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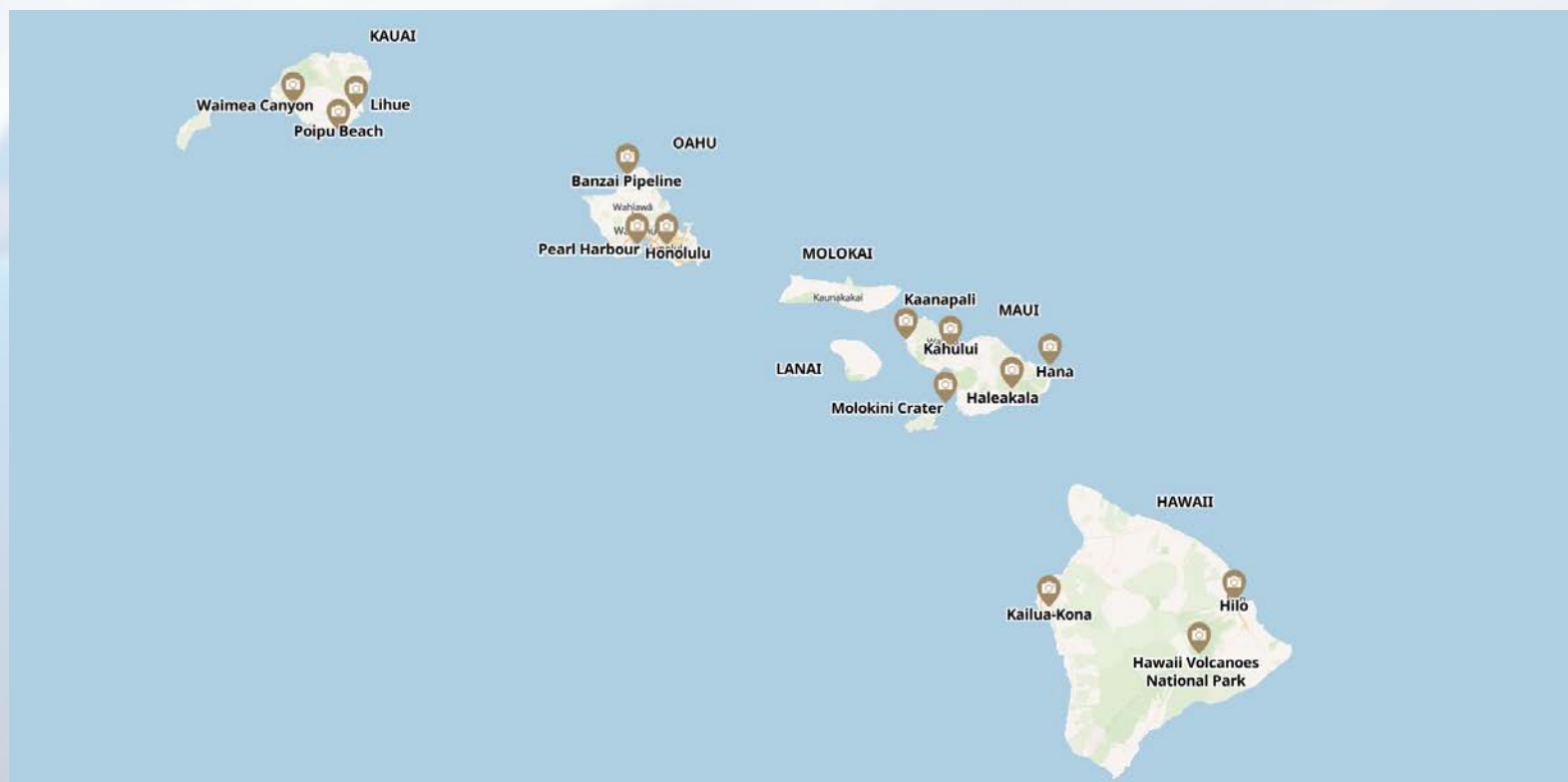


The Hawaiian Islands

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Discover the very best of Hawai'i on this 17-day island-hopping journey through O'ahu, Kauai, Maui, and The Big Island. Begin in O'ahu with the iconic sights of Waikiki Beach, Diamond Head, and Pearl Harbour, and experience the surf culture, vibrant local communities, and charming towns of the North Shore. Fly to Kauai, the "Garden Isle," to explore lush valleys, dramatic cliffs, and the world-famous Waimea Canyon, with a doors-off helicopter tour offering unforgettable panoramic views of the rugged Nā Pali Coast. On Maui, witness sunrise above Haleakalā, drive the legendary Road to Hana with its waterfalls and tropical scenery, snorkel at Molokini Crater among colourful marine life, or explore Lanai's rugged and secluded landscapes. The adventure continues on the Big Island, where Hawaii Volcanoes National Park's volcanic landscapes, steaming vents, and ancient lava fields reveal the islands' raw and dramatic natural power. Along the way, stay in oceanfront resorts, stroll historic towns, savour authentic local cuisine, and immerse yourself fully in the relaxed pace, stunning beauty, and unique culture of each island. This itinerary is perfect for travellers seeking a comprehensive, and immersive Hawaiian experience.



