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O'AHU WEATHER

O'ahu weather patterns are some of the most stable in the entire state. Unless you head mauka (inland) you're not likely to experience a lot of rain on the island, even on the wetter windward (eastern) side.

The wettest periods on O'ahu are almost always in the wintertime when the tradewinds bring additional moisture to the islands. This period runs from mid-November through late March on average, and some of these systems can carry quite a bit of rain. This isn't to say O'ahu isn't nice during the winter months; it is- but it's also going to mean the likelihood of wetter weather along portions of the island like the beautiful and lush East Coast. After all, it does take rain to create that beautiful verdant atmosphere.

Hopefully, this information will help you decide the best region of O'ahu to visit and when to go.

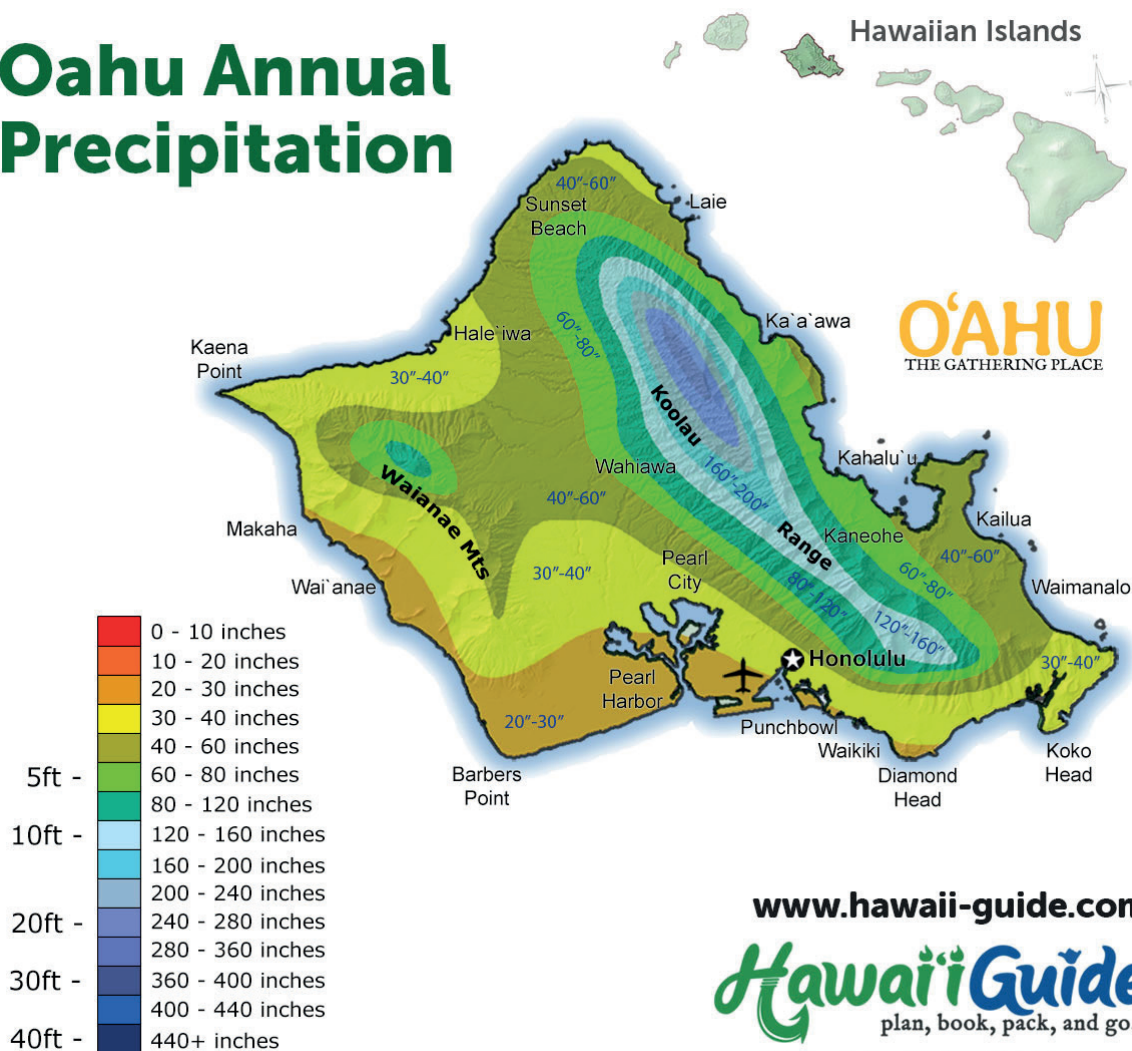
Here are a few things to keep in mind, summarized, about Hawaii's weather:

- Check sources of reliable forecasts, like the [University of Hawai'i Weather](#), before you visit and during your stay, as they have the best and most accurate forecast in the islands.

- Don't listen to the Weather Channel or watch the NOAA forecast graphs, of course, they'll predict rain - it technically rains almost every day in Hawai'i... for about 10 minutes at a time. The only time it's really wet in Hawai'i for a prolonged time is during the winter months, usually from November until March.

- As far as temperature goes, plan accordingly for the island you're visiting. At sea level, it's usually about 76-85°F (24-29°C) all year-round. Temperatures at night are typically 12-18°F (7-8°C) cooler, but this can change dramatically depending on your altitude.

