

HAWAII

The fresh, floral air energizes you. The warm, tranquil waters refresh you. The breathtaking, natural beauty renews you.

Look around. There's no place on earth like Hawaii.

Whether you're a new visitor or returning, our six unique islands offer distinct experiences that will entice any traveler. We warmly invite you to explore our islands and discover your ideal travel experience.

"- the loveliest fleet of islands
that lies anchored in any ocean."
Mark Twain

THE ISLANDS OF HAWAII





The Big Isle

The Big Island of Hawaii seems to be the forgotten Hawaiian island, with everyone headed to Oahu, Maui and Kauai. Yet the Big Island is great and has a lot to offer. It isn't as touristy as Oahu and is a little more hoppin' than Kauai. The best of both worlds. Yet Hawaii boasts 11 of the world's 13 climate zones, as is so large you can fit all the other Hawaiian islands in its borders twice over. You can go body surfing in the morning at Hapuna Beach State Park and later that afternoon need a parka and gloves as you ascend Mauna Kea. One side of the island is a desert, the other is a rain forest. And don't forget its volcanoes, Mauna Loa and Mauna Kea being the most well-known. We really enjoyed our time on the Big Island, and what follows are some of our favorite spots and attractions.

The Big Island has over 100 beaches, many of which have public facilities. Sands may be black, green or white. There are 15 state parks, 137 county parks, one national park (Hawaii Volcanoes National Park), and one national historic site.

On the Big Island of Hawaii you'll find deep sea fishing, golfing, hiking, horse-back riding, ocean kayaking, sailing, scuba diving, shopping, sightseeing, snorkeling, stargazing, tennis, and agricultural tourism including Kona Coffee tours, botanical garden tours and family-run farm tours... and that's just the start

Hawaii is the Endangered Species Capital of the World. With hundreds of plants and animals listed as Endangered or Threatened, there are more endangered species per square mile on these islands than any other place on the planet.





The Private Isle

Located on the island of Lanai-Keahikawelo, also known as Garden of the Gods, is an otherworldly rock garden at the end of Polihua road. Its eerie Mars-like topography is populated with stacks of mysterious rock towers of all sizes. According to Hawaiian lore, this barren landscape is the result of a contest between two kahuna (priests) of Lanai and Molokai. Each was challenged to keep a fire burning on their respective island longer than the other, and the winner's island would be rewarded with a great abundance. The Lanai kahuna, Kewelo, used every piece of vegetation in Keahikawelo to keep his fire burning, which is why this area is so barren today.

The beauty of Hulopoe Bay has long drawn visitors and has earned Hulopoe Beach the title as one of America's best beaches. Located on Lanai's southern coast, Hulopoe Bay greets you with a stunning expanse of golden sand and deep blue waters.

Most of the year, this protected bay is the best spot on the island for snorkeling, swimming, body boarding, and exploring

the many tide pools carved out of volcanic rock. In the winter months, swimmers should avoid rough conditions. The area also has a great beach park with picnic tables, barbecue grills, restrooms, and showers.



As a protected site, visitors are asked to leave every stone and shell in its place. This helps preserve the bay for Hawaii's colorful, native fish and sea life. Acrobatic Spinner dolphins are often seen here, while the winter months bring visits from Humpback whales. This lovely bay is a popular spot with visitors and locals alike.

LANAI





The Rainbow Isle

Maui is more than sandy beaches and palm trees: the natural bounty of this place is impressive. Puu Kukui, the 5,788-foot interior of the West Maui Mountains, is one of the earth's wettest spots -- annual rainfall of 400 inches has sculpted the land into impassable gorges and razor-sharp ridges. On the opposite side of the island, the blistering lava fields at Ahihi-Kinau receive scant rain. Just above this desertlike landscape, paniolo, Hawaiian cowboys, herd cattle on rolling, fertile ranchlands reminiscent of northern California. On the island's rugged east side is the lush, tropical Hawaii of travel posters

Activities offered on Maui will literally let you cover the island from head to foot: you can take a scenic drive around Maui along the Road to Hana, enjoy a Maui sailing charter or Maalaea boat tour to Molokini for the Hawaii snorkel adventure of a lifetime, tour Maui island by helicopter and see the most amazing Maui waterfalls, scuba dive with turtles and tropical fish, or take a friendly, knowledgeable private Hawaii tour guide for the day. A perfect way

to start the day is to experience sunrise at the top of Haleakala. The Maui Activity Center provides links to information on each Maui activity, allowing you to plan your trip before arriving on Maui.

Maui is the second most visited island in Hawaii with opulent resorts, manicured golf courses and excellent sightseeing tours. The island is the best place in the US for humpback whalewatching and has the charming town of Lahaina with fine dining and world class art galleries.