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O'AHU - Honolulu / Waikiki Beach / Pearl Harbour / Chief's Luau / Kualoa Ranch / Hanauma Bay snorkelling / Sunset Cruise
KAUAI - Poipu Beach / Spouting Horn / Allerton & McBryde Gardens / Waimea Canyon / Koke'e State Park / Doors off helicopter tour - **MAUI** - Haleakalā Sunrise Tour / Maui Tropical Plantation / Makena Beach / Iconic Road to Hana / Lanai 4WD tour or Molokini Crater snorkelling - **THE BIG ISLAND** - Night snorkelling with manta rays / Kealahou Bay / Pu'uuhonua o Honaunau National Historical Park / Kona Coffee Living History Farm / Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park / Akaka Falls State Park



O'ahu -The Gathering Place

O'ahu is the vibrant gateway to Hawai'i, where most journeys begin in the island capital of Honolulu. Here, Hawaii's energy, history, and natural beauty come together. The island blends lively city life with iconic landscapes, from the golden sands of Waikiki Beach to the volcanic ridge of Diamond Head rising above the coastline. Along the shores of Pearl Harbour, history is remembered and honoured, while the laid-back surf towns of the North Shore reveal a slower island rhythm. Scenic coastal drives, lush valleys, and ocean viewpoints make exploration effortless. Oahu offers the perfect introduction to Hawai'i.

Day 1: Arrive Honolulu – Aloha & Welcome to Waikiki

Arrive in Honolulu this morning on Air New Zealand and transfer to your Waikiki hotel, where swaying palm trees, ocean breezes, and the iconic curve of Waikiki Beach set the scene for your Hawaiian island adventure. Check in to your Ocean View room at the Outrigger Waikiki Beachcomber, offering sweeping views of the Pacific and a relaxed, island-inspired atmosphere. Take some time to unwind and recover from your flight, then step out for a first stroll along Kalakaua Avenue, Waikiki's vibrant main street lined with boutiques, cafés, and shops. Spend the afternoon enjoying the beach, where gentle waves and views of Diamond Head crater one of the world's most celebrated coastal settings. As evening falls, enjoy a beachfront walk and dine at Duke's Waikiki, a local favourite named after surfing legend Duke Kahanamoku, serving fresh seafood, tropical cocktails, and live music - a perfect introduction to Hawaiian island life.

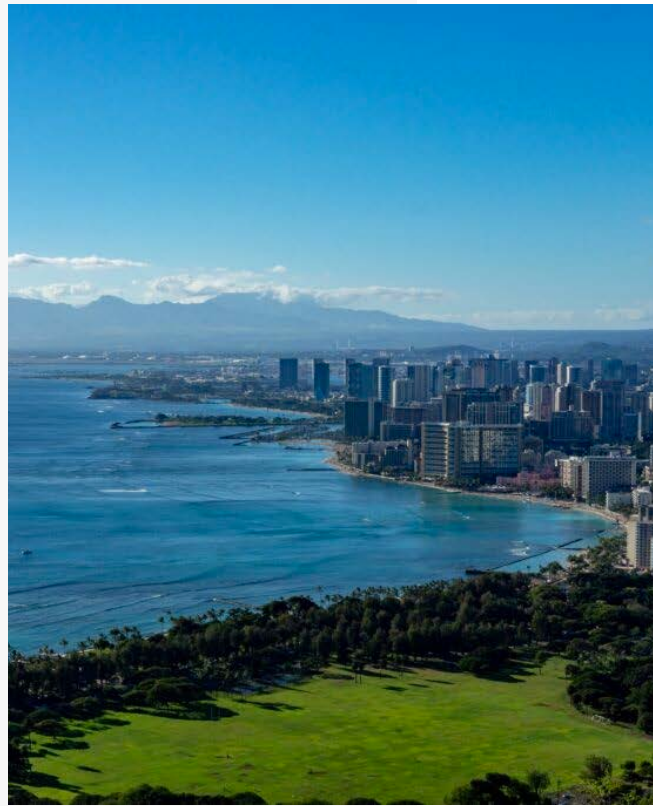
Overnight: Honolulu (Waikiki) - Outrigger Waikiki Beachcomber Hotel (Ocean View Room) or similar

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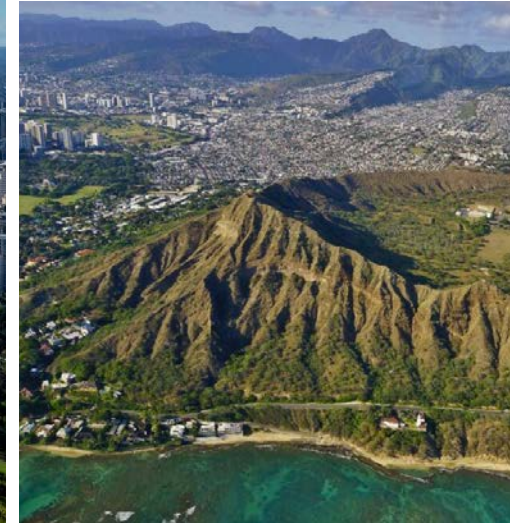
Arrival in Honolulu / Waikiki Beach / Kalakaua Avenue / Diamond Head / Duke's Waikiki



Waikiki Beach & Coral Reef



*Waikiki from
Diamond Head*



*Diamond
Head Crater*



Waikiki



Pearl Harbour



Battleship Missouri



Battleship Missouri



Pearl Harbour Memorial Wall



USS Arizona Memorial

Day 2: Pearl Harbour & Chief's Luau Evening

Start your day with a moving visit to Pearl Harbour, one of Hawaii's most important historic sites. Your guided tour includes round-trip transfers from Waikiki and begins at the Pearl Harbour Visitor Centre, where exhibits and a short film recount the events of December 7, 1941. Board a navy shuttle boat to the USS Arizona Memorial, honouring those lost during the attack, then continue to the USS Missouri, the battleship where Japan signed its WWII surrender, offering insight into life aboard a historic warship. Return to Honolulu in the early afternoon for some free time to explore historic downtown, stroll along Kalakaua Avenue, or relax around the pool. In the evening, enjoy Chief's Luau Paradise Experience, with transfers included. Experience Hawaiian cultural activities, a traditional imu-cooked feast, Polynesian performances, and the thrilling Samoan fire-knife dance, making for an unforgettable night under the Hawaiian sky.

