or discovering hidden gems, there's always something new to experience.

# **WAIKELE OUTLETS**

94-790 Lumiaina St, Waipahu, HI
Waikele Outlets is located 18 miles from
Vive in West Oahu. This mega center
offers a variety of value retail stores
and factory outlets. Great value can be
found at name-brand outlet stores such
as Banana Republic, Barneys New York,
Brooks Brothers, Coach Factory, and
Guess. Waikele Center located right
across the street includes Kmart, Lowes
Hardware, and OfficeMax, to name a few.
Shoppers can ride a trolley car between
both Waikele Center and Waikele
Premium Outlets

# **ALOHA STADIUM**

99-500 Salt Lake Blvd, Honolulu, HI
Aloha Stadium is located 13 miles from
Vive. This popular outdoor bazar offers
Hundreds of vendors selling island-style
products in booths sprawled across
the parking lot of Aloha Stadium, with
everything from souvenirs to plants and
T-shirts to collectibles. There's only one
secret - arrive early! Open Wednesday,
Saturday, and Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to
3:00 p.m. (Sunday opening is 6:30 a.m.)
Admission is just \$1.00.

# FREE ACTIVITIES

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# **UKULELE**

Commonly associated with music from Hawaii where the name roughly translates as "jumping flea" the ukulele was introduced by Portuguese immigrants in the 19th century and gained worldwide popularity in the 20th century. Its popularity dramatically increased with the release of local musician Israel Kamakawiwoole's world renowned version of "Over the Rainbow." Learn basic cords and songs in a FREE class provided by the Royal Hawaiian Center. See Royalhawaiiancenter.com/

# **LEI MAKING**

Lei, strung flower garlands, are synonymous with Hawaii and hookipa (Hawaiian hospitality). The Royal Hawaiian Center invites the public to fashion a lei of colorful, fragrant blossoms in the sewing style to adorn themselves during their stay, or as a gift to a loved one to celebrate a special occasion. FREE classes are limited to the first 25 persons, ages 7 and older. See Royalhawaiiancenter.com/Cultural-Programming for class details.

famous residents including Waikiki beachboy Duke Kahanamoku.



# HULA

The art of Hawaiian dance. It expresses all that we hear, see, smell, taste, touch and feel. Hula is life. Puake'ala Mann, a kumu hula graduate of Halau Hula o Maiki, shares basic hand gestures, footwork and body movements that accentuate chant or song lyrics in FREE classes. See Royalhawaiiancenter.com/Cultural-Programming for class details. You can catch a FREE hula show at Kūhiō Beach Hula mound on Kalākaua Ave near Uluniu Avenue, just a short walk from our hotel, every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, weather-permitting from 6:30pm to 7:30pm (6pm to 7pm Nov-Dec-Jan).

# **FIREWORKS SHOW**

Every Friday night at 7:45 p.m., the Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach Resort & Spa puts on an amazing fireworks show on the beachfront of the hotel. While the fireworks can be seen from afar, a great place to see the show is from Fort Derussy park for an unobstructed view.

# ENTERTAINMENT AT INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE

The newly reimagined International Market Place in Waikiki is now a shopping oasis featuring dozens of new retailers and restaurants. The tropical landscaping along with the preservation of its iconic banyan tree create a dramatic background for live Hawaiian entertainment. From the famed lighting of the torches to the hula auana and kahiko shows the free performances here are a

must see. Nightly 4pm-10pm.

# ENTERTAINMENT AT KAPIOLANI PARK

This beautiful 500-acre park, created by King David Kalakaua in the 1870s, is listed on the State's Historic Register as many of its exceptional trees are more than 100 years old. The park is host to a number of festivals throughout the year. The Kapi'olani Bandstand features a variety of free entertainment, including regular Sunday afternoon performances by the Royal Hawaiian Band.

# **YOGA**

Power Yoga Hawaii (510 Piikoi St. Ste 200 Honolulu, HI) is a beautiful studio near Ala Moana Shopping Center that offers a variety of classes like Guided Meditation, Aerial Yoga and various Power Yoga classes. All of their classes are donation based so you can pay as much as you like or what you have in your pocket.

# **WALKING TOUR**

While free guided tours are no longer offered, it's easy to download and print the self-guided Waikiki Historic Trail tour text and map at: www.waikikihistorictrail. org/trail.pdf. You'll be walking in the footsteps Hawaii's royalty and most famous residents including Waikiki beachboy Duke Kahanamoku.



