



14 DAYS IN HAWAII

- Oahu – 2 days
- Big Island – 4 days
- Maui – 3 days
- Kauai – 4 days

PART 1: OAHU – 2 DAYS

Day 1

Diamond Head Hike
Waikiki Beach Activities

Diamond Head Hike

No trip to Hawaii is complete without a little volcano exploration (don't worry, Mt. Leahi has been extinct for 150,000 years). Climb to the summit, at 760-feet above ground, and get a panoramic view of Honolulu, Waikiki Beach, the Pacific Ocean, and more. Start your day with an easy climb to the crater's summit, at 760-feet above ground, and get a panoramic view of Honolulu, Waikiki Beach, the Pacific Ocean, and beyond. This hike takes about 2 hours and includes the park entrance fee and transportation to and from Diamond Head..

Waikiki Beach Activities

One of Waikiki's best features is its beach scene. Reserve a mask, snorkel, and fins and take to Waikiki's calm waters for some ocean exploration. You'll get to see lots of colorful fish, coral, and might even be able to see rays, turtles, or even small sharks! This snorkel rental is for a full day, so plan to spend the rest of the day enjoying one of Oahu's best attractions, the beach.

Day 2

Pacific Aviation Museum at Pearl Harbor
Battleship Missouri at Pearl Harbor
USS Arizona Memorial Narrated Tour at Pearl Harbor
USS Bowfin Submarine at Pearl Harbor

Pacific Aviation Museum at Pearl Harbor



Learn about the United States' history of aviation and the air force at the Pacific Aviation Museum. You'll get to see lots of vintage aircraft on display in the museum's two former WWII seaplane hangars: Hangar 37, that survived the December 7, 1941 attack (and has the battle scars to prove it) where visitors can watch a 12-minute educational movie about the attack on Pearl Harbor and see an authentic Japanese Zero, and Hangar 79, still riddled with bullet holes from the attack in its windows, that was used as a

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maintenance and repair facility during the war and houses fighters, bombers, and patrol aircraft from WWII in addition to modern jets and historic helicopters.

USS Missouri Memorial

Go on a self-guided walking tour of the recently refurbished USS Missouri was the last battleship ever built. Known as “The Might Mo,” this ship served in three wars: WWII, the Korean War, and the Gulf War, making it one of the most storied ships in US Naval History. On the USS Missouri, you can stand on the Surrender Deck, the official site of the end of WWII and the spot where a Japanese kamikaze pilot flew right into the hull of the ship. The tour takes approximately 1 to 1.5-hours.

USS Arizona Memorial

Next, head to the most visited attraction in all of Oahu, recently voted the #5 landmark in the US, the USS Arizona Memorial, a memorial built over the sunken wreckage of the USS Arizona. Your admission includes the USS Arizona Memorial Tour, an educational and poignant audio tour narrated by Pearl Harbor survivors, historians, and Jamie Lee Curtis in honor of the 1,177 crewmen who lost their lives in the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor. You’ll get to meet and shake hands with the museum’s Pearl Harbor Survivors and hear their stories. The audio tour takes approximately 75-minutes.

USS Bowfin Submarine Museum and Park

The USS Bowfin, also known as the ‘Pearl Harbor Avenger,’ was launched one year after the attacks on Pearl Harbor and credited with sinking 44 enemy ships during its nine wartime patrols. One of the only surviving combat submarines from WWII, the USS Bowfin has since been made into a museum that particularly features the history of submarines and the crucial role they played in sinking enemy ships in WWII. One of the only 15 surviving US combat submarines from WWII, the USS Bowfin now serves as a museum that explores submarine history and their role in WWII. The self-guided audio tour lasts approximately 30 minutes, but be sure to allow extra time to explore the Museum and grounds.

PART 2: THE BIG ISLAND (4 DAYS)

Day 1

Rent a Jeep and explore the natural beauty of Hilo town. Collecting 126 inches (or more!) of rain on average per year, the area floods with lush greenery. Make a pit stop at Two Ladies Kitchen for an assortment of homemade mochi. Then veer under the rainforest canopy down Pepe’ekeo scenic drive to beach lookouts peaking through the trees, crossing creeks and waterfalls that will have you saying, “Pull over here!” more times than you can count. For an up close and personal tour of Wai’anuenue (Rainbow Falls) and Kaimukanaka Falls, charter Hawaii Forest & Trail. The half-day tour offers exclusive access to swim or kayak under a private 120-foot fall before tasting tropical fruits like lychee and macnuts.