Overnight: Honolulu (Waikiki) - Outrigger Waikiki Beachcomber Hotel (Ocean View Room) or similar

Key Highlights:

Pearl Harbour Visitor Centre / USS Arizona Memorial / Battleship Missouri / Chief's Luau Paradise Experience / Polynesian cultural performances

Day 3: Circle Island Adventure - Convertible Experience (approx. 190 km)

Pick up your Alamo Ford Mustang convertible and enjoy a full day exploring O'ahu with the roof down, soaking up the tropical breeze and island views. Start with a guided Kualoa Ranch Movie Sites and Ranch Tour, where you'll visit lush valleys and iconic filming locations from Jumanji, Jurassic Park, Jurassic World, and 50 First Dates, while your guide shares behind-the-scenes stories about Hollywood productions and the ranch's history. Next, head to the Polynesian Cultural Centre, (admission is included), to experience traditional village demonstrations, music, and cultural performances from across the Pacific. Continue to the legendary North Shore, home to world-famous surf breaks, (between the months of November to February). Stop at Ehukai Beach Park, better known as the Banzai Pipeline, where winter swells produce some of the world's most dramatic waves. Finish the day with some shopping at Waikale Premium Outlets, picking up souvenirs before returning to Waikiki late afternoon / early evening after an unforgettable day of culture, scenery, and island adventure.

Overnight: Honolulu (Waikiki) - Outrigger Waikiki Beachcomber Hotel (Ocean View Room) or similar

Key Highlights:

Ford Mustang convertible hire / Kualoa Ranch guided movie tour / Polynesian Cultural Centre admission / North Shore / Ehukai Beach (Banzai Pipeline) / Waikale Premium Outlets



Kualoa Ranch Movie Tour



Convertible Car



North Shore



Polynesian Cultural Centre



Hanauma Bay



Ala Moana Shopping



Waikiki Signature Sunset Catamaran



Waikiki

Day 4: Hanauma Bay Snorkelling & Sunset Catamaran Sail

Rise early for a 6:00 am pickup and head to **Hanauma Bay**, a stunning volcanic crater and protected marine sanctuary. Calm, clear waters make it perfect for snorkelling among tropical fish, sea turtles, and vibrant coral reefs, offering an unforgettable glimpse into Hawaii's underwater world. Return to Waikiki around lunchtime and spend a relaxed afternoon at **Ala Moana Centre**, Hawaii's largest open-air shopping destination, where you can browse luxury brands, local boutiques, and unique Hawaiian souvenirs. Alternatively, enjoy time at the hotel pool or **Waikiki Beach**, soaking up the sun. In the late afternoon, set sail on the **Waikiki Signature Sunset Catamaran with Hawai'i Nautical**, gliding along the coastline toward **Diamond Head** as the sun sets over the Pacific. After returning to shore, enjoy an evening at leisure, perhaps revisiting **Duke's Waikiki** or another local favourite for a casual oceanfront dinner.

Overnight: *Honolulu (Waikiki) - Outrigger Waikiki Beachcomber Hotel (Ocean View Room) or similar*

Key Highlights:

Hanauma Bay snorkelling / Ala Moana shopping / Waikiki Beach & poolside relaxation / Waikiki Signature Sunset Catamaran / Diamond Head sunset / Dinner at Duke's or a local favourite



Kauai

Kauai -The Garden Isle

Kauai feels untouched and timeless, a place where nature shapes every horizon. Known as the Garden Isle, it is a landscape of emerald valleys, towering sea cliffs, and cascading waterfalls. The dramatic Nā Pali Coast rises sharply from the Pacific, while the deep colours of Waimea Canyon reveal one of Hawaii's most breathtaking panoramas. Quiet beaches, winding scenic roads, and small coastal towns create a slower, gentler rhythm. Whether seen from a helicopter, explored on foot, or admired from a lookout, Kauai's beauty feels raw and immersive, where lush mountains, tropical forests, and wild shoreline.

Day 5: Fly to Kauai - The Garden Isle - Poipu Relaxation

This morning, fly from Honolulu to Kauai, affectionately known as the “Garden Isle” for its lush rainforests, waterfalls, and dramatic cliffs. Upon arrival at Lihue Airport, pick up your rental car and enjoy the scenic 35 - 40 minute drive to Poipu on the sunny south shore. Check in to your oceanfront room at the **Sheraton Kauai Resort**, where you can step straight onto **Kaihuna Beach**, the resort’s own stretch of sand, perfect for swimming, strolling, or relaxing to the sound of the surf. In the afternoon, explore nearby **Poipu Beach Park** for a larger beach experience, or visit **Spouting Horn**, where waves burst dramatically through lava rock formations. For nature lovers, the **Allerton & McBryde Gardens** showcase tropical flora and landscapes immortalised in films like *Jurassic Park*. Stop for lunch or a casual coffee along the shore, then unwind before dinner at a local restaurant serving fresh island seafood. Kauai’s slower pace and stunning scenery provide the perfect introduction to your island adventure.