# RAINY DAY ACTIVITIES

When it rains it pours, just have to make the best of it. Below are some suggestions on rainy day stuff to do.

**IOLANI PALACE** 

# **HONOLULU MUSEUM OF ART**

More information, page 60

# **BISHOP MUSEUM**

More information, page 60

# **WATCH A SHOW**

Te Moana Nui Luau

This evening luau is located indoors at the Sheraton Princess Kaiulani Hotel, just a short 3 minute walk from our hotel. Created by Merlin award-winning Illusionist, John Hirokawa, this is a spell-binding evening of stunning illusions, dramatic special effects, amazing sleight-of-hand and professionally choreographed Polynesian entertainment.

Legends: Rock-A-Hula

Legends: Rock-A-Hula is located on the 4th floor of the Royal Hawaiian shopping center, an 11 minute walk from our hotel. Widely regarded as The World's Greatest Live Tribute Show, you can experience any of their rotating roster from Las Vegas in the form of Elvis, Michael Jackson, Steven Tyler, or Britney Spears

**WAIKIKI AQUARIUM** 

SHOPPING AT ALA MOANA OR KAHALA MALL

CATCH A MOVIE AT WARD THEATRE OR KAHALA MALL

Experience the Magic of Cirque du Soleil in Waikiki

Step into a world of wonder as Cirque du Soleil takes the stage in Waikiki! Prepare to be mesmerized by breathtaking acrobatics, stunning visuals, and heart-pounding performances—all set against the backdrop of Hawaii's vibrant spirit. This one-of-a-kind show combines world-class artistry with island-inspired themes, delivering an unforgettable experience for audiences of all ages. Don't miss your chance to witness the magic that has captivated millions around the globe, now in the heart of Waikiki.

Get ready to be amazed—Cirque du Soleil is here!



Let's say you have a car for a day. Where should you go? What should you do? Here's a suggested trip that will allow you to circle the island in a day.

# DAY TOUR

7:00 AM - 9:00 AM Hike Manoa Falls 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Snorkel Hanauma Bay (reservations needed) Grab lunch in Waimanalo at Ono Steaks and Shrimp Shack 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Check out Lanikai Beach with the Mokulua Islands off in the distance 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Stop at Byodo-In Temple 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Drive down Kamehameha Hwy toward Turtle Bay, Grab dinner at Fumi's Shrimp Truck 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Watch the North Shore surf and sunset at either Sunset Beach, Pipeline, or Pupukea Beach Park. 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Head back to Waikiki





If you had two days to explore you might consider splitting your time between the East side of the island and the North.

# **DAY TOUR**

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7:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Hike Manoa Falls or Diamond Head
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Snorkel Hanauma Bay
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Head east toward Waimanalo making scenic stops at Halona Blow Hole, Makau'u Beach Park, Grab lunch in Waimanalo at Ono Steaks and Shrimp Shack
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Check out Lanikai Beach with the Mokulua Islands off in the distance
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Stop at Byodo-In Temple
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Stop at Pali Lookout
6:00 PM - 6:30 PM	Head back to Waikiki

# DAY 2

7:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Visit Pearl Harbor
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Grab a Dole Whip at Dole Plantation
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Visit North Shore Surf Town Haleiwa. Shopping, Food Trucks, and restaurants can be found here.
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Check Laniakea Beach (Turtle Beach) to see if giant turtles are sunbathing.
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Check out the cliff jumping rock at Waimea Bay OR take a dip in the waterfall at Waimea Valley
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM	Pick a beach to watch the North Shore Sunset. They appear in this order Pupukea Beach Park, Banzai Pipeline, and Sunset Beach.
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Grab a cocktail and take in some live music at Surfer the Bar at Turtle Bay.
8:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Head back to Waikiki



# WRAPPING IT UP

We hope this guide has been helpful in making your trip here to Oahu more enjoyable. We sincerely appreciate that you have chosen Vive Waikiki for your travels.

We are here to assist in any way possible to make your stay more pleasurable. Our hopes is to have you come as guests and leave as friends. Should there by anything we may assist you with, please do not hesitate to ask.

On behalf of the entire team and management, we thank you for your business and hope to serve you again in the future.

MAHALO NUI LOA,



### VIVE WAIKIK