Oahu Annual Precipitation

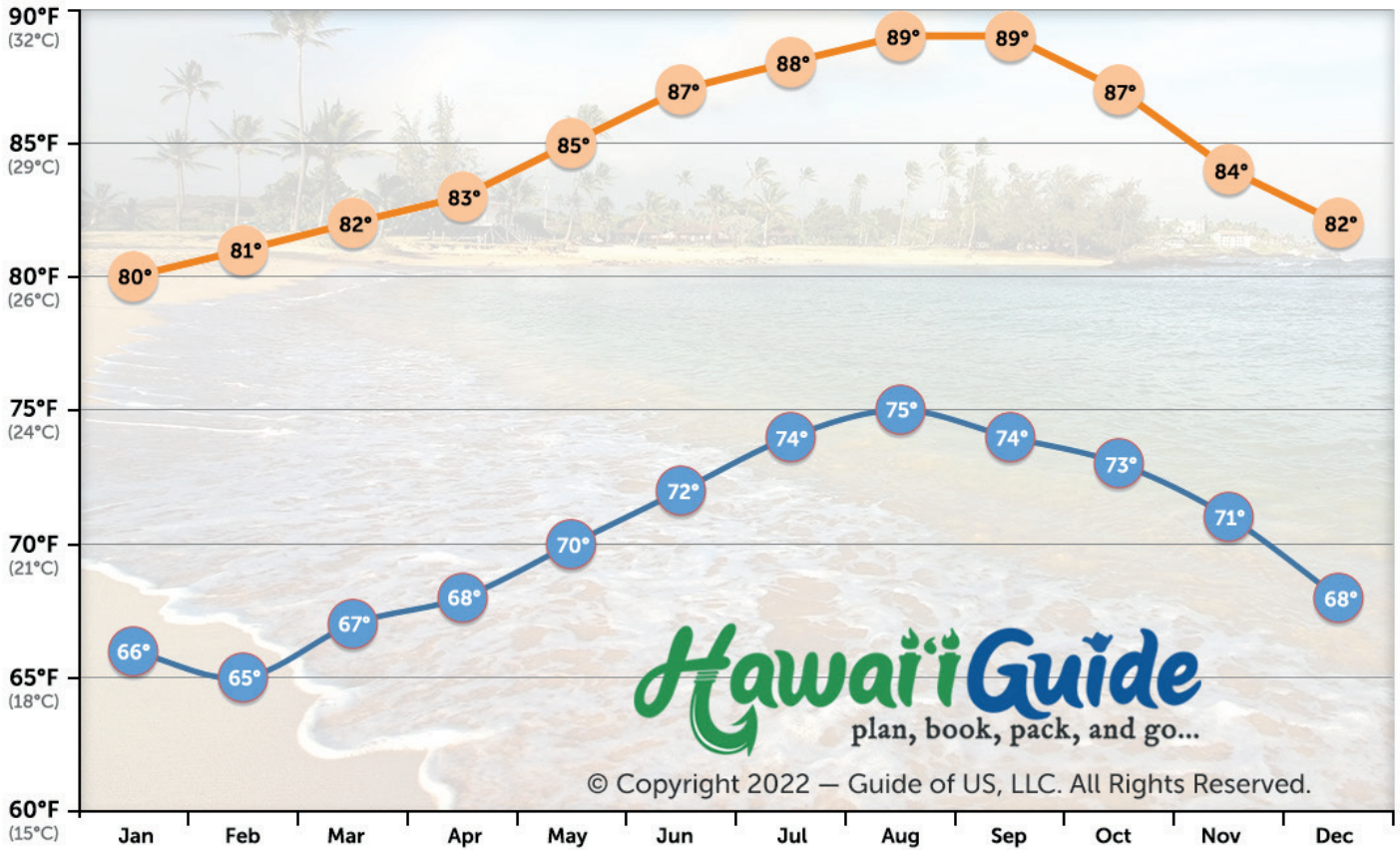


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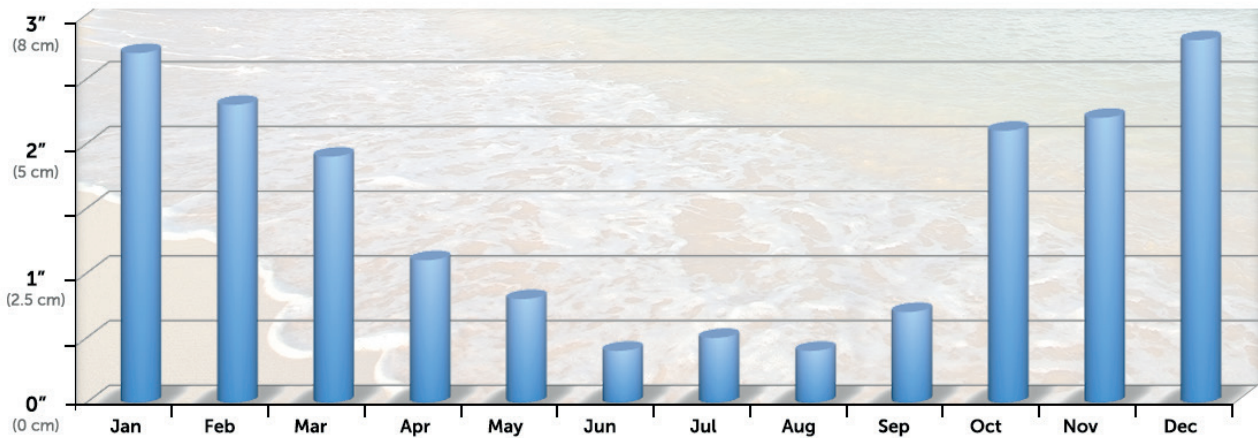
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Honolulu Temperatures



Honolulu Precipitation



Precipitation is based on average rainfall, measured in inches (*estimated metric measurements in parenthesis*), at Honolulu airport and may vary based on geographic location.