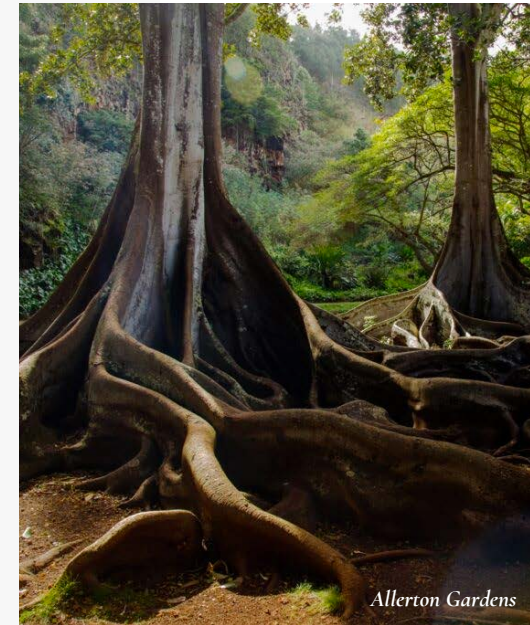
Overnight: Kauai (Poipu) – Sheraton Kauai Resort (Oceanfront Room) or similar

Key Highlights:

Flight to Kauai / Poipu Beach / Spouting Horn / Allerton & McBryde Gardens / Scenic south shore drive / Relaxed beachfront dining



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Allerton Gardens



Allerton Gardens



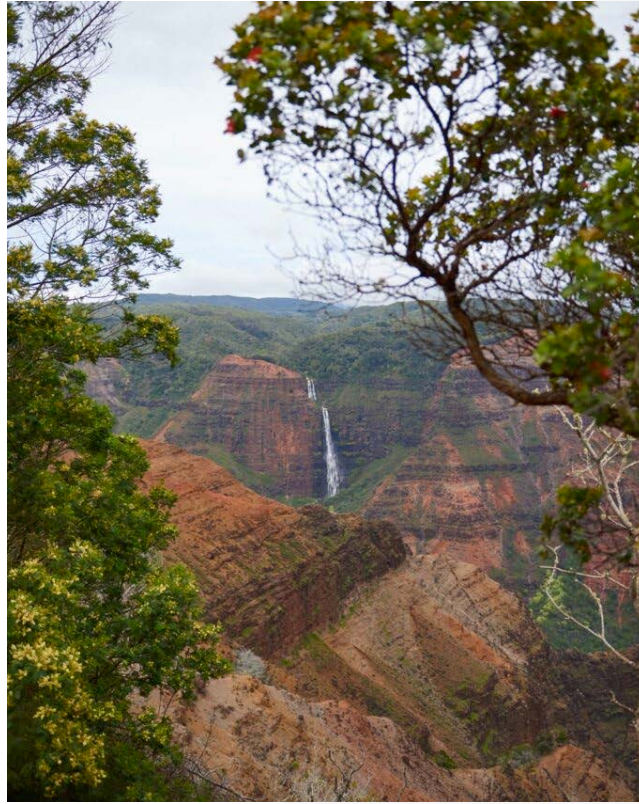
Poipu Beach Park



Kauai



Waimea Canyon



Waimea Canyon



Waimea Canyon



Hanapepe Small Town

Day 6: Explore Waimea Canyon & Na Pali Coast (approx. 140 km)

Today, discover Kauai's spectacular natural beauty with a scenic drive to Waimea Canyon, often called the "Grand Canyon of the Pacific." Stretching nearly 16 km long and over 900 metres deep, the canyon reveals dramatic layers of red rock, lush valleys, and cascading waterfalls. Pause at several scenic lookouts for breathtaking views and short walks to fully appreciate the scale and colours of this remarkable landscape. Continue further into Koke'e State Park, where additional viewpoints offer sweeping panoramas across the rugged Na Pali Coast, with towering emerald cliffs plunging into the Pacific Ocean - one of Hawaii's most photographed vistas. Along the way, stop to explore native forests and enjoy the tranquillity of the park. On your return to the coast, consider lunch in the charming town of Hanapepe, known for its local art galleries and cafés. Conclude the day back at your resort, relaxing and reflecting on Kauai's dramatic landscapes and unforgettable scenery.

Overnight: Kauai (Poipu) – Sheraton Kauai Resort (Oceanfront Room) or similar

Key Highlights:

Waimea Canyon / Koke'e State Park / Na Pali Coast viewpoints / Hanapepe town



Na Pali Coast

Day 7: Kauai Helicopter Adventure & South Shore Leisure

Experience Kauai from a completely different perspective with a unique doors-off helicopter tour operated by Mauna Loa Helicopters. Glide over hidden valleys, emerald gorges, and cascading waterfalls inaccessible by road, including the world-famous Manawaiopuna “Jurassic” Falls. Marvel at the rugged Nā Pali Coast, where sheer cliffs rise thousands of feet above the Pacific, and fly over Mount Waialeale, one of the wettest spots on Earth. With doors removed, every seat offers unobstructed views and amazing photo opportunities while your expert pilot shares insights on the island’s geology, history, and culture. After returning, enjoy a relaxing afternoon along Poipu’s golden beaches, perhaps spotting Hawaiian monk seals or taking a swim in the clear waters. Explore local shops or dine at a charming South Shore café, soaking up the island’s laid-back atmosphere. End the day with a peaceful evening at your resort, embracing Kauai’s serene beauty.