Don’t miss the chance to dine at Moon & Turtle for Asian-fusion delights like smokey sashimi and pork belly udon.

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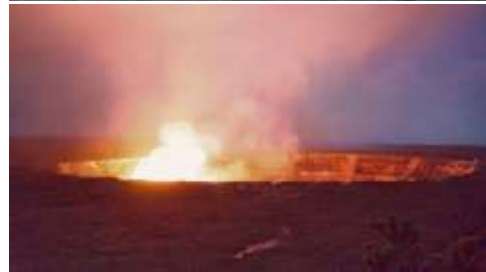


Day 2

Visit Hawaii Volcanoes National Park to see the world's most active volcano, Kilauea. Feeling adventurous? Opt for a mountain bike tour around the rim of the Halema'uma'u Crater with Nui Pohaku. Set the pace or pedal the full 16-mile course through lush rainforests to watch plumes of gas escape the crater from every angle. Walk through massive lava tubes while your guide tells tales of the volcano god, Pele.



Take a sippin' stroll through Volcano Winery to taste the local grapes and white leaf tea. With hints of local fruits like lychee, jaboticaba berry and guava, each glass is more refreshing than the next. Enjoy wood fired pizzas at the cozy 'Ohelo Café. Then return to the park after dark to see the orange glow of fiery lava below the night's sky.



Day 3

Brunch at Gramma's Kitchen in Honokaa for their famous ono and soft shell crab fish and chips. Then hop on an ATV and ride the rim of Waipi'o Valley. Catch some air on the trails as you pass sky-scraping eucalyptus trees to lookouts 2,000-feet above the sacred "Valley of Kings." Bring a swimsuit and cool off mid-motor in Hi'ilawe Falls.

Day 4



Snorkel or paddleboard Kealakekua Bay; arguably the clearest water in all of Hawai'i. Then step ashore and pay tribute to Captain James Cook, the British explorer who discovered the Hawaiian Islands in 1779. Believed to be a returning god, Cook is honored with a 27-foot white obelisk marking his arrival. For added excitement, claim your spot with Captain Zodiac Raft Expeditions for a chance to see wild spinner dolphins, and to explore sea caves and blue grottos after snorkeling. Design your own poke' bowl with sides like cucumber kimchee, spicy crab salad and pipikaula (Hawaiian beef jerky) at Umeke's. Then grab a Longboard lager at Kona Brewing Co.

PART 2: MAUI (3 DAYS)

Day 1: BEACHES

Start off by checking into your hotel and renting a car. Take it easy your first day by visiting some different beaches. First up: Kaanapali Beach, which has been named one of Maui's best beaches. It is a long golden beach with calm and clear water, perfect for swimming and snorkeling. This beach is also along a path where you can find the Whalers Village shopping center with bars and



restaurants. The best snorkeling is found around “Black Rock”, the area right in front of the Sheraton.

Day 2 Road To HANAS

Wake up early and start off on the Road to Hana. Stop in Paia for breakfast, which is a cute hippy town on the beginning of the drive with plenty of coffee shops, restaurants, and art galleries. Make sure to bring some snacks and water with you on the drive, there will be fruit and banana bread to buy at stands on the way, but who knows how long you will stay at the beaches along Hana for.

Here are some stops you’ll want to make:

1. Twin Falls
2. Wai’anapanapa State Park – Black sand beach with cliff jumping, caves, and turquoise water
3. Hana Bay Beach Park – Once you reach Hana Bay, you’ve officially made it to Hana. Hana Bay is a large black sand beach that is popular among the Maui locals. Follow the signs.
4. Hamoa Beach – My personal favorite. Find it 2 miles south of Hana Bay, hidden by tons of green vegetation and ocean cliffs. Park on the side of the road (odds are you will see a lot of other cars), and take the stairs down to the beach.
5. Wailua Falls – Considered one of the most beautiful water falls in Maui, Wailua stands at 80 ft. and is impossible to miss.
6. Seven Sacred Pools – A perfect swimming spot made of fresh water pools. You can also find a 4 mile hike here if you need to stretch your legs.