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Pillbox Hike - East Coast O'ahu

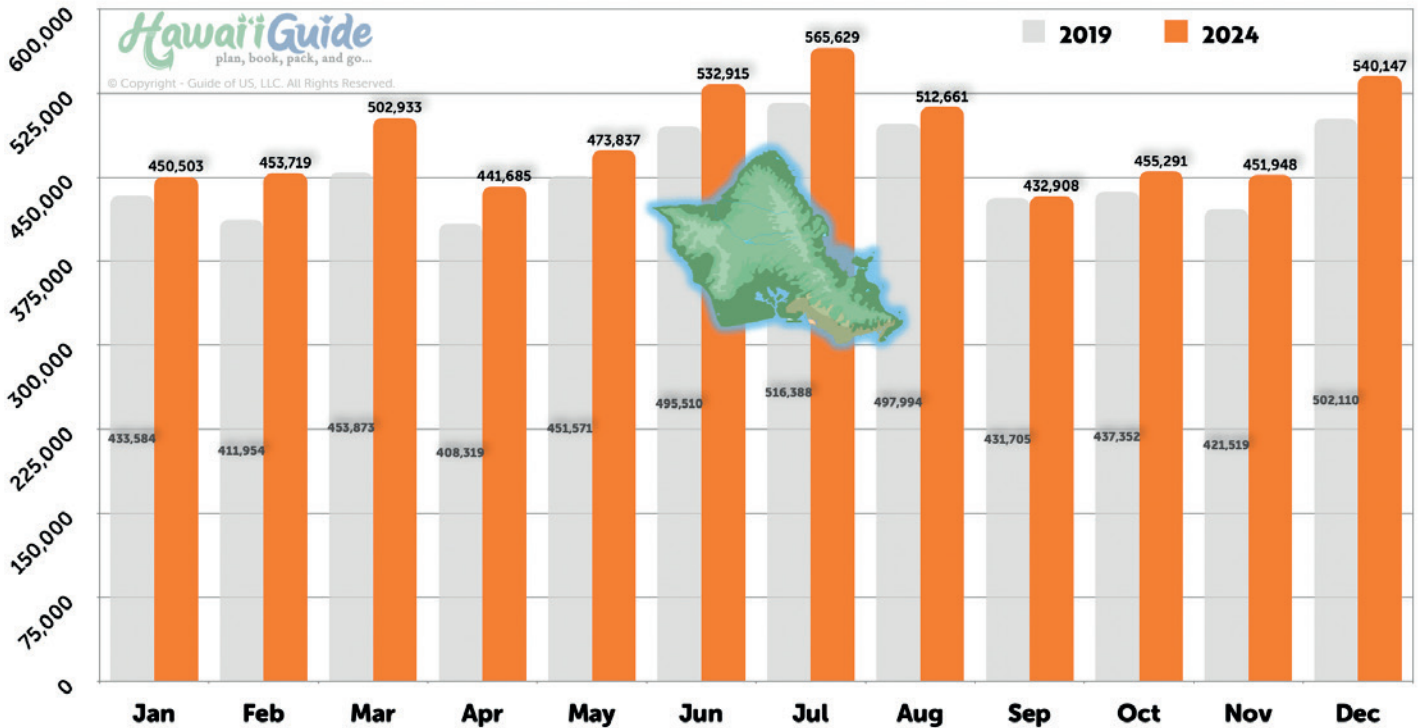
WHEN TO VISIT

There honestly isn't a 'bad time' to go to Hawai'i. Visiting Hawai'i is a dream come true for many visitors, and who can blame them? It's a remarkable, unique, & beautiful paradise.

In general, the best months to visit Hawai'i are in April (avoid holidays, when applicable), May, September, or October for the best overall weather, lowest statewide rates, and fewest visitors on-island.