Overnight: (Poipu) – Sheraton Kauai Resort (Oceanfront Room) or similar

Key Highlights:

Doors-off helicopter tour / Manawaiopuna Falls / Nā Pali Coast / Mount Waialeale / Poipu beaches



Mt Waialeale



Napali Coast



Rugged cliffs of Napali Coast



Helicopter Tour Napali Coast



Makena Secret Beach Maui

Maui - The Valley Isle

Maui offers a perfect balance of adventure and relaxation, where dramatic landscapes meet warm island hospitality. Golden beaches like Kaanapali Beach and turquoise bays fringe the coast, while inland valleys rise toward the vast volcanic summit of Haleakalā. Watching sunrise high above the clouds inside Haleakalā National Park is one of Hawaii's most unforgettable experiences. The winding Road to Hana reveals waterfalls, bamboo forests, and rugged coastal scenery around every bend. Stroll Whalers Village for shopping, cafés, and ocean views, or enjoy Makena Beach's wide sands and clear water. Scenic drives, ocean lookouts, and charming towns make Maui endlessly rewarding.



*Yellow Hibiscus
State flower*



Kihei Maui.



Kaanapali Beach

Day 8: Fly from Kauai to Maui

This morning, return your Kauai rental car and take a short flight to Maui, an island celebrated for its golden beaches, whale-watching waters, and laid-back resort towns. Upon arrival, transfer to your accommodation at **The Whaler Resort Kaanapali Beach**, where your ocean view studio offers stunning Pacific vistas and a relaxed, home-away-from-home atmosphere. Spend the day settling in and enjoying the laid-back island vibe. Take a leisurely stroll along the beachfront path connecting the resorts, explore **Whalers Village** for shopping, local cafés, and ocean-view dining, or simply relax by the pool while soaking up the Hawaiian sun. Kaanapali Beach is ideal for swimming, walking along the sand, or watching surfers ride the waves. As evening falls, witness one of Maui's legendary sunsets, with skies painted in vibrant oranges, pinks, and purples. Cap the day with a delicious dinner at a beachfront restaurant, savouring fresh seafood and island-inspired cuisine before tomorrow's early adventure to **Haleakala National Park**.

Overnight: Maui (Kaanapali) - The Whaler Resort Kaanapali Beach (Oceanview Studio) or similar

Key Highlights:

Flight to Maui / Kaanapali Beach / Whalers Village / Maui sunset views



Haleakala National Park

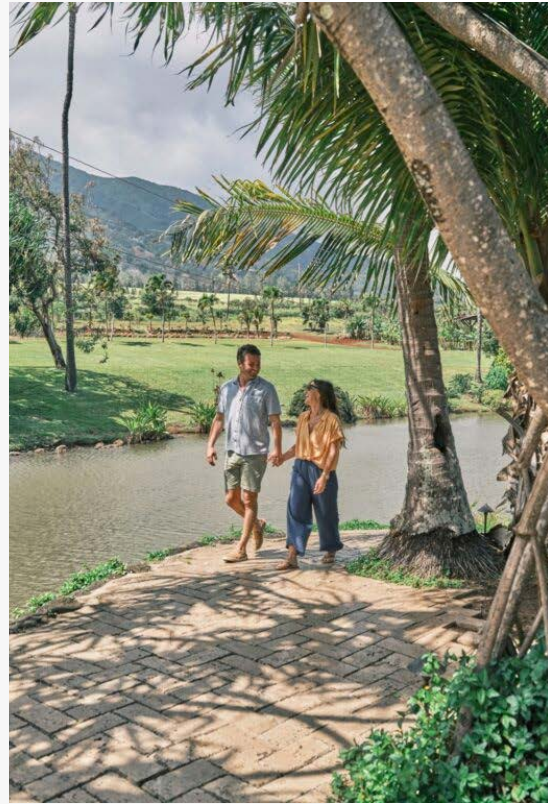
Day 9: Haleakalā Sunrise & West Maui

Rise very early for an unforgettable experience with Skyline Hawaii's Haleakalā Sunrise Tour. Your guide collects you from your accommodation in a comfortable, air-conditioned vehicle, sharing insights into Maui's flora, fauna, and cultural significance along the way. Arrive at the summit of Haleakalā in time to witness the sunrise above the clouds, as the crater floor and volcanic peaks are bathed in golden light. After the spectacle, descend to Maui Tropical Plantation for a full breakfast before returning to your hotel. This afternoon you may like to make your way to Makena Beach, a breathtaking, wide stretch of golden sand with crystal-clear waters, ideal for swimming, sunbathing, or simply soaking up the scenery. Its pristine, uncrowded setting makes it a perfect contrast to the busier resort areas. End the day with dinner along the waterfront, savouring fresh island cuisine while watching the sunset over the Pacific.