Spend your day in Maui driving the slow going scenic road to Hana – one of the best scenic drives in Hawaii. The Hana Highway crosses 54 one-lane bridges and nearly as many waterfalls on Maui’s tropical and wet northeast coast. Along the way, hike in a giant bamboo forest to a towering waterfall, make landfall on black and red sand beaches and go for a dip in natural swimming pools fed by waterfalls.

Day 3: Sunrise at HALEAKALA

Wake up at 4am/5am to leave for the sunrise at Haleakala. Get dressed in warm clothing (winter jacket, scarf, gloves), it is really cold and windy at the summit. Follow your GPS to the summit, be careful on the drive up the long, winding road in the dark. The entrance fee is \$15/car. The perfect end to 3 days in Maui. Drive to the summit of the Haleakala Volcano (3,055m or 10,000 feet). From this windswept spot, watch how this giant shield volcano creates Maui’s unique weather and peer into the Mars-like crater from a number of spectacular roadside lookouts. An even better option is to hike part of the Sliding Sands Trail to get a close look at the unique colors of the crater, the desert flora, and the bizarre cinder cones.





PART 4: KAUAI (4 DAYS)

Day 1: Settle into your hotel

The first things to do on this Kauai itinerary is check-in to your hotel. A couple of options we recommend are Poipu Shores Resort and Kiahuna Plantation. Then, head to the beach and begin your vacation! Poipu Beach Park is great for snorkeling and sunset gazing, while Hanalei Bay and Anini Beach are ideal options if you're staying on the North Shore.

Day 2: Go on a helicopter tour



Blue Hawaiian Kauai Helicopter Tours give guests the opportunity to see Kauai's awe-inspiring sights that are inaccessible from the ground. Departing from Lihue, the flight lasts about an hour and is sure to be a highlight of your vacation. Afterwards, head to the North Shore for sightseeing, swimming, snorkeling and even hiking. The famous Kalalua Trail in Na Pali Coast State Park will give you a spectacular view of the coastline, but if you're up for a more strenuous trek try the hike to Hanakapiai Falls, a 3-hour trip one way. Snorkel at Ke'e Beach, have lunch at Hanalei Bay and be sure to go to the Kilauea Lighthouse for fantastic photo opportunities and wildlife viewing.

Day 3: Tour the Na Pali Coast

You can't vacation in Kauai without touring the Na Pali Coast. As a result, it's a must-do on this Kauai itinerary. The stunning 17 miles of coastline features hanging valleys and steep ridges thousands of feet above the ocean. Numerous excursions are available for the Na Pali coast. We recommend a Na Pali Coast Sunset Dinner Cruise for romance and gorgeous sightseeing, a Na Pali Snorkel Rafting Expedition for up-close views and underwater sightseeing and if you'd like to enjoy both Kauai's lush interior is one of the few ways to see the lush jungle of Kauai.



Alternatively, you could venture out onto the Wailua River. Rainbow Kayak Tours and Kayak Adventures both operate Wailua Kayak Tours. After paddling past numerous Heiaus (hallowed shrines), you will view ancient Kamokila Village. Soon you will come to the North Fork where you will paddle leisurely through the Garden Isle's most beautiful jungle river until you come to the trail head for Secret Falls, where you'll enjoy a short hike to an enchanting 80' waterfall.

If you plan your day right, you could kayak in the morning. Then, go on a sunset dinner cruise of the Na Pali Coast at night. Pure Perfection!

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Day 4: Visit the West Side of Kauai

Make time to visit the historical towns of Hanapepe, Waimea and Kekaha. You'll want to make time to hike Waimea Canyon as well. Known as the "Grand Canyon of the Pacific," highlights include stunning scenery, colorful canyons and scenic overlooks into the valley of the Na Pali Coast. On your way to the Waimea Canyon there are ample scenic overlooks and photo opportunities as well.