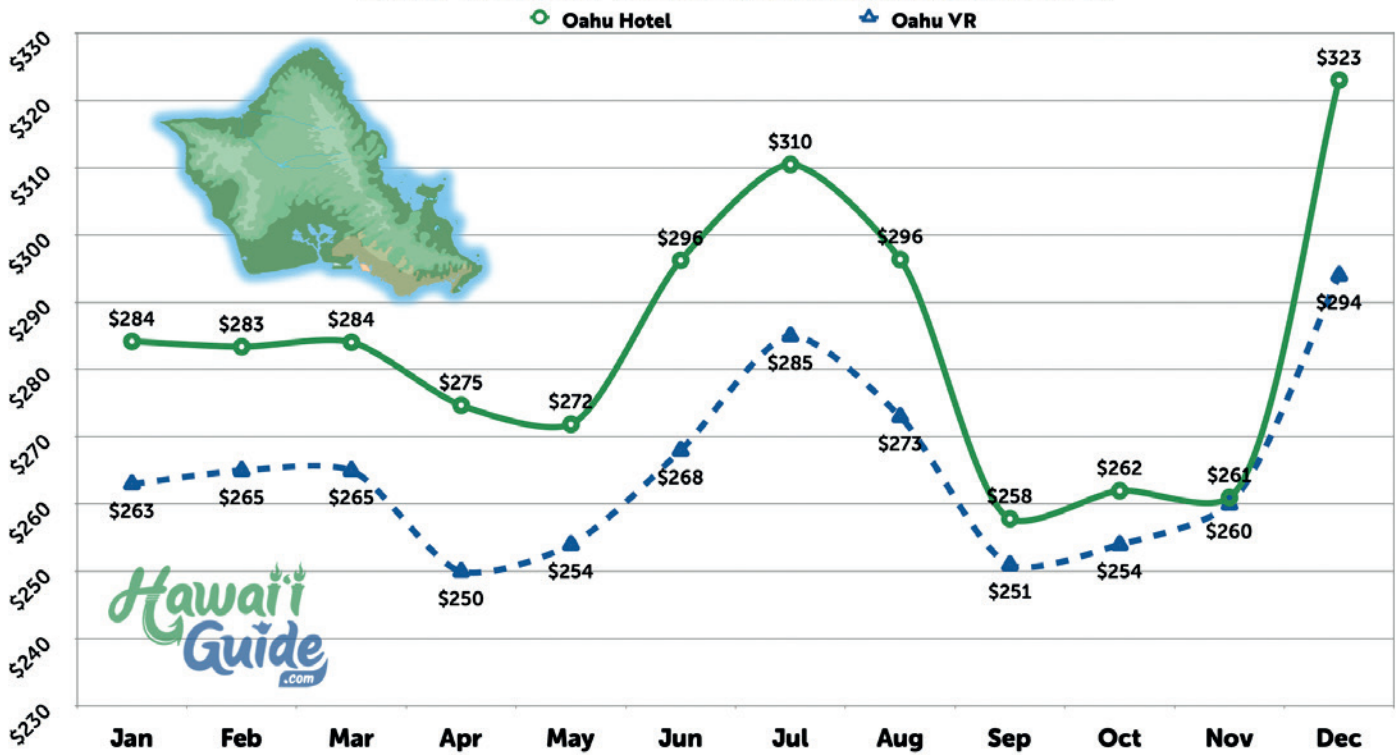
Let's go over a few additional topics that'll make deciding when to visit easier. First here's an overview of visitor arrivals on the islands by month. As you can see, there's an increase at three times of the year - Spring Break in March, Summer, and Christmas/New Year's.

Estimated Oahu Visitors by Month



Data Source: Hawaii Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism

Oahu Hotel vs Vacation Rental Rates in 2024



Data Source: Hawaii Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism

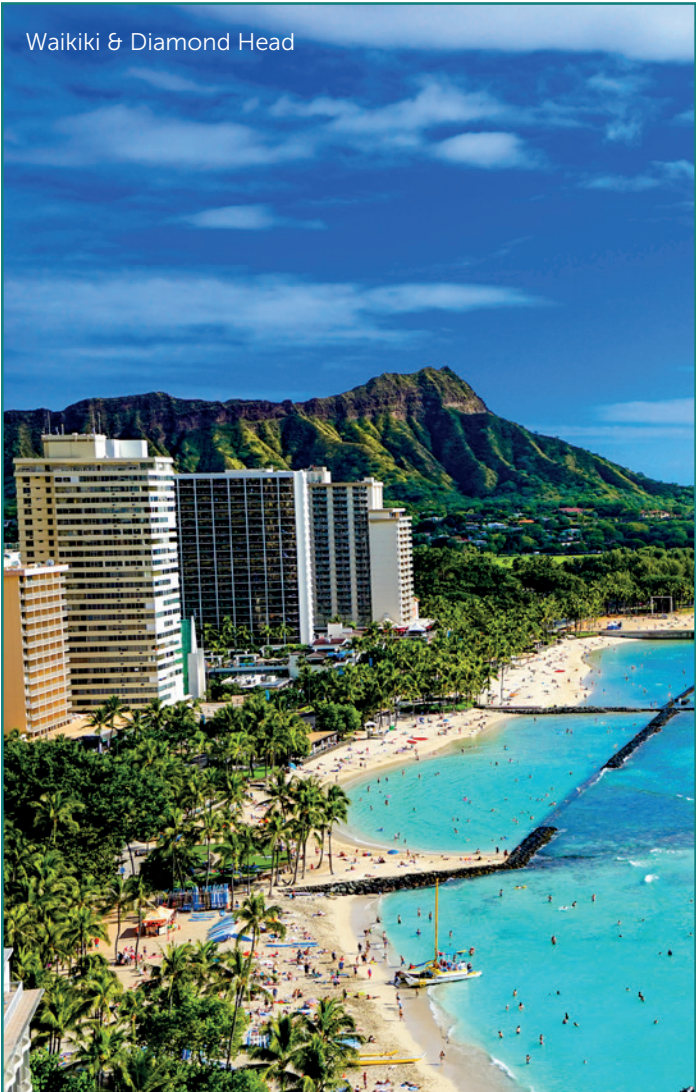
O'ahu Hotel Rates Average Accommodation Prices

As is to be expected, when more people are 'on-island' visiting the Hawaiian Islands - accommodation, rental, and flight costs will increase as well.