Overnight: Maui (Kaanapali) - The Whaler Resort Kaanapali Beach (Oceanview Studio) or similar

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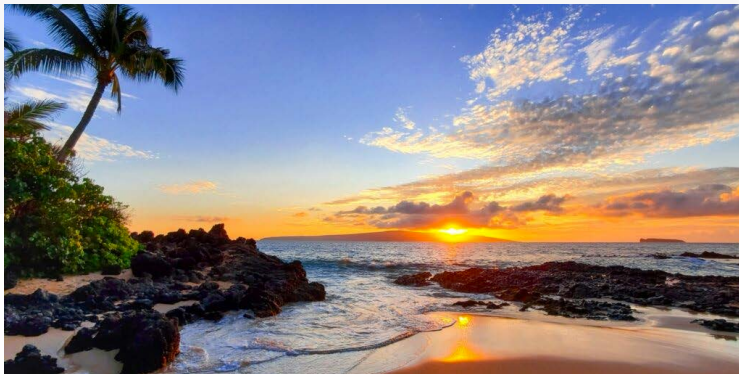
Haleakalā Sunrise Tour / Maui Tropical Plantation breakfast / Makena Beach



Maui Tropical Plantation



Maui Tropical Plantation



Makena Beach



Haleakala Sunrise Tour



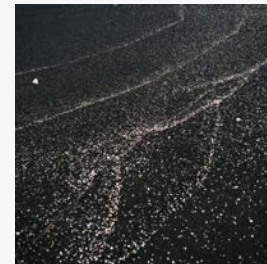
Twin Falls



Keanae Peninsula



Road to Hana



Wai'anapanapa
Black Sand Beach



Maui Palm Tree sunsets

Day 10: Road to Hana Adventure (approx. 320 km round trip)

Pick up your Alamo midsize SUV in Kaanapali and set off around 7:00 am for one of Hawaii's most legendary drives – the **Road to Hana**. This scenic journey takes you through lush rainforests, past cascading waterfalls, dramatic cliffs, and over 600 curves and numerous one-lane bridges, offering a true adventure in island driving. Make a stop at **Twin Falls** for morning photos and enjoy fresh tropical fruit and local treats at roadside stands along the **Keanae Peninsula**. Continue to the charming town of Hana, where you can explore its serene beaches and surrounding natural beauty. On the return drive, visit **Wai'anapanapa State Park** to see the striking black sand beach, and, time permitting, stop at the **Seven Sacred Pools at Ohe'o Gulch**. The journey celebrates Maui's breathtaking landscapes, with countless opportunities to photograph, pause, and immerse yourself in the island's unspoiled scenery before returning to Kaanapali by early evening.

Overnight: Maui (Kaanapali) - The Whaler Resort Kaanapali Beach (Oceanview Studio) or similar

Key Highlights:

Road to Hana / Twin Falls / Keanae Peninsula / Hana town / Wai'anapanapa Black Sand Beach / Seven Sacred Pools

Day II: Choose Your Maui Adventure – Lanai or Molokini Crater

Today is yours to choose between two unforgettable island experiences. One option is a guided 4WD excursion across Lanai, travelling by ferry from Maui and exploring the island's rugged terrain in a specialised off-road vehicle. Discover dramatic viewpoints, secluded beaches, and historic sites while learning about Lanai's fascinating history. Alternatively, embark on a snorkelling adventure to Molokini Crater, a crescent-shaped volcanic crater just offshore. Swim among vibrant coral reefs, tropical fish, and crystal-clear waters in one of Hawaii's premier snorkelling destinations. Both options promise spectacular scenery and immersive natural experiences. Return to Maui in the afternoon for some leisure time along the beaches of Kaanapali, perfect for swimming, walking, or simply relaxing. In the evening, enjoy a final island dinner at a beachfront restaurant such as Duke's Beach House or Leilani's on the Beach, savouring fresh seafood and island-inspired cuisine while the sun sets over the Pacific.

Overnight: Maui (Kaanapali) - The Whaler Resort Kaanapali Beach (Oceanview Studio) or similar

Key Highlights:

*Lanai 4WD tour or Molokini snorkelling / Beach relaxation /
Sunset beachfront dinner*



*Puu Pehe Manele Bay Lanai
(Also known as Sweetheart Rock)*



Tropical Fish



Molokini Crater



4WD excursion across Lanai



Molokini Snorkelling



Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park

The Island of Hawai'i (The Big Island) - The Island of Fire & Adventure

The Big Island reveals Hawai'i at its most powerful and diverse, where young volcanic landscapes meet tropical rainforest and deep blue ocean. On the sunny Kona coast, lava rock shores and calm bays create ideal conditions for snorkelling and famous manta ray encounters after dark. Across the island in Hilo, rainforests, gardens, and dramatic waterfalls thrive beneath frequent tropical showers. At Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, steaming vents, vast craters, and hardened lava fields show the forces that shaped the islands. From Kona's dry coast to Hilo's lush valleys, the island feels vast and elemental still.



Sunset on The Big Island



Manta Ray



Kona Ali'i Drive on The Island of Hawai'i

Day 12: Fly from Maui to the Island of Hawai'i – Kona

Today, fly to Hawai'i's largest island, the **Big Island**, arriving on Kona's sunny west coast. Upon arrival, pick up your Alamo rental car and drive to Kailua-Kona, checking in to your oceanfront room at the **Royal Kona Resort**, where panoramic views of the Pacific set the tone for your stay. Kona is famed for its historic waterfront and rugged lava-rock coastline, offering a relaxed island atmosphere. Spend the afternoon strolling along Ali'i Drive, exploring boutique shops, galleries, and local cafés, or simply unwind at the resort pool or on the beach, enjoying the gentle waves and warm Hawaiian sun. As evening falls, prepare for one of the island's most unforgettable experiences - a guided night **snorkelling excursion with manta rays**. Watch these majestic creatures glide gracefully through illuminated waters, creating a magical, once-in-a-lifetime encounter that captures the beauty and wonder of Hawai'i's marine life.