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The Garden Isle

Aptly nicknamed the Garden Isle, Kauai is the Hawaiian island treasured for its lush tropical greenery and sparkling sand beaches. Visitors to the island worship not only its postcard-perfect beauty, but Kauai's diversity of cultures, activities, shopping, and dining.

Verdant rainforests, impressive golf courses, vibrant scenery, friendly faces, blissful breezes, and striking waterfalls are just a few of Kauai's spectacular offerings to its guests. Exploring Kauai is to unearth secrets more than five million years old, the world's greatest natural wonders, and an island that proves that, like fine wine, some things get better with age.

Walk along beaches where the ocean marries the coastline in a heavenly match, watch with childlike awe as dolphins and whales swim in their natural habitat, and observe from a premier vantage point in your helicopter the panoramic beauty of Kauai's remarkable vistas. Vacations to Kauai are lifetime experiences that you will want to share -- with the distinct

difference as the one trip you'll take that your friends will want to hear all about (and with more than a tinge of envy).

Mother Nature's moods run the full spectrum for Kauai's fortunate visitor. Where else in the world can you discover an island that truly bestows everything to its guests: soft, refreshing coolness atop a mountain; brief, misty rain showers; arid desert land, and the ever-smiling warmth of the sun and the sand?

Aloha. We extend to you a warm welcome and invite you to discover your own Kauai.

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The Friendly Isle

Time spent here is a good way to get acquainted with the old Hawaiian-style of life which involves family, fishing, and feasting with friends.

Water sports enthusiasts will find a complete slate of activities to choose from including sailing, kayaking, surfing, snorkeling, skin diving, and sportfishing. Explore Molokai's "outback" on horseback or mountain bike, or with custom tours operated by local guides.

Molokai is a hikers' paradise. There are mountain, valley, and shoreline hikes to choose from, with trails leading to spectacular scenic overlooks, historic sites and secluded forest pools.

Molokai has a wide variety of plant, marine and animal life. Many species are rare and endangered including the Pueo (Hawaiian owl) and the Humpback Whale (the official state marine mammal). Vegetation zones include coastal, dryland forest, mixed open forest, and rain forest.

Molokai lives up to its reputation as the most Hawaiian place chiefly through its lineage: More people here are of Hawaiian blood than anywhere else. This slipper-shaped island was the cradle of Hawaiian dance (the hula was born here) and the ancient science of aquaculture. An aura of ancient mysticism clings to the land here, and the old ways still govern life. The residents survive by taking fish from the sea and hunting wild pigs and axis deer on the range. Some folks still catch fish for dinner by throwing nets and trolling the reef.

The slow-paced, simple life of the people and the absence of contemporary landmarks attract those in search of the "real" Hawaii. But that is exactly the charm of the "Friendly Isle." This is a place where Mother Nature is wild and uninhibited, with very little intrusion by man. This is one of the few spots on the planet where one can stand in awe of the island's diverse natural wonders: Hawaii's highest waterfall and greatest collection of fishponds; the world's tallest sea cliffs; sand dunes, coral reefs, rainforests, and hidden coves; and gloriously empty beach

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The Heart of Hawaii

The Island of Oahu is Hawaii all on one island and truly is the heart of Hawaii®. Oahu is home to Hawaii's State Capital, Honolulu, and often nicknamed "The Gathering Place", attracting visitors from around the world to enjoy the unique culture, natural beauty and Aloha Spirit. Discover the many sides of Oahu. Explore the lush, Windward Coast or take a beautiful, scenic drive to the legendary North Shore. Indulge in great shopping and dining in Waikiki and immerse yourself in the cool arts and culture scene in Hip and Historic Honolulu.

Oahu is rich in culture and history with traditions that are alive. The warmth of her people, their traditions and a unique blend of cultures has created a place like nowhere else. Simply stated, Oahu has more to see, do and experience. Imagine your paradise and you'll discover it's all on the Island of Oahu, the Heart of Hawaii®.

Discover Oahu's striking contrasts from a tropical playground to an urban island fantasy. In Waikiki, enjoy Waikiki's trendy cosmopolitan vibe from global chic

and local crafts; haute cuisine and plate lunches; surfing and waterfall hikes; to, hip clubs and hula lessons. In Downtown Honolulu, explore Honolulu's diverse cultural scene and unique blend of museums, art galleries, eclectic dining options, the financial district and Chinatown. Less than an hour away, the Windward coast of Oahu is home to some of the America's best beaches. Feel exhilarated and relaxed all at once on Oahu's legendary North Shore.



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