To avoid the crowds and keep rates lower, you can always try visiting during non-peak visitation periods (i.e.; spring and fall are both much quieter).

When preparing for your trip, the graphic above should help provide a general idea of the average rates during different times of the year.

The rates can and will fluctuate by island and by year, but these figures still allow you to prepare accordingly.



Hawaii Demand Forecast

Estimated High & Low Periods for 2026

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Key

- Higher Demand
- Average / Neutral
- Lower Demand



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Kuliouou Ridge - East O'ahu

APPROXIMATE FLIGHT TIMES:

U.S. West	5 hours
U.S. East	8 hours
West Canada	6 hours
Australia	10 hours
New Zealand	8.5 hours
Korea & Japan	8 hours
Europe	16 hours

OUR RECOMMENDATIONS:

Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve

Great opportunities for swimming and snorkeling; not far from Waikiki and downtown Honolulu.

Nuuanu Pali Lookout

Stunning views overlooking the Ko'olau Mountains and Kaneohe Bay on O'ahu's eastern coast.

Iolani Palace

'Iolani Palace was the official residence of the reigning Hawaiian sovereign, King Kamehameha, and the only royal palace in the United States.

O'AHU

O'ahu, also known as 'The Gathering Place,' is where many visitors to Hawai'i will spend all, or at least the majority, of their Hawaiian vacation. O'ahu is also the most visited of all the Hawaiian islands, at approximately 5.1 to 5.5 million visitors annually - that's approximately half of all the visitors to the state each year.

In addition to half of all Hawai'i's annual visitors, nearly 900,000 people share O'ahu's 600-square miles of mountains and beaches as their home - that's a full three-quarter of the state's population.



Kualoa Point with Mokoli'i (Chinaman's Hat) in the foreground - East O'ahu

O'ahu Fun Fact

Honolulu is the state's capital and major financial center. It is also home to the main campus of the University of Hawai'i.

However, Honolulu wasn't always the main seat. Until 1845 the capital of the Hawaiian Kingdom was located on the island of Maui.

King Kamehameha III ordered the move and the Iolani Palace was built later.

OAHU - The Gathering Place

O'ahu is primarily defined by the state capital of Honolulu, Pearl Harbor, and the world-famous Waikiki Beach. These areas host thousands of tourists daily.

By most accounts (ours included) O'ahu weather is wonderful, accommodations are varied, shopping options suit practically every budget and O'ahu's best beaches are beyond breathtaking. It's fair to say the island attracts visitors from around the world; though this may be the one fault of the island, as many are discouraged by the large crowds of O'ahu and opt to visit one of the other less-visited islands in the chain. After all, chances are if you are staying on O'ahu you too, will book a room in Waikiki or Honolulu yourself. Nearly all of the island's resorts are located in this small area.

That said, the number one mistake people make when considering O'ahu is thinking it's *only* Waikiki and Honolulu...

In reality, nothing could be further from the truth, as O'ahu is so much more than just Honolulu or Waikiki; it may well be the most beautiful of all the major islands! You simply have to know where to go to experience the beauty that is O'ahu. In this guide, we'll do our best to show you the best of O'ahu.

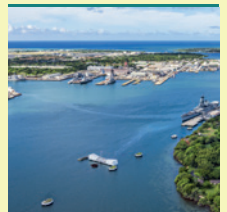
O'ahu Top Places To Know

Honolulu – The capital of Hawai'i and the most populous city in the state. The name Honolulu means 'sheltered bay' in the Hawaiian language, and with its natural harbor it has become a major gateway into the United States, as well as a primary tourist attraction, a hub for international business and for military defense.

Pearl Harbor – A lagoon harbor situated about 10 miles west of Honolulu. It is the site of the infamous air assault by Japan in 1941, which heralded the beginning of the United States' involvement in World War II.

Waikiki Beach – One of the most well-known beaches on the planet, Waikiki Beach stretches along two-miles of white sand and calm turquoise blue ocean fringed by towering high-rises and boutique resorts on O'ahu's southern shore.

Iolani Palace – The former official residence of the reigning Hawaiian sovereign, King Kamehameha, and the only royal palace in the United States.