Overnight: Kona (Kailua-Kona) - Courtyard by Marriott King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel (Oceanfront Room) or similar

Key Highlights:

*Royal Kona Resort oceanfront / Ali'I Drive / Kona town exploration /
Manta ray night snorkel*



Manta Ray night snorkel



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Day 13: Explore the Kona Coast (approx. 90 km)

Start the day with a scenic drive south from the Royal Kona Resort to Kealahou Bay, one of Hawaii's most pristine marine environments and the site where Captain James Cook first landed in 1779. The clear waters here are perfect for snorkelling among colourful fish and coral reefs. Continue a short drive further south to Pu'uhoonua o Honaunau National Historical Park, an important cultural site that once served as a place of refuge in ancient Hawaiian society, with lava fields and historic structures to explore. On your return north toward Kona, stop at the Kona Coffee Living History Farm, where you can learn about traditional coffee cultivation and sample the island's famous beans. Spend the late afternoon relaxing back at your resort, strolling along Ali'i Drive, or enjoying the pool and beach. Finish the day with dinner nearby as the sunsets over the Pacific.

Overnight: Kona (Kailua-Kona) - Royal Kona Resort (Oceanfront Room) or similar



Kona Coffee Plantation



Pu'uhoonua o Honaunau National Historic Park

Key Highlights:

Kealahou Bay / Pu'uhoonua o Honaunau / Kona Coffee Living History Farm / Kona Coast



Coffee Pod



Kona Coffee



Hilo Aerial View

Day 14: Drive from Kona to Hilo (210 km)

Today, drive across the Big Island from Kona to Hilo, witnessing the island's dramatic landscapes as you transition from sun-drenched lava fields into cooler upland ranches before descending into the lush, tropical east coast. Along the way, stop at the **Hawai'i Tropical Bioreserve & Gardens**, a rainforest paradise with cascading waterfalls, vibrant orchids, and rare tropical plants. Continue into **Hilo**, a charming town known for its historic wooden buildings, colourful farmers markets, and relaxed local atmosphere. The eastern side's frequent rainfall nourishes spectacular greenery and waterfalls like **Rainbow Falls**, providing a striking contrast to the drier Kona coast. Check in to your oceanfront room at the **Hilo Hawaiian Hotel**, where sweeping Pacific views and gentle sea breezes set the tone for your stay. Spend the afternoon exploring Hilo's waterfront parks or browsing the local markets, before unwinding and preparing for tomorrow's visit to the awe-inspiring **Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park**.

Overnight: Hilo - Hilo Hawaiian Hotel (Oceanfront Room) or similar

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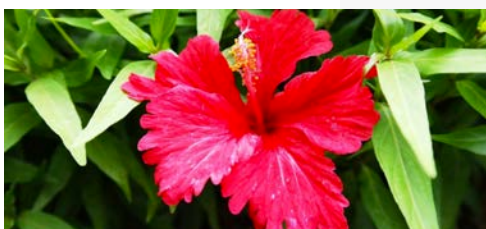
Scenic drive across Big Island / Hawai'i Tropical Bioreserve & Garden / Rainbow Falls / Hilo town



Hawai'i Tropical Bioreserve & Gardens



Hawai'i Tropical Bioreserve & Gardens



Hawaii Orchide



Rainbow Falls Hilo

Day 15: Explore Hawaii Volcanoes National Park

Today, embark on a full-day adventure through Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, home to the world-famous active volcanoes Kīlauea and Mauna Loa. Your guided tour begins in downtown Hilo, passing the iconic Banyan Drive before heading into the park. Experience the dramatic landscapes of steam vents, lava fields, and massive craters formed over centuries of volcanic activity. Explore the Nahuku Thurston Lava Tube, a subterranean cave carved by flowing lava, and visit scenic viewpoints along Crater Rim Drive. Continue to Akaka Falls State Park, where a short rainforest trail leads to the 135-metre waterfall cascading into a deep gorge. Along the way, enjoy expert commentary on the island's geology, culture, and natural history. Return to Hilo in the afternoon and relax at your hotel, reflecting on a day that highlights both the fiery power and lush beauty of the Big Island.

Overnight: Hilo - Hilo Hawaiian Hotel (Oceanfront Room) or similar

NB: Optional Helicopter Add-On: This tour offers the option to upgrade with a helicopter excursion, providing a spectacular birds-eye view of the volcanoes. Please check with Travel USA for more details.



Hawaii Volcanoes National Park

Key Highlights:

Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park / Kīlauea volcano / Crater Rim Drive / Nahuku Thurston Lava Tube / Akaka Falls



Nahuku Turston Lava Tube



Hilo from across the water



Waikiki

Day 16: Return to Honolulu

This morning, fly from Hilo back to Honolulu for your final day in Hawai'i. Check in to your ocean-view room at the Outrigger Waikiki Beachcomber and take time to unwind after your island-hopping adventure. Spend the day enjoying Waikiki at your own pace - lounge by the hotel pool, stroll along the famous Waikiki Beach, or take a gentle walk up to Diamond Head for panoramic views of Honolulu and the Pacific. For those wanting a bit of retail therapy, the nearby Ala Moana Centre offers a range of shops, boutiques, and cafés. Enjoy a leisurely lunch or afternoon coffee while soaking up the island atmosphere. As evening falls, celebrate your last night in Hawai'i with a memorable dinner at a beachfront restaurant, watching the sunset over the ocean. It's the perfect finale to your unforgettable journey through O'ahu, Kauai, Maui, and the Big Island.