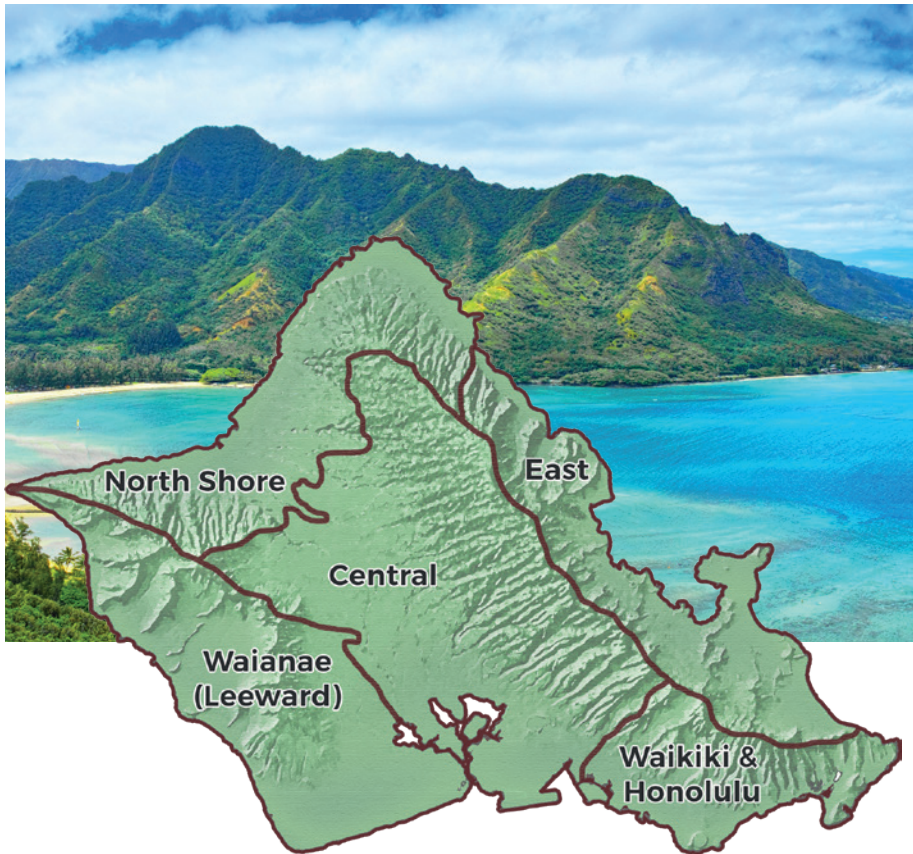


Diamond Head - Honolulu Region



Kualoa Regional Park - East O'ahu





O'AHU REGIONS

East - Windward Coast

Lanikai Beach, Waimanalo Bay, Nuuanu Pali Lookout, Kalama Beach

North Shore

Sunset Beach, Waimea Valley, Bonzai Pipeline (Ehukai Beach)

Central Region

Pearl Harbor

Waianae - Leeward Coast

Kaena Point, Ko Olina Lagoons, Maili Beach Park

Waikiki & Honolulu (South)

Ala Moana Beach Park, Honolulu, Hanauma Bay, Waikiki, Diamond Head

O'ahu is made up of two separate but overlapping volcanoes, known as a volcanic doublet. Its asymmetrical butterfly shape is formed by two mountain ranges: the Waianae Range in the west and the Ko'olau Range in the east. Slicing through the center is the flat Leilehua Plateau. Recent (geologically speaking) volcanic eruptions in the southeastern portion of the island which formed the Diamond Head, Koko Head, and Punchbowl craters can be blamed for O'ahu's uneven shape.

East - Windward O'ahu

This part of O'ahu is hemmed in by a gorgeous mountain range and boasts three of the island's best beaches. Surprisingly, you'll find no major accommodations here, just a few vacation homes along the quaint towns that dot the coast. The eastern region offers many visitors an escape from the bustling Waikiki scene while still offering the proximity to the shopping and activities of the nearby city just a half hour drive away. The jaw-dropping Ka'a'awa Valley is also located on this side of the island.



Ka'a'awa Valley - East O'ahu

North Shore

The famous north shore is a surfer's paradise, especially in the winter months when the surf is up. The monster waves and laid-back atmosphere have professional surfers flocking to Banzai Pipeline and Waimea Bay to ride some of the most killer waves in the Pacific. About an hour's drive from Honolulu, this region has a surprisingly unpopulated feel to it. Many miles of beaches stretch along this portion of O'ahu, making it a popular haven for those looking to relax in the sun.



Central Region

The central region is where a large portion of the island's residents live. For the most part, there isn't much here for the typical island visitors - just a few scattered beaches. Central O'ahu does, however, have one of the island's largest attractions: Pearl Harbor and the U.S.S. Arizona Memorial. More than one million people a year pay their respects to the many military personnel who lost their lives during the Japanese attack.

Waianae - Leeward Coast

The leeward or west side is called Wai'anae and is filled with pineapple fields. There are many lovely coastal stops on this drier and less visited side of the island. Due to the isolated nature of this part of O'ahu, petty theft can be an issue in this region; so as always, be mindful with belonging in your vehicle when you park and leave it alone for any extended period.



Waikiki & Honolulu (South)

Waikiki is best known for its famous white sand beach - it is an international destination and one of the most frequented locations in all of Hawai'i. Over the centuries, Waikiki has been an area where people come to both play and relax. Beyond the skyscrapers and decidedly urban nature of the southern tip of the island is an O'ahu of great natural beauty and old-time charm. Hanauma Bay Preserve, seen directly above, is only 11 miles outside of Waikiki.

For the traveler looking to experience a modern paradise, O'ahu has it all - the excitement and culture of a large metropolitan city, the unspoiled beauty of tropical coastlines and verdant mountains... plus everything in between.

TOP ATTRACTIONS ON O'AHU

Truth be told, nearly all of O'ahu is worth a visit. There are breathtaking sights, gorgeous beaches, and some amazing trails. Whether you're up for some surfing, kayaking, whale watching, skydiving, hang gliding, or a relaxing dinner cruise, we've got you covered.

If it seems like there are a seemingly endless number of things to see and do on O'ahu, it's because there are! Family-friendly adventures all the kids will love? Check! Cultural attractions- including delicious foods, homes of Hawaiian royalty, and exotic marketplaces? Check! The hottest nightlife in Hawai'i? Check! One of the world's most iconic coastal views? Check!

All this and more can be yours to enjoy. Let's see what makes O'ahu an island like no other. These are our picks for the best O'ahu attractions.

Honolulu



The Gateway to Hawai'i

Honolulu is a multicultural epicenter with many historical landmarks and an array of global culinary choices, as well as a buzzing cosmopolitan city with world-class shopping and a lively arts, cultural and entertainment scene.

Honolulu has it all – from the art galleries and international cuisine of the Chinatown district to the fine dining, live music and nightlife of Waikiki. Today, 7.6 million visitors frequent the islands every year, with the main gateway into Hawai'i being Honolulu.

Waikiki & Honolulu Region



Honolulu Facts

- Honolulu means 'Sheltered Bay'
- City extends from Pearl Harbor to Makapu'u Point on the SE shore.
- Home to over 350,000 people
- Became the Hawai'i capital in 1845

Waikiki Beach

Waikiki & Honolulu Region



Waikiki Background

- Once a playground for Hawaiian royalty, who enjoyed surfing on long-boards in the 1800s, the area was almost entirely swampland. A few small hotels opened in the 1800's and the first large hotel, the Moana Surfrider, was built in 1901.

Hawai'i's Best Known Beach

One of the most well-known beaches on the planet, this 2-mile stretch of white sand and calm turquoise blue ocean fringed by towering high-rises and boutique resorts is located on the South Shore of O'ahu. Visitors from all over the world enjoy world-class dining, shopping, activities, and resorts, particularly along the main strip of Kalakaua Avenue. There are so many things to do in Waikiki that there's something for everyone. Many resorts are just a few steps away from the shore and every year there are myriad events such as surf competitions, outdoor music events, hula dancing, and outrigger canoe races.

Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve

Waikiki & Honolulu Region



Hanauma Bay Directions

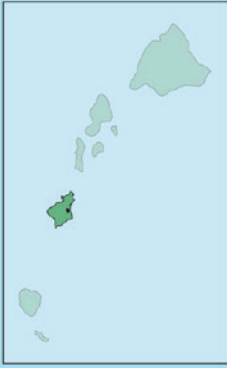
- From Honolulu, take Kalaniana'ole Highway (H1 72) east from the city, then look for the signs to Hanauma Bay and turn sharp right onto Hanauma Bay Rd.

O'ahu's Best Snorkeling

Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve is a gorgeous wineglass-shaped bay situated on the southeastern side of O'ahu near Hawai'i Kai, tucked into the sheltered side of Koko Head. Four hundred species of fish are known to inhabit the bay, and it is also known for its abundance of green sea turtles or honu. There is a \$25.00 admission fee for visitors (as of this writing), and a \$3.00 parking fee. The parking fee is waived for Hawai'i residents and military. The beach opens at 6 am daily, except Mondays and Tuesdays when it is closed to allow the fish a day of feeding without interruption by swimmers.

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O'ahu Drive Times

From Waikiki to ...	Time	Distance
Downtown Honolulu	15 min	4 miles
Hale'iwa	60 min	35 miles
Hanauma Bay	40 min	12 miles
Honolulu Airport (HNL)	30 min	11 miles
Kailua	30 min	15 miles
Ko'olina	50 min	30 miles
Pearl Harbor	30 min	13 miles
Polynesian Cultural Center	75 min	36 miles
Turtle Bay	90 min	45 miles



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Nuuanu Pali Lookout

East (Windward) Region



Best Scenic Lookout on O'ahu



Pali's Gruesome History

- In 1795, Kamehameha the Great's troops drove O'ahu's men up the hills only to force them off these cliffs and to their deaths. Following that battle, Kamehameha was able to finish his quest and unite the Hawaiian Islands.

The Nu'uanu Pali Lookout is one of the most stunning views of O'ahu's Ko'olau Mountain Range.

Located just a short 5-mile drive from downtown Honolulu, this lookout offers the some of the best views on O'ahu. From here you can spot Kailua town as well as Kaneohe Bay and, of course, the breathtaking Ko'olau Mountains. One word of warning, however: The wind will literally knock you off your feet at this spot if you're not prepared, so take off your hats and hold on to the kids!

Iolani Palace

Waikiki & Honolulu Region



Only Royal Palace in the U.S.



Iolani Palace Facts

- The cornerstone was laid on December 31, 1879.
- 'Iolani means 'Royal Hawk' in the Hawaiian language.
- 'Iolani Palace was the official residence of the reigning Hawaiian sovereign, King Kamehameha.

'Iolani Palace is a magnificent mansion that preserves an important part of Hawaiian history. The Palace is well worth visiting when in Honolulu, and is one of the main structures to see on the Honolulu Historic District Walk. Two monarchs governed from the Palace: King Kalakaua and Queen Lili'uokalani, and Kamehameha III, IV and V utilized the palace as their main residence. The monarchy was overthrown by the U.S. in 1893, was then used as a capitol building, and was finally restored and opened as a public museum in 1978.