Overnight: Honolulu (Waikiki) - Outrigger Waikiki Beachcomber Hotel (Ocean View Room) or similar

Key Highlights:

Waikiki Beach / Diamond Head / Ala Moana / Beachfront farewell dinner



Flying over Waikiki & Diamond Head

Day 17: Depart Hawai'i

This morning you will be transferred to Honolulu International Airport for your Air New Zealand flight home. Over the past two weeks, you've experienced the very best of Hawai'i. On O'ahu, you explored Pearl Harbour, strolled along Waikiki Beach, and visited the North Shore, soaking up its famous surf culture. Kauai revealed its lush valleys and dramatic cliffs, while Maui offered a sunrise above Haleakalā and the unforgettable scenery of the Road to Hana. You snorkelled among tropical fish at Molokini Crater or explored Lanai's rugged landscapes, and on the Big Island discovered volcanic terrain, steaming vents, and the island's unique lava fields. Along the way, you stayed in oceanfront resorts, wandered historic towns, savoured local cuisine, and immersed yourself in the pace and beauty of each island. Today marks the end of your adventure, but the memories of Hawaii's beaches, rainforests, volcanoes, and vibrant culture will stay with you forever.

Key Highlights:

Waikiki Beach / Diamond Head / Ala Moana / Beachfront farewell dinner



Your Journey, Your Way



This itinerary is a suggested journey through the Hawaiian Islands, designed to showcase a variety of landscapes, cultures, and experiences along the way. It includes a number of premium sightseeing inclusions, giving a balanced mix of guided activities and time to explore at your own pace. You can customise it to suit your personal style - whether that means slowing down to relax, adding extra adventures, or focusing on particular islands. Use this itinerary as a flexible guide to discover Oahu, Kauai, Maui, and the Island of Hawai'i, knowing that Travel USA can help you adapt every part of your journey to make it unique and memorable.

Best Time to Travel

The Hawaiian Islands can be enjoyed year-round, with the months between April and October generally offering drier weather, calmer seas, and ideal conditions for beaches, water activities, and island exploration. The winter months bring seasonal highlights such as whale watching and the world-famous North Shore swells on Oahu, including the iconic Pipeline surf break. The islands are also more lush after the rains, making inland walks and sightseeing even more scenic. Some activities may vary depending on weather, but there are always alternatives. Contact Travel USA for tailored guidance on planning the best time for your Hawaiian holiday, ensuring it fits your interests and pace.

Accommodation

Our Explore The Hawaiian Islands itinerary features a mix of hotels and resorts, all offering oceanfront or ocean view rooms, so you can wake up to the islands' beaches and coastal scenery. Accommodations are the Outrigger Waikiki Beachcomber Hotel in Honolulu, the Sheraton Kauai Resort Oceanfront, The Whaler at Kaanapali Beach in Maui, the Courtyard by Marriott King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel, and the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel in Hilo. Each property is chosen for location, comfort, and easy access to local attractions, giving the right balance of beachside relaxation and sightseeing. During the trip planning process, we'll review the accommodation options with you, giving you the flexibility to tailor your stay to your personal preferences.

What's Included?

- 16 nights' accommodation in hand-picked ocean view and oceanfront resorts
- Rental cars on selected islands including a Ford Mustang Convertible on O'ahu, plus SUV/car hires on Kauai, Maui and the Island of Hawai'i (Big Island)
- Guided visit to Pearl Harbour including USS Arizona Memorial and Battleship Missouri
- Chief's Luau cultural evening and traditional Hawaiian feast
- Kualoa Ranch Movie Sites and Ranch Tour
- Hanauma Bay Snorkelling & Waikiki Sunset Catamaran Cruise
- Doors-off helicopter flight over Kauai including the spectacular Nā Pali Coast
- Sunrise tour to the summit of Haleakalā National Park
- Scenic Road to Hana self-drive adventure on Maui
- Choice of snorkelling at Molokini Crater or exploring Lanai Island by 4WD
- Night snorkelling with the manta rays in Kona on the Island of Hawai'i (Big Island)
- Full-day tour of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, including a visit to Akaka Falls State Park
- Travel USA personalised trip planning assistance

This is a suggested itinerary based on our recommendations. There are no fixed departure dates or schedules so you can customise the itinerary to suit your personal preferences and needs. Contact us with your proposed dates and we will create a personalised travel package just for you.

Pricing:

All of our pricing is based on dynamic rates meaning we will provide you with the best of the day at the time of booking. Our suggested itinerary has been created using fully refundable rates. Final pricing will depend on factors like month of travel, how early you book, availability and whether you choose non-refundable or fully refundable rates.

NZ\$ pricing for our 17 day / 16 night package

- From \$ 11,990 - \$ 12,750 pp depending on the month of travel

Not Included - Airfares

- Return international flights with Air New Zealand from New Zealand to Honolulu
- Inter-island flights between O'ahu, Kauai, Maui, and Island of Hawai'i (Big Island)

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