Pearl Harbor



USS Arizona Memorial

Waikiki & Honolulu Region



USS Missouri Battleship

- Visitors can also tour the USS Missouri battleship, which is famous for her role in bringing WWII to its conclusion, with Japan surrendering on her decks on September 2, 1945.

Pearl Harbor is a lagoon harbor situated about 10 miles west of Honolulu. It is the site of the infamous air assault by Japan in 1941, which heralded the beginning of the United States' involvement in World War II. Pearl Harbor is a solemn reminder of a tragic day. It is one of the most significant sites in the history of the United States and a National Historic Landmark. The area consists of a number of museums and memorials that honor those who served in World War II. After the WWII attacks, Pearl Harbor remained an active base. Today, it is still a Naval Harbor as well as the final resting place of the USS Arizona.

Diamond Head State Monument



Hawai'i's Most Recognized Landmark

Waikiki & Honolulu Region



Reservations Now Required

Visitors parking vehicles in the crater will be required to book in two-hour time slots beginning at 6 a.m. Walk-in and drop-off visitors will be subject to one-hour entry time slots. More information: <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/dsp/parks/oahu/diamond-head-state-monument/>

Diamond Head State Monument, also known as Le'ahi, is located just east of Waikiki, on the island of O'ahu, and is the most recognized landmark in Hawai'i. Le'ahi is a place that offers respite from the busy highways of Honolulu. Once you enter through the tunnel that bores into the side of the crater, it feels like a world away from the city. The monument is a very popular tourist attraction, offering informative signs, bathrooms, and a shave ice & smoothie truck during opening hours. Non-resident reservations are now required (<https://gostateparks.hawaii.gov/diamondhead/about>) with entry fee of \$5 per person and parking fee of \$10 per vehicle.

Sunset Beach

North Shore Region



Sunset Beach Safety

- Be careful with the Sunset Rip, a notorious rip current off shore. Also know that during the winter months, Sunset beach is a haven for professional surfers and waves can reach heights of twenty-five feet (7.5 m).

Two Miles of White Sand Beach

Sunset Beach is the ideal North Shore paradise with two miles of lovely white sand stretching 200-300 ft (60-90m) wide. Whether you're here to catch one of its famous waves or simply want to watch the sunset over the water, Sunset Beach is an O'ahu must-see.

During the summer months, the ocean is fairly calm here, making Sunset Beach ideal for swimming and snorkeling or simply relaxing on the beach. You can also peer into a few tide pools to observe some of the colorful wonders of nature.

Lanikai Beach

East (Windward) Region



'The Mokes' Offshore

- The two islands located offshore are called the Na Mokulua (or simply "The Mokes"), and the southern island is a bird sanctuary.

Lanikai - 'Heavenly Ocean'

This little treasure has plenty of soft sand and seclusion for a morning of peaceful relaxing or swimming. Lanikai Beach used to be about a mile long but the development of seawalls has caused erosion, making it about a half-mile. But certainly a gorgeous half mile! Lanikai has been ranked many times among the best beaches in the world.

Two lovely offshore islands, soft white sand, and azure blue waters make it the idyllic tropical postcard spot.

HONOLULU & WAIKIKI OVERVIEW MAP



WAIKIKI OVERVIEW MAP



HAWAI'I SAFETY

The islands of Hawai'i could each easily be described as paradise. But even paradise has its hazards and we'd be foolish not to educate you on at least a few of them. The truth is simple, Hawai'i isn't Disneyland; it is often wild, rough, and natural law prevails. The more you know, the better prepared you are to avoid the hazards of the beautiful Hawaiian Islands. We've put together some tips online, and we highly recommend reviewing them before your trip.

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PACKING YOUR BAGS

What to pack & What NOT to pack...

Regardless of how much you've traveled in the past and where you've been, there is one good rule to follow when coming to Hawai'i, leave as much as you can at home!

Seriously, bring only what you'll need during your stay and nothing more. Chances are a pair of shorts, and a nice Aloha shirt is all you'll need for even some fine dining. Leave the formal wear back home. And please don't bring your passport if you're a U.S. citizen (you'd be surprised how many folks do).

A light jacket and a long pair of pants might also be helpful for those visits to higher elevations around the islands. You'd be surprised at how many "chilly" people there are in Hawai'i each day. Sure it's tropical, but not every thing's at sea level either. On the other hand, don't overdo it and bring your winter coat to Hawai'i

With the motto, 'less is more' in mind, here are a few other items to bring:

Sunblock (the UV on Hawai'i is typically 14+ in the spring, summer, and fall), a **backpack** (for any hikes) and a **water bottle**, **slippers** (flip flops, shower shoes, zoris), **snorkel mask and fins** (or rent locally instead), **two bathing suits** (one to wear while the other dries) and a cover-up, **camera or phone**, **lightweight raincoat**



or poncho (it's tropical here), **bug spray** with DEET (for any forest hikes), **flashlight** (for just in case), **hiking boots** / hiking rods (even if you're not a hardcore hiker, it's not a bad idea to bring proper footwear for some trails), and most importantly a **list of all your troubles to leave behind**.

For more tips and suggestions, we suggest reading through our [What to Pack](http://www.hawaii-guide.com/what-to-pack) page online: www.hawaii-guide.com/what-to-